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PFLAG San Jose/Peninsula

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### **Highlights**

Hello PFLAG family,

I would like to start out this newsletter by introducing our three new board members: Gloria Falcinelli, Sara Larsen, and Nadia Sanchez. Welcome to the Board !

On page 2, we have included the dates for the May and June Support meetings. During the Peninsula General Support, San Jose General Support and API Support group meetings, we will air the PFLAG film, "Taking the Long Road Home" and have a brief discussion before transitioning to the support portion of the meeting.

As we enter May we have quite a few activities to share with you for the next two months. On pages 3 and 4 you will learn more about several upcoming eventssome of which are in person this year !

On page 5 we share several key items directly from PFLAG National. Check it out to learn more about PFLAG Parent Day as well as how to get more involved in advocacy and show your support against some of the dangerous legislation being proposed across the country.

If you have any questions about our meetings or would like to learn about volunteer opportunities, including board membership, to support our chapter, please contact: <u>info@pflagsanjose.org</u> or leave a message at (408) 270-8182. We would love to have more volunteers in 2022!

### **Support Meetings**



### **PFLAG National**



PFLAG Parent Day May 22, 2022 & Supporting Trans Pg.5 Families

### Upcoming Activities



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To join, renew your membership, or donate by credit card, visit one of the two links below:

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Or print, fill out, and mail the attached PDF form with your check.

For you AmazonSmile shoppers out there, please be sure to choose <u>PFLAG San</u> <u>Jose-Peninsula</u> as your charity.

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Remember to take advantage of your employer match when donating to PFLAG as well as your employer volunteer time programs!

### **Support Meeting Schedule**

We are gradually initiating hybrid meetings. In select meetings you may join us online via Zoom or in person. See the table below for details.

To participate in full video (preferred) or by phone, email info@pflagsanjose.org beforehand, or leave a message at (408) 270-8182; we'll respond with the information you'll need to join the meeting. If you share your email address, we'll continue sending that information in subsequent months, so you won't have to request it each time as we vary it to protect your security.

Dates and Times	Meetings
May 4 <sup>th</sup> June 1 <sup>st</sup> <b>7:30 p.m.</b>	Estamos Contigo (PFLAG en Español). This meeting is the first Wednesday of the month.
May 7 <sup>th</sup> June 4 <sup>th</sup> <b>10:00 a.m</b> .	Parents of Transgender Youth This meeting is always on the <u>first Saturday</u> of the month <b>Zoom only until the library renovation completes</b> .
<sup>*</sup> May 9 <sup>th</sup> June 13 <sup>th</sup> <b>7:00 p.m.</b>	General Support, Peninsula This meeting is always on the <u>second Monday</u> of the month <i>Hybrid; meetings take place at the San Mateo</i> <i>Pride Center.</i>
<sup>*</sup> May 11 <sup>th</sup> June 8 <sup>th</sup> <b>7:30 p.m</b> .	General Support, South Bay This meeting is always on the second Wednesday of the month
<sup>*</sup> May 17 <sup>th</sup> June 21 <sup>st</sup> <b>7:00 p.m.</b>	Asian/Pacific Islander (API). This meeting is the <u>third</u> <u>Tuesday</u> of the month. <b>Zoom only</b>
May 19 <sup>th</sup> June 16 <sup>th</sup> <b>7:00 p.m.</b>	Board Meetings – <u>Third Thursday</u> of the month <b>Zoom only</b>

These support meetings will screen the PFLAG movie, "<u>Taking the Long</u> <u>Road Home</u>." The attendees will discuss the movie briefly before proceeding with the support aspect of the meeting.



