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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

Dear Beloved PFLAG Family,

I wanted to take an opportunity to wish each one of you & yours Happy Holidays!!

On the other hand, I understand how difficult & often painful the holidays can be for so many of us. To those of you who will be experiencing the holidays season with a broken heart you are not alone. If you feel that you are please reach out to those folks who see you & love you for all of who you are.

"Love actually is all around us" is a quote from one of my favorite Christmas movies of all times, Love Actually. It is a movie about all kinds of love & the pain that comes with loving. No one escapes it. This holiday season may you bear witness to the love all around you, the love within you, & especially love for yourself & the others in your lives. It really is all that matters.

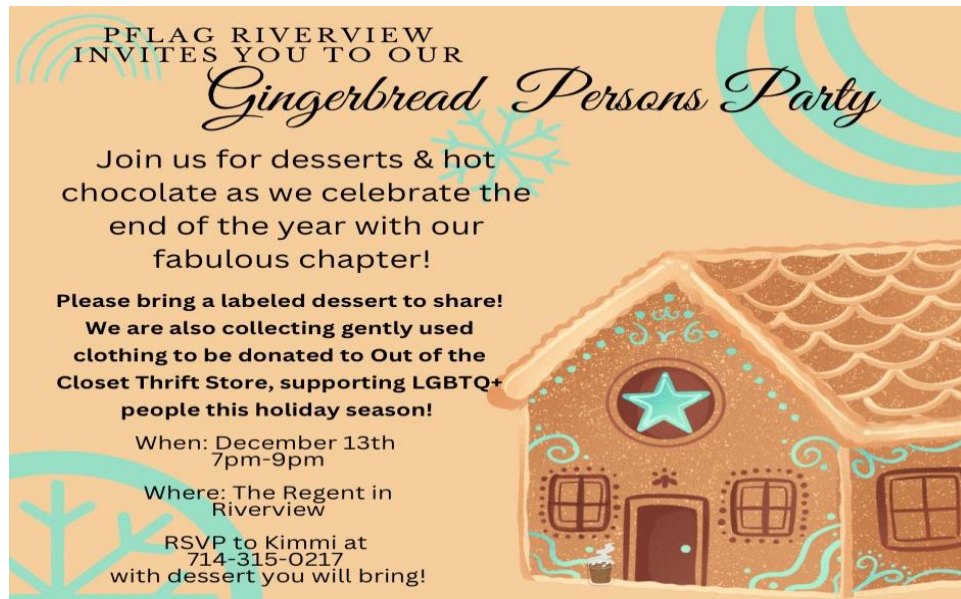
Lots of Love to You this Holiday Season & Always,  
Faith  
PFLAG Riverview President



## Holiday Events

Thank you to everyone that attended Friendsgiving. It was wonderful to see new faces at our table. There is always room at our table. The food was delicious, and the company was wonderful. Thank you to the volunteers that organized, decorated, ordered, picked up food and set up!





This holiday season we will be celebrating the PFLAG Family with our first ever Gingerbread Persons Dessert Party! The “Genderbread” Person is a teaching tool to help break down the often-confused differences of gender identity, gender expression, and sexuality. Undergoing several edits as we learn more about LGBTQ+ people, the Genderbread Person has been used across organizations around the world to help clarify concepts. We’d love for you to join us for fun, desserts, cookie decorating, and holiday spirit!

Please bring a labeled dessert to share! It can be a homemade holiday tradition or a grocery store bakery favorite! If you would like to bring a Gingerbread house center piece, please contact Kimmi.

If you wish, you may also bring gently used clothing to be donated to Out of the Closet Thrift Store in St Petersburg. This thrift store was founded in 1990 and helps raise funds and awareness for AIDS Healthcare Foundation. 96 cents of every dollar this store makes goes towards HIV prevention and treatment services. It also provides a safe space for all to get HIV tested and thrift shop regardless of expression, identity, or orientation.

RSVP to Kimmi at 714) 315-0217 with number of guests and the dessert you will be bringing!

Volunteers will be needed throughout the event and for decor. If interested, please text Kimmi at (714) 315-0217.

## Hurricane Relief

We hope everybody stayed safe in this storm and had minimal damage. Unfortunately, our southern neighbors did not. We will be collecting donations for flats of water, trash bags, and gloves to help our neighbors in Southwest Florida. Donations will be accepted through December 31st. If you would like to donate, please text Kimmi Waechter at (714) 315-0217 to organize a pickup time.



## Upcoming Events

**December 13<sup>th</sup> 7pm-9pm:** Gingerbread Persons Party at The Regent All are welcome to celebrate the Holiday Season with PFLAG RIVERVIEW! Come enjoy Hot Chocolate and fun festivities. Bring a Dessert to share. RSVP to Kimmi by texting 714-315-0217 and mention the dessert you will be bringing. We are looking for volunteers for this event!

**December 27<sup>th</sup> 7pm-8pm:** PFLAG ZOOM Peer Support (Topic TB)

## Future Events

**January 10<sup>th</sup>:** PFLAG ZOOM Support. Board meeting immediately following. All our welcome. Please let Faith know if you would like to attend.

**January 24<sup>th</sup>:** PFLAG In Person Support at the Regent. Our special guest will be Lindsey Spero, who identifies as trans non-binary and works Metro Inclusive Health.

\*\*\*From time to time, we have special guests share on both zoom 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. \*

## 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!](#)

## 2022 PFLAG Riverview Board & Leadership Team

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