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# PFLAG Riverview Newsletter

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## *Our Mission*

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**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

September is suicide awareness month. Unfortunately, suicide affects the LGBTQ community more so than others. In some cases, it hit close to home. Please read our friends and PFLAG members Mari's and Dreux's story in the latest issue of Watermark Magazine you can find their [story](#) on pages 23,25,27 and 31.

If you know of someone that is struggling or in crisis, help is available. Chat or text with a trained crisis counselor by texting or calling 988 or chatting on [988lifeline.org](https://988lifeline.org). Local resources include [Crisis Center of Tampa Bay](#) , [Heart of Florida United Way](#). National resources include [The Trevor Project](#) and [American Foundation for Suicide Prevention](#). Always remember that you have safe people in our chapter, that are more than happy and are available to help as well.



## 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

## Raffle Items Needed

We are in need donations for raffle baskets and or gift certificates valued at \$50-\$75 for our Painting Party Fundraiser. Please contact Jodi Chadwell (813)610-2946 if you can help with a donation! Thank You!!

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## Upcoming Events

**September 13<sup>th</sup> 7pm:** PFLAG Riverview Connects zoom peer support meeting. It will be facilitated by our very own Cindi Grace Miller.



**September 20<sup>th</sup> 7pm:** PFLAG Connects in person meeting at The Regent. Jose Guevara (he/him), is a financial literacy educator with Suncoast Credit Union. He currently holds the seat of Treasurer for PFLAG Riverview among other boards that benefit students in Hillsborough County. As you might have guessed, Jose has a background in finance and education. His “why” statement stems from his passion for giving back to the community and making a difference in students' lives just like the advocates he had in his life while growing up.



**September 22<sup>nd</sup> 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.

**September 24<sup>th</sup>:** Pride on the River. For more information, please click [here](#)



## Future Events

October 11<sup>th</sup> 7pm: PFLAG Connects Zoom peer support meeting

October 25<sup>th</sup> 7pm: PFLAG Connects in person meeting 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](mailto:Pflagriverviewfamily@gmail.com) to offer your suggestions for future topics of discussion. \*

## 2022 PFLAG Riverview Board & Leadership Team

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