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PFLAG Riverview Newsletter

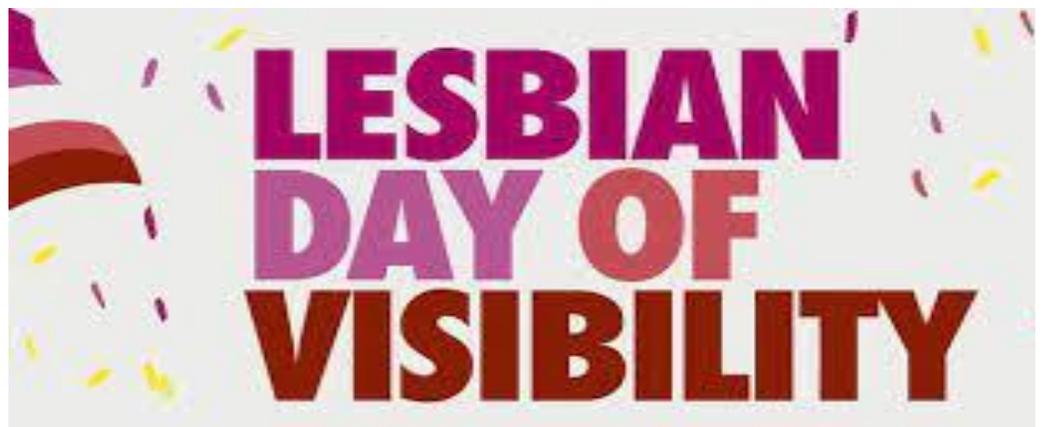
Our Mission

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

April 26th is Lesbian Visibility Day! I get told all the time, “You don’t look like a lesbian?”. So let me show what a lesbian looks like. A lesbian can look like a committed wife, a college graduate, an ocean enthusiast, a friend, a dog mom, a homeowner, a scientist, the list is never ending. A lesbian can be whomever she wishes to be because her limits are not defined by the person she loves. A lesbian can overcome adversity to achieve the things society tries to keep her from. A lesbian does not have to have a purple, short haircut tucked under a backwards ball cap. A lesbian can be who she wants to be, look the way she wants to look, and love who she wants to love. She can do it loudly and proudly if she wants to. Her love is valid, real, and true. Her power comes from strength and determination. She will not be invisible, but she will not necessarily be easily spotted. You have no “gaydar”, you cannot point us out, but it does not mean we aren’t here. Happy Lesbian Visibility Day. Yes, it matters.

Kimmi Waechter (she, her)
PFLAG Riverview Events Coordinator



May Membership Drive

You're already a part of our PFLAG Riverview family! Are you interested in becoming a more committed, better-informed ally and/or give more support to our national efforts for LGBTQ+ equality? Become a member of a 200,000+ person army for equality, become an "official" member of PFLAG today!

Your membership entitles you to valuable benefits that keep you fully informed and make you a more informed ally for our LGBTQ+ community. You will have access to PFLAG's vast treasury of educational materials. You will have the ability to educate yourself on any LGBTQ+ topic, enabling you to become a better ally.

You will also receive The PFLAGPole PFLAG's National's newsletter. Printed tri-annually, the PFLAGPole brings you the latest on PFLAG National's programs and events. It also includes I stories covering PFLAG's mission of support, education, and advocacy and how our 400+ chapters--and PFLAG National staff, board members, and volunteer regional directors--are working together to change hearts and minds across the country.
(Source PFLAG Manhattan Beach)

Membership costs \$25 (\$15 go to PFLAG National and \$10 stays in our chapter, please see a board member if you are interested in joining!



PFLAG
Parents, Families and Friends of Lesbians and Gays

METRO Youth Summit



PFLAG Riverview Snap House Fundraiser



Thanks to those who came out to The Snap House! If you have pictures, you'd like to send in please send them to mprokopo@gmail.com for the chance to be featured in our next newsletter!

Upcoming Events

May 10th 7pm: PFLAG Riverview Connects Zoom meeting

May 31st 7pm: PFLAG Riverview Connects in person meeting at The Regent
Our speaker will be our own Bio Timmons!



Hiya, my name is Bio Timmons and I use they/them pronouns. I am a proud non-binary lesbian and have been out and proud for about 3-4 years now (I really should nail down when ha-ha). My friend Georgie reached out to me about

1 ½ months ago to come and check out PFLAG Riverview, and it was the best decision I could have made. I have found such community and love with everyone, and through it I have also been able to connect with GLSEN. As for me, I have always known I'm different, but because I was sheltered when I was growing up, and the fact that it wasn't accepted in my household it never was a thought until I moved out. I have a not so happy story, but I have it much better than some stories I have heard of, so I am thankful for what I have. Can't wait to tell you guys more on May 31st!

Future Events

June 7th 7pm: PFLAG Riverview Connects Zoom meeting

June 17th 7pm-11pm: Join us down the rabbit hole for... A Night in Wonderland
PFLAG Riverview is proud to bring you an all-inclusive LGBTQ+ Youth Pride Prom!



Ages 14-20 are welcome.

Light appetizers and non-alcoholic drinks will be provided. Hot fresh pizza delivered at 10pm.

Billboard Magazine Club DJ Greg Anderson (www.GregAndersonEvents.com)

Two "Wonderland" Character Drag Shows featuring Brianna Summers, Charlotte Diamond Star & Guest.

ALL ARE ROYALTY HERE photo area will be open for you and your date, as well as group photos! Dress code - Our prom offers a safe space for all to be celebrated as their authentic selves, dress in fabulous formal or semiformal attire of your choice. You can even dress in your favorite Wonderland outfit! All forms of gender expression are welcome.

Rules: No re-entry will be allowed once an attendee leaves event, without extenuating circumstances, no outside food or drinks, no smoking permitted, no weapons

Que the party lights! Kick off your shoes, dance the night away and make memories that will last a lifetime! There will be tickets available at the door for an additional \$5.00. For tickets click [here](#)

Questions? Email pflagriverviewfamily@gmail.com

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***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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