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1993	November	Holiday Celebration
	December	Guess Who Is Coming To Thanksgiving Dinner? How to Deal with Holiday Stress – Paul and Betty Beeman
1994	January	Hands Off Washington
	February	Video - Not All Parents Are Straight
	March	Stonewall Youth
	April	Providing Parental Support—Dr. Kathleen O’Shaunessy
	May	Peer Support for Teens with GLB Parents
	June	HIV/AIDS - Basic Myths and Facts
	July	Discussion of Stand Up and Be Counted Campaigns
	August	60 Minutes with Mel While
	September	Video - Straight from the Heart
	October	National Convention
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1995	January	?
	February	Valentines Celebration with Pictures of Couples
	March	Dealing with Grief - Rev. Larry Speicher
	April	GLBT Support in State Government
	May	Domestic Partnerships - City of Olympia
	June	Fathers Day Panel with Alec Clayton, John Thorn and Hank Pangborn
	July	Domestic Partnerships- City of Olympia - Anna Schlecht
	August	Annual Picnic
	September	Safe Schools Issues in Schools - David Biviano, Diversity Training Consultant
	October	Depression and Suicide Margie Mitchell from Crisis Clinic
	November	Marsha Botzer from Ingersoll Gender Center in Seattle
	December	Video from Seattle Men’s Chorus
1996	January	Supporting Our Loved Ones At Home and In Legislation - Jolene Unsold
	February	Wedge Issues and the Radical Right - Frieda Takamura
	March	Youth Panel
	April	Late Bloomers - Mo Considine
	May	The GAP Performers—Rick Turner - Traveling School Program
	June	Gay Youth Panel with Youth and Parents
	July	Video - Our Brother Dan
	August	Annual Picnic
	September	Safe Schools - Mo Considine and Gabi Clayton
	October	Lavender Action - Kurt Pavola
	November	GLBT Literature— Lorrie Kovell
	December	Video - Not All Parents Are Straight



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1997	January	The Way We Really Are - Stephanie Coontz Author of The Way We Never Were
	February	Valentine's Party
	March	Religious Panel with reps from Methodist, Catholic, Evangelical churches and a Jewish Rabbi
	April	Gay Suicide - Wendy Lewis from Community Youth Services
	May	Mother's Day Discussion
	June	Discovering Your Child is Gay - Nancy Sigafoos and Tina Witcher
	July	Video Sampler - excerpts from All Our TV Series that PFLAG-Olympia did
	August	Annual Picnic
	September	Safe Schools - Mo Considine and Gabi Clayton
	October	Legislative Outlook - Ed Murray
	November	Religion and Homosexuality - Paul Beeman
	December	Sharing Our Stories—Amory Peck
1998	January	Straight Spouse Support Group - Dr. Susan Steepy - psychologist who lead group
	February	Valentine Party
	March	Straight Spouse Support Group Panel
	April	Families and Holidays
	May	Video - It's Elementary (short version)
	June	Book Talk with Lorrie Kovell
	July	Gay Lives, Straight Lives - Maurine Considine
	August	Annual Picnic
	September	Making Schools Safe - GLSEN
	October	Open Meeting
	November	Annual Meeting and Election of Board
	December	Marc Adams - HeartStrong
1999	January	Q Safety Patrol
	February	Valentine Day Celebration
	March	Queers on Campus Panel Discussion
	April	Mary Heron Dyer, author of Jubilee - A Book for Women Reinventing Their Lives
	May	video - Teen Files - The Truth About Hate, with Gabi Clayton
	June	Panel of Parents of Gay and Lesbian Parents
	July	Panel of Parents of GLBT Children
	August	Annual Picnic
	September	Financial Planning for GLBT's
	October	Annual Business Meeting
	November	Home for the Holidays
	December	Winter Celebration



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2000	January	Domestic Partner Benefits
	February	Valentine's Day Party
	March	Ingersoll Gender Center - with Marsha Botzer
	April	When the Picture of the Family is Changing - Coming Our Issues for Families
