



HeartBeat

Parents, Families and Friends of Lesbians and Gays



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... AND ALL ARE WELCOME

by Virgil Clarkson

The monthly meeting for February's program had as its program a representation of law enforcement from each local jurisdiction Lacey, Olympia, Tumwater and Thurston County. The intent of this program was to receive from each of their view (s) of the Gay Community, and after their views were shared, a question and answer period was available. In my opinion, I thought both the official views of the officers, and the questions were well received and the participation of the group was good.

We the People

The thesis is to share with all that, these representatives of law enforcement represents the values of their communities' in all aspects. Each generation of the Gay Community strives for more acceptance in the greater society. I am a member of the society, a member of a minority group, and an elected official of a local government. As such, I say no one should have to seek acceptance, simply for being one's self.

The law of the land is the Constitution. Subsequent to that document is the constitution of the state and finally there are local ordinances. All are subservient to the National Constitution. The history of the World and especially the U.S. History tell us the stories many groups for many reasons have had to overcome major hurdles. I will not recount each and everyone but a few should be highlighted ---The Native Americans, early Chinese Workers, the so called common worker of early 20th century and finally the African American.

Several things are happening within society today which gives me cause to think positive things are happening today that the wall of "hesitant to accept" is crumbling.. With all of the actions and re-actions occurring each day throughout the nation, both socially and legally, I will say now and evermore, finally, there is room for all and "All are Welcome".

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.



▼ SUNDAY, MAY 8, 2-4:30 PM

Pre-Pride Power-Up

This month our program will focus on 2005 Olympia Pride! We want to encourage excitement and anticipation for this year's event! We will have a discussion about how to get involved, the history of pride, the importance of visibility in our community and the fun things that happen each year.

Anna Schlecht, well-known activist in the LGBTQ community will talk about her experiences with pride in Olympia and the organizations that are involved in hosting the event. Join us for a fun and light-hearted program gearing up for our biggest LGBTQ event of the year!

▼ SUNDAY, JUNE 12, 2-4:30 PM

Talking the T in GLBT

It took many years of education and struggle against opposition before PFLAG finally officially accepted transgendered persons and their families into the organization. Now PFLAG strongly supports trans people in all its policies and statements.

For our June meeting we will invite spokespersons from transgender organizations, including the Gender Variant Health Project to take place in a panel discussion on transgender issues.

PFLAG-Olympia meeting format

2:00-2:30 p.m.	Introductions
2:30-2:40 p.m.	Announcements
2:40-3:15 p.m.	Support
3:15-3:30 p.m.	Social time/snacks
3:30-4:30 p.m.	Program (see above)

*There are only two lasting bequests we can hope to give our children.
One of these is roots, the other, wings.*

Horning Carter



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MEETS at 2PM on the second Sunday of each month at First United Methodist Church, 1224 Legion Way SE, 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 the lot at 5th Avenue and Boundary and enter through the glass doors.

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Letters, articles and requests for literature are welcome.

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(360) 866-0511

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Get Ready for Capital City Pride!



Auntie Bijou

Capital City Pride kicks off at 10 a.m. June 18 with a pancake breakfast in Sylvester Park (sponsored and proudly served by PFLAG). At 11 a.m. marchers will gather at the capitol steps and march from the capitol to the park at noon. The rest of the afternoon will be a celebration with food and information booths, entertainment and speeches by area politicians.

Featured speakers include Jeff Kingsbury, Rep. Brendan Williams, Olympia City Councilman Curt Pavola, Reiko Callner, and Virgil Clarkson. Performers will include Planet Percussion, Tune Stranglers and many more. The emcee for the event will be the fabulous Auntie Bijou from Spokane.

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