



## A CONVERSATION ON CONVERSION THERAPY

Please join us for our General Meeting on Monday, **March 25** at 7:00 pm at the First United Methodist Church, 2231 Camino del Rio South in Mission Valley. The building where we meet is The United Methodist Center, in The Cove Room. Doors open at 6:45 pm.

Welcome to Rachel Kelly and Ruth Inacay (pictured) on their presentation on conversion (reparative) "therapy" from an ethical standpoint. There will be a power point presentation to illustrate some key points. Rachel is a first-year Clinical Mental Health Counseling graduate student at the University of San Diego. Ruth is a graduate student at the University of San Diego, as well as a business owner. She works in communications specializing in social



media. A fierce advocate and ally of the LGBT community, her favorite quote is, "I am a part of the LGBT community, but it is not the letters that connect us but the spaces between. There is will you will find our stories."

Please join us for our support groups, then our cookie social, followed by the program.

## TRAIN LEAVING BSA IN DUST

The music group, grammy-winning, Train, has taken a clear stance on supporting gay youth by boycotting the Boy Scouts of America Annual National Jamboree this summer. They, along with "Call Me Maybe" pop singer Carly Rae Jepsen, were scheduled to perform before 50,000 scouts, leaders, and volunteers.

A petition was started on Change.Org by gay Eagle Scout Derek Nance to ask both performers to cancel their performances at the Jamboree. When GLAAD (Gay & Lesbian Alliance Against

Defamation) signed the petition, that seemed to be the final nudge that Train needed to boycott (although Train strongly opposed any kind of policy that questions the equality of any American citizen). They said if the anti-gay ban is lifted before the Jamboree, they will play. Over 11,000 people signed the petition – such incredible power petitions have in the right hands!

Carly Rae Jepsen also withdrew as a headliner, saying the group conflicts with her support of "equality for all people."

## ST. PAUL'S ON THE MOVE

St. Paul's Foundation for Reconciliation and Equality started a program that will connect parents/relatives of LGBT people in San Diego with parents/relatives of LGBT people in Uganda and India. They are using skype or similar free conferencing software.

Anyone interested would be trained by

members of the Foundation. The goal is to provide information on sexual orientation and emotional support. Volunteers can share how they felt when their own child came out. They can relate their path to understanding and what they do now to embrace their child. If interested, please contact Patti Boman, pboman@pflag.com.

## LIBERTY & JUSTICE FOR ALL?

President Obama filed an amicus, meaning "friend of the court," brief with the Supreme Court as it considers whether to overturn Proposition 8 (*the proposition that reversed same-sex marriage in California*). The amicus brief has no legal merit but sends a message to the Supreme Court that not only does Mr. Obama want Proposition 8 overturned, but any organization or person who filed such a brief sends a message "from the people" to the Court that there is strong will to overturn the proposition.

The administration already filed a brief opposing the so-called Defense of Marriage Act (DOMA), which forbids federal agencies from recognizing legally married same-sex couples as spouses for the purposes of taxation and benefits.

In late March, the Supreme Court will consider both issues at the same time.

Attorney General Eric Holder issued a statement regarding the brief, "In our filing today in *Hollingsworth v. Perry*, the government seeks to vindicate the defining constitutional ideal of equal treatment under the law. Throughout history, we have seen the unjust consequences of decisions and policies rooted in discrimination. The issues before the Supreme Court in this case and the Defense of Marriage Act case are not just important to the tens of thousands Americans who are being denied equal benefits and rights under our laws, but to our Nation as a whole."

A main basis for the argument is that Prop 8 violates the Equal Protection Clause of the U.S. Constitution.

Recently, there was good news when a poll was taken in California regarding legalizing same-sex marriage - 61% now support marriage equality - an overall increase of ten percentage points since Californians approved Prop. 8 in 2008.

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**April 1 | Monday**  
Deadline for submitting  
scholarship applications

**April 1 | Monday**  
PFLAG Support Group  
North County Coastal

**April 1 | Monday**  
Mi Familia Support Group

**April 5 | Friday**  
Transgender Day of  
Empowerment (see article)

**April 8 | Monday**  
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East County

**April 8 | Monday**  
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**April 11 | Thursday**  
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North County Inland

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Mi Familia Support Group

**April 22 | Monday**  
San Diego PFLAG  
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**April 22 | Monday**  
Mi Familia Support Group

**April 25 | Thursday**  
Dining Out for Life®  
(see article)

# SUPPORT GROUPS

## SD COUNTY GENERAL MEETING & SUPPORT GROUP

Meets every fourth Monday at 7:00 pm, at the First United Methodist Church, 2231 Camino del Rio South in Mission Valley.

For further information, contact the Info Line: 888-398-0006 or [www.pflag.com](http://www.pflag.com)

## NORTH COUNTY COASTAL

Meets the first Monday, at 7:00 pm, North County LGBTQ Resource Center, 510 North Coast Highway, Suite C, Oceanside.

Contact [ncpflag@gmail.com](mailto:ncpflag@gmail.com) or  
Larry Gerling, (760) 224-2178.

