



OPEN DOORS

The Newsletter of the Northern Illinois PFLAG Chapters

President's Column

Follow Your Passion

One of the great things about PFLAG is that there are so many aspects to our mission that there are a lot of different opportunities for us all to make a positive difference in the world.

We all make a difference. We just have to be present and engage when we can. Attending a chapter meeting, whether it is for the first time or 100th time, is the power at the core of our PFLAG mission. Those sharing our thoughts or stories are providing new perspective and growth for those listening. And those listening with an empathetic ear are providing much needed support. We each have our own path, and with PFLAG we have a safe space to learn and grow. Sometimes it is not always comfortable, but I believe that familiarity breeds comfort and with each meeting I see people building comfort and strength as they follow their path.

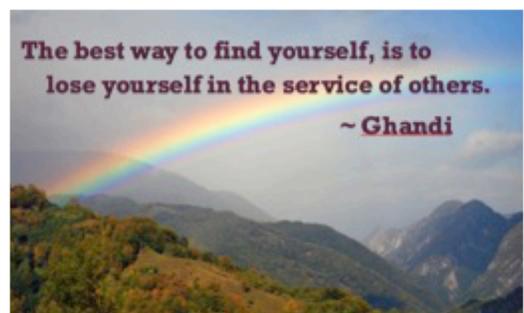
As we say in our opening statement at many of the chapter meetings – *“We earnestly welcome new members and encourage everyone to attend as many meetings as possible for the benefit of each individual as well as that of the group, because it is when we no longer feel the need for PFLAG, that PFLAG needs us the most.”* That thought resonates with me... When we no longer feel a need for PFLAG, is when PFLAG needs us the most.... For many of us, this may seem like a distant goal. Others may feel that their life has been blessed by their PFLAG journey and that their lives are the richer for it. Whether starting the journey or celebrating the journey, we all play a role. Stay engaged, attend as many meetings as possible and if you are so moved, consider getting even more involved.

The words of Winston Churchill also resonate with me... *“We make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give.”* If you find yourself wanting to give and be more involved, please ask your local chapter leader how you might help out. There are also opportunities for volunteers to help or lead initiatives for the PFLAG Council of Northern Illinois (PCNI). Some of our objectives this year include participation in the Chicago Pride Parade; organizing a PFLAG workshop day; and chapter expansion to support underserved communities. If you have a passion for any of these areas, please contact John Hickey at info@PFLAGillinois.org.

Explore the rewards of working together to provide Support, Education and Advocacy. Our priorities are Proud People, Loving Families, Safe Communities, and a Diverse & inclusive World.

Wishing you a happy, healthy & rewarding spring!

John



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PFLAG LOSES A LEGEND

It is with the heaviest of hearts that we announce the untimely death of **John Cepek**. After suffering a fall, he was taken to a hospital in Pula, Croatia and, when stabilized, was transferred to a hospital in Munich where he later died. His beloved wife of 47 years, Char, and their two sons John and Mike, were at his side when he passed away.

John was an active member of PFLAG Hinsdale, a founding member of the PFLAG Council of Northern Illinois, and past president of PFLAG National. He involved himself in a variety of organizations that benefitted the LGBT community and was tireless in his passion and dedication to equality and justice.

His medical expenses are horrendous. A colleague of John's at the University of Illinois Chicago set up a Go Fund Me page for the Cepek's:
<https://www.gofundme.com/john-cepek-emergency-medical-care>

PFLAG members are invited and encouraged to share their thoughts and memories of John in the upcoming editions of Open Doors.

Please submit your reflections to Open Doors editor, Maureen Goldin at og4equality@gmail.com. They will be accepted through the end of April.



Celebration of John's Life

Friday, May 12th
Cardinal Room, East Side UIC
4 p.m.

Refreshments will follow

For more information about the service,
please contact, Brenda Russell (russel@uic.edu)



what's happening

in Our Chapters?

HINSDALE CHAPTER

By Eileen Mathies

Our March speaker was Rachael Schwabe. Rachael did her undergraduate thesis last year on the AIDS Quilt. Her presentation was "Decoding the AIDS Memorial Quilt."



Family, friends and lovers created the quilt as a memorial to those lost by the AIDS epidemic, and the many squares show the relationships between the mourners and the mourned. It was displayed on the National Mall in 1987, and parts of it have traveled to various areas since then. Rachael compared the quilt to both the Vietnam

War Memorial in DC and Judy Chicago's "Dinner Party" art presentation on display from 1974-79.

