



# PFLAG BOULDER COUNTY

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Parents, Families and Friends of Lesbians and Gays

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Dec/Jan 2012

## PFLAG Program: Our Annual Potluck

Tuesday, December 11th, 6:30pm

### Somethin' About Lulu !!!

Somethin' About Lulu is back in the saddle! Please join us for a musical treat by your favorite trio to follow

### Our Annual PFLAG HOLIDAY POTLUCK

6:30 pm dinner; bring a salad, side dish or dessert and a friend. The PFLAG Board will provide main dishes and table settings. **FREE!**

## January PFLAG Program: TransKin - Personal Stories of SOFFAS

Tuesday, January 8th, 7pm

No we're not talking something to sit on. Come to meet the co-editors of this recently published book, Eleanor Hubbard and Cameron Whitley to learn about how these two former PFLAG Boulder Board members decided to gather stories from Significant Others, Family Members, Friends and Allies. You too can be a SOFFA!



You will know some of the writers and may get to hear in their own words about how knowing, loving and supporting a transgender person has affected their lives. There will be discounted copies of the book available at a book signing after the program. Refreshments will be served. A support group will meet at 6 p.m.

For more information:

[www.trans-kin.com](http://www.trans-kin.com); [www.amazon.com/author/eleanorhubbard](http://www.amazon.com/author/eleanorhubbard)

## Staged Reading of "8"

Thursday, December 6th, 7pm—Nomad Theater, 1410 Quince Avenue

PFLAGers who care about the freedom to marry will want to show up for the one-night-only staged reading of Academy-award winning screenwriter Dustin Lance Black's new documentary-style play: "8". "8" the Play is an emotional exploration of the arguments that swirl around the heated debate of marriage equality in America.

Local theatre professionals, students from Naropa University and CU-Boulder, and Boulder community members will come together to present this exclusive reading. The cast of 21 includes Nicole Garcia and Jean Hodges.

Ticket sales @\$20 (<http://www.brownpapertickets.com/event/229328>) will benefit the American Foundation for Equal Rights, the organizational sponsor of the federal lawsuit for marriage equality. An optional community talk-back will follow the reading.

## Meetings

PFLAG Boulder County  
First United Methodist Church  
1421 Spruce Street  
14th & Spruce - 303.444.8164

**6:00 to 7:00 PM - Support & Advocacy Groups Meet**

**7:00 PM - Program**

At 6 p.m. a support group, especially intended for newcomers and others dealing with personal LGBT-related issues, meets in the library as long as needed. Confidentiality is promised.

The public is always welcome to the main program at 7:00 p.m. on the 2nd Tuesday of each month, held in the Parlor.

Contact [info@pflagboulder.org](mailto:info@pflagboulder.org) with questions, concerns, or requests for support to get a personal response.

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## The Morning After Election Day

Glenda Russell, Ph.D.

The message appeared in my phone not long after I went to bed and not long before I got up. It was from Sean, a psychologist with whom I had worked on a research project in 1992—reading over stories from LGBT people in Colorado who felt defeated, demoralized, and scared in the aftermath of that state’s Amendment 2, a ballot measure that effectively legalized discrimination based on sexual orientation. Sean wrote, “I’m thinking of you tonight, Glenda. I never thought it would happen this much in my lifetime, but it has, and it will continue. And thankfully tomorrow, as I sit with my clients, in 20 years of post-election reactions, it won’t be full of grief.”

Before I turned off the TV for the night, the pundits were already calling it a “watershed moment” for LGBT rights in the United States. It is always worth celebrating our victories. They have been hard to come by on the issue of marriage equality. Historically, they have been hard to come by more generally. When voters have made decisions about the rights of any numerical minority group, those groups have most often come up the losers. But not this year, not this election.

While it is clear to me that no group’s rights should ever be put up to a public vote, sometimes a movement has to go through when there is no option to go around. This year, we saw LGBT people who were hopeful enough to make decisions that would require them to go before the voters. We won in at least two of those states, and quite possibly in the third as well. Additionally, in Minnesota, LGBT people and our allies fought back against a Constitutional amendment banning marriage equality. This year, we also saw the election of the first open lesbian to the US Senate. We witnessed the reelection of a president who has been more actively supportive of LGBT rights than any of his predecessors. And, in Iowa, the voters refused to vote a Supreme Court justice off the bench solely for his support of marriage equality.

It has been an amazing election. It represents an opportunity for those of us in the LGBT movement to consider where we came from and where we have yet to go. We mourn for the pain caused to people touched by all the anti-LGBT campaigns; their lives were subject to debate, objectification, unfair scrutiny, and falsehoods. We celebrate with them their psychological strength as well as their political victories. And we pledge to begin the task of undoing two decades of hurtful legislative and Constitutional interference in our lives.

