



# PFLAG BOULDER COUNTY

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June 2012

## **PFLAG Program: A Fair to Remember A Celebration of Community**

*Tuesday, June 12th, 7pm*

Our annual Ice Cream Social will help us celebrate a sense of community when the many LGBTQ-related organizations around Boulder County each briefly share information about their respective groups' plans and activities. In addition, Daniel Ramos from One Colorado and Pat Bruns, Joe Agne and Rosalee Blake, the three pastors from First United Methodist Church, who were all unable to attend the May Appreciation Banquet, will be present to receive their awards as Outstanding LGBT Activist and the Ally Award for Faith Communities, respectively. The event is free and open to the entire community.

## **June 17th is Pride Parade in Denver**

*Sunday, June 17th, 9am*

No one gets more cheers than PFLAG at the annual Pride Parade in Denver! The annual parade on Sunday morning with a strong PFLAG contingent will meet in Cheesman Park at 9:00 a.m. to step off at 9:30 a.m. to march to Civic Center by the Capitol.

Your presence with or without signs is needed. Wear hats and sunscreen and carry water. We like very much to include LGBTQ persons, family members, and allies. If you want to carpool, meet at the Table Mesa Park n Ride at 7:45 a.m. Call Jean Hodges, 303-444-4580 if you plan to be there.

## **PrideFest 2012, Denver's Civic Center Park**

*Saturday & Sunday, June 16th and 17th*

Organized by the LGBT Community Center, the Fun, Free and Fabulous festivities will include entertainment, vendor booths and a parade. PrideFest is a celebration of community and culture and over 250,000 people attend. PFLAG Denver will have a booth, but the Colorado Coalition of PFLAG Chapters no longer has a separate booth since so many towns have their own PrideFest.

At its Annual Planning Retreat, the PFLAG Board decided to shift the support group time from 8:30 following our program to run from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. before the program. The TYES group for families with gender non-conforming children will also meet but in a separate space from 6 to 7 with Karen Adams. The Board will meet from 5:30 to 6:45.

### **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.

#### **June 12th**

PFLAG Program:  
A Fair to Remember

#### **June 16th-17th**

PrideFest

#### **June 17th**

Pride Parade



## Support OASOS Youth at FACES

Wednesday, **June 6th**, 7pm—Old Main Theater on CU's Campus

Facets features incredible acts all performed by LGBTIQ youth. This year we have everything from drag to poetry to singing to dancing. It is going to be a great night!!!!

The youth have worked really hard putting their acts together, and it means so much to have a large and supportive audience. This is a wonderful way to show your support of LGBTIQ youth and a great opportunity to see a fabulous show. Please pass this along to anyone you might think would be interested and bring your friends!

## PFLAG Boulder Enters White House Challenge

The White House Office of Public Engagement recently launched the LGBT Pride Month Champions of Change Video Challenge to explore the stories of local leaders who are leading our march towards equality. Our film, "Faces and Facets of Transgender Experience" seemed to meet the criteria of using the arts as a means of creating change. Gus Spheeris and Carol Christenson, co-directors of the film, graciously agreed to help develop a 3 minute video to submit.

Submitted on line on May 4<sup>th</sup>, a panel will review submissions and select a group of semi-finalists. In early June, the public will have a chance to help identify finalists that will be featured as *Champions of Change* at an event at the White House. **Stand by for an action alert if your vote is needed to weigh in.**

To see the video go to <http://vimeo.com/41531254>

## Words Matter

By Rev. Gilbert Caldwell, retired United Methodist pastor and PFLAG Board member

*Published in the Huffington Post, Gay Voices, May 26, 2012 "Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere."*

These words of Martin Luther King have become almost like a mantra to me. My entire life in the pulpit has taught me that words do matter and our values are reflected in words.....

.....The recent announcement of the board of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) proclaiming their support for marriage equality for same-sex couples was for me a long-awaited decision by an organization that has been such a stalwart in the struggle for Constitution-based equality and justice for African Americans. The NAACP, through some of its branches, had resisted the efforts of some states that opposed marriage equality, but the decision by the national board has historic importance for a host of reasons, including that words do matter.