Each square of the quilt is 12X12 feet, made up of 8 panels that are 3X6 feet each, the approximate size of a standard grave. The quilt currently lists about 82,000 names of those deceased, which only makes up approximately 19% of those who passed away from the disease. Rachael pointed out that the quilt's needlework and fabric are directly related to being a woman and domestication, and she suggested we can use that as an indication of power and strength. The comparison is made to the knitted pink hats that were worn in the recent Women's March. The Quilt was relocated to Atlanta, GA in 2001 to conserve it and save money. It is referred to as the "Names Project," and it still accepts submissions.

Our speaker in April is Brian Johnson, CEO of Equality Illinois, who will talk about the issues in which the organization is presently engaged.

On a personal note, the Hinsdale chapter deeply mourns the loss of our former President, John Cepek, who went on to become President of PFLAG National. John passed away as a result of an accident he had while on vacation with his wife, Char, who is also a valuable and loved member of PFLAG. John was one of a kind – funny, compassionate, wise and wise-cracking. He loved life

and was living a dream retirement with Char. We lost him much, much too soon. He will be remembered fondly by all who were privileged to know, love and admire him.



Deerfield CHAPTER

By Janet Svatos

We were honored to welcome Mike Bauer and his husband Roger, who have been together for over 35 years! Mike called themselves an "old married couple." Mike has a long history of activism working for LGBTQ rights, women's rights, Jewish concerns and Democratic causes. Mike's presentation took us from "AIDS to Donald Trump." He took us back to 1984 and the AIDS epidemic in Chicago, a time when there was literally no help for those infected. He recalled the work of Ron Sable that resulted in the opening of a clinic for AIDS patients. Sable was also instrumental in raising community AIDS awareness and that he worked to secure family assistance, housing and government assistance and medical care for AIDS patients. Ron Sable was truly a hero!

Mike impressed upon us that the struggle for equality has had it's highs and lows: the founding of Lambda Legal in 1973, DOMA recognized in 1994 and by 2004f, DOMA was passed in 32 states! Definitely a low point. However, he also recalled the Human Rights Campaign, the ACLU, the Jewish Council on Urban Affairs and saluted PFLAGer's for the support they all give to the LGBTQ community.

Mike suggested a number of avenues that PFLAGer's can use to further LGBTQ causes and pressure the Trump administration to change their backward position on equal rights...a promise broken, by the way: supporting organizations like ACLU, Lambda Legal, Planned Parenthood; Calling your Congress people OFTEN; threaten loss of funding for Republican causes; Write legislative proponents of LGBTQ positions appreciating their activities and reinforcing their determination. (Once in a while it will feel good to write a letter of praise, instead of criticism.)

Mike's walk through history reminded us that while we may be down now, it's important to keep on fighting and never

give up. This would, I may add, include fighting the nomination of Judge Gorsuch, as he he NO FRIEND to the LGBTQ community.



McHenry CHAPTER

By Toni Weaver

In February, the PFLAG Academy On-Line (one hour trainings put on by PFLAG National staff members) addressed the topic of advocacy which, of course, is one part of PFLAG's mission, the other two being support and education. How can members of PFLAG or a PFLAG chapter practice advocacy without endangering its 501c3 status? Our March meeting was devoted to a mini-training based upon what was learned in the February seminar.

The overarching rule is that when we speak as representatives of PFLAG, we must remain issue focused, not people focused. We can support or oppose a position, but not the person behind the position. It's all about issues, issues, issues. For example, we can debate whether or not Attorney General Jeff Sessions' decision regarding the treatment of transgender students is helpful or hurtful, good or bad, but we can't let the meeting turn into a bitch session against the Attorney General. We can use meetings to plan how we might approach legislators on issues, but we can't focus on the personalities of the legislators. Since we, as members of PFLAG, respect diversity, we have to appreciate the fact that not all of us feel the same way about our elected officials, and our meetings must remain safe spaces for all.

We can educate legislators about positions and policies that are important to us as members of PFLAG. In fact, we are encouraged to make in person visits as well as write letters and make phone calls. The training included a very useful example of making a telephone call to a legislator and laying out specific talking points. It's amazing how much can be said in only 90 seconds if one comes to the call totally prepared!

