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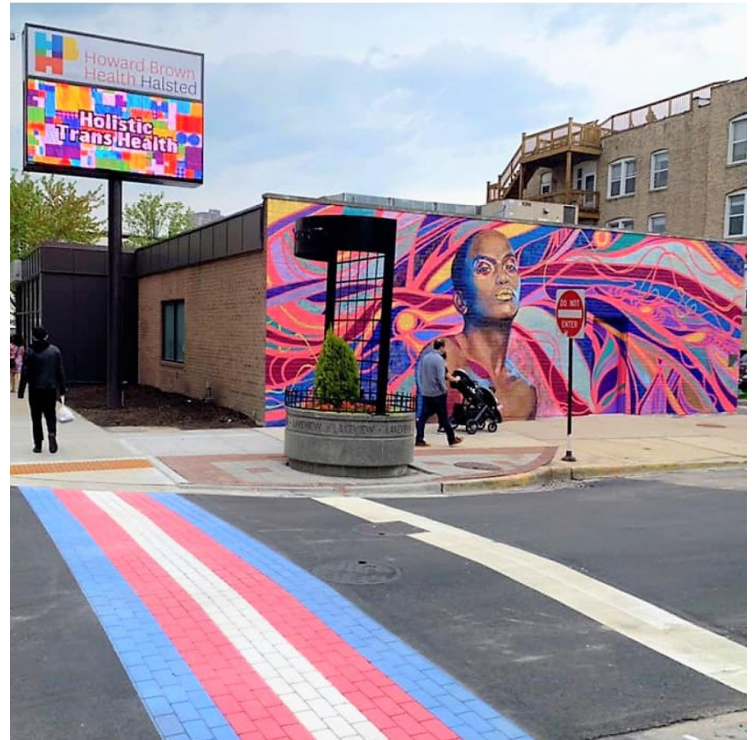
President's Column

Happy Pride! Join PFLAG in the 50th

The last weekend in June 1969 marked the start of the modern LGBTQ civil rights movement. That was the weekend of the riots protesting the police raids at the Stonewall Inn on Christopher Street in New York's Greenwich Village. That same weekend one year later, Chicago held the first Pride Parade, along with other cities like New York and LA. However, the truth is, these did not begin as celebratory parades. They were, in fact, protest marches. The one in NY was actually called Christopher Street Liberation Day. Chicago's event was organized by Chicago Gay Liberation. It was the start of a new movement for LGBTQ+ equality. Over the years, much progress has been made and the Pride Parades have blossomed into the affirmations and celebrations of diversity that we know today. Today, we have a lot to celebrate. This month, we will be celebrating diversity and the progress we have made. And, we should also be remembering Stonewall and the work yet to be done in Illinois and across our country as we work toward full equality.

In Illinois, we are especially fortunate to live in a state that has been more progressive than most and we have lots of opportunities to engage and make a difference. Be sure to check out the "Advocacy Matters" section to learn about some important bills in Illinois and at the Federal level. If you are able, please consider volunteering for a local outreach event or participating in one of the many pride celebrations.

This year marks the 50th anniversary of Stonewall and this will be the 50th Chicago Parade. Join PFLAG as we once again march in the Chicago



Pride Parade on Sunday June 30th. Look for more details in the "Happy Pride" section on the next page. The week before the parade, we expect to have our specific parade stage location and will be providing the information with your chapter leaders to share.

Through our outreach, telling our stories, being visible as allies for equality, together we are opening hearts and minds, and building the bridges that lead to equality.

Thank You for making a difference!

In Love and Solidarity,

John



Happy Pride!

The PFLAG Council of Northern Illinois is once again participating in the Chicago Pride Parade. Please plan to join us on **Sunday, June 30th** as we show our pride. Pick your outfit, get your best walking shoes and prepare for lots of love and excitement. This year marks the 50th Chicago Pride Parade and 50 years since the riots at Stonewall on June 28, 1969. It is also significant to note that Chicago's new mayor, Lori Lightfoot, is an openly gay, married woman!

This year we will again have a trolley. For maximum engagement, we selected the most open design we could find and expect it to be a great option for those who want to participate, but are unable to walk the parade route.

To reserve a spot on the trolley, please submit your request via our Eventbrite link:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/pflag-chicago-pride-parade-trolley-seat-reservation-tickets-62180246792>. If you have any questions, please email info@pflagillinois.org. We plan to have 36 seats available. Preference will be given to PFLAG leaders, volunteers and members based on needs. So, please get your requests in ASAP to secure a seat. If you are not a PFLAG member or have not renewed your membership, it is easy to renew online at <https://www.pflagil.org/membership-and-donation/>

Since trolley space is limited, most of us will need to arrange to meet at our designated parade staging area prior to the parade start. We will not have the specific staging location until the week of the parade. Another email will be sent to Chapter leaders to share when we know our assigned staging location.