It is also appropriate that we acknowledge the debt we owe other movements for human and civil rights. We have been inspired by them, learned from them, stood on their shoulders—all too often without due recognition of where the lessons came from and at what cost. In a very real sense, we would not have our victories this morning were it not for the historical precedent of those movements, not to mention their recent direct support for our cause. Though long overdue, it is not too late to acknowledge that debt with gratitude. We can best do that by working more intentionally for the rights of everyone—whatever their gender identity or sexual orientation.

Sean was right. It will be a different day-after Election Day. Let’s dance at this revolutionary moment (with a nod to Emma Goldman) and harness our progress to move toward the vision of liberty and justice for all.



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## Make a New Year's Resolution to do Something for PFLAG

### Where can you fit your time and talent to do your part for PFLAG?

*Time to get more involved in PFLAG? Please contact Kristen ([klkinard@gmail.com](mailto:klkinard@gmail.com)) to make your gift of time to help PFLAG. Volunteers are needed to do the following short-term jobs.*

**Membership chair** -- This is mostly a Sept.-Dec. job which include membership recruitment, updating our membership roster and filing that list with National PFLAG.

**Newsletter mailing** -- pick up at Kinkos, insert, tri-fold, mail at post office.

Time commitment: 1+ hour a month

**Refreshments coordinator** - Maintain a list of volunteers to bring snacks each month and remind them.

Time: 1 hour a month

**Librarian**--Organize our lending library, order new books or DVD's, oversee and encourage free book loans and returns. Time: as little or as much as you choose.

**Marketing Skills** needed to expand our distribution and sales of our DVD, "Faces and Facets of Transgender Experience" Time: depends on the person's ambition.

**Media coordinator** -- help us to publicize PFLAG events to the broader community

**Faith communities task force** -- This would be a committee to plan ways to outreach to faith communities. Time: estimate average 2 hours a month.

**Latino Task force** -- This group would help us to outreach to Latinos in Longmont, Lafayette and Louisville. Time: to connect with groups

**Greeters and/or support facilitators** -- Non-board members who would welcome people to the meeting and direct newcomers to join in a support group; support group leaders must receive facilitator training before leading a group. Time: presence at our monthly meetings

### And if you prefer something more challenging to make a difference in the community....

**Community Presentation Team** -- We want to train volunteers to make presentations to [parents and allies in the community such as parent groups, school counselors, faith communities. We have a Power Point prepared and training will be given to present information from Caitlin Ryan's Family Acceptance Project on an occasional basis in response to requests. Contact Karina Doyle if you want to join this team to do outreach: [coloradokarina@yahoo.com](mailto:coloradokarina@yahoo.com)

**Safe Schools Coalition representation** - If you are a retired educator, a current teacher or counselor, a parent, a concerned LGBTQ person, a straight ally, you are needed to be part of either the St. Vrain Valley Safe Schools Coalition or the Boulder Valley Safe Schools Coalition. Talk to Kristen or [JeanInBldr@comcast.net](mailto:JeanInBldr@comcast.net) for meeting times to see if this is a good fit.

**Kathie Braun Youth Leadership Development Scholarship Committee**--This group would work with Ron Braun to advertise the scholarship opportunities to high school and college youth. This would mean visiting high school counselors. Talk to Kristen, [klkinard@gmail.com](mailto:klkinard@gmail.com).

**Volunteer to be on the PFLAG Board.** One meeting a month at 5:30 before our monthly program. This is a working board, no time on fund-raising, but focus on helping our chapter to function effectively. Special opportunities for gay and lesbian persons for board balance.

#### **First United Methodist Church of Boulder**

**is proud to host the PFLAG monthly meeting**

[www.fumcboulder.org](http://www.fumcboulder.org)

**Education Hour 9am - Worship 10:30am**

**Celebrating Diversity**

**Embracing Inclusivity**

**Sharing God's Unconditional Love**

## **NOTE TO SELF: Pay Membership Dues for 2013 Today!**

If you care about PFLAG Boulder County, please read this note:

*"As of November 26, we only have 47 memberships. Compared to November of 2011 we are down by two-thirds."* Richard Butler, Treasurer

It's not too late to pay your 2013 dues. Send a check for \$25 an individual, \$35/couple or family to PFLAG, c/o Richard Butler, P. O. Box 19696. Boulder, CO 80308. You matter!

