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BE THERE OR BE SQUARE!

Please join us for a most wonderful evening on **Monday, May 19 at 7:00 pm** as we present our 16th Annual Scholarship Awards Evening. We are proud to be presenting 10 scholarships to well-deserving high school seniors, undergraduate, and graduate students from the LGBTQ community. **Please note, we will be meeting the third Monday of the month since the fourth Monday is Memorial Day.** Our meeting location is **Jewish Family Service (JFS)**,



8804 Balboa Avenue, San Diego. The building we meet in is next to 8804 (west of it). There will be balloons, signs and people directing you.

Once again, the San Diego Chapter of Raytheon GLBTA will be providing refreshments.

THERE WILL NOT BE SUPPORT GROUPS DUE TO THE LENGTH OF THE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM.

JUST A REMINDER

There are still tickets left for North County LGBTQ Resource Center's 4th Annual Gala on **Saturday, May 31, 7:00-11:00 pm** at the Museum of Art in Oceanside. Your ticket, sponsorship, and presence will support the many variety of programs that are offered to about 10,000 people each year at the Resource Center.

The theme is **OUTRAGEOUS!** Give your voice, presence, and support to **Donate, Educate, Celebrate!**

Individual tickets are \$75, and group discounts are available. To order: www.ncresourcecenter.org/gala.

The Gala Keynote Speaker is Toni Atkins, the newly elected Assembly Speaker of the California State Assembly. Also speaking is Laila Al-Shamma, 2014 Scholarship recipient of the PFLAG funded John Bessemer Memorial Scholarship. Laila was chosen as the Gay Lesbian Straight Education Network (GLSEN) 2013 Student Advocate of the Year. We are pleased and excited to have two women of distinction as the speakers.

After the Gala, there will be Tasty Bites and Cash Bar. Hope to see you there.

PRIDE WILL BE HERE BEFORE WE KNOW IT!



Although Pride weekend is not until **July 19-20**, we hope you will save the date so you could march with San Diego PFLAG in the parade and join in the festivities. This is San Diego LGBT Pride's 40th Annual Pride Celebration. This year's theme is *Reflections of Pride*.

New this year: all tickets are \$20 and are good for both days of the Pride Festival. To purchase tickets online: www.sdpride.org. Please note, there are no discounts for seniors or military this year.

SANTEE STREET FAIR

The 6th Annual Santee Street Fair is on **May 31-June 1** from 10:00 am-6:00 pm. Boasting a crowd of more than 60,000, the streets will be hopping with music, live entertainment, rides, food, and vendor booths. This is the third year PFLAG East County Support Group is sponsoring a booth (**on May 31**). Members will speak to interested persons and disseminate literature. It is exciting to have a presence there once again. The Fair is located on the east side of the Trolley Square Shopping Center at the backside of Barnes and Noble Booksellers (their address is 9938 Mission Gorge Road, Santee).

ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL DINING OUT FOR LIFE®

Although the profits aren't tallied yet, by the judge of the crowds, San Diegans, again, opened up their hearts and wallets to raise funds for the LGBT Center for their HIV/AIDS services/programs.



The 16th Annual LGBT Film Festival, presented by FilmOut San Diego, takes place **May 31-June 1** at the Birch North Park Theatre. The mission of FilmOut San Diego is to enlighten, educate, and entertain the communities of San Diego County and beyond through the exhibition

of LGBT-themed films. FilmOut San Diego seeks to recognize, promote, celebrate and support the important diverse artistic contributions LGBT filmmakers make to our community. For a list of the films and to purchase tickets, visit their web site: www.filmoutsandiego.com.



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UPCOMING MEETINGS

May 19, June 2, 9, 16:

Mi Familia Support Group
Carolina: 619-692-2077, ext. 116

June 2:

North County Coastal Support Group
Larry: 760-224-2178

June 9:

East County Support Group
Bob: 619-334-8214

PFLAG THANKS YOU FOR YOUR EXTRA HELP

PFLAG deeply appreciates all the
donors for our 2014 scholarships:

Sharon Murphy, Marilyn and
Art Carpenter
*Mary Wagner Memorial
Scholarships (16th year)*

*San Diego Chapter of
Raytheon GLBTA
LGBT STEM Scholarship (4th year)*

PFLAG San Diego County
*John Bessemer Memorial
Scholarship (13th year)*

San Diego Human Dignity
Foundation/Richard
Geyser Memorial
Ethics Fund

*Rob Benzon Foundation
Rob Benzon Memorial Scholarships
(9th year)*

*Richard Geyser Memorial Ethics
Scholarship (3rd year)*

*San Diego Human Dignity
Foundation/John McCusker
Memorial Fund
John McCusker Memorial
Scholarship (8th year)*

Sempre USGP
Sempra USGP Scholarship
(1st year)

*Family and Friends of the
Bowersox Family
Stephen G. Bowersox Memorial
Scholarship (7th year)*

Michelle Mai, CEO
College Planning Source
Scholarship (1st year)

**Providing Refreshments
for Our Meeting**
Wayne Walker
Courtney Ware

THANK YOU

A thank you to Beverly Lavalley for serving as Interim Secretary on the PFLAG Board until a permanent secretary could be found. And find, we did. Welcome to the Board, our new secretary, Linda Espinoza.