The parade kicks off at **12 noon** sharp. Please plan to **arrive early**. We plan to take a group photo at 11:00 am. Public transportation is usually a good option for travel that day. The trolley is currently planned to be in place by 10 am. The parade route is close to the Red Line train and many people take the train and walk the final block or so to our staging location.

You may want to make posters for the event or decorate shirts highlighting your family or chapter. When making your posters, please keep in mind that PFLAG is a 501C3 non-profit, and as such **we are prohibited from promoting or criticizing any particular political party or candidate**.

Make it a fun day! Remember your hat or umbrella and sunscreen. We will provide water and snacks to sustain us for the event.

For additional information about the Parade, check the Parade website at <http://www.chicagopridecalendar.org/>



Chicago Pride Parade 2018, photo: Mary Ann Hickey. See pp 15-22 for more parade pictures. 06-24-2018

Advocacy Matters

by John Hickey

Equality Illinois hosted an **Advocacy Day** in Springfield on Wednesday April 15th. It was a great event where participants learned some helpful hints for being an effective advocate, networked with other LGBTQ advocates from across the state and had an opportunity to visit with their elected state Senators and Representatives. The day was topped off with a visit to the Governor's mansion for an LGBTQ panel discussion moderated by Governor JB Pritzker followed by a beautiful reception party. I highly recommend this event to anyone interested in advocacy. Keep an eye open for this event again next spring.

Illinois Passed the Inclusive Curriculum Bill (HB 246) through the House (60-42) and the Senate (37-17) and now goes to Governor JB Pritzker next. The bill will require schools to include the contributions of LGBTQ people in history. This will help ensure that all of our children have a more complete world view and that our LGBTQ children see themselves more accurately represented in the fabric of society.

I was very aware of the Inclusive Curriculum Bill, but Advocacy Day made me aware of 5 other Bills of importance to the community. Below is some information for your consideration and action. Please join me in supporting and advocating for these Bills. Let your elected officials know why these are important to you and your family and friends.

ADVANCE EQUITY FOR LGBTQ ELDERS SB 1319 - will help cultivate an affirming environment for LGBTQ older adults, many of whom face unique challenges as they age because of their identity.

This bill passed the House 5/21/19 and will next go to Gov. Pritzker!

LGBTQ-INCLUSIVE JURY SERVICE SB 1378 - will establish non-discrimination protections in jury service for LGBTQ Illinoisans, as already exist based on race, color, religion, sex, & national origin.

EQUITABLE RESTROOM ACCESS SB 556 - Consistent with modern building standards, SB556 will designate single-occupancy restrooms in public spaces as gender neutral.

This bill passed the House 5/21/19 and will next go to Gov. Pritzker!

PREVENTIVE HEALTH CARE FOR YOUTH HB 2665 - An AIDS Foundation of Chicago initiative, HB 2665 will align Illinois law with federal guidance regarding access by youth to preventive health care, such as PrEP.

Gender-Neutral Gender Marker on IL Driver's License or ID HB 3534 - would make Illinois the 11th state to allow individuals to select a gender-neutral marker on Illinois drivers' licenses and state identity cards. Intersex, transgender, and non-binary people would be able to obtain state-issued identification documents that accurately reflects their gender.

This bill passed out of Senate committee 5/21/19.

Let your legislators know how you feel. Follow this link to find your legislators and send them a note:

<https://www.equalityillinois.us/category/get-involved/find-your-legislator/>

If you are interested in understanding how your elected officials vote on these issues, check the links below. Please consider calling or writing to thank those who are supportive.

- [Inclusive Curriculum \(HB 246\)](#)
- [Jury Service \(SB 1378\)](#)
- [Gender Neutral Single Occupancy Restrooms \(SB 556\)](#)
- [Advancing Equity for LGBTQ Older Adults \(SB 1319\)](#)
- [Youth PrEP Bill \(HB 2665\)](#)

A special thank you to Mike Ziri, Anthony Galloway, Brian Johnson and all of the folks at Equality Illinois for hosting Advocacy Day, providing these updates and for all the work they do for equality in Illinois!





Registration is open for the 2019 PFLAG National Convention! Join PFLAG members and supporters from across the country at the Kansas City Marriott Downtown from October 25 – 27, 2019 for two full days of skill building, networking, and preparing for 2020.

Visit <https://pflag.org/2019nationalconvention> to register and to learn more.

PFLAG has extended the early-bird registration discount through Mother's Day. Register now to participate.

2019 CONVENTION SCHOLARSHIPS

PFLAG National is accepting applications for our 2019 convention scholarship program! Thanks to our partner, Macy's, we're offering a limited number of awards -- at the \$500 and \$1,000 level -- to help LGBTQ+ people, their parents, family members, and allies attend We Are the Change: The 2019 PFLAG National Convention.

