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## OUR DYNAMIC DUO

Please join us for our general meeting on **Monday, May 18 at 7:00 pm** at Jewish Family Service, 8788 Balboa Avenue, San Diego (to the west of the building where we previously met). **PLEASE NOTE: OUR MEETING IS THE 3rd MONDAY OF THE MONTH SINCE MEMORIAL DAY IS ON THE 4th!**

Our guest speakers are our own PFLAG SDC Board President Terrie Vorono and Board Member Linda Gohlke. Since there have been several bullying and physical violence incidents against LGBT students in the San Diego Unified School District, Terrie, along with LGBT organizations GLSEN, PRIDE, and The LGBT

Center, have spoken with School Board President Marne Foster. Terrie will fill us in on what transpired. Linda is an employee of the SDUSD and is on the Safe Schools Task Force, which supports the district's nondiscrimination policy against any group.



Please join us for our support groups, then our cookie social, followed Terrie and Linda's presentation.

## LAUNCHING LEADERS

To quote Dr. Seuss, "The time has come. The time is now." That's right. The long-awaited inauguration of the joint PFLAG SDC and the San Diego Human Dignity Foundation Scholarship Program is **Friday, May 15!** The *Launching Leaders* luncheon program is from 11:30-2:00 pm at the McMillin Event Center at Liberty Station, 2875 Dewey Road, in Point Loma. Funds raised will enable PFLAG SDC to provide more scholarships in the future.

PFLAG San Diego County is excited to be offering 8 scholarships to LGBT high school and college students. We thank San Diego Human Dignity Foundation who did a wonderful job

of gathering sponsors, securing a venue, and advertising so that our first-ever luncheon program would be a success. Our keynote speaker, Dr. Vinnie Pompei, Director of the Youth Well-Being Project at the Human Rights Campaign Foundation and chair of Time to THRIVE, should not be missed.

**It's not too late to purchase tickets. You may purchase individual tickets for \$50 or a table of eight for \$400. Go to <http://www.sdhdf.org/news-events/pflag-launching-leaders-awards-2015/>. You may access this link through our web site, [pflag.com](http://pflag.com).**

## WELCOME BACK

After a long absence, we are very happy to announce that the North County Inland Support Group is up and running! The first meeting is **Thursday, May 21** from 7:00 pm-9:00 pm and will meet every third Wednesday each

month. The location is Windermere Homes & Estates, 16783 Bernardo Center Drive, San Diego 92128.

If you have questions, please contact: Kathie Moehlig, [northcountyinland@pflag.com](mailto:northcountyinland@pflag.com) or 858-382-9156.

## DINING OUT FOR LIFE ® 2015



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. Above: North County Coastal PFLAG Support Group rocked with practically the entire group participating. Below: The evening wouldn't be complete without a visit from one of the Sisters of Perpetual Indulgence. Pictured with Sister Bianca Tempt are PFLAG Moms Bobbi Harwood, Ina Price, and Sue Johnson.



The evening was a win-win for all.

## YES, VIRGINIA

We still need a recording secretary for the Board. If interested, please contact Terrie Vorono at [tvorono@pflag.com](mailto:tvorono@pflag.com).

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## CALL FOR ENTRIES - THE LGBT FAMILY UNIT | DUE 6/1 | 12 AM

Space 4 Art in the east village is looking for emerging + established LGBT artists to participate and display their artworks for an exhibition Pride weekend July 16-18.

Submit entries + questions [victor@studio10gallery.com](mailto:victor@studio10gallery.com)

## LOTS GOING ON

**May 17 (Sun):** You don't want to miss the **San Diego Women's Concert** "Broadway, Our Way," featuring the one and only Frenchie Davis. The concert takes place at 7:00 pm at The Balboa Theatre downtown. This is a fundraising event benefiting the Lesbian Health Initiative of the San Diego Human Dignity Foundation. For ticket information: [www.sdwf.org](http://www.sdwf.org).

