



PFLAG Phoenix Newsletter

Events and information

September 2019

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Greetings!

Ahhhhh September! Finally a light at the end of the tunnel. Living in Arizona we expect hot & humid summers, but we also know that when September rolls around, we can expect cooler temperatures soon.

So let's check out what's happening at PFLAG Phoenix in the coming months. Our membership drive is beginning with earnest, the Desperado Film festival will be coming in October, and the Rainbows Festival & Street Fair will take place the beginning of November.

Wondering what else is going on at PFLAG Phoenix? Check out our [events calendar](#). 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 the [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 support meetings

Friday	September 6	7:00pm-8:30pm	Tempe
	Check their website	Check website	Native American
Thursday	September 12	7:00pm-8:30pm	Scottsdale/Paradise Valley
Tuesday	September 17	7:00pm-8:30pm	Phoenix
Tuesday	September 17	7:00pm-8:30pm	Mesa

For more information about specific meetings, please check our [PFLAG Phoenix website](#).

It's Membership time!

Please join PFLAG Phoenix as an official member, or renew your existing membership for 2019-2020



Just an early heads-up: Sept/Oct are our annual renewal months for memberships. Would you please consider renewing your membership or joining PFLAG Phoenix for 2019–2020? And no worries, if you joined or renewed in June, July, or August, your memberships are automatically covered for the 2019-2020 year

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 surround 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.

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 2019/20 membership). We hope that you will renew your membership and continue supporting the Phoenix chapter. You can read our membership letter [here](#).

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, from the bottom of our hearts, we thank you!

Mark your calendars!





Get more information [here](#).

Save the dates! The Rainbows Festival is November 2nd & 3rd.



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, November 2nd** from 10am to 6pm and **Sunday, November 3rd** from 10am to 6pm. Admission is free.

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 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](#).

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, Nov 2nd or Sunday, November 3rd.

It will definitely be a good time!

And finally ...

We here at PFLAG Phoenix would be remiss if we did not recognize a certain special someone's birthday this month. And that person is Donna Ellis, another volunteer that is so vital to the day-to-day operations of PFLAG Phoenix that she and her husband, Al, have

become the face of PFLAG Phoenix. They have given so much of their hearts and souls to PFLAG Phoenix that we would be lost without them.

So when you see Donna at a support meeting or at any other PFLAG function, take a minute to wish this amazing lady a very happy birthday.

Happy Birthday Donna! We love you.

