



OPEN DOORS

The Newsletter of the Northern Illinois PFLAG Chapters

President's Column

PFLAG – Parents, Families and Friends of Lesbians and Gays - PFLAG

PFLAG is this...and so much more. PFLAG's umbrella is way bigger than parents, families, and friends of lesbian women and gay men. Yes, PFLAG is home to lesbian women and gay men themselves and not just their parents, families, and friends. PFLAG is also home to bisexual people and their parents, families, and friends. PFLAG is even bigger than that as it has become home to parents of transgender individuals as it is home to transgender individuals as well. PFLAG's arms are wide and all embracing. If only our name were as all-encompassing as our outreach...

This month I'd like to focus on the letter that's missing from our name – "T." In my observation, the parents of transgender children (PTI) and transgender people themselves are coming to our chapters in greater numbers and represent, perhaps, the area in which we are seeing the greatest growth. Because of this, we need to make sure that every chapter within the PFLAG Council of Northern Illinois is prepared to welcome and provide support and resources for every T and PTI who walks through our doors.

As the November 8 workshop planning team discussed ways to address this need, it became apparent that an entire day of training and education is needed, and such a day will be planned for the not too distant future. In the meantime, an introduction to the issues faced by PTI will be one of the focal points of the workshop day. Arlene Collins, leader of the Chicago PTI and member of the planning team, is putting together a panel of parents to discuss how their issues are similar to and yet different from the concerns of parents of LGB. We will have the opportunity to walk in their shoes for a day and see through their eyes.

Education is one part of PFLAG's overall mission. As put forth in the mission statement, PFLAG is meant to educate an ill-informed public, but how can we educate "them" unless we, ourselves, are first educated?

Mark Saturday, November 8, on your calendars now!

By Toni Weaver

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20 IN A DORM ROOM

by Claire Buchanan

"There's a story behind every first sexual experience, and this off-Broadway hit features a hilarious and sometimes painful collection of "first-time" stories from people of all persuasions, performed by four actors. Drawn from real people, the stories range from the sweet and sexy to the awkward and humiliating -- and pretty much everything in between. Since the show's premiere, it's been featured on CNN, Fox, MSNBC, and *The Tonight Show With Jay Leno*. (My First Time Replays First Sexual Encounters, 2014)"

The Green Theater in Chicago presented a production of "My First Time." Originally, "My First Time" was a website where people could write about their first time experiences (the website is still in operation if anyone is curious). A quirky cast of four people brought to light many stories submitted. As the audience took their seats, a crewmember came by and offered assessments to be optionally filled out by the viewers. The short survey included how old you were when your "v card" was cashed in, with whom, and where. These surveys were anonymous, so there was not any embarrassment. Compiled surveys were then used by the cast members, making the experience interactive. The title of this piece proves true, from the author.

The production was great because of the chemistry of the cast. Each member added comedy, depth, and compassion to the character they enacted. All of the cast members were able to perform with accents, which made the stories come to life. The skits were short and embraced heterosexual and homosexual occurrences. Tickets were reasonably priced and the experience is recommended!



What's Happening in Our Chapters?

HINSDALE CHAPTER

By Barb Medley

Our August speakers were Lorry Luscri and Mandi Evanson from the Veteran's Administration, who talked about the many new and good things that have transpired at the V.A. since they last talked to our group in April 2013. Lorry and Mandi gave an update on national policy changes, including President Obama's executive order related to employee LGBT non-discrimination, which bans discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation or gender identity among federal contractors and protects all federal employees from discrimination on the basis of gender identity.

They summarized LGBT-related efforts and changes at Hines and the VA, including starting an e-mail group to disseminate information, adding LGBT information to the Hines webpage, adding an LGBT Psychology Fellow, training for Safe Space and Trans SCAN-ECHO, forming patient groups, and speaking in the community. Hines has been recognized for its LGBT efforts as well. In 2013 and 2014, Hines was recognized as a leader in LGBT Healthcare Equality by HRC. They meet the four foundational criteria for LGBT patient-centered care known as the "Core Four" – patient non-discrimination, equal visitation, employment non-discrimination and training in LGBT patient-centered care. Hines also flew rainbow flags one week in June, which was so rewarding for Lorry and Mandi. People came up to them very moved by what they saw and thanked them. There were some employees of the V.A. who made inappropriate comments, but someone hearing these comments was upset and reported them to their superiors. The employees were required to take diversity training to better understand that the V.A. takes care of ALL Vets, including those who are LGBT.

