



PFLAG *Southwest Washington Chapter*

November 2018 Newsletter

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Join us at our regular meetings:

Second Tuesdays, 7pm
Children's Home Society
1112 Columbia Street,
Vancouver, WA 98660

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Next Education and Support Meeting: November 13, 7pm

- Representatives from Peace Health will be speaking about medical services available in Vancouver for the LGBTQ community.
- The education session will be followed by our caring and sharing support group

2018 dates to remember:

- November 2, 6pm-8pm, Celebrating a Day of Remembrance: Creating Artistic Expression in the Trans Community (see flyer)
- **November 6, Election Day VOTE!**
- OutRight Action International November 8, 7-9pm
- November 12, Triple Point Fall Harvest Celebration Dinner, 5pm, YWCA Clark County (see flyer)
- November 20, 6:30-9pm, National Day of Remembrance Commemoration, YWCA Clark County, (see flyer)
- December 11, 7pm PFLAG SWWA meeting



**by Tuesday,
November 6th**



It's That Time Again! Time to Renew Your Membership (Or join, if you're not a member yet)

PFLAG's fiscal year runs October through September, so yes, it's time. Joining or renewing now helps us plan the budget and programs **to benefit you and yours** in the coming year, and **helps you** avoid extra spending during the holiday season.

To join, renew, and/or donate go to the chapter website www.pflagswwa.org or fill out the form on the last page of the newsletter and mail in a check

Here's How You and Those You Care About Benefit from Your Contributions

1. Access to monthly support and education meetings
2. Free educational booklets about LGBTQ topics
3. Access to information about other resources for youth, young adults, and adults, including medical professionals, counseling
4. Outreach and education through
 - Informational booths at community events
 - Presentations to school and college groups
5. Legislative advocacy in support of LGBTQ issues
6. Events for LGBTQ youth involved in Children's Home Society's Triple Point
 - An annual summer picnic
 - Thanksgiving/Harvest dinner
 - Holiday candy bags
7. Support for the Queer Youth Resource Center (QYRC)

You support this great work when you **join, renew**, and **generously donate** what your budget allows:
Every donation of any size gratefully accepted and put to good use.

Your contributions
Save lives
Save families
Create a more just world
and

Move Equality Forward!

PFLAG Chapter Happenings

Please join us at

Creating A Day of Memories

Creating Artistic Expression in the Trans Community
By artist Annette Sabater

A group of Southwest Washington Pflagers joined a large audience to enjoy *Creating a Day of Memories* at Portland's Cerimon House. Stephen Herndon of Triple Point wrote "What an amazing and moving performance this was Friday evening. It was a magical evening of love, talent and hope, all surrounded by Annette Sabater's beautiful family story and artwork. However this all works out I am excited to have met Paul Larrobino and Annette Sabater to share their talents and love here in Vancouver. Won't be long till we are planning our Vancouver Bold Voices to share with our community!" The new Portland Queer Choir made their impressive premier performance at the event.

PFLAG, Triple Point, and Our Bold Voices begin planning the Vancouver event this week.

OUR BOLD VOICES PRESENTS
Creating a Day of Memories
Celebrating Artistic Expression
in the Trans Community

Light refreshments served

Cerimon House
5131 NE 23rd Ave.
Portland, OR

Friday, November 2, 2018
6:00 - 8:00 PM
Program starts at 6:30 PM

music performance
NW Queer Chorus
nwqueerchorus.lgbt

art exhibit
An Iris Stands Tall
Annette Sabater
www.asabaterart.com

storytelling
Stacey Rice
Reid Vanderburgh
Adem Cardona

Tickets
<https://our-bold-voices.ticketleap.com/trans/>

Sponsors
AARP Real Possibilities Oregon
MORELINK
Bill Dickey

Annual Fall Harvest Celebration Dinner

- **Children's Home Society provides turkey, mashed potatoes, and gravy**
- **PFLAG members, parents, and allies provide their choice of sweet potatoes, stuffing, cranberries, salads, vegetables, rolls, pickles/olives.**
- **PLEASE BRING FOOD FOR 6-8 PEOPLE**
- **Desserts are OK to bring but other food is appreciated.**

Let's make this year's dinner a memorable experience for Triple Point youth.

