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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

Happy New Year PFLAG Family!!

Each one of us has made it through another pandemic year!! I'd like to send a telepathic high five to each one of you reading this & exclaim "WE MADE IT"!! If all you feel like you did was survive this year "WELL DONE"!! Maybe you thrived then "CONGRATULATIONS"!!

I made a post this week asking everyone to share something they did that they were proud of this past year. Your comments were so encouraging & inspiring!! If you haven't taken the time to think of the things you accomplished this past year, take the time to be proud of yourself. This is something many struggle with. Myself included!! But it is a worthy practice to take pride in who you are & the progress you are making.

I am grateful for the community we are building!! I am proud of all we have done as PFLAG Riverview this year & for the recognition we have received!! With love as our foundation & our motivation there is nothing we cannot overcome or accomplish in 2022!!!

The journey truly is better together!!

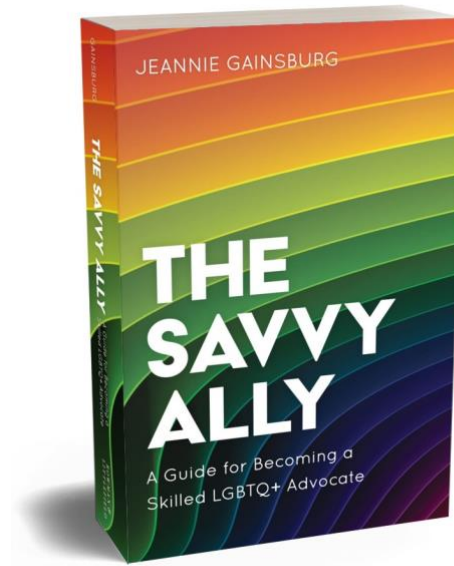
Much Love!!

Faith Moeller she/her
PFLAG Riverview President



Book Discussion Event

Join us for a Book Discussion Saturday February 19th 10am-12pm. Grab a copy of *The Savvy Ally* a Guide for becoming a Skilled Ally & Advocate by Jeannie Gainsburg. Do your best to read & highlight what you can before we meet! You are welcome to join whether you finish the book or just the first chapter! We will share our takeaway & enjoy some coffee & bagels on the gorgeous Venetian Terrace (weather permitting) at The Regent together! You may invite a friend!



Upcoming Events

January 11th 7pm: PFLAG Riverview Connects Zoom Support
 Special Guest Nikki Batts mother of two LGBTQ children, military wife, military mom, ally and activist.



January 25th 7pm: PFLAG Riverview Connect In person Support at The Regent

Future Events

February 8th 7pm: PFLAG Connects Zoom Support



Jeannie Gainsburg is an award-winning educational trainer and consultant in the field of LGBTQ+ inclusion and effective allyship. Formerly the Education Director at the Out Alliance in Rochester, N.Y., she is now the founder of Savvy Ally Action and author of the book, *The Savvy Ally: A Guide for Becoming a Skilled LGBTQ+ Advocate*. Jeannie has a BA in psychology from Brown University and an MA in social work and social research from Bryn Mawr College. She was under the impression that a citation was the result of driving too fast until January of 2019, when she received one from the New York State Assembly for Distinguished Educational & Human Rights Services for her work in promoting LGBTQ+ rights and inclusion. Her encouraging, passionate, and warm-hearted approach will surely jumpstart even the most tentative ally. Visit her website and download free ally goodies at: www.savvyallyaction.com

February 10th 6:30pm: Drag Queen Bingo at Center Place (Call Center Place 813-685-8888 to reserve your seat. Tickets are \$40)

February 19th 10am: Book Discussion at The Regent

February 22nd 7pm: PFLAG Connects In Person Support at The Regent

***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. *

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