On Saturday, October 4th from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., they will be hosting the 3rd Annual Operation: Do Ask, Do Tell, focusing on health needs and resources, at the Hines V.A. Auditorium. The symposium will cover LGBT health care and will provide information on benefits available to LGBT Veterans, among other topics. The keynote speaker will be Kristin Beck, first openly transgender Navy SEAL and civil rights activist. Continuing Education Credits are available for CRCC, social work and psychology professionals. If you are

interested in registering for this free event, contact Lorry Luscri, 708-202-8387, ext. 21228, lorry.luscri@va.gov, or Mandi Evanson, 708-202-7875, mandi.evanson@va.gov.

Our September meeting promises to be interesting. Our speaker will be Jennifer Leining, Program Coordinator from Lurie Children's Hospital in Chicago. Her specialty is working with transgender children.



Lorry Luscri & Mandi Everson



DEERFIELD CHAPTER

By Sue Ginsburg

While our speaker disappointed us in August, we had 3 new people join our meeting, so we had much more time to talk and discuss. Sometimes I think having the entire time to talk to one another is a great thing, especially when parents are first faced with the news about their child coming out. We really had great discussions and we hope we've gained some new members as well! We also had some important visitors from other PFLAG chapters, including Toni Weaver, our President.

We honored our two past Presidents, Mike Wilson and Maureen Goldin and thanked them for their leadership. A new team takes over in September.

REMINDER:

Mark your calendars for Saturday, November 8th, at the Countryside Unitarian Church in Palatine. It will be Northern Illinois PFLAG's very first full day workshop.

Our next meeting in September will focus on adoption.



Maureen Goldin, former Deerfield President and incoming Deerfield president, Sue Ginsburg



OAK PARK CHAPTER

By Nancy Johnson

Gustavo Varela was our speaker at our July meeting. He is with Vida/SIDA, a project of the Puerto Rican Cultural Center. Vida/SIDA provides services to LGBT Hispanic people, and has a residence for homeless youth. We were so impressed with him; we are making a site visit to their facilities to see in what ways we can partner with them. Gustavo's email address is: gustavov@prcc-chgo.org.

At our August meeting, we showed the film "Anyone and Everyone," a documentary made in 2007, but still poignant. Families of various ethnicities and religions talk about their gay or lesbian children, and a Mormon woman speaks from her heart as she relates how she came to her acceptance of her son's sexuality and her understanding of God.

There is a good film, "Call Me Kuchu" which is screening at the Broadway United Methodist Church, 3338 N. Broadway in Chicago on Friday September 12 at 6:30pm. It is a fund-raiser for the Chicago LGBT Asylum Project. It is a free-will offering. The film is about the

situation for LGBT people in Africa, especially Uganda.

Another good film, "To Be Takei" is showing at Facets Cinematique August 29-Sep 4. It is a documentary about George Takei, gay actor, famous for his role as Lt Sulu in the original Star Trek. He spent several years with his family in the relocation camps that Japanese Americans were sent to during WW II. This is truly a great film! It's funny, sad, and informative. The relationship between George and his husband is particularly charming.

And finally: Chicago's GLBT International Film Festival, Reeling, is coming September 18-25. They have a bunch of excellent films this year. Of special interest to us is "Kumu Hina", a documentary about a Hawai'ian transgender woman, a person in the "middle" who teaches children traditional Hawai'ian dance and chanting. One of the young girls insists on attending class with the senior boys, and ends up leading the performance at the end of the year. Here's the link to Reeling: <http://reelingfilmfestival.org/>



PTI CHICAGO CHAPTER

By Arlene Collins

Owen Daniel-McCarter, Legal Director and staff attorney for Chicago House in Chicago who is also a trans man was good enough to speak at our Aug. 14th meeting. Chicago House is located in Chicago and its Trans Life Center has become a home for trans women who have no other support. They offer social services, employment services, housing assistance and building skills and independence.

