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Nude, Daniel Eggert, 2022 see pages 11-15 for more art and an interview

Open Doors

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2022

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED! (ALWAYS)

PFLAG will celebrate its 50th anniversary this year. This fills me with deep respect and admiration for all volunteers – past and present – who have led the organization and its many chapters over these years, often through challenging times and in politically and socially inhospitable environments. Our half-century-old community is strong and vibrant! It is respected for its unwavering allyship, for helping numerous families, for educating and setting an example with love and humility.

OUR STRENGTH IS IN VOLUNTEERS. I'm continually amazed by PFLAG chapters' ability to operate with an all-volunteer staff, a tiny budget, and yet make a profound difference. Being a PFLAG volunteer is an honor and a life mission for many people. I'm asking you to be a part of that force of change! We have projects – big and small – and your energy and talents are always needed.

GET ENGAGED IN PFLAG PROJECTS:

- **Keep local chapters strong**
Attend chapter meetings. Help new members to get oriented. Support others with love and kindness and share your experience. Step up to help in leading your chapter.
- **Rollout new PFLAG branding**
PCNI has formed the Branding Committee to adopt the new logo, tagline, graphic style, and other branding elements, change our banners, printed materials, and the web site. As you have noticed, this issue of Open Doors has been redesigned per new brand guidelines. More work remains to be completed. The new PFLAG tagline “**Leading With Love**” will be coming soon!
- **Chicago Pride Parade 2023**
Besides the usual logistics or organizing our participation in the Parade, we'll use new PFLAG branding in our visual presentation at the Parade.
- **PCNIC 2023 – SAVE THE DATE!**
We have reserved picnic space for up to 100 people on **Saturday, July 22nd**.
The location is Herrick Lake Forest Preserve, East Shelter, Butterfield Road west of Naperville Road, Wheaton.
We are planning to hold the event from 11 AM to 3 PM. All PFLAG families (all ages) in all PCNI chapters are invited!

Participants will be asked to bring food to share (there will be signup sheets to organize this). We are planning games and other group activities. The rented location has bathrooms and a shelter for 100 people in case of rain. The preserve has trails for hiking and canoes for rent. We'll announce more details in Open Doors in the coming months.

- We are exploring a restart of **Kisses From Mom** fundraiser on Mother's Day. PFLAG held these annual events in front of the Sidetrack Bar in Chicago before the pandemic started. If we find volunteers, then we may also organize **Hugs From Dad** on Father's Day.
- **PFLAG Ambassadors**
We always need volunteers to represent PFLAG at various outreach events. We are invited to speak to different organizations and social groups, share our experience and thoughts on panels, staff PFLAG booths or tables at fairs and other events. If you are interested in participating *as your time allows*, email info@pflagillinois.org to add your name to the list. We'll notify you when opportunities to represent PFLAG arise, and you'll have a chance to participate.
- **Strategic Partnerships**
To strengthen our relationships and cooperation with other organizations and social groups whose ideals and mission align with PFLAG's, we need volunteers to act as **liaisons** with our partners – communicate and share plans and ideas. Email info@pflagillinois.org to nominate organizations for our list of strategic partners or to volunteer to be PCNI's liaison with some of them.

We volunteer to defend equality, help people we love and the whole community, learn new ideas and skills, find like-minded people, and make new friends. We make a positive difference in the world. Every small contribution to this work matters!

PFLAG needs you, not only as a member, but as an active volunteer!

Andrew Zanevsky (he/him/his)

President
PFLAG Council of Northern Illinois



PFLAG National has rolled out new branding, including a new logo, colors, fonts, other visual elements, mission, vision, tagline, and talking points. The www.pflag.org site has already been redesigned and we encourage you to visit it. Note that brochures and some other pages have changed URLs. We are going to redesign our website www.pflagillinois.org within several weeks. If you want to learn more about the new branding, you may read this comprehensive [Brand Guide](#) document.

PFLAG’s updated Mission Statement is:
To create a caring, just, and affirming world for LGBTQ+ people and those who love them.