Date: Monday, November 12
Time: 5-7:30 pm
Location: YWCA Clark County
3609 Main Street, Vancouver 98663

TRIPLE POINT &
PFLAG SW WASHINGTON

Annual Fall
Harvest Celebration
Dinner

MONDAY • NOVEMBER 12TH
5 PM - 7:30 PM

YWCA OF CLARK COUNTY
3609 MAIN STREET
VANCOUVER, WA

PFLAG Chapter Happenings

OutRight Action International

November 8

7-9pm

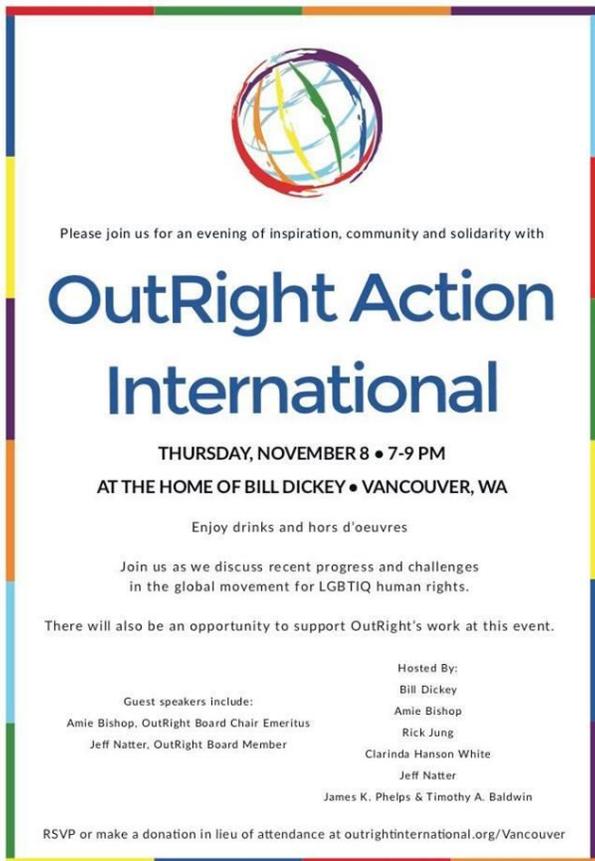
OutRight Action International (formerly the International Gay and Lesbian Human Rights Commission), is a 28 year-old organization which fights for the human rights of LGBTIQ people in the developing world who face extreme persecution and violence.

OutRight is hosting an open house in Vancouver on November 8. Two OutRight Board members will be there to share what is happening around the world right now and how OutRight is a leader in a global movement for safety, dignity, and equality for all LGBTIQ people. It should be a fun evening with drinks, appetizers and friends.

Everyone involved with PFLAG Southwest Washington is invited to the open house on November 8th.

Go to:

<https://www.facebook.com/events/314063002712363/>
to reregister



Please join us for an evening of inspiration, community and solidarity with

OutRight Action International

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 8 • 7-9 PM
AT THE HOME OF BILL DICKEY • VANCOUVER, WA

Enjoy drinks and hors d'oeuvres

Join us as we discuss recent progress and challenges in the global movement for LGBTIQ human rights.

There will also be an opportunity to support OutRight's work at this event.

Guest speakers include:
Amie Bishop, OutRight Board Chair Emeritus
Jeff Natter, OutRight Board Member

Hosted By:
Bill Dickey
Amie Bishop
Rick Jung
Clarinda Hanson White
Jeff Natter
James K. Phelps & Timothy A. Baldwin

RSVP or make a donation in lieu of attendance at outrightinternational.org/Vancouver

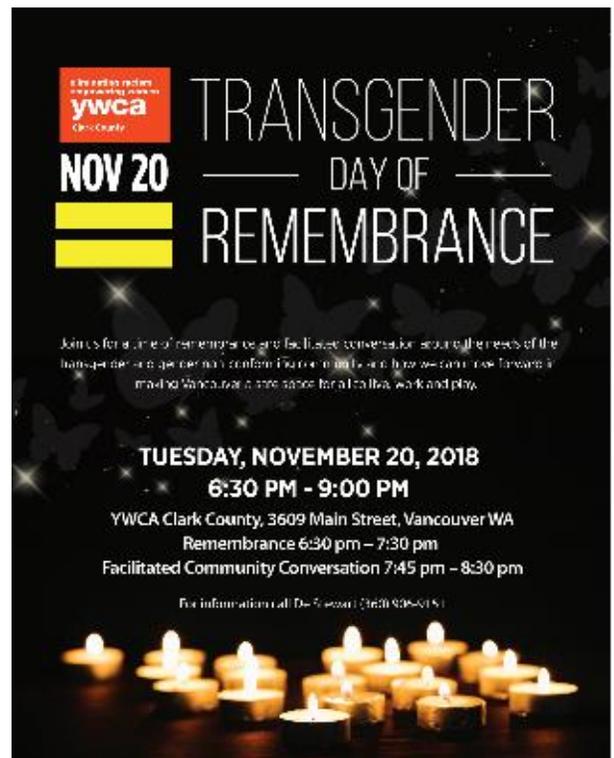


November 20, 2018

6:30-9pm

YWCA Clark County

This day honors the memory of those whose lives were lost in acts of anti-transgender violence. This year's commemoration will take place at YWCA Clark County at 6:30pm. At 7:45 pm there will a facilitated conversation on creating a safe community for everyone here in Clark County.