### **Upcoming Local Events**

Our San Jose/Peninsula PFLAG Chapter will have a table at the San Mateo County Pride Celebration – please stop by and say hello and pick up some literature and other items

- Saturday, June 11th 11 am to 5 pm
- San Mateo Central Park
- Volunteers are needed contact windsor.smith@pflagsanjose.org



#### SAN FRANCIJCO LGBTQ+ PRIDE RETURNJ IN-PERJON!

Saturday & Sunday June 25-26, 2022

#LoveWillKeepUsTogether #SFPRIDE52

San Francisco Pride is back for our 52nd Year

We're proud to return to San Francisco's **Civic Center** for our two day Celebration, and march down **Market Street** for Sunday's Parade. This year's theme **Love Will Keep Us Together**, chosen by our members, will be felt throughout the celebration and parade, made alive by the many people in our diverse LGBTQ community gathered to celebrate.

We know that San Francisco Pride is essential to our communities as we recover from the pandemic, and we are eager to give people the celebration they deserve.

See you in June!

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### **Updates and Opportunities**

In honor of AAPI (Asian American and Pacific Islander) Heritage Month, PFLAG Fort Collins will be joined by the San Gabriel Valley Asian Pacific Islander PFLAG chapter for our May Program.

Three wonderful moms will share stories about their culture and their journey parenting a trans child.

We will also be featuring the book written by Marsha Aizumi as our May Resource of the Month.

Panel:	Sung Tse, Marsha Aizumi and Janet Nozawa
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Date:	May 28th, 2022
Time:	4:00 pm (MST)/ 3:00 pm (PST)
Location:	Online – Register Here
Sponsor:	San Gabriel Valley Asian Pacific Islander
-	PFLAG Chapter







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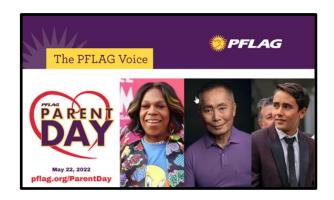
#### **2022 PFLAG Scholarship Winners**

As part of the <u>eQuality Scholarship Collaborative</u>, our San Jose/Peninsula PFLAG Chapter will award seven students with scholarships this year. Please join us for the **Virtual Scholarship Awards Celebration** to learn more about the recipients and the service they have given the LGBTQ+ community to earn them each a \$6000 scholarship. A special thanks to Yvonne McGuire who served as our Scholarship Chair again this year as well as the volunteers who helped read and score applications and interview scholarship finalists: Steve Crocker, Kermit Cuff, Yvonne McGuire and Rosemary Malvey.

Date:May 20th, 2022Time:7:00 – 8:30pm (PST)Location:Online – equalityscholarship.org/awards

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### **PFLAG National Information**



In a year when officials from the State House to the school board have criminalized parenting, PFLAG parents and caregivers have risen up in support of their LGBTQ+ loved ones and for their communities. Join us on Sunday, May 22nd at 2pm ET/11am PT for PFLAG Parent Day to honor and celebrate all people who lead with love for LGBTQ+ youth! **The second annual PFLAG Parent Day** event will feature the stories of courageous LGBTQ+ individuals, allies, parents and caregivers, plus appearances by **Big Freedia**, **Cody Rigsby**, **George Takei**, **Matteo Lane**, **MUNA**, **Tommy DiDario**, cast members from Hulu's **LOVE**, **VICTOR** and many more to be announced. <u>Visit pflag.org/ParentDay</u> to learn more and set a reminder to watch on PFLAG National social feeds.

#### **PFLAG National - State Matters**

In the last year, we've seen a marked rise in anti-LGBTQ+ action in state and local governments. Many states are introducing legislation targeting trans youth, and local schools and libraries are being pressured into censoring LGBTQ+ history and stories. <u>Visit pflag.org/protecttranskids to take action against anti-trans bills in your state today</u>. We also encourage you to join our <u>#ReadWithLove campaign</u> and fight censorship by:

- Participating in Book Ban Busters and "Troublemaker Trainings"
- Listening to the <u>PEN America Press Conference w/ Jean-Marie Navetta</u>
- Reviewing the newly updated <u>GLAAD: Books Not Bans</u> (Media Guide)
- Passing safe schools policies in your district: <u>SafeSchoolsForAll.org</u>.

Want to take action and not sure where to start? Please <u>contact Patrick Cochran, Advocacy and Policy Engagement Senior Coordinator</u>.