



OPEN DOORS

The Newsletter of the Northern Illinois PFLAG Chapters

President's Column

Looking Back – Looking Ahead

By Toni Weaver

2013 saw incredible strides in the advancement of equality for same-sex couples in the United States. What a year it was! Here in Illinois, the excitement grew as the Illinois Senate voted in favor of SB 10, The Religious Freedom and Marriage Fairness Act, on February 14; however, our hopes were dashed when the House Speaker failed to call it for a vote in the House before the end of the legislative session. The waiting paid off, though. When Greg Harris and others felt that enough support for marriage equality has been garnered, the bill was called. It passed 61-54-2 on November 5 and was signed into law by Governor Pat Quinn on November 20. Although not universally effective until June 1, seriously ill LGBT couples in Illinois have been allowed to marry immediately lest death deprive them of the opportunity to legally say "I do."

Marriage equality came to Rhode Island when the legislature passed a bill on May 2, which took effect on August 1. Delaware followed on May 7 with implementation coming on July 1. Minnesota followed suit on May 14 with the first same-sex couples tying the knot on August 1.

In June the Supreme Court of the United States overturned Section Three of the Defense of Marriage Act thereby allowing same-sex couples to receive federal benefits. Of course our hope was that the Supreme Court would declare as unconstitutional all state bans on same-sex marriage. By limiting their decision, however, they avoided a fight over states' rights, yet they still set a precedent that continues to give us hope.

New Jersey was next when a state superior court overturned a ban on same sex marriage deeming the ban unconstitutional under the state's equal protection clause. October also saw the State of Hawaii take up the issue. In November the governor signed a bill into law, which took effect December 2.

If this wasn't enough for one year, New Mexico joined the ranks of fair-minded states on December 19 with an immediate effective date. The following day, December 20, marriage equality came to the State of Utah in what was probably the biggest surprise move of all. Unfortunately, weddings of same-sex couples were halted pending the outcome of an appeal made by Utah's attorney general. The bright side is that the federal government will recognize the legality of those marriages for the purpose of granting federal benefits to those couples legally married in Utah prior to the ban. The latest glimmer of hope comes out of Virginia where the attorney general has declared the state ban on same-sex marriages to be unconstitutional, and he refuses to defend the ban in court!

We, as members of PFLAG, want to fortify ourselves for the work ahead. To that end, your PFLAG Council of Northern Illinois is planning a one-day Fall conference that will provide training to aid us in our three-fold mission of *support*, *education*, and *advocacy*. Your input is absolutely necessary as is your participation in the conference. Please let your chapter leaders know what topics are of most interest to you, and we'll strive to find the speakers to present on those topics.

A new year stands before us. Let's grow our organization and arm it with well-informed members. Carpe Diem!

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PFLAG lost a beloved member, leader, mother and ally

Marilyn Keller

by Tracy Baim, Windy City Times (www.windycitytimes.com)

PFLAG matriarch Marilyn Keller died Dec. 30, 2013, several weeks after suffering a stroke while visiting California to celebrate her 85th birthday.

For decades, Keller was among the most consistent and visible PFLAG activists working for LGBT equality in Illinois.

Marilyn Keller was a lifelong Chicagoan, raised in Logan Square and moving in Niles in the 1950s. But the 10 miles from city to suburb are nothing in comparison to her journey as the mother of two gay children.

In 1976 her daughter Lynn called from college to say she was a lesbian. Marilyn and her husband Jerry encouraged Lynn to seek psychiatric counseling before it was "too late." Then in the early 1980s their son, Irwin, came out to them. This was a painful period for them. They were now two for two, and they knew that something had to give.

They worked up the nerve to visit Chicago PFLAG and, more remarkable, they went back. Marilyn joined a "Mothers of Gays" subgroup of mostly Jewish women, meeting monthly in Skokie. Things began to change. With these women with whom she shared something unusual and meaningful, she began to put down roots in the LGBT movement and to flourish there.

In 1991, the Kellers' synagogue approached them about starting a PFLAG chapter there. They agreed and Glenview PFLAG was born. More than 20 years later, the chapter (now in Deerfield) continues to thrive, serving a new generation of parents.

"PFLAG Glenview was an instrumental component in the spread of Gay-Straight Alliances throughout the Chicago suburban schools in the 1990s and 2000s," said Toni Armstrong Jr., former youth leadership development and scholarship coordinator with Chicago's chapter of GLSEN (Gay, Lesbian and Straight Education Network). "And having the unfailing support of the Kellers was a real driver. Certainly at schools like Maine East—where both of their children went to high school—it helped immensely to have parental support. Marilyn in particular helped secure funding for Maine East to sponsor dances where kids from all Chicagoland GSAs could attend. There's simply no counting how many young people's—and LGBT teachers'—lives she changed for the better."

