



## PFLAG Phoenix Newsletter

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June 2019

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### Greetings!

Happy 2019 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:

<b>Friday</b>	<b>June 3</b>	<b>Tempe</b>
<a href="#">Check their website</a>		<b>Native American</b>
Thursday	June 9	Scottsdale/PV
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>June 21</b>	<b>Phoenix</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>June 21</b>	<b>Mesa</b>

- **General information on PFLAG Phoenix support meetings, including locations & times, can be found [here](#).**

### Congratulations 2019 PFLAG Phoenix scholarship winners!

PFLAG Phoenix is delighted to announce that their Scholarship committee has awarded our PFLAG 2019 scholarship to three candidates this year. We had 14 very worthy applicants making it a very hard decision, but we were unable to narrow it down to more than three people. Each winner was awarded \$1,500.00.

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.



### **Andrew Noblesse:**

Andrew Noblesse is from Tucson and has career goals in either forensic lab tech or medical examiner. He also loves social advocacy. Andrew has been a straight A student and will be attending ASU. He is also an Obama Scholar and peer leader for Barrett, the Honors College at ASU.

### **Manuel Rodriguez:** (no picture available)

Manuel is graduating from high school this month and will attend ASU and Barrett's Honors College. He's going to major in Economics and Politics and wishes to be a Politician (but a GOOD ONE). He too has a STELLAR transcript, and we know he'll be force for good in the world...

### **Peter Somoza:** (no picture available)

Peter is in the field of medicine at the University of AZ College of Medicine, to become a Doctor of Medicine. He has done all kinds of things in the LGBTQIA community as well as in the community at large. Peter is bilingual, and has worked in a number of non-profits and medical agencies to help ease the disparities that many face.

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

## **Common Concerns/Fears About Attending Your First PFLAG Support Meeting** (Article taken from our website)

Almost everyone dreads attending that first support meeting. Those of us who have attended them for awhile can now look back and tell our funny stories of the crazy thoughts we had prior to attending our first PFLAG meeting and how wonderful it actually turned out to be. But, we know we can't convince you of that now...no one could have convinced us either before we went the first time. However, what we can do is address a few of the most common fears associated with attending your first PFLAG support meeting.



### **Fear #1: What if I see someone I know there?!?**

First, you won't. You have a better chance of winning one of those record-breaking multi-state lottery jackpots. There are 4+ million people in the Phoenix metropolitan area. Our attendance at meetings can range anywhere from 4 people (at one of our smaller locations, during those dreaded summer monsoon storms) to about 20 people at our Phoenix meeting. 20 people out of 4+ million. You calculate the odds. It just isn't going to happen.

And, if it did? (Hey, maybe you're a past lottery winner..) No sweat. Guess why they are there? Yep, exact same reason you are there! Trust us, after you've begun to deal with your issues, you'll wish you had someone close to you to talk to about this.

Eventually, over time, you'll most likely become comfortable enough where you can confide in others that you know. But, you aren't going to find those people already sitting waiting for you at your first meeting. You aren't going to know anyone at a PFLAG meeting unless you bring someone with you.

**Fear #2: What will those people be like? Will I see any freaks or weirdos?**

Continue reading this article [here](#).

**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](https://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](#).



## LGBTQ SUPPORT GROUP FOR SURVIVORS OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

**WHAT:** Transformation Support Group

**WHEN:** Starting 5/30/18 and will run for 8 weeks from 6pm-7pm

**WHERE:** 3864 N 27th Ave, Phoenix, AZ 85017

**COST:** FREE!



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