



PFLAG Colorado Springs

Parents, Families, Friends, and Allies United
With LGBT People to Move Equality Forward

2019 is Our 25th Anniversary Year!

June 2019

The StoryCorps Podcast is Back

Bill Oliver has alerted us to the fact that Story Corps is celebrating LGBTQ voices with an all new season of the StoryCorps podcast.

The season features stories from LGBTQ people across the country in honor of the 50th anniversary of the Stonewall uprising.

You'll hear from LGBTQ elders who lived before Stonewall, celebrate some of the lesser-known victories that led up to the 1969 riots, and experience conversations across generations about the present and future of the LGBTQ community.

The podcast now features both a deeper dive into the stories we hear on National Public Radio on Friday mornings and also voices only available in



the podcast feed, courtesy of host Jasmyn Morris. To access the podcasts online, subscribe here: <https://n.pr/2Hxhvu0> or through your favorite podcast app.

The Privilege is All Mine

CREATING COMMUNITY BREAKFAST

Join PFLAG at the Citizens Project fundraiser breakfast on Tuesday, June 11th, at the DoubleTree by Hilton, 1775 East Cheyenne Mountain Blvd., Colorado Springs. Check in starts at 7 a.m..

The breakfast and a program about the work of Citizens Project will run from 7:30 – 8:30 a.m. The breakfast is free, but participants will be asked to donate to Citizens Project to support its important work in our community.

Citizens Project is a Colorado Springs-based nonprofit organization that promotes equal rights, diversity, and separation of church and state. It was founded in 1992, and opposed Colorado's Amendment 2, an amendment to the state constitution that would have prohibited enactment of laws protecting gays and lesbians from discrimination.

Citizens Project has served our community well for over 27 years, and is deserving of our support.

To reserve your place, please RSVP to joy@citizensproject.org.

25th Anniversary Celebration Colorado Springs PFLAG

Colorado Springs PFLAG will celebrate its 25th anniversary in 2019. The tentative date for an anniversary dinner is September 21. Current PFLAG folks and all the wonderful people who started the chapter and kept it vibrant for so many years are invited to come together to honor this milestone.

PFLAG participants are invited to share anecdotes, stories and memories by sending messages by U.S. mail or e-mail to our chapter. What does PFLAG mean to you? We'd love to hear from you.

Colorado Springs PFLAG was formed in 1994 in response to the November 1992 statewide voter approval of Amendment 2 to the Colorado Constitution, prohibiting the passage of any law that would protect LGBTQ rights. Amendment 2 was subsequently overturned by the United States Supreme Court in 1996 in Romer v. Evans, a landmark decision for gay rights. See Wikipedia: <https://bit.ly/2X3Qa2z>

JUNE PFLAG MEETING

Tuesday
June 18 2019
7:00 p.m.

An Evening of Conversation
And

Small Group Discussion with
Members of PFLAG

The Dwelling Place
508 North Tejon Street

Light refreshments

Social time starts at 6:30 p.m.
Everyone is welcome.

Pride Celebrations

As we honor the 50th Anniversary of Stonewall, 2019 is a banner year for Pride Celebrations. So let's all March! Volunteer! Participate!

June 1 Salida—Arkansas Valley Pride Colorado Springs PFLAG is marching in the June 1 parade.

June 15-16—Denver Pride — This is the big one. Colorado Springs PFLAG's Cindy and Steve Waldmann will be marching in this wonderful parade.

July 13-14 — PrideFest Colorado Springs. We march, we educate and we celebrate. Join us!

August 18— Pueblo Pride — Colorado Springs PFLAG will be marching. In the parade.

See the Calendar on p. 3 for more information and links to the websites for these Pride events.



Denver Choruses Join in National Choral Celebration

This newsletter is published by the Colorado Springs Chapter of PFLAG.

PFLAG Vision Statement. PFLAG envisions a world where diversity is celebrated and all people are respected, valued and affirmed inclusive of their sexual orientation, gender identity and gender expression.

