



# OPEN DOORS

The Newsletter of the Northern Illinois PFLAG Chapters

## President's Column by Toni Weaver

So much has been written in the days following the tragedy in Orlando that I can't add anything new. What do we say when our hearts are breaking? We do what people do at wakes and funerals: we wrap our arms around each other and weep together knowing full well that it could have been our son or daughter, our brother or sister, our dearest friend whose life was so tragically and senselessly cut short.

Many of us were invited to speak at vigils in the aftermath of the massacre. I participated in one sponsored by an interfaith group and wrote the following reflection which was delivered at the vigil. It's from two points of view, the first from parents who knew they had an LGBT child, and the second from parents who didn't.

### *Reflections in the Aftermath of June 12, 2016*

*The heart of a mother cries out in pain. The soul of a father weeps inwardly as the body of his child is placed in his arms. A phone call in the night; a knock on the door. There's been an accident. Your child isn't coming home. No, I'm sorry, your child didn't make it. Your child was the victim of a hate crime. Your child was a victim of gun violence. Your child was a victim of intolerance. Your child was a victim of religion gone badly.*

*My child! Who would want to murder my child? He is loving; she is sweet; she is kind; he is a beautiful human being. Why, why would anyone want to kill my child?*

Your child was gay. Your child hung out with gays. Your child deserved to die.

*NO, my child did not deserve to die! My child was created in the image and likeness of the God who created him, of the God who gave her life. My God does not make mistakes. God made my gay child.*

*Why did you take the life of my child?*

I'm sorry, Ma 'am, your child is dead. I'm sorry, Sir; I regret to inform you that your child is dead. Your child was murdered in an Orlando gay dance club.

No, you must be mistaken. My child wasn't gay. My child didn't hang out with gays. She never said she was gay. He never told me that he loved men. No, you're mistaken. They never told me that.

My child is dead, and I am disgraced in my community. My child is twice dead, and so am I.

Why was he afraid to tell me? Why did she keep it a secret? Why did I have to find out from a phone call?

What would I have said to my child? I reject you, or I love you unconditionally? You're my child, and I'll stand with you no matter what. If only I could hold you in my arms right now and tell you of my love, of my acceptance, of my embrace of you no matter what. I don't care if you're gay or trans or anything else. I want you to be alive and whole again.

To honor your memory what can I do? How can I build bridges that will allow others to cross the chasm created by fear and misplaced righteousness and misguided religion? How can I help other parents come to accept and love their gay and lesbian, bisexual and transgender children? How can I be an instrument of healing? How can I be an instrument of your peace? How can I help others see that the rainbow of diversity is a beautiful thing? Someday, somewhere over the rainbow, we will stand together, my child and I, and marvel at a world made new, formed in love, where ALL are celebrated.

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Equality Illinois has a new driving force behind it: CEO, Brian Johnson. Over the summer Brian is conducting a "listening tour" of Illinois and would like to host "**housemeetings**" to bring people together for dialogue. Our PFLAG meetings may provide the perfect setting for some of these gatherings.

Here is a letter written by Brian to PFLAG...

Dear PFLAGers

*I was 24 years old when I came out to my parents. It was the summer of 2001 – 2 years after I had graduated from college – and I had saved the hardest for last. For the previous 2 years, I worked hard to fully accept myself and to tell my friends that I was a gay man; but I had held out on my parents. I hesitated in part because I wasn't sure how they would react and in part because I was not eager to renegotiate the most stable secure relationship in my life.*

*Their reaction – and their support – could not have been more affirming. On the way to the Home Depot, I shared the "news" with my father. He paused and said, "I don't want you to get hurt [he was worried about me being the victim of a hate crime] and I don't want your career to suffer [he was worried about discrimination]." I told him I would be careful and he smiled, reminded me that he loved me, and switched the conversation to the things we needed to pick up at my mother's request.*

*I share this with you so that you know that as I step into the role of CEO of Equality Illinois, it is the love and support of my parents, my family, and my friends that has given me the courage and the stability to be the man I want to be. And it is that foundation which grounds me as I lend my voice to fight for full equality and full acceptance for the LGBTQ community of Illinois. So **thank you**. Because your love, your pride, and your activism make all of us braver and more powerful.*

