



HeartBeat

Parents, Families and Friends of Lesbians and Gays



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Capital City Pride welcomes Auntie Bijou

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Auntie Bijou

East meets West as Spokane's own Auntie Bijou joins Olympia's pride events June 21, beginning with our traditional rally on the Capitol steps, followed by a fabulously rambunctious parade through the downtown. A festival caps off the parade, promising a day filled with eclectic entertainment, some political speakers, poetry readings, and more.

The 13th Annual Capital City Pride begins with free "Pancakes in the Park" sponsored by Olympia's Parents, Families and Friends of Lesbians and Gays (PFLAG). If you stay for breakfast, join in the stage and set design party going on nearby and help get all in readiness for the day's events. Then, gather at the Capitol steps at 11 a.m. for a rally, followed by the noon parade; the festival will begin shortly thereafter.

The festival will feature booths and information from local agencies and businesses that support the GLBT communities, a raffle of fantastic prizes, entertainment hosted by the brazenly fabulous Auntie Bijou, as well as a kid's bounce room, and lots of fun times had by all.

Attendance is expected to be the largest it has ever been. Food and vendor booths will fill the park. A live stage will have a variety show featuring talent from Olympia, Tacoma, Seattle and the Northwest.

So, grab your blankets and your bubbles and come join in the fun as we collectively show through fun, spirit, and fellowship why it is "We ARE Family."

Seattle Pride and Super Saturday

Who will represent Olympia in Seattle Pride this year? We always have an Olympia presence in Seattle's Pride parade, and hopefully this year will be no exception. Wendy Wartes from the Bellevue chapter is trying to encourage every chapter in the state to march together, and she has started a campaign to get each chapter to hold up signs with their chapter names. Just imagine line after line of signs from each of the 20 chapters in the state. We need to decide at the May meeting how many signs we'll need. We will pass around a sign-up sheet at that meeting to find out how many of our members will be going, how many want to buy their own Olympia signs (the chapter will buy two or three), and how many want to car pool to the event.

Also at the May meeting we will pass around sign-up sheets for members to work the PFLAG table Olympia Pride and at Super Saturday.

Mark the Dates:

Super Saturday — Saturday, June 14

Olympia Pride — Saturday, June 21

Seattle Pride — Sunday, June 29



▽ SUNDAY, MAY 11, 2-4:30 PM

Domestic Violence 101

Max Walsh, community outreach worker for the Northwest Network of Bi, Trans, Lesbian and Gay Survivors of Abuse will be here to present a training on glbt domestic violence. For those who don't know, Max is the daughter of PFLAG-Olympia's member and past president Mike Walsh.

▽ SUNDAY, JUNE 8, 2-4:30 PM

The Safe School Coalition: Where We Are Now, Where We Are Going

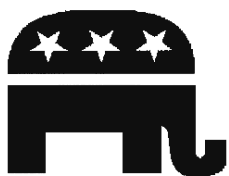
Kari Kesler manages the Safe School Coalition's volunteer Speakers Bureau, and has been involved with the coalition for approximately 2 years. She will speak about the current state of the Safe Schools Coalition, focusing on the Coalition's goals, it's changing role in a national context, and what the future of the Coalition might look like.

<http://www.safeschoolscoalition.org>

WA State Conference September 6, 2003

Mark your calendars. The state PFLAG conference hosted by the Bellevue chapter will be held Sept. 6 at Bellevue Community College. The keynote speaker will be Robert N. Minor, Ph.D., author of *Scared Straight: Why It's So Hard to Accept Gay People and Why It's So Hard to Be Human.*

For more information, go to:
<http://www.pflagwashingtonstate.org/stateconference.htm>



PFLAG Republicans.... Come out, Come Out

The national PFLAG office is trying to reach out to elected Republican officials to build bridges of understanding and send the message that PFLAG's vision of equality for all Americans is not in opposition to, but rather truly reflective of, one of the core principles of the party of Abraham Lincoln. The national office has asked for chapter representatives who are Republicans and who are willing to lend their names to this effort. If you would like to represent the Olympia chapter as a PFLAG Republican, please fax name, phone, and email to Dave Mallory, 1726 M Street, Suite 400, Washington, D.C. 20036 or email him at dmallory@pflag.org. Be sure to tell him you represent the Olympia, Washington chapter.

