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Parents, Families and Friends ^{And} of Lesbians and Gays
(and Bisexual, Transgender, and "Questioning" People)

PFLAG Phoenix Newsletter

Events and information **February 2018**

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Greetings!

February is traditionally all about LOVE and now, more than ever, 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 now. 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 [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](tel:602.843.1404)



2018 PFLAG Phoenix scholarship package is now available



2018 Scholarship Program

PFLAG is the organization of parents, families, friends, and allies, united with LGBTQ+ people to drive equality forward!

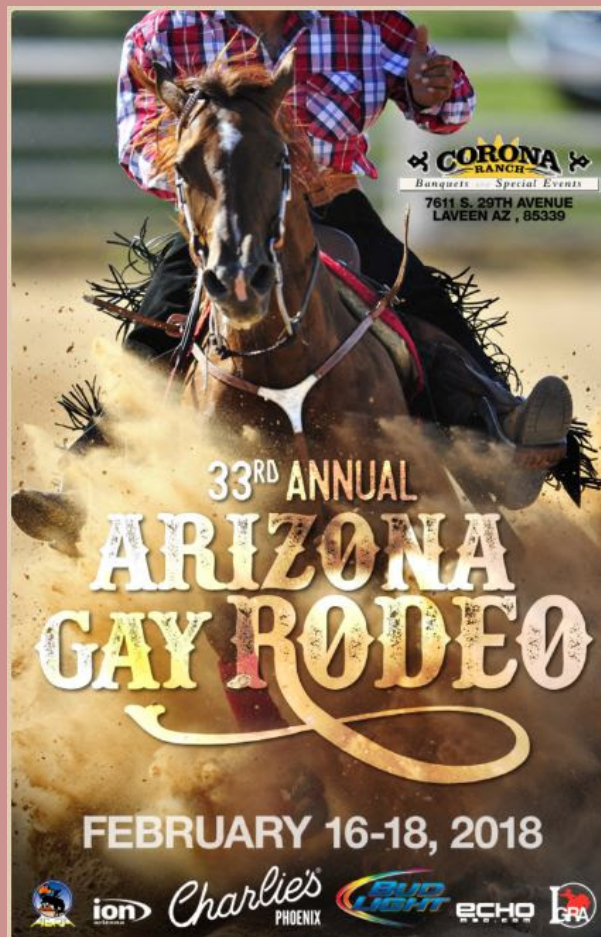
For the application packet go to
<http://pflagphoenix.org/scholarships>.

Applications must be received by April 15, 2018

For more information or to download the scholarship packet, visit our [website](#). And of course, you can always email us at info@pflagphoenix.org if you have any questions. The amount of our 2018 scholarship this year is \$3,000 and our deadline is later this year than in past years, but that is no excuse to delay getting your application in as soon as possible!

2018 Arizona Gay Rodeo
The rodeo is coming to town and WE NEED MORE VOLUNTEERS!

(See flyer below)



The annual [Arizona Gay Rodeo](#) is coming to Corona Ranch & Rodeo Grounds at 29th Avenue and Baseline Road in Laveen. It will be Friday - Sunday, February 16-18, 2018. 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).

The Arizona Gay Rodeo honors PFLAG Phoenix



This week AGRA, the Arizona Gay Rodeo Association, presented PFLAG Phoenix with an appreciation award for our support. We are honored and humbled by this recognition, but we would be remiss if we did not acknowledge all the support we have received back from this wonderful organization. Their support has enabled us to do so much: further our scholarship funds, help organizations like [Trans Spectrum](#), help us buy printed material that helps many people here in the valley, and so much more. Needless to say it has been many years of a mutually rewarding relationship. Thank you AGRA!

Please join us for:

The Son I Never Had: Growing Up Intersex



Join PFLAG Phoenix, Dayspring PRIDE and The Beatitudes Campus for a Lecture, film screening and Q&A with **Pidgeon Pagonis**

Thursday February 8, 2018 @ 6:00 PM

Dayspring UMC
1365 E Elliot Rd,
Tempe, AZ 85284

Friday February 9, 2018 @ 6:00 PM

Beatitudes Campus
1610 W Glendale Ave
Phoenix, AZ 85021

One of nine LGBT artists honored as an Obama White House "Champion for Change" in 2015. Pagonis also appeared on the cover of the January 2017 National Geographic "Gender Revolution" issue.

In 2014, Pagonis created a documentary of their own, *The Son They Never Had: Growing Up Intersex*, which they tour around the country, advocating against nonconsensual "corrective surgeries".

Notice to parents: "Some of the subject matter discussed in the lecture and in the film at this event may not be appropriate for children 13 years and younger"

Please note there are 2 evenings and 2 different venues. We hope you can make one of these events. It will be a very informative evening.

2018 Desperado Film Festival



The Desperado LGBT Film Festival is coming! It is located at the Center for the Performing Arts at Paradise Valley Community College and showcases the best in LGBT film. It has a long tradition of fostering diversity and multiculturalism throughout the state of Arizona. Check out their film 2018 line-up [here](#).

The dates are as follows: Friday, **February 9th**, Saturday, **February 10th**, and Sunday, **February 11th**, so don't forget to mark your calendars for this great event. You can buy your tickets in advance [here](#).

Save these Dates: April 7th & 8th for the Phoenix Pride Parade and Festival!



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 Festival](#) and help us represent PFLAG Phoenix in the [Pride Parade](#) this year. The weather will be perfect and the fun will be endless. So get out your poster boards & your markers and get to work on your signs now!

The Pride Festival is April 7th & 8th, noon - 9pm, and the Pride Parade is on Sunday, April 8th @ 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 can be found at the above links, but in the meantime, start thinking about what you want your sign to say.

February support meetings

Friday	February 2	7:00pm - 8:30pm	Tempe
Tuesday	Check their website		Native American
Wednesday	February 14	5:00pm - 6:30pm	Beatitudes Campus*
Monday	February 19	7:00pm - 9:00pm	Central Phoenix
Tuesday	February 20	7:00m - 8:30pm	Mesa

*Please note the new times for the Beatitudes Campus meeting.

*Please also note there is NO North Scottsdale meeting.

*For more details on our new Mesa support meeting, click [here](#).

*General information on all of our support meetings can be found [here](#).

No more North Scottsdale Support Meeting



It is with sadness that we announce that we will no longer have a support meeting at our North Scottsdale location. This is effective immediately. We apologize to those people who will have to drive farther to get to a support meeting. We are looking for solutions and will keep you posted in this newsletter and on our [Facebook page](#). Please check out our [website](#) for our other meeting locations.