Owen educated our group about what other terms and their meanings fall under the umbrella of Transgender. In his presentation he clarified answers on name change, gender marker change and birth certificate changes for our transgender "kids". We have had many new members since the beginning of June and this topic was very helpful to many parents and kids. Our Aug 14th meeting had the most attendance since the group's inception.

Our meetings are open to all and would love you to join us. Our next meeting is Sept. 11th.

DUPAGE CHAPTER

By John Hickey

DuPage was thrilled with our August speaker, Carolyn Wahlskog, MSW, Transcend Program Assistant for Youth Outlook and transitional Housing Case Manager at 360 Youth Services. Carolyn informed us of all of the great work being done at both Youth Outlook and 360 Youth Services with an in depth review of the new transitional housing program. Below is additional information provided by Carolyn:

Recap of the new program: 360 Youth Services launched a transitional housing program for homeless LGBTQ youth ages 18-21. Individuals in the program are provided a safe, structured and affirming environment to pursue their educational, employment and personal goals with the ultimate goal of independent living. We have several spots available. Please feel free to tell others about the program and have any potential referrals call our office at 331-215-7388.

Ongoing needs include: new twin bedding (typically bed-in-a-bags), new towels/wash cloths, hygiene products and kitchen items.

Volunteer opportunities: Residents of our THP's have the potential to be matched with a mentor. If you are interested in becoming a mentor, please apply online at <http://www.360youthservices.org/housing/#housing-mentoring>

Youth Outlook will hold our fall volunteer training on Saturday, October 26th, November 1st and 8th. If you are interested in becoming a drop in center volunteer or would like to find out other ways to become involved, please email Nancy.Mullen@youth-outlook.org. In addition, you can support our drop in centers by providing water bottles or snacks. If you would like to make a donation, please email carolyn.wahlskog@youth-outlook.org to arrange pick up/drop off.

The next Youth Outlook gala "Welcome to Hollywood" will be at the Bolingbrook Country Club on Friday, October 10th. For more information, visit: http://www.youth-outlook.org/wordpress/?page_id=671. Individuals and families may also sponsor a seat for a youth to attend for \$75.

I've also attached information for the new Youth Outlook parent group. This group is for parents actively parenting teenagers and young adults. The next meeting will

be Tuesday, August 26th from 6-8pm at Wesley United Methodist Church in downtown Naperville (21 E Franklin Ave).

Upcoming Meetings:

- **SEPTEMBER 21** – Open Discussion Day- We will dedicate this month to group discussions.
- **OCTOBER 19** – Antonia Clifford with the IMPACT LGBT Health & Development program at Northwestern University, where we conduct translational research that directly improves the health and wellbeing of the lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender community, and to increase understanding of the development of sexual orientation and gender identity. We develop innovative, evidence-based interventions, collaborating with the LGBT community, and disseminating our findings broadly and in ways that make sense to multiple audiences, including community organizations, parents, and youth.
- **NOVEMBER 16** - Video on Transgender education. We will likely view Lisa Ling's *Transgender Lives 3 Years Later* (follow-up).
- **DECEMBER 21**- Social- being your favorite finger food dish to share.
- **JANUARY 18** - Brianna Smith from Prairie State Legal will be presenting.

We invite anyone to attend our meetings as we strive to provide an inviting and comfortable place for education, fellowship and confidential support. We meet at 2:00pm on the third Sunday of each month at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, 515 S. Wheaton Ave., Wheaton.



MCHENRY CHAPTER

By Claire Buchanan

The McHenry chapter was full of political issues this month as they welcomed Dennis Andersen and his associate, Randy Hultgren, and Patty Dillon of Equality Illinois. With all the people gathered and closely packed into seats, the temperature rose quickly. Two

members were able to track down a giant, gregarious fan. "Everyone use their outside voices!" a member called out.

As Dennis began his speech to the crowd, it was noted that he was not playing to his audience and avoided touching on any LGBT subjects. With a little encouragement, Andersen continued his speech and finished by asking for inquiries from the audience. Prompts and questions from the crowd ensued and vagueness swept through his words, missing his concrete stance on LGBT issues. To his credit, however, Mr. Anderson did state that he believes in same-sex marriage. A handout followed his words and under "social and family issues" there is no note of LGBT issues.