The new tagline is:



which may also be presented in a heart shape:



These are PFLAG primary colors:



and secondary colors:



Notably, Pride Flag colors aren’t present in the new palette, which makes a lot of sense from the graphic design perspective. Pride Flag is a symbol of the whole LGBTQIA+ community. There are many organizations representing the community, serving it, and allied with it. PFLAG is a very important part of the whole movement. To establish and preserve its own unique identity, it must have a unique style. If every LGBTQ-related organization used the same colors, then it would be difficult to distinguish them from each other. The new PFLAG style is powerful, modern, and versatile. As we update our online presence, printed materials, banners, T-shirts, buttons, and other tools and accessories, we hope that you will carry the new PFLAG logo and colors with pride!

We are PFLAG! #LeadingWithLove



THE PFLAG 50TH ANNIVERSARY GALA

March 3, 2023
5:00 PM - 10:00 PM

Marriott Marquis
1535 Broadway
New York, New York 10036

Buy Tickets

FIND RESOURCES

Links to free publications on the PFLAG National site have changed and some publications aren't currently available for free download. We'll provide links to publications in future issues as PFLAG National makes them available.

One popular free publication is **OUR TRANS LOVED ONES: Questions and Answers for Parents, Families, and Friends of People Who Are Transgender and Gender Expansive**. That publication is still accessible here:

https://pflag.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/01/OTLO_2019.pdf

FEDERAL MATTERS

President Biden signed the Respect for Marriage Act into law. Thousands of LGBTQ+ people, families, and allies, including PFLAG families and PFLAG National staff, attended the signing ceremony for the bill, which will protect same-sex and interracial marriages at the federal level.

STATE MATTERS

Illinois - Attorney General writes letter urging enforcement of anti-discrimination protections. Attorney General Kwame Raoul wrote that many public officials in the state are concerned about safety at LGBTQ+ -themed public events, but that the Illinois Human Rights Act requires that LGBTQ+ people have their right to safely access public spaces protected.

GLOBAL MATTERS

Netherlands - Dutch Constitution amended to protect LGBTQ+, disability rights.

MEDIA MATTERS

Oxford English Dictionary adds LGBTQ+ related words. Eighteen LGBTQ+ related words were added to the dictionary in 2022, including "gender-affirming," and "enby."

Cambridge dictionary adds trans inclusive definition of "woman." The dictionary defines "woman" as "an adult female human" or "an adult who lives and identifies as female though they may have been said to have a different sex at birth."

Queer writers launch powerful, positive books in 2023 amid ban efforts. Stay tuned for robust offerings that follow a record-setting number of titles in 2022.

This is a small sample of articles from Policy Matters, a weekly email publication by PFLAG National. Become a PFLAG member to receive the full newsletter:
<https://pflagil.org/membership-and-donation/>

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DEERFIELD

by **Jodi Zavos**

We surveyed our members about their type of meeting preference, and they overwhelmingly requested remote meetings. Respondents expressed continued concerns about Covid-19; concerns about inclement weather; and many stated they simply like the convenience of remote meetings. In response, we moved our meetings to Zoom for January, February, and March. We hope to return to in person or at least hybrid meetings come April.

Our January meeting was a meeting of support, friendship, and community as we shared all that is going on with our families and friends.

One of our long-term members recently moved to Colorado Springs and joined her local PFLAG chapter. Several of us attended this chapter's January meeting. Their speakers were people directly affected by the Club Q mass shooting. These guests shared the historical importance of Club Q, the aftermath of the shooting, how people in the community are doing, and what is happening in response. The community needs are many and include mental health care as well as financial assistance. Easy access to available help is also needed. These guests also described the impact of assault weapons and the need to restrict them. Those of us in attendance from PFLAG Deerfield were honored by the welcome extended to us by the PFLAG Colorado Springs Chapter. Please read a more

detailed article about the meeting on page 10 in this month's Open Doors.

Our February speaker will be Stefanie Clark, who was a fashion model at our Fall Conference. Julio Flores from Howard Brown Health will be our March speaker. Julio was a speaker at the Conference. Please feel free to join us for either meeting or both! We'd love to "see" you!

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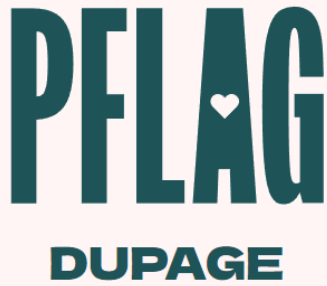
HINSDALE

by **Suellen Cook**

PFLAG Hinsdale met virtually and rang in the New Year for 2023! Those in attendance discussed planned activities for the next calendar year. Several PFLAG Hinsdale members shared that they are actively collaborating with **Equality Downers Grove (EQDG)** serving on EQDG's education committee and public policy committee. Members discussed how additional collaborative efforts with EQDG and also **Youth Outlook** can further develop in 2023.

