

STONEWALL CITIZENS' PATROL



Please join us for our general meeting on **Monday, March 25** at 7:00 pm at Jewish Family Service (JFS), 8788 Balboa Avenue, San Diego.

Sean Redmond, our guest speaker, is the Executive Director of the Stonewall Citizens' Patrol. This organization of all volunteers helps law enforcement fight crime by serving as extra sets of "eyes and ears." In addition, they provide safety and crime prevention education to the community. Sean has quite an extensive background which is highlighted in the article below.

Join us for support groups, then the cookie social, followed by Sean's presentation.

SPOTLIGHT ON SEAN REDMOND

Sean Redmond was born and raised in the small community of Omak, Washington. From an early age, he was taught civic pride and service toward the community. He is an Eagle Scout and Vigil member of the Order of the Arrow. He continued his service into the US Air Force where he served 20 years in law enforcement and human resource development. After retirement in 2009, he moved to San Diego where he pursued his vision of working to improve and being part of a bigger community family. In particular, was his desire is to serve the LGBT veteran community. As the modern LGBT military community changes, he is there to provide support, resources, and education through such programs as the San Diego Unified School District Youth Advocacy Program. Using his law enforcement experience and community policing desire, he is very active in the Stonewall Citizens' Patrol. As the Board of Directors appointed Executive Director, he can continue his drive to educate and provide community safety to the diverse neighborhoods of Bankers Hill, Hillcrest, North Park, and University Heights. Sean has a Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice Administration/Cyber Crime Security and continues to pursue educational opportunities in public administration and youth advocacy.

Sean also serves as the Director of Safety & Welfare for the San Diego Gay Men's Chorus, is on the Advisory Council for the LGBT Veterans Wall of Honor, is the Festival Co-Manager for Pride 2019, and volunteers with Gay for Good-San Diego, Mama's Kitchen, and San Diego Fire Department Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) Hillcrest/University Heights. He and his husband, Jackson Redmond, live in Hillcrest with their rescue fur kid, Artie.

REMINDER

Every third Monday of the month (upcoming meeting is **March 18**), Dr. Colette Lord will be answering questions about gender identity and what it means to be transgender and non-binary. The goal is to increase the understanding, compassion, and empathy for LGBTQIA folks so that our community is loving for all.

The meeting is from 6:00-7:00 pm at St. Mark's United Methodist Church, 3502 Clairemont Drive, Room 10, San Diego (Clairemont). For questions or further information, visit Dr. Lord's web site: www.coletteLordPhD.com.

HEDWIG IS COMING TO THE DIVERSIONARY!

Hedwig and the Angry Inch made its explosive debut 20 years ago and changed American theatre forever. It's an iconic queer rock musical which comes to pulsating life for the first time on the Diversionary Theatre stage. Outcast turned rock underdog, Hedwig catapults the audience into their outrageous origin story that is both hilarious and horrifying, connecting the deeply personal to the universal. As Hedwig discovers their self anew through telling their tale, this transcendent musical journey is a thrilling ride to discover your own rock and roll destiny.

Hedwig is at the Diversionary from **March 21-April 21**. For performance times and ticket info, go to: www.diversionary.org. You can also call: 619-220-0097. For \$5 off each ticket, use Promo Code PFLAG. The theatre is located at 4545 Park Blvd. in San Diego.

THERE IS STILL TIME!

The deadline to apply for PFLAG San Diego County scholarships is **Monday, March 18, 2019**. The scholarships are open to LGBTQ high school seniors, full-time undergraduate and graduate students. This year, half-time applicants will be considered with an explanation of the circumstances that prevents them from attending full-time.

The application and requirements are available on our web site, www.pflag.com (click on the Scholarship link). The awards presentation for our annual Launching Leaders Luncheon will be **Saturday, May 11**. This is PFLAG San Diego County's 21st year of offering scholarships; we will be offering 10 scholarships for a minimum of \$2000 each. Since the scholarship program began in 1998, we are proud to say that the number of scholarships presented have more than quadrupled since its inception. For scholarship questions, email: scholarships@pflag.com.

MARCH MADNESS

March 16: Bayard Rustin Civil Rights Honors are from 6:00-8:00 pm at the LGBT Center. A \$10 donation includes a soul food buffet which benefits The Nicole-Murray Ramirez Scholarship Fund, The Harvey Milk Scholarship Fund, and The National Bayard Rustin Stamp Campaign. For more information, contact Darnelle at 619-737-7326 or Randolph Welch at 619-315-3996.

