



GENEVA/TRI-CITIES

September Newsletter

2024



What's Happening

Our August meeting was full of anticipation for Dr. Lapinski's informative session on LGBTQ+ healthcare. Her presentation exceeded our expectations, and we truly appreciate her time and the insightful information she provided.

Membership Drive

Equality can't wait, join us today! The PFLAG mission of support, education, and advocacy is as vital as ever. Please consider supporting PFLAG Geneva/Tri-Cities. We promote the health and well-being of LGBTQ+ people, 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 secure equal civil rights. *Please refer to the last two pages for more information on membership benefits.*

Open Doors Publications

Open Doors is the monthly newsletter of the PFLAG Council of Northern Illinois. Subscribe to Open Doors free monthly newsletter! It brings you chapter reports, news from PFLAG National, information about local events, interviews with artists, writers and other interesting people, book excerpts, and useful resources and creative content by, for, and about LGBTQ+ people. Sign up to get the electronic free publication here, or order a printed copy.

September Meeting



Our presenter Stephanie Dewinski, MSW, LCSW, joined Suicide Prevention Services of America (SPSA) in 2016 as an intern at Aurora University during her Master of Social Work program. Before her master's program, she earned her Bachelor's in psychology with a minor in women, gender, and sexuality studies from NIU in 2014. After graduation, she became the Coordinator of Hotline Paraprofessionals, Director of Education and Training, and now serves as Associate Executive Director of SPS

Join us on September 7th for a Suicide Prevention Presentation in recognition of Suicide Prevention Month. This session will cover common myths and misconceptions about suicide, the warning signs, risk factors, how to approach and support someone in crisis, and effective ways to help. Learn about local and national resources, and practical steps you can take to make a difference. Together, we can create a safer and more compassionate community.

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

9/4/2024 6-8 South Elgin **Summer Concert: Beyond the Blonde** @ Pantan Mill Park 9 N Water St. South Elgin, IL

Tribute to P!NK, Gwen Stefani and Lady GaGa



We will have a resource Table

9/9/2024 6:30-8 Monthly Meeting
Guest Speaker Stephanie D. from Suicide Prevention Services

9/14/2024 *We will be at Naper Pride Fest and have a Resource Table with PFLAG DuPage*
[Click here for more information](#)

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



SUPPORT MEETINGS
THE SECOND MONDAY
OF EACH MONTH

September 9th 6:30- 8 pm

October 14th 6:30 - 8 pm

November 11th 6:30- 8 pm

December 9th 6:30- 8 pm

Thanks for volunteering!

Thanks to Tom P for stepping up to help figure out our hybrid set up and to Samantha N for collaborating with us and volunteering her time to help in the community!

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!

Join Us at the Naper Pride Fest Resource Table

Our team, in collaboration with the PFLAG Dupage Chapter, is excited to host a resource table at Naper Pride Fest, and we'd appreciate your support!

PFLAG Geneva/Tri-Cities will be present from 12-4, and Dupage will be there until 6.

For more details about Naper Pride Fest, visit their [website by clicking here](#).

To attend the festival, tickets are \$10 if purchased in advance, \$15 on the day of the event, or you can volunteer and gain complimentary entry (while also having the option to donate to a fantastic cause)!

Talk to Elaine at our support meeting in September or [email us](#) today!

October Meeting

Make sure not to miss the upcoming October meeting – or any future ones!

Expect exciting giveaways for new members or those who have renewed their membership. We will delve into ways to provide optimal support for our LGBTQ+ loved ones and friends, along with sharing valuable resources. Additionally, we will commemorate LGBTQ+ History Month in October with some delightful treats!

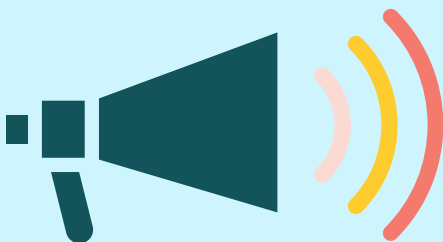
Hybrid Meetings on the Horizon!

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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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

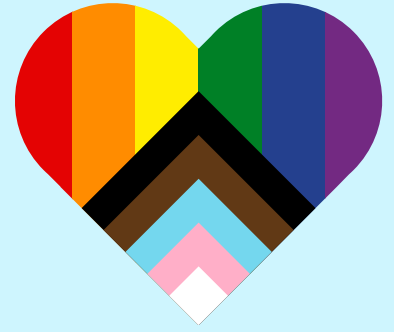
Household membership \$45 Basic single or family membership

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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