



## About PFLAG Dayton

**Meetings:** Second Tuesday of each month  
Social time -- 7:00 p.m.  
Meeting and support -- 7:30 p.m.

**Location:** Cross Creek Community Church  
667 Miamisburg-Centerville Rd.

Each meeting offers both a program and a support group. PFLAG maintains a policy of confidentiality. We strive to create a safe and welcoming environment for all who attend.

## Calendar

### March

**13 PFLAG Monthly Meeting.** 7:00: Social Time. 7:30: Meeting and Support. Program: Avery Sledge will speak on *Embracing the Messiness: One Woman's Journey*.

### April

**10 PFLAG Monthly Meeting.** 7:00: Social Time. 7:30: Meeting and Support. Program: Ron Goetz, PFLAG Dad from San Diego.

**14 State PFLAG Meeting.** Hosted in Lima by the Lima PFLAG chapter. See page 3 for details.

**16 Scholarship Application Deadline**

### Looking Ahead to May & June

May PFLAG Monthly Meeting Speaker – Rabbi David Horowitz, PFLAG National President

May LGBT Center Spring Community Dinner & Equality Ohio Lobby Day

June – **PRIDE**

Look for details for these events and more in the May/June PFLAG newsletter

## Paragraphs from the Prez. .

The New Year is proving to be very successful for PFLAG Dayton. Last month we worked with Equality Ohio, GLSEN Greater Dayton, Cross Creek Community Church and the Miami Valley Unitarian Universalist Fellowship to sponsor two showings of the movie *Bullied*. We had a phenomenal turn out for both and were fortunate enough to have State Senator Peggy Lehner in attendance for our Sunday showing. The Dayton showings had the largest turnout so far in Equality Ohio's *Bullied* tour around Ohio.



Lynn Sellers

Moving into the spring we have more interesting programs planned by the Thompsons who head up our programs committee. We are particularly excited to have Rabbi David Horowitz, the President of PFLAG National as our guest speaker in May.

We will be working with GLSEN Greater Dayton and other local LGBT organizations to film an *It Gets Better* video. Filming is scheduled for May 15<sup>th</sup> so we are deep in the planning stages at the present.

Looking ahead to the fall, Jan Couchman, the organizer for our fundraiser *"When the Stars Come Out!"* is hard at work ensuring this year's event will be as dazzling as always. Mark your calendars now. *Stars* 1012 will take place on Saturday, October 6<sup>th</sup>, again at the beautiful Dayton Woman's Club.

Please contact Jan if you are interested in dancing; all you need is the desire to have a good time for a good cause!

Lynn Sellers, President  
PFLAG Dayton



***When you no longer need PFLAG Dayton,  
PFLAG Dayton needs you.***

## March Meeting Program

The program for the March 13<sup>th</sup> PFLAG meeting will be presented by Avery Sledge, PFLAG Dayton Transgender Chairperson. Avery will speak on *Embracing the Messiness: One Woman's Journey*.

Avery is a native Georgian who settled in the Dayton area after retiring from the United States Air Force as a Colonel in 2001. Avery holds degrees from the University of Georgia, Webster University, the Air War College and The Iliff School of Theology. While at Iliff, she served as a hospital chaplain at a Denver Level 1



Trauma Center and as a student pastor at a rural United Methodist Church. She is currently pursuing ordination in the United Church of Christ.

As a transgender person herself, Avery welcomes opportunities to educate on gender identity and sexual orientation

## April Meeting Program

Speaker at the April 10<sup>th</sup> PFLAG meeting will be Ron Goetz, a PFLAG dad from San Diego, CA. Ron will be in Ohio as a featured presenter at the Ohio state PFLAG meeting on the 14<sup>th</sup> and has arranged to be in Dayton to speak on how the Bible is used to discriminate. This will be a different topic from the one he does at the state meeting.

Ron is a lay person with a thorough background in Bible study. His eclectic history includes Presbyterian, Baptist, Christian & Missionary Alliance and United Methodist. The father of a gay son, he is active in both PFLAG and GLSEN.

## State PFLAG Meeting

PFLAGers from all over Ohio will be heading to the Lima Veteran's Memorial Civic and Convention Center on Saturday, April 14<sup>th</sup>, for the annual PFLAG state meeting. With breakfast and registration beginning at 8:00 a.m., the day's schedule will begin at 9:00 and conclude at 4:00.

A jam packed agenda includes speakers, panels, and break-out sessions with presenters who are well-qualified to address a variety of topics. They include: grants and fundraising, gender/sexual identity, family issues, and advocacy. All this costs just \$15 which includes breakfast and lunch.

