Greetings!

August 2017 is finally in our rear view mirror and now we can look forward to what's going on in September (hopefully some cooler temperatures), so let's take a look ahead and see what's happening at PFLAG Phoenix in the coming months.

Our membership drive is beginning with earnest, we soon will be able submit nominations for PFLAG Board of Director officers, and the Rainbows Festival is coming up on October 21st and 22nd.

Wondering what else is going on at PFLAG Phoenix? Check out the events calendar on our PFLAG Phoenix website. It's a great way to stay current with what is going on in our community.

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
September PFLAG Phoenix BOD meeting rescheduled

Please note: The September 2nd PFLAG Phoenix Board of Directors meeting has been rescheduled for October 7th, the first Saturday in October. It will be held at our usual time, 10:00am to 12:00pm, at our usual venue (see link below for everything you'd want to know about our BOD meetings).

New attendees are ALWAYS welcome and appreciated at our bi-monthly meetings! So if you think you might be interested, we strongly encourage you to attend and check us out! This is a great way to get more involved with a local LGBT+-supportive community organization. So join us at our next PFLAG Board of Directors meeting. You will be welcomed with open arms.

You can find all the information you need to know about our PFLAG Phoenix Board of Directors meetings here on our website.

September support meetings

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For more information about specific meetings, please check our PFLAG Phoenix website.

Please note: We are sad to announce that due to low attendance at our Fountain Hills support meeting, October will be our last meeting there. This applies only to the here on our website PFLAG Phoenix website.
It's Membership time!

Please join PFLAG Phoenix as an official member, or renew your existing membership for 2017 - 2018

Since the first of the year the LGBTQ Community has been watching the amazing gains we've made in the last seven years slipping away. Life was truly getting better for so many individuals and there was hope that true equality in every aspect of their lives was within reach. Sadly things have changed and fear, shame, and uncertainty are pushing some of those people back into the closet and into a life with so many unknowns. We must not let that happen!

Your membership helps us fulfill our mission of support, education, and advocacy for, and on behalf of LGBTQ individuals, their families, and friends (and straight allies too). There is nothing more rewarding than helping LGBTQ people and the family/friends who support them to accept & celebrate themselves just as they are. Everything we do is with dedicated volunteers, many of whom have been on this journey at some point in their life. Either they are LGBTQ or they are the parent, family, friend of someone who is. But we cannot do it all with just volunteers, which is why we need your financial support as well.

Please renew or join now to help us support our loved ones, educate families, and friends, and advocate to advance & PROTECT strides gained in the past.

Visit our website to get more details and see the different options for joining or renewing. http://pflagphoenix.org/memberships-sponsorships-donations/

Read our 2017/18 Membership Renewal Letter here.

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 2018 membership). We hope that you will renew your membership and continue supporting the Phoenix chapter.

You *are not required* to be a member to take advantage of our services, but we encourage and appreciate it.

[Click here](#) to discover the different options we have for memberships. You can join/renew [here](#) (if you are using a credit or debit card), or if you are more comfortable with joining/renewing by mail, [download the form here](#), or you can also do it in person at any of our [support meetings](#). Regardless of how you choose to join or renew, thank you from the bottom of our hearts!
Sneak peek at upcoming guest speakers for the Oct & Nov Central Phoenix support meetings

Please join us at our main support meeting on October 16 for guest speaker, Katie Hobbs. Katie is an Arizona native who has spent her life working for a better Arizona through advocacy and public service. Katie is also a State Senator in her first term in Arizona. Prior to being elected to the Senate, she served one term in the AZ House of Representatives.

Katie is changing the face of local politics through identifying, training and encouraging more women to run for office. She is also faculty in the Social and Behavioral Sciences Department at Paradise Valley Community College and at Arizona State University. She started as a professional social worker in 1992 and prior to being elected to the legislature she worked for Sojourner Center, the largest domestic violence shelter in the United States. As Director of Government Relations, she was responsible for ensuring compliance with $4 million in government contracts, was involved in several community-wide domestic violence and homeless coordination efforts, and worked to engage domestic violence survivors in the legislative process and social action.