## **Books As Holiday Gifts to Know About**

If you know a parent or family member who is struggling with acceptance of their LGBT loved one, this new book would be a special gift. Throughout Catherine Tuerk's amazing journey of more than 20 years as a PFLAG mom, she's been writing about her experiences and observations. This year she's thrilled to see her book published, ***Mom Knows: Reflections on Love, Gay Pride, and Taking Action***. Congressman Barney Frank describes *Mom Knows* as the story of my "gently relentless insistence on using love and understanding to overcome prejudice." PFLAG National president Rabbi David M. Horowitz wrote the book's foreword.

Her goal for the book: To encourage family members to move beyond acceptance to affirmation, and to keep moving forward in our quest for equal rights for people of all ages in the LGBT community. Cost of the paperback is \$18, but she is offering PFLAG chapters a special discount if we order ten copies. If there's enough interest, let Krisen know. For more information or to order for yourself go to: [www.catherintuerk.com](http://www.catherintuerk.com).

## **World AIDS Day Concert**

*Sunday, December 2nd, 2pm*

**First United Methodist Church, Boulder :: \$15 in advance/\$20 at the door**

**The Denver Gay Men's Chorus, directed by Mark Stamper, and Resonance Women's Chorus of Boulder, directed by Sue Coffee, will be joining BCAP again at this year's World AIDS Day concert!**

Tickets purchased at the door cost \$20; \$15 if you purchase ahead from BCAP. Mail checks to: 2118 14th Street, Boulder, CO 80302. Phone registration: 303-444-6121, ask for Elissa.

## **"Faces and Facets" Film Continues to Fulfill Mission**

A recent email from a new friend, Terri Carlson, president of the PFLAG Sioux Falls, South Dakota, chapter read as follows:

*"I just wanted to let you know that a new church started up in a town 60 miles from Sioux Falls and they contacted me to do an educational piece on transgender. Once again, I used the wonderful film you made in Boulder, and it really warms people's hearts! They look at people with big smiles and families who are coping, and it's great! I wanted to thank you again for doing the film...it's a perfect way to introduce people to a topic that often frightens them."*

Another message from Dianne Piggott in Boise, Idaho:

*"Thank you so much for creating the Faces and Facets video I just transitioned at my job and the video was shown as part of the discussion with my 112 co-workers. When I previewed it I was proud to know that the people I spend my work life with would be seeing this video, with these nice, personable, open and authentic people, and they would be learning about me. It was all I could have asked for. It was kind and gentle and sensitive and it helped my co-workers understand."*

This week Kathy Reim the Pacific Northwest Regional Director ordered ten copies (and may ask for more) of the film to give to participants at an upcoming Washington State PFLAG Conference to be held in March, 2013.

**Celebrate the Season with More Music**

The **Denver Gay Men’s Chorus** will present its holiday concerts – “Sing We Merry Gentlemen” – at 7:30 p.m. on Dec. 8 in Boulder at the First United Methodist Church sanctuary, at 2 p.m. on Dec. 9 in Highlands Ranch, and at 7:30 p.m. on Dec. 20 in Denver. For more information, go to [www.rmarts.org](http://www.rmarts.org) or call 303-325-3959.

**Sound Circle**, the women's a cappella ensemble, will perform their annual **Sound Circle Solstice Concert** with guest artist Beth Quist on December 7, 8, and 9 at Unity Columbine, 8900 Arapahoe Rd., Boulder. The Friday and Saturday performances are at 7:00 p.m. and the Sunday performance is at 5:00 p.m. This year, the concert will feature collaboration with multi-instrumentalist, vocalist, and composer Beth Quist whose music combines influences from the Balkans, the Middle East, and India with her Western upbringing.

Solstice Concert tickets are \$20 for general admission and \$15 for seniors (65 and over) and children (16 and under). This performance is not appropriate for children under the age of 6. Tickets can be purchased through Brown Paper Tickets, online at [brownpapertickets.com](http://brownpapertickets.com), or by phone, 1-800-838-3006. Tickets are available locally at Boulder Body Wear, in Boulder (cash or check only). Call Sound Circle at 303-473-4525 or go to [soundcircle-sings.org](http://soundcircle-sings.org) for information. Advance purchase is recommended.

**PFLAG Chapter Revived and Growing**

Ann and Bill Ogg, Dick and Jeannette Bowers, two couples who are active leaders in other chapters have combined their passion and experience to revive a budding PFLAG chapter that was begun some four years ago in Littleton. Renamed the PFLAG Highlands Ranch-South Suburban Chapter, their meetings are the second Tuesday of each month from 7:00 to 8:45 p.m., at the Highlands Ranch Library, 9292 Ridgeline Blvd., Highlands Ranch, CO 80129.