There will be a casual, low key meet-and-greet on Friday evening for people who arrive the day before. Special room rates have been arranged at the Wingate Hotel ([www.limawingate.com](http://www.limawingate.com)) which is adjacent to the Convention Center. To get the discounted rate, mention the PFLAG meeting when reserving your room.

All PFLAG members are welcome and encouraged to attend state meetings. It is a great opportunity to meet other PFLAGers and learn how their chapters carry out this mission we all share. Other than hosting here in Dayton, it can't be more convenient than an easy trip up 75 to Lima. For more information and to register on line, go to [www.pflaglima.org](http://www.pflaglima.org).

## SAVE THIS DATE!

**Equality Ohio Lobby Day: Wednesday, May 16**  
**Location: Ohio Statehouse in Columbus**

## DAYTON AREA LOBBY DAY TRAINING

**Saturday, March 24, 10:00-12:00**  
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Each year PFLAG Dayton awards at least two \$2000 scholarships. One is presented to an outstanding student who is LGBT, and one goes to an accomplished straight ally. The Jim Wilger Memorial Straight Ally Scholarship is to honor the contributions of a strong straight ally who worked diligently for PFLAG Dayton for many years.

Students who are enrolled in any accredited post-secondary institution of higher learning may apply for PFLAG Dayton scholarships. This includes traditional four year colleges and universities, community colleges, vocational schools and specialized institutions such as seminaries and medical schools. Previous PFLAG scholarship recipients have represented all of these kinds of advanced education.

The scholarship committee, chaired by Jan Couchman, takes into account the usual factors – grades, extra-curricular activities and recommendations from teachers, employers, or community leaders. Additionally, they consider the student's involvement in activities that benefit or advocate for LGBT people and their issues.

The scholarship application is available on the PFLAG Dayton website [www.pflagdayton.org](http://www.pflagdayton.org). Both applications and supporting documents must be postmarked no later than April 16<sup>th</sup>.

Again this year, PFLAG Dayton will administer a \$1000 scholarship for the Greater Dayton LGBT Center. It will be awarded to an LGBT student, and the application process is the same as for PFLAG Dayton scholarships.

### Additional Scholarships

Graduating high school seniors can also apply for national PFLAG scholarships. To learn about that application process, go to [www.pflag.org](http://www.pflag.org). A list of additional LGBT scholarships nationwide can also be found at the PFLAG Dayton website [www.pflagdayton.org](http://www.pflagdayton.org).

## ↑Ups & Downs in the News↓

### ↑ Marriage in Maryland & Washington

Governor Martin O'Malley recently signed the marriage equality bill in Maryland to go into effect January 1, 2013. Washington state also recently passed marriage equality; effective in six months. Legal challenges to both are expected.

### ↓ Anti-transgender Bathroom Bill in Tenn.

Legislation pending in the Tennessee General Assembly would make it a criminal offense for transgender individuals to enter a bathroom designated for the sex not indicated on their birth certificates. Birth certificate gender markers cannot be changed in Tennessee.

### ↑ Two States Get "Gay" License Plates

Indiana will be the first state in the nation to offer license plates promoting LGBT causes. The plates bear the logo of Indiana Youth Group, an organization promoting LGBT



tolerance in schools. State motor vehicle officials in South Carolina will offer

a specialty plate themed with South Carolina Equality's name and logo.

### ↓↑ Gym Membership Reversal

Injured Iraq War vet Coty May and his husband Shane, married in Washington, D.C., originally were denied a family membership in a Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio, gym because their marriage wasn't "real." Gym facilities assist with Coty's recovery, and Shane is his caregiver. The gym later reconsidered, recognizing their family status.

### ↑ Pro-LGBT Federal Housing Regulations

HUD is preparing to finalize new regulations forbidding discrimination based on sexual orientation or gender identity in housing programs administered or funded by the federal government.

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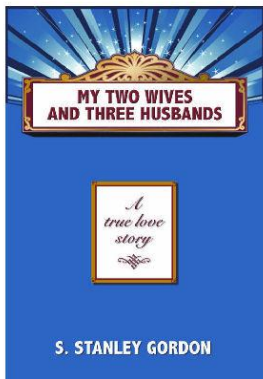
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### PFLAG MISSION STATEMENT:

Parents, Families and Friends of Lesbians and Gays (PFLAG) promotes the health and well-being of gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender persons, their families and friends through:

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

PFLAG-Dayton is a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization and is not affiliated with any religious or political group.  
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## PFLAG Dayton 2012 Membership Application



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- Student/ Special Circumstances \$15

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