The next chapter meeting for PFLAG Hinsdale is scheduled for Sunday, February 5, 2023 at 2PM. The chapter meeting will be virtual via Zoom as the **Equality Illinois Gala** is also scheduled for the first weekend in February.

Publish your artworks, photography, essays, poetry, movie and book reviews in Open Doors: opendoors@pflagillinois.org



by **Bonnie Clemens**

January Chapter Meeting

For our January meeting, Allen Warren, a PFLAG DuPage new member, shared his entertaining and insightful story including his coming of age and figuring out who he is. Allen is outgoing and entertaining, and it was nice to get to know him better. His talk was summed up very well by the quote he ended with from **Into The Woods**. This is a good reminder for all of us:

**Careful the things you say,
Children will listen.
Careful the things you do,
Children will see.
And learn.**

**Guide them along the way,
Children will glisten.**

**Children will look to you,
For which way to turn,
To learn what to be.**

**Careful before you say,
“Listen to me.”
Children will listen.**

Opening Statement

We updated our chapter’s opening words by extending our description of diversity to be more encompassing. Our previous version had specifically

named "lesbian, gay, bi-sexual and transgender individuals" which was no longer broad enough to include all of our LGBTQ+ loved ones. Our new inclusivity statement uses “sexual orientation, gender identity and gender expression” and leaves out the labels. Here is our new opening statement which we read at the beginning of each meeting:

Welcome to this month’s meeting of PFLAG DuPage

PFLAG envisions a world where diversity is celebrated and all people are respected, valued, and affirmed, inclusive of their sexual orientation, gender identity, and gender expression.

We offer support to cope with an adverse society...education to enlighten an ill-informed public... and advocacy to end discrimination and secure equal rights.

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

To make our meetings more comfortable and secure place for everyone, what is said here stays here. Confidentiality is important to all of us for one reason or another and we must respect each other’s rights at all times.

We earnestly welcome new members and encourage everyone to attend as many meetings as possible for the benefit of each individual as well as that of the group, because it is when you no longer feel the need for PFLAG that PFLAG needs you the most.

Fighting the Hate in Our Communities

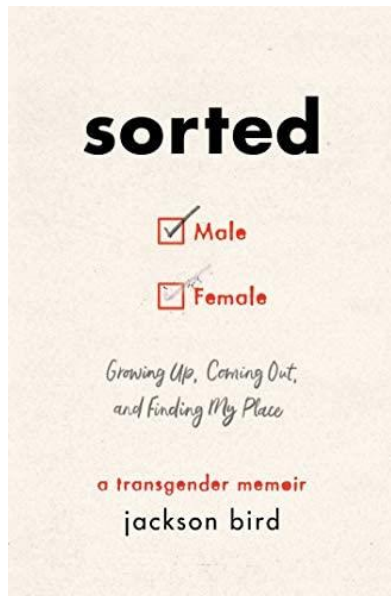
Chapter members are becoming increasingly vigilant in monitoring and pushing back against attempts by haters to gain appointments in local government and to ban books in school libraries. In the past several months we have attended and spoken at City Council meetings and library board meetings in Naperville, and more recently at school board meetings in Glenbard.

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PTI CHICAGO

by **Francey Oscherwitz**

PTI Chicago kicked off 2023 with 21 participants – “old timers, new timers, and in-betweeners” – showing up in person or via Zoom to tell our stories, compare notes, and open our minds and hearts. We are beyond grateful for this welcoming secure forum that enlightens and uplifts us through the magic of community – chicken soup for our (and our transitioning families’) souls. At our upcoming meeting – February 9 – we’ll celebrate the 2-year anniversary of our popular **PTI Book Club** with a discussion of Jackson Bird’s transgender memoir **Sorted: Growing Up, Coming Out, and Finding My Place**.



Buy:

[Amazon](#)

[Barnes & Noble](#)

Borrow:

[Highland Park Public Library](#)

[Hinsdale Public Library](#)

The author, a trans advocate and popular TED presenter ([How to Talk \(and Listen\) to Transgender People](#)), came of age in 1990’s Dallas, “one of the most hyper-gender-obsessed towns in the entire country.” He chronicles his

dysphoric journey in rich detail, with the help of voluminous journal entries that he excerpts, along with family snapshots, throughout his witty and affecting narrative. Ever mindful that his story is just one of many, and there are “many different ways to be trans,” Bird widens his lens with informative and engaging mini-essays on big topics like “Trans Men and Pregnancy” and “Sex vs Gender.”

