



# PFLAG

## Fort Collins / Northern Colorado

### Next Meeting

**Date:** February 8, 7 PM meeting and discussion  
**Program:** Dessert and discussion with GLBT youth

PFLAG is eager to understand the issues important to GLBT youth and their families by hearing from our local and regional Gay-Straight Alliances, GLBT youth groups and campus organizations, as well as teachers, counselors, and parents. Please come talk with us!

Additionally, we will conduct a brief annual meeting.

### PFLAG News

**Seniors, apply for PFLAG scholarships now**

High school seniors, it is time to consider applying for PFLAG scholarships. The deadline is March 12. For more information, check [PFLAG National Scholarship Program](#).

### PFLAG Annual Meeting

Agenda:

- ◆ Thank you to outgoing board member Kelli Darland
- ◆ Treasurer's report
- ◆ Election of board members

Proposed slate for board membership:

- President: Julie Wilson (parent)
- Vice President: Stewart Anderson
- Secretary: CiCi Eberle
- Treasurer: Beverly Webber (parent)
- Librarian: Mareye Bullock
- Membership: Carl Hane (parent)
- Membership: Nancy Hane (parent)
- At large: John Case (parent)
- At large: Diane Kaufman (parent)
- At large: Jim Rath

### Events of Local/Regional Interest

#### Feb 12: PFLAG at Curious Theater

Please join PFLAG for *Home by Dark* by Terry Dodd, a Denver-based playwright. The play begins at 8:00PM with a PFLAG reception at 7:00 and a talk-back session after the play. Call Beverly Webber at 970.484.0031 for information on how to reserve your ticket at special PFLAG-discounted prices. For more information about the production, see [www.curious theatre.com](http://www.curious theatre.com).

#### Feb 13: Colorado Queer Youth Summit

This year's theme is "Lead with your Heart!" The event takes place at Mi Casa Resource Center, 360 Acoma Street, Denver. See <http://www.coqueeryouthsummit.org/>.

#### Feb 15: Lobby Day

The Center will host its annual Lobby Day on Monday, Feb 15, at 9 a.m. at The Center, 1050 Broadway. Lobby Day is a collaborative effort with Denver PFLAG, and offers participants legislative information and tips on how to bring LGBT issues to the attention of lawmakers. Local legislators will be on hand to discuss important upcoming state and national legislation that will affect the LGBT community. Center Legal Director Mindy Barton will lead the discussion and PFLAG will provide breakfast and coffee. Please RSVP to Mindy at [mbarton@glbtcolorado.org](mailto:mbarton@glbtcolorado.org) if you plan to attend this important event.

#### Feb 18: Boulder County PFLAG: "Dude You're a Fag"

The Boulder County PFLAG meeting will feature local author, CJ Pascoe, who wrote the book *Dude You're a Fag*. Boulder PFLAG meets at United Methodist Church, 1421 Spruce, 7:00PM.

#### Mar 6: Freedom to Marry Day

This year's theme is "Celebrating Families and Community." As usual, our Freedom to Marry Day event begins in Old Town Square, Fort Collins (corner of Mountain and College Avenues) at 12:30 PM. After a rally in Old Town Square, we will march to a wedding-style reception at Avogadro's Number. For more information, contact [andy@lambdacenter.org](mailto:andy@lambdacenter.org) or call (970)221-3247.

#### Jun 4-5: Fort Collins "Pride in the Park" Weekend

Save the date. Look for more information later.

#### Jun 19-20: Denver PrideFest

Mark your calendars! Marking its 35th year in 2010, Denver PrideFest will be held on June 19 and June 20 at Civic Center Park. Produced by The Center and recognized as one of the top 10 Pride events in the country, PrideFest features a Dance Stage with DJs, a Latin Stage and Main Stage with live entertainment, and plenty of celebrating all day. Last year more than 275,000 people from Colorado and the region enjoyed a parade, rally, music, entertainment, food and much more. See <http://glbtcolorado.org/>.

### News of Local/Regional Interest

Did you know April is **Sexual Assault Awareness Month** and the **National Day of Silence**, a day to bring attention to anti-LGBT harassment and violence? Did you know sexual assault, gender violence and LGBTIQ violence are related?