Congratulations to this new chapter that brings to seven the number of currently active Colorado Chapters.

**TYES**

**A Support Organization for Families with Gender Variant Children**

Meets, 6 p.m. on fourth Fridays  
**E-mail: [TYES.group@gmail.com](mailto:TYES.group@gmail.com)**

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Email: \_\_\_\_\_

I prefer to receive my newsletter electronically \_\_\_\_\_

Membership fees and contributions are tax deductible. All information will remain confidential. PFLAG is a 501(C)3 non-profit organization.

Thank You!!

- \_\_\_\_\_ Student \$15
- \_\_\_\_\_ Individual Membership \$25
- \_\_\_\_\_ Family Membership \$35
- \_\_\_\_\_ Supporting member \$50
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 www.pflagboulder.org

PFLAG Boulder meets the 2nd Tuesday of each month at First United Methodist Church, 14th and Spruce, Boulder, Colorado. Program starts at 7:00 pm, sharing time begins at 6pm.

**REMEMBER**, our confidentiality pledge must not be broken.

Newsletter is published monthly. A subscription is included with each membership to PFLAG. Material related to PFLAG is welcome from any source. Deadline is the twentieth of each month. The editor reserves the right to accept, reject, or edit any material submitted.

**Membership Categories**

- \$25.00 Individual
- \$35.00 Family
- \$10.00 Student
- \$10.00 Newsletter Only
- \$50.00 Supporting
- \$100.00+ Sustaining

Membership dues are renewed on October 1st of each year. Send address changes and membership information to PFLAG, P.O. Box 19696, Boulder, CO 80308.

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*PFLAG promotes the health and well-being of gays, lesbian, bisexual, and transgendered persons, their families and friends through:*

- SUPPORT**, to cope with an adverse society;
- EDUCATION**, to enlighten an ill-informed public; and
- ADVOCACY**, to end discrimination and to secure civil rights.

*PFLAG provides opportunity for dialogue about sexual orientation, and acts to create a society that is healthy and respectful of human diversity.*

**12th Annual Lavendar Gala**

*Sunday, December 2nd, 1-4pm at Nissi's in Lafayette*

Here's another option if you want kick-back and enjoy Ms. Eda Bagel as the host for this annual fun-filled event sponsored by the Boulder County Area Agency on Aging for LGBTs over 60 and their friends and allies. Susie Pringle is the DJ, Angielulu is the MC and Somethin' About Lulu will be performing a short set. A \$10 donation is suggested; **RSVP ASAP TO 303-441-1585.**

**PFLAG Denver Moves Meetings to New Venue**

Monthly support groups and programs are moving to the Tears-McFarlane mansion, 1290 Williams St, beginning January 2013. Next to Cheesman Park, this lovely meeting space is easily found at 13<sup>th</sup> Street and Williams in downtown Denver. They meet the first Thursday.

**TYES Expands Its Outreach**

Karen Adams, Trans Youth Education and Support leader, has recently started a Facebook Page to provide public information of upcoming events and meetings. The hope for this site is that families in need of support or resources will have ready access and contact information. We have recently started groups in Denver and Fort Collins in addition to our Lafayette and Boulder locations. <http://www.facebook.com/TYESgroup>

**The Dark Side of the Rainbow**

*Saturday, December 8th, 2:55-4:30pm*

**New Vista High School Auditorium, Baseline just west of Broadway**

A personal experience panel of youth and adults, organized by the City of Boulder's Youth Opportunities Advisory Board member, Michael Clymer, will discuss GLBTQ youth issues such as: depression and suicide prevention, harassment at school, and supporting students in coming out. A focus will be on how allies are important to make a positive difference for LGBT peers. Free.

(PFLAG is a co-sponsor of this event. Please pass the word.)

**Local Author's Newest Book is Poetry**

*GLIMPSES: A MEMOIR IN POETRY* is author Carol Grever's first full-length collection of poems. It universalizes the personal experience of distinct lifetime stages, illuminating vivid moments to distill insights. Crisis strikes, bliss surprises, humor heartens, mistakes chasten, and love heals. Carol's poetry has previously appeared in anthologies and print and online periodicals. A recognized spokesperson on issues of mixed-orientation relationships, she has also authored three nonfiction books and a documentary. *GLIMPSES* can be found on [www.Amazon.com](http://www.Amazon.com) and [www.Barnes&Noble.com](http://www.Barnes&Noble.com) and is available in paperback, and as an e-book for Kindle or Nook.