One point I learned from the training is that I can, for example, address a letter to Speaker of the House Paul Ryan even though I am not his constituent simply by contacting him through www.speaker.gov and NOT through his congressional office. Contact any committee members through their respective committees. Good information!

However, as individuals, we can speak freely in support of or opposition to particular candidates just as long as there is nothing that would identify us as members of PFLAG: no

PFLAG shirts, buttons, etc...

In my opinion, this was one of the best PFLAG academy presentations ever! I strongly encourage all PFLAG members to take advantage of these free trainings.



DuPage CHAPTER

By Bernadette & Ron Whitfield

Our March meeting welcomed 9 new people. About 50 people greeted our guest speakers, Katie Slovoski and Joanna Sit, from the Chicago Children's Museum. The title of their presentation was "10 Easy Ways Public Spaces Can Be More LGBTQ-friendly." They ranged from "Smile and be nice" to "Go forward with calm and confidence."

Why should a children's museum focus on LGBTQ inclusion? The answer comes from Jennifer Farrington, President & CEO of Chicago Children's Museum: "Because we know every child benefits when they see themselves and their family structures represented in the world around them. It's simply what's best for kids." Katie reviewed relevant literature that supports this important position. She got us off our feet with an activity that made us think about the power of inclusion ... or the lack thereof.

Thank you

Kristin and Peter Shulman represented PFLAG at the Plainfield Volunteer Fair on March 4th. They had a number of discussions with people seeking more information on how to support their friends and family. The big take home message is that the Plainfield/Romeoville/Joliet area is really in need of a PFLAG chapter.

Announcements

Tuesday, March 14th, we were invited to participate in a gathering of listening to each other regarding life in this new administration. The invitation came from Pastor Jay Moses, Hope Presbyterian Church, Wheaton. Pastor Jay attended our November meeting at the invitation of John and Pam Dalby. Twenty-seven people participated. Many of the participants were from Hope Presbyterian Church. Others present were Muslims, Sikhs, and other Christian denominations. An African American and a Hispanic family also participated. This is an ongoing effort that seeks to eventually reach out to our communities.

Wednesday, March 22nd, noon, St. Matthew UCC (1420 S. Gables Blvd., Wheaton) — Pastor Allen has invited us to join a group of friends and colleagues to brainstorm ideas for promoting a broader and more inclusive Wheaton.

Thursday, March 23rd 11 am- 2 pm — PFLAG DuPage had a table at Dominican University's Pride Week 2017. Dominican participants at MBLTACC 2017 visited our table and later asked us to support their event.

On Saturday, March 25th, we were invited to have a PFLAG table at the Chicago Sinfonietta production of "More Than A Letter: A Celebration of LGBTQ Art and Classical Music." The performance was amazing. We met dozens of people and welcomed the opportunity to introduce PFLAG to many of them.

Gail Hanson and John Hickey have been invited present at the Illinois PTA Annual Convention to be held at the Hilton-Naperville on



April 7-8, 2017. The conference focus is "Soaring to New Heights." We are excited to have this opportunity to partner with the Illinois PTA as we explore ways to foster our shared mission to insure a safe and inclusive learning environment for every child and thereby enable all children to reach their full potential.

Tuesday, April 11th, 7 pm - 8:30 pm, College of DuPage — Dr. Andrew Solomon, author of "Far from the Tree," will be the guest speaker at April's Glenbard Parent Series. The title for the evening is "An Evening with Andrew Solomon: Love No Matter What." The event is free. For more information see <http://www.glenbardgps.org/event/885/>. **TRY NOT TO MISS THIS OPPORTUNITY TO SEE AND HEAR A WORLD-FAMOUS AUTHOR!** If you cannot attend this event, Doctor Solomon will also appear the next evening at Aurora University.

'When We Rise': Stories Behind the Pain and Pride of Gay Rights, ABC miniseries is now available on On Demand. Academy-Award winner Dustin Lance Black executive produces this miniseries chronicling the real-life personal and political struggles, setbacks, and triumphs of diverse LGBT activists who played integral roles in pioneering their leg of the U.S. civil rights movement from its infancy. The story focuses on AIDS and LGBT rights champion Cleve Jones, women's rights leader Roma Guy and her wife, Diane, African-American community organizer Ken Jones, and transgender activist Celia Chung, following them from

the Stonewall riots in 1969 through the AIDS epidemic of the '80s and beyond.



