



# HeartBeat



PFLAG Olympia, Washington

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## PFLAG-Olympia: Moving Equality Forward



Thanks to everyone who came to our annual picnic in Priest Point park. This potluck is always like old home week, with many familiar faces from days gone by as well as new friends – and a few pooches too! Special thanks to Virgil Clarkson who brought the drinks and reserved the shelter as usual. It’s fun to keep up traditions like this one.

A few days after the picnic, the Board sat in my living room around a laptop while listening to a local webinar hosted by PFLAG national. The topic was about “Creating Thriving Chapters.” We thought maybe we could learn a few useful things to further the goals of PFLAG: to support, educate and advocate for the health

and well-being of LGBTQ persons and their families.

Based on the call facilitators PFLAG-Olympia is doing pretty well in the organizational department. We hold regular meetings the **2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of every month from 2-4 p.m. at the First United Methodist church, 1224 Legion Way SE, Olympia.** We have a stable Board of Directors, including several younger members and a social media chair and a balanced budget! We also try to be welcoming to new members for those who attend the meetings or call our helpline.

Of course, there is always room to grow. We want to spread our mission and the continued need for a group like PFLAG-Olympia beyond our regular circle. We need to let more people know we are here to serve. This could be a table at the Farmer’s Market or a speaker’s bureau at local service clubs. While same-sex marriage may have passed in Washington and continues to blaze trails across the country, we still have work to do around advocacy, especially when it comes to equality for transgender youth and their families. Let us know your interest and we’ll find a job for you!

Additionally, we want to continue to be a welcoming place and family for disenfranchised LGBTQ persons who feel they don’t have anywhere else to turn. This may mean more coffees, support resources and social opportunities (movie night at Olympia Film society perhaps?) organized by PFLAG outside of our usual programs....like a concert fundraiser in January (read more below).

Whatever our issue, we look to you – our community – to help us grow PFLAG and continue to spread the support that has made us a foundation in this community for over 20 years.

**Courtney Schrieve**, PFLAG-Olympia President 2013  
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**Our Mission** — PFLAG promotes 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.

PFLAG provides opportunity for dialogue about sexual orientation and gender identity, and acts to create a society that is healthy and respectful of human diversity.



## **F**all PFLAG-Olympia meetings and programs:

PFLAG-Olympia meetings are held the 2nd Sunday of each month, 2-4 p.m. at the United Methodist Church, 1224 Legion Way SE, Olympia, WA. The first hour generally includes a welcome, introductions, support circle, and snacks. The last hour is our program. Our upcoming programs include:

**SEPTEMBER 9:** This program is still in the works due to the juggling of some speakers. It will either be our traditional **Candidates Forum** when we invite local candidates for office to meet with our membership and talk about their platform (in brief). If we cannot generate enough attendees we will invite some members of the **Stonewall Youth Speakers’ Bureau** to share with us. Either way it is bound to be a thought-provoking meeting.

**OCTOBER 13:** We hope to have the pleasure of welcoming 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 10:** Many reasons to celebrate this holiday weekend, including the **20<sup>th</sup> 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.

**BRING A FRIEND!**

## Thinking of Going Paperless???

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## Mark Your Calendars: January 25, PFLAG-Olympia/Pizza Klatch Fundraiser Concert!!!

Join PFLAG-Olympia as we partner with anti-bullying group Pizza Klatch for a two awesome concerts to benefit both organizations. Featured artists will include the local legend Righteous Mothers and New York artist Steve Schalchlin. A return engagement sure to raise the roof! Details to come, but we are planning two concerts on that day at Traditions.

## Have you donated to PFLAG-Olympia lately?

Wondering when or if you last paid your dues? Contact our treasurer, Larry Kronquist at [treasurer@pflag-olympia.org](mailto:treasurer@pflag-olympia.org) and he can check for you. Or leave us a message at our phone line at 360-207-1608. Donations are always welcome too!

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**PFLAG**  
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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