We strongly encourage LGBTQ+ people, people of color, LGBTQ+ and ally young people, leaders of PFLAG chapters formed in the last three years, and people from rural areas to apply.

Visit www.surveymonkey.com/r/5ZX87QT to apply before Thursday, June 13th. Application questions can be answered via essay or video.



AT THE FEDERAL LEVEL

LEARN MORE ABOUT THE EQUALITY ACT

While we are happy that the US House passed the Equality Act, there is still a long road ahead and more work to be done. With support from bill sponsor, Congressional LGBT Equality Caucus Co-Chair and Judiciary Committee member Rep. David Cicilline (D-RI), PFLAG National has created a 20 minute video to educate members and supporters about the Equality Act. You can access the video by going to www.pflag.org/equality-act.

PFLAG Chapter Opportunities!

We start 2019 with some positive initiatives for growth in Northern Illinois. If you or someone you know is interested in getting more involved, please reach out to one of the folks listed below.

Calling for PFLAG Volunteers to help continue our Aurora/Fox Valley Location

PFLAG Aurora/Fox Valley- is looking for folks who want to help strengthen the chapter and build on their proud legacy of support for the LGBTQ community and allies in Aurora / Fox Valley. **If we are unable to locate PFLAG volunteers to help continue to support our Aurora / Fox Valley meetings, the chapter may need to close.** If you or someone you know is interested in helping make a difference **please contact Carmi Frankovich at PFLAGaurorafoxvalley@pflagillinois.org**. Special thanks to Carmi for leading the charge with her positive energy.

PFLAG Chicago Español- There are preliminary discussions about interest in starting a PFLAG Chapter to primarily support Spanish speaking members. If you have interest in helping form this chapter in Chicago, please contact John Hickey at info@pflagillinois.org

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PFLAG Chicago / Hyde Park- There are preliminary discussions about interest in starting a PFLAG Chapter in the Hyde Park area. If you have interest in helping form this chapter, please contact John Hickey at info@pflagillinois.org

PFLAG Romeoville- Kris and Peter Shulman are making progress toward initiating a PFLAG Chapter in Will County. It looks like we may have a location in Bolingbrook. Stay tuned for more information! If you are interested in helping to help start or participate in a new Will County Chapter, please send an email to Kris and Peter at PFLAGromeoville@pflagillinois.org .

PFLAG West Dundee- There is a small core of folks looking to add volunteers to help start a PFLAG chapter to meet at St James' Episcopal Church, located at 516 Washington St, West Dundee, IL 60118. Thank you Sharon for leading this initiative. If you have interest in helping form this chapter, please contact Sharon Fu at PFLAGwestdundee@pflagillinois.org or attend the planning meetings being held on the second Sunday each month at 1:30 pm.

It is really great to see PFLAG chapters becoming accessible to more families. We would love to see PFLAG more accessible to ALL families. If there is not a PFLAG chapter near you, and you are interested in forming a chapter in your community, please contact John Hickey at info@PFLAGillinois.com

From PFLAG National

COURT MATTERS

[SCOTUS on April 22nd announced it will decide in three cases whether Civil Rights Act of 1964 protects LGBTQ+ workers.](#) The EEOC has ruled twice that that Title VII of the law does guarantee protections of LGBTQ+ people, and many courts have so-ruled, too. Stay tuned to PFLAG National channels as this progresses.

[Three LGBTQ+ job discrimination SCOTUS cases could have wider consequences for everyone.](#) This May 2nd LA Times editorial by NCLR's Shannon Minter offers a clear explanation about the potential implications of the three Title VII cases that SCOTUS agreed last week to hear in the future.

FEDERAL MATTERS

[Trump Administration issued final rule on May 2nd to allow health workers to refuse to treat LGBTQ+ people and single women and interfaith couples, including performing or assisting with abortion, HIV treatment, transition-related care and other necessary care.](#) The [440-page rule](#) issued by HHS takes effect in 60 days and applies to healthcare institutions that receive federal funding. It will protect discrimination based on "conscience" or "religious beliefs" and will greatly limit access to care to vulnerable communities including LGBTQ+ people and their families. While final regulations take effect without public comment, there are other HHS preliminary rules pending, and PFLAG National will participate in those and note objection to this discriminatory and harmful final rule.

[HHS has rolled back protections for transgender patients in Section 1557 of the ACA.](#) Healthcare professionals including the American Medical Association (AMA) have [written formal comments to HHS](#), noting how this undermines patients' care.

[EEOC Title VII sex discrimination lawsuit results in settlement on April 8th in a case where a tire company failed to hire a transgender applicant after offering the job.](#) A&E Tire Company in Denver, Colo. paid \$60,000 to Egan Woodward who was offered a job subject to a background check and then called him to say they would not hire him because he had not checked female on his background screening paperwork.