PFLAG's Official Airline

How many people even know that PFLAG has an official airline? It is American Airlines. And every time you book a flight with them using PFLAG's business Extra #527590, you will receive Advantage miles and earn points for PFLAG. You save time booking your flight and get better service by dialing 1-800-433-1790 or by going online to www.aa.com.



MEETS at 2PM on the second Sunday of each month in The Gathering Place parlor of First United Methodist Church, 1224 Legion Way SE, at Boundary Street, Olympia. It is handicap-accessible.

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 side lot at 5th Avenue and Boundary, and enter upper front door. Meeting place is across the lobby.

Letters, articles and requests for literature are welcome.

Mailing address:

PFLAG Olympia; PO Box 12732; Olympia, WA 98508-2732

For information or to discuss personal matters with an understanding parent and experienced PFLAG member, CALL the PFLAG Olympia

HELPLINE: (360) 866-0511

E-mail: info@pflag-olympia.org

Website: <http://pflag-olympia.org/>

Pride Day Award Nomination 2003 Award Category: Younger Activist

Capitol City Pride is calling for nominations to be submitted for this year's Pride Day Award 2003. The Pride Day Award is a special part of each year's Pride Day Celebration, which allows our entire community to honor one of our own hometown heroes whose efforts have made this a better place for gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender and allied people. The award is made during Pride Day, presented from the stage as a certificate with a valuable prize. The award recipient then gets a few moments at the microphone if they so choose.

This year Capital City Pride is looking to honor a locally based younger activist, defined as under 25 years of age. If you know of someone whose work has made a difference in your life or the community around you please nominate them by sending the following to Capitol City Pride, PO Box 7221, Olympia, WA 98507-7221:

Name, address/contact information of Nominee

Reason for nomination

Name, address/contact information of Nominator

Past recipients include the following:

- Alan Artas & Keith Johnson in 2000, for their hard work in supporting and organizing several of the previous Pride Day Celebrations
- Kay Engel in 2001, for her many years of community activism and inspiration for others to maintain a life-long passion for social justice
- Mike Cook in 2002, for his quiet philanthropy in supporting all of our local organizations

Nominations may also be submitted in one of the following ways:

Mail to Capitol City Pride, PO Box 7221, Olympia, WA 98507-7221

Drop off at Zippers coffee shop, 412 Cherry Street SE, Olympia (downtown Olympia, next door to Safeway)

Submit online at

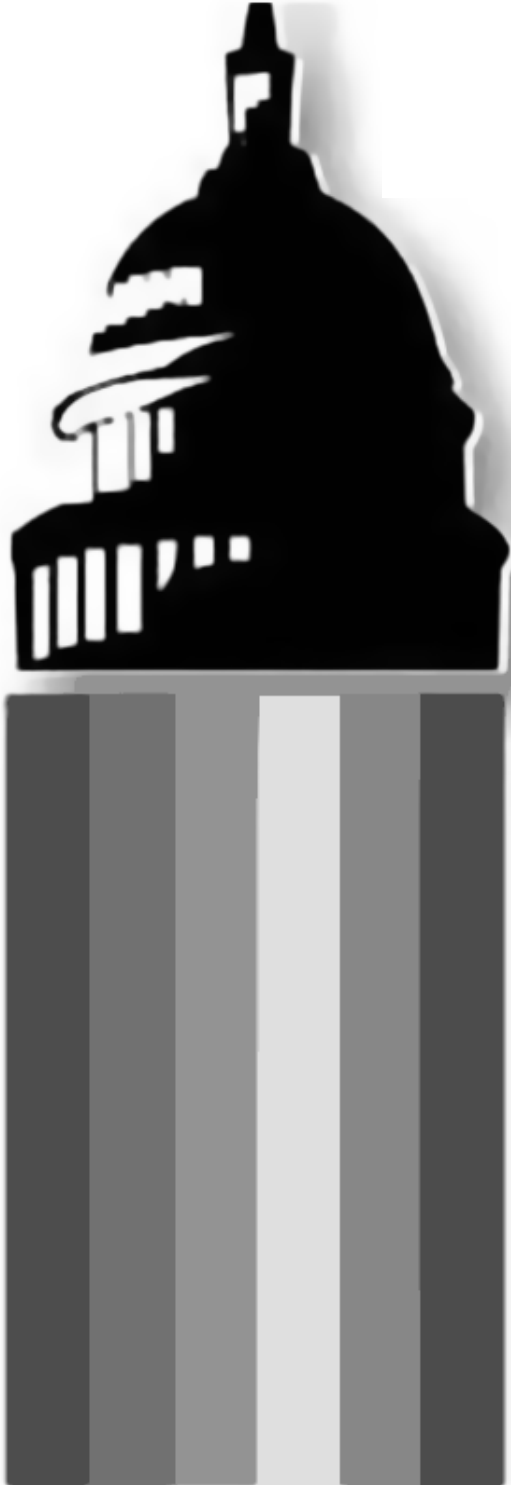
<http://www.rainbowcenteroly.org/ccp/index.html>

