

# PFLAG San Jose/Peninsula Chapter July – August 2023 Newsletter



PFLAG Family,

How was June for all of you? I just got back from the 2023 San Francisco Pride Parade and am both inspired and energized for the months ahead.

Our PFLAG chapter was busier than ever in May/June. Everyone seems to be making up for lost time since the height of the pandemic and we could not be happier to resume our activities!

In this edition we kickoff with the President's Letter from Rosemary. In the subsequent pages you will be amazed to see how many wonderful events we attended since the last edition of the newsletter was published. Starting in May, we attended the annual eQuality Scholarship Collaborative Awards luncheon where our chapter awarded seven scholarships!

June followed with seven appearances of our San Jose/ Peninsula PFLAG chapter by our amazing volunteers. Thank you to each and every one of you! A special thanks to Sara Larson for coordinating all our volunteers and to Windsor who personally attended each event to set up/takedown our exhibit! At the San Carlos Progress Flag Raising ceremony, Rosemary received from the city's mayor, Adam Rak, a Proclamation Recognizing PFLAG San Jose/Peninsula. At the San Jose Earthquakes June 17<sup>th</sup> game, PFLAG was recognized as part of Pride Night during their half time show.

Send us your favorite PRIDE month picture and we'll include it in the next newsletter!

We are still in need of volunteers- if interested, please contact our volunteer coordinator, Sara Larson, at [sarallarson@gmail.com](mailto:sarallarson@gmail.com).

In solidarity,  
Karen Paese  
Chapter VP and Newsletter Editor

## Support Meetings



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## Important Links

Please visit our website:

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

Please also visit our Facebook page:

<https://www.facebook.com/pflag-san-jose/>

## Recent Activities



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## 2023-2024 Board Members



Marc Fuentes  
Rosemary Malvey  
Yvonne McGuire  
Karen Paese  
Windsor Smith  
Paul Sonkowsky  
Renna Ulvang  
Gloria Falcinelli  
Sara Larson  
Katherine Adelman

## Upcoming Activities



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## Letter from the President

As I write this letter, the San Francisco Pride parade is on the move. From previous years walking in the parade with the PFLAG contingent, I know the joy and happiness that pervades downtown San Francisco on Pride weekend. It's exhilarating.

The PFLAG San Jose / Peninsula chapter had a very busy Pride month. We were delighted to be invited to so many Bay Area Pride events. We had to decline a few invitations due to overbooking. That has never happened before.

It's as if the whole nation took Pride to heart this year – a beautiful and positive national response to lost rights and pending anti-LGBTQ legislation in numerous states.

We will not be silenced. We will not go back into any closets. LGBTQ+ folks are us and our family. They have been in our midst since the beginning of time. We celebrate them and honor them today and every day.

As the month of June draws to a close, let us pledge to keep Pride in our hearts and minds for the rest of 2023 and beyond. Ask yourself, how can I be part of this groundswell?

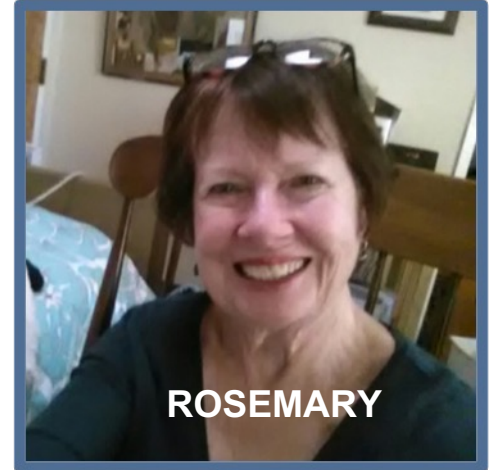
Becoming a PFLAG member is one way. Being open to LGBTQ+ volunteer possibilities is another. Above all, to quote PFLAG National's tag line, "Leading With Love," we will lead and love our LGBTQ+ friends and relatives with fierce and courageous hearts.