Marilyn, on her own since Jerry's death in 2000, became equally comfortable presiding over a meeting, assembling a newsletter, collecting donations in gay bars and knocking on legislators' doors in Springfield.

Marilyn grew up in an extended family that organized itself around charitable work—for her, working to improve the world was simply what families did. It was how you cemented your connections and expressed your love. Marilyn grew to realize that her children faced injustice and this became her life mission. Being an activist (and surrogate mom to countless LGBT Chicagoans) is how she expressed her love for her children, and how she created family wherever she goes.

In addition to Lynn and Irwin, was mother-in-law to Oren Slozberg, and "mother-out-law" of Anne and Suegee Tamar-Mattis, and grandmother of Squid and Ari Tamar-Mattis

Marilyn will be missed deeply. She was an energetic and warming presence at every PFLAG meeting and event. Rest in Peace, Marilyn.

What's Happening in Our Chapters?

Deerfield Chapter

By Susan Ginsburg

While the weather did not cooperate and our turnout was not as high as it usually is, those of us who attended were absolutely blown away by our speakers, *Pasquale Naccarata and Joe Kane*. This gay couple came to tell us about their journey to adopt.

Pasquale and Joe have been together for 10 years and they always knew they wanted children. They chose 'foster to adopt', as Joe's parents fostered children when he was growing up. They went to Children's Home and Aid, which was recommended by HRC, so they were very 'gay friendly.' They filled out the paper work, then waited about a year.

Through Children's Home and Aid (<http://www.childrenshomeandaid.org/page.aspx?pid=180>), prospective parents have to be trained to be foster parents, as there are strict guidelines for fostering: how to discipline, how to handle different situations, how to work within the system. They soon got their license and before New Year of 2010, they met 3 siblings, ages 4, 3, and 2, who had been badly neglected. The middle child, Rosie, acted as the 'caregiver' for her two siblings. All three children had special needs.

After meeting with the children two times, Pasquale and Joe decided to take Rosie, and their two good friends, a lesbian couple who had been through the fostering classes with them, took the other two siblings. Since they are such good friends, all three siblings see a lot of each other when the families get together. Over the past two years, the children have all been thriving! They made sure that they kept in communication with the birth mother and she has recently given up her rights to the children, making a path for legal adoption. Joe and Pasquale talked about how first they had to teach Rosie to 'just be a kid', as she was more of a mother to her siblings. She's in first grade now and is an excellent student.

We asked about the cost of going the fostering route. There is no cost as opposed to private adoption, which can cost \$25,000 and more! Of course you do have to deal with the State of Illinois and DCFS. In the case of fostering to adoption, the State pays for health and dental insurance until the child is 18. At no time did they ever feel discriminated against because they were gay!

Five months ago, Pasquale and Joe got a call from Children's Home and Aid, asking them if they'd take a 2-

month-old boy whose mom was addicted to drugs. The baby had been in the hospital for 2 weeks, suffering from withdrawal, but the boys were so happy to expand their family and Rosie is now a big sister to Jayden!

Needless to say, their parenting does not come without challenges, but both Pasquale and Joe would be happy to advise other couples if anyone is interested in adoption. Please contact me and I'll put you in contact with Pasquale and Joe. (sginsb0821@aol.com)

It was a truly inspirational meeting and such a "feel good" story. We were honored to host both Pasquale and Joe and we wish them all the best with their new and expanded family!!!



McHenry Chapter

By Toni Weaver

The year 2013 ended with a potluck hors d'oeuvre social as we celebrated the great strides that were made in marriage equality in 2013, and we look to 2014 with hope that even more states will grant our gay brothers and sisters full equality under the law.

Three of us from the chapter (Barbara Marian, her spouse Jerry Powers, and I) staffed a PFLAG/Fortunate Families table at the Gay Christian Network Conference that was held in Chicago. Barbara and Jerry are also hard at work with the GLBT ministry at St. Nicolas Church in Evanston, currently working on outreach to the LGBT Latino community.