*I am spending the first few months going around the entire state listening directly to stakeholders. I want to hear directly from the mouths of the LGBTQ community and our allies what hopes, fears, pains, and points of pride fuel us. I will use these stories and these relationships to help inform where we as Equality Illinois will head in service of our community.*

*I hope to see you "on the road" and I look forward to keeping in touch.*



#### **Summer 2016 Listening Tour – Hosting A Housemeeting**

*As our new CEO, Brian, travels the state, we want to meet with stakeholders – members of the LGBTQ community and our allies – to hear their stories, experiences, hopes, and ideas. Housemeeting campaigns were most famously used by Saul Alinsky in Chicago and Cesar Chavez in California to organize their communities to build power and effect change. We are using this housemeeting campaign to inform Equality Illinois' vision for this year and years to come, which is why Brian is eager to hear directly from hundreds of stakeholders.*

#### **What is a housemeeting?**

- **The purpose:** It is an opportunity for participants to get to know Brian & each other and to share our stories & our hopes & fears. By adding the voices of hundreds of stakeholders together, we will get a strong understanding of what challenges our LGBTQ community faces across the state.
- **Attendance:** 10-20 people. Any fewer than 10 people and it gets hard to get a discussion going. Any more than 20, and it is hard for people to truly dialogue. If a host wants to bring together more than 20 people, we can shift the format to a "Town Hall." Let Brian or the Equality Illinois team if you are interested in hosting a Town Hall.
- **Who facilitates?** Brian will facilitate
- **How long is a housemeeting?**: Housemeetings are capped at 1 hour, although they can sometimes last for 75 minutes with wrap up and conclusion.
- **Location:** It does not have to be in a house. It should be in any location in which the host is comfortable bringing people together and in which people can sit in a loose circle and talk. It can be at a house, a church, a community center, the back room of a coffee shop, or any place the host is comfortable.
- **Is there a budget for food?**: Equality Illinois does not have a budget for food. If the host wishes to provide light snacks and coffee, they should feel comfortable doing so although food and drink is not required. You can also encourage people to bring their own coffee and snacks.
- **What will happen afterwards?**: Brian will collect the stories and in September and throughout this next year, we will use those stories to help inform our direction. Participants who want to be kept in the loop on how the listening tour is going, can sign up for more information or stay tuned to Equality Illinois' website, Facebook page, & Twitter account.

#### **What is a host's responsibility?**

- **Location:** To provide a location where people gather and talk comfortably.
- **Attendance:** To bring together a minimum of 10 LGBTQ community members or their allies. If the host wishes to open the housemeeting to local community members on Equality Illinois' list, let us know and we can email our members in the area to let them know about the housemeeting (we won't share the location or the host's name broadly, we will only share it to those that RSVP). We need to cap attendance at 20 to allow true dialogue to happen.
- **Communicate:** The host needs to communicate with Brian or their point person on Equality Illinois staff leading up to the event to confirm the attendance and location and any information we need to know.

**By agreeing to host a housemeeting, not only are you giving voice to your community but you are playing a critical role in informing the future of advocacy for the LGBTQ community in Illinois. Thank you for considering!**

# WHAT'S HAPPENING NOW!!

## HINSDALE CHAPTER

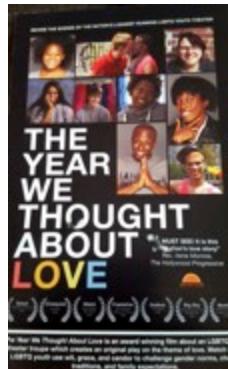
By Barb Medley

Our June speaker was Kimberly Lux, social worker at the Howard Brown Health Center, whose focus is on serving transgender children and youth, as well as their families. She coordinates the youth hormone protocol for children under 18. She talked about the issues facing them, including transition, social issues, names, pronouns and dress. Kim helped us understand hormone treatment. Hormone blockers, if given right before puberty, stop development and buy time for permanent decision making. This treatment is reversible. Hormone therapy consists of administering testosterone or testosterone blockers. It is partially reversible. Surgical intervention is, of course, permanent.



Other services offered at Howard Brown include primary medical care in an affirming manner, HIV/STD testing and treatment, and women's health. They sponsor an "after hours" program twice a month. The Center closes early and is only open to transgender persons and their guests for social services and walk-in medical care. You can contact Kimberly at [kimberlyl@howardbrown.org](mailto:kimberlyl@howardbrown.org).