March 16: This is a little late getting the word out; the OASIS STEM Conference is a golden opportunity for LGBTQ+ students who are still in high school or are just beginning their undergraduate studies. The conference, which takes place at Montezuma Theatre at San Diego State University, connects these students with successful LGBTQ+ STEM professionals, graduate students, and peers, immediately providing attendees with mentorship in their field of interest. Additionally, students will get an inside look at research projects taking place in Southern California. The conference comes complete with a keynote speaker, a career fair featuring LGBTQ+ friendly STEM employers, breakout sessions, and a student panel. Overall, the conference will inspire and empower, demonstrating that it is possible to both be “out” and succeed in STEM. To get more information and how to register: contact info@theoasisconference.com.

March 23: San Diego History Center's Gala will honor Toni Atkins, Christine Kehoe, as well as recognizing San Diego's LGBTQ+ Community. The event is from 5:00-9:00 pm at the San Diego History Center for the reception and dinner at The Grand Ballroom at The Prado. For tickets: <http://sandiegohistory.org/event/makers-2019>.

SOUTH BAY SUPPORT GROUP RELOCATED

It is exciting to announce the new location for the South Bay Support Group. Starting this month (**March 18**), they will be meeting at the South Bay Youth Center (SBYC), 1180 Third Avenue, Suite C1, Chula Vista. Meetings are from 7:00-8:00 pm.

SBYC has a lot to offer. They have a drop-in space for LGBTQIA+ youth: ages 10-13, Friday 3:00-7:00 pm; ages 14-18, Thursday 3:00-7:00 pm; ages 18-24, Wednesday 3:00-7:00 pm. For all three meeting days, the schedule is as follows: 3:00-4:00 pm Study Hour; 5:00-5:30 pm Common Ground Discussion Group; 5:30-6:30 pm Gender Identity Group. For questions, contact Victor Esquivel at 619-692-2077, ext. 207 or email southbayyouth@thecentersd.org.

Also, for months, Brenda Arnold, has been collecting clothes, toiletries, and snacks for trans youth in the South Bay area. Please bring donations to the meeting or contact Brenda for more information: barnold@pflag.com.

GEARING UP FOR APRIL

April 5: Transgender Day of Empowerment is at the LGBT Center from 6:00-9:00 pm. The program includes trans speakers, entertainment, refreshments, community awards, and the announcement of the 5th Annual Tracie Jada O'Brien Transgender Student Scholarship recipients! This event is FREE and open to all.

April 13: PFLAG San Diego County is proud to be a sponsor of the 3rd Annual District-Wide GSA Dance. It is being organized by the GSA collaborative of Sweetwater schools and Mar Vista High School. Students from all the GSAs in the county are invited. The dance takes place from 6:00-10:00 pm at MAAC, 1355 Third Ave, Chula Vista. For more information, contact your school GSA.

April 13 & 14: The San Diego Gay Men's Chorus presents *Motown – The Music + The Legends*. The title speaks for itself! Shows are 3:00 pm and 8:00 pm on Saturday and 3:00 pm on Sunday at the Balboa Theatre, 868 Fourth Avenue, downtown San Diego. For tickets, go to www.sdgmc.org.

April 19: OUT at the Park at Petco Park is sponsored by San Diego Pride. Rumor has it that they are sold out of the limited-edition, commemorative OUT at the Park hat celebrating Stonewall 50 and the San Diego Padres' 50th anniversary. However, you can still join in the merriment. Starting at 5:00 pm, you can enjoy the pre-game “Tailgate Party” happy hour until 7:00 pm at Park at the Park. Note, though, food and drinks are not included. After, there is a reserved OUT at the Park section. The National Anthem will be sung by the San Diego Gay Men's Chorus, San Diego Women's Chorus, San Diego Pride, and Padres staff together on the field. To purchase tickets: Padres.com/pride. For each ticket sold, \$5 will be donated to SD Pride.

SHAKE, RATTLE, AND ROLL

Quite a few people who were members last year have not renewed for 2019. Thanks to those who have; we are looking forward to receiving more renewals or first time dues. These monies are used to provide support, education, and advocacy on behalf of our LGBTQ community and their families. They enable us to provide monthly meetings, an info line, newsletters, educational brochures, etc.

Please send your dues to PFLAG San Diego County, as \$15 of it is sent to PFLAG National. If you renew with them, there is no benefit for our San Diego chapter.

The membership application is on our web site (pflag.com). We accept PayPal for your convenience. You can also pay at any of the meetings or mail a check made payable to: PFLAG SDC, P.O. Box 82762, San Diego, CA 92138. All donations and memberships are tax deductible.

