2015 is turning out to be a momentous year for hard fought victories, big and small. The Pentagon has added "sexual orientation" as a protected class under its Military Equal Opportunity Policy. In Florida Gov. Rick Scott signed a bill allowing same-sex couples to adopt children, following a 2010 court ruling that overturned the law preventing couples from this right. In New Jersey, a jury has ruled that "gay conversion therapy," designed to turn LGBT people straight violates the state's consumer fraud act. The ACLU has determined that only six of 78 religious freedom bills discriminating against LGBT people introduced this year have become law, and two of these were scaled back. And though not yet legally binding, federal officials ordered that transgender employees be permitted to use restrooms at work that correspond to their gender identity. And of course, the biggest victory of all is the Supreme Court Ruling that makes marriage equality the law of the land!

Wondering what else is going on in July and August? Check out our calendar at the PFLAG Phoenix website where we list all our support meetings, plus other events that may be of interest.

And remember, we love our volunteers! If you'd like to know more about ways you can help our chapter, email us at info@pflagphoenix.org.

Don't forget to "like" our Facebook page if you haven't yet!

Sincerely,

PFLAG Phoenix
602.843.1404

The White House Glows with pride - Supreme Court legalizes marriage equality June 26, 2015!
Washington (CNN)In a landmark opinion, a divided Supreme Court on Friday, June 26, 2015 ruled that same-sex couples can marry nationwide, establishing a new civil right and handing gay rights advocates a historic victory.

In the 5-4 ruling, Justice Anthony Kennedy wrote for the majority with the four liberal justices. Each of the four conservative justices wrote their own dissent.

Nearly 46 years to the day after a riot at New York's Stonewall Inn ushered in the modern gay rights movement, the decision could settle one of the major civil rights fights of this era. The language of Kennedy's opinion spoke eloquently of the most fundamental values of family, love and liberty.

Read the Supreme Court's full decision.

Beautiful Ending to Justice Kennedy's Marriage Opinion

"No union is more profound than marriage, for it embodies the highest ideals of love, fidelity, devotion, sacrifice, and family. In forming a marital union, two people become something greater than once they were. As some of the petitioners in these cases demonstrate, marriage embodies a love that may endure even past death. It would misunderstand these men and women to say they disrespect the idea of marriage. Their plea is that they do respect it, respect it so deeply that they seek to find its fulfillment for themselves. Their hope is not to be condemned to live in loneliness, excluded from one of civilization's oldest institutions. They ask for equal dignity in the eyes of the law. The Constitution grants them that right. The judgment of the Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit is reversed. It is so ordered."

July support meetings
August support meetings

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Sheila Lopez honored

Sheila Lopez, President of PFLAG Phoenix Native American and a 2015 Trailblazing parent, acknowledges her award on national TV with her son Manu. Enjoy the entire trailblazing episode here. And a short 3 minute clip can be found here.
Guest speaker at the Central Phoenix meeting on August 17th

Please join us at our main meeting on Monday, August 17th at 7:00pm for our special guest, Rev. David Ragan. Rev. Ragan is Sr. Vice President of Resident Services at the Beatitude Campus, the host location for one of our monthly PFLAG support meetings. Rev. Ragan is also one of the founding members of No Longer Silent. He will show a DVD (about 24 minutes long) about the struggles/process three different churches have gone through to become Open and Affirming. One of them was Church of the Red Rocks in Sedona.

Our Central Phoenix meeting is held at First Congregational United Church of Christ, 1407 N. 2nd Street, Phoenix, AZ  85004

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