



OPEN DOORS

The Newsletter of the Northern Illinois PFLAG Chapters

President's Column

Four times a year, chapter leaders and representatives come together as the PFLAG Council of Northern Illinois to discuss upcoming events, to exchange ideas about improving our chapters, to plan events such as the upcoming November 8 workshop day, and most importantly, to build relationships among our chapters in the greater Chicagoland area, to unify the PFLAG voice in Northern Illinois. On October 18 we met, and the first order of business was to elect officers who would guide the council for the next two years. The nominating committee presented the following slate, which was endorsed by the council:

President: Toni Weaver (McHenry)

Vice-president: John Hickey (DuPage)

Secretary: Sue Ginsburg (Deerfield)

Treasurer: Tony Dornacher (at-large)

We are in the midst of our Fall membership drive, and we hope to exceed the 150 memberships we received last year. Every \$45 membership sends \$20 back to the member's chapter, reason enough for encouraging folks to become "official"! \$10 of each membership is returned to the council, out of which we pay for liability insurance for all the chapters, the expenses related to the website and helpline, entry fees for the Chicago Pride Parade and related costs associated with a float, and assistance to chapters that do not have the funds to buy their own PFLAG materials. Since the monthly newsletter, Open Doors, is now published solely on-line, we no longer have the cost of printing and mailing, a considerable savings. Finally, \$15 is sent to PFLAG National for membership in the parent organization. If you have not yet renewed or begun a membership, please take a moment now to go to www.pflagillinois.org to sign up.

Patty Dillon of Equality Illinois is an at-large member of the council, and she presents an update on the current activities of EqIL at each meeting. Right now, EqIL is very involved in getting out the vote. Their website www.eqil.org has a wealth of information about voting and candidates as well as copious resources of interest to LGBT people and their allies. We value this working relationship with an organization that makes such a huge difference in our state.

Tony Dornacher explained to us a giving program offered by Amazon. Amazon will give one-half of one percent of the purchase amount if we shop using this website: www.smile.amazon.com and select the PFLAG Council of Northern Illinois as the recipient of the donation. Admittedly, the percentage is small, but if we all did our Amazon shopping using the "smile.amazon.com" site, the money would add up. What an easy and painless way to donate extra funds to the council. I've already used it, and there's nothing to it.

One last topic of discussion at the council meeting was PFLAG National's intention to drop the spelling out of the acronym (Parents, Families, and Friends of Lesbians and Gays) in the interest of being more inclusive. However, the majority of those present at the council meeting felt that name recognition is already a problem (How many times have you been greeted with a blank stare when you say that you represent PFLAG?). We would rather add "bisexual and transgender" like this: PFLAG - *Parents, Family and Friends of Lesbians and Gays, Bisexual and Transgender*.

However, it appears that the change is already underway and will be confirmed at the annual meeting on October 24.

The next council meeting, which all are invited to attend, will be on January 17, weather permitting. PFLAG Oak Park hosts the meetings at the First United Church of Oak Park, 848 Lake St., 10AM-1:30PM.

I would be remiss if I failed to mention the National Transgender Day of Remembrance, which this year falls on November 20. We hold those who have been violently murdered for their gender identity in our hearts and pray fervently for the day when all of our LGBT loved ones can stand up, free from fear, and openly be who they are.

Toni Weaver

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MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL TIME

It's that time of year – the Fall PFLAG membership drive! This is your opportunity to support an organization whose benefits go beyond the boundaries of our local communities. When you support PFLAG at the \$45 level, you'll be supporting PFLAG National (\$15), the PFLAG Council of Northern Illinois (\$10), and your own individual chapter (\$20). However, donations above and beyond the basic \$45 membership are warmly welcomed!

The National office advocates for LGBT people in the national arena and provides support for all 350 nationwide chapters through the publication of informative brochures, the development of programs such as Straight for Equality, and assistance in the ongoing maintenance of chapters.