GROWING BY LEAPS AND BOUNDS

We are pleased to announce that the East County Support Group will be up and running shortly. Come to the inaugural meeting on **Tuesday, April 16**, at the El Cajon Library, 201 E. Douglas Avenue, El Cajon from 6:00-7:30 pm. The meetings are every third Tuesday of the month. A huge thank you goes to Raegan Edwards, Bridget Lambert, and Tiffany Gonzalez for relaunching the support group. For questions, contact eastcountysdc@pflag.com.

YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE

This is the first year we are making available a way to donate to the success of the Launching Leaders Luncheon where we honor the scholarship recipients. It's also a way to guarantee the continuation of the Scholarship Program. Tickets for the luncheon are \$60/each or a table of eight is \$500. But fear not! Using the information below, you can make a one-time donation. The same link can be used for both: www.sd hdf.org/events/event_registration.php

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To pay via check:

Please make check payable to SDHDF and mail to 325 W. Washington Street, Ste 2, #235 San Diego, CA 92103

In the memo portion of the check, list PFLAG Scholarships.

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

NORTH COUNTY COASTAL

Meets the 1st Monday at 6:30 pm

Pilgrim UCC, 2020 Chestnut Avenue, Carlsbad.

Annette: 760-518-3345 | northcountycoastal@pflag.com

NORTH COUNTY INLAND

Meets 2nd & 4th Tuesdays from 6:30-8:30 pm

St. Bart's Church, 16275 Pomerado Road, Poway.

Jill/Dan: 760-855-9424 | RBPowaypflagsdc@pflag.com

EAST COUNTY – STAY TUNED

Starting April 16, East County Support group will meet the 3rd Tuesday from 6:00-7:30 pm, El Cajon Library, 201 E. Douglas Avenue, El Cajon.

Raegan: 858-531-5426 | eastcountysdc@pflag.com

SOUTH BAY – NEW MEETING LOCATION

Meets 3rd Monday from 7:00-8:00 pm, South Bay Youth Center, 1180 Third Avenue, Suite C1, Chula Vista.

Patti: 619-227-6092 | pboman@pflag.com

RAMONA

Meets 1st Tuesday from 6:00-8:00 pm, St. Mary's in the Valley, 1010 12th Street, Ramona. For meeting info::

Carlee: 757-448-5640 | Ramonapflagsdc@pflag.com

POWAY LGBTQ YOUTH SUPPORT/HIGH SCHOOL

Meets 2nd & 4th Tuesdays from 6:30-8:30 pm

St. Bart's Church, 16275 Pomerado Road, Poway.

Al: 858-382-2262 | al@transfamilyosos.org

OUR SPACE-POWAY--LGBTQIA/MIDDLE SCHOOL

Meets 2nd & 4th Tuesdays from 6:30-8:30 pm, St. Bart's Church, 16275 Pomerado Road, Poway. Facilitated by youth. **Al: 858-382-2262 | al@transfamilyosos.org**

MI FAMILIA (Spanish) NEW LOCATION

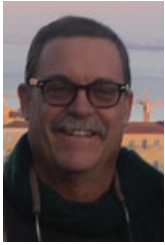
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Patti: 619-227-6092 | pboman@pflag.com

TRANSFAMILY SUPPORT GROUP

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

Kathie: 858-382-9156 | info@transfamilyosos.org



WELCOME, KURT

PFLAG San Diego County is pleased to welcome Kurt Dearie to its team of facilitators. Beginning April 1, Kurt will assume the role of Facilitator for our North County Coastal Support Group that meets in Carlsbad. A native of San Diego, Kurt has worked as a high school educator for 37 years in the subjects of History and Government. He founded Carlsbad High School's GSA 16 years ago and has been its advisor since inception. His role in the GSA has empowered students to embrace their sexuality and gender identity in a safe and welcoming environment, as well as to provide LGBTQ+ competency training throughout North County. He has worked tirelessly to make Carlsbad High School a safe campus for LGBTQ+ students. PFLAG will benefit immensely from Kurt's firsthand experience working with LGBTQ+ students.

Kurt is a 2018 California Teacher of the Year. He was recently selected by the California Teachers Association to be one of its 2019 Human Rights Award recipients. Kurt's specific award was for his Leadership in Lesbian and Gay Human Rights in Honor of Nancy Bailey. PFLAG is fortunate to have Kurt join our Support, Education and Advocacy team!

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