PFLAG Mission Statement: By meeting people where they are and collaborating with others, PFLAG realizes its vision through:

Support for families, allies and people who are LGBTQ

Education for ourselves and others about the unique issues and challenges facing people who are LGBTQ

Advocacy in our communities to change attitudes and create policies and laws that achieve full equality for people who are LGBTQ.

To join the local chapter and receive this newsletter regularly, complete and mail the membership form on page four. To receive complimentary copies of the newsletter, please contact us.

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The Denver Gay Men’s Chorus and the Denver Women’s Chorus will join to celebrate the 50th Anniversary of the Stonewall Uprising, a seminal event that gave birth to the gay rights movement in the United States.

The combined ensembles will premiere a newly-commissioned choral work, “Quiet No More—A Choral Celebration of Stonewall”. The choruses will commemorate this 1969 landmark event with three performances in early June in the Denver metropolitan area.

In late June, DGMC and DWC will travel to New York City to join more than 500 singers from GALA choruses across the United States in a special performance of “Quiet No More” at Carnegie Hall.

The Denver Gay Men’s Chorus and the Denver Women’s Chorus are proud to be among the 22 gay and lesbian choruses who commissioned the work to mark this milestone in gay rights and launch World Pride 2019.

Denver Performances:

June 1—7:30 p.m. at the Broomfield Auditorium, 3 Community Park Road, Broomfield, CO;

June 7 — 7:30 p.m. and June 8 — 2:00 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. at King Center Concert Hall, Auraria Higher Edu-



cation Center, 855 Lawrence Way in Denver.

PFLAG congratulates the Denver choruses for commissioning and performing this significant musical work.

For more information, go to: <https://bit.ly/2TRVW9Y> For tickets, go to: <https://rmarts.org>

Note: Gala Choruses, Inc., is the fine organization linking and serving LGBTQ+ choruses around the U.S. and abroad. Every four years, the Gala Festival brings together hundreds of choruses. The next Gala Festival will be in Minneapolis from July 4-8, 2020. Early registration is already open. See: <https://bit.ly/2weuFAi>

Urban Peak “Off the Street (Under the Bridge)” Breakfast Fundraiser July 18

Elaine Myers is the PFLAG Table Captain for this important fundraising event. Urban Peak brings homeless youth, many of them LGBTQ, off of the streets and into a better life. The stories are poignant, Breakfast is free, donations requested. Reserve your place now at a PFLAG table by e-mailing Elaine at outdoorelaine@yahoo.com

TransParent Group

The TransParent group at Inside/Out for parents of gender variant and transgender youth usually meets on the third Thursday of the month from 6:00—7:30 p.m. at Inside/Out Youth Services, 223 North Wahsatch Ave.

For more information, send an e-mail to transparenting@insideoutys.org or call Inside/Out at 328-1056.

TYES

Transgender Youth Education and Support (TYES) is a Boulder-based parent group that provides information and a community of support for parents of gender dysphoric and gender variant young children.

PFLAG collaborates with TYES to provide support to parents in the Pikes Peak region. For more information, call (719) 425-9567 or send an e-mail to info@cspflag.org. The national TYES website is: www.TYES-Colorado.org.

This is Important!

You don’t always know where other people are on their journey.

THEREFORE, PFLAG meetings are always a safe space.

Who you meet, and what you hear

Must remain strictly confidential.

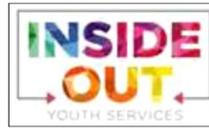
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Thank You

To the Saponas Foundation, First Congregational United Church of Christ and the Ruskey/Bianchi Family for their significant, ongoing support of Colorado Springs PFLAG.



BULLETIN BOARD



Inside/Out Outreach

June 1 — Arkansas Valley Pride Celebration in Salida
—Events run from May 31– June 2. Parade, music and picnic on June 1. See: www.arkvalleypride.com.