The PFLAG Council of Northern Illinois, which is comprised of all the PFLAG chapters in the greater Chicago Land area, provides services to chapters including the following:

- Liability insurance for all chapters
- Website (www.pflagillinois.org)
- Helpline (630-415-0622)
- Post Office Box (P.O. Box 734, Elmhurst, IL 60126)
- Start-up funds for new chapters
- Brochures/business cards
- PFLAG literature
- Expenses related to participation in the annual Chicago Pride Parade

Individual chapters are involved in a variety of activities that require funding.

If you believe in PFLAG, if you've been helped by PFLAG, if you want to partner with an organization that is making a difference in Northern Illinois and beyond, please make a commitment/renew your commitment by mailing a check for \$45 (roughly the cost of ten specialty coffee drinks at Starbucks), payable to PFLAG, to

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

PFLAG needs you. Please become a member today!

Toni Weaver
PFLAG Council of Northern Illinois



What's Happening in Our Chapters?

HINSDALE CHAPTER

By Barb Medley

Our October guest was Dr. Bonnie Estensen from *Guided Path Psychological Services*. She works extensively with LGBTQ clients and was our guest speaker for the second time. She told us that many counselors aren't adequately trained in their masters and doctoral programs to counsel LGBTQ people looking for psychological support. Guided Path and Dr. Bonnie conduct training programs and offer support for clients during transition. Dr. Bonnie teaches at Aurora University in their masters counseling program.

During our Book Corner, a couple books were recommended: *This Is a Book for Parents of Gay Kids: A Question & Answer Guide to Everyday Life* is by Dannielle Owens-Reid and Kristin Russo. This book, written in a Q&A format, is a resource for parents on both emotional and practical topics. *The Miseducation of Cameron Post*, by Emily Danforth, is a young adult novel set in rural Montana in the early 1990s. Cameron Post loses both her parents and lives with her grandmother and ultraconservative aunt who sent her to a religious conversion camp when they learn she is gay.

Members were reminded that we'd continue our service for the Crib, part of the Night Ministry, at our December holiday potluck. After enjoying a holiday dinner with each other, we'll collect personal items, including travel size shampoo, soap, and toothpaste, toothbrushes, combs, first aid kits, full size deodorant, socks, warm gloves and caps, hard candy, gum, playing cards, hand lotion, pens and small note pads. Our November scheduled speaker is Jose Rios, a Chicago police officer who is an advocate for the LGBT community.



DEERFIELD CHAPTER

By Sue Ginsburg

Despite a smaller number of attendees at our October meeting, we viewed a video called "We Are Dad," the story of two gay male pediatric AIDS nurses who

decided to foster 3 HIV babies. The challenges that this family has overcome are many. After 12 years in this loving home, the State of Florida is now trying to take back one of the children after he presented as HIV negative. The film showed the absolute indifference of a State to the welfare of a child. It was more important to take the child away from gay parents. The truth being that the State of Florida, by its own statistics, has actually LOST 3,000 children from the Department of Children. Yet, they wanted this 12-year-old child back to adopt him to a "real" family, now that he was AIDS free. It's a struggle still going on, defended by the ACLU.

Our meetings will continue to take place on the 2nd Thursday of each month. Please mark your calendars. Our next meeting will be Thursday, November 13th, at 7:15, at BJBE Synagogue.

Don't forget, our December meeting is one of celebration. We all bring a dish and spend our meeting time, talking, socializing and celebrating each other!

All were reminded to formally join PFLAG, send in your membership. Forms were available.

All were also reminded about our day long Workshop November 8th, in Palatine. I handed out forms for that as well.



OAK PARK CHAPTER

By Nancy Johnson

Our September speakers Dr. Michael Newcomb and Antonia Clifford of IMPACT Health & Development (www.impactprogram.org) at Northwestern University were excellent. They described research they were involved in with LGBTQ youth, and how they find their interviewees for the projects. They partner with other local organizations such as TransLife Center, Vida SIDA and Center on Halsted for some of their projects.