Patty Dillon followed the politician and gave a confident speech about her role and that of Equality Illinois. "Equality Illinois envisions a fair and unified Illinois where everyone is treated equally with dignity and respect and where all people live freely regardless of sexual orientation, gender identity or expression (Mission and Accomplishments, 1991)."

Dillon showed enthusiasm for gaining same-sex marriage in Illinois and stressed that much more work needs to be done. Currently, Equality Illinois is working toward increasing awareness and prevention of bullying LGBT students in school. The organization demonstrates dedication and determination to help the LGBT community earn equality in every aspect of life. PFLAG is another organization, as you all know, that strives to accept diversity. In conclusion of the meeting, the president spoke a beautiful truth. "The most effective way to reach people is one heart to another."



PALATINE CHAPTER

By Dierdre O-Connell

The Surreal Adventures of PFLAG In Palatine

This past weekend was the annual Palatine Street fest. Both Carole and I decided to forge ahead with it even though it was just we two and the weather was supposed to be awful. It was so hot and humid on Saturday, but at least the sun wasn't shining. (I still managed to get some sunburn - go figure!)

We did get a few visitors to our table - and a couple of fliers picked up, but that was it. I think the weather kept some people away. We were however, approached by our republican neighbors a couple of tents up - canvassing for votes and a photo op. (I wonder if the picture will actually make it into any of their publications - we shall see.

We shared responsibility for a kid's game with our neighbors next to us - a church group. We chatted about the weather; I mentioned I hoped it would rain a little to break the humidity. They said they had been praying for no rain at all. But - the rain did come. And it came with a fury. All the participants at the festival were evacuated. Carole and I ended up being sent to the American Legion for safety. Another group from the festival escaping the deluge came in also - with a Bingo game they had at their tent. None of us was going anywhere any time soon, so we played. I won. Then Carole won. The power went out. We all played Bingo by candlelight. It was very romantic. (As romantic as a group of soaking wet festival participants could be in a basement bar in the middle of the afternoon during a thunderstorm) There was no sign of the power coming back on and we were told we had to leave.

It was still storming when I got back to what was left of our tent though not nearly as violently as it had been. All of our pamphlets, signs and banners were thoroughly soaked. And one of the poles of the tent were bent and broken. I packed up what I could salvage and dragged it all back to my car - with some help from our Church neighbors.

I will say that my garage looked especially festive, what with all the flags and banners draped over my car to dry.

I admit (somewhat sheepishly) I didn't have it in me to go back the next day and start all over, especially since I didn't have a working tent I could use for shelter.

I did talk to other RE teachers at the UU church on Sunday about PFLAG and what we were about. I asked them to spread the word to other parents that we were the go to place for people looking for education, support and resources. Not exactly how I envisioned the weekend ending but it was something. Maybe next year will be better!



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LGBTQ News

Well, it's back to school time and that got me thinking about the LGBTQI college conference "MBLGTACC". Yup, the Midwestern, Bisexual, Lesbian, Gay, Transgender, Ally College Conference... MBLGTACC for short. The short version is still the longest acronym I have ever used. The Midwest Bisexual Lesbian Gay Transgender Ally College Conference is the largest LGBTQIA college conference in the nation. MBLGTACC 2015 will be held February 13-15, 2015 at Illinois State University and will be hosted by ISU students and university staff. It is nice that ISUZU is nearby and very accessible for local students. This year, the theme is Narrating the New Normal. This is a great opportunity for our college-age children to have a great growth experience. They will have the opportunity to network with peers from schools across the country, hear from inspiring and thought provoking speakers, participate in educational workshops and enjoy some quality entertainment. I highly recommend the experience. This year the conference will feature Actress / LGBTQ advocate Laverne Cox as a keynote speaker.