Since our July meeting is on the holiday weekend, we'll be showing a movie, "The Year We Thought About Love," followed by a discussion to process our feelings about the tragedy that took place in Orlando. Our thoughts are with their families and friends as they mourn their loved ones.



# in Our Chapters?



## Deerfield CHAPTER

By Janet Svatos & Sue Ginsburg

June is always my favorite month for our PFLAG meeting. We are so fortunate to be able to award college scholarships to LGBTQ students from around the Chicago area. We can do this thanks to a former member of PFLAG Deerfield, who has established a foundation in her son's name: The John Paul Ohadi Foundation. The JPOF was formed to help organizations aid in the treatment, education, support and understanding of the issues that effect the LGBTQ community. Cynthia Drey awards these scholarships in honor and in memory of her beloved son, John Paul, who was harassed because of society's prejudice against his sexual orientation. Each year the Deerfield Chapter has helped in the selection of young people who have submitted evidence of their academic achievement and their involvement in the LGBTQ community.

Cynthia, who now lives in Texas, usually flies in for the occasion. Unfortunately, this year, she was unable to attend, but she made sure that the scholarship winners were amongst the best and the brightest, as she has done every year for well over the past 10 years!

She awarded PFLAG scholarships to students from Chicago, Crystal Lake, Elmhurst, Naperville and Rock Island. We had a wonderful time getting to know each and every one of them; their interests and goals were diverse and exciting. They brought friends and family with them and one parent came up to me when he was leaving and said he had never heard of PFLAG before, but was so impressed with our members that he would be looking into a chapter nearer to his home!

We offer congratulations to all the recipients and wish them well. We hope they choose to return some time in the future to let us know how they are doing. It was a great evening!

We at PFLAG Deerfield would like to send a very special thank you to Cynthia Drey, who not only funds these scholarships, but also puts so much time and effort into contacting the schools and selecting the

winners. THANK YOU, CYNTHIA!!!!



## McHenry CHAPTER

By Toni Weaver

The June 12 massacre in Orlando preempted everything else as our focus was turned to the victims and to their parents. We held an impromptu vigil service, lighting a candle for each victim as his or her names were solemnly read. Finally, one large candle was lit as a way to remember the parents, some of whom knew their child was LGBT, and some who didn't. Several of our "older" gay men reflected upon the violation of sacred space. Gay bars and gay dance clubs were the ONLY places where they felt safe. Once they walked through those doors and back out into the world, they faced danger and persecution on all fronts. It was a good lesson for the younger folks who have never experienced the same level of fear.

At the Crystal Lake Independence Day Parade on Sunday, July 3, we plan to carry posters, each of which will have a large rainbow heart and the words "We Remember Orlando." Now more than ever, we must make our presence very, very visible.



## Tinley Park CHAPTER

By Deborah Medina

Our June meeting was held just a day after the tragic Orlando massacre. In addition to regular attendees and a few new faces, a reporter from the Southtown newspaper came to gauge our reactions to the event. We had a solemn discussion that included feelings of anger, sadness, and genuine concern for our children. Overall however, we felt a need to stay strong and continue the work of PFLAG.

<http://www.chicagotribune.com/suburbs/daily-southtown/news/ct-sta-pflag-react-st-0613-20160612-story.html>



## Downers Grove CHAPTER

By Walsh-Rock

In June, Corinne Rensch, gave an informational presentation about sports and sports history from an LGBT perspective. Interesting history, personalities, and a lively conversation made it a great meeting. On the evening of June 15 we, like many area PFLAG chapters, hosted a candlelight vigil to honor and mourn the many young people killed at the Pulse nightclub in Orlando. Thanks to the many folk from the community and nearby chapters for joining us in love and solidarity. Our next meeting will be July 13 at 7 p.m. at First Congregational UCC, 1047 Curtiss St. in Downers Grove.



## DuPage CHAPTER

By Bernadette & Ron Whitfield

Hello PFLAG family, friends, and allies.

