



A Special Event for Our April Meeting
PFLAG Program - **Tuesday, April 13th, 7pm**

PFLAG will co-sponsor a book launch planned at the Boulder Public Library Auditorium. Note the change from our regular meeting time and place.

Torah Queeries: Reading the Bible Through a Bent Lens was edited by David Shneer and published by the New York University Press. This special event will replace our regular PFLAG meeting since it is a community-wide book launch in cooperation with the Jewish Community Center; Mosaic, the national support network for gay Jews; and the City of Boulder's Human Relations Commission. David Shneer, Associate Professor in the History Dept. and Director of the Program in Jewish Studies at the University of Colorado, Boulder, co-edited and wrote the introduction for this new book which provides weekly commentaries on the Hebrew Bible. He will explain the interfaith aspects of the work, why rethinking the Bible is important for human relations and intergroup dynamics. This event is free and open to the public.

Prayers for Bobby Returns
March 29th at Noon, and March 31st at 6pm

If you missed seeing this award winning film last year when PFLAG sponsored a public showing, here's your chance. Special guest, Dan Sladek, Executive Producer of the film and a C.U. grad, is making a special trip to his alma mater to answer questions following the screening. PFLAG Board members will join Dan.

Signourney Weaver stars in this true story as the mother whose fundamentalist Christian beliefs cause deep conflicts between her son and her after he comes out as a gay man. How his eventual suicide impacts her life is a story of redemption and positive change.

Prayers for Bobby will be shown twice on the University of Colorado campus on March 29 and 31. The first showing on Monday Mar. 29 from 12-3 will be in Dinosaur Hall at the Henderson Museum on the CU campus. The 6 p.m. Wednesday screening is on campus in Humanities 1B50 (Located across from Macky Auditorium and a block east toward the stadium.) PFLAG Boulder is a co-sponsor. Free and open to the public.

Meetings

PFLAG Boulder County
First United Methodist Church
1421 Spruce Street
14th & Spruce - 303.444.8164

7:00 PM - Program
8:30 PM - Support & Advocacy Groups Meet

The public is always welcome to the main program at 7:00 p.m. on the 3rd Tuesday of each month, held in the Parlor.

At 8:30 p.m. a support group, especially intended for newcomers and others dealing with personal LGBT-related issues, meets in the library as long as needed. Confidentiality is promised.

First PFLAG meeting?
Need directions or more info?

E-mail **Melissa Druckman** at:
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Or contact her at her cellphone number: (720) 299-1453.

Mon/Wed, March 29th/31st
Prayers for Bobby Returns

Tues, April 13th
PFLAG Program:
Torah Queeries

Thurs, May 20th
Annual Appreciation Banquet

Sat, May 8th
Open Door Fun Dinner



Let's plan on a PFLAG Table!

Saturday, May 8th, 6:30pm

Sat. May 8, 6:30 p.m. at St. Julien Hotel is once again the site for the Open Door Fund Dinner. This annual fundraising event that is part of the Community Foundation Serving Boulder County will feature Lt. Dan Choi, outspoken challenger of the "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" policy. About \$30,000 is raised annually for LGBT services in Boulder County. PFLAG has been a grantee nearly every year since the funding began in 1996. Tickets are \$125—10 to a table. A portion is tax deductible. Reservations can be made online: <http://www.regonoline.com/opendoordinner2010>. Request to sit with PFLAG.

Appreciation Banquet - Plan To Be There!

Thursday, May 20th, 6:30pm

Thursday, May 20th, at 6:30 p.m. in Mead Hall downstairs in the First United Methodist Church is our annual Appreciation Banquet where sumptuous maindishes and table service will provided by the PFLAG Board with side dishes coming from you who attend. After our festive feast, election of new officers and an annual report on this year's accomplishments will be followed by presentation of awards to some remarkable community allies and PFLAG leaders. With the retirement of Jean and Jack Hodges as President and Treasurer of PFLAG Boulder since 1996, we are pleased to say that we have found new leadership who will be introduced and duly elected at this gathering. Past Appreciation Honorees are especially invited to attend for this special event. Bring your friends and families for a fun evening.

Free Screening of "Anyone and Everyone"

Thursday, April 1st, 7pm-9pm

As part of the Cesar Chavez Celebration in Lafayette, PFLAG is helping to sponsor a showing of "Anyone and Everyone", a moving documentary produced by Susan Polis Schutz, in which families from all walks of life share accounts of how they responded when their children revealed their sexual orientation. The film will be shown at the Mary Miller Theatre (300 East Simpson, Lafayette).

Light refreshments will be served. Discussion follows film. Support for child care available. Call 303-494-8171 for more information. Other co-sponsors are the [Boulder Valley Safe Schools Coalition](#), Bent Lens Cinema, and the 2010 Cesar Chavez Celebration.