	May	Gay Friendly Businesses in Thurston County with Guests
	June	National PFLAG Conference & Millennium March follow-up report by the Claytons
	July	Heartsparkle Players and Stonewall Youth
	August	Annual Picnic
	September	Our House To The School House Presentation
	October	Open Meeting
	November	Annual Meeting, Elections, and Challenges of the Holidays
	December	Annual Holiday Party
2001	January	Legislative Issues with invited guests
	February	Valentine's Day Party
	March	Seattle Bigot Busters - with Bill Dubay
	April	Safe Schools Panel Discussion (<i>may have been cancelled?</i>)
	May	Safe Schools Panel Discussion
	June	United Communities AIDS Network (UCAN) speaker living with AIDS
	July	Straight Spouse Support Network with guest speakers
	August	Annual Picnic
	September	United Way and Scouting
	October	Financial Planning for Lesbians and Gays
	November	Annual Meeting, Elections
	December	Our Annual Points of Light Celebration
2002	January	Legislative Issues
	February	Domestic Partner Registration - Valentine Celebration
	March	<i>Teen Files: The Truth About Hate</i> , video and a presentation from the Our House Committee
	April	Gender Variant Healthcare Project
	May	<i>That's a Family</i> - a video created by Debra Chasnoff
	June	Marc Adams - HeartStrong
	July	Super Support
	August	Annual Picnic
	September	GLBT Adoption - Families Like Ours
	October	<i>Growing Up Gay</i> - Brian McNaught video
	November	Annual Meeting, Elections, Super Support
	December	Our Annual Points of Light Celebration



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2003	January	Legislative Issues
	February	RISE Program - Maureen McLemore, Community Youth Services Transitional Housing Program for Youth
	March	Super Support - GLBT members, parents & straight allies stay together for loosely structured mutual support and discussion.
	April	Transgender Issues - Alex Pangborn
	May	Domestic Violence 101 - NW Network of BTLG Survivors of Abuse
	June	Safe Schools Coalition - Kari Kesler
	July	<i>A Matter of Choice - Gay Teens</i> (a Nightline video)
	August	Annual Picnic
	September	Networking & Community Building - with guests from other local GLBT organizations
	October	Legislative Issues with guests - Sandra Romero and Sam Hunt
	November	Annual Meeting, Elections, Super Support
	December	Annual Points of Light Celebration
2004	January	Marc Adams from HeartStrong
	February	Queer Eye on the Media - a Critical Look at Gays in the Media
	March	Legal Marriage Alliance - with Barb Rhoads-Weaver and Alicia Lewis
	April	Gender Variant Health Care - with guests from the Gender Variant Health Care Project
	May	Gays in the Media Part II
	June	Networking with Pride
	July	Domestic Violence 201 with Max Walsh from the NW Network of Bisexual, Trans, Lesbian & Gay Survivors of Abuse
	August	Annual Picnic at Priest Point Park
	September	Video: <i>A Boy Named Sue</i> - a documentary about a trans man's six-year journey from pre-hormones through surgery.
	October	Thurston Marriage Coalition
	November	Video: <i>A Boy Named Sue</i> (may have been some other program or video since this was listed for Sept.)
	December	Annual Points of Light Celebration
2005	January	Legislative Issues That May Come Up for a Vote This Year
	February	Hate Crimes and Law Enforcement - with representatives from Olympia, Tumwater, Lacey Police Departments and the Thurston County Sheriffs Department.
	March	GLBT Adoption
	April	Dialogue and Transition - open discussion on programs and support. What do you hope to get out of our regular monthly PFLAG meetings?
	May	Pre-Pride Power-Up - with Anna Schlecht - how to get involved, the history of Pride, the importance of visibility, and the fun things that happen each year.