Updates from the board

In recent months the board of PFLAG-Olympia has been working on a number of projects to help our chapter better serve the needs of all our members. A major project we have recently undertaken is a complete rewrite of our by-laws, which have not been amended or re-written since the founding of the Olympia chapter. A by-laws committee consisting of Evelyn Hinken, Barb Klein, Alec Clayton and Gabi Clayton has worked up a rough draft. The board will tentatively approve them at the next board meeting and then they will be made available to members for feedback.

The bad news from the board is that all three grants we submitted were turned down. The funds from these were to help with needed operation expenses and for resources that the Our House to the School House committee are compiling for area schools. Without these grants, your donations are needed more than ever. So please see the enclosed funding letter and donate generously.

Capital City Pride



June 21, 2003

**Parade lineup
at the
Capital Steps
11:00 am**

**Rally and
Celebration
Sylvester Park
Noon to 5 pm**

<http://www.RainbowCenterOly.org>

BUY PFLAG-OLYMPIA GEAR

printed with the "Been Out Lately" graphic from the billboard campaign

- t-shirts
- sweat shirts
- coffee mugs
- mouse pads
- BBQ aprons
- tile coasters
- canvas tote bags
- boxer shorts



Buy yours now on the web

http://www.cafeshops.com/pflag_oly

Let them know where
the money comes from -
- and support PFLAG!

You can order beautiful PFLAG checks in rainbow colors, checkbook covers and return address labels from Message!Products in Minnesota. 10% of your purchase comes back to PFLAG National.

To see the items and order on-line, go to <http://www.messageproducts.com/> And click on "Social Organizations."

Or order by phone:
1-800-243-2565.

"We spend precious hours fearing the inevitable. It would be wise to use that time adoring our families, cherishing our friends, and living our lives." ~ Maya Angelou

NEW or RENEWAL MEMBERSHIP

Please check the membership types you prefer:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Individual \$25 | <input type="checkbox"/> Supporter \$100 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Household \$40 | <input type="checkbox"/> Educator \$250 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Senior/Student/Low Income \$15 | <input type="checkbox"/> Advocate \$500 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> New | <input type="checkbox"/> Renewal |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Active (attend when I can) or | <input type="checkbox"/> Supporting (seldom attend) |

Membership \$ _____

Add this amount as my tax-exempt gift \$ _____

TOTAL MEMBERSHIP AND GIFT \$ _____

I want Olympia's bi-monthly newsletter *HeartBeat* (which is mailed in an envelope with no identified return address).

I want the national quarterly *PFLAGpole* newspaper (which is not mailed in an envelope).

DATE: _____ PHONE: _____

Signed _____

PRINT NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

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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.

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

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Unsolicited articles are welcome and are due by the 15th of even-numbered months. The editors reserve the right to reject or edit material.

The deadline for the next issue is 6/15/2003

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Or email to: newsletter@pflag-olympia.org