Open Door Fund Needs Our Response

The Open Door Fund is requesting help with a survey of our LGBT community.

While allies are welcome to take the survey, it is designed to gather data from the LGBT community directly. So, we want PFLAG members to encourage their LGBT friends and family members who live in Boulder County (including the cities and towns) and Broomfield, to please help gay and allied organizations by completing a survey at the following link:

<http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/lgbtbouldercountysurvey>

Another recent survey was state-wide, but there has not been a comprehensive survey of the Boulder County LGBT community since 1997, when such a survey was done at the start-up of the Open Door Fund. The LGBT community has come a long way since then, and the Open Door Fund needs to find out what's changed in order to assess funding priorities.

Many Thanks for a Great Event

Our Trans Mission Fundraiser on March 14 was a huge success judging by the many folks dancing in the aisles by the end of the concert and the enthusiastic audience that gobbled up the abundant desserts afterwards. \$1605 was donated to help us complete the film, *Faces and Places of Transgender Experience*, now in production by co-directors, Gus Spheeris and Carol Christenson. A June premiere of the completed film is planned for our June 17th PFLAG Pride meeting.

We couldn't have done it without the generous talents of Somethin' About Lulu, Resonance Women's Chorus, Gregg Tobo (magic performer), Christi Bartleson, and the resounding Low Flying Knobs. We are grateful for the help of Cathy Gaffney, Rollie and Richard Butler, Louise and Herb Crede, Enrique Hernandez, Jack and Jean Hodges, Dora Peters, Melissa Druckman, Dianne Ewing, Karen Boelts, Lynne Howard, Regina Bock, and other unnamed cookie bakers. Donations by Dana Dericksweiler of the Walnut Café, Kings Soopers and Sprouts Farmer's Market in Boulder all contributed to the success of this event.

Help PFLAG Advocate for Federal Legislation

Passing the *Every Child Deserves a Family Act (H.R. 4806)*, a bill that would prevent states from discriminating against LGBT people in adoption and foster care services if those states want to continue receiving federal funding.

Pass an inclusive *Employment Non-Discrimination Act*, including protections for both sexual orientation and gender identity. Participants in the lobby day, led by the National Center for Transgender Equality, met with Congress members on Tuesday to emphasize the importance of passing ENDA inclusive of our transgender family and friends along with our lesbian, gay, and bisexual loved ones.

Repeal for "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" is close. Sec. of Defense Robert Gates said a current Pentagon study would focus on implementing repeal and not whether it would be beneficial or harmful to the military. "The question before us is not whether the military prepares to make this change, but how we best prepare for it," he said. "We received our orders from the commander-in-chief and we are moving out accordingly."

Immigration-- An LGBT Issue Because same-sex couples don't have federal marriage rights that are available to straight couples, people in same-sex relationships with a foreign national cannot marry their partner to allow them to stay in the U.S. Under current immigration law, an estimated 36,000 same-sex bi-national couples are kept apart or are in danger of separation. Standalone legislation in Congress known as the *Uniting American Families Act* would allow LGBT people to sponsor their partners for permanent residency.

Aging Issues -- At the annual conference of the National Council on Aging and the American Society on Aging in Chicago, Illinois, a report, entitled, *Improving the Lives of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Older Adults*, identifies issues that disproportionately affect LGBT older adults including stigma, isolation and unequal treatment. These factors combined mean that LGBT seniors have more financial and health problems as well as fewer opportunities for social and community engagement than do their heterosexual peers. This is an upcoming issue for legislation.

One Colorado Releases Groundbreaking Report

One Colorado, a new nonpartisan statewide organization formed to secure and protect equality and opportunity for lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender Coloradans and their families, recently released the results of a groundbreaking survey of the gay community to state legislators. The survey reveals that people across the state are ready for change.

The poll of 1,000 Colorado adults, jointly conducted by Republican and Democratic polling firms, found that 72 percent of Coloradans support legal recognition for same-sex couples. This compares to 2006 when 48 percent of voters supported domestic partnership recognition.

Results of perhaps the most extensive survey of conducted of lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender people in Colorado were also released. More than 4,600 people answered the survey, which was conducted by One Colorado Education Fund, the 501(c)(3) arm of One Colorado.

The survey found that LGBT people want the same things as many Coloradans: safe schools for kids, recognition of their families, the right to raise children in a safe and supportive environment, the ability to make a living, and to feel welcomed in their places of worship. It also found that 57 percent of LGBT people experience homophobia and harassment on the street and 27 percent said they have experienced employment discrimination.

“While Colorado has made progress in recent years the survey shows there is much work still to be done,” said Lea Ann Purvis, Interim Executive Director of One Colorado. One Colorado Education Fund will be working on public education campaigns in Colorado while One Colorado PAC will support fair-minded candidates of all parties who agree with the mission of building a respectful and fully inclusive Colorado. One Colorado, the 501(c)(4) arm, will handle the lobbying and advocacy efforts.