On October 19, together with HRC we screened "I Stand Corrected" (<http://istandcorrectedmovie.com/>) about

trans jazz bass player, Jennifer Leitham (<http://www.jenniferleitham.com/>) and her transition from John to Jennifer. There were 40-60 people at the screening, most of who stayed for the Q & A afterwards. Questions ranged from her development as a musician to gossip about jazz musicians she knows or has known. She has a warm friendly manner that brings the audience into her circle. Afterwards we had the after party with Jennifer giving us a wonderful performance. She also taught us about basses especially her traveling bass. She was able to sell quite a few of her CDs after performing. If you ever get a chance to see this film do so. You won't be sorry.

At our meeting today, Oct. 27, our guest speaker was Kelly Morrissy of Kelly Electrolysis Inc (<http://www.izapem.com/>.) She has been an electrologist for over 25 years. Over the years she has built up a practice specializing in trans women, and people with dark skin. When she first started, few electrologists would accept trans women as clients. She has become the go-to person for the performers at Baton as well as other trans women.

Kelly is an enthusiastic and well-informed speaker. She told us about the way that one's hormones affect one's hair growth. The electrolysis process kills the hair follicle, but because hair follicles are dormant until the body's hormones compel it to grow, one usually returns to have addition treatments in the same area.

On Oct. 25, five of us went to the Oak Park Area Lesbian and Gay Association's (OPALGA) 25th Anniversary Gala. It was a lovely event. Greg Harris, Don Harmon and Tracy Baim received Opal Awards for their work in bringing marriage equality to Illinois. Part of the proceeds of the banquet will be given to the Lakeside Pride Freedom Marching Band (<http://www.lakesidepride.org/>) and to the Oak Park Historical Society who will be receiving OPALGA's archives. The Gala also raised over \$6000 for youth scholarships.



Phil & Kate Kroker, Sandy Jefferson, Nancy Johnson Jimmie Johnson

PTI CHICAGO CHAPTER

By Joelle Spiegel

The Chicago chapter of PTI met on Thursday, October 9 at The Center on Halsted. Speakers Antonia Clifford and J.A. Puckett of IMPACT, The LGBT Health and Development Program, which is run through the Department of Medical Social Sciences at the Feinberg School of Medicine, joined us. According to IMPACT's mission statement, the organization conducts translational research with the goals of improving the health of LGBTQ individuals, further understanding the development of gender identity and sexual orientation, and translating their research findings back into the community.

J.A Puckett is a clinical psychologist and post-doctoral fellow with IMPACT. They spoke to our group about a longitudinal study that they are involved in which tracks the effects of social stressors and stigma on the mental health of individuals in the transgender community. Being that this is a translational study, the research results will ultimately be used to inform clinical work by therapists and physicians, legislation, and policy matters. Antonia Clifford spoke about IMPACT's interactive website, various blogs, and additional areas of LGBTQ research.

In addition to our speakers, the group discussed the upcoming PFLAG workshop on November 8 at Countryside Unitarian Church, which will provide an opportunity to meet others and gain education and insight on transgender issues. The group also discussed matters of personal concern as we continue to parent our transgender children.



DUPAGE CHAPTER

By John Hickey

Our October 19th meeting featured Antonia Clifford with IMPACT, the LGBT Health & Development program at Northwestern University.

October was [National Bullying Prevention and Awareness Month](#) and [National Coming Out Day](#). As was discussed in last month's Open Doors, being out and visible is vital to opening hearts and minds and fueling change for the better. I love the video from the

HRC [Celebrating National Coming Out Day 2014](#). Be sure to check it out.

Our November 16 meeting will focus on Transgender awareness with a showing of Lisa Ling's *Our America-Transgender Lives Revisited- 3 years later*. Please be mindful that November 20th is [Transgender Day of Remembrance](#). November is a month to focus on [Transgender education](#) and awareness. Accordingly, this is a topic for the November 8th PFLAG conference. In addition, The Community Network- Professionals Supporting LGBTQ Youth is also hosting a workshop **Addressing Challenges of Transgender and Gender Variant Youth Across Developmental Stages: Medical, Legal and Mental Health Advocacy** on Nov 21. Click this link for additional information and to [register](#) online.