To read the entire article go to:

[http://www.huffingtonpost.com/rev-gilbert-h-caldwell/words-matter\\_l\\_b\\_15406251.html](http://www.huffingtonpost.com/rev-gilbert-h-caldwell/words-matter_l_b_15406251.html)



## **Win-Win Campaign Partners PFLAG with Walgreens and Johnson & Johnson to Promote Safe Schools**

National PFLAG in May officially launched the Care with PRIDE™ campaign at pflag.org. This first-of-its-kind nation-wide initiative — in partnership with the Johnson & Johnson and Walgreens Family of Companies — is an important educational, awareness and media campaign on the harm of bullying, violence, discrimination for all students -LGBT and otherwise. They strongly believe that it will elevate the important work of PFLAG and our own chapter in Boulder County and send a message that all parents, families, friends and allies should play a role to make schools safe for all children.

*The Care with Pride Campaign* centers around PRIDE events across our country. The Safe Schools Action Pack, a booklet containing PFLAG'S "Top Ten Ways to Help Make Schools Safer For All Students," also contains \$65 in coupons and rebates from 20 brands within the Johnson & Johnson Family brands. One dollar from each coupon and rebate redeemed at a local Walgreens store will support the PFLAG initiative, "Cultivating Respect: Safe Schools for All." Our chapter's task is simply to distribute the Safe Schools Action Pack booklets far and wide. Volunteers are needed for the June 24 Longmont Pride Fest and the Sept. 16 Boulder Pride event as well as the Farmers' Markets in both Longmont and Boulder.

You can also come to the June 12<sup>th</sup> meeting to pick up coupon booklets to give away to friends, neighbors, co-workers and your church or social group. The booklet contains coupons for Johnson & Johnson brands, from Tylenol® to Listerine® to Neutrogena®, band-aids and baby oil. We don't have to sell anything. It couldn't be easier.

**IF YOU ONLY VOLUNTEER ONCE A YEAR FOR PFLAG,  
THIS IS THE TIME TO CONTACT KRISTEN AT [KLKINARD@GMAIL.COM](mailto:KLKINARD@GMAIL.COM)**

*Care with Pride* has the potential to elevate PFLAG's name in ways like never before in PFLAG's 40-year history. The million dollar plus investment in media purchases that Johnson & Johnson and Walgreens have committed to will put PFLAG's name in front of millions of parents, family members, friends and LGBT people who may have never heard of PFLAG. Betty DeGeneres as the campaign's national spokesperson. This will help to spread the word about PFLAG's important work at the local chapter level and give young people more hope for being educated in schools free of bullying and harassment.

"As a Corporation that is committed to the health and care for all people, the Johnson & Johnson Family of Consumer Companies is focused on continuing to uphold diversity and equality through a range of efforts externally as well as within our own organization," said Scott Creighton, Global Vice President, Marketing Excellence Group, Johnson & Johnson Family of Consumer Companies. "By partnering with PFLAG, we are helping to further their very important work to end bullying and create safer schools for all children."

For more information and to download the Care with Pride™ Safe Schools Action Pack, visit [www.walgreens.com/pride](http://www.walgreens.com/pride). For more information on PFLAG and "Cultivating Respect: Safe Schools for All," visit [www.pflag.org](http://www.pflag.org)

**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

## **Clela Rorex, an Unexpected Ally, Is Celebrated**

At the annual Out Boulder Garden Party on May 20, when the first Allies in Action Award was presented to Clela Rorex, she shared the story of how she became an unexpected ally.

In 1975 as the county clerk and recorder, she issued marriage licenses to a gay couple, in fact, six such couples before it ended. She didn't think of herself as courageous. Clela claims that she "just grew into it." She continued, "You never know when you will be faced to make a brave decision. You just decide to do the right thing." She concluded this pivotal history lesson about gay rights 37 years ago by saying, "I'm glad I evolved sooner than President Obama." We are too, Clela. You make us all proud.

## **See Betty Plug PFLAG on YouTube**

Betty DeGeneres talks about the harm of bullying and announces Care with PRIDE partnership with Johnson & Johnson and Walgreens in support of PFLAG and their Cultivating Respect: Safe Schools for All. Please enjoy and share with family and friends!

Go to: [http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=\\_GLHvJAOmDo](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_GLHvJAOmDo)

## **Vision Summit Initiates Collaborative Efforts**

Some twenty-four Boulder County leaders representing some seventeen LGBTQ-related organizations took time from their busy schedules to work on an ambitious movement towards a common vision and a collaborative community action plan. To begin, they created a vision statement:

***Boulder County is a diverse and inclusive community that is transformed by valuing and celebrating the unique history and expression of each person's full identity (including the full spectrum of gender and sexual expression).***

They also came up with groups to work together to determine goals in four separate arena of concern: Self, Family, Career and Society. The fifth area, Spirituality, did not have enough persons interested; it is hoped that others from the community may step up to develop that interest group. Establishing common agreement on needs and strategic tactics to achieve measurable goals is the continuing plan for the summer and fall. Melissa Marsh (Boulder County Public Health) and Aicila Lewis (Out Boulder) organized this leadership development summit with Julie Voyles as the facilitator.

