PFLAG Phoenix Newsletter

Dear Kim,

Everyone at PFLAG Phoenix wishes you a happy, healthy, and prosperous New Year! It is also a year in which we need to be involved and ready for whatever comes our way. And remember, PFLAG Phoenix is always here for you.

Don't forget to "like" our Facebook page, and if you haven't yet, please check out our new website too. For information about what else is going on in January, check out our calendar of events.

Sincerely,

PFLAG Phoenix
602.843.1404

January support meetings:

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A message from our outgoing PFLAG Phoenix President

It has been a very rewarding and personal honor to serve this past year as PFLAG Phoenix President. I want to thank everyone I’ve met at our six support group meetings, as well as many of our members that I have not yet met, for your participation and interest. A special thank you goes out to: Kim Sullivan, who facilitates the Fountain Hills support group, developed and manages our website, and publishes this monthly e-newsletter; Geoffrey Dorsey, for stepping up and giving permission to be nominated (and elected) your President for 2017; Drake Hawkins, for facilitating the Tempe support meeting for over TWENTY YEARS before resigning earlier this year; and Crystal Asseta, for volunteering to take over the job of facilitating the Tempe meeting, insuring the continuance of one of our most popular support meetings. And there are so many more people I’d like to thank, but I have to include my wife, Donna, who has been the contact person for the past ten years to those who send their requests to info@pflagphoenix.org (a job that has since been taken over by Lewis Penrose who is also our Chapter Secretary).

For anyone who wants to volunteer and help, I encourage you to consider becoming a member of our Board of Directors, or a facilitator for a small group session at our regular support meetings.

Donna and I hope and expect to continue our participation and we look forward to seeing you often in the days ahead.

Al Ellis

Desperado LGBT Film Festival

The Desperado LGBT Film Festival at the Center for the Performing Arts at Paradise Valley Community College showcases the best in LGBT film and fosters diversity and multiculturalism throughout the state of Arizona. It will be held on Friday, January 27th, Saturday, January 28th, and Sunday, January 29th. For more information on tickets and other details, check out the Desperado Film Festival flyer.

Desperado LGBT Film & Arts Festival Schedule:
Friday, January 27, 2017
8:00 am  DLA Workshop:  *Real Boy*  
   Free Event, Preregistration is Required  
   www.diversityleadershipalliance.net  
6:00 pm  Reception for All Access Pass Holders  
7:30 pm  *A Million Happy Now*  

Saturday, January 28, 2017
9:00 am  Glass Blowing Workshop - see website for details  
12:00 pm  *Real Boy*  
1:45 pm  *Mixed Shorts*  
3:00 pm  Meet and greet with artist Tricky Burns - Free Event  
3:30 pm  *Strike A Pose*  
5:30 pm  *AWOL*  
7:05 pm  Outdoor Favorite Short Films - Free Event  
8:15 pm  *Do You Take This Man?*  

Sunday, January 29, 2017
12:15 pm  *El Canto del Colibrí* followed by a panel discussion - Free Event  
2:00 pm  *Jonathan*  
3:30 pm  Musical performance by House of Stairs - Free Event  
4:00 pm  *Heartland*  
6:00 pm  *Fair Haven*  Sponsored by Phoenix Pride  

Outdoor events and the art gallery are free and open to the public.

It's January and that means PFLAG Scholarship deadlines are fast approaching!

Attention outstanding graduating high school seniors and college students: You are encouraged to apply for the 2017 scholarships offered through PFLAG Phoenix. All scholarships are open to lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender (LGBT+) individuals and to straight allies who have directly supported LGBT+ youth and/or the LGBT+ community and live in Arizona.

Know a Deserving Student That Could Use Some Cash for School? Let Them Know!! The application Deadline is January 31, 2017.

For more information, visit our website or e-mail info@pflagphoenix.org if you have any questions. The scholarship packet can be downloaded here.

The Arizona Gay Rodeo will be here soon and we need volunteers!
Want to have a really GREAT time? Then we have a job for you! We need volunteers to help sell drink tickets at the Arizona Gay Rodeo, which runs February 17th, February 18th, and February 19th on the Corona Ranch & Rodeo Grounds (7611 S 29th Ave, 29th Ave and Baseline Rd, Laveen AZ, 85339). The hours are Friday, 5:00pm til close, and Saturday & Sunday, 9:00am til close.

If you are interested in volunteering on any or all of these days, please contact us at info@pflagphoenix.org or attend one of our support meetings to get information about shift times and sign up. We guarantee you'll have a fantastic time! More information about the rodeo itself can be found on the AGRA website.

Thank you for your support!

And finally we'd like to thank the almost 80 people (and still counting) who joined PFLAG Phoenix as members during this membership drive. And for those of you who still have not joined or renewed, there is still time. Please visit our website where you will find 4 easy ways in which to pay and 8 different memberships and 4 sponsorships from which to choose. There is sure to be one that fits your personal budget.

We'd also like to remind you of another way that many people have chosen to support PFLAG Phoenix as well:

Does your employer participate in an annual campaign for United Way?

If your answer is yes, then we have great news for those of you who are looking for a good way to support PFLAG Phoenix but do not have the time to volunteer. United Way and United Way Bank of America have been very important sources of our (PFLAG Phoenix) income - approximately 20% in 2016. And anyone working for an employer who participates in an annual campaign for United Way may designate all or part of their donation to PFLAG Phoenix by entering agency code: 1016. And the best part is there are even some companies that match all or a percentage of these donations! Maybe yours, is one of them. We cannot express enough how much we appreciate these donors.