Our speakers for January (Catherine and Peter) shared their journey of coming to full acceptance of their lesbian daughter. Their daughter and her wife, both Episcopal priests, reside and minister in Massachusetts. Heart-warming stories like this generate good conversation and sharing. Our numbers were lower than normal due to the weather; however, 21 brave souls ventured out! A "new" Dad also joined us for the first time; several other parents of gay teens were in attendance to offer him support as he learns to handle this little surprise in his life: a 14 y.o. gay daughter! We also had the opportunity to personally thank the members of the Tree of Life Unitarian

Universalist Congregation's social justice committee for all of their work organizing the marriage vigils and legislative visits that were made throughout the year. They have been powerful allies for us!

PFLAG informational materials will be available at McHenry County College's "People in Need" Forum on Jan. 25. The college will also be sponsoring an LGBTQ conference on Saturday, April 12. The public is invited. More information should be available in next



PTI, Chicago

By Arlene Collins

At our January meeting we welcomed three new families to PTI. Interestingly, but not unusual, one of our new fathers in the group told us how hopeful he was after seeing the numbers of family members at the meeting which made him feel that in his journey with his child he was not alone.

We started off with Pot Luck which was delicious. We had a very full room this month which was also very heartwarming. Our speaker was a gentleman in the Insurance Field, Butch Zemar, who tried his best to give us as much info as he had on the Affordable Care Act. The fact that this plan is so new there has not been any claims thus far to refer to. He felt very positive that once claims are submitted the health procedures for our sons and daughters will be beneficial. I think we have to wait and see, but I as a parent I also feel positive. He has promised to return at a later date.

Our meeting continued after his presentation and we were able to discuss many more topics concerning our parents. We also were very honored to have some of our "kids" in attendance which is always so helpful, because when they speak to the group, it's the "real thing". I would like to thank them again.

Our speaker for next month is David Fischer of Illinois Safe Schools Alliance. We look forward to welcoming him.

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DuPage Chapter

By John Hickey

Happy New Year to all and Congratulations on 2013 being a great year for PFLAG and Equality in Illinois!

PFLAG DuPage had a number of fun events in December, including:

- A pot luck social as part of our December meeting filled with a fun video short, inspirational friends, tasty food, great conversation and lots of positive energy!
- Visiting the Naperville North High School Gay Straight Alliance (GSA).
- Volunteering to do free gift-wrapping at the Naperville Barnes and Noble.
- Attending the Elmhurst College Big Gay Gathering.
- Several members also attended the Chicago Gay Men's Chorus in Oakbrook (fabulous show- don't miss their Bouncing Off the Walls: Broadway Our Way show coming up) For info see <http://www.cgmc.org/events>

Our January 19th program featured include a viewing of the talk by **Bishop Gene Robinson**, the Episcopal Bishop of New Hampshire, at Elmhurst College last year entitled- **Justice and Compassion in an age of Demonization**. Gene Robinson is the first openly gay consecrated Bishop of a major Christian denomination and author of God Believes in Love. If you wish to view the talk, you can check it out on YouTube at <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1QTFDNw7Eds>

Looking forward:

- Our February meeting will feature a discussion with the student leaders from the Naperville North High School Gay Straight Alliance (GSA). We look forward to their insights and hearing about the climate in our schools today.
- Our March Meeting will feature a discussion with Mark Hodar, with Mark Hodar, LCPC, on the Self-esteem of LGBTs- and the role we play in shaping it.
- Plans for 2014 include presenting at a number of local High School Gay Straight Alliance groups to increase awareness of PFLAG as a resource.

Please feel free to join us and hear from this inspirational spiritual leader. PFLAG DuPage meets at 2:00 p.m. on the 3rd Sunday each month at St. Paul Lutheran Church at 515 S. Wheaton Ave, Wheaton, IL.

Hinsdale Chapter

By Barb Medley

Our November speaker was Lynne Kennedy of the Open Door Clinic, a not-for-profit sexual health and wellness organization in Elgin. They provide education, prevention, screening and treatment of HIV/AIDS and other sexually transmitted diseases and have two locations, one in Elgin and one in Aurora. They currently have over 600 clients, mainly African American, Latino and young people, and are growing. In January, thanks to funding from the Affordable Care Act, they will also offer LGBT health care.

There is still a lot of ignorance about transmission of sexually transmitted diseases, and they are prevented by a majority of schools from giving specific safe sex advice. They serve many poor clients and are hampered from doing all the good they could be doing. They do get some funding from state, federal and Chicago Department of Public Health sources, but there are many in need. The SNAP (food stamp) program does not cover things like toilet paper and feminine products, so they keep those products on hand when they can, in addition to food staples. If you are looking for a worthy organization to make a donation to, or would like to volunteer your time, please consider the Open Door Clinic. Their website is www.opendoorclinic.org, and Lynne can be reached at 847-695-1093, ext. 19.