Our Central Phoenix meeting is held at First Congregational United Church of Christ, 1407 N. 2nd Street, Phoenix, AZ 85004
Please join us at our main support meeting on November 20th for guest speaker, Dr. Stacy LaMorgese. Dr. LaMorgese is currently an associate psychologist after completing her post-doctoral residency here at East Valley Counseling Associates. Dr. LaMorgese has had over five years of intensive training in the Family Forensic Psychology and Clinical psychology fields. She obtained her doctorate at the Arizona School of Professional Psychology in Phoenix, Arizona. Prior to joining East Valley Counseling Associates, Dr. LaMorgese conducted individual therapy, family therapy, group therapy, psychological assessments, learning disorder assessments, and psychodiagnostic assessments at Canyon State Academy and with the Glendale Union High School District.

**Treatment specialization includes:**

- Psychological Assessments
- Therapy for Depression and Anxiety
- Couples Counseling
- Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender and Questioning Concerns
- Conflict Resolution
- And more ...

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Hello everyone, my name is Dr Natasha and I am a certified service dog. I work with Dr Stacy LaMorgese, your special guest speaker for the November 20\textsuperscript{th} Central Phoenix Support meeting. It is going to be an extra special guest speaking gig with me there. So please join us at 7:00pm to 7:30pm to hear us speak then stay on for the support meeting that follows.

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Save the date! The Rainbows Festival is coming in October.

Phoenix Pride is the proud producer of the “Arizona’s Greatest Street Fair”, the Rainbows Festival. The annual Rainbows Festival & Street Fair is a celebration of the diversity of the LGBTQ community. The event is located in historic Heritage Square Park in Downtown Phoenix on Saturday, October 21 from 10am to 6pm and Sunday, October 22 from 10am to 6pm.

Each year, the Rainbows Festival draws a crowd of over 25,000 friends, families, and allies. Rainbows Festival is the 2nd largest LGBTQ event in the state of Arizona, only 2nd to the Phoenix Pride Festival.

The annual Rainbows Festival is a free event open to the public. We host nearly 150 exhibitors and sponsors throughout the two-day event and have 2 stages filled with entertainment throughout the weekend. More information can be found here on their website.

PFLAG Phoenix will be hosting a table at this 2 day event and we will be soliciting volunteers to staff that table for either a 2 hour or 3 hour shift. If you'd like to sign up for one of those shifts, you can do so at one of our support meetings or if you cannot make a meeting, you can contact us by email: info@pflagphoenix.org. Please state clearly that you want to volunteer for a shift manning the PFLAG Phoenix table at the Rainbows Festival on either Saturday, Oct 21st or Sunday, October 22nd.

It will definitely be a good time!

It’s time to start thinking about nominations for Phoenix PFLAG Board Of Director officers
The terms for the current officers for the Phoenix Chapter of PFLAG will be ending in a few months. We will soon be seeking nominations for these four positions so we can continue the mission of the Phoenix PFLAG Chapter:

- President
- Vice-President
- Secretary
- Treasurer

Think about potential nominees you’d like to see on the Board, or better yet, think about nominating yourself for one of these positions! Those nominated will be placed on the ballot to be mailed out to the membership sometime in November.

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

Mark your calendars:
**Scottsdale OB/GYN who specializes in FTM surgical procedures is hosting an open house**

We are pleased to announce that Dr. Burt Webb, a Scottsdale OB/GYN who has beenworking with the transgender community for 15 years with great results, is hosting an open house. Dr. Webb specializes in hormone therapy and FTM surgical procedures. He is one of the few doctors in the country performing a vaginectomy procedure that reduces down time and drastically decreases complications.

The open house will held at 5:30pm on October 25th at Dr. Webb’s practice, Scottsdale Center for Women’s Health, 8415 N Pima Rd #210. The goal of this event is to be a valuable resource for the transgender community and their families. This will be an evening that presents the opportunity for a parent or transgender person to get answers to their questions and hear topics that cover multiple aspects of healthcare and the social needs of this community.

RSVPs are requested, but not mandatory. They can be made by calling 480-492-8833 or emailing drwebb@ftmdoctor.com. You can also find more information about this event on Facebook or on Twitter @FTMDoctor.