



GENEVA/TRI-CITIES



# December Newsletter



2024

## What's Happening

We are excited about our November meeting, where we implemented our hybrid format. Over 20 participants (combined, in person & via Zoom) joined us on this journey! A shout out to our Zoom attendees who helped us along the way.

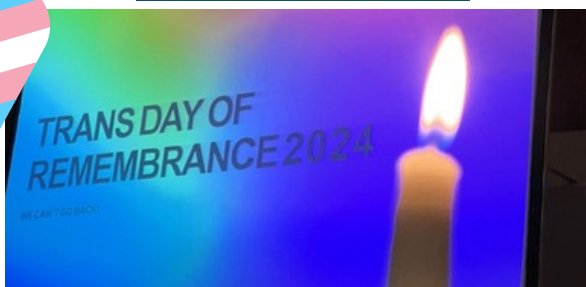
We would also like to express our gratitude to Stephanie Dewinski from Suicide Prevention Services of America for joining us once again. Stephanie facilitated a vital discussion on how to discuss and create safety plans. During our conversation, the topic of the 988 Lifeline came up. Stephanie provided us with a link to share more information about this essential resource. You can find more details by clicking on the 988 Lifeline link.

[988 Lifeline Link](#)



**A heartfelt thank you to our volunteers for their support at the Batavia High School Pride event. It was a wonderful occasion to celebrate our youth together.**

**We attended a Transgender Day of Remembrance service hosted by the Aurora LGBTQ+ Advisory Board and HOPE United Church of Christ. The event was emotional and beautiful, honoring the lives of transgender, non-binary, and gender non-conforming individuals who lost their lives for living authentically.**



# December Meeting

Join us on Monday, December 9th, for our final gathering of the year!

We will be exploring ways to support yourself and your LGBTQ+ loved ones during what can be a challenging season: the holidays.

Additionally, we'll have a fun craft activity for anyone interested in participating.

Remember, we are collecting donations for the Queering the Binary Foundation!

We're specifically gathering items for their Unhoused Survival Packs.

***Please refer to the attached documents for a list of needed items for the Unhoused Survival Packs.***

**We are also accepting clothing donations at our December meeting too.**

Here is a list of items they accept:

Queering The Binary Foundation collects donations of clothing, accessories, and beauty products for individuals from ages 8-80+.

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

Wigs

Shoes

Bags, wallets, and backpacks

Jewelry (we accept broken as well)

Chest binders / tucking panties

Hair accessories and styling equipment

Undergarments

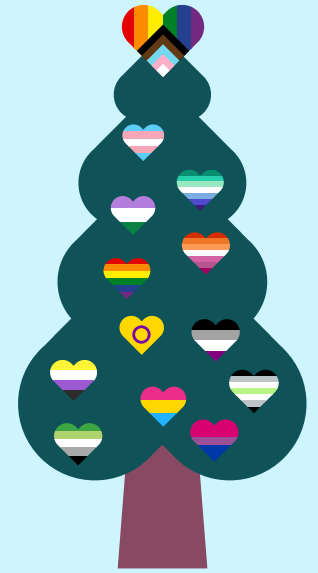
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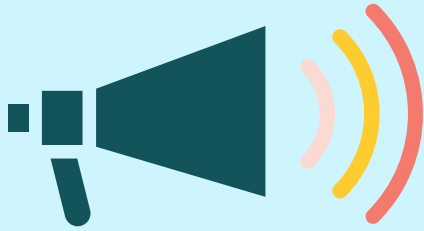
New makeup and makeup brushes

New beauty and hygiene products

Costumes

Fetish gear





# **Thanks for volunteering!**

Thank you to Lori and Liz for volunteering at the Batavia high school Pride Fest!

## **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 15 minutes early. You will guide any new attendees to the meeting area. You can sign up at our next meeting or reach out to us today to reserve a month!

### **Volunteers**

Want to get involved in 2025?

***Talk to a board member today!***

We have lots of opportunities in 2025 and would love to talk to you!

### **Open Doors Newsletter**

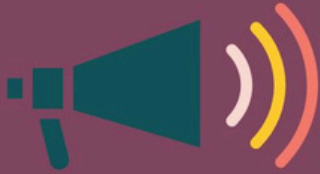
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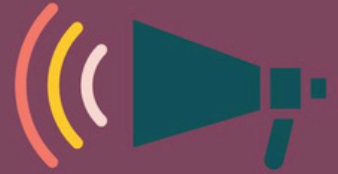


# Reminder of Meeting Time Update for January and February!



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## 2025 MEETING UPDATE

Starting in January and February 2025, we will extend our meeting time by an additional 30 minutes.

Our meetings will now take place from 6 PM to 8 PM.

The initial 30 minutes will be dedicated to sharing time. For those who cannot arrive early, presentations will begin at 6:30 PM. After a few months, we will evaluate these adjustments to decide on a permanent schedule moving forward.

If you have any questions or require more information, please feel free to contact us at [pflaggenevatricities@gmail.com](mailto:pflaggenevatricities@gmail.com).

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