	June	Talking the T in GLBT
	July	Stonewall Youth Speaker's Bureau Panel Presentation
	August:	Annual Picnic at Priest Point Park
	September	Lambda Legal - with Sarah Luthens from their Seattle office.
	October	GLBT Domestic Violence with Max Walsh from the NW Network, about domestic violence in the GLBT community
	November	Stephanie Coontz - faculty at Evergreen State College and author of numerous books
	December	Annual Points of Light Celebration



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2006	January	UCAN - United Community AIDS Network
	February	Dr. Patrick Chapman, professor of anthropology at South Puget Sound Community College on what the Bible says and doesn't say about homosexuality
	March	Wealth Management for Domestic Partnerships - guest speakers from Merrill Lynch
	April	Safe Schools Coalition presentation
	May	Super Support - all our members - GLBT, parents & straight allies - come together for loosely structured mutual support and discussion
	June	Assisted Living for GLBT people (this didn't happen - not sure what was done instead)
	July	Transgender panel presentation from Gender Variant Health Project
	August	Annual Picnic at Burfoot Park
	September	Video: <i>Trevor</i> - http://www.thetrevorproject.org
	October	Seth Kirby from the WA State Human Rights Commission (WSHRC) about Washington's Law Against Discrimination passed on June 8 th .
	November	Annual Meeting, Elections & "Home for the Holidays" facilitated by Sarah Vanucci
	December	Annual Points of Light Celebration - facilitated by members Tina R. & Teresa G.
2007	January	Stonewall Youth Panel
	February	Lambda Legal on Marriage Equality
	March	<i>We are ...GLBTQ</i> - 40 minute documentary that founding chapter member Dr. Evonne Hedgepeth created for WA Children's Administration on LGBTQ youth in foster care and out of home settings.
	April	Local law enforcement panel on dealing with hate crimes (as done Feb. 2005)
	May	<i>Daddy & Papa</i> - film about gay men's journeys to become parents, followed by a short discussion hosted by Erica Dixon, professor of sociology at SPSCC.
	June	Gay Friendly Businesses - A look into how we can best support gay-owned and gay-friendly businesses.
	July	Super Support - GLBT members, parents & straight allies stay together for loosely structured mutual support and discussion.
	August	Annual Picnic - Priest Point Park
	September	The Bible and Homosexuality: Religion, Spirituality, and Personal Intimacy, a discussion led by member Gib Rossing, a retired minister.
	October	A silent auction to benefit the chapter on the evening of the 13 th - then on the 14 th we had an unstructured discussion instead of a structured program or presentation
	November	Annual Meeting, Elections - and an update on ENDA & GLBT political action groups.
	December	Holiday party and White Elephant Swap.
2008	January	GLBTQ Trivia Game
	February	Diversity at School - Representatives from the North Thurston School District do a presentation on their diversity program
	March	Intersex 101 - with Erica Dixon, sociology professor at SPSCC
	April	The future of PFLAG-Olympia - discussion on how to make the chapter more relevant and what we can do to increase membership and involvement.
	May	Equal Rights Washington - Josh Friedes, advocacy director talked about upcoming legislation in Washington that is related to the GLBTQ community.
	June	Ex-gay ministries - Dr. Patrick Chapman, anthropology professor at SPSCC, author of the forthcoming book, <i>Thou Shalt Not Love: What Evangelicals Really Say to Gays</i> .
	July	<i>It's Elementary</i> - the documentary film from Groundspark.