## NORTH COUNTY INLAND

Meets every second Thursday, at 7:00 pm, Temple Adat Shalom, 15905 Pomerado Road, Room #9, Poway (Rancho Bernardo). The entrance to parking is directly across the street from the entrance to Sprouts' Market Center. Drive to the end of the building and bear right around it, to the first doors on your right (double doors).

Contact Sue Fine, (858) 673-4560 or  
[pflag4sdnocnty@san.rr.com](mailto:pflag4sdnocnty@san.rr.com).

## EAST COUNTY

Meets every second Monday, at 7:00 pm, Summit Unitarian Universalist Church, 8778 Cottonwood Avenue, Santee.

Contact Ron Goetz, (619) 588-2342 or  
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## MI FAMILIA (Spanish)

Meetings are every Monday from 6:00pm - 8:00 pm at The Center.

Contact Carolina, (619) 692-2077 Ext. 116.

## TRANSGENDER SUPPORT

For more information on the Transgender Support Group

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## 2013 MEMBERSHIPS WERE DUE JANUARY 1

We always like to remind our membership of why it is important to pay dues and continue your financial support: room rental for the San Diego General Meeting, the telephone info/help line, newsletter publication and mailing, scholarship for LGBT youth, PRIDE Parade and Festival, educational books and DVDs, fees to participate in events to provide more visibility in the community, supplies, etc. Please keep in mind, also, that \$15 of each membership is sent to PFLAG National to support them.

If you haven't renewed or joined yet, please help us to support the LGBT community.

## THE COUNTDOWN HAS BEGUN

Time is running out. The deadline for submitting applications for our 2013 scholarships is Monday, **April 1, 2013**. Our PFLAG chapter will be awarding \$1000-possibly \$5000 scholarships to gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender, questioning or intersex students. We are very proud that this is our 16th year of offering scholarships. Eligible students include high school seniors who will continue their education, full-time undergraduate, or full-time graduate students. The purpose of the awards is: to recognize outstanding LGBT youth from the community, especially for their involvement in the gay community and/or society; to encourage post-secondary education of LGBT persons; to promote a positive image of LGBT persons in society.



**Once again, Raytheon Company is awarding the STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, & Math) Scholarship--to be awarded to a student with a background or interest in the STEM area(s) who is pursuing a degree in one of those fields.**

**The San Diego Human Dignity Foundation may be offering a \$5000 scholarship with specific**

**criteria listed on the scholarship application.**

Please visit our web site, [www.pflag.com](http://www.pflag.com), and click on the scholarship link. The requirements are listed on the scholarship application. All awardees must be able to attend the awards ceremony on Monday, **May 20**. For more info, contact Patti Boman at [pboman@pflag.com](mailto:pboman@pflag.com) or 619-227-6092.



Co-presidents Terrie Vorono and Patti Boman accepting a check from Fernando Lopez of San Diego PRIDE. PFLAG was awarded a grant to purchase LGBT booklets dealing with coming out, getting support, and other LGBTQ issues to give to school counselors, Gay-Straight Alliance advisors, school nurses, and other avenues to help our youth.

## THE BULLY EFFECT

An extraordinary documentary called *Bully* captured a behavior adults hear about, but rarely see: the way some kids pressure and relentlessly harass their peers. Filmmaker Lee Hirsch was embedded in several schools for an entire year. What he filmed was so raw and eye-opening that the project catapulted a movement, sounding the alarm about the critical and dangerous issue of bullying.

Something profound has also happened as a result. In the time since *Bully* was released, a number of kids and parents profiled in the documentary, and the filmmaker himself, have been on life-changing journeys, and in some instances have experienced remarkable transformations.

AC360° has dedicated the past year to tracing the course of their journeys

and personal missions. In partnership with Cartoon Network, they aired a follow up on *Bully* called *The Bully Effect* which aired several times on CNN in February and March.

One of the most sad cases in the first documentary was Alex Libby, then a 12 year old in Sioux City, Iowa. The slurs, curses and threats would begin even before he boarded the school bus. The tapes that were made on the school bus would tear your heart out; it was sad and heartbreaking. It escalated to such a frightening degree that the filmmaker put down his camera and got involved in his subject's life. He warned Alex's parents and school administrators that he feared for the student's safety.

Fast forward to the next documentary, *The Bully Effect*. Alex has become an anti-bullying rock star with

appearances on national television and a visit to the White House. He also regularly delivers speeches to capacity crowds as an activist, and considers himself a spokesperson for the bullied. The film shows how he overcame the junior high torment to find happiness in high school.

The second documentary highlighted other children who were the subject of bullying and where they are today and how their lives have changed.

Filmmaker Hirsch's mission has continued since his film's release - his goal is for 1 million students to see *Bully* through their schools. He has helped create an anti-bullying curriculum to be coupled with the film so that students, teachers, and administrators can watch together and get everyone involved to stop bullying.