According to Wikipedia, Cox is perhaps best known for her portrayal of Sophia Buset on the Netflix television series *Orange Is the New Black*, for which she made history in 2014 by becoming the first openly transgender person to be nominated for an Emmy in an acting category, and the first to be nominated for an Emmy since composer/musician *Angela Morley*'s last nomination in 1990. Have your students mark their calendar to register later this year. Additional information can be found at the official website: <https://saapps.illinoisstate.edu/dos/mblgtacc2015/>



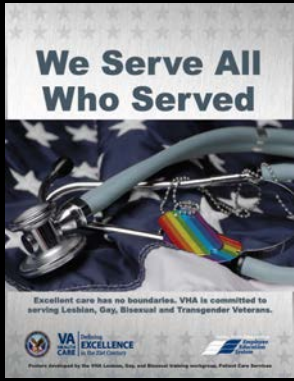
3RD ANNUAL OPERATION: DO ASK, DO TELL

KEEPING VETERANS AND SERVICE MEMBERS HEALTHY



A symposium for lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender Veterans, Active Duty Service Members, families, friends and health care providers focusing on health needs and resources. Learn about VA services, LGBT health care, the impact of “Don’t Ask, Don’t Tell” on Service Members, and benefits available to LGBT Veterans.

Date: Saturday, October 4, 2014
Time: Registration 8:30am – 3:30pm
See schedule on other side
Location: Edward Hines, Jr. VA Hospital Auditorium (Bld. 9)
 5000 S. 5th Ave.
 Hines, Illinois



To register for this free event, contact
Lorry Luscri, 708-202-8387x21228 or lorry.luscri@va.gov or
Mandi Evanson, 708-202-7875 or mandi.evanson@va.gov



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Navy SEAL
Civil Rights Activist

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PROGRAM

8:30-9:00	Registration/Exhibit area open	
9:00-9:30	Colorguard National Anthem Opening Remarks/Welcome	American Veterans for Equal Rights Karandeep Sraon, MBBS, MBA, FACHE Assistant Director, Hines VA
9:30-10:45	Lady Valor speaks about life as a Navy SEAL and LGBTQ equality in America	Kristin Beck, transgender US Navy Seal
Objectives: 1. Navy SEALs and my career as it relates to personal freedom and equality. 2. Lessons learned from combat and relations to my current life. 3. Motivation 4. Call to action for all of us to end prejudice and bigotry in the workplace and beyond.		
10:45-11:00	Break/Exhibit area open	
11:00 -12:00	DO Ask, DO Tell Coming Out to your health care team: How to do it, and why it is important	Grady Osten-Garner Jr., PhD, Adler School of Psychology Cecilia Hardacker, RN, Howard Brown Health Center Veronica Hernandez, US Air Force Veteran
Objectives: 1. Describe why it is important to obtain accurate information about a patient’s sexual orientation, gender identity, and sexual practices and history. 2. List some health risks and disparities associated with LGBT Veterans. 3. State some open-ended questions health care staff can ask of patients to obtain an accurate and inclusive sexual history. 4. Describe how patients benefit from disclosing sexual orientation and being open with sexual history. 5. Summarize how LGBT Veterans can advocate for their health and some tips for coming out to their health care team.		
12:00 – 1:00	Lunch/Exhibit area open	
1:00 – 2:00	Community Panel: Resources for LGBT persons	TransLife Center SAGE (Services & Advocacy for Gay for Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual & Transgender Elders) Center on Halsted
Objectives: 1. Describe some of the unique needs of LGBT persons. 2. Identify some of the community organizations, services, and programs available to LGBT persons and Veterans.		
2:00 – 2:15	Break/Exhibit area open	
2:15 – 3:15	LGBT Military Benefits and VA Services: Then and Now	Dr. Jack Bulmash, Chief of Staff, Hines VA
Objectives: 1. Summarize the history of policies related to LGBT military service and benefits. 2. Describe how this history can impact LGBT Veterans’ perception of VA care. 3. List current services and programs available to Veterans in VA care.		
3:15 – 3:30	Closing Remarks	Jim Darby, AVER
3:30 – 4:30	Screening of the Camouflage Closet documentary	



*NORTHERN ILLINOIS PFLAG
COUNCIL PRESENTS*

Building Relationships, Deepening Leadership, and Igniting Passion

The PFLAG Council of Northern Illinois presents this educational forum to address topics of concern to our chapters: how to discuss faith issues, how to work within faith communities to foster conversations about LGBT issues, how to meet the needs of the growing number of parents of transgender individuals coming to our meetings, and how to effectively tell our stories in a way that encourages thoughtful dialogue.