**May 21 (Thur): The Harvey Milk Diversity Breakfast** (7th!) will be held from 7:30-9 am at the Hilton San Diego Bayfront Hotel. Proceeds benefit the social services programs of The LGBT Center. For ticket information: [www.thecentersd.org](http://www.thecentersd.org). Those being honored are Phil Wilson, President and CEO of Black AIDS Institute and Rev. Troy Perry, co-founder of the Metropolitan Community Church.

**May 21-June 21: Diversionary Theatre** presents *A New Brain*. Synopsis: When Gordon, a talented young composer, finds his life suddenly interrupted by a life-threatening brain illness, he is forced to face the realization that he could die with his greatest song still inside him. For tickets, complete description of the play and information: [www.diversionary.org](http://www.diversionary.org). Remember that when you use the promo code PFLAG, you receive a \$5 discount off each ticket.

**May 23 (Sat):** The 7th Annual **Santee Street Fair** is held from 10:00 am-7:00 pm. Boasting a crowd of more than

60,000, the streets will be hopping with live entertainment, rides, food, art, and vendor booths, including crafts. This is the fourth year PFLAG East County Support Group is sponsoring a booth. Mary and Bob Dryden, as always, are staffing the table and will speak to interested persons and disseminate literature. The Fair is located at Riverview Parkway and Town Center Parkway in Santee. Rumor has it that they're giving away a 1971 Camaro!

**May 29-31:** This is the 17th year of the **LGBT Film Festival**, presented by FilmOut San Diego. The location is The Observatory--North Park (the old Birch Theatre) at 2891 University Avenue. 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. For a list of the films and to purchase tickets, visit their web site: [www.filmoutsandiego.com](http://www.filmoutsandiego.com).

**June 7 (Sun): The RB Alive Expo** will be here soon. Celebrating their 27th year, they are inviting all to a day of entertainment and enjoyment with over 300 booths (food, crafts, info booths, etc.). There will be a Kids Zone with rides, games and special carnival foods (bring the grands). The Cultural Center will have historical reenactments and local organizations will share their art, culture, history and/or handiwork. And everyone will

want to stop by to view the Classic Car Show. A big thank you to PFLAG North County Inland facilitator, Kathie Moehlig, for coordinating the PFLAG booth. If you would like to volunteer, contact Kathie at [northcountyinland@pflag.com](mailto:northcountyinland@pflag.com) or call 858-382-9156.

**June 7 (Sun): The San Diego Equality Awards** take place from 11:00 am-2:00 pm at The Prado in Balboa Park. Among the awardees are Toni Atkins, Honorable Ron Roberts and Dr. Shaun Travers. For tix: [www.eqcaawards.com](http://www.eqcaawards.com) and click on San Diego Equality Awards.

**June 27 (Sat):** Although there will be more info in the June newsletter, you can save the date now to celebrate the **birthday of Frida Kahlo**. Every year, The LGBT Center commemorates the legendary life of one of the most influential Mexican painters of the mid-twentieth century. Proceeds from this event benefit Latin@ Services at The Center. Check it out at [www.thecentersd.org](http://www.thecentersd.org) and go to Events.

**July 17-19 (Fri-Sun):** It's not too early to save the date for **PRIDE weekend**. The parade will be on Saturday. Great theme: Liberty and Justice for All! Details will be in the June newsletter.

## IT WENT WELL

On April 28, the U.S. Supreme Court heard arguments regarding: 1) whether same-sex couples are guaranteed the right to marry by the U.S. Constitution. 2) whether states that don't recognize same-sex marriages are required by the Constitution to recognize those marriages when they've been performed in a state where they are legal. The cases were consolidated for two-and-a-half hours of oral arguments. A decision will be made at the end of June before the Supreme Court adjourns for the summer.

## EVERYDAY HEROES: GARDEN GALA 2015

There are still tickets left for North County LGBTQ Resource Center's 5th Annual Gala on **Saturday, May 30, 7:00-11:00 pm**. Enjoy the tantalizing appetizers; there is a cash bar. 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.

Individual tickets are \$100, and there are group discounts available. To order tickets, go to [www.ncresourcecenter.org/gala](http://www.ncresourcecenter.org/gala). If you have auction items to donate, email Lisa Nava: [lnavanutmom@yahoo.com](mailto:lnavanutmom@yahoo.com).



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