Our December meeting was our annual holiday potluck. We all enjoyed a wonderful meal together and then prepared holiday stockings filled with travel size toiletries, socks, gloves and hats for The Crib, a shelter for young people run by The Night Ministry. Everyone was so generous and it started our holiday seasons with warm hearts.

Our January meeting was the day of a snowstorm, right before the very frigid early January temperatures. Many of us canceled, but intrepid Jackie Frett made it to chair the meeting. She was delighted to report that nine people attended, including two newcomers. Our speaker canceled, but she felt the newcomers benefited from the small group discussion and left the meeting smiling, with lots of reading material. Our February speaker will be Bonn Wade, Director of the TransLife Center of Chicago House. She'll talk about how the Center is impacting lives.



What's on Your Mind??

Principle 6

A foul taste enters my mouth when thinking about the word discrimination. It begins with propaganda and then hate spirals out of control. I have never known fear as the Russian LGBT community does, where even speaking the word “gay” can send him or her to jail. With the Winter Games fast approaching, the Olympic Charter has been violated by the Russian government. According to Hudson Taylor, “the Olympic Charter, which recognizes that the practice of sport is a human right and that every individual must be able to practice without discrimination of any kind. The International Olympic Committee is obligated to act against any form of discrimination affecting the Olympic Movement.” The United States has progressed so much with many states allowing the freedom of marriage for the LGBT community, but the struggle for equality is worldwide. As an athlete, I signed the AthleteAlly petition to uphold Principle 6 and stand with the Olympians. The LGBT community has a job to do, speak up for those who cannot, because doing nothing cannot be an option.

By – Claire Buchanan

ARE YOU A MEMBER OF PFLAG? WHY NOT?

PFLAG is an all-volunteer run, non-profit organization that relies on your support to help provide the materials and services that we offer LGBTQ people and their families. Please consider becoming a paid member; it's easy.

Sign up online at <http://www.pflagillinois.org/membership-and-donations/> or fill out the form below and mail in your check. Make sure to indicate what chapter you are affiliated with. Part of your membership goes back to that chapter!

Membership Form

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 of the following year; no partial-year membership is available.

Please check:

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PFLAG Membership P.O. Box 734, Elmhurst, IL 60126

What PFLAG Means to ME

Thank you to all who have contributed to this section of the newsletter. It is a testament to the good work that PFLAG does for our community members.

Please submit your write-up to
OG4EQUALITY@GMAIL.COM.

Being a part of PFLAG means having a role in a community that I love and fight for. For every LGBT person I would think that equality has been a life long goal; successfully attaining the freedom to marry in Illinois has proved to connect the community even more. PFLAG means safety. It means knowing you can attend a meeting in any chapter and feel free to express yourself, your struggles, and your successes. Everyone can find something for himself or herself there, whether it is advocacy, support, or friendship. I joined PFLAG to be a part of something larger than myself, to be involved with a part of my character because I identify as a lesbian. With each meeting I attend, I feel the impact from the friends I have made there and the shared experiences of grief and success. I can stretch out my hands and know someone else will reach out to hold them.

- Claire Buchanan, McHenry Chapter

Straight for Equality

PFLAG National -- through its Straight for Equality project -- is working on a new resource to invite, educate, and engage allies of people who are transgender and gender nonconforming and we need your help!



resource

One of the most important pieces of all the S4E publications is the input of real-world people who are willing to talk about their ally journeys as well as the role that allies have played in their lives. To get this information, we created three prompt questions that I'd love for you to share with your networks as well as answer yourself if you'd like. The further this goes, the more content we'll have to draw from, so your help in distributing is much appreciated.

The three questions, along with instructions as to where responses should be sent and length of responses are all on one neat little page: <https://www.straightforequality.org/questions>

Please share with e-mail contacts, through social media, through groups in which you're a participant, etc. This should not be limited to the PFLAG network -- please distribute widely. The more responses, the better pool of content we'll have to use for the project.

If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to Jean-Marie (jhenkel@pflag.org) or to Jamie H (jhenkel@pflag.org).