DATE: Saturday, November 8, 2014
TIME: Registration 8:00AM; Program 8:30AM – 4PM; social hour 4-5:30PM
PLACE: Countryside Unitarian Church
 1025 N. Smith Road
 Palatine, IL 60067

Guest Speakers:

Rabbi David Horowitz, President, PFLAG National
Jody Huckaby, Executive Director, PFLAG National
Rev. Hilary Landau Krivchenia,
Pastor, Countryside Unitarian Church

Workshop cost: \$10 before Oct. 15;
\$15 Oct. 16-Nov. 1.

Deadline for reservations is Nov. 1.

To register on-line, please go to www.pflagillinois.org or complete the attached form and submit it with a check payable to the PFLAG Council of Northern Illinois to Tony Dornacher, 1000 W. Washington Blvd., #314, Chicago, IL 60607 or to your chapter leader.

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PROGRAM

8:00-8:30 Check in / coffee / rolls

8:30-12:00

Welcome/Overview of Objectives (Toni Weaver, President, PFLAG Council of Northern Illinois)

Welcome to Countryside Unitarian Church: Pastor Hilary Krivchenia

Rev. Hilary has a unique story to share about growing up with a gay dad who was also a military man.

Getting to Know You! (Gail Hanson, PFLAG DuPage)

[Get acquainted with fellow PFLAG members.](#)

Presentation by Rabbi David Horowitz: His passion for PFLAG over his four-year service as National President –

Building Bridges with Faith Communities (Rabbi Horowitz and Rev. Hilary)

This workshop is not intended to be a verse by verse exegesis of the “clobber” passages in the Hebrew and Christian Scriptures but, rather, a presentation of how to work within faith communities to foster acceptance and how to move beyond these verses in a way that will speak to the heart. A list of resources will be provided that cover the scriptural passages most often quoted to condemn LGBT people.

12:00-1:00 Lunch with Discussion

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PROGRAM Continued

1:00-4:00

Panel presentation (Chicago Parents of Transgender Individuals (PTI) group)

On what non-PTI PFLAG members need to know/should know about the concerns of parents of transgender, i.e. - how all chapters can welcome these parents and provide resources for them. By understanding how their issues are both the same as and different from the concerns of parents of LGB, we can better serve this growing demographic. Q&A to follow.

Sharing Your Story to Create Change (Jody Huckaby-PFLAG National Executive Director)

One of the core beliefs of PFLAG members everywhere is that when we share our personal stories, we transform discussions from being about abstract rights and laws to being about real people. And while everyone has a story to tell, the question of how to share this story effectively often goes unanswered. This training will help participants identify their personal stories and ways to highlight the most appropriate story for different parts of our lives (e.g., stories for the workplace). They'll learn about the building blocks of great stories, get powerful story-sharing and communications skills, and have an opportunity to try it out in a supportive setting.

Wrap-up

4:00-5:30: Social Hour for those who wish to continue the conversation.

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Workshop Registration Form

Name:

Address:

Phone Number:

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Chapter:

Dietary Restrictions:

Will you be staying for the social hour? Yes No

Complete the form and submit it with a check payable to the PFLAG Council of Northern Illinois to Tony Dornacher, 1000 W. Washington Blvd., #314, Chicago, IL 60607 or to your chapter leader.

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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
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PFLAG DeKalb County
 Meetings held LAST Tuesday – 7 pm
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PFLAG DuPage
 Meetings held 3rd Sunday – 2 pm
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Entre Familia: PFLAG En Espanol
 Meetings typically held 2nd Sunday – 1:30 pm
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 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
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PFLAG Joliet
 Meetings held 3rd Sunday – 2 pm
 Good Shepard Church & Preschool
 25 Alexander Circle, Romeoville
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PFLAG Kankakee
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PFLAG McHenry
 Meetings held 2nd Tuesday – 7 pm
 Tree of Life Unitarian Church
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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
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 parentsoftransgender@pflagillinois.org

Parents of Transgender (McHenry)
 Meetings are held the 4th Wednesday –
 7 p.m.
 (not in December)
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