

PFLAG

GENEVA/TRI-CITIES

July Newsletter

2024



Such fantastic Pride celebrations!

June has been an incredible month! We kicked off with a memorable Pride Parade in Elgin, enduring a bit of rain but relishing the celebration. The Aurora Pride Parade was equally amazing and much drier! Setting up resource booths in Aurora, Dekalb, and West Chicago was a fantastic experience, and we are eagerly anticipating the upcoming Chicago Pride Parade (we'll share our experience next month). This journey has been remarkable and humbling, as we've made new friends along the way. From participating in Pride Flag ceremonies to engaging in our local Pride in the Park, we are proud to #LeadwithLove. Excitement is building for our upcoming support meetings, where we have arranged for inspiring speakers to enrich our continuous learning journey, empowering us to better support and advocate for our loved ones.

July Meeting

Please join us on Monday, July 8th from 6:30-8:00 PM. Our guest speaker for the evening will be Pidgeon Borek, the founder of the Out of the Closet Charity. This charity focuses on collecting donations of clothing, accessories, and beauty products for transgender/nonbinary/gender nonconforming individuals aged 8 to 80 and beyond. They organize pop-up closets to distribute these donations. Remember to bring some donations to our July meeting for Out of the Closet! Check the list below for items you can contribute and come to discover more about Pidgeon and their inspiring journey!



What Out of the Closet Charity can accept for Donations

Hair accessories and styling equipment

Undergarments

Packers

New makeup and makeup brushes

New beauty and hygiene products

Men's, Women's, and Teen's clothing

Wigs

Shoes

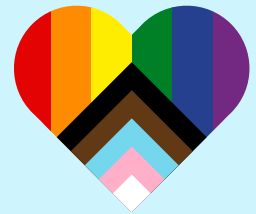
Bags, wallets, and backpacks

Jewelry

Chest binders

“We need, in every community, a group of angelic troublemakers.”

– Bayard Rustin



SUPPORT MEETINGS

THE SECOND MONDAY EACH MONTH

July 8th 6:30- 8 pm

August 12th 6:30- 8:30 pm

September 9th 6:30- 8 pm

October 14th 6:30 - 8 pm

November 11th 6:30- 8 pm

December 9th 6:30- 8 pm

Thank You!

This month, we have many reasons to express gratitude! We extend our thanks to Elgin Pride for donating us a vendor booth at their Pride Fest. A special thank you to Caleb Anderson for generously sharing your time and story at our June meeting; your story is truly inspirational. PFLAG Dupage allowed us to join them in the Aurora Pride Parade, and Baker Memorial United Methodist Church invited us to share our PFLAG story this month. We eagerly anticipate June 27th and appreciate the invitation from School of Rock to participate in their Pride Celebration. We are honored to be chosen alongside Plainfield Pride as beneficiaries of School of Rock's event proceeds. A big thank you to our parade volunteers for their dedication and support in our inaugural year of Pride Parades. Lastly, our heartfelt thanks to Tom P, our snack volunteer for July!

Volunteers

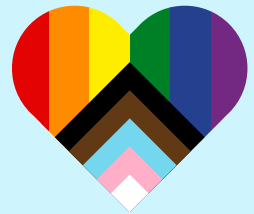
A Great Opportunity to Get Involved!

After a successful month of pride activities, we are looking for volunteers to keep our momentum going! We are currently setting up a fundraising committee and a DEI committee, and we welcome anyone interested in joining.

Please note that our board will be taking a well-deserved break during the first week of July, with some members on vacation sporadically throughout the month.

However, we will be back in full swing by August. Remember, teamwork is essential for achieving success! In the words of an unknown author,
"Volunteers are love in action!"

**“Hope will never be silent.”
Harvey Milk**



**“Being born gay, Black, and female is not a revolutionary act. Being proud to be a gay, Black female is.”
— Lena Waithe**



Celebrating Pride Month Leading with Love



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