

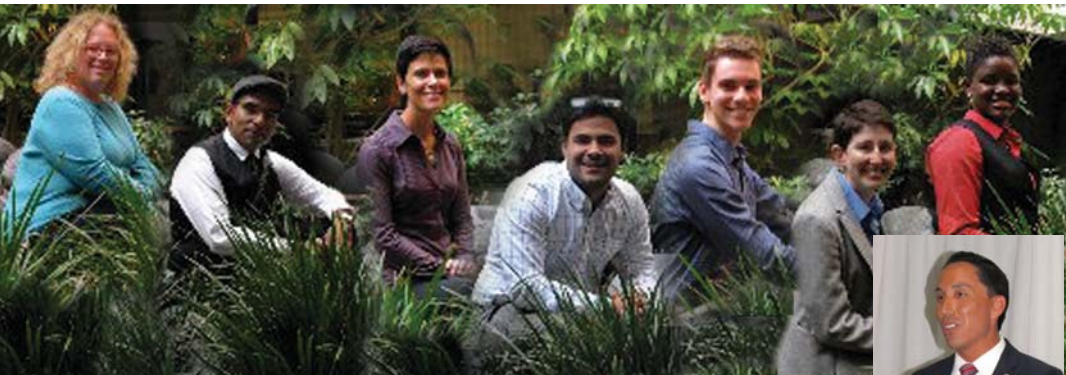


## GETTING READY FOR PRIDE

Please join us for our General Meeting on **Monday, June 24** at 7:00 pm at the First United Methodist Church, 2111 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.

After support groups, we will have our cookie social, then on to arts and crafts! PFLAG will supply poster

board, poles and markers to make signs for the Pride Parade. Either create your own saying or choose from one of the suggestions (we have some clever ones!). Special edition Pride Parade PFLAG t-shirts will be available at \$12.00 each. Also, Queen Bobbi will have buttons and bumper stickers (cash only). The stickers make a great addition to your posters; feel free to buy extras for your car.



## “OH WHAT A NIGHT”

Hope The Four Seasons don't mind that one of their song titles was apropos for our scholarship ceremony. The evening was fun and informative. We even had an entertaining poem authored and read by recipient, Gibran Guido.

After scholarship chair, Kim Martinez, welcomed the recipients, families, friends, and PFLAG members, we were honored to have LCDR Dana Chapin/U.S. Navy, sing the National Anthem.

Todd Gloria, San Diego City Council

President/District 3 representative, made time in his busy schedule to welcome guests. He included in his remarks the witty story when he was the recipient of one of the first PFLAG scholarships in 1999!

We are proud to announce the recipients of the 2013 scholarships and the donors:

**The Mary Wagner Memorial Scholarship:** Samantha Ezell, donated by Marilyn and Art Carpenter/Sharon Murphy; **John Bessemer Memorial Scholarship:** Rachel



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## WE HAVE A SUPREME WISH

At the end of June, the U.S. Supreme Court will be handing down decisions on the legality of California's Proposition 8 and the constitutionality of the Defense of Marriage Act (DOMA). The LGBT Center, along with other community organizational partners and allies, will gather to acknowledge these historic decisions as they are announced. Since the date is unknown, toward the end of June, keep checking the Center's Facebook event page. Any festivities (we hope) will also be on the event page with the time and place.

## FELIZ CUMPLEAÑOS, FRIDA

Join the merriment with lots of great food, drinks, a live salsa band, dancing, and art exhibits to celebrate the life of Frida Kahlo on **Saturday, June 29**. The birthday celebration is to commemorate the legendary life of one of the most influential Mexican painters of the mid-20th century. All proceeds for the event will benefit The Center's Latin@Services program. Single tickets can be purchase for \$15 at [www.thecentersd.org](http://www.thecentersd.org). Tickets are \$20 at the door. The event takes place at The LGBT Center, 3909 Centre Street in Hillcrest from 6:00-10:00 pm.

