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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

As we get ready to go back to school this year, I reflect about how many educators are discussing how hard this past year was. It was possibly the hardest for many. With that being said, I can't help but feel, that this year is going to be equally if not tougher for the LGBTQ+ community!!! As educators we are facing a time where we must find out what we're allowed to say and do without administrators, parents and sometime fellow teachers calling us out or reporting us. All the while we are still trying to make sure we are doing what's best for ALL our students!! I will always make sure I put my students' best interests first and protect them and their families. It seems crazy to me that in 2022 we are more worried about someone's gender identity and/or sexual identity then we are about making sure there are enough highly qualified teachers with needed supplies to support a classroom. I hope that we all pay attention to what is happening in the world and the upcoming elections and vote for people who are focused on education, human rights and making Florida and the US a safe and supporting place for EVERYONE!!! Please send all the positive thoughts out to all the wonderful educators out there educating and supporting ALL students!! Have a great school year everyone!!

With Love,
Nichelle
Social Media Manager



Thank You For Your Membership!

Syno Brito
Ender Fernandez
Gorman Family
Holguin Family
Jose Mendez Tovar Guevara
Perry Family
Kerry Richardson
Bio Timmons
Van West Family
Oliver Wakley-Harris

Membership Drive

We are offering one free book per household for new or renewed memberships this summer. We have four titles to choose from while supplies last!! Choose from Gender Transition by Cindi Grace Miller, God & The Gay Christian by Matthew Vines, The Savvy Ally by Jeannie Gainsburg, or Legendary Children: The First Decade of RuPaul's Drag Rae and the Last Century of Queer Life by Tom Fitzgerald and Lorenzo Marquez. Thank you to all that have supported our chapter through new and renewed membership.

If you would like to support our chapter with paid membership click [here!](#)

Pinot's Palette Fundraiser

REGISTRATION IS OPEN NOW for our Pinot's Palette Painting Party on September 22nd at 7pm (doors open at 6:30pm) where we will paint Vibrant Emotions. Bring your own snacks & drinks & invite friends to join you at this PFLAG Riverview Fundraiser at The Regent! The CODE is: PFLAG <https://www.pinotpalette.com/brandon/event/613029>

If you cannot make it on 9/22/22 in person to paint, please consider purchasing a painting kit. They can be picked up at the Brandon location at no charge or mailed anywhere for a fee. Use PFLAG promo code for us to receive credit. Thank you for your support!!

Here is the link: <https://www.pinotpalette.com/brandon/paint-at-home>



Vibrant
Emotions

We are in need donations for raffle baskets and or gift certificates valued at \$50-\$75 for our Painting Party Fundraiser. Email us if you can help with a donation! Thank You!!

Pflagriverviewfamily@gmail.com

What is Gender? Presentation

Here is the link for Cindi Grace Miller's informative What is Gender? presentation. This is a great resource for parents, families, and friends that may be struggling with understanding why or how someone's gender may be different than what they first thought.

<https://youtu.be/AWqiRgWg1l>

Upcoming Events

August 9th 7pm: PFLAG Riverview Connects zoom support meeting
Join Zoom Meeting

<https://pflag-org.zoom.us/j/7551021957> Meeting ID: 755 102 1957

August 16th 7pm: PFLAG Board meeting

August 23rd 7pm: PFLAG Riverview Connects in person support meeting at The Regent. Our speaker will be El (he/they) is a trans, non-binary educator and facilitator. With a background in art, his passions lie in giving the gift of self-expression to others. He is also an advocate for racial equity, LGBTQ+ visibility, and social justice.



Future Events

September 13th 7pm: PFLAG Riverview Connects zoom support meeting

September 22nd 7pm: Pinot's Palette Painting Party at The Regent

Doors open 6:30 bring your own snacks & drinks & invite friends to join you at this PFLAG Riverview Fundraiser.

***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. *

2022 PFLAG Riverview Board & Leadership Team

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