

# PFLAG San Jose/Peninsula Chapter July-August 2022 Newsletter



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[PFLAG San Jose/Peninsula](https://www.pflag.org/san-jose-peninsula)

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## Highlights

Hello PFLAG family,

We hope you are enjoying the long days of summer. The July/August Support Group meeting dates and times are on page 2.

On May 18<sup>th</sup>, our PFLAG San/Jose Peninsula Chapter awarded seven, \$6000 scholarships as part of the eQuality Scholarship Collaborative. Get to know some of our talented scholarship recipients on page 3.

I am happy to share we have been more active in May and June in local events than in the past few years due to COVID. Check out pages 4 and 5 to learn about a recent interview with Celina Rodriguez as well as several Pride events we attended in May and June. We shared literature, met potential volunteers and celebrated Pride together. We look forward to Silicon Valley Pride in August and hope to see you there!

Did you know 2022 celebrates the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Jeanne Manford's march with her gay son? One year later she founded PFLAG. On page 6 you will find a link to an NPR piece on PFLAG which discusses its founding and how the organization is keeping up in 2022. On page 6 we also highlight a new offering in the PFLAG Bookstore that might be of interest to those of you in military families or know military families who might benefit from the new booklet. Please share the link as needed.

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: [info@pflag-sanjose.org](mailto:info@pflag-sanjose.org) or leave a message at (408) 270-8182. We would love to have more volunteers in 2022!

## Support Meetings



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## PFLAG National

50th Anniversary of  
Jeanne Manford's  
March with  
Her Gay Son  
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available to support  
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## Recent and Upcoming Activities



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For you AmazonSmile shoppers out there, please be sure to choose [PFLAG San Jose-Peninsula](#) as your charity.



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](mailto: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  |
|--|---|
| July 6 <sup>th</sup><br>August 3 <sup>rd</sup><br><b>7:30 p.m.</b>   | Estamos Contigo (PFLAG en Español). This meeting is the <u>first Wednesday</u> of the month. <b>Zoom only</b> .   |
| July 2 <sup>nd</sup><br>August 6 <sup>th</sup><br><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</b> .  |
| July 11 <sup>th</sup><br>August 8 <sup>th</sup><br><b>7:00 p.m.</b>  | General Support, Peninsula This meeting is always on the <u>second Monday</u> of the month <b>Hybrid; meetings take place at the San Mateo Pride Center and on Zoom</b> |
| July 13 <sup>th</sup><br>August 10 <sup>th</sup><br><b>7:30 p.m.</b> | General Support, South Bay This meeting is always on the <u>second Wednesday</u> of the month <b>Zoom only</b> .  |
| July 19 <sup>th</sup><br>August 16 <sup>th</sup><br><b>7:00 p.m.</b> | Asian/Pacific Islander (API). This meeting is the <u>third Tuesday</u> of the month. <b>Zoom only</b>   |
| July 21 <sup>st</sup><br>August 18 <sup>th</sup><br><b>7:00 p.m.</b> | Board Meetings – <u>Third Thursday</u> of the month <b>Zoom only</b>  |

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## 2022 PFLAG Scholarship Winners

Our San Jose/Peninsula PFLAG Chapter awarded seven students with scholarships at the eQuality Scholarship Collaborative Awards Celebration on May 20, 2022. Below you will find information on the PFLAG San Jose/Peninsula Scholars who permitted public sharing of their information. Click on the recipient names to be directed to the portion of the awards celebration where the recipients' accomplishments were recognized, and the recipients spoke to their efforts to support the LGBTQ+ community.



[Sabina Beerawi](#) (she/they)  
Capuchino High School,  
San Bruno / UC Santa Cruz

*PFLAG San Jose/  
Peninsula Scholar*



[Nayeli Duran](#) (they)  
Sequoia High School,  
Redwood City / Bowdoin  
College

*PFLAG San Jose/  
Peninsula Scholar*



[Rory Pilling](#) (he)

*PFLAG/Niblock  
Charitable Trust Scholar*



[Remi Rogoff](#) (he)  
Credo High School, Rohnert  
Park / Western Washington  
University

*PFLAG San Jose/  
Peninsula Scholar*



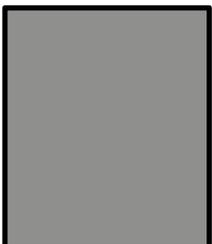
[Maya David Teittinen](#) (they)  
Dublin High School / George  
Washington Univ.

