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Parents, Families and Friends ^{And} of Lesbians and Gays
(and BiSexual, Transgender, and "Questioning" People)

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Dear Kim,

Thank you to everyone who marched with us in the Phoenix Pride parade! And thank you to everyone that cheered for us as we walked by.



Don't forget to "like" our [Facebook page](#) and if you haven't checked out [our new website](#), now is the time to do that too.

Sincerely,

PFLAG Phoenix
602.843.1404

Guest speaker at the Central Phoenix meeting on May 16th

We invite you to join us Monday, 5/16, at 7pm to listen to our guest speaker, **Peter Renn**.

Peter is a Staff Attorney in the Western Regional Office of Lambda Legal, the oldest and largest national legal organization committed to achieving full recognition of the civil rights of lesbians, gay men, bisexuals, transgender people and people with HIV. He has fought for marriage equality, the rights of transgender people, and the rights of LGBT students.

Peter will be discussing an anti-gay law on the books in Arizona



that restricts what schools can teach about lesbian, gay, and bisexual people in the classroom. Come learn more about why

this discriminatory law needs to go and what you can do to help to oppose it."

The National LGBT Bar Association has named Lambda Legal Western Regional Office Staff Attorney Peter Renn to its annual list of the Best LGBT Lawyers Under 40.

Information about our Central Phoenix meeting can be found [here](#).

May support meetings:

Friday	May 6	Tempe
Wednesday	May 11	Beatitudes Campus
Thursday	May 12	North Scottsdale
Tuesday	May 10	Native American
Wednesday	May 16	Central Phoenix
Friday	May 27	Fountain Hills

More information on Support meetings can be found [here](#).

Gen Silent screening canceled

Last month we announced the screening of Gen Silent on May 12th. Unfortunately, we have had to cancel that engagement, but fear not, we will be rescheduling soon. Keep an eye on upcoming issues of our newsletter for the new dates and times.

We apologize for the disappointment we may have caused.

Spotlight on Chandler L. Barteau - our second amazing 2016 scholarship winner



Chandler lives in Oro Valley, AZ and has attended Ironwood Ridge High School. His major is Psychological Sciences and he wants to become a licensed counselor and work in Arizona. He'd like to focus on family studies and possibly sex therapy. He hopes to one day have his own practice. Chandler's academic record, as well as his contributions to the LGBT+ community made him an easy choice for our scholarship. We wish him well with his future plans!

HBO's "get suited"



Calling all LGBTQ youth, ages 13-24. Go to HBO.com to enter HBO Documentary Films 'Get Suited' contest with a video sharing your personal thoughts on fashion and identity for a chance to win an experience of a lifetime! Winners will receive custom-made suits from Brooklyn's Bindle & Keep - a bespoke tailoring company that looks beyond the gender binary - plus an all expense-paid trip to New York, and more! Submissions accepted through May 6th.

Beyond the Binary: Counseling & Community Work with Trans* Persons



Dr. Michael Peck

When

**Wednesday May 11, 2016
from 6:00 PM to 8:30 PM
MST**

[Add to Calendar](#)

Where

**Phoenix First Congregational
UCC**

1407 N. 2nd Street (south of
McDowell)

Pilgrim Room

PCS - Sierra Tucson & Phoenix First Congregational UCC presents "Beyond the Binary: Counseling & Community Work with Trans* Persons." Join us for dynamic learning experiences and a panel discussion featuring Dr. Michael Peck, Rev. James Pennington, and Millye Carter Bloodworth.

This is an advanced level of instruction targeting psychologists and mental health professionals. All are invited to attend. Free dinner and 2 CE credits^ provided. Seating is limited and **REGISTRATION REQUIRED**.

Click on the link below to Register or RSVP or obtain

Program Description: Dr. Michael Peck leads you through a dynamic and experiential learning opportunity that provides unique insights and clinical skills for with with transgender and gender nonconforming persons. This presentation provides personal and professional knowledge about the experiences of transgender persons in therapeutic settings (Dr. Peck) , spiritual environments (Pastor Pennington) and the community at large (Millye Carter Bloodworth). You will leave with a greater understanding of gender diversity, ethical issues, and opportunities for working with gender diverse persons. Q & A to follow presentation.

Workshop Objectives:

- Delineate how at least 3 social institutions influence on social construction of gender related shame
- Describe at least 3 ways that individuals challenge the gender binary, and delineate psychosocial consequences of challenging the normative gender binary
- Identify and be able to discuss at least 4 clinical skills that will promote more effective counseling and community-based work with Trans* persons

More information can be found [here](#). Registration is required and can be done [here](#).

New PFLAG Support meeting



Though we are still dotting i's and crossing t's, we are anticipating that we will have a new Mesa PFLAG support meeting starting in June on the third Tuesday night of each month. It will be held at the First Evangelical Lutheran Church at 142 N. Date Street, Mesa Arizona, from 7- 8:30 pm. Our Board member, Sari White, will be facilitating this group.

This is still in the final confirmation stages, but we hope to have our first meeting on June 21st! Welcome, Mesa PFLAG!"

News and Notes

- Mississippi state governor signs a sweeping Anti-LGBT Religious Freedom Bill that legalizes discrimination in housing, employment, and public accommodations into law. [Read more here.](#)



- South Carolina Senator Introduces Bill He Says Mirrors North Carolina Anti-LGBT Bill HB2. [Read more here.](#)
- TN Lawmakers Pass Religious Freedom Bill Allowing Therapists to Refuse LGBT People Service. [Read more here.](#)
- Voters in Maine could be asked to remove protections from discrimination based on sexual orientation from the Maine Human Rights Act if a new ballot initiative is successful. [Read more here.](#)
- Paypal Withdraws Plans to Open New Global Operations Center in North Carolina Because of HB2. [Read more here.](#)
- Lionsgate Films makes a similar move and pulls production of a new Hulu show from Charlotte. [Read more here.](#)
- North Carolina Bill To Repeal HB2 (bathroom bill) Intro'd On Monday April 25. The Winston-Salem Journal has backed the repeal campaign. [Read more here.](#)
- Pennsylvania Gov, Tom Wolf Signs Order Banning Anti-LGBT Discrimination By State Contractors and he will now call on the legislature to finally pass non-discrimination legislation so that what has happened in North Carolina and other southern states does not happen in Pennsylvania. [Read more here.](#)
- Judge Strikes Down Mississippi Ban On Adoption By Same-Sex Couples. [Read more here.](#)
- Mississippi billboard mocks anti-LGBT "Religious Freedom Bill". [Read more here.](#)



- Republicans, already girding for their most tumultuous convention in decades, now have another fight brewing: a divisive battle over gay marriage on the party's official national platform. [Read more here.](#)
- Colombian Constitutional Court APPROVES Same-Sex Marriage In Landmark 6-3 Ruling. [Read more here.](#)
- Saudi Arabian Government Seeks Death Penalty For Gays Who Come Out On Social Media. [Read more here.](#)