Prepare yourself for the whole month of April with the *Respect for All* film series presented by Lambda Community Center and SAVA Center of Fort Collins. There will be four film showings over February and March and then a big

"Breaking the Silence" event on April 15 at Avogadro's Number at 5:00-7:30.

The *Respect for All* film series explores the roots of judgments among youth of all ages and demonstrates their link from subtle to unmistakable forms of violence. Naming these forces is one way to begin to change them in our community."

- *Straightlaced*  
Feb 15, 2pm: Avogadro's Number  
Feb 24, 6pm: Council Tree Library
- *Let's Get Real*  
March 9, 6pm: Harmony Library
- *That's a Family!*  
March 23, 6pm: Main Library

For more information on the film series, see the Lambda Center's calendar. For more information on the films, see [www.groundspark.org](http://www.groundspark.org). For more information on the National Day of Silence, see [www.dayofsilence.org](http://www.dayofsilence.org).

## News of National/Global Interest

### Joint Chiefs of Staff Recommend DADT Repeal

The Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, Adm. Mike Mullen, told the Senate Armed Services Committee that he personally supports ending the "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" policy which bans gays from serving openly in the military. However, even with Democrats firmly in control of Congress, it is not clear that there are sufficient votes in either the House or Senate to pass legislation to repeal the policy. And likely Republican gains in the November midterm elections could further complicate the path to passage. [[CBS News](#), Feb 2]

### San Francisco Gay Men's Chorus Goes on Tour

The San Francisco Gay Men's Chorus has embarked on its Freedom Tour into the heart of Proposition 8 territory. Make no mistake, this isn't a tour. It's a groundbreaking political action. In the upcoming months, they'll visit Bakersfield, Fresno and Tracy, all strongholds for Prop. 8, the measure that banned same-sex marriage. They hope their music will help personalize the fight for gays to marry. [[SFGate](#), Feb 1]

### Europe's Gay Leaders: Out at the Top

In contrast to the U.S., where there are still only a handful of nationally prominent GLBT lawmakers, Europe's more welcoming political climate has resulted in the emergence of several dozen openly gay lawmakers and Cabinet officers, notably in Britain, France and Germany. The positive situation for LGBT leadership is fueled by public attitudes. More than

#### MEETINGS:

2<sup>nd</sup> Monday each month, 6:45 pm  
Plymouth Congregational Church  
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In addition to parents, families, friends, and GLBT people, we welcome anyone involved in the coming-out process.

We welcome anyone who supports the PFLAG mission of **SUPPORT, EDUCATION** and **ADVOCACY** for GLBT people.

eight in 10 French, Germans and Spaniards say gay people should be accepted, compared with 49% of Americans. [[Time](#), Jan 18]

## Advocacy

### President Obama's Don't Ask Don't Tell Pledge

During his State of the Union speech, President Obama pledged to work with the Congress and military this year to see that lesbian and gay Americans are no longer subject to this discriminatory law. For more than 16 years, this discriminatory law has forced lesbian and gay service members to lie about who they are or face losing their jobs.

Legislation to remove the ban on serving openly and replace it with a law of non-discrimination is currently in the House. Now we need to echo the President's request and tell our representatives we expect them to move the bill quickly!

Now is the time to end this law, once and for all. The [Voices of Honor web site](#) makes it easy for you to contact your representative. Take action now.

## Reading/Viewing Corner

- Online access to the movie *Prayers for Bobby* [[MyLifetime.com](#)]
- Unholy Alliances: The limits of Anglican soulmating [<http://www.newsweek.com/id/230736>]
- Must-See TV: Make the gay-marriage trial public [<http://www.newsweek.com/id/230979>]
- The Conservative Case for Gay Marriage: Why same-sex marriage is an American value [<http://www.newsweek.com/id/229957>]
- CBS banned a United Church of Christ ad but it OK'd a pro-life ad for the Super Bowl [[Queerty](#)]
- CBS states it is willing to air more Super Bowl advocacy ads [[Washington Post](#), Jan 26]

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