	August	Annual Picnic - Priest Point Park
	September	Mark Adams of HeartStrong & author of <i>Preacher's Son</i> with Rod Gambassi
	October	Don't Ask, Don't Tell - with retired Admiral Alan Steinman
	November	<i>It's STILL Elementary</i> - film and discussion
	December	White Elephant Gift Exchange - our winter party



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2009	January	Stonewall Youth speakers bureau panel
	February	One Woman's Personal MtF Transition Story
	March	Legislative Issues - with area legislators talking about current WA State legislation
	April	Pizza Klatch - with a panel of facilitators, students & organizers from the schools doing this cool local program
	May	Steve Schalchlin Stories and Song - & that evening: A Mother's Day PFLAG-Olympia Fundraiser Concert
	June	Intersex '09 - Many children (~0.1%) are born as "intersex" - a general term used for a variety of conditions in which a person is born with a reproductive or sexual anatomy that doesn't seem to fit the typical definitions of female or male. In the past, the doctor might make a decision to surgically "correct" the child, sometimes without informing the parents. Learn how doctors are dealing with this today, with representatives from the intersex and medical communities.
	July	GLBTQ Youth Suicide Prevention & Early Intervention - Heather Carter, MA; GLBTQ Project Coordinator of Youth Suicide Prevention Program - http://www.yspp.org
	August	Annual Picnic at Priest Point Park
	September	Candidate Forum - meet and greet local candidates for political office who speak on their candidacy and how they relate to the LGBT community.
	October	<i>Straightlaced</i> - we view and discuss the newest film from Groundspark. http://www.groundspark.org/our-films-and-campaigns/straightlaced
	November	Annual Meeting, Elections & Program: Open Adoption - A presentation by Jodi Bernstein from Open Adoption and Family Services in Seattle http://www.openadopt.org/ and local attorney and PFLAG member Mary Katherine Plas - Rainbow Family Law. http://www.rainbowfamilylaw.com/
	December	White Elephant Gift Exchange - our winter party
2010	January	Referendum Follow-up - a panel talking about Washington State issues related to the GLBTQ community.
	February	Black History Month - we view and discuss the documentary film <i>Brother Outsider: The Life of Bayard Rustin</i> . http://www.pflag-olympia.org/Tapestry/ (see resources there)
	March	Sexual Diversity - with guest speakers Patrick Chapman, Erica Dixon and David Hyde; professors from the Diverse Sexualities and Culture class at South Puget Sound Community College. http://www.spscc.ctc.edu/programs/anthropology#275
	April	Film Screening: <i>Inlaws and Outlaws</i> - with writer/director Seattle filmmaker Drew Emery. http://www.inlawsandoutlawfilm.com
	May	Latino Month - May is Latino Month, and PFLAG-Olympia will celebrate our Latino brothers and sisters with guest speaker Agustin Ramos Torres, creator of "The Gay Men Mexican Forum." He will talk to us about what it's like to be a gay man in the Latino communities and talk about his work in the Forum.
	June	Transgender Resources Olympia & South Sound - A presentation and discussion with Rachel Welkin of the Olympia chapter of Gender Alliance of the South Sound (GASS). http://www.southsoundgender.com Note: this is after the Capital City Pride Parade.
	July	Film Screening: <i>Anyone and Everyone</i> - Connected by having a son or daughter who is gay, parents across the country discuss their experiences in this 2007 documentary. Individuals from such diverse backgrounds as Japanese, Bolivian, and Cherokee, as well as from various religious denominations such as Mormon, Jewish, Roman Catholic, Hindu, and Southern Baptist, share intimate accounts of how their children revealed their sexual orientation and discuss their responses. http://www.anyoneandeveryone.com
	August	Annual Picnic in Priest Point Park
	September	Candidate Forum with a Focus on LGBT Issues Candidates for city, county and state offices in the November general election.
	October	Community Gathering - Representatives from various GLBTQ and ally organizations in the area tell us all about their programs and answer our questions.



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November	Annual Meeting, Elections & Program: School Issues - Making our schools safe and welcoming for LGBTQ students. Students, teachers, counselors and school board members from area school districts discuss school safety.
December	White Elephant Gift Exchange - our winter party
January	<i>Bullied: A Student, a School and a Case that Made History</i> - a film by Teaching Tolerance/ Southern Poverty Law Center about Jamie Nabozny's groundbreaking federal case against his school district for not protecting him from anti-gay bullying. www.tolerance.org/bullied
February	Support or we watched a film? We rescheduled Rosalinda Noriega to April (below).
