



PFLAG Olympia, Washington

HeartBeat



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What a wonderful afternoon it was at the PFLAG picnic in Priest Point Park! We hope you will join us for this annual event which happens each August in place of our usual meeting.



▼ SUNDAY, SEPT. 13, 2-4:30 PM

Candidate forum

It's almost election time! Join us to meet and greet the candidates for political office in Olympia, Lacey, Tumwater and Thurston County who will be on hand to speak on their candidacy and how they relate to the LGBT community. Each candidate will be given equal time to speak, and afterwards we'll open it up for questions and answers.

▼ SUNDAY, OCT. 11, 2-4:30 PM

Straightlaced

We'll be showing this new film from Groundspark, the producers of "It's Elementary."

"From girls confronting popular messages about culture and body image to boys who are sexually active just to prove they aren't gay, the students in 'Straightlaced' illustrate the toll that deeply held stereotypes and rigid gender policing have on all of our lives."

NOTE: OUR USUAL MEETING FORMAT WILL BE CHANGED TO

ACCOMMODATE THESE PROGRAMS.

The introductions, announcements and support time will be shortened or eliminated in order to have enough time for the candidate forum and the film viewing, with time for discussion.



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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.

"Straightlaced" is the latest film from Academy Award-winning documentary filmmaker Debra Chasnoff, the director of "It's Elementary" and "It's STILL Elementary."



From the "Straightlaced" website:

"With a fearless look at a highly charged subject, Straightlaced unearths how popular pressures around gender and sexuality are confining American teens. Their stories reflect a diversity of experiences, demonstrating how gender role expectations and homophobia are interwoven, and illustrating the different ways that these expectations connect with culture, race and class.

"... Straightlaced includes the perspectives of teens who self-identify as straight, lesbian, gay, bisexual or questioning and represent all points of the gender spectrum. With courage and unexpected humor, they open up their lives to the camera: choosing between "male" and "female" deodorant; deciding whether to go along with anti-gay taunts in the locker room; having the courage to take ballet; avoiding the restroom so they won't get beaten up; or mourning the suicide of a classmate. It quickly becomes clear that just about everything teens do requires thinking about gender and sexuality.

"Coming of age today has become increasingly complex and challenging; Straightlaced offers both teens and adults a way out of anxiety, fear and violence and points the way toward a more inclusive, empowering culture."

Join us for a screening of this film at our October meeting.

Washington Families Standing Together

PFLAG-Olympia has joined with other chapters, faith-based organizations, and citizens all across Washington State to endorse Washington Families Standing Together in support of the state's domestic partnership law. The law provides essential protections to families formed by gay and lesbian couples and couples where one partner is age 62 or older.

Now there is an attempt to repeal the law by getting a referendum on the ballot. As of press time for this newsletter petition signatures were still being counted. If the referendum gets on the November ballot those in favor or retaining rights for domestic partners are urged to **vote to approve Referendum 71**. For more information, go to: www.approverefendum71.org

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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.

Letters, articles and requests for literature are welcome.

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