



HeartBeat



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Looking back at New World Waking

by Alec Clayton

Two weeks after Steve Schalchlin's "New World Waking" concert I asked him what his impressions were looking back. He said:



"One of the students came up to me after doing the show, asking me if the story-songs I had written — glbt kids being beaten, an old jazz sax player in the 40s living a double life as the opposite gender, a PFLAG mom suing the school system, forcing a change in the state's policies — were true. And whether I actually believed a single person could really make that much of a difference in the world. And all I could do is smile and say, "Look around you. See the moms and dads, friends and family members

in this audience? Every one of them is making this kind of a difference. Oh, yeah, I believe. Every time I see the PFLAG logo, I believe."

It was a wonderful concert. It rocked. One of our PFLAG members said it was like church only more spiritual. Those who missed it don't know what they missed, and sadly far too many missed it.

I'm really grateful for those who pitched in to help and to those who donated tickets for people who couldn't afford them, but I was disappointed in the turn out. The seats were less than half full the first night. The second night we got twice the crowd, but there were still far too many empty seats.

We need to do better, folks. The concerts were a benefit for PFLAG, and frankly, we need the funds this would have raised in order to do the work we do. I know PFLAG-Olympia is valued here. I don't know what we need to do differently next time but I hope you will help us figure it out because Steve is coming back to do two more concerts for us on January 27th and 28th. He'll be performing with The Righteous Mothers at Traditions Café, and we need to fill every seat in the house both nights.

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SUNDAY, SEPT. 11, 2-4 PM

"Facts and Facets of Transgender Experience"

We'll show and discuss this short documentary on transgender experiences that was created by PFLAG Boulder Colorado. For more information and a three-minute trailer visit the PFLAG Boulder website at: www.pflagboulder.org/

SUNDAY, OCT. 9, 2-4 PM

A Political Forum

Political candidates in Thurston County elections have been invited to join us for a political forum. Each candidate will give a very short speech and then we'll have a Q & A session with a focus on LGBTQ issues and concerns.

SUNDAY, NOV. 13, 1-4 PM

SAGE Olympia

Representatives from SAGE will be here to introduce 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

A change of place ...

We've been informed that United Methodist Church has to move our meeting place to rooms 221 and 222. Those are the downstairs rooms we sometimes move to when there are conflicting events in the Gathering Place room. Enter through the same main entrance and go down the hall to your right. We're told this change will be permanent.

The PFLAG Mission

To promote the health and well-being of gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgendered persons, their families and friends through:

- ▼ **support**, to cope with an adverse society;
- ▼ **education**, to enlighten an ill-informed public; and
- ▼ **advocacy**, to end discrimination and to secure equal civil rights.

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Thank you!

Thank you to Kathryn Coffman for taking over the organizing of the picnic at Priest Point Park. We hear we had some first-time visitors and a volleyball game broke out. We hope everybody had a great time and that the new folks who came to the picnic will join us for our monthly meetings.

Also thanks to the Donners and Doyles and Jim Fett for tabling at the Steve Schalchlin concert, and Catherine for helping organize it .

“Volunteers do not necessarily have the time; they just have the heart.”
- Elizabeth Andrew

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Olympia, Washington

Parents, Families and Friends of Lesbians and Gays

MEETS at 2PM on the second Sunday of each month at First United Methodist Church, 1224 Legion Way SE, Olympia. It is handicap-accessible. In August we meet at 1pm for a potluck picnic in a local park.

DIRECTIONS: From Sylvester Park on Capitol Way and Legion Way, go 12 blocks east on Legion Way to Boundary Street. Turn left around the church. Park in the lot at 5th Avenue and Boundary and enter through the glass doors.

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