March	Capital City Pride Honors PFLAG – Capital City honored us for the work PFLAG has done in the community as a part of Pride's 20th Anniversary series of community events.
April	Rosalinda Noriega from Partners in Prevention Education (PIPE) spoke on "The Roots of Violence and Oppression." For more information go to: http://youthchangeagents.org .
May	Stonewall Youth - members of Stonewall Youth talked about their programs.
June	Capital City Pride - Rather than our regular monthly meeting we tabled at Pride all day both days, June 11 and 12.
July	Film: <i>Two Spirits</i> - the story of the murder of Fred Martinez, a two spirit Navajo youth, and the nature of gender. http://twospirits.org/ - Gabi Clayton talked about her part in the story.
August:	Our Annual Picnic in Priest Point Park
September	<i>Facts and Facets of Transgender Experience</i> . A short documentary on transgender experience that was created by PFLAG Boulder Colorado.
October	Political Forum - Political candidates in Thurston County elections present with Q & A session with a focus on LGBTQ issues and concerns.
November	Annual Meeting, Elections & Program: SAGE Olympia - Anna Schlecht of SAGE Olympia introduced their program to us. The Olympia chapter is the first West Coast chapter of this national organization devoted to service to LGBT seniors. www.sageolympia.org --- Also - Annual business meeting. We look back at the past year, forward to next year, and discuss what things we may want to continue and what things we need to do differently.
December	White Elephant Gift Exchange - our winter party
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January	How to socially connect with the South Sound GLBT community with representatives from area LGBTQ organizations telling us about their organizations, what they do and how to get involved.
February	Someone from Equal Rights Washington presented an update on marriage equality.
March	Film: <i>De Colores</i> - Through moving personal stories we learn how families are breaking cultural barriers and how love always prevails. We watched and talked about this 28-minute film about how Latino families are replacing the deep roots of homophobia with the even deeper roots of love and tolerance. It is part of the Unlearning Homophobia series. Learn more at: http://www.womanvision.org/decolores.html
April	Welcoming Schools film with guest Tracy Flynn. <i>What Do You Know? Six to twelve year olds talk about gays and lesbians</i> is a new short professional development film directed by Ellen Brodsky, produced by Welcoming Schools for school staff and parents. The film features students discussing what they know about gay men and lesbians, what they hear at school, and what they'd like teachers to do. Tracy Flynn, M.Ed. is the Pacific Northwest Regional Consultant for Welcome Schools, a program of HRC Foundation. Learn more at: http://www.welcomingschools.org/
May	Mother's Day - celebrating Moms of LGBT youth and having Lesbian parents with regular and vegan cupcakes donated by The Bearded Lady brought by Kathryn Coffman and Hilary Robbins and a chocolate fountain brought by Mark Dempsey.
June	Capital City Pride Festival! This was instead of our regular monthly meeting. See www.capitalcitypride.net
July	Lucas Scott Miller - a 44-year-old Queer Pagan transman from Massachusetts who has haunted the streets of Olympia for the past nine years and is still trying to decide what he wants to be if he ever grows up. Lucas is a long-time GLBT activist with a BA in



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	anthropology from the University of Massachusetts, a former board member of the Gender Variant Healthcare Project, co-organizer of GenderSmash, and has been co-facilitating the Olympia Trans Discussion group since 2006. He talks with us about issues ranging from healthcare to pronouns to bathrooms.
August	Our Annual Picnic in Priest Point Park - Potluck.
September	LGBT and the Media PFLAG - Olympia board members Hilary Robbins and Kathryn Coffman compiled a great DVD of clips from TV shows featuring lgbt characters and interviews with celebrities including Ellen DeGeneres and Portia Rossi, and Chaz Bono. Discussion after the film viewing.