## **Annie Deetz, the Voice of Project Visibility, Dies**

Annie Deetz was a loyal PFLAG member, always upbeat, always appreciative of PFLAG. She recorded the voiceover for all of the Project Visibility films, and last year, was featured in the Elder/Youth film project sponsored by Out Boulder. She came out later in life, and enjoyed the support of her children and grandchildren. She collapsed while attending a family reunion in Salt Lake City and passed away on May 10, surrounded by her loving family. We'll miss her. A celebration of Annie's life will be held on Sat. June 9 at the Table Mesa Community UCC Church.

### **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)

## National Trainers Come to Colorado

Monday—Wednesday, June 9th—11th

Jean-Marie Navetta, National PFLAG Director of Equality and Diversity, will make four presentations in Colorado in July. She originally planned her trip to attend the GALA Choruses gathering in Denver, but was persuaded to mix business with pleasure.

In a recent communication she indicated that she could be bringing two associates with her to help with the presentations. An outstanding corporate trainer for PFLAG's Straight for Equality in the Workplace, Jean-Marie is an amazing speaker. Her humor mixes delightfully with her expertise, she is articulate and organized so that you will walk away both entertained and with increased knowledge to motivate new action. These workshops are all free. Anyone from state-wide PFLAG chapters or from greater Boulder County is invited to attend.

### Monday, July 9

**Fort Collins PFLAG** - 7:00 p.m. Program TBA

### Tuesday, July 10

**PFLAG Boulder** - Noon—Luncheon

Longmont's First United Methodist Church, 350 11<sup>th</sup> Avenue.

Jean-Marie will present the national launch of "**Straight for Equality in Faith**", the newest element of the National Straight for Equality Campaign. Any inter-

ested persons in addition to clergy and laity are invited to attend. Contact Louise Crede to make a luncheon reservation: herbandlouise@q.com



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7:00 p.m. - PFLAG Boulder Program

**"Sharing Your Personal Story to Create Change"** in the parlor of the First United Methodist Church.

Out Boulder's Speaking Out members are especially invited to attend. Whether you have never told your story or if you have told it for many years, you will learn how to do it more effectively in any setting and in three minutes!

### Wednesday, July 11

**PFLAG Denver** will host the presentation about "**Building Sustainable Chapters Wherever You Are**".

Colorado PFLAG chapter leaders are all invited to attend. Details will be provided in our next newsletter.

## Fun, Food and Frolic at Longmont Pride

Sunday, June 24th, 1pm to 5pm

PFLAG Boulder County joins with the St. Vrain Valley Safe Schools Coalition to host the **2<sup>nd</sup> Longmont PRIDE Day on Sunday June 24th, from 1-5 pm. at the Izaak Walton Clubhouse, 18 S. Sunset in Longmont.** We would love to have all ages be a part of it! It's a great way to connect with the Longmont community and get the word out about your organization. There will be tables set up if you would like to provide materials. Food and fun is all free but donations are appreciated. If you are interested or want more information, please contact Heather Crate [hcrate@bouldercounty.org](mailto:hcrate@bouldercounty.org)



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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 8:30 pm.

**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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#### **OUR MISSION**

*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.*

### **More Evidence about Family Acceptance**

A new study conducted by the Boston University School of Public Health found that two thirds of lesbian, gay and bisexual adults in a representative Massachusetts sample experienced significantly less mental health and substance abuse problems if they received positive support from their parents after coming out.

(Duh, we already knew that from what Caitlin Ryan taught us!)

### **Psychiatry Giant Renounces Gay "Cure"**

Nationally known psychiatrist, Dr. Robert Spitzer, has now renounced a study he did a decade ago that suggested that "reparative therapy" can help homosexuals who are highly motivated to change their sexual orientation.

Dr. Spitzer's admission that his study was deeply flawed should discredit, once and for all, those claims of social and religious conservatives that homosexuality is not a fundamental part of human identity.

### **DID YOU KNOW?**

The Southern Poverty Law Center, which tracks hate groups and anti-government organizations in America, reports that anti-LGBT groups grew from 17 in 2010 to 27 in 2011.

That's a scary increase in the number of anti-LGBT groups in America.

## ***Happy Pride Everyone!***

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