

### PFLAG Phoenix Newsletter

#### **Events and information**

March 2020

In This Issue

March with us in Pride Parade
March support meetings
Support meeting news
Melrose Street Fair
Board of Directors meeting
PFLAG National comes to AZ
PopSockets!

**Quick Links** 

Meeting times and locations

Become a member

About our chapter

Our Sponsors

**Our Resources page** 

**Our Calendar of Events** 

For so many in the LGBTQI community, this has been an extremely rough few years. So many of us live each day in fear of losing the rights for which we fought so hard. If you are one of those people who are feeling fearful, please know that PFLAG Phoenix is here for you. Join us at a <u>support meeting</u>. You will find that you are NOT alone. We are all in this together.

And since we are speaking of MARCH, save the date to MARCH with us in the upcoming Phoenix Pride parade on Sunday, **April 5th!** This is such a fun event and should not be missed by any PFLAG member. More details about the Gay Pride Festival & Parade can be found below.

We love our volunteers! If you'd like to know more about ways you can help our chapter, email us at <a href="mailto:info@pflagphoenix.org">info@pflagphoenix.org</a> or check out our <a href="mailto:volunteer">volunteer</a> <a href="mailto:page">page</a> on the website for ways you can help.

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

Sincerely,

PFLAG Phoenix 602.843.1404

Come march with PFLAG Phoenix in the Pride Parade!



The Phoenix Pride Parade brings our diverse LGBTQI and allied communities together for a weekend of camaraderie and celebration of our past, present and future --- PLUS --- we also have a lot of fun!

The parade pushes off at **10:00am on Sunday, April 5th, 2020**. It begins at 3rd St & Thomas and ends at 3rd St & Indian School. We would like those who will be walking or riding with PFLAG Phoenix to get there between 9:00am to 9:30am. So come one, come all! We want as many people as possible to come with their Signs and Smiles! We guarantee a good time will be had by all!

More info on the Pride Parade can be found here. More info on the Pride Festival can be found here.



## March support meetings

Friday	March 6	7:00pm-8:30pm	Tempe
	Check their website		Native American
Monday**	March 9	630pm-8:00pm	Goodyear/Litchfield Park/Avondale
Tuesday	March 12	7:00pm-8:30pm	Scottsdale/PV
Tuesday	March 17	7:00pm-8:30pm	Phoenix
Tuesday	This meeting is temp canceled due to lack of volunteers.	7:00pm-8:30pm	Mesa

<sup>\*\*</sup>Please note: PFLAG Phoenix has a new meeting located in Litchfield Park. More info on this meeting can be found <a href="here">here</a>.

General information about all of our meetings can be found <a href="here">here</a>.

Some Great News! Some Not-So-Great News



The great news is PFLAG Phoenix has a new Support meeting in Litchfield Park. If you are interested in attending this location, you can find all the information you need about this meeting right <a href="https://example.com/herested/here

The not-so-great news is that we have been forced to temporarily cancel our Mesa Support meeting due to lack of volunteers. The volunteers we do have are all stretched thin. So if you are interested in becoming a facilitator for this meeting, please contact us by email: <a href="mailto:info@pflagphoenix.org">info@pflagphoenix.org</a>.

#### Melrose on 7th Avenue Street Fair



Please join us for the Melrose on 7th Avenue Street Fair on Saturday, March 7th from 11:00AM to 5:00PM. This is a FREE event and PFLAG Phoenix will have a booth there as well. It will be a lot of fun!

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.

# March PFLAG Phoenix Board of Directors meeting Please note date change

Normally our chapter's Board of Directors meet on the second Saturday of the odd months, from 10:00am to noon.

This month the date has been changed to Saturday, March 14th, no change in the meeting time.

Meetings are held in an office space that is generously donated to us by <u>Plaza Executive</u> <u>Suites</u> at the Biltmore Office Plaza which is located at 2942 N. 24th St (Suite 114), Phoenix, AZ 85016. Directions can be found **here**.

Board meetings are open to anyone that would like to sit in. We welcome visitors! Anyone interested in getting more involved with PFLAG Phoenix is encouraged to attend and check us

out! Get more information here.

3/5

### **PFLAG National comes to Arizona**



PFLAG National Executive Director, Brian Bond, and National Regional Director, Blanca Leos, invited Arizona chapters to lunch while they were in town for the Two Spirit PowWow. We enjoyed great Mexican food at Aunt Chiladas and got to know each other a little better. It is wonderful to have such a strong national support structure. Brian is the first national leader to attend a Native PFLAG event.

From Left to Right: Sheila Lopez (President, Native), Patty Delp (President, Sedona/Verde Valley), Brian Bond, Blanca Leos, Crystal Asetta (President, Phoenix), Ann Ogg (Board Member, Phoenix), JJ O'Brien (VP, Sedona/Verde Valley).

# PopSockets! We will have them for sale at Melrose Street Fair on 7th.



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 at events in which we have a table - for as long as supplies last.