



PFLAG Olympia, Washington

# HeartBeat



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## Re-energizing PFLAG

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It wasn't long ago that participation in the Olympia PFLAG chapter was down and board membership had shrunk to the point that we had to amend the by-laws to allow older officers on the board to extend their terms in office. Frankly, many of us were worn out.

But now the board and membership has been re-energized with new members who are excited about pitching in to fulfill our mission of support, education and advocacy. We now have 13 board members, six of whom are new this year. We also have two college students, Eric Breding from South Puget Sound Community College and Chimere Hackney from The Evergreen State College, who are volunteering with us as part of their college work.



Screening of "Brother Outsider: The Life of Bayard Ruskin" at SPSCC. Photo by Gloria Aton

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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.



### ▼ SUNDAY, MARCH 14, 2-4:30PM

#### Sexual Diversity

For our March meeting we are happy to welcome guest speakers Patrick Chapman, Erica Dixon and David Hyde; professors from the **Diverse Sexualities and Culture** class at South Puget Sound Community College. ([www.spssc.ctc.edu/programs/anthropology#275](http://www.spssc.ctc.edu/programs/anthropology#275))

### ▼ SUNDAY, APRIL 11, 2-4:30PM

#### Inlaws and Outlaws

In April we'll watch the film "Inlaws and Outlaws" ([www.inlawsandoutlawsfilm.com](http://www.inlawsandoutlawsfilm.com)). This film weaves the true stories of couples and singles— both gay and straight — into a narrative that is as hilarious as it is sometimes heartbreaking. Written and directed by Seattle filmmaker Drew Emery, "Inlaws and Outlaws" features couples from Washington state. We are hoping that the filmmaker will be with us to talk about his film.

In order to allow time for the film and a brief discussion, we will start the film at 2:30 and shorten other parts of our meeting.

#### 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)

Note—Sometimes we have a longer program time and shorten other parts of the meeting, and in August we meet in a local park instead of at the church, and that meeting is from 1-5 p.m.

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### We are instituting new programs and newer and better ways of doing things.

First among new programs is "Tapestry!" — PFLAG's new diversity outreach program. We are among a few chapters chosen by National PFLAG to be in the pilot project, with training, support, and some grant money from National. To date only two other chapters are taking part. Our local "Tapestry!" project reaches out to the African-American community and has been centering on screenings of the film "Brother Outsider: The Life of Bayard Rustin." In February, in recognition of Black History Month, we showed it at our regular February meeting. We then sponsored screenings of the film at South Puget Sound Community College in collaboration with BRICK (Building Revolution by Increasing Community Knowledge); at The Evergreen State College in collaboration with Queer People of Color (QPOC), First Peoples' Advising Services, and the Black Student Union (BSU); and River Ridge High School in collaboration with The North Thurston School District. We prepared an exciting resource packet that is available on our website in PDF format. We are donating copies of the film to the participating schools and others, and we will be available to do presentations at other venues upon request. See <http://www.pflag-olympia.org/tapestry/>

Our diversity outreach work will continue, and now we are planning a program in May for Latino Month with a guest speaker from the Latino LGBTQ community.

### Other new things in the works:

We're going to upgrade many of our publications, possibly including this newsletter and the website, and we are seeking input from members and other readers. Among other things, we want to find out if there is interest in an email-only version of the newsletter. Please let us know what you think by emailing [newsletter@pflag-olympia.org](mailto:newsletter@pflag-olympia.org). We're also looking into ways of revamping the way we maintain membership lists and notifying members when it is time to renew. Membership renewal will now fall on the anniversary date of when you joined instead of in October, and we will set up a new data base to help us remind you.

Another thing we have begun to work on is improved outreach to the community. In the past we've had wonderful programs at our monthly meetings, fundraising events and speaking engagements that were not always as well attended as we had hoped because our publicity efforts could have been better organized. We have now formed a committee to work on ways to better inform the public.

Most of these things are being headed up by the board, but we want to encourage other members to take part as well. We know that many of you have skills and community connections, so we ask you to get involved. There are volunteer opportunities with PFLAG-Olympia, and as we go forward and get better organized, we hope to make it much easier for you to volunteer. Please share your ideas with us and let us know what you are interested in doing.

### Subscribe to the PFLAG-Olympia Alert list!

The PFLAG-Olympia Alert is a one-way announcement email listserv designed to inform our members and friends of upcoming events. To subscribe, go online to: <http://lists.pflag-olympia.org/listinfo.cgi/alert-pflag-olympia.org>

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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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