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## GENDER REVOLUTION

Please join us for our general meeting on **Monday, July 24** at 7:00 pm at Jewish Family Service (JFS), 8788 Balboa Avenue, San Diego.

The program for the evening is the documentary, "Gender Revolution: A Journey with Katie Couric." Ms Couric set out to explore the rapidly evolving complexities of gender identity; scientists are just beginning to understand the biological factors that contribute to gender identity. As our last month's speaker, Kathie Moehlig, pointed out, sexual orientation is not the same as gender identity. There is a lot to learn about individuals who identify as non-binary.

The documentary is 1 hour and 5 minutes long. Therefore, there won't be support groups. Refreshments will be offered before the film begins. After, there will be a



## KATHIE MOEHLIG HONORED

It is with great excitement and pleasure to announce that our own PFLAG Mom, Kathie Moehlig, was selected as Friend of Pride for this year's Spirit of Stonewall Awards. Besides being on the board of PFLAG San Diego County and facilitator of the North County Inland Support Group, Kathie is founder and Executive Director of

TransFamily Support Services. She is the queen of tabling events and one of the most knowledgeable people on transgender and non-binary issues.

The Spirit of Stonewall Awards is a way to acknowledge individual and organizations who have contributed significantly to the LGBTQ community through their leadership, activism, and fundraising efforts. How perfect that the Rally is **July 14** at 6:00 pm. You can attend the Trans Pride celebration starting at 1:00 pm and stroll over to the Awards/Rally located at the Hillcrest Pride Flag (at University and Normal). The Pride Block Party begins after the ceremony. Todd Gloria is the keynote speaker.

## FABULOUS CONCERTS COMING OUR WAY

For one night only, **Thursday, July 13** at 7:00 pm, the **San Diego's Women's Chorus** is presenting their bold and bawdy summer event, *#SorryNotSorry*. Featured are songs by Kelly Clarkson, P!nk, CeeLo Green, Beyonce, as well as The Voice winner Jordan Smith and country singer Kasey Musgraves. *#SorryNotSorry* is an uncensored show with some adult language and content that is more appropriate for mature teens and adults. The concert is at The Irenic, 3090 Polk Avenue in North Park.

Tickets are just \$20 with discounted pricing available. [sdwc.ticketleap.com/sorrynotsorry/](http://sdwc.ticketleap.com/sorrynotsorry/).

Then, on **July 29 and 30**, the **San Diego Gay Men's Chorus** will be performing *Divas* with songs from who else??...Barbra, Dolly, and Aretha to Whitney, Beyoncé and Lady Gaga. There will be powerful ballads, anthems, and pop smashes all mixed with attitude and hairspray!

The performances are at the Balboa Theatre, 868 Fourth Avenue, downtown. To purchase tickets and get more info, go to [www.sdgmc.org](http://www.sdgmc.org).

## COME LAUGH WITH US

GLSEN San Diego's 4th Annual Comedy Fundraiser is Thursday, **August 10** at **8:00 pm** at the Diversionary Theatre, 4545 Park Blvd. in San Diego. There is a wine and cheese reception which begins at **7:00 pm**.

This event is one of GLSEN's (formerly known as Gay, Lesbian and Straight Education Network) biggest fundraisers. Tickets are \$25 and may be purchased at [Eventbrite.com](http://Eventbrite.com) or at the door if the event is not sold out.

## AT THE DIVERSIONARY

For a very short period of time, **August 3-6**, *ManTrap (A Provocative Evening of Dance)* will be at The Diversionary Theatre.

*ManTrap*, a comic and at times outrageous romp, is a stunning mix of contemporary dance and hip hop. When a couple meets for the first time, desires ignite, sparks fly and one big secret is revealed. And in the end the question is: Will she or won't she?

For performance times and ticket info, go to: [www.diversionary.org](http://www.diversionary.org). You can also call: 619-220-0097. Please ask if the PFLAG discount is applicable to these performances: Promo Code PFLAG - \$5 discount. The theatre is located at 4545 Park Blvd. in San Diego.



## A SALUTE TO THE 2017 SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS



Anyone who attended our third annual Launching Leaders Awards luncheon can attest to the rewarding event. We presented 10 scholarships. Continuing our partnership with San Diego Human Dignity Foundation has proved to be successful.

The keynote speaker was Kevin Beiser, Board Trustee, San Diego Unified School District. His background is very impressive.

