



Pizza Klatch Report by Jeff Loyer



The Pizza Klatch has been a great success in providing support to GLBTQ youth through local High School Gay-Straight Alliances. We're serving 40 to 60 youth a week at 2 high schools (North Thurston and Timberline) - GREAT numbers for a GLBTQ support group! Getting enough financing for this many youth (pizzas) is quite a challenge. We've been given amazingly generous donations, held an auction that raised \$5,000, and were given a \$500 grant from the Community Sustaining Fund

(partially financed by "rounding up" at the co-op; tell the clerk there you'd like to do that, if you shop there). We now have enough money to pay for the pizzas for the rest of the year and ½ our desired stipends. But, we're still \$1,500 away from being able to pay our facilitators a full stipend (\$25/week/facilitator). If you're willing to donate to this great effort, please send a check to PFLAG Olympia with "Pizza" in the note section. Some numbers on our costs:

- \$3 a week per student for pizza
- \$5 a week per student for pizza and stipend
- 32 weeks in the school year

So, for \$160, you can fund a student attending the GLBTQ support group for an entire school year.

This has been an incredibly successful and fulfilling venture - one of the most satisfying I've ever participated in. Comments from the students highlight how valuable they've found it. We'd like to figure out how make it sustainable, and possibly expand it to more schools. Here are some things we're thinking about:

Perhaps asking people to make a year-to-year commitment to continue providing funding

Other grants or funding sources?

The youth are also eager to raise funds - we're looking at how to help them do this (car wash, student-designed posters to sell, etc.)

There are 5 things needed to make this work for a school:

1. An active GSA at the school
2. A "champion" within the school - someone to provide a space to meet and help with the logistics
3. Facilitators - right now we have facilitators available
4. Pizza provider - the Hawks Prairie Round Table has been wonderful at providing good, hot pizzas on time at a great price
5. Money (last, but not least)

Right now, we may have 3 of these available in Tumwater. Next year, we hope to have the program going in at least 3 local schools. Thanks all for your wonderful past support. You can expect to hear more about this amazing program!



▼ SUNDAY, JAN. 11TH 2-4:30 PM

Stonewall Youth — The Stonewall Youth speakers bureau will be our guests at the January meeting to update us on what's going on with Olympia's queer youth organization.

▼ SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 8TH 2-4:30 PM

Trans Stories — Our guests will be two male to female transgender women who will tell their personal stories. Both are working in positions that are traditionally men's jobs — a corrections officer and a construction supervisor. One was married and will talk about how she and her wife handled the transition, and the other is in a relationship with a lesbian who will also be there to talk about their life together.

The best and most beautiful things in the world cannot be seen or even touched. They must be felt within the heart.

Helen Keller

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

Note: This meeting format may change depending on the program for any given meeting.

Some notes on '08 from the Treasurer— Jeff Loyer

2008 was a good year for PFLAG-Olympia finances:

- 48 paying members
- Our budget was about \$4,000
- We're only \$400 behind for the entire year, and we didn't hold a fund-raising auction
- I finally got a handle on how to use Quicken to track our finances (Thanks Steve!!!)
- We handled \$7,000 for the Pizza Klatch
- We just about broke even at Super Saturday and Pride — sold enough items to fund handing out free pamphlets

Many of our most important functions wouldn't happen without your financial support — such as pink "I'm loved by PFLAG" stickers, pamphlets, library books, DVD's ("It's Elementary", for instance). I trust 2009 will be another good year, and we'll make more strides in equality. Thanks for all your generosity and energy that makes it happen!

Book Review

The Essential Dykes to Watch Out For by Alison Bechdel

reviewed by Alec Clayton

The PFLAG-Olympia library just received a donation of this wonderful cartoon anthology. It is both smart and funny and provides a history of the gay and lesbian movement over the past 20 years from the point of view of a group of mostly radical lesbians. From Reagan and the beginning of the AIDS epidemic, through the Clinton years and Don't Ask Don't Tell, both Bushes and both Gulf Wars, and gay marriage. The history is accurate and presented with insightful humor. Plus there's lots and lots of sex. This ain't exactly a PG-rated collection of cartoons.

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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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