



PARENTS, FAMILIES AND FRIENDS OF LESBIANS AND GAYS
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NEWSLETTER

MAY 2007

MONTHLY MEETINGS

In English y en Espanol

The second Sunday of each month, 2 to 4 pm at St. Francis Lutheran Church, 152 Church St. near Market, San Francisco in the Parish Hall. Enter through the Plaza gate.

BOARD MEETING

The first Wednesday of each month at 6:30 pm. Call for directions 415-921-6902

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BOARD MEMBERS

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MISSION STATEMENT

PFLAG-SF promotes the health and well being of gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender 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 equal civil rights. PFLAG-SF provides opportunity for dialogue about sexual orientation and gender identity and acts to create a society that is healthy and respectful of human diversity.

MEMBERSHIP

\$30 Individual membership
\$40 Household membership
\$15 Chapter Newsletter only
\$50 Cheering membership
\$100 PFLAG Raiser!

DONATIONS WELCOME!

SUNDAY MEETING PROGRAM

MAY 13 -

Celebrate **Mother's Day** with our own **PFLAG mothers**. Our guests will be four mothers who were active in the San Francisco chapter in past years. Many of us may not know them or their stories. This is a special opportunity for all of us to hear from these women.

Anne Harris and her husband were active in the Long Island chapter before moving to San Francisco in the early 90's. **Joanne Goodman** joined PFLAG in Los Angeles when her son came out and then contributed her energies to the San Francisco chapter in the 80's after she moved here. **Lynn Nelson** has a special story to tell about her coming out adventures in 1992. More recently, when **Jan Crum** brought her delicious sandwiches to our monthly support meetings, Jan also brought her commitment to support, education and advocacy, particularly for youth.

**THE SISTERS OF PERPETUAL INDULGENCE PLAN
EVENT HONORING MOTHERS — SEE NEXT PAGE**

PRIDE PREPARATIONS

Plan now to be a **PFLAG Hero**—volunteer as a **PFLAG Parade Monitor** on June 24th. A one-hour training session is all that is required. We must have 14 monitors! Enjoy the Parade as you walk with PFLAG up Market Street. Call **415-921-8850** or email **pflagsf@aol.com**.

Yes, we have the **City Sight Seeing Bus** for those who can't walk the mile plus to Civic Center. A donation will be requested as you climb aboard.

PFLAG members and advocates can help us staff the two booths on the Plaza on Saturday & Sunday. Call us to schedule a shift.

2007 PFLAG CONVENTION

Go to the **PFLAG website** for details on this important Convention for PFLAGers and friends from all across the country. Join us for Lobby Day on October 11th. Then participate in workshops and meetings, make new friends and enjoy the energy of so many PFLAG supporters gathered together.

Scholarships are available from PFLAG San Francisco for help with expenses to attend the 2007 National Convention in Washington, DC October 11 – 14th. Call 415-921-8850 to discuss the application due June 1st.

TRANS CHILDREN

Did you see the **Barbara Walters 20/20** program on families with trans children? PFLAG has resources for families and the San Francisco chapter will have DVD copies of the program in its library in late May. The story may still be available at <http://abcnews.go.com/2020/story?id=3088298&page=1>.

ADVOCACY IS NEEDED

Write a short letter to each of our senators to tell them why they should support us and work with their colleagues to pass **ENDA** and the **Hate Crimes Act of 2007**. For help, check out the PFLAG website under Advocacy. Each one of us must make our case clear to our representatives.

LOUISE BROWNING

A wonderful group of family, friends, activists, and other talented people gathered on a rainy day in the redwoods to remember

SISTERS EVENT

Our friends, the **Sisters of Perpetual Indulgence**, are hosting two **Mother's Day** events. Join PFLAG mothers and their families for **PRIDE.N.MOM** at the Eureka Restaurant, 4063 18th Street from 11:30-1:30. Tickets are available on brownpaperticket.com or at All American Boy. Later, the Sisters will host a beer bust at the Eagle from 3:00 to 6:00.

NCLR GALA

The 30th anniversary of the **National Center for Lesbian Rights** will be celebrated at Fort Mason this year on **Saturday, May 12th**. The gala begins at 7:00 with a buffet and entertainment, followed by the program emceed by **Kate Clinton** and later, dancing.

WALK FOR MARRIAGE EQUALITY

On **Saturday May 19th**, join **Marriage Equality USA** for the annual walk across the **Golden Gate Bridge**. PFLAG will join other organizations at the west end of **Crissy Field** beginning at 9:30. We will hike up hill to the Bridge to walk together. Very limited "taxi" service for those who need it is available to the start point. A rally will be held at Crissy Field at the end of the walk. Families and children are very welcome. Donations to MEUSA are welcome. Look at www.marriageequality.org for details. Bring your friends for a good time!

FOR CATHOLIC FAMILIES

www.fortunatefamilies.com is a very helpful website for Catholic families with gay members. The brochure is excellent and it can be copied by chapters for distribution.

MOVING IN THE NEAR FUTURE?

Bring your "stuff" to Community Thrift. PFLAG will benefit! 415-861-4910