Presenting our 2017 recipients:

The Mary Wagner Memorial Scholarship: **Sydney Sterling**; John Bessemer Memorial Scholarship: **Marina Mizar**; Rob Benzon Memorial Scholarships: **Suhaila A. Devidasi** and **Ryan Snyder**; Stephen G. Bowersox Memorial Scholarship: **Alan Liang**; John McCusker Memorial Scholarship: **Blake Stoner-Osborne**; Richard Geyser Memorial Ethics Scholarship: **Nic Crittenden**; STEM Scholarship: **Celestial Rodriguez**; Dr. Lloyd Kendall Memorial Scholarship: **Onrei Ladao**; PFLAG Merit Scholarship: **Mary Jane Zamora**

Thank you to emcee and producer Ian Morton for running the show and keeping it moving with his good sense of humor.

The Mary Wagner Memorial Scholarship is our longest running scholarship – 18 years! Friends of Mary Wagner, Art and Marilyn Carpenter and Sharon Murphy, have made this annual scholarship possible. The recipient is **Sydney Sterling**, who recently graduated from Madison High School. She is headed to UC Santa Barbara where she will major in Film and Media Studies. Her goal is to become a professional screenwriter. After reading her essay, you will understand why.



Sydney's Letter of Recommendation stated that, besides being an excellent student, she is curious with a "think outside the box" view. She's an anti-conformist with the gumption to express her ideas. Sydney's essay:

"I grew up in a liberal and politically active household. My dad would always talk to me about events going on in our country and the world, would take me to protests and demonstrations, and would make sure the talk radio we listened to was

strictly progressive. I entered middle school as Occupy San Diego (OSD) began, and as soon as I learned what it stood for, I knew this would be the next cause I joined. OSD was different from any other movement I had known. OSD stood against the banks and with the people. We supplied food, shelter, and other services to dozens of homeless who came to the Civic Center Plaza. This was where OSD organized and set up camp. OSD and the people involved in it spoke to me on such a personal level, that for the next several years I made Occupy San Diego one of my highest priorities. Knowing about the corruption and greed that was occurring in our government, I couldn't stand idly by and not take action. During the time I spent in OSD, I was eager to help make whatever difference was possible locally for the homeless and the others we served throughout the community. People see the injustices of the world and do nothing about them. Unless it impacts them or their families directly, they feel as if they don't need to get involved. Well, that isn't the kind of person I want to be.

Occupy not only taught me about issues within our government, but I learned about issues impacting the LGBT community. Through OSD, I became aware of the struggles that queer people in San Diego face. Being a lesbian, I tend to be drawn to media that has queer characters because I like to see people from my demographic in what I watch. The only problem with this is that I often feel disappointed with how films and television shows portray queer characters. When a character is gay, that is usually all you know about them. It's offensive when a character's only defining and driving characteristic is their sexuality. Well-written characters are dynamic, change as the plot moves forward, and have both good and bad qualities just as real people do. When gay characters are written to only be gay and nothing else, it sends a message that gay people are solely composed of their sexuality and that's all anyone needs to know about them. I struggle to find accurate representation in media every day. But representation does not mean including a character that is not only stereotypical but also the only gay character. Seeing this in film and TV only makes me more excited to be a screenwriter. I'm going to write characters whose sexuality only makes up part of a very complex and layered personality. In the future, when gay youth turn on the TV and see others like them on the screen, all that they see won't be stereotypes.

At UCSB, I can take the knowledge and leadership skills that I've learned through Occupy San Diego and help to educate my fellow students on political and LGBT issues. I have seen first-hand the effects of corruption within a society, and I can show others why it's important to be involved in their community and stand up for their rights and beliefs."

## PRIDE WEEKEND REMINDERS



As of this writing, we do not know where our staging location is or what number we are in the parade. As soon as we do, it will be posted on our web site. We hope you join PFLAG for Allied in Action: United for Justice.

Please see last month's newsletter for details, but here is a run-down of the weekend.

**July 14** (Friday): Spirit of Stonewall Rally and Awards at the Hillcrest Pride Flag (see article on Kathie Moehlig being honored); **July 15** (Saturday): At 9:30 am, Front Runners and Walkers will have their Pride 5K Run/Walk; **July 15** (Saturday): The Pride Parade begins at 11:00 am. There is parking at the Balboa Naval Hospital, located on Park Blvd. across from President's Way with free shuttle bus service to the beginning of the route. Be at the buses early, as they back up and you'll be waiting in line so long that you'll miss part of the parade; Pride Festival is **July 15** after the parade until **July 16** at 8:00 pm.

The festival is located at Marston Point at 6th and Laurel in Balboa Park. All tickets are \$20 (+\$1.75 service charge if purchased online) and are good for both days of the Pride Festival. To purchase tickets: [www.sdpride.org](http://www.sdpride.org). At the Festival, tickets are \$25.00.