[10 transgender women seeking asylum just won their immigration cases after months of violence and discrimination.](#) The 10 were part of a roughly 80-member group of LGBTQ migrants from Central America that splintered off from a much larger caravan of thousands that came up through Central America in the fall.

pflagil.org Web Site Updates

We have created a new page "Articles and Guides" (www.pflagil.org/resources/articles-and-guides) on our web site. Please help us to gather more resources like these! Send your suggested links to opendoors@pflagillinois.org.

It is now very easy to subscribe to Open Doors (PFLAG membership not required) through www.pflagil.org. Either click on the **Subscribe Now** button on the home page or scroll to the bottom of any page on the site, enter your email address, and click SUBSCRIBE.



PFLAG Fundraiser – Success!

The annual PFLAG “Kisses from Mom” fundraiser was held at Sidetrack on Mother’s Day, Sunday, May 12th. PFLAGers handed out kisses (both chocolate and real) to patrons and passers-by and asked for donations. 50% of the money that is raised at this event goes directly to Council and is used primarily for our spot in the Chicago Pride parade. The other 50% is divided up amongst the chapters that volunteer. It’s a win/win all around.

Volunteering for the “Kisses” event is always personally satisfying as we receive such a warm welcome! There are also so many poignant stories. One PFLAG mom states, “A young man said that it was his birthday and related that our genuine hugs helped him get through a particularly difficult day. Several moms accompanied their grown-up children to Sidetrack and thanked us for being there to represent THEM! So many people thanked us for supporting them and expressed how much it meant to them!

These stories and more remind us that our mission to support, educate, and advocate are what we do on Mother’s Day and EVERY DAY!

We will be outside of Sidetrack again next year on Mother’s Day, and I hope YOU will be there!

Marcia Prichason
“Kisses from Mom” Coordinator
Hinsdale Chapter



Photos by Maria Prekop



News from PFLAG Deerfield

by Sue Ginsburg

Although we did not have a speaker this month, our meeting turned out to be wonderful. We welcomed two new families and were able to re-connect with members, getting an update on their families and finding out what things are going for each of us, something we don't always have the time to do when we host a speaker. Unfortunately, we were reminded that however "enlightened" we think our world is, there are still people and institutions who are making it difficult for our children to be who they are. We have to be diligent and keep fighting and know that there are resources out there to help our kids: Illinois Safe School Alliance and Lambda Legal. And of course, we, at PFLAG, are always here to lend whatever support we can!

An advocacy opportunity was provided to the group. I wrote a sample letter in support of "The Equality Act" that is being brought before Congress. Each person was to send a copy to their elected Congress people, or call them and read the letter. It's important for your representatives to know how you feel and what you support.

We sent this out to the entire membership, in hopes all would act!

Dear _____

I am writing to you today as a member of PFLAG and a strong supporter of the LGBTQ community, in strong support of The Equality Act!

In case you did not know, The Equality Act has unprecedented support with the strongest coalition partners this movement has ever seen. According to HRC (Human Rights Campaign), "more than 190 leading American businesses, to more than 350 national and local professional associations and advocacy organizations, to 70% of the American public - never before has support for the Equality Act been stronger." There are over 280 co-sponsors of this bill.

As your constituent, I urge you to put your support behind The Equality Act and VOTE for it!!! It's hard to believe that in 2019 there are still 30 states in the US where one can still lose his/her job, get evicted or not find health care just because they are gay, lesbian or trans. This is UNACCEPTABLE.

Thank you for your attention in this matter.

Jean Paul Ohadi Foundation – encouraging education of LGBTQ youth

The Jean Paul Ohadi Foundation is a privately funded organization that offers \$1000 scholarships annually through the Deerfield Chapter of PFLAG.

The Jean Paul Ohadi Foundation was started in June 1998 in the name of Jean Paul Ohadi who died that year. He was only 19 years old and suffered from Bipolar Disorder which took several agonizing years to diagnose. Jean Paul was also Gay and had to live with the prejudice of our society at that time. The Foundation was formed to address these two issues. It provides funds to assist worthy organizations that create programs to help in the treatment and education of

Bipolar Disorder and those organizations that provide support and understanding of our LGBTQ youth.

PFLAG Council of Northern Illinois and the Deerfield chapter are extremely grateful to Cynthia Drey for funding this scholarship and for her continued commitment to recognizing outstanding gay and lesbian youth from the community and encouraging their education.

Many PFLAG programs are enabled by generous donations of its benefactors. Please visit our web page if you would like to [donate](#).