## THE VASSAR WAY

Kudos to Vassar College for standing up to the venom of Westboro Baptist Church (WBC). They are the "church" that protests anything moving that has anything to do with LGBT rights. They picket funerals of our heroic military persons because they say war was brought on by the wrath of G-d for allowing gays to marry.

When word got out that the WBC would be protesting on campus – the theory that Vassar was an "Ivy League Whorehouse," (due to the "fact" that the school promotes the "the fag agenda."). The church's

website explains that "God Hates Vassar College for following the satanic Zeitgeist by professing the soul-damning lie that it is 'OK to be gay.'"

Vassar got busy and passed a resolution stating: "Whereas outside organizations have chosen to criticize Vassar College for its support of its LGBTQ students, employees, and alumnae/i, the faculty of Vassar College hereby reaffirms its commitment to the principle of inclusion and pledges its support for activities that celebrate that principle."

There were 4 protestors from WBC and 500 supporters from Vassar and the local community. They basically ignored the protestors as they chanted slogans and formed a human love chain.

Before going to Vassar, the WBC warmed up their protesting skills by picketing at a memorial service for General Norman Schwarzkopf at the U.S. Military Academy in West Point, New York. They were probably thrilled that West Point is a stone's throw from Vassar.

## IMPORTANT TRANSGENDER INFORMATION

On Friday, **April 5** from 6:00 pm-9:00 pm join The LGBT Center for the 10th Annual Transgender Day of Empowerment. The evening of celebration will include community awards, entertainment, an installation from the **VISIBLE BODIES** art exhibit, and a keynote address from transgender Navy veteran TJ Seguire, and long-time transgender advocate, actress and pageant winner, Maria Roman.

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Many of you are aware that Katie Couric had Coy Mathis and her family on her show earlier in the month. Coy is a first-grader at a school in Colorado; a transgender child who was assigned a male gender at birth but identifies as female. Her parents, Kathryn and Jeremy, remember Coy always being feminine, and thus, have supported their daughter through difficult times of bullying and acceptance. Coy has recently started wearing girls' clothing and has always used the female restrooms at school. However, Coy's parents received a phone call from the school stating that district officials have decided that Coy can no longer use the girls' bathroom. A transgender rights group has filed a complaint for the Mathis family. They feel the Fountain-Fort Carson School District must apologize for discriminating against Coy and reconsider its decision. Of course, the school district's "solution" is to allow Coy to use gender-neutral bathrooms, the nurse's restroom, and the boy's bathrooms. This, of course, only further alienates her from the rest of the school.

A petition is being sent to the school to help them along with making the right decision. Please go to [www.forcechange.com](http://www.forcechange.com) and put Coy Mathis in the Search Box to sign the petition.

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The last bit of information for now also concerns Coy Mathis. On the February 27 edition of CNN Newsroom, there was a panel discussion about Coy and her denial to use the girls' bathrooms. Everyone on the panel expressed support for Mathis' position except for Dr. James Sears, co-host of the CBS show *The Doctors*. Sears, who is a pediatrician and television personality, warned that Mathis might walk around the girls' bathroom with her penis exposed, like "most boys" allegedly do at that age. He is putting preconceived sexual notions in children that don't have that in their heads. Had Dr. Sears really thought about what he was saying, Coy identifies as being female so it seems she would be the last person running about with an exposed penis. Dr. Sears owes an apology to the Mathis family and his viewers. If you want to file a complaint, you can go to [http://www.thedoctorstv.com/main/ask\\_our\\_doctors](http://www.thedoctorstv.com/main/ask_our_doctors) or write to: *The Doctors*,

5555 Melrose Avenue, Mae West Building, Second Floor, Los Angeles, CA 90038.

## THE LATEST VICTIM

That being said, we have to hope he's the last of the latest victims who were bullied to death. Bailey O'Neill, 12 years old, was attacked and beaten at his school in January. Afterwards, he suffered seizures and was put in a medically-induced coma. He passed away in early March.

School authorities and the police have danced around the term "bully," even though his parents are certain he was being bullied. The attackers are being investigated to determine if they will be charged. The beating was caught on tape, so hopefully, much light will be shed on the details of what happened.

## DINING OUT FOR LIFE®

Every year, The LGBT Center gathers over 100 restaurants to participate in **Dining Out for Life®**. The event is Thursday, **April 25**. These establishments give a minimum of 25 percent of their proceeds on food and liquor sales to The LGBT Center for HIV/AIDS services/programs. In order to make this a success

again this year again, **volunteers are needed**. The goal is to have a restaurant ambassador or host in every participating restaurant and bar. This is a countrywide event and we would like San Diego to shine. You can let family and friends know locally and nationwide to save the **April 25** date (the date is the same

in every city). If you can volunteer, contact Jerry Tomaszewicz at 619.692.2077 x 202 or volunteer@thecentersd.org.

We hope everyone will plan on having a meal at one of the participating restaurants. It's a good idea to make reservations well ahead of time.



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## CESCAL A SUCCESS

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Co-Prez Patti Boman with  
Betty DeGeneres



Board member Kim Martinez  
with singer De'Borah



George Takei autographing an  
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