

This month, we are showcasing our Pride Events on pages 1 to 3.



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Pride Event Snapshots

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Express Yourself Fashion Show
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We engaged in and thoroughly enjoyed a series of Pride events over the past month.

Our summer events were kicked off with the Barrington Art Festival over Memorial Day weekend. June was amazing with events like Saint Charles Pride, Queerly Beloved in Elgin, Elgin Pride, Aurora Pride on the Plaza, Aurora Pride Parade, School of Rock Pride, Dekalb Pride, Pride Sip & Paint, Batavia Pride/Express Yourself Fashion Show, and we concluded with month of June with the iconic Chicago Pride Parade.





Chicago Pride Parade and Pride at the Pier



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Pride at the Pier

A few volunteers from PFLAG Geneva/Tri-Cities volunteered with PCNI at **Pride at the Pier** this year. Looks like it was out of this world!

The Chicago Pride Parade

PCNI organizes the Chicago Pride Parade on behalf of our 18 chapters. They reported that our PCNI Chapters could have nearly 160 participants! That's fantastic!



2025 Chicago Pride Parade *continued...*



PFLAG Council of Northern IL (PCNI) proudly represented the northern Illinois PFLAG chapters at the 2025 Chicago Pride Parade.

For those who may be new to this journey, remember that this is just a small beacon of light to remind you that You Are NOT ALONE.

Photo credits for the amazing photos taken (like the one above) are given to the wonderful volunteer photographers Cory Kessler, founder of PhotosforFOOD and Marin Chalmers.

Here is the **[Link to the over 450 photos](#)** (& one video) taken by these amazing volunteer photographers. ***You may use them personally, but PLEASE credit the photographers for their work in any social media posts you share using their photos.***

Also enjoy a slideshow created by **Andrew Zanevsky**, our PCNI President using photos set to Home Again, a song he created with help from ChatGPT and Suno "dedicated to everyone who has found their chosen family in PFLAG." **[Chicago Parade Slideshow](#)**

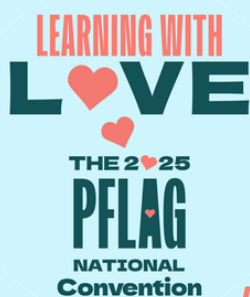
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“Hope will never be silent.”

-Harvey Milk

And neither will we...



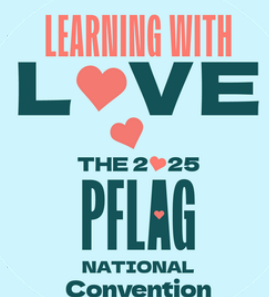
Save the Date!

**COURAGEOUS LOVE, IN COMMUNITY TOGETHER
2025 PFLAG NATIONAL CONFERENCE**

**Friday, October 10 - Sunday, October 12, 2025
Chicago, IL**

Registration info: Early bird pricing through July 15th

[Register Here](#) <https://pflag.org/events/2025convention/>



Upcoming PFLAG Events & Community Activities

PFLAG Geneva/Tri-Cities Events

- **7/12 We are partnering with Belong Fox Valley for Pride at the Park Wheeler Park in Geneva from 1-4 Drop by anytime!**
 - Entertainment featuring School of Rock
 - Michele Westmass of Thrivent is sponsoring School of Rock for us!
 - Enjoy a Belong Pride Guard Performance too!
- **7/14 PFLAG Geneva/Tri-Cities Chapter Monthly Meeting**
 - *Join us for a relaxed summer gathering where we'll explore PFLAG resources, share useful tools, and for those who are comfortable sharing; we'll have an extended sharing time. If you prefer to listen, that's perfectly fine; it can be a valuable way to learn.*
- **8/11 PFLAG Geneva/Tri-Cities Chapter Monthly Meeting**
- **9/8 PFLAG Geneva/Tri-Cities Chapter Monthly Meeting**
- **10/10-10/12 2025 PFLAG National Conference Courageous Love, in Community Together**
- **10/13 PFLAG Geneva/Tri-Cities Chapter Monthly Meeting**



Local LGBTQ+ Events and Activities

Discover Belong Fox Valley's Events Here

- Rainbow Roundup
- The Belong Hangout
- Cheers Queers
- Pride Playgroup
- Weekly Teen Drop-In
- Gender Peers



IL West Suburbs LGBT Community social media

Dedicated to spreading the word about LGBT events, news, & resources in the NW, western, and SW suburbs of Chicago.

Aurora LGBTQ+ Advisory Board's Events on social media

- Prism
- Coffee & CommuniTEA

Elgin Pride Events

- LGBTQ+ Book Club
- Game Night
- Chat & Caffe
- Community Conversation



Pride at the Park Volunteers Needed!

We hope you're able to join us at Pride at the Park on July 12th at Wheeler Park in Geneva anytime from 1-4. If you have a little time to spare, we would greatly appreciate your help whether it's with food, managing our table, or helping with a craft.

Check out our opportunities here: [Pride at the Park](#)

PFLAG GENEVA/TRI-CITIES SUPPORT MEETINGS

**THE 2ND MONDAY EVERY MONTH
6:00-8:00 PM**

All are welcome!

You do not need to be a PFLAG member to attend our meetings or events and our meetings are always free.

You are welcome to join us at 6:00 or 6:30

- **Typically, our support and connecting time begins at 6:00**
- **The educational segment of our meeting usually begins at 6:30**

For safety, the doors will remain locked during our meetings.

Our contact number is
630-492-0032

If you know you are going to be late try to call by 6:30.

After 6:40, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to take your call due to the meeting in progress.

Thank you for your understanding!

If you wish to invite a friend to the meeting, that's wonderful! Please ask them to reach out to us via [email](#) so we can share the details!

Advocacy & Resources

Advocate

Figure Out What Works For You
Where Do We Start?

Calls to Action -

- **Show Up - Get Involved**
 - School Board Meetings
 - Library Board Meetings
- **Mobilize - There's Power in Numbers**
- **Organize & Strategize**
- **Brainstorm**
- **Make Your Voice Heard**
 - Lobbying
 - 5 Calls - Make your voice heard
- **Share Your Story**
 - Sharing personal experiences can shift perspectives and touch hearts.
- **Join Rallies**
- **Protest** Safely
- **Reach out to your State & Federal Representatives**
 - Email
 - Call
 - Go in Person
- **Action Steps**

Advocacy Resources

- **PFLAG National Advocacy Tools: Join the fight!**
- **Advocacy Video Training Series: Advocacy in 10 minutes or less!**
- **Advocacy at All Levels: Making Your PFLAG Voice Heard**



Resources

Get Connected
Discover New Resources

- **PFLAG National Newsletter**
- **PFLAG Connects Communities**
- **A4TE** - Trans Resource
- **ACLU**
 - Take Action
- **Chase Strangio**
 - Co-Director of the ACLU's LGBT & HIV Project
- **Equality IL**
- **Erin In The Morning**
 - Erin Reed, Trans Reporter - Excellent Resource
- **GLESEN**
- **HRC**
- **Illinois State Board of Elections**
- **Find My Elected Officials**
- **Illinois Department of Human Rights**
- **Illinois Attorney General Kwame Raoul**
 - *Civil Rights Immigration Rights*
- **LambdaLegal**
- **Sage Advocacy Services for LGBTQ+ Elders**
- **TJLP** - Name & Gender change resource
- **Trangender Law Center**
- **The Trevor Project**
- **Trans Youth for Equality Foundation (TYEF)**
- **Heather Cox Richardson**
 - *Professor of American history-she explains daily how the political landscape affects lives*



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To join the private group, click the blue Facebook icon & answer the membership questions.