News from PFLAG Aurora/Fox Valley

by Carmi Frankovich

Aurora/Fox Valley chapter of PFLAG invites you, your friends and family to join us at the **Aurora Pride parade on June 9th**. This will be Aurora's second year hosting a pride parade and this one promises to be even bigger than last year's event. There are several youtube videos of last year's parade to give you a feel for what it was like. What you can't tell by looking at the videos was how incredibly hot it was which made things quite challenging for the participants and the crowd. Even though it was hot, we had a blast!!

The Aurora pride parade has very strict requirements about dress, behavior and signage as this is a G-rated, family friendly event. If you have never had the opportunity to attend or walk in a pride parade, you don't know what you are missing! As many PFLAGers have said in the past.... we are treated like rock stars in the pride parades. It is quite a joy to be cheered for, to be hugged and thanked, to cry with people in the crowd, to dance to the music as we walk, wave our flags, carry our signs, and to celebrate the pride and love for our LGBTQ community! This is a very short parade route and goes more quickly than the Chicago pride parade so I strongly urge you to attend either as an audience member or as a parade participant. We also ask that your chapter bring their PFLAG banner as we want people to know there are chapters all over Northern Illinois. As the Fox Valley/Aurora interim president, I have been notified that our parade participation application was approved and I will be notified via email closer to the event re: information about parade line up, parking, guidelines and agreements for parade participants, etc. The parade starts at noon and more info can be found at this link www.aurorapride.org as well as on the [Aurora pride Facebook page](#). As I obtain info from the parade organizers, I will pass it on to the chapter presidents with a request for the info to be forwarded to the members. If you would like to check in with me directly, my email is carmifrankovich@gmail.com. Happy Pride month.... wherever, however and with whomever you choose to celebrate it :)

News from PFLAG McHenry

by Toni Weaver

This month we did something really novel – no formal program! Really! We actually sat and talked, sharing our stories, getting to know each other better, finding common ground in our experiences. For example, what does the parent of an LGB child have in common with the parent of a T? Fear for the safety of our child unites us, concern for our child's well-being, hope for a changed world...this is what unites us.

We are eagerly looking forward to the Woodstock Pride Fest, an endeavor planned and executed by Woodstock Pride (check them out on [Facebook](#)). The old historic square will provide a magnificent backdrop for the June 9 parade and exposition. If you'd like to be part of this first time event by walking with PFLAG McHenry, please come on out. The parade begins at **11 AM**. Line-up details have not yet been finalized, so be sure to check [our FB page](#). Details will be provided as they become available.

Just think! It's been 50 years since the Stonewall riots, an event that marked the beginning of the modern day gay rights movement. Much groundwork had already been laid, but at Stonewall, LGBT people stood up against, especially, the police harassment. June 28, 1969. What a time! What a reason to celebrate!

PFLAG Grayslake / Round Lake

by Hal Sloan

At our May meeting; PFLAG of Grayslake Round Lake had guest speakers from the Lake County Department of Health. Toni and Kendall spoke of the Gender Health Services offered by LCDH. These services fall into three categories.

First are Hormone Replacement Services. These are offered in a primary care setting. LCDH works with providers to develop a plan that works for the individual.

Next is Surgery Navigation. The staff at LCDH will assist in the navigation of this part of the Gender affirming process.

Finally, there are Support Services. The group is called; Transgender, Non-binary, & Questioning support group. (TNQ) This is offered the 1st and 3rd Monday of each month. It is open to Gender diverse individuals over age 14.

For details on any part of this program please contact Kendall at (847) 377 8450, or email genderhealth@lakecountyil.gov.



News from PTI Chicago

by Jo Peer-Haas,
Historian/Librarian,
with contributions from
Bill Guilfoile, President

photo by Christine Peters

We welcomed three speakers, all from the Ann and Robert H. Lurie Children's Hospital Gender and Sexual Development Program, at our May meeting. This trio of professionals works with the trans youth community. The ages served at the Center are wide-ranging, between twelve and 24.



Dr. Raina Voss is a pediatrician specializing in adolescent medicine. She serves as the Co-Medical Director of the Gender Program; and she provides medical care at the separately-located Erie Teen Center.

Janay Joyce is a Licensed Clinical Social Worker and program coordinator in the Gender Program. She is a provider of ongoing patient-centered, strength-based support to patients and their families.

Afiya Sajwani is a Behavioral Research Associate in the Potacsna Family Division of Adolescent and Young Adult Medicine. She works on research studies that

focus on medical decision making and mental health of LGBTQ youth. She is part of the division's sex education team and supports various programming efforts as well. Our group was able to discuss—and have answered—questions about hormone therapy, surgeries, hormone blockers, and other topics regarding our trans children. It isn't often that such encounters are available to laypersons from those in the medical field, which makes this information is invaluable. To learn more about the Gender and Sexual Development Program, go to: <http://www.luriechildrens.org/en/specialties-conditions/gender-development-program>.