October	Political forum - Candidates for political office in Olympia, Lacey, Tumwater and Thurston County discuss their candidacy followed by Q & A.
November	What It Means Now: The Repeal of Don't Ask Don't Tell -- Where We Are Now That Don't Ask, Don't Tell Has Ended - with guest speakers James Walker, Mark Fleming, and Alan M. Steinman.
December	White Elephant Gift Exchange - our winter party
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January	TRANS: the movie - TRANS is an up-close and very personal journey into the transgender world through the memorable stories and the unusual lives of a remarkable cast of characters. Learn more at http://www.facebook.com/transthemovie
February	Teen Files: The Truth About Hate - We will view the made-for-television film Teen Files: The Truth About Hate. This documentary explores the origins of hate through the eyes of today's teenagers as they come face to face with their own racism, ethnic and religious hatred, and sexual orientation bigotry. Olympia PFLAG member Gabi Clayton is in the part of the film dealing with homophobia and she will be at the meeting to talk about it after the screening. (Further details on page 2 of the January-February, 2013 HeartBeat newsletter - pdf file)
March	LGBTQQIA Youth Support Groups - Want to learn more about local groups that support queer youth in our community? Meet leaders from both Stonewall Youth and Pizza Klatch and learn what they are doing to support both LGBTQQIA youth -- and their allies -- in our schools and community. Learn how you can become an advocate as well!
April	Defense of Marriage Act (DOMA) - Will it stay or will it go? Meet with experts on the current and controversial "Defense of Marriage Act," enacted in 1996 and recently being called unconstitutional by President Obama. The law, which codifies the non-recognition of same-sex marriages for all federal purposes, including Social Security survivors' benefits, immigration and insurance benefits for government employees. An appeal is scheduled to be heard by the U.S. Supreme Court on March 27, 2013.
May	Mother's Day - Help us celebrate PFLAG founder Jeanne Manford. On June 25, 1972, she participated with her son in the New York Pride March, carrying a hand-lettered sign that read "Parents of Gays Unite in Support for Our Children." Our creative board members Hilary and Kathryn will prepare a short video tribute to the lady who hosted the first official PFLAG meeting on March 26, 1973. 20 people attended! Manford died on January 8, 2013.
June	Open House - While tradition has been not to meet in June due to PRIDE, this year we decided to host an OPEN HOUSE on this day. Instead of a formal program, we'll put our entire PFLAG library on display, maybe talk about a few of our favorite books/movies in the collection and just have some good old PFLAG fellowship. Bring a friend!
July	DOMA: Update and impacts. - We are eagerly awaiting the Supreme Court rulings on Prop 8 and DOMA (Defense of Marriage Act) and have a very knowledgeable speaker scheduled for our July PFLAG meeting who will discuss the potential impacts of the rulings. He is Alan M. Steinman, a retired Rear Admiral from the U.S. Coast Guard and a member of the Service members Legal Defense Network. To learn more about DOMA, visit www.glaad.org/marriage/doma .
August	PFLAG PICNIC - Come share in fellowship and great food at our annual PFLAG-Olympia picnic at Priest Point Park in Shelter #3. We generally ask everyone to bring a dish of their choice. The fun starts at 1 p.m. Rain or shine, friends and family welcome!
September	Our traditional Candidates Forum - we invite local candidates for office to meet with our membership and talk about their platform (in brief Bureau to share with us. Either way it is bound to be a thought-provoking meeting.



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2014	October	Dr. Patrick Chapman - a Professor of Anthropology at SPSCC who specializes in Diverse Sexualities. His lectures focus on myth and identity, biology, nature, non-Western expressions of homosexuality and transgender and religion.
	November	Many reasons to celebrate this holiday weekend, including the 20th birthday of PFLAG-Olympia. Cupcakes, memories and more. If you have ever served on a Board of PFLAG-Olympia please try to attend for a special recognition.
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