Greetings,

February is traditionally all about LOVE and now, more than ever, in this post-election environment we need to make sure that our most vulnerable know that they are loved & valued.

PFLAG Phoenix is here to support, educate, and advocate for and on behalf of the LGBTQ community. We love to see unconditional love and acceptance emerge from confusion and fear. Unfortunately, our job is much harder this year. We are seeing an increase in people who are experiencing a wide range of emotions from anger, hurt, sadness, and fear. But we will continue to be that safe place for those who are in need and we will continue to fight for a world in which all people are valued, respected, supported, and loved.

We love our volunteers to pieces! They are the ones who make PFLAG Phoenix’s work possible. If you’d like to know more about ways you can help our chapter, check out our many volunteer opportunities on our Volunteer Page, or email us at info@pflagphoenix.org.

And if you have not checked out our new website, now is the time to do it!

Don't forget to "like" (or LOVE) our Facebook page if you haven’t yet!

Sincerely,

And with lots of LOVE,

PFLAG Phoenix
602.843.1404
AGRA Arizona Gay Rodeo

The rodeo is coming to town and WE NEED MORE VOLUNTEERS!

The annual **AZ Gay Rodeo** is coming to Corona Ranch & Rodeo Grounds at 29th Avenue and Baseline Road in Laveen. It will be Friday - Sunday, February 17-19, 2017. To buy tickets, click [here](#).

AGRA has been a long-time supporter of PFLAG Phoenix. To show our LOVE, many PFLAG volunteers will be there selling beverage tickets.

**As usual we will have many shifts to fill and we need your help!** We will have two tables that will need volunteers. The shifts for one table start at 9 am and run til 10 pm and the shifts for the other table start at 10 am and run til 10 pm. All shifts are 3 hours long. If you can work a shift please send an e-mail to info@pflagphoenix.org or sign up at a support meeting.

If you sign up for a shift, you get free admission to the rodeo for the whole day of your shift (a $15 value), but you will have to pay $5 for parking. It's a fun volunteer opportunity that requires no heavy lifting, roping, or cattle branding (you just sit at a table and just enjoy the action).

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Mark your calendars for these upcoming events

June is traditionally Pride month, but here in our desert, we celebrate Pride month in April. (Can you guess why?) But wait, you say, April is still a ways away, why are you telling us now? Well, we hope you can join us for the [Pride Festivals](#) and help us celebrate!
the fun will be endless. So get out your poster boards & your markers and get to work on your signs now!

So mark your calendars now. The Pride Festival is April 1st & 2nd, noon - 9pm, and the Pride Parade is on Sunday, April 2nd @ 10am. You can either march with PFLAG Phoenix or enjoy the parade from the sidelines - either way, we guarantee it will be a good time!

More details to come in our March newsletter, but in the meantime, start thinking about what you want your sign to say.

February support meetings

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*Please note our north Scottsdale meeting has a new location, details are here.*
*For more details on our new Mesa support meeting, click here.*
*General information on all of our support meetings can be found here.*

Special Guest Speaker for North Scottsdale Meeting

We are pleased to announce that we have a great guest speaker for our [North Scottsdale meeting](#) on February 9th: Lynn Cochrane Leonard. Lynn is a retired mental health counselor with experience in sexual orientation and gender issues. No stranger to challenges in her own life, her warmth, understanding and compassion are among her greatest gifts. Lynn is also an accomplished public speaker and author. Her ability to listen and address the concerns of other people is very special. So please join us for an evening with Lynn.