I am grateful to be your representative.

Pass the word, when and where you can.

Happy Pride!

Rosemary



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## Important Links

You may also contact us by:



info@pflagsanjose



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Sunnyvale, CA  
94087

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

[Join/Renew](#)  
[Donate](#)

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

## Support Meeting Schedule

To participate in full Zoom video (preferred) or by Zoom phone, email [support@pflagsanjose.org](mailto:support@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 5th and August 2nd <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 1st and 15th August 5th and 19th <b>10:00 a.m.</b>	Families of Trans* Youth -This meeting is always on the <u>first and third Saturday</u> of the month. <b>First meeting of the month is in person</b> at the Redwood City Main Library and <b>third Saturday of the month is via Zoom.</b>
July 10th and August 14th <b>7:00 p.m.</b>	General Support, Peninsula This meeting is always on the <u>second Monday</u> of the month <b>and is now hybrid (in-person and Zoom) ; feel free to join us at the San Mateo Pride Center</b>
July 12th and August 9th <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 18th and August 15th <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 20th and August 17th <b>7:00 p.m.</b>	Board Meetings – <u>Third Thursday</u> of the month <b>Zoom only</b>

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## Coming Soon- “Talk Over Coffee” Support

A new one-to-one support feature is in the works for those who want a personal response to LGBTQ+ questions and concerns.

If you can't make it to one of our support meetings, we can arrange for one or two of our members to meet with you for coffee. We'll talk with you about any questions or concerns you have about an LGBTQ family member or friend. Send an email to [info@pflagsanjose.org](mailto:info@pflagsanjose.org) or leave a message at (409) 270-8182, and we'll set up a time and place convenient for you.



Stay tuned for more details in the next newsletter edition.

## PFLAG San Jose/Peninsula New Website Went Live in May



Our new [PFLAG San Jose/Peninsula website](https://www.pflagsanjose.org) went live on May 8 thanks to the volunteer efforts of the website update committee members: Rosemary Malvey, Gloria Falcinelli, Paul Sonkowski, and Windsor Smith as well as a generous grant from the John and Marcia Goldman Foundation.

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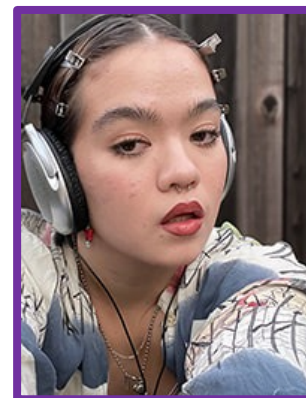
## Congratulations PFLAG San Jose Peninsula 2023 Scholarship Winners !!!



**Ruby Carter** (she/they)  
Notre Dame High School,  
San Jose -> Barnard  
College, New York  
*PFLAG San  
Jose/Peninsula Scholar*



**Rosemary Malvey, Gloria Falcinelli, Karen Paese  
and the 2023 PFLAG San Jose/Peninsula  
Scholarship Recipients**



**Belly Laird** (they/any)  
San Mateo High School ->  
USC Kaufman School of  
Dance  
*PFLAG San Jose/Peninsula  
Scholar*



**Pragya Natarajan** (she)  
Cupertino High School ->  
George Washington  
University  
*PFLAG San  
Jose/Peninsula Scholar*



**Tania Torres** (she)  
South San Francisco  
High School -> Boston  
University  
*PFLAG San  
Jose/Peninsula Scholar*



**Anonymous** (she)  
St. Ignatius College Prep, San Francisco -> UCLA  
*PFLAG/Max Heckler Memorial Scholar*

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## 2023 Scholarship Recipients Continued....



Special thanks again to all PFLAG San Jose Peninsula Scholarship Committee members: [Rosemary Malvey](#), [Yvonne McGuire](#), [Gloria Falcinelli](#), [Stephen Crocker](#) and [Kermit Cuff](#). Gloria Falcinelli is seen above introducing Jacqueline Pham at the awards ceremony at The Lake Chalet restaurant in Oakland.

