



PFLAG Phoenix Newsletter

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June 2018

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Greetings!

Happy Pride Month! Celebrate by visiting one of our support meetings, and show us your true colors!



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

Sincerely,

PFLAG Phoenix
602.843.1404

June support meetings:

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Friday	June 1	Tempe
<u>Check their website</u>		Native American
Wednesday	June 13	Beatitudes
Thursday	June 14	Scottsdale/PV
Monday	June 18	Central Phoenix
Tuesday	June 19	Mesa

- **General information on PFLAG Phoenix support meetings, including locations & times, can be found [here](#).**
- **Beatitudes support meeting time has recently changed. Please ck our [website](#) for more details.**
- **Please note our new meeting, Scottsdale/PV. More details on this meeting [here](#).**

Did you hear the news? We have a new support meeting!



We are pleased to announce that we have a new Scottsdale/Paradise Valley support meeting. It will fill the time slot that our old North Scottsdale meeting had, the 2nd Thursday of each month @ 7:00pm.

We hope to see those of you who used to attend the North Scottsdale meeting or the Fountain Hills meeting at this new meeting, and of course newcomers are always welcome! More information about this new meeting can be found [here](#).

Congratulations 2018 PFLAG Phoenix scholarship winners!

PFLAG Phoenix is delighted to announce that we have four 2018 scholarship winners this year. All of our scholarships are open to gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgender (GLBT) individuals and to straight allies who have directly supported GLBT youth and/or the GLBT community. We are so proud of each and very one of these very deserving recipients and when you hear about all of their hard work and accomplishments, you will be too.

Sydney Ann Johnson:



Sydney has an outstanding transcript at Basha high school in Chandler, AZ. She is a Distinguished Scholar this year, and last year got the AP Scholar Award. She's editor of the H.S. yearbook, and co-editor last year. She's a member of the National Honor Society for the past two years, member of the Green People Society (for sustainability), and member of the GSA, and 1N10. Sydney plans to attend Pacific Lutheran University in Tacoma, WA majoring in Pre-Med to eventually become an MD.

Roman Avalos:

Roman is coming to us from Buckeye, AZ and is graduating from Buckeye Union High School. He's the president of his student body, a HOSA member, and was currently recognized as both a silver member and part of a silver chapter for Health Occupations of America. He maintains a very high grade point average, all while working a job every evening, as well as attending West-MEC, working toward his Medical Assisting Certificate! Roman wants to major in Biology to eventually become an Obstetrician.



Samantha Oseman: (no picture available)

Samantha is from Tucson and has attended the Davis-Monthan Sonoran Science Academy. Her grades are excellent, and she created the first GSA at that school, and is also the president of that GSA. She's also a volunteer for Habitat for Humanity last year, and Palentology Club president. Samantha plant to attend San Jose State University and major in Animation/Illustration, as her love is in the field of art.

Sarah Alwin: (no picture available)

Sarah comes to us from Hamilton High School in Chandler, AZ. Her grades are excellent, and she has had many scholarship honors and awards. Sarah also had superior ratings in multiple piano competitions through the AZ Study Program. She tutors a beginning flute player, volunteers for Paz de Cristo Food Bank, and Feed My Starving Children. Sarah plan to attend Macalester College in St. Paul, MN. She plans to major in Pre-Med/Biology with her eyes on becoming a Pediatric Endocrinologist.

Congratulations to all of these amazing students. We are so proud of you!

A huge THANK YOU to one of our biggest supporters: AGRA



PFLAG Phoenix is so fortunate to have so many wonderful and [supportive sponsors](#). No amount of words or gifts of appreciation can accurately express our gratitude for all the support we have received from these sponsors over the years. So please check them out at the link above and show them some love.

Today though, we want to single out one of our biggest and most loyal supporters, [AGRA](#), the Arizona Gay Rodeo Association. AGRA supports a wide range of charities and PFLAG Phoenix is one of them.

Every year in February, AGRA hosts the Arizona Gay Rodeo and PFLAG Phoenix gladly provides the volunteers they need to sell drink tickets over the 3 days of the rodeo. It is, without a doubt, one of the most fun events to volunteer for. Once you've volunteered at the rodeo, you will go home & mark your calendar for next year's February rodeo. It's that fun! So please keep this in mind and consider volunteering for the Arizona Gay Rodeo of 2019. It usually falls around the weekend closest to Valentines Day. You can come to a [support meeting](#) or [email us](#) and sign up to volunteer at this very fun event.

Note: The picture above is AGRA members awarding the officers of our PFLAG Phoenix Board of Directors a check for providing the volunteers at this year's rodeo. We were

overwhelmed and astounded by the generosity of their gift. Thank you from the bottom of our hearts AGRA!

**Do you shop at Amazon?
Great news if you do!**



If you shop Amazon, you can easily switch to [AmazonSmile](#) and use your same Amazon account. By shopping on [AmazonSmile](#), the [AmazonSmile](#) Foundation will donate 0.5% of the price of eligible purchases to PFLAG Phoenix. Simply go to [smile.amazon.com](#), select **PFLAG Phoenix as your charitable organization, and you are ready to shop.**



PHOENIX CHILDREN'S *Hospital*

Gender Management Service



Phoenix Children's Hospital is the only children's hospital in Arizona with a comprehensive Gender Management Program. We provide outpatient services geared towards supporting the physical, mental, and social health of children and youth and their families as they progress through their gender identity development. As specialists in pediatrics, adolescent medicine, and psychology, we recognize that the process of gender identity development is uniquely individual. Our providers determine the best treatment plan for each individual in collaboration with youth, families, physicians, mental health therapists, and other specialists that may be involved in their care.

Patients served by or clinic include:

- **Gender non-conforming youth:** Children and adolescents who exhibit behavior not typical of their assigned birth sex
- **Gender questioning youth:** Children and adolescents who are questioning their gender identities (e.g., "I was born a girl, but I wonder if I'm really a boy?")
- **Transgender youth:** Children and adolescents whose gender identity is different from their assigned birth sex (e.g. "I was born a girl, but I am really a boy,"

More information can be found [here](#).

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