Oak Park CHAPTER

By Nancy Johnson

We have been busy the last month, and it's not over yet! We've been staffing PFLAG information tables at 3 local screenings of National Geographic's documentary "Gender Revolution with Katie Couric." We were at Holmes Elementary School in Oak Park, OPRFHS for the Gay/Straight alliance there, and finally at the Oak Park Public Library. Katie, Nancy, Phil, Sandy and Owen all contributed time to this important outreach. The library screening drew 50-60 people. The group of parents who are arranging the screenings are planning to branch out to libraries and schools in the nearby suburbs as well. If anyone would like to arrange a screening in their area, contact me (njj0907@gmail.com) and I'll put you in touch with the organizer.

Phil and Sylvia are planning to speak at either a panel or a Q and A at Triton College for a Women's History Month event on Friday.

Our next potluck will be on April 30 at Gy and Sylvia's starting at 5:30.

Although we wanted Owen Daniel-McCarter to speak at our meeting this month, he and we finally hit upon our July meeting for his appearance.



Downers Grove CHAPTER

By Gloria

On March 8 we welcomed Anthony Galloway, Education and Outreach Director for Equality Illinois. Anthony was an animated and engaging speaker. His presentation included info on:

Spring into Action, free training events around middle and southern Illinois, to become even stronger advocates for the LGBTQA community, running March - May.

EqualityCon conference in Springfield on May 6, an all-day conference "bringing together our state's LGBTQ community and allies, progressive advocates, civic leaders, and community groups to train and share insights

on how to make Illinois and the nation more just and equal."

May 17, Springfield Lobby Day with Equality Illinois. Bus will leave from Chicago in the morning and we'll get to spend the day speaking with legislators after a training session.

Anthony also talked about Illinois bills that EQIL is focusing on right now. He talked about the power of speaking face to face as an LGBT advocate with our Illinois Assembly reps and US Congress folk, about how personal stories can open minds, and about how it's good to understand what motivates our legislative leaders (for example, keeping the government hands-off in business life could translate into keeping government hands-off in personal life). Some of our members who recently met with their local state rep about HB 1785 reiterated the importance of sharing our stories and being motivated not by anger but by education in advocacy, so that meetings are not combative but productive.

Our next meeting will be Wednesday, April 12, at 7 p.m., First Congregational UCC, 1047 Curtiss St in Downers Grove.



REMEMBERING JOHN CEPEK...

in the words of PFLAG members

"When we first came to PFLAG almost twenty years ago, we were confused, upset, and deeply concerned about our son's well being. We didn't understand anything about his being gay, and sought answers. PFLAG gave us the space to feel safe, to come out ourselves, and become educated. It was John Cepek who told us that there would come a time when we couldn't imagine our son being anything else BUT gay, and we held onto that thought, hoping one day we would reach that point. Not surprisingly, we did. John showed us the way toward acceptance, and we will be forever grateful."

Marcia Prichason
Bob Cammarata

"Good evening. Ask anyone who knows PFLAG and they'll tell you that we are all about families and friends standing up and speaking out in unity with people who are LGBT. One of PFLAG's great friends, and a big piece of the Straight for Equality story, was PFLAG National board president emeritus John Cepek, who passed on March 15th. I want to take just a moment to share why we are celebrating his life and legacy tonight. The world, and especially his beloved wife Char and their two sons, lost John after a tragic fall while on a dream trip abroad. John was always the life of the party. He had such joy, and a devilish grin which made him an instantly likeable guy. His gentle soul and humor,

compassion, and love for people and animals were coupled with a fierce and unrelenting commitment to dignity, inclusion and equality. He made an impact on so many people ... and was the first to have a vision for PFLAG National's Straight for Equality program. Together with our Director of Learning and Inclusion, Jean-Marie Navetta, John worked tirelessly to move PFLAG's efforts beyond families and friends to allies in a multitude of places. He did so with his trademark tenacity and humor. And it is why tonight we are launching the Cepek Ally Action Fund to advance our work engaging allies, who are needed now more than ever. Now, anyone who knew John also knew of his great fondness for his trademark Hawaiian shirts. Truly—from cas

ual meetings to black-tie events—he was almost always wearing one. So rather than taking a moment of silence to honor John—because silence was never in his vocabulary—I would ask instead that you turn to the person next to you and utter a word that is fitting given our reason for gathering tonight. It means hello and goodbye, it means peace, but most importantly, it means affection and love. The word is, of course...Aloha."