Naper Pride is a new family-centered, group in Naperville, providing resources for both the general public and local LGBTQ community members.

The group's mission is to bring together people from all walks of life- family, friends, neighbors, and allies in a celebration of inclusivity for ALL people of Naperville and the contributions LGBTQ+ individuals add to the diversity and quality of the lives in the community.

Naper Pride has a number of events lined up this year, such as a movie marathon, an interfaith service, and a health and wellness fair.

You can check out Naper Pride's [website](#) or their [Facebook page](#) for more details about their events or how to get involved.

News from PFLAG DuPage

by Bernadette & Ron Whitfield

We want to thank Bryan Gooding of Open Door Health Center in Aurora for visiting us in May and informing us about the services that the Center offers. Although the Center's initial and primary concern was treating individuals living with HIV/AIDS, the scope of their efforts and services has expanded tremendously through the years. For us, the most revealing moment was Bryan's answer to a question he posed: how many people die of AIDS today? After several estimates were called out, Bryan said zero! He went on to explain that individuals die from AIDS only if they choose to do nothing. He shared his story and revealed that he was diagnosed HIV positive decades ago and expects to live another 30 or so years!



Bryan Gooding with Carmi Frankovich (who arranged for Bryan's visit) and Bernadette & Ron Whitfield

Bryan began his presentation with a video about Open Door that can be viewed at <https://odhcil.org/whoware/our-story/>. He also showed a PowerPoint presentation on the basics of HIV/AIDS exposure, diagnosis, and treatment. We hope to make that available to you soon. And, as you might expect, a robust Q&A session followed.

We announced that, according to Chapter bylaws, we are term-limited (4 consecutive terms as president). Therefore, we will need a new president (or

co-presidents!). The election will be in August. We are seeking candidates for the offices of president, vice-president, secretary, and treasurer. Echoing John F. Kennedy, it is time to ask not what your Chapter can do for you, but what you can do for your Chapter! Please think about how you can take a more active role in the functioning of the Chapter. One way is to "throw your hat in the ring" for one of these vital offices. Please talk to us or any of the other members of the executive committee if you would like to know more about these leadership opportunities.

Now, on to events!

1. "Third Annual" PFLAG DuPage FUNdraiser at California Pizza Kitchen; all day Wednesday, June 5, 2019;

28258 Diehl Road; Warrenville, IL.

We will receive a donation from CPK of 20% of our bills! This is a great opportunity to support the chapter AND have a nice night out while enjoying a great meal.

Please use the coupon on the next page.

2. Thursday, June 6, 2019 (Elmhurst) -- Love Lives Here. A vigil of affirmation and support for our LGBTQ community. Music and singing to lift our spirits and unite in solidarity. You can register for this free event at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/love-lives-here-tickets-62048193818>.



3. More events!

Sunday June 09	Aurora Pride Parade (and weekend; https://www.aurorapride.org)
Sunday June 09	LGBTQ Pride Fests in Bolingbrook and Mokena
Sunday June 16	PFLAG DuPage Monthly Meeting; Father's Day
Thursday June 20	Morton Arboretum Family Pride Night (https://www.mortonarb.org/events/thursday-family-nights)
Saturday June 22	Chicago Pride Fest
Sunday June 23	Chicago Pride Fest
Saturday June 29	Pride on the Pier (join us for a wonderful experience)
Sunday June 30	Chicago Pride Parade (see the attachment for joining the "caravan" and "after party"; Peter and Kristin Shulman are again leading travel from the Forest Park L stop)
Monday July 01	Fermilab! We are invited to talk about PFLAG. John envisions a panel of 4-5 people/families telling their story.
Thursday July 04	Wheaton 4th of July Parade

We hope to see you at one or more of these events. They provide wonderful opportunities to gather as a community outside of our regular monthly meetings.

In Pride and Solidarity,

Bernadette and Ron Whitfield



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LGBTQ Family Picnic

***Center on Halsted • 3656 N. Halsted
Sun., June 9 • 12 - 5 pm***

Center on Halsted is excited to host our inaugural family picnic for LGBTQ families on Sunday, June 9 from noon to 6pm.

However you define family, you are welcome to join us in our pre-event and rooftop deck for live music (provided by Lakeside Pride ensembles), food, and fun.

[RSVP HERE >](#)



The CA Lyons Project Getting to Zero Through the Arts

Center on Halsted • Mon., June 10 • 6 - 9 pm

Using the Arts as a Catalyst to get to ZERO, The C.A. Lyons Project is a perfect vehicle for discussion. It tells a story of a young African American choreographer and his fledgling dance company during the early onslaught of the GRID/AIDS epidemic in Chicago.