June 1, 7 and 8 — “Quiet No More” - A Choral Celebration of Stonewall –See page 2

June 8 — Drag Story Time 3-5 p.m. at Zodiac Music Venue and Bar. See article on this page.

June 11 — Citizen’s Project Breakfast— At the Double-Tree by Hilton, 1775 E. Cheyenne Mtn. Blvd. See p. 1.

June 15-16 — Denver PrideFest — This is the largest celebration of LGBTQ pride in the Rocky Mountain region, featuring live entertainment on three stages, 250+ exhibitors, an array of food and beverage vendors, the Coors Light Denver Pride Parade and the Pride 5K race. The festival is hosted by The Center on Colfax, which is the LGBTQ center in Denver (see: <https://lgbtqcolorado.org/>). The Pride celebration will take place at Civic Center Park. For more information, see: <https://denverpride.org/pridefest/>

July 12 — One Colorado Statewide Tour—Featuring Gov. Jared Polis in Colorado Springs to kick off PrideFest.

July 13-14 — Colorado Springs PrideFest — SAVE THE DATE AND PLAN TO help in the PFLAG booth and march with PFLAG in the Pride Parade on Sunday morning. More information is on the website: <https://www.cospridefest.com/>

July 18 — “Off the Street” (“Under the Bridge”) - Urban Peak Fundraising Breakfast. 7—8:30 a.m. See article p. 2. Sign up to sit at a PFLAG table.

Aug.18 — Pueblo Pride—10 a.m. – 4 p.m., Mineral Palace Park, 1500-2100 North Santa Fe Avenue. See: <https://www.socoequality.org/events/pride19>

PFLAG Salutes Jessie Pocock, the vibrant executive director of Inside/Out, who was the May commencement speaker at Pikes Peak Community College.

Sophie Thunberg, Outreach Educator with Inside/Out Youth Services, recently spent time in the San Luis Valley to build support for rural LGBTQ+ youth. Sophie commented on her visit:

"When I got the chance to go to Center, CO through our Trusted Adults program, I couldn't be more excited to share our work with those in the San Luis Valley, where I actually went to school in 2nd grade for a short period of time. I was able to meet with a coalition group, trailblazing new support networks for rural LGBTQ+ youth.

"Besides the sense of tight-knit responsibility we all share for our young folks, it was encouraging to hear the announcement for the first Pride parade event in the Valley this year. As support and awareness of our LGBTQ+ community's needs grow, we are able to work in changing the climate more effectively together, so that EVERYONE around Colorado can find resources and chosen family if they aren't accepted by their own, and see themselves in others. Having just one trusted adult in the life of a young LGBTQ+ can make a life-saving difference."

Drag Story Time Continues

The next Drag Story Time, presented by Colorado Springs Breaking Boundaries, will take place on Saturday, June 8, from 3-5 p.m. at the Zodiac Music Venue and Bar, 230 Pueblo Avenue, Colorado Springs .



The drag artist and storyteller will be Mani Queen. You are invited to come and learn about this program.

Notes on Drag Story Time: Artist Nina West of *RuPaul's Drag Race* has prepared a music EP “Drag is Magic” which is meant to encourage young fans “to reconsider the masks we are all forced to wear daily”. By doing so, the Ohio native aims to show that drag is “an opportunity for children to get creative and think outside the boxes we silly adults have crafted for them.” See May 21, 2019 Huffington Post story at: <https://bit.ly/2QIQCY5>

Support Colorado Springs PFLAG—Become a Member

You can join at any time of the year. The current membership year extends from October 1, 2018 to September 30, 2019.

Name: _____

_____ New member _____ Renewing member

Address: _____

_____ Regular Membership \$ 30
 _____ Supporting Member—Silver 40
 _____ Supporting Member—Gold 60
 _____ Supporting Member—Platinum 100

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State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Amount Enclosed: \$ _____

Home Phone: _____ Work Phone: _____

Each year our chapter must contribute \$15.00 for each paid membership to the PFLAG national office to support its mission.

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