We had a very emotional and well-attended meeting on Fathers' Day. Several new people joined us and, of course, we gave each of them a warm PFLAG welcome. The tragedy in Orlando weighed heavily on our hearts and in our minds. A silent slideshow showing the faces of the 49 victims played in the background as we opened our meeting and made a few announcements. Then we viewed a video that aired on "The Last Word." The soundtrack for that video is the song "Pulse" written by Eli Lieb and Brandon Skeie in honor of the victims. We then reacted to the events of the previous week and shared our thoughts, feelings, fears, ...The mood was very solemn. Each of us held a tea light trimmed with rainbow ribbon. After sharing, we viewed the music video "Pulse" by Arielle. (Links to all of these are at the bottom of this message.) Then we enjoyed the wonderful treats provided by Fran and Mark.

# A COMMUNITY COMES TOGETHER IN mourning

#ORLANDO  
**UNITED**

In light of the tragic event that occurred at Pulse nightclub on June 12 in Orlando, many gathered throughout the globe to honor and remember those who died, those who were injured and those who were left behind. Several of our own PFLAG members attended vigils in the Chicagoland area and wanted to share their words and experiences.

## PFLAG Kankakee & Outside the Lines LGBTQ Youth Group

We come here tonight to mourn. We come here tonight to bring comfort to one another and to send comfort to the city of Orlando. We are Orlando.

*As a straight Christian pastor, I begin with this affirmation: God loves lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender people unconditionally. Period.*

*Early Sunday morning before many of us were thinking of going to worship, members of the LGBT community in Orlando were gunned down in another kind of sanctuary simply for being who they are. It might seem odd to some to describe a nightclub as a sanctuary, but gay clubs have long provided a unique place of refuge, comfort and solidarity for LGBT people. That's part of what made the news so appalling to wake up to on Sunday morning. One of the very few places carved out for us to feel safe had been violated in the worst way. And as we're learning, most of those who died were queer people of color, who have even fewer places of safety than white LGBT people. And if you can't imagine a bar or club as a sanctuary, you've probably never been afraid to hold someone's hand in public.*

*So on this holy ground we remember the holy ground of Pulse, a safe haven for those whom some of our society continue to dismiss as if they are less than human. Today we pray that out of this tragedy will come a renewed resolve to end the hate that leads to this kind of violence.*

**Vigil at Serenity Park in Berywn called by Pastor Julie Boleyn. These are the words of PFLAG member, Jackie Frett (Hinsdale).**

My name is Jackie Frett. I am PFLAG Mom. The tragedy in Orlando is every PFLAG parent's nightmare. The first emotion we all had when our children came out to us was FEAR. FEAR that our child will be hurt or killed just for being who they are.

The young people gathered at the nightclub PULSE because it was their sanctuary where they could be themselves. They could hold hands with the one they loved. They could flirt and kiss and dance. They could be completely alive and true to themselves and safe. Their sanctuary was destroyed. The whole world watched

**But what the world still does not realize is our young LGBT people are at risk of harm every day. They are not safe in their churches, their schools and not even their homes.**

They are at risk of self-harm because they have no one to turn to. They slip away from us silently, some never revealing their truth. They are bullied and face discrimination. They are thrown out.

We can rebuild sanctuary for our LGBT young people if we have hope, desire and are willing to act.

- Begin in your homes and with your extended families. Never allow homophobic remarks or gay slurs. Words can destroy people. Talk to your children about what it means to be gay.
- Call out religious institutions that use terms like abominations and intrinsically disordered. If you can make change do, but if not, leave do not sit silent.
- Demand safety for our LGBTQ children in your schools. See if they have a Gay Straight Alliances, in Middle and High School. Speak to the social workers. Do your schools have a zero policy for bullying is it enforced?
- Check to see what LGBT books are available in your schools and local libraries.

Do Something, Speak Up, Join us

MORE LOVE. LESS HATE.



#PrayForOrlando

# CELEBRATING



Chicago

celebrates Pride  
June 26, 2016

Let the *fun* happen!



We (PFLAG) were invited to staff a table at the **Navy Pier Family Pride Festival** on Saturday, June 25. Council VP, John Hickey, took the lead in organizing PFLAG members to set up, decorate, and provide PFLAG members to spread the PFLAG message of unconditional love and acceptance. I'd like to thank John for his leadership on this.

