



# Heart Beat

Parents, Families and Friends of Lesbians and Gays



PFLAG Olympia, Washington

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## Family Boosters Article on PFLAG in The Advocate

The August 30 issue of *The Advocate* had an intriguing article by Fred Kuhr about PFLAG. The theme of Kuhr's article centered on the upsides and downsides to PFLAG's unique bottom-up grassroots structure. It is part of a critical series the magazine is doing called "Movement in crisis."

"(PFLAG's) timeless and universal role as a group of straight allies making public proclamations of pride—many times in parades and protests in the most conservative parts of the country—evokes raw emotion in gay men and lesbians," Kuhr wrote. "Members are a huge source of comfort and education to parents who are coming to grips with their child being gay. PFLAG is the only major national gay and lesbian civil rights group whose members are not predominantly gay or lesbian. It currently boasts 500 U.S. chapters with 200,000 members.

"And unlike the other major gay rights organizations, it is guided by the local chapters and not the national office in Washington, D.C. Members at the local level decide what issues to tackle, how to raise money, and how much to charge for membership. 'The national office did not create the chapters,' says Jody Michael Huckaby, who took over the post of executive director of PFLAG in March. 'In fact, the reason the national office exists is to support the chapters.'"

Members who would like to get to know more about PFLAG (the good and the bad) should read this article, either in the print version of the magazine or online at [http://www.advocate.com/currentstory1\\_w.asp?id=19586](http://www.advocate.com/currentstory1_w.asp?id=19586).

### Other articles of interest in *The Advocate's* "Movement in crisis" series:

"Growing the Grass Roots" By Greg Hernandez  
about the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force  
[http://advocate.com/currentstory1\\_w.asp?id=18271](http://advocate.com/currentstory1_w.asp?id=18271)

"Growing pains at GLAAD" By Chad Graham  
about the Gay and Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation  
[http://www.advocate.com/currentstory1\\_w\\_ektid15335.asp](http://www.advocate.com/currentstory1_w_ektid15335.asp)

"NCLR earns it's stripes" By Ann Rostow  
about the National Center for Lesbian Rights  
[http://advocate.com/currentstory1\\_w\\_ektid17031.asp](http://advocate.com/currentstory1_w_ektid17031.asp)

### 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, SEPT. 11, 2-4:30 PM

### Lambda Legal

**Sarah Luthens**, Public Education Campaign Coordinator for Lambda Legal will speak about the organization with some focus on work specific to the organizations work in the Northwest. Visit Lambda Legal's website at <http://www.lambdalegal.org> to learn more about their work.

▼ SUNDAY, OCT. 9, 2-4:30 PM

### GLBT Domestic Violence

**Max Walsh** from the Northwest Network based in Seattle will talk about domestic violence in the glbt community. Max has done presentations at PFLAG on two previous occasions and they are always well received. Learn more about the Northwest Network online at <http://www.nwnetwork.org>.

### 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)

### New Logo

What do you think about the new PFLAG logo? This one was designed by the national office, which is encouraging all chapters to use it in all of their printed materials. We'll change over bit-by-bit as we reprint brochures, letterheads and business cards.





# 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.

**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.*

Mailing address:  
**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**

Email: [info@pflag-olympia.org](mailto:info@pflag-olympia.org)  
Website: <http://www.pflag-olympia.org>

## PFLAG Team for AIDS Walk

PFLAG Olympia is sponsoring a team for the United Communities Aids Network walk September 25. Let's have a big turnout of walkers and sponsors. Show your support! The event starts at Tumwater Historical Park at 10 a.m. on Sunday, September 25. You can choose to walk three or five miles.

To register as a walker or sponsor, you can either

- contact Jeff Loyer at (360) 455-1420 or at [jeff.loyer@comcast.net](mailto:jeff.loyer@comcast.net)
- mail your pledge check (made out to UCAN) to: Jeff Loyer  
4210 Yorkshire Dr SE  
Olympia, WA, 98513
- visit <http://www.ucan-wa.org/walk.htm>
- Talk to Jeff at the next PFLAG meeting.

We're also looking for a cool team name and a "costume" idea. What are we going to do to make us unique (besides having the weirdest captain)?

We hope to carry the PFLAG banner with us - if you're willing to help carry it, please let Jeff know.

*HeartBeat* is a free publication of the PFLAG chapter in Olympia, Washington, published six times a year. The editors are Alec & Gabi Clayton.

Unsolicited articles are welcome and are due by the 10th of even-numbered months. The editors reserve the right to reject or edit material.

**The deadline for the next issue is 10/10/2005**

Mail submissions to:  
**HeartBeat**  
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Or email to: [newsletter@pflag-olympia.org](mailto:newsletter@pflag-olympia.org)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Senior/Student/Low Income \$15 | <input type="checkbox"/> Advocate \$500  |

New     Renewal

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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).

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