Aloha John.

Elizabeth Kohm

"And one of us, despite hundreds of hours of public speaking experience, is secretly having a panic attack right now. Ok. It's me. My anxiety aside, the stories shared here tonight -- and the stories of those all around us -- help people understand that the issues that one of us face are issues that all of us face. And thanks to supportive families and allies, and nearly 10 years of ally engagement in communities and workplaces, there are more of us who can share our stories, our lives, and the lives of our families -- nuestras familias -- openly, without fear, and for many, with pride. But there are still too many of us who continue to live in fear, under a barrage of intentionally destructive legislation and unintentional exclusion. I'm one of the lucky ones. My parents are PFLAGers -- my Catholic mom always wears her rainbow ribbon to church, my father shares rapid-fire posts of LGBT-inclusive stories on his Facebook feed. And my brother, a college professor, checks in with me at the start of every semester to make sure he's using the right language with his many gender-expansive students. Last June, while I was on the road teaching Straight for Equality in the Workplace classes my family -- like so many of my allies outside of the LGBT community -- knew the incredible sadness I, like so many people, was experiencing following the massacre at the Pulse nightclub. There was always a voicemail checking in, a text or an email making sure I was okay managing the experience. That is one of those things that makes me so lucky. I have that support network in and outside of the LGBT community. But too many people don't. It broke my heart to talk to others who said that no one checked to see how they were doing, that no one felt comfortable talking about it. One person even told me, "I can't count the number of conversations people are having at my office about Harambe the gorilla. But Pulse? Nothing."

That's not ok. That's not inclusion. That hurts.

I know that everyone is getting tired of hearing this, but we still have work to do to ensure that every LGBTQ kid will be welcomed with love in their family; work to change hearts and minds in small towns and rural communities where PFLAG is often the only place for LGBT people to find loving support; work to ensure that every person who is LGBT can be out at work without judgement and with full inclusion. And more than ever we must work to guarantee that our millions of allies are active and engaged and changing lives.

That work continues through PFLAG and our Straight for Equality

program. PFLAG was able to take decades of experience supporting and educating families and expanding that work to allies. Helping people learn and become supportive is in PFLAG's DNA, and just needed that spark to get it started; as my colleague, friend, and ally Elizabeth Kohm shared earlier, John Cepek had that spark of vision.

John and his wife, Char, were at the first-ever Straight for Equality learning session that we ever offered. In fact, they even drove me there and sat in the audience like the good PFLAG parents that they always were. And when it was over, on the way home from the office, I asked him how he thought it went. He said to me, "Well, you know what they say, if it plays in Peoria..."

I should note that the training was in Peoria, and I am certain that John had been waiting days to use the line.

And PFLAG's Straight for Equality program has played in Peoria, and New York, and Dallas, and Seattle, and literally hundreds of cities in between. For those of you here who have been part of these sessions, thank you. But there are so many other places that need Straight for Equality and PFLAG's programs. Every single day we are fighting to protect the equality and inclusion that we've won, and battling a never-ending influx of hateful legislation specifically designed to crush those we love, and for many of us, ourselves.

The surge we are seeing in new chapter requests, the influx of fearful -- and fierce -- families and LGBT people in chapters nationwide is evidence of how important our work is right now. PFLAG is and always will be on the frontlines, rolling out new resources, living the role of Bayard Rustin's "angelic troublemakers" -- ensuring that the wheels of injustice don't roll over anyone on our watch. So tonight, we are introducing a way to continue John's legacy by launching the Cepek Ally Action Fund. This is just one more way for all of us to commit, not just with our words, but with our resources, to ensuring that PFLAG can reach even more people and fulfill the promise of equality and inclusion...for all of us.

Jean Marie Navetta

PFLAG Gives Away "Kisses"

Mother's Day is only a short time away, and with that comes our annual "*Kisses from Mom*" Mother's Day fundraiser.

Sidetrack, a favorite LGBTQ gathering place, graciously welcomes PFLAG for the afternoon/evening. As we solicit for donations on the sidewalk outside, we exchange chocolate Hershey's Kisses (tagged with PFLAG contact info) and REAL hugs from PFLAG moms and members.