TRANSGENDER DAY OF REMEMBRANCE

NOV 20

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 2018
6:30 PM - 9:00 PM

YWCA Clark County, 3609 Main Street, Vancouver WA
Remembrance 6:30 pm - 7:30 pm
Facilitated Community Conversation 7:45 pm - 8:30 pm

For information call De-Share (360) 938-6151

COMMENTARY

To Maintain the Safety Net for LGBTQ Elders, We Must Vote

We can help prevent the gutting of Social Security, Medicare, and other programs vital to our elders, writes Michael Adams of SAGE.

BY MICHAEL ADAMS
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It seems like everybody is talking these days about what's going to happen in the the midterm election. Will there be a "blue wave" with Democrats sweeping the vote? Will Republicans maintain their majorities in one or both houses of Congress? Will enough white Americans get ginned up by Donald Trump's fearmongering about race and immigration so that he holds on to unfettered political power?

The commentary can sometimes seem like a play-by-play in a sports match, as though the only thing that matters is the latest take on who has the upper hand. To the contrary, LGBT voters – who are witnessing the Trump administration's near-daily assaults on transgender Americans and immigrants and the environment and anything that was accomplished during the Obama administration – know that there is much at stake in this election. Unfortunately, what too many of us *don't* know is that the outcome of the vote on November 6 will likely impact the lives of many of our elders in dramatic ways. In fact, AARP calls November 6 "one of the most important midterm elections in decades."

The reason is that the fate of the safety net for older Americans – which had its beginnings during the New Deal and has kept millions of elder Americans out of poverty since then – will likely be decided in this election. And the scary thing is, almost nobody (except for AARP and advocates for the aging) is talking about it. The seeds of the potential destruction of the safety net – including Social Security, Medicare (which provides health care for older Americans), Medicaid (which is the primary payer of long-term care in this country), and SNAP (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, sometimes referred to as "food stamps"), were planted when Trump and Republicans in Congress enacted a major overhaul of the country's tax laws. That overhaul gave massive tax breaks to wealthy Americans and corporations, and those tax cuts are causing the U.S. deficit to balloon. Many suspect that one purpose of the tax overhaul was, in fact, to create the pretext to gut the safety net. It's not hard to imagine so-called deficit hawks (many of whom voted *for* the massive tax breaks) arguing that we have no choice but to cut what they call "entitlements" like Social Security and Medicare in light of out of control deficits.

In fact, the widespread use of the language of "entitlements," with its pejorative aura, is yet one more brilliant messaging feint by conservative forces. The reality is that Social Security and Medicare are not entitlements but *earned benefit* programs – older Americans have paid into these programs throughout their lives with the faith that these programs would be there when needed. Now we are being told the country can't afford these "entitlements," that older Americans are a burden on society, and that the programs designed to support them must be reined in, and soon.

Whether these assaults on the safety net will succeed in gutting protections for older Americans depends to a great degree on what happens November 6. Republicans have signaled that they intend to go on the attack if they keep control of both houses of Congress. To be clear, the future of the safety net for older Americans is not as simple as Republicans versus Democrats. There are some Republicans who genuinely support maintaining the safety net, just as there are some Democrats who are wobbly on the issue. The key, as AARP has pointed out, is to educate ourselves about the candidates' positions on Social Security, Medicare and the rest of the safety net, and to *vote accordingly*.

This is *even more important* for voters from the LGBT community

Please join and/or donate to PFLAG



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Southwest Washington Chapter

Membership and/or Donation

- Your membership and donations supports the chapter's mission and helps fund our outreach and educational projects
- Because PFLAG Southwest Washington is a 501(c) (3) organization, dues and donations may be tax deductible contributions

Name: _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

Name: _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____

City/State/ZIP Code: _____

Membership Status:

Initial membership Membership renewal

Dues and Donations:

Family: \$45 includes PFLAG Southwest Washington Chapter and PFLAG National dues

Individual: \$30 includes PFLAG Southwest Washington Chapter and PFLAG National dues

Donation to PFLAG Southwest Washington Chapter in the amount of \$ _____

Please make checks out to: PFLAG Southwest Washington

Check # _____ Dated _____ or Cash

Mail to:

PFLAG Southwest Washington Chapter
PO Box 605
Vancouver, WA 98660

Secretary/Treasurer Actions

Donation receipt provided

Finance record updated

If applicable:

Membership list updated

Mail Chimp updated

Chapter Hub updated

National dues paid