



# HeartBeat



PFLAG Olympia, Washington

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## Remembering the past, fighting for the future

As I stood in the freezing cold of Sylvester Park on Nov. 20, I was warmed not only by over 100 candles flickering in the dark but also by the love of the supportive crowd celebrating Transgender Day of Remembrance. The vigil is in memory of Rita Hester, a transgender woman who was killed in 1998. Our lovely MC Anais solemnly read the names of transgender victims of violence in 2013 — 238 in all. Some were beaten, one beheaded and others burned.

Despite our progress with Marriage Equality and transgender rights in schools we still have a long way to go to ending the hate and ignorance that permeate our world and communities.

PFLAG-Olympia continues to provide education, advocacy and support for allies as well as the LGBTQOTSA community. Each month we have our regular members who are tireless supporters of the work we do to help create a society that is healthy and respectful of all human diversity. We have parents, questioning individuals, youth, grandparents and friends. Some people come and never come back, but maybe we helped them in some way.

Let's not forget what we're fighting for! No matter what challenges we face, we must continue to work to end discrimination and to secure equal civil rights. Our partners in this mission are many — Stonewall Youth, Pizza Klatch, PIPE, The Olympia Trans Discussion Group, and Safe Schools Coalition, just to name a few. Strength in numbers. Beyond banding together we must take our message of hope, love and justice into the broader community.

Speaking of outreach to the broader community, several members of the Board recently appeared on TCTV's "Mission Nonprofit" show (now on YouTube) to talk about PFLAG's history and mission. We also looked back at all our great work and challenges at our recent 20th anniversary celebration. Past Presidents and supporters joined us to remember.

**Courtney Schrieve, PFLAG-Olympia President 2013**  
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### SPOTLIGHT

#### **Dec. 10: PFLAG-Olympia Board will lead high school panel**

The PFLAG-Olympia board is proud to serve on a panel as part of an ongoing series of LGBTQ+ programs at Black Hills High School, 7 p.m., Tuesday, Dec. 10. They will share their personal journeys and stories, current issues and challenges facing the LGBT+ community and answer questions. Please come show your support! We are proud of Black Hills for taking this series on and promoting it to other local high school communities!

#### **Mark Your Calendars: PFLAG-Olympia/Pizza Klatch Fundraiser Concert!!!**

**January 25, 5 and 8:30 p.m., Traditions.** Join PFLAG-Olympia as we partner with anti-bullying group Pizza Klatch for two awesome concerts to benefit both organizations. Featured artists will include the local legend **Righteous Mothers** and New York artist **Steve Schalchlin**, with special guests, **The Olympia Gay Men's Choir**.

A return engagement sure to raise the roof! <http://pizzaklatch.org/events/>

**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.



## Winter 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 are:

### **December 8: It's that time again for the crazy annual Rainbow Elephant PFLAG-Olympia holiday gift exchange!**

We changed the name after reading the definition of "white elephant" to be "an idiom for a valuable but burdensome possession of which its owner cannot dispose and whose cost (particularly cost of upkeep) is out of proportion to its usefulness or worth." Our gifts are never dull and always laugh-inducing and sometimes super cool! You do NOT have to bring one to participate but you can.

### **January 12: T is for Transgender!**

Join us for an open and honest discussion about new Gender Identity and Expression protections for public school students in Washington State. Speaker Jess Lewis, Program Supervisor in the Equity and Civil Rights Department at OSPI, will discuss professional etiquette for serving transgender students in public schools as well as policy efforts to support this growing population in Washington State.

### **February 9:**

**The plight of homeless youth.** The number of homeless youth is rising and a large number of them identify as transgender or queer. Come hear from advocates and the need for more resources in our community and how you can help!

**Bring a friend!**

**Steve Schalchlin & The Righteous Mothers**  
Benefit Concert for PFLAG and Pizza Klatch

2 Shows!  
Saturday  
**JANUARY 25**  
**TRADITIONS**  
**OLYMPIA, WA**  
5:00 pm & 8:30 pm

with very special guests  
"THE OLYMPIA GAY MEN'S CHOIR"

To reserve tickets  
**360-705-2819**  
Suggested Donation \$30-\$60.

Consider donating the cost of a ticket so others who can't afford it can come. Send donations to PFLAG Olympia  
PO Box 12732 Olympia, WA 98508-2732  
[www.pflag-olympia.org](http://www.pflag-olympia.org) put "concert" on the memo line.

THIS IS THE CONCERT  
featuring the  
"Out of the Silence"  
Calligraphic Art Show.  
The concert will be a well-attended event and will benefit the group.

**STEVE SCHALCHLIN**  
TALES FROM THE BOBBS FOUND

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**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!



### Subscribe to the PFLAG-Olympia Alert List!

The PFLAG-Olympia Alert is a one-way announcement email listserv designed to inform our members and friends of upcoming events. To subscribe, go online to:

<http://lists.pflag-olympia.org/listinfo.cgi/alert-pflag-olympia.org>



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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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