Other great events to consider:

- Members of PFLAG DuPage plan to participate in free gift wrapping at Barnes and Noble in Naperville on 11/28 (Black Friday) from 10:00-2:00 and on Sunday 12/14 from 6:00-8:00 p.m. This is a great way to make PFLAG visible in the community while getting to know other PFLAG folks and having fun too! If you plan to be in the neighborhood or are considering buying any books for the holiday, please consider stopping by to see us on these days.
- The Midwest Bisexual Lesbian Gay Transgender Ally College Conference (MBLGTACC) is the largest LGBTQIA college conference in the nation. MBLGTACC 2015 will be held February 13-15, 2015 at Illinois State University. Laverne Cox is scheduled to be a keynote speaker. PFLAG plans to host an exhibitor table on Feb 14.... This conference is a great opportunity for your college age students. Check it out and be sure to register soon... Follow this link for more information: [MBLGTACC 2015](#)

Recently, Mary Ann and I have traveled in some states that do not have marriage equality or employment protections. While there is lots of work to be done, we were encouraged by the support and activities that we did see. In Memphis, TN, Mary Ann and I visited the Memphis Gay and Lesbian Community Center. They have lots of great programs including hosting Transgender support groups. This organization supports more than the city of Memphis and has people travel from numerous states for their programs and support.

During an October trip to New Orleans, we were witness

to many members of the ACLU in the French Quarter discussing the importance of marriage equality. We also attended part of the New Orleans Film Festival, which included a series of LGBTQ films. We were fortunate to catch a showing of a powerful documentary film titled- *Broken Heart Land*. The film truly highlights the need for LGBTQ education in the classroom and in society. You can view the trailer [here](#).

Last, but not least, I want to share what I believe is a must read article for all parents. Thank you to our amazing PFLAG friends, Ron and Bernadette Whitfield for sharing this information.... John Pavlovitz is the North Carolina pastor who recently wrote a humble, gorgeous post that was picked up by CNN. The post was read by more than 2 million people, shared a few thousand times on Facebook and translated into several languages. His 9 and 4 year-old kids are his inspiration. The letter is titled: "If I have gay children: Four promises from a Christian pastor/parent" – The post can be read at the following link:

<http://johnpavlovitz.com/2014/09/17/if-i-have-gay-children-four-promises-from-a-christian-pastorparent/>

We welcome you to attend any of PFLAG DuPage meetings. Guests are always welcomed. We meet at 2 pm on the 3rd Sunday of each month at St. Paul Lutheran church in Wheaton.



Mary Ann and John Hickey in Memphis

MCHENRY CHAPTER

By Cate Becker

The McHenry Chapter sponsored Crystal Lake Central High School's Gay Straight Alliance advisor, Tamara, so that she could participate in a conference by Joe Kort on Gay Affirmative Psychotherapy. Tamara came to our October meeting to tell us about the conference and Central's GSA.

Tamara shared this: *Gay Affirmative Psychotherapy's position is that there is nothing wrong with the person who is GLBTQ. What is wrong is society's reaction to the person. Kort says that being GLBTQ is more than a sexual matter. It is affectional, psychological, emotional, spiritual and romantic as well.* The daylong conference covered homophobia, heterosexism, and Post Traumatic Stress Disorder. Some GLBTQ people are under so much societal stress that they exhibit signs of PTSD.

A lot of persistence was needed on Tamara's part to get the GSA authorized by the high school's administration. We enjoyed hearing her story and look forward to supporting Tamara and Central's GSA in the future.

Our second speaker was one of our PFLAG members, Sam Abersekera, who serves on the board of **The Legacy Project**. The Legacy Project is the only outdoor LGBT museum walk in the world. Sam told us about the beautiful bronze plaques that are on the pylons on North Halstead Street in Boystown. The plaques commemorate LGBT persons who have played important roles in our society. She told us about Jane Adams, Alan Turing (the father of computer science), Eleanor Roosevelt, and others. We enjoyed her interesting and informative presentation. Check out their website, www.legacyprojectchicago.org, or better yet, go into the city and see it yourself.



Our Chapters at Work!

