Greetings,

As we prepare to say goodbye to August and welcome a cooler September, let’s look ahead to what’s happening at PFLAG Phoenix in the coming months.

Our membership drive begins with earnest, nominations for PFLAG Board of Director officers can be submitted now, and the Rainbows Festival is coming up on October 15th and 16th.

Wondering what else is going on in September & October? Check out our calendar at the PFLAG Phoenix website to see when and where our support meetings are, 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 or check out our volunteer page on our website.

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

Sincerely,

PFLAG Phoenix
602.843.1404
It's That Time of year! Nominations Being Sought for Phoenix PFLAG Board Of Directors Officers

The terms for the current officers for the Phoenix Chapter of PFLAG are ending in four months. We are seeking nominations for these four positions now so we can continue the mission of the Phoenix PFLAG Chapter:

President
Vice-President
Secretary
Treasurer

According to our by-laws, each chapter member in good standing with a current active membership status can be nominated and better yet nominate themselves for any of these positions. Those nominated will be placed on the ballot to be mailed out to the membership no later than Saturday November 26, 2016. In order to prepare the ballot in a timely manner all nominations must be received by Friday November 18, 2016.

Nominees must be:

- In good standing as a current paid member.
- Have given permission to serve in the position being nominated for, and
- Expect to be present for at least four of the six bi-monthly Board of Director's two-hour meeting held the second Saturday of every other month in downtown Phoenix.
- Nominations do not need a second

Not a member of PFLAG? Now is the time to become a PFLAG member so you too are able to provide direction and leadership either as a Board Member or an Officer in 2017.

Nominations can be mailed or e-mailed no later than 11/18 to:

Address:
Election Committee
C/O G. Lewis Penrose
2701 N, 7th Ave.
Phoenix, Arizona 85007

OR

E-mail:
info@pflagphoenix.org

Thank you.
September support meetings

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For more information about our meetings, please check our PFLAG Phoenix website. Please note: we have a new Mesa meeting & we have a new location for the Scottsdale meeting.

It's Membership Time!

Please join PFLAG Phoenix as an official member, or renew your existing membership for 2017

If you are a current member of PFLAG Phoenix, your membership will expire on September 30th (unless you joined between July and now - that counts as a 2017 membership). We hope that you will renew your membership and continue supporting the Phoenix chapter.

If you are not a member, we would like to take this time to share how important memberships are to our chapter.

About 20% of our chapter's annual income comes from memberships. Without our paid memberships, we would not be able to provide all the the valuable services that we currently provide for our LGBTQ+ individuals and their families that live in the Phoenix metro area. Our chapter is unique in that we serve a very large area. In order to provide support to as many people as possible, we currently hold SIX monthly meetings in different areas of the valley. We also helped establish PFLAG's first (and the only) chapter dedicated to the support of the Native American community and their friends and allies. For locations and times of our monthly meetings please check out our website.

PFLAG Phoenix is a grassroots 501(c)(3) non-profit organization that is entirely run by volunteers. We...
You do not need to be a member to take advantage of our services, but we encourage and appreciate it. Click here to discover the many options we have for memberships that range from $35 to $1,000 (including a Special Membership @$20 for students/special circumstance w/no questions asked). You can join/renew here (if you are using a credit card or debit), or by mail (download form here), or in person at any of our support meetings.

Thank you!

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**Guest speaker at the Central Phoenix meeting on September 19th**

Please join us at our main meeting on Monday, September 19th at 7:00pm for our special guest, Josef Wolf Burwell. Joseph, is a transgender man who served in the Army years ago under "don't ask, don't tell" as a woman, but was discharged under less than honorable circumstances for being gay. Recently, Burwell's dishonorable discharge was reversed to an honorable one. Josef is also on the Board of Directors of Trans Spectrum of Arizona. Hewill speak to us about his rather recent transition and other aspects of his very interesting and multi-faceted life. It is guaranteed to be an interesting evening! So come and enjoy the presentation with us.

Our Central Phoenix meeting is held at First Congregational United Church of Christ, 1407 N. 2nd Street, Phoenix, AZ 85004
Save these dates! 2 fun events benefiting one wonderful organization.

The Arizona Gay Rodeo Association (AGRA) & Joshua Tree Feeding Program invite you to come enjoy an evening out and enjoy “A Taste Of Italy” on Friday, September 23rd. The event will be held at Joshua Tree Feeding Program, located at 214 E. Willetta St., Phoenix, AZ 85004 from 6:00pm to 9:00pm. The cost is $10 per person with advance purchase, and $15 per person at the door. There will be a 50/50 raffle and some basket auctions. Tickets and more info can be found here.

Then on Friday, November 11th, Joshua Tree Feeding Program invites you to the 2016 Masquerade Gala at the Four Points Sheraton on 2532 W. Peoria Ave., Phoenix 85029 from 5:00pm to 9:00pm. Tickets are $50 per person with advance purchase and $60 per person at the door; $450 per table (10 people) with advance purchase and $600 per table (10 people) at the door. To purchase tickets or get more information, click here.

Both events benefit a great organization and a wonderful cause. So you can have fun and do something good all at the same time!
An important reminder: PLEASE DON'T FORGET TO VOTE!

Are you registered to vote in Arizona? Need to register to vote for the first time? Update your address, permanent early voter status, or any other information? You can do all of that online and it just takes a few minutes! To vote in the General Election, register by October 10. [Here are instructions on HOW to register to vote](https://inbox.google.com/) or update your current voter registration. And here is [where you register to vote](https://inbox.google.com/).

News and Notes

- The Democratic Party Ratifies Most Pro-LGBT Platform In History [Read more here.](https://inbox.google.com/)

- The Republican Party has done it again, taking a big step toward approval of its most staunchly anti-LGBT, hateful platform of all time. [Read more here.](https://inbox.google.com/)

- Vice President Joe Biden Officiates Same-Sex Wedding [Read all about it here.](https://inbox.google.com/)

- NBA [pulls All-Star Game from Charlotte](https://inbox.google.com/) because of North Carolina’s controversial “bathroom bill,” legislation passed earlier this year. [New Orleans has been selected to replace Charlotte for hosting](https://inbox.google.com/) the NBA All-Star 2017.

- And speaking of North Carolina, [Raleigh, NC could lose as much as $40 million](https://inbox.google.com/) in convention business from HB2, the state’s controversial law on transgender rights.

- And Lambda Legal says: [See you in court, North Carolina!](https://inbox.google.com/)

- Oh so COOL! Nike makes a commercial with the first transgender athlete to make the men’s national team. [This is a must see.](https://inbox.google.com/)

- The state of Washington is not going to make the same mistakes North Carolina is making: [Trans Rights Repeal Fails To Make Ballot in their state.](https://inbox.google.com/)

- And speaking of the state of Washington, [It Leads 12 States In Filing Court Brief](https://inbox.google.com/) In Support Of Obama’s Transgender Rights Directive

- Navy to Name Ship After Gay Rights Activist Harvey Milk - [So wonderful!](https://inbox.google.com/)

- And yet another American city doing the right thing: [Lafayette (Indiana) City Council Unanimously Approves Transgender Rights In Preliminary Vote](https://inbox.google.com/)
- **TEXAS:** Federal Judge Blocks Implementation Of Obama's Transgender Guidelines For Public Schools
- Federal Judge Says [Religion Gives You A Right To Discriminate](#)
- New Christian group [aims to make homosexuality a crime](#) in Maine
- Canadian Anglican Church [votes down same-sex marriage](#). Oops, there was a voting error, Canadian Anglican Church [Decision is Reversed](#) - Same-Sex Marriage will be allowed!