*PFLAG/S. Crocker & D. Jolly  
LGBTQ Achievement Scholar*



[Abby Wallach](#) (she)  
Miramonte High School,  
Orinda /  
Williams College

*PFLAG San Jose/  
Peninsula Scholar*



**Anonymous**

Max Heckler  
Memorial Scholar

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## Recent Local Events

On May 18th, our PFLAG Chapter Members, Nadia Sánchez and Verónica Martínez, participated in Celina Rodríguez's radio program. The theme for the interviews was "Abrazando el Arcoiris," or "Embracing the Rainbow." Here is the [link](#) to their interviews (note they were conducted in Spanish).

Nadia, one of our new 2022 PFLAG Board members, started the interview with Celina and shared experiences as the mother of a transgender daughter. She spoke to how PFLAG provided her the support she needed along her journey.

Next, Verónica, our Spanish Support Group Facilitator, spoke to the history of PFLAG and specifically the creation of our Spanish Support Group, "Estamos Contigo," which just celebrated its fifth anniversary on May 4, 2022. The interview touched on the importance of being able to share experiences and receive support in Spanish and from people who appreciate the specific intersection of the LGBTQ community and Spanish culture. Special thanks to Verónica Martínez and Nadia Sánchez for their interviews.

On May 22<sup>nd</sup>, our chapter tabled the San Jose Earthquakes Pride Day event. A special thanks to Windsor Smith, Nadia Sánchez, Fernando Muñoz, BJ Chin, Moises Sabio and Karen Paese for supporting the event on behalf of our chapter.



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## Recent Local Events

On June 11<sup>th</sup>, we attended the **Still Here, Still Proud San Mateo County Pride Celebration**. There was a strong turn out and Rosemary raffled off several of the new chapter tee-shirts to the event attendees thanks to the grant we received from the Marsha Goldman Foundation in 2021. **Special thanks to Windsor Smith, Rosemary Malvey, Moises Sabio and Karen Paese for supporting the event.** If you look carefully at the photo, you can see both the tee-shirt and the new event tablecloth which includes our new chapter logo and tagline- “Support-Education-Advocacy, For LGBTQ+ People and Their Parents, Families and Allies,” also thanks to the Marsha Goldman Foundation Grant of 2021.



## Upcoming Events

On August 28<sup>th</sup> our chapter will march in the **Silicon Valley Pride Parade** and then follow that with a table presence at the festival. If you would like to participate as part of our parade contingency, please reach out to the chapter at [info@pflagsanjose.org](mailto:info@pflagsanjose.org). More details forthcoming on where we will meet up the day of the parade.



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## 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Jeanne Manford Marching with Her Gay Son

“Jeanne Manford made headlines 50 years ago when she marched with her openly gay son at the Christopher Street Liberation Day Parade – [an early Pride event in New York City](#). Such behavior from a straight mom was unheard of at the time.

“The following year, Manford founded an organization for people like herself – [PFLAG](#), which originally stood for Parents and Friends of Lesbians And Gays.

“Over time, PFLAG became a leader in the fight for gay rights. It was a cherished source of support for thousands of families, especially throughout the AIDS epidemic in the 1980s. These days, Pride is a family event and PFLAG serves every member of the LGBTQIA community..” \*

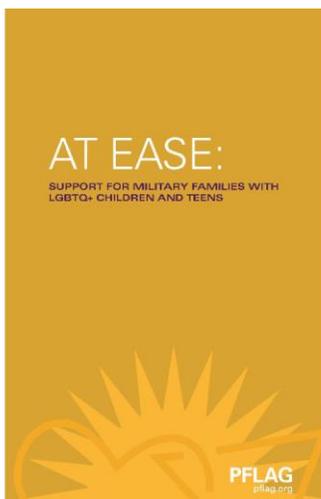
\*NPR article, June 23, 2022

[Link to the full article here](#)



Jeanne Manford marching in support of her son 50 years ago, at the Christopher Street Liberation Day Parade in 1972. (PFLAG National)

## PFLAG National Bookstore Offering for Military Families



### At Ease

Military families with LGBTQ+ dependents have a unique set of challenges. Moving every few years means reevaluating the cultural norms, laws, schools, and support of LGBTQ+ people at each location. It can feel overwhelming trying to find support for your LGBTQ+ child and yourself. In this new publication, you'll find valuable information designed to help you navigate the military system and find the support that your child -- and your entire family -- need.