For more information about One Colorado go to: www.one-coloradoeducationfund.org.

Submit Your Favorite Recipe

Deadline April 15th

Boulder Pride is compiling an LGBTQ and Allied Community Cookbook! The idea is to gather food favorites from across our community, including allies, and share them. The completed cookbooks will be available for a donation at future Boulder Pride events - all proceeds go directly to Boulder Pride.

Recipes should be original and not copied from a cookbook. Selected recipes will be published with credit given and notified when a final draft is completed. The deadline for submission is April 15th. Email to: office@boulderpride.org. Let's see some PFLAG members' recipes submitted.

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Resonance Women's Chorus' Spring Concert

April 10th at 7pm, April 17th at 3pm

This concert, entitled "Strange Thing", offers some strong and beautiful messages in a concert full of big sound, humor, and joyful energy. This year, for the first time, they are offering an afternoon children's concert as well as two evening performances.

Performances are:

7:00 p.m. on Saturday, April 10 and Saturday, April 17

First United Methodist Church, 1421 Spruce St., Boulder

Children's concert:

Saturday, April 17 at 3:00 p.m., same location

The children's concert version of the program is a one-hour performance including selections from the evening program, spiced with additional material to create an interactive and "kid-friendly" version of the concert. Children of all ages are welcome. The children's concert is free for children 12 and under (no ticket needed). \$10 tickets for ages 13 and up are available at the door or through the same outlets as the evening program.

Tickets for the evening performances : \$15 for general admission, \$10 for seniors and children (65 and over, 16 and under). Available at brownpapertickets.com/event/100801 or 1-800-838-3006; at Boulder Body Wear, 2660 Canyon Blvd. in Boulder; or at the door.

National Day of Silence

Friday, April 16th

The Day of Silence is a national day of activism for LGBT rights. Students in middle school, high school and college take a one-day vow of silence to bring attention to the name-calling, bullying and harassment experienced by LGBT youth. For more information go to:

<http://www.dayofsilence.org/index.cfm>

Gay Straight Alliances in each school plan their own appropriate ways to use silence as powerful means of communication to their school community.

OASOS, Boulder Pride, and youth from Boulder, Longmont, and other nearby communities have planned a The Night of Noise to follow the Day of Silence. The Night of Noise is a fun and awareness raising event open to all LGBTIQ youth and Allies from 7:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. on April 16th. Tentative plans for The Night of Noise include: a dance, free HIV testing, a sunset vigil, youth performances, art activities, and much more. Contact Sherry Biskup for details at 303.579.2676.





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REMEMBER, our confidentiality pledge must not be broken.

Newsletter is published monthly. A subscription is included with each membership to PFLAG. Material related to PFLAG is welcome from any source. Deadline is the twentieth of each month. The editor reserves the right to accept, reject, or edit any material submitted.

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- \$10.00 Newsletter Only
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- SUPPORT**, to cope with an adverse society;*
- EDUCATION**, to enlighten an ill-informed public; and*
- ADVOCACY**, to end discrimination and to secure civil rights.*

PFLAG provides opportunity for dialogue about sexual orientation, and acts to create a society that is healthy and respectful of human diversity.

Students Work for Safer Schools

By Magdalena Wegrzyn

Read the awesome article about the two young women who were instrumental in the formation of the St. Vrain Valley Safe Schools Coalition! Our own current Youth Board member, Maria Delmonico, a senior at Longmont High School, and our winner last year of the PFLAG Outstanding Youth Award, Marley Hamrick, formerly of Niwot High School and now a freshman at Colorado College, are the two amazing young people who forged definitive action toward inclusion and protection of LGBT students in the St. Vrain schools.

Check it out at:

www.timescall.com/communityTC/schools-story.asp?ID=21288

Safe Zone: LGBTQ Ally Development Training

Friday, April 9th, 9-1pm

Provided by the GLBT Resource Center & Interactive Theater Project on **Friday April 9th, 9-1pm**. Room provided at RSVP.

RSVP to wilenche@colorado.edu, or at 303-492-2966.

Future trainings will be offered. This interactive training works to help participants develop a deeper awareness of personal ideas, stereotypes, and assumptions related to the LGBTQ (lesbian gay bisexual transgender queer) communities and help increase participant's comfort level supporting LGBTQ individuals.

LGBT Couples Alert

Tuesday, April 6th, 7pm

Chris Thierens, a ballroom dance teacher, is conducting a series of classes through the Longmont Parks and Recreation exclusively for the LGBT community. The next set called "Same Sex Ballroom for couples" begins on Tues, April 6th at 7 p.m. Call Chris at 303-485-2119.

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