## SIMPLY DIVINE

The Diversionary Theatre presents "The Divine Sister" – a comedy where no nun, whether singing or flying, is spared and no Mary is left un-hailed in this parody that dares to take a look beneath the habit. The play will be at the Diversionary Theatre until June 30. For show times and ticket information, visit [www.diversionary.org](http://www.diversionary.org).

## IT'S AROUND THE CORNER



Pride weekend, with the theme, "Freedom to Love and Mary" will be here before you know it! It is early this year: **July 13-14**. As always, PFLAG will be marching in the parade (in its 39th year!) and we would love to have a full contingency this year. It was pretty sparse last year. If you cannot walk the 1.5 mile parade route, there may be room in one of the cars. Contact Karen Thompson for info: 858-842-7005. For anyone who has marched with PFLAG before, it is exhilarating to hear the appreciation from the crowd as we pass by. Come to the PFLAG General Meeting on June 24 to make posters and see our new PFLAG Pride t-shirts. If the posters

and t-shirts don't motivate you, then having Brad and George Takei and LaToya Jackson as Grand Marshals should! What an honor! The parade begins at 11:00 am on July 13. When we know what number we are in the parade and our staging location (near University Avenue and Normal Street in Hillcrest), we will send an email and post it on our web site.

The Pride Festival, located at Marston Point at 6th and Juniper in Balboa Park, runs from noon-10:00 pm on **July 13** and from 11:00 am-8:00 pm on **July 14**. There is absolutely something for everyone. You may purchase tickets in advance at [www.sdpride.org](http://www.sdpride.org) or at the Festival. Discounts for seniors and military are available at the Festival with proper ID. For the LaToya Jackson fans, she will be the

emcee on the main stage on Sunday

To gear up, this is what we call the Golden Rules of the Parade, PFLAG edition: **1)** Get to the shuttle buses early; there are free shuttle buses from the old Balboa Naval Hospital located on Park Blvd.



across from President's Way. If you don't get there early, it will truly be a "snooze and you lose" deal. Even seasoned veterans have missed the parade because they didn't allow for the long lines at the buses. **2)** Wear comfortable shoes. **3)** Load up on the sunscreen. **4)** Wear a hat. **5)** Bring a camera. **6)** Bring PFLAG signs, banners, flags, etc. **7)** Wear as much PFLAG/rainbow clothing and paraphernalia as you own.

## "OH WHAT A NIGHT" (continued from page 1)

Kelly, donated by PFLAG San Diego County;

**Rob Benzon Memorial Scholarships:** Isaac Gomez and Maya Jackson, donated by the Rob Benzon Foundation; **Stephen G. Bowersox Memorial Scholarship:** Michael Gaffney, donated by Jim and Donna Bowersox; **San Diego Chapter of Raytheon GBTA STEM Scholarship:** Christine Vanhamme, donated by Raytheon Company; **Richard P. Geysler Memorial Ethics Scholarship:** Gibran Guido, donated by the San Diego Human Dignity Foundation/Richard P. Geysler Memorial Ethics Fund.

There was an additional scholarship donated by the **San Diego Human Dignity Foundation/John McCusker Memorial Fund.**

Starting with the July newsletter, one or two awardees will be highlighted each month.

Kim, on behalf of our very grateful PFLAG chapter, presented Olivia Dorman an Appreciation Award for serving as PFLAG Scholarship Chair Extraordinaire from 2001-2012.

Reverend Jerry Troyer gave the closing remarks. He spoke about the helpful self-empowerment book he wrote, *Coming Out to Ourselves*. Reverend Troyer was quite entertaining.

Everyone enjoyed the refreshments donated by Raytheon's GLBTA Chapter. Special thanks go to Lou Ann Peltier from their chapter for arranging and serving a lovely buffet.

## UPCOMING MEETINGS

**June 24, July 1, 8, 15:**  
Mi Familia Support Group  
Carolina: 619-692-2077, ext. 116

**July 1:** North County Coastal Support Group  
Larry: 760-224-2178

**July 8:** East County Support Group  
Ron: 619-588-2342

**July 11:** North County Inland Support Group  
Sue: 858-673-4560