## SEPTEMBER EVENTS

South Bay Pride Art & Music Festival will be happening on Saturday, **September 9** from noon-8:00 pm. As always, PFLAG will have a booth. If you would like to volunteer, please contact Patti Boman at [bomanpatti@gmail.com](mailto:bomanpatti@gmail.com).

The 28th Annual AIDS WALK San Diego is Saturday, **September 30**, 7:35 am, starting at Normal Street and University Avenue. The registration fee is \$35 (\$25 for 17 & under and 60+). To register, go to [www.AIDSwalksd.org](http://www.AIDSwalksd.org) and select Register at the top of the page, then Join an Existing Team. Either enter PFLAG San Diego or Search for a Team and find PFLAG San Diego. Click on the Join button and follow the instructions. More info in the Aug newsletter.

## EVITA

By buying tickets to *Evita* for the 2:00 pm matinee on **August 19**, you will be supporting San Diego Repertory Theatre's #RepYourPride event. For each ticket sold, 15% will be donated to the Sunshine Brooks HIV/AIDS Fund at San Diego Human Dignity Foundation. This allows the Foundation to continue providing grant support to programs throughout San Diego County. Grantees include: Mama's Kitchen, Christie's Place, San Diego Youth Services, Family Health Centers, Fraternity House, North County LGBTQ Center, Vista Community Clinic, San Ysidro Health Center, San Diego Volunteer Lawyer Program, Being Alive, and Stepping Stone San Diego. To purchase tickets, go to [securesite.sdrep.org](http://securesite.sdrep.org). Please enter the promo code "BROOKS" when purchasing.

## SUPPORT GROUPS

**SD METRO GENERAL MEETING & SUPPORT GROUP**  
Meets every 4th Monday at 7:00 pm, at Jewish Family Service, 8788 Balboa Ave, San Diego in Kearny Mesa.

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

### NORTH COUNTY COASTAL

Meets the 1st Monday @ 6:30 pm, Pilgrim UCC, 2020 Chestnut Avenue, Carlsbad. .

**Annette: 760-518-3345 | [northcountycoastal@pflag.com](mailto:northcountycoastal@pflag.com)**

### NORTH COUNTY INLAND

Meets the 3rd Thursday @ 7:00 pm, St. Bart's Church, 16275 Pomerado Road, Poway. New Location

**Kathie: 858-382-9156 | [northcountyinland@pflag.com](mailto:northcountyinland@pflag.com)**

### EAST COUNTY

Meets the 2nd Monday at 7:00 pm, Summit Unitarian Universalist Church, 8778 Cottonwood Avenue, Santee.

**Tiffany: 760-554-7967 | [tgonzalez@pflag.com](mailto:tgonzalez@pflag.com)**

### SOUTH BAY

For a private meeting for support or concern, call for an appointment.

**Patti: 619-227-6092 | [bomanpatti@gmail.com](mailto:bomanpatti@gmail.com)**

### POWAY LGBTQ YOUTH SUPPORT/HIGH SCHOOL

Meets 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesdays from 5:00-6:30 pm, Poway Library, 13137 County Highway S4, Poway. Facilitated by youth.

**Kathie: 858-382-9156 | [info@transfamilysos.org](mailto:info@transfamilysos.org)**

### OUR SPACE-POWAY--LGBTQIA/MIDDLE SCHOOL

For Middle School only. Meets 1st and 3rd Mondays from 5:30-7 pm, St. Bart's Church, 16275 Pomerado Rd, Poway.

**Kathie: 858-382-9156 | [info@transfamilysos.org](mailto:info@transfamilysos.org)**

### MI FAMILIA (Spanish)

Meets 2nd Monday at 6pm. For meeting info, contact:

**Patti: 619-227-6092 | [bomanpatti@gmail.com](mailto:bomanpatti@gmail.com)**

### TRANSFAMILY SUPPORT GROUP

Support groups held separately for children, teens, & adults to explore topics around gender identity and expressions.

**Kathie: 858-382-9156 | [info@transfamilysos.org](mailto:info@transfamilysos.org)**



## PFLAG THANKS YOU

### Qualcomm Company

for donating 100 PFLAG Resource Kits for Outlying Schools

### Launching Leaders Luncheon

Ian Morton, Producer Extraordinaire  
(almost single-handedly put on "the show")

### San Diego Human Dignity Board of Directors

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### 2017 Scholarship Selection Committee

Donna Bowersox  
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