Now I must focus the attention on two incredible people, **Carolann Dunn** and **Tom Weaver**. Three years ago Carolann volunteered to design and construct the float we would use in the Chicago Pride Parade. Prior to that, we always used rented trolleys, which were ok, but did not allow those riding to have much interaction with the crowds along the parade route. Then after the year the trolley broke down, stranding many of us, we decided we needed a better option, and that's when Carolann stepped up to the plate. Using a 16' landscape trailer for a base, she took lumber and built framing that would hold the float skirting, which she had researched and ordered. She took PVC piping and built the upper frame that would hold pride banners and other signage. It was a huge undertaking and involved countless hours.

Each of the last three years, Carolann and Tom, working in sweltering heat and humidity, conducted a dress rehearsal, assembling the float in our driveway and then taking it all down again, packing all the materials safely on board the trailer for the trip to Chicago. The first year they worked until 10PM, putting in a 12-hour day. The float was reconstructed on site the day of the parade and then disassembled at the end. The day after the parade, the frame was unscrewed and unbolted and carefully put away for use the next year. Each year this three day ritual was repeated, and each year Carolann, who teaches a motorcycle safety course at various colleges in Northern Illinois on weekends during the Spring and Summer months in addition to working a full time job during the week, sacrificed an entire weekend's worth of earnings to donate her time to PFLAG and the parade.

Carolann and Tom have now retired from float building, a well-deserved rest from their labors, so it's time to pass the torch. If we're not to go back to the trolley which, by the way, cost in the neighborhood of \$1000, we'll need a new creative team to step up to the plate. Now is the time to begin planning for next year. We need YOU to accept the challenge! Our local PFLAG operates solely on volunteers. Without YOUR HELP, we can do nothing.

Toni

### PFLAG Members at the Navy Pier Pride Festival



Carolann Dunn



## TRANS HEALTH CONFERENCE

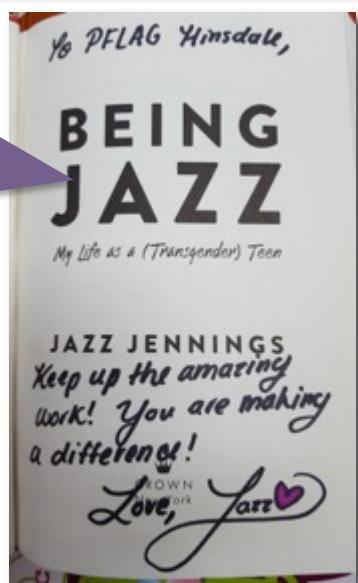
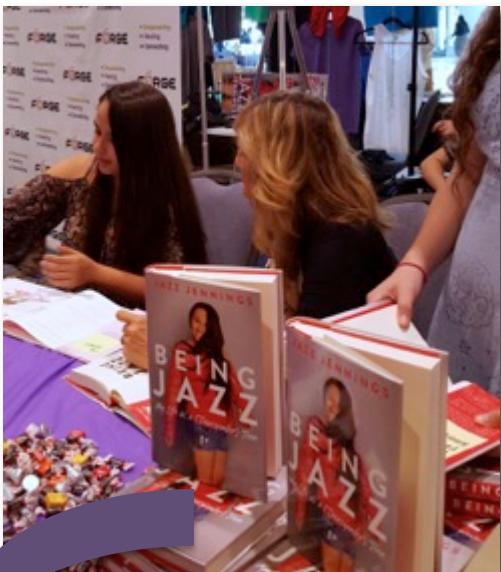
Philadelphia, PA  
June 9-11, 2016

Jackie Frett from PFLAG Hinsdale attended the Trans Health Conference in Philadelphia. She shared some of her photos from the impactful day.



The mission of the Philadelphia Trans Health Conference (PTHC) is to educate and empower trans individuals on issues of health and well-being; educate and inform allies and health service providers; and facilitate networking, community-building, and systemic change. We strive to create an accessible and respectful environment that is inclusive of diverse gender identities and expressions as well as inclusive of diverse opinions and ideas.

Now in its fifteenth year, PTHC proudly offers a space for trans people and our allies, families, and providers to come together to re-envision what health means for trans people. Further, PTHC recognizes that accessible and quality healthcare is an integral part of self-determining our bodies and identities in the larger world. As much as possible, PTHC strives to ensure that the conference addresses the diverse needs of all people who identify as trans or beyond the binary gender system, as well as our partners, families, and allies.



