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PFLAG Riverview Newsletter

Our Mission

Our mission is to build on a foundation of loving families united with LGBTQ+ people and allies who support one another, and to educate ourselves and our communities to speak up as advocates until all hearts and minds respect, value and affirm LGBTQ people.

Director's Corner

Since October 11th is National Coming Out Day, I thought I would take a moment and share my coming out story. Now it's nothing of notoriety, but it is such an important thing to share and to encourage others. I will never forget the fateful day where I had planned to tell my parents, you know the dreaded moment where you have your go bag packed not knowing if your parents would act negatively like the stories in the news, or you would end up couch surfing since they kicked you out. Luckily my story wasn't like that, but sadly so many are. I did have to wait a few months while my parents processed this news and "reconciled it with their faith" which was very unsettling given our close nature, but luckily made it through with the help of friends and my psychologist. With that I will say no matter the outcome of my friends coming out, not a single person has regretted being their whole and authentic self! Happy National Coming Out Day!

Daniel Johnson
He/Him/His
PFLAG Family Member



October Fundraiser

October 21st 7pm:

Painting Party Pinot's Palette at The Regent

Please click on this link to register for event. You can choose for in person painting or you can also do it at home. If you bring a friend, you will be given an additional raffle ticket!

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PFLAG National Conference

The PFLAG National Conference, We Are The Change, is going to be held virtually this year 10/22-10/24! Everyone is invited to attend!! Registration is FREE! Please notify Faith if you plan to attend. Click here to register

<https://registration.socio.events/e/change2021>



Upcoming Events

October 5th 7:00pm: Zoom Board Meeting All PFLAG Members are welcome. If you are interested message Faith for Zoom link

October 12th 7:00pm: PFLAG Connects Zoom Support Meeting. Special Guest is Pastor Andy of The Circle of Faith Community. He is also the father of a non-binary trans child.

October 11th: National Coming Out Day: Every year on National Coming Out Day, we celebrate coming out as lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender or queer (LGBTQ). This year, we will mark the 32nd anniversary of National Coming Out Day!



October 21st 7pm: Pinot's Palette Painting Fundraiser at The Regent

October 22-24th: PFLAG National Conference

October 26th 7pm: PFLAG Connects IN PERSON Support Meeting at The Regent. PFLAGer Peter Cuebas an 18-year-old Transman will share his coming out journey with us.

Future Events

November 9th 7pm: PFLAG Connects Zoom Support meeting

November 12th: Tampa Pride at the Zoo: If you would like to volunteer at Pride at the Zoo, please contact Debbie Ducko for more information mdducko@gmail.com or FB message

November 30th 7pm: PFLAG At The Regent In person Support Meeting and Holiday Party at The Regent *** Please take note due to the Thanksgiving holiday we will be meeting the 5th Tuesday of the month instead of 4th Tuesday***

From time to time, we have special guests share on both zoon and in-person support meetings. Please feel free to email Faith at Pflagriverviewfamily@gmail.com to offer your suggestions for future topics of discussion.



New Members for October
Libby Hopkins/Center Place Brandon
Sherrie Slom
Kimberly Waechter
Cindy Rose

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