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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 our LGBTQ friend: family. 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



2019 PFLAG Phoenix scholarship package is now available



2019 Scholarship Application Packet

Presented By:

PFLAG Phoenix

**PFLAG is the organization of parents, families, friends, and allies
United with LGBTQ+ people to move equality forward!**

The 2019 PFLAG Phoenix Scholarship package is now available. Outstanding graduating high school seniors and college students are encouraged to apply, the deadline is April 15, 2019. All scholarships are open to lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender (LGBT+) individuals and to straight allies who have directly supported LGBT+ youth and/or the LGBT+ community. For more info or to download the packet, please visit our [website](#).

February Support Meetings

& Some Big Changes to our Support Meeting Schedule

PFLAG Phoenix has made some changes to our Support Meeting schedule. We no longer have a Central Phoenix Support Meeting or a Beatitudes Support Meeting. We now have a **Phoenix Support Meeting**. For more information about dates, times, and new locations, please visit our [website](#).

Friday	February 1	7:00pm - 8:30pm	Tempe
Thursday	February 14	7:00pm - 8:30pm	Scottsdale/PV
Tuesday	February 19	7:00pm - 8:30pm	Phoenix*
Tuesday	February 19	7:00pm - 8:30pm	Mesa
	Check their website		Native American

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

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

About our new Phoenix Support meeting's home



As we mentioned above, our new Phoenix Support meeting will be on Tuesday, February 19th @ the Beatitudes Campus. Here are some important details you will need to know about this meeting:

Date: 3rd Tuesday of each month

Time: Begins 7:00pm - Ends 8:30pm

Location: Beatitudes Campus, 1610 West Glendale, Phoenix, AZ 85021

More details about this meeting can be found [here](#).

**2019 Arizona Gay Rodeo -
The rodeo is coming to town**

34TH ANNUAL

Arizona Gay RODEO

FUN!
FOOD!
Entertainment

FEBRUARY 15-17 2019

Join us for a weekend full of LIVE Rodeo Events, Entertainment, Food, Drinks, and More!

Arizona Gay Rodeo Association is a non-profit organization that donated \$30,000 to local LGBT Charities from our 2018 Rodeo. Please help us do even more this year!

WITH PERFORMANCES BY
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FROM RUPAUL'S DRAG RACE & MORE!

For Event Schedules, More Information, and to Purchase Tickets, please visit:

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

A little more about this fun event:

Dates are: February 15-17, 2019

Contestant registration: Friday, 2/15 - 6-8:00pm

Rodeo Events: Saturday and Sunday - 10:00am - six(ish)pm

Awards Ceremony - Sunday - 8:00pm

Venue is: Corona Ranch - 7611 S. 29th Ave.(SE corner of Baseline and 29th Ave.)
Laveen, Arizona

Admission is \$15 plus parking.

Save this date: Melrose Street Fair is coming!

**SATURDAY
MARCH 2,
2019**



This is a free public event and PFLAG Phoenix will have a table there. There will be lots of vendors, food trucks, craft beer, Mexican moonshine margaritas, live music, a kid zone, and a Classic car show too!

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

Spotlight on PFLAG Phoenix's Tempe Support meeting...



This is a photo of about half of our great PFLAG attendees at the January 2019 Tempe support meeting, but make no mistake, we always honor everyone's privacy and would never photograph anyone who wishes to maintain their privacy. Of course, many of us "oldtimers" are perfectly comfortable being in this photo, but there were others who were not.

With that said, we invite those of you who have never been to one of our [support group meetings](#) to come and join us. You will never meet a group of people who are more empathetic & non-judgmental. And no matter where you are on your path, there is usually someone who has already been there at some point. There is nothing more comforting than being

surrounded by people who truly understand. That is why we are here. We will hang in there with you no matter where you are in your journey. Though none of us are "professionals" - we are just parents, families, LGBTQI+, and allies of all kinds - we are here to give support to all. You are never alone.

Here are some articles from our website:

- [What happens at a support meeting?](#)
- [Common concerns and fears about attending your first support meeting.](#)
- [Why we strongly encourage everyone to attend a local PFLAG support meeting.](#)

Pride is coming! Mark your calendar.



More info [here](#).

PopSockets! Coming soon to a meeting near you.



What the heck is a PopSocket - you ask. Well, a PopSocket is a cute little collapsible grip & stand accessory that attaches tightly to the back of your cell phone or tablet, making it easier to hold, take "selfies", and may even save you from dropping and breaking your mobile device. Just expand to use and collapse to lay flat. It also works as a convenient stand. You can take better photos, watch videos on the fly, and text securely with one hand. It's a grip and it's a stand. What's not to like?

Where can you buy them - you ask. Well, PFLAG Phoenix will be making them available for sale soon at support meetings and at events in which we have a table - for as long as supplies last. This is yet another great reason to come into one of our [4 local support meetings](#) (they will not be available at the Native American meeting).

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