[Jacqueline Pham](#) (she/they)  
Evergreen Valley High School, San Jose ->  
UC San Diego  
*Max Heckler Memorial Scholar*



[Brevin Reed](#) (he)  
Homestead High School, Cupertino -> UC Davis  
*PFLAG/S. Crocker & D. Jolly LGBTQ Achievement Scholar*

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**Happy Pride Month! Hopping from Start to Finish!**



## Filoli Garden Pride - June 3<sup>rd</sup>

Thank you to Windsor Smith, Rosemary Malvey, Karen Paese, Kat Adelman, Raymond Chow, Lori Cox, Marci Skinner, and Peter Fournier for volunteering and Margie Stehle for sporting our chapter tee-shirt at the event.



## San Mateo County Fair Family Pride Day - June 4<sup>th</sup>

Thank you to Windsor, Nina Oldham, Shelly Folsom, Peter Fournier, and Karen Paese.

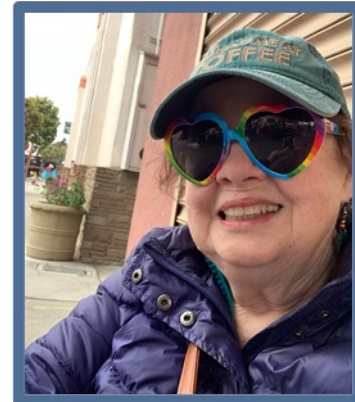


## San Mateo County Pride Celebration - "Free to Be Me!" - June 10<sup>th</sup>

Thank you to Windsor Smith, Randy Friedman, Marci Skinner and Shelly Folsom for volunteering for the event.

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## Happy Pride Month! San Carlos Recognizes PFLAG



### Half Moon Bay Pride - June 11, 2023

Rosemary Malvey, PFLAG San Jose /Peninsula Chapter President, attended Half Moon Bay's first ever Pride Celebration and handed out PFLAG brochures and stickers



### San Carlos Progress Pride Flag Raising Ceremony - June 12, 2023

Chapter President, Rosemary Malvey was presented by Adam Rak, Mayor of the city of San Carlos, a Proclamation Recognizing PFLAG San Jose/Peninsula.



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**Happy Pride Month! Bring on June 2023!**



## **San Carlos Pride in the Park - June 17, 2023**

Windsor Smith, Gloria Falcinelli, Rosemary Malvey, Randy Friedman, Rora Carvalho, Chris Carvalho, Christine Riniolo, and Marci Skinner.



## **San Jose Earthquakes Pride Night - June 17, 2023**

At half-time PFLAG San Jose Peninsula and five other organizations were recognized for their contributions to the LGBTQ community! Thank you to Windsor Smith, Nadia Sanchez, Gilberto Aparicio, Moises Sabio and Karen Paese for volunteering at the event.

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## Upcoming Events



[East Palo Alto Pride - July 23<sup>rd</sup>](#)  
(We hope to have a table)

### [Silicon Valley PRIDE 2023 Parade and Festival](#) August 26-27<sup>th</sup>

Our PFLAG San Jose/Peninsula chapter will both march and have a table at the event. We will need people to march in our contingent on August 27<sup>th</sup>. Please save the date!

Details to follow in email as we get closer.



### [Oakland Pride Festival](#) [Oakland Pride & Pridcfest Oakland](#) September 9-10, 2023

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## PFLAG San Jose/Peninsula

All current and prospective PFLAG San Jose/Peninsula Chapter Members,

**For those of you who have not yet joined, becoming a members helps support activities of our local chapter and a portion goes to support PFLAG National's efforts as well. [This link](#) takes you to a location where you can renew online.**

- Family Membership \$40
- Individual Membership \$30
- Student Membership \$15

Thank you!