[RSVP HERE >](#)



Trans Ice Cream + Donut Social

***Center on Halsted • Wed., June 19
5:30 - 7:30 pm***

Come join Chicagoland's transgender community and socialize on Center on Halsted's beautiful rooftop deck. Take in a wonderful view of the city, celebrate Pride Month, meet new friends, listen to live music from Lakeside Pride of and enjoy complimentary Jeni's ice cream and Stan's Donuts.

[RSVP HERE >](#)

Theatre News

by David Zak, Executive Director

[Pride Film & Plays](#)

S. Asher Gelman's drama **AFTERGLOW** has become the most successful show of the Pride Arts season, and is now extending to July 28. The story of an intense relationship between three men enters its third month, and is recommended for audiences 18 and older. Pride will also have several special events for Pride Month in June including cabaret, films, and more!

pridefilmsandplays.com. 866 811 4111.

PRIDE
FILMS&PLAYS

PRIDE FULL PRODUCTIONS:

- [AFTERGLOW](#) (Now extended to July 28)
- [DESIRE IN A TINIER HOUSE](#) (June 2019)
- [GRINDR The Opera](#) (June 2019)
- [ALL THAT HE WAS](#) (August 2019)
- CASA VALENTINA (August 2019)
- A MAN OF NO IMPORTANCE (October 2019)
- CABARET PERFORMANCES
- [MAD ABOUT THE BOY, A Tribute to Noel Coward](#) by Robert Rodi

BENEFIT PERFORMANCES:

- [IT'S RAINING MEN](#) on June 11, at Pride Arts

[PFP Events Calendar & Tickets](#)



PAST PRIDE PARADES PHOTO REVIEW

There is a large choice of Pride Parades, Pride Fests, and other Pride Month events to choose from in Northern Illinois. Whether you go every year or have never attended before and are wondering what it's like, we hope that you will enjoy this collection of photos from past years. What unites these different places, different events, and different people is love, happiness, creativity, and an amazing show of support for the LGBTQ community.

Photographs by Mary Ann Hickey, Ron Whitfield, Toni Weaver, Molly Malone, and Andrew Zanevsky.

















Buffalo Grove Rainbow Ball

by Sam Nelson

On Sunday May 19th **Buffalo Grove Pride** hosted its first Rainbow Ball as a kickoff event to their first ever [Pride Parade being held June 2nd on Checker Drive in Buffalo Grove at 10 am](#). The Rainbow Ball was an action packed two hours of great family fun, food included pizza, pasta and rainbow cake provided by the Buffalo Restaurant and Ice Cream Parlor. Entertainment included music provided by Elevated Entertainment and AMAZING drag performances by our lovely host Angel LeBare and Lady GaGa stylings of Harlet Wench. As we walked into the event we were warmly welcomed by the whole Pinta crew. The decor included rainbow balloon arches and picture frames which provided the perfect backdrop for the lovely photos taken by J. Hollander photography. We were there together as parents, friends, adults, children, allies and even a prideful pup joined the safe space celebration. There were many moments that brought me to tears but the most profound was watching the kids being themselves dancing together as they should, as if no one was watching. In other moments I watched children who I know struggle daily with bullying and teasing, finally feel comfortable enough to smile and allowed themselves to have fun. That moment of unity, peace, happiness and unbridled joy is something I will forever store in my head and heart.

If this was a taste of what's to come you won't want to miss Buffalo Grove's First Pride Parade. Come to BG's Pride Parade and enjoy floats, family fun, music, togetherness and all the Free Hugs you can take!

For more information visit <https://www.pintaprideproject.com/>

Check out photos of the Rainbow Ball by J.Hollander Below:

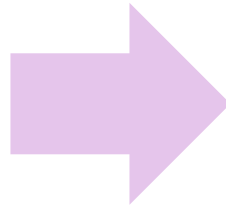
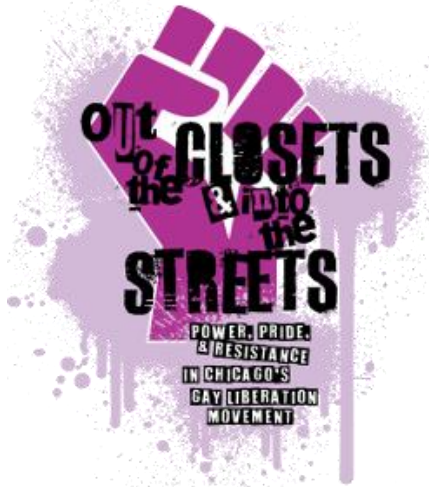
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Carolyn, Molly, and Bob Pinta – the family that has founded the Pinta Pride Project



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Out of the Closets & Into the Exhibits

Exhibits will include:

- Out of the Closets and Into the Streets: Power, Pride & Resistance in Chicago's Gay Liberation Movement
- Gay is Good: Homophile Activism before Stonewall
- SportsDykes & GirlJocks
- LGBTQ Slogan and Pride Parade Pins

Exhibits open on June 1. A **free** exhibit open house will be held Saturday, June 15, 11:00 am - 3:00 pm.



