



PFLAG Southwest Washington Chapter

August 2017 Newsletter

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Join us:

We meet the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 7 pm at the Children's Home Society, 1112 Columbia Street, Vancouver, WA 98660

Next Meeting: August 8, 7 pm
 We will have our monthly support session.

Dates to remember:

- August 15, 5-7pm, Annual PFLAG/Triple Point Picnic at Esther Short Park. Please bring a desert, chips, and/or veggies to share. And Bring lawn chairs and/or blankets.
 - September 9, 9am-6pm. Peace and Justice Fair at Esther Short Park
 - September 12, 7pm, PFLAG SW WA meeting
 - October 10, 7pm, PFLAG SW WA meeting
 - November 14, 7pm, PFLAG SW WA meeting
 - December 12, 7pm, PFLAG SW WA meeting
 - October 20-22, PFLAG National Convention, Portland, Oregon
- [To get more information and to register visit www.PFLAG.Org/2017convention](http://www.PFLAG.Org/2017convention)**

Letter to the Editor

PFLAG SW WA Vice President De Stewart authored the following letter which was published in The Columbian on July 15, 2017.

Thank you to all who declined to sign Initiative 1552. Backers of I-1552 — an anti-transgender bathroom bill — failed to get enough signatures to qualify for the November ballot.

As an advocate with the YWCA Clark County Sexual Assault Program, I have objected to the language of “closing the predator loophole” from the beginning. I am grateful this attempt at repealing protections in our human rights law failed, as it would have made everyone less safe and draws attention away from who really are the perpetrators of sexual assault; over 94 percent of the time it is someone the victim knows.

Perpetrators of sexual assault, voyeurism, etc., existed before the Human Rights Commission ruling and will continue to exist even if I-1552 were passed. That's why there are laws for prosecuting such crimes.

Instead of inciting fear of a marginalized community, we need to have honest talks about the real predators and work toward eliminating sexual assault. We should empower children with information and tools as opposed to “stranger danger” and bathroom fear. I encourage individuals to educate themselves with reputable information from sources such as www.rainn.org or your local community sexual assault prevention program.

National Convention Grants

The PFLAG Washington State Council has given the PFLAG Southwest Washington Chapter a \$200 grant to help defray the cost of attending the PFLAG National Convention. The Chapter, in turn, will use the \$200 provide grants to convention attendees who meet the following criteria:

- Be a current dues paying member of the Chapter.
- Agree to remain a member for at least one year.
- Be willing to participate in Chapter activities.
- Provide a copy of your convention registration receipt.

The dollar amount of the grants depends on the number of eligible applicants. Please use the attached form to apply for a grant.

The convention will be held October 20-22 at the Portland Marriott Downtown Hotel. The cost is \$225 for members.

To register visit www.PFLAG.Org/2017convention. The theme is *We Are the Change*. The convention will offer more than 40 learning sessions to choose from (see page 2).



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PFLAG National Convention Session Topics

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• A la Familia• A Progressive View of the Bible• Are Bisexuals the Worst? - How To See the Invisible• Be the Change: Fortify Partnerships with LGBTQ and Disability Rights• Being a Leader in Difficult Times Without Becoming a Victim• Building Coalitions to Preserve Non-Discrimination Protections in Your Community• Building Local Bisexual+ Inclusive Communities• Creating trans-respectful spaces in law enforcement• Cultivating Pride and Joy with Families in Transition• Doors to Diversity: Mirrors and Windows in Children's Literature• Energy Tools for Tough Times: Self-Care for Advocates• Evangelical Tumult and the LGBTQ Community• Exposed & Naked: The Doctor is "Out"!• Families in Transition: Story-Sharing Inspired by "Real Boy"• Family Acceptance Project: Helping Conservative Families Support their LGBT Children• Family Acceptance within Families of Color• From Yankees to Y'all: Supporting LGBTQ Youth in K-12 Schools• Gender Transition: How Young is Too Young?• Growing a PFLAG Chapter in a Conservative Rural Area | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Helping Faith Parents Unconditionally Love and Accept their LGBTQ Children• Hosting a Collaborative Candidate Forum: Strength Through Partnership• How To Herd a Pride of Lions: Trans Organizing Challenges• How to Nurture Leadership Growth in Others and Ourselves• "I Am Jazz" - A Book Intended to Start Conversations• Inclusion for all Abilities• Intersectionality: The Storm Under the Rainbow• Lead legislators to "Yes" with the family and business case• LGBTQ Aging: What you need to know• Making Cents Out of Raising Money– Increase Your Chapter's Success!• Raising Zoey- Film and Q & A• "Religious Liberty" Exemptions - Bad for Religion, Bad for LGBTQ Rights• The Equality Project: advancing anti-discrimination protections around the country• What makes a successful advocacy campaign? A case study• When Caring Hurts: Compassion Fatigue and a Path to Wellness• When Things Fall Apart: Negotiating Leadership Challenges in our Chapters• PrEP: A New Era In HIV Prevention• Promoting Safety, Inclusion and Well-Being for LGBTQ Youth• Health Disparities and Risk Behaviors among Gender Expansive Students• OHSU's Transgender Health Program: Institutional and Community Transformation |
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WE ARE THE CHANGE



2017 PFLAG National Convention October 20 · 21 · 22

PFLAGers and equality advocates from across the country will converge in Portland, OR to honor and build on our legacy at our biannual national convention, **We Are the Change**. We are proud to host the event at the Portland Marriott Downtown Waterfront.

Together we will learn new skills, build relationships, and shape the future of the movement for LGBTQ equality.

Find out more and register at www.pflag.org/2017convention





**PFLAG Southwest Washington Chapter
National Convention Grant Application**

Date: _____

Name: _____

Email: _____ **Phone:** _____

Address: _____

City/State/ZIP Code: _____

Please check all that apply:

- I am a current dues paying member of the PFLAG Southwest Washington Chapter.
- I agree to remain a member for at least one year.
- I am willing to participate in PFLAG Southwest Washington Chapter activities.
- Attached is a copy of my convention registration receipt.