Thank you in advance for being willing to participate in this project and for everything that you're doing to move

LGBT Resources for you

LGBT Supportive Organizations:

- **Center on Halsted** - www.centeronhalsted.org
- **Illinois Safe Schools Alliance** – www.illinoissafeschools.org
- **Howard Brown Health Center** – www.howardbrown.org
- **Lambda Legal** – www.lambdalegal.org
- **Youth Outlook** – www.youth-outlook.org
- **Transparentcy** – www.transparentcy.org
- **Open Door Clinic** - www.opendoorclinic.org
- **Links** – www.linksyouth.org
- **Heartstrong** – www.heartstrong.org



- **What Does Gay Mean?** – How to talk to kids about sexual orientation and prejudice - <http://www.mentalhealthamerica.net/go/what-does-gay-mean>
- **Welcoming Schools Helps Make Classrooms Safe Spaces for All Students (HRC)** – <http://www.hrc.org/blog/entry/welcoming-schools-helps-make-classrooms-safe-spaces-for-all-students>
- **GLSEN** – www.glsen.org
- **LGBT friendly college campus search** – www.campusprideindex.org
- **Children of LGBT parents** – www.rainbowrumpus.org

Books:

FOR PARENTS:

- *Always My Child: A Parent's Guide to Understanding Your Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, Transgendered or Questioning Son or Daughter*, Kevin Jennings
- *Beyond Acceptance: Parents of Lesbians & Gays Talk About Their Experiences*, Carolyn Welch Griffin and Marian J. and Arthur G Wirth
- *Coming Out as Parents: You and Your Homosexual Child*, David K Switzer
- *The Blue Book*, Presbyterian Church of Mount Kisco, NY (www.pcmk.org/blue_book.pdf)

FOR LGBT YOUTH:

- *Am I Blue? Coming Out from the Silence*, Marion Dane Bauer
- *Free Your Mind*, Ellen Bass and Kate Kaufman
- *Rainbow Boys*, Alex Sanchez

FOR CHILDREN:

- *The Sissy Duckling*, Harvey Fierstein
- *And Tango Makes Three*, Justin Richardson and Peter Parnell
- *The Misfits*, James Howe



Movies:

- *Fish Out of Water*
- *Paris is Burning*
- *Prayers for Bobby*
- *Priscilla Queen of the Desert*



For a more extensive list, visit the **RESOURCE** section of the Council's webpage at

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DON'T MISS OUT
ON THESE UPCOMING EVENTS!

**LAKE FOREST COLLEGE
ANNUAL DRAG SHOW**

February 19, 2014 @ 8 p.m.

Mohr Student Center
555 N. Sheridan Rd, Lake Forest, IL

Proceeds from this event will benefit
PFLAG Council of Northern Illinois.
Please come out to see this amazing show,
represent PFLAG and show your support.

You won't be disappointed!



Conference at McHenry County College

April 12, 2014 – 8:30 a.m. to 4:15 p.m. 8900 W Highway 14, Crystal Lake, IL, 60012

Pride, the LGBTQA club at McHenry County College, will host its first conference, Pride: The Changing Perception of the LGBTQ Community, on Saturday 12 April at MCC starting at 8:30A and ending at 4:15P. The conference will be held in conjunction with the annual drag show on Friday 11 April starting at 7:00P.

Pre-registration for the drag show and conference will be available starting in March: the drag show and conference \$25, conference only \$20. On-site registration will be \$25 for the conference and \$35 for the drag show and conference. A continental breakfast and lunch will be provided.

There will be three sessions during the day with a variety of speakers discussing LGBTQ issues. The plenary speakers will be Chicken Lips, a gay couple from Denver who present motivational ideas in a humorous manner. They will also do two sessions during the day. Speaker will include MCC faculty and staff as well as speakers from Equality Illinois, PFLAG, and PTI.



**We are always looking for new and exciting
material for our newsletter.**

If you have something to share, let us know!

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 DeKalb County

Meetings held LAST Monday – 7 pm
 Northern Illinois University
 Montgomery 109 - DeKalb 60115
 pflagdekalbcounty@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

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Meetings typically held 2nd Sunday – 1:30 pm
 Please contact us to confirm date,
 time and location
 pflagenespanol@pflagillinois.org

**PLEASE JOIN US
 AT 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 1st Sunday – 2 pm
 Unitarian Church Hinsdale
 11 W Maple, Hinsdale 60521
 pflaghinsdale@pflagillinois

PFLAG Joliet

Meetings held 3rd Sunday – 2 pm
 Good Shepard Church & Preschool
 25 Alexander Circle, Romeoville
 pflagjoliet@pflagillinois.org

PFLAG Kankakee

Contact Barbara Lohrbach
 815-932-2845

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

PFLAG Palatine

Meetings held 3rd Monday – 7 p.m.
 Countryside Unitarian Church
 1025 N Smith Rd, Palatine 60067

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 –
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