PFLAG Philly table was set up

## **IT'S NOT TOO LATE TO BECOME A MEMBER...SUPPORT PFLAG**

By becoming a PFLAG member, you will help provide support, education and advocacy. All information we collect from you on this form will remain confidential, and we will only share it within PFLAG.

Membership runs from October 1 to September 30; no partial-year membership is available.

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**PFLAG Aurora/Fox Valley**

Meetings held 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday – 2 pm  
 New England Congregational Church  
 406 W Galena Blvd, Aurora 60506  
[pflagaurorafoxvalley@pflagillinois.com](mailto:pflagaurorafoxvalley@pflagillinois.com)

**PFLAG Metro Chicago**

Meetings held 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday – 2 pm  
 Center on Halsted (Senior Room)  
 3656 N Halsted, Chicago 60613  
[pflagchicagometro@pflagillinois](mailto:pflagchicagometro@pflagillinois)

**PFLAG Deerfield**

Meetings held 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday – 7:15 pm  
 Congregation BJBE  
 1201 Lake Cook Rd, Deerfield 60015  
[pflagdeerfield@pflagillinois.org](mailto:pflagdeerfield@pflagillinois.org)

**PFLAG/PTI Sycamore**

Meetings held LAST Tuesday – 7 pm  
 Federated Church of Sycamore  
 612 W State St  
 Sycamore, IL 60178  
[pflagdekalbcounty@pflagillinois.org](mailto:pflagdekalbcounty@pflagillinois.org)

**PFLAG DuPage**

Meetings held 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday – 2 pm  
 St Paul Lutheran Church  
 515 S Wheaton Ave, Wheaton 60187  
[pflagdupage@yahoo.com](mailto:pflagdupage@yahoo.com)  
[www.pflagdupage.org](http://www.pflagdupage.org)

**PFLAG Tinley Park**

Meetings held 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday – 2-4 pm  
 Zion Lutheran Church  
 17100 69<sup>th</sup> Ave.  
 Tinley Park, IL 60477

**PFLAG Downers Grove**

Meetings held 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday – 7p.m.  
 First Congregational UCC  
 1047 Curtiss  
 Downers Grove, IL 60515

**Please join us for any chapter meeting.**

If you are not comfortable meeting in a large group, arrangements can be made to meet one-on-one.  
 Contact any one of our chapters for more information.

**PFLAG Hinsdale**

Meetings held 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday – 2 pm  
 Unitarian Church Hinsdale  
 11 W Maple, Hinsdale 60521  
[pflaghinsdale@pflagillinois](mailto:pflaghinsdale@pflagillinois)

**PFLAG Joliet**

Contact Maria Prekop  
[maria.prekop@navigant.com](mailto:maria.prekop@navigant.com)

**PFLAG Will, Kankakee, Iroquois**

Meetings held 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday, 2-4 pm  
 1045 W River St  
 Kankakee, IL  
[plagkankakee@pflagillinois.org](mailto:plagkankakee@pflagillinois.org)

**PFLAG McHenry**

Meetings held 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday – 7 pm  
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 McHenry 60050  
[pflagwoodstockmchenry@pflagillinois.org](mailto:pflagwoodstockmchenry@pflagillinois.org)

**PFLAG Oak Park**

Meetings held 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday – 3 pm  
 First United Church  
 848 Lake St, Oak Park 60304  
[pflagoakpark@pflagillinois.org](mailto:pflagoakpark@pflagillinois.org)

**Parents of Transgender (Chicago)**

Meetings are held the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday – 7 pm  
 Center on Halsted  
 3656 N Halsted, Chicago 60613  
[parentsoftransgender@pflagillinois.org](mailto:parentsoftransgender@pflagillinois.org)

**Parents of Transgender (McHenry) – NEW DAY**

Meetings are held the **4th Wednesday** – 7 p.m.  
 Tree of Life Unitarian Church  
 5603 W Bull Valley Rd, McHenry 60050  
[flynnmb12@gmail.com](mailto:flynnmb12@gmail.com)  
[marygenzler@hotmail.com](mailto:marygenzler@hotmail.com)

**Parents of Transgender (North Shore) - NEW**

Meetings are held the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday – 6 p.m.  
 Winnetka Presbyterian Church  
 1255 Winnetka Rd  
 Winnetka, IL 60093