It is a great opportunity to feel the amazing outpouring of love and appreciation for the work we do in support of our LGBTQ loved ones. It also allows volunteers from different chapters to meet and spend time together.

This fun and emotionally gratifying event is also rewarding financially. Proceeds from the fundraiser are split, with 50% going to Council and the remaining 50% divided amongst the participating chapters.

The event will take place on **Sunday, May 14th** and run from 3:00 – 9:00 P.M.
There are 3 shifts, with each shift lasting 2 hours.

Shifts are as follows:

1st 3:00p - 5:00p
2nd 5:00p - 7:00p
3rd 7:00p - 9:00p

Anyone wishing to volunteer for a shift should contact Marcia Prichason at: mprichas@gmail.com or telephone: 708-602-4543



Please provide your name(s), how many people will be participating, your chapter, email address, contact telephone #, and 1st, 2nd, 3rd choice for shift.

Please make a commitment to be there if you sign up, as some people are turned away each year due to the limited amount of slots per shift.

Sidetrack
3349 North Halsted
Chicago, IL 60657

PFLAG Aurora/Fox Valley

Meetings held 2nd Sunday – 2 pm
 New England Congregational Church
 406 W Galena Blvd, Aurora 60506
 pflagaurorafoxvalley@pflagillinois.com

PFLAG Metro Chicago

Meetings held 3rd Sunday – 2 pm
 Center on Halsted (Senior Room)
 3656 N Halsted, Chicago 60613
 pflagchicagometro@pflagillinois

PFLAG Deerfield

Meetings held 2nd Thursday – 7:15 pm
 Congregation BJBE
 1201 Lake Cook Rd, Deerfield 60015
 pflagdeerfield@pflagillinois.org

PFLAG/PTI Sycamore

Meetings held LAST Tuesday – 7 pm
 Federated Church of Sycamore
 612 W State St
 Sycamore, IL 60178
 pflagdekcalbcounty@pflagillinois.org

PFLAG DuPage

Meetings held 3rd Sunday – 2 pm
 St Paul Lutheran Church
 515 S Wheaton Ave, Wheaton 60187
 pflagdupage@yahoo.com
 www.pflagdupage.org

PFLAG Tinley Park

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

PFLAG Downers Grove

Meetings held 2nd Wednesday – 7p.m.
 First Congregational UCC
 1047 Curtiss
 Downers Grove, IL 60515
 www.pflag.wixsite.com/pflagdg
 pflagdg@gmail.com

PFLAG Hinsdale

Meetings held 1st Sunday – 2 pm
 Unitarian Church Hinsdale
 11 W Maple, Hinsdale 60521
 pflaghinsdale@pflagillinois

PFLAG Joliet

Contact Maria Prekop
 maria.prekop@navigant.com

PFLAG Will, Kankakee, Iroquois

Meetings held 3rd Sunday, 2-4 pm
 1045 W River St
 Kankakee, IL
 plagkankakee@pflagillinois.org

PFLAG McHenry

Meetings held 2nd Tuesday – 7 pm
 Tree of Life Unitarian Church
 5603 W Bull Valley Rd
 McHenry 60050
 pflagwoodstockmchenry@pflagillinois.org

PFLAG Oak Park

Meetings held 4th Sunday – 3 pm
 First United Church
 848 Lake St, Oak Park 60304
 pflagoakpark@pflagillinois.org

Parents of Transgender (Chicago)

Meetings are held the 2nd Thursday – 7 pm
 Center on Halsted
 3656 N Halsted, Chicago 60613
 parentsoftransgender@pflagillinois.org

Parents of Transgender (McHenry)

Meetings are held the 4th Wednesday – 7 p.m.
 Tree of Life Unitarian Church
 5603 W Bull Valley Rd, McHenry 60050
 flynnmb12@gmail.com

Parents of Transgender (North Shore)

Meetings are held the 3rd Sunday – 6 p.m.
 Winnetka Presbyterian Church
 1255 Winnetka Rd, Winnetka, IL

PFLAG Rockford

Meetings are held the 1st Monday – 6:30 pm
 Rockford Public Library
 215 N Wyman St, Rockford, IL
 (use entrance off Mulberry St.)

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.