PUMPKIN FESTIVAL in Sycamore

Newly reconstituted PFLAG DeKalb marched in its very first parade: the Pumpkin Festival parade in Sycamore, IL. The festival's parade, which draws an estimated 25,000 people, saw for the very first time the rainbow colors of LGBT Pride carried through its streets. With help from PFLAG McHenry, the contingent boasted almost 20 marchers, merrily blowing bubbles to the amusement of young and old alike. Banners in English and Spanish proclaimed our identity. Negativity from the crowd was at a bare minimum much to our delight.



Lori Judkins, DeKalb leader

A PFLAG MEMBER YOU SHOULD KNOW . . .

Hinsdale PFLAG Chapter member Kristin Thompson is surrounded with support from fellow Hinsdale Chapter members Ron Weidhuner, Bob Cammarata, Carole Weidhuner and Marcia Prichason as she skates with the Aurora 88s Roller Derby Skate Team.

Kristin, whose roller derby name is *Slay Agenda #15*, is a relative newcomer to the sport. She became hooked when a friend brought her to see a bout and encouraged her to participate. Kristin's skate name, like so many others in "derbyverse," is a play on words. She states, "As someone who identifies as queer/gay, I wanted to show it. So, it's meant to sound like 'gay agenda' because everyone knows that's not a real thing." Kristin also chose the #15 because Illinois was the 15th state to pass marriage equality.

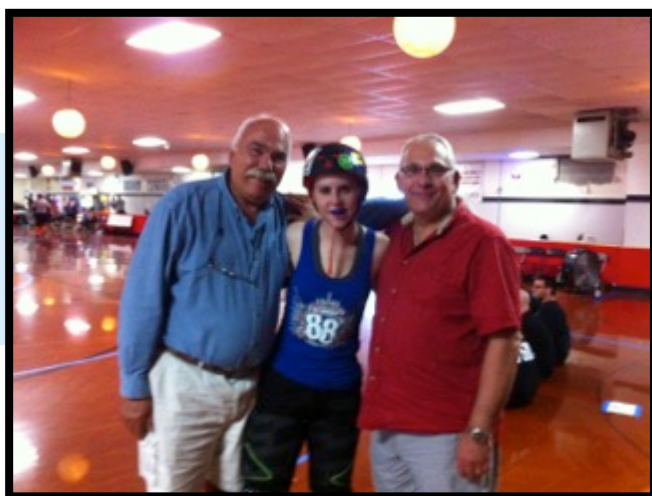
Joining roller derby necessitates a great deal of dedication. In addition to knowing the basics of skating, each skater must learn a complicated set of rules. Each rule is designed to keep the sport intense and tough while at the same time maintaining player safety. Plus, there is a comprehensive training program that involves passing three rigorous programs before someone is rostered.

Kristin admits to going through the painstaking training program three times before she was finally rostered. Not only did she have to learn the basics, she also went to games and events and practiced on her own before she was finally able to pass the 27n5, arguably one of the hardest skills to pass. The skater must skate 27 laps in five minutes. On paper, that doesn't sound very difficult, but Kristin relates that "it really tests your endurance; you have to keep a quick, steady pace even when your legs feel like jello and you want to pass out three quarters of the way through."

After months of hard work and dedication, Kristin fulfilled her dream of skating with the Aurora 88's. She says it was "a long tough road that still continues. Each practice I do my best to improve myself to be the biggest asset I can be for my team."

Kristin also felt that having her PFLAG family come out and cheer her on at her second bout was extremely meaningful. She says that getting the support from PFLAG members helps her stay motivated. She intends to keep on skating as "*Slay Agenda #15*," an out and proud gay/queer roller derbyer for many years.

Article submitted and written by Marcia Prichason





*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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PFLAG NEEDS YOU!

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:

New Membership Renewal Membership Donation

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Meetings held 3rd Sunday – 2 pm
 Center on Halsted (Senior Room)
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PFLAG Deerfield

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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
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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 –
 7 p.m.
 (not in December)
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 marygenzler@hotmail.com

**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.