T-SHIRTS FOR SALE

We are now taking orders for the t-shirts we plan to wear for the Pride Parade (and other events). They are \$10 each (what a bargain) and can be pre-ordered. Please contact Terrie at tvorono@pflag.com and advise what size you would like (small, medium, large, XL, XXL). The sizes run true to what they say they are! The unique feature of the t-shirts is the heart on the back that says "Family" in many languages. There are still a few from last year which can be purchased at our general meetings.



GETTING TO KNOW MORE OF THE PFLAG BOARD



Ina Price became a PFLAG member almost immediately after she moved to San Diego from Sonoma County, CA. She is our

Refreshment Chair and all-around volunteer.

"I made San Diego my last home via Chicago, Los Angeles, Oklahoma, back to Los Angeles, and Sonoma County. While still in Sonoma, when my youngest son was 19 years old, he told my second husband and me that he was gay. I never had a problem with his being gay, but his father could not and would not accept it. He also blamed me for "making" him gay. To this day, my son and his father do not have any kind of a relationship. After 28 years of marriage, he and I were divorced in 2004. In 2009, I moved to San Diego to be close to two of my children and my granddaughter.

I am so very proud of the man my son has become. The icing on the cake is that he is a successful businessman in San Diego. He adopted an infant baby girl that is now 4 years old. To say something of his character, the birth mother picked my son and his partner to adopt her. He is a wonderful and caring father. I have the pleasure to be involved in their lives, and I am the female figure in my granddaughter's life.

I never felt like I needed help adjusting to my son being gay; however, since I was new to San Diego and wanted to make friends and also to make a difference and help others that may have a difficult time accepting a gay child, I was introduced to PFLAG by a good friend and PFLAG member. I believe I have been able to make a difference in other peoples' road to acceptance of their children. One of my most important messages is to let members know you can certainly become a grandparent, regardless of

your child's sexual orientation.

I am now a member of the Board of Directors of PFLAG. I try to do what I can, but my life is so full with my children, granddaughter, and my Dad, who is 102 years old and still doing well. He lives in Los Angeles. I try to go there to see him and other family members at least once a month. I am a good cook (I have been told) and love having family dinners. I do a pretty good job baking banana bread for my son to sell at his coffee house. I also volunteer every week in Mama's Kitchen Pantry which allows people with a diagnosis of HIV/AIDS to shop once a month for canned fruits, vegetables, pasta, canned meats, etc. to supplement their grocery shopping for the month.

My life is full and I am a happy, healthy person that plans to be around for a long time and continue to use my life experiences to help others as much as possible."

REMEMBER THE TV SHOW DESIGNING WOMEN?

Well, this is *Re-Designing Women* which will be presented by the Diversionary Theatre **May 29-June 15**.

The show is a parody of the late 80's/early 90's sitcom played by an all-male cast. The original sitcom

is one of the most clever TV comedies of that era. Following the exploits of four women running an Atlanta interior design firm, the show's humor came from the quirky Southern characters with crisp tongues. This presentation has a different version of the four Southern belles. Plagued by the faltering economy, the firm is on the verge of collapse when one of the belles comes up with the idea of pitching a reality show in order to save the business.

Tickets are available at www.diversionary.org, by calling 619-220-0097 or by going to the box office at 4545 Park Boulevard, San Diego. Ticket prices range from \$25-\$35. If you use the code SAVE5, you will receive a \$5.00 discount per ticket.

OUT AT THE FAIR

Please join (and volunteer for) PFLAG as we, and other non-profit organizations, will be part of "Out at the Fair" at the San Diego County Fair (AKA the Del Mar Fair) on **Saturday, June 14** from 10:00 am-11:00 pm. This year's "Out at the Fair" is an official event being hosted by San Diego Pride, Human Rights Campaign San Diego, The Center and San Diego American Flag Football (teams comprised of LGBTQ and allies). There will be discounts for LGBT events happening at the Fair. "Out at the Fair" is an "all-families" event. There will be entertainment starting at 1:00 pm with the San Diego Gay Men's Chorus.

If you would like to volunteer for the PFLAG booth, please contact Beverly Lavellee: blavellee@pflag.com or 508-208-7617.

If you don't want to hassle with driving or parking, there is a shuttle bus from The Center which departs at 2:00, 4:00, 6:00 and returns at 8:00, 10:00 and midnight. It's \$5 each way and tickets are limited. To reserve space, go to: www.outatthefairsd.com.

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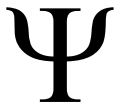
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