

PFLAG

GENEVA/TRI-CITIES

October Newsletter

2024



What's Happening

September is National Suicide Prevention Month. For our monthly support meeting we hosted Stephanie D., Associate Executive Director from Suicide Prevention Services. Stephanie spoke about the signs associated with suicidal ideation and talked about how we can support those who may be struggling. Nearly half (49%) of LGBTQ+ young people ages 13-17 experienced bullying in the past year, and those who did reported significantly higher rates attempting suicide in the past year than those who did not experience bullying. It was a beneficial conversation for all.

In addition to our support meeting, I was able to attend a “Teacups for Trevor Project” fundraising event hosted by the Sycamore United Methodist Church. Having just one accepting adult in a young LGBTQIA+ person’s life reduces their risk of a suicide attempt by 24%. There was a statement made at that event by one of the co-chairs of the Pride Group at SUMC that by being at the event was suicide prevention. If being an accepting adult can reduce young people’s risk by 24%, imagine what could happen if there are more accepting adults in their lives!!!



Our chapter was also able to participate in a few other events this past month. Elaine and I attended a Beyond the Blond summer concert in South Elgin where we were able to get our message out to the attendees. Jen and Elaine also participate in a resource table with PFLAG DuPage for Naper Pride.

Current Volunteer Opportunities:

Monthly Door Greeter

Volunteer once or more a year to welcome others to our meeting!
The time commitment involves arriving at our monthly meeting by 6:10 to greet and assist attendees. Guide any new participants to the meeting area and stay at your post until 6:45 (you will only miss our announcements). You can sign up at our next meeting or reach out to us today to reserve a month!

Coming Soon!

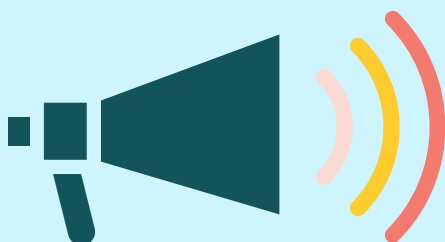
Hybrid Meetings on the Horizon!

We are thrilled to announce that we are in the process of introducing hybrid meetings soon, potentially within the next month or two. Thanks to generous financial donations and equipment contributions from PFLAG Dupage, we are setting up our meetings to be accessible via Zoom. While we prefer face-to-face interactions, we recognize that circumstances vary, and joining us online might be more convenient at times. Stay tuned for updates!



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October Meeting

Our next Support Meeting is set for Monday, October 14th from 6:30-8:00.

We will be discussing Allyship and LGBTQ+ Language Basics.

Upcoming Event



PFLAG Love Votes Campaign

PFLAG National has launched their 2024 Votes Campaign

“Love Votes”

“No matter who we are, what we look like, or who we love, we know our communities are stronger when we show up for each other. But an organized effort to divide us has pushed laws to remove our trans and queer loved ones from public life, to ban the resources that help our kids learn, to force Black people, immigrants and LGBTQ+ people out of our jobs and homes, and to control whether and when we grow our families. It doesn't have to be that way, and this election, we can make a difference. From now through Election Day, you can be a PFLAG voter by sharing the reasons your love votes and by taking action like checking your registration, getting educated on the issues, and organizing your friends and family to vote, too! Take the pledge to be a PFLAG voter and make sure love votes for the best in all of us—because we all deserve the freedom to be ourselves, to learn, and to thrive.”

Upcoming Events

10/12/2024 Resource Table at Authenticity Celebration Coming Out in Aurora

1:30-4 Santori Aurora Public Library



10/14/2024 Monthly Meeting
Allyship & LGBTQ+ Language basics

6:30-8



10/26/2024 Power of PFLAG Conference

Power of PFLAG, the biennial conference of the PFLAG Council of Northern Illinois (PCNI) will be held at The Morton Arboretum in Lisle, IL

SAVE THE DATE: Saturday, October 26,

2024, from 8 AM to 3 PM

RSVP for the Conference here:

<https://pflagil2024.rsvpify.com>



**SUPPORT MEETINGS
THE SECOND MONDAY
OF EACH MONTH**

October 14th 6:30 - 8 pm

November 11th 6:30- 8 pm

December 9th 6:30- 8 pm

PFLAG Geneva/Tri-Cities

Membership

PFLAG Geneva Tri-Cities, Chapter Member Benefits

Memberships and Donations are tax deductible

Opportunities to engage regularly with other folks and organizations in our community.

We are building the relationships and connections in our Community.

Ability to vote in Board elections + eligibility for board membership.

Most importantly, your membership dollars support PFLAG being a presence in the community for everyone that comes next.

Whether it be future parents, LGBTQ+ people and families who need support, or other organizations that will benefit from PFLAG's presence and education, keeping PFLAG active and funded is critical.

Other ways your membership supports our mission:

Supports PFLAG's legislative advocacy at the state and national level.

Supports community and national outreach efforts in schools, libraries, businesses, etc.

Supports participation in community PRIDE events.

Covers the printing costs of brochures and educational materials.

Membership runs from October 1st to September 30th of the following year. At this time we are not offering partial-year memberships.

Membership payments received in July, August, and September apply to the remainder of the current membership year and the next membership year through September 30th of the following year.

Our Chapter Membership Structure

Join our chapter at the membership level that suits you best, to help grow our reach throughout the community!

Membership Dues

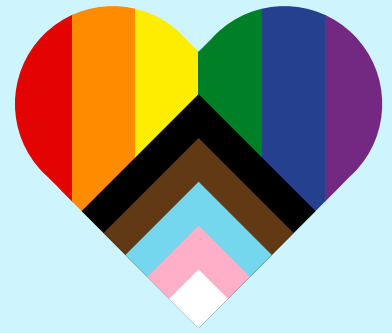
Household membership \$45 Basic single or family membership

Supporting membership \$60 Thank you for being able to go above & beyond!

PFLAG FLAG Waiver \$100 Thank you for helping PFLAG Geneva/Tri-Cities do the heavy lifting of advocacy for LGBTQ+ issues!

PFLAG HERO \$250 Your donation will help be a part of making education on LGBTQ+ topics more available!

PFLAG SUPERHERO \$500 Your donation helps support our mission and achieve goals that previously nobody thought possible!



Membership Continued

Whichever level you select please add family member's names and email addresses 18 years and older who reside in your home that would like to be added to your yearly membership (pay 1 price, get multiple memberships)!

All members of local PFLAG chapters automatically receive a PFLAG National membership.

PFLAG National Member Benefits

Regular "Take Action" advocacy alerts in your state

Access to members-only PFLAG Academy Online learning sessions and resources

Annual subscription to the PFLAG Banner newsletter

Special members-only rate for PFLAG National Convention

Benefits chapters receive from PFLAG National:

1:1 advocacy training with the PFLAG National advocacy team

Dedicated support from Chapter Engagement staff regarding any and all chapter operations.

PFLAG swag is a great way to show that you're #PFLAGProud, all year long.

We have a PFLAG shop where you can buy t-shirts, buttons, pens, flags, and all kinds of great branded items! When you become a member, you'll receive a discount code for PFLAG swag!

As a new member you will receive a PFLAG Geneva/Tri-Cities Membership folder (1 per household) and some PFLAG Geneva/Tri-Cities swag!

Ready to join? Fantastic! [Click here PFLAG Geneva/Tri-Cities Membership](#)

Not ready for membership but would like to donate? Thank you!!

[PFLAG Geneva/Tri-Cities Donation](#)

Thank you for your support!

PFLAG Geneva/Tri-Cities Leadership Team

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