Out of the Closets & into the Streets

Power, Pride & Resistance in Chicago's Gay Liberation Movement

Tickets are still available for the **exhibition opening, Saturday, June 1, 7:00 p.m.**, featuring remarks by Gary Chichester, co-founder of the Gay Liberation group Chicago Gay Alliance, and the exhibit curators. Drinks and desserts will be served. Opening tickets start at \$15. [Purchase opening tickets.](#)

The 1969 riots that began at New York City's historic Stonewall Inn are widely considered to be the catalyst for the nationwide gay liberation movement. But the landmark event initially went unnoticed in Chicago, where a convergence of increased police harassment and homophile activism had collided earlier at the 1968 Democratic National Convention, mobilizing the gay community. A younger generation of LGBTQ activists emerged and began demanding "liberation" from society's oppression, and homophile organizations like Mattachine Midwest, Chicago's authoritative voice of gay rights at the time, became seen as too closeted and conservative to lead the way. Throughout the 1970s, this new movement of gay liberation would propel the conversation of gay rights "out of the closets and into the streets."

Coinciding with the 50th anniversary of the Stonewall riots, this exhibit traces the Gay Liberation Movement's presence in Chicago from its beginnings in the late 1960s to the city's first large gay rights protest in 1977 at the historic Medinah Temple in downtown River North. As new organizations and events sprouted up on college campuses and a rising number of lesbian and gay publications emerged, the voice of the movement and the LGBTQ community grew louder and more visible, producing a rich portrait of gay liberation in Chicago that survives today. This exhibit offers a closer look at the tools and organizers of the Gay Liberation Movement, providing a glimpse into the national issues that Chicago's LGBTQ community faced and their intersection with other societal and cultural movements of the time.

The exhibit will run through September 2019.

[PURCHASE TICKETS](#)

PARADE PARADE PARADE!

BUFFALO GROVE INAUGURAL

PRIDE PARADE

SUNDAY JUNE 2, 2019 @10AM

Family Friendly Entertainment
Rainbows, Love & Acceptance for All!



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Woodstock Pride Parade Route



KEY

- Parade check in
- Float and Vehicle Lineup (facing the direction of the arrows)
- Walkers line up area (no parking available)
- Road Barriers
- Parade Route
- End Parade Route

Reminders

- Line Begins 10am (must be setup by 10:45)
- Step off is 11am
- Shirts, shoes, and something in between must be worn.
- You must adhere to all safety instructions
- Vehicles must be parked in a 24 hour lot
- No smoking
- Do not leave children unattended



Chicago 50th Annual Pride Parade

Sunday June 30th at 12 Noon.

The Parade route: Step off from the Broadway & Montrose corner, proceeding south on Broadway; then south on Halsted; then east on Belmont; then south on Broadway; then east on Diversey to Cannon Drive.

<http://www.chicagopridecalendar.org/>





WE'RE HIRING A DIRECTOR TO LEAD A SPECIALIZED RESIDENTIAL SUBSTANCE USE TREATMENT PROGRAM FOR LGBTQ+ INDIVIDUALS

REQUIREMENTS:

Ideal candidate is a licensed therapist, counselor (LCPC), social worker (LCSW) or psychologist with at least **3-5 years' experience** in residential substance use treatment and has demonstrated the following skills:

- Curriculum & Program Design
- Staff Management, Supervision & Development
- Community Presentations & Outreach

Individual must be able to demonstrate their **experience and passion for directing a program which is inclusive and focused on meeting the unique needs of the LGBTQ+ community**, as well as delivering evidence-based substance use disorder treatment.

RESPONSIBILITIES:

- Planning, organizing, evaluating and directing delivery of quality client services within a defined substance abuse treatment program
- Reviewing clinical treatment services and results; ensuring compliance with Gateway Foundation's standards and objectives, applicable contracts, regulations and accreditation standards
- Recommending program budgets, goals and policies; ensuring their effective implementation and administration
- Other duties as assigned

LOCATION: LAKE VILLA, IL

COMPETITIVE COMPENSATION & BENEFITS:

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| • Health Insurance | • Flexible Spending Accounts | • Employee Assistance Program |
| • Dental & Vision Insurance | • Commuter Accounts | • Gateway is a qualified employer for Public Service Loan Forgiveness (PSLF) |
| • Paid Time Off - Including 18 days of PTO and 9 paid holidays in the first year | • 403(b) Retirement Plan with company match | • Tuition Reimbursement |
| • Catastrophic Absence Time (CAT) | • Life and AD&D Insurance | • Training & Development Programs |
| | • Long-Term Disability (LTD) | |

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