PTI Chicago meets on the second Thursday of every month from 7 to 9 pm and provides copies of upcoming Book Club books free of charge to interested participants. Please join us February 9th in-person at the Center on Halsted OR from anywhere via Zoom. Parents, guardians or family members of transgender, non-binary or gender non-conforming individuals who would like to join us for the first time should e-mail PTI Chicago President Bill Guilfoile at bill.guilfoile@gmail.com. Participants will receive an email with the link and password to enter the meeting.

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MCHENRY

by **Carolann Dunn**

Due to the limited attendance at our monthly meetings and the responses we received from my latest email, the board of directors has decided to suspend any monthly meetings effective February 2023 until further notice. If you or anyone needs assistance you can still contact PFLAG Council of Northern Illinois by phone 630-415-0622 or email info@pflagillinois.org, or email PFLAG McHenry at pflagmchenry@pflagillinois.org.

We as the board are still determining our options for the future of our chapter and will keep you updated.



PFLAG McHenry / PTI McHenry grieves the loss of **Mary Genzler, co-founder and leader of PTI McHenry and member of PFLAG McHenry for many years. Mary was a passionate advocate for her trans daughter and used her personal journey to assist other parents who were learning how to support their child's gender identity and how to be better advocates for human rights. Mary was always available at a moment's notice when I needed her to share her story with a group of school social workers or administrators, or anyone else for that matter. Having been an educator by profession, she could reach the hearts of teachers and provide them insights as they learned how to work with and better understand their students who were transgender, gender non-conforming, or non-binary. Mary always had a story to share, and her heart was big as the sky.**

Mary, I'm going to miss you. PFLAG McHenry and PTI will miss you. You were a good and faithful steward who brought love, acceptance, and understanding to so many people. We love you, Mary.

Toni Weaver

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EVANSTON

by Lisa Khabeer

Here is the website for our new group **Library Defense**: <https://www.librarydefense.org/>

You can support Library Defense in a few ways:

1. Go to your local library board meetings and speak in support of the freedom to read etc.
2. Visit your local public library and if the banned books aren't there, request them.
3. Write notes of support to library staff.
4. If you have social media presence, post / publicize all these type of activities.
5. Same for school libraries / school boards.
6. If you publicize on social media you can tag library defense.

We would be happy to speak about library defense - if any groups would like us to chat with them.

PFLAG Evanston meets on the first Tuesday of the month at 7 PM over Zoom. Next meetings are on February 7th, March 7th, April 4th.

pflagevanston@gmail.com

[Facebook](#)

[Twitter](#)

[Instagram](#)

Editor: Lisa has graciously offered to provide a consultation to other PFLAG chapters on how to increase their social media presence.

RESOURCES

CDC has released a [LGBTQ Inclusivity Checklist for Schools](#)

Trevor Project has released [Illinois specific data from their 2022 Mental Health Report](#)

[The Chicago Youth Mutual Aid \(CYMA\)](#), is a product of collaboration of Black and Brown grassroots-led organizations in Chicago serving youth and their families

MALE BALLET

Les Ballets Trockadero de Monte Carlo

Recommended by Nancy Johnson:

This is an all-male ballet company. There's a documentary about them. They combine humor with excellent ballet abilities! I highly recommend this performance. It will be on **February 11** at the **Auditorium Theater** in Chicago.

[Click HERE](#) for tickets.

[Click HERE](#) for an article about Let Ballets Trockadero de Monte Carlo.

View a short [video on PBS](#)

Turning Tragedy into Advocacy

by: **Kathy Gutnayer, Sue Ginsburg, Jodi Zavos and Ann McAuliffe**

On November 19, 2022, late Saturday evening, a 22-year-old gunman opened fire in a gay nightclub, Club Q in [Colorado Springs](#), killing five people and leaving more than two dozen injured before he was subdued by heroic patrons and arrested by police who were on the scene within minutes.

It is a scene both horrifying and sadly, becoming increasingly more familiar, as we witness mass shootings targeting the LGBTQ+ community. In a cruel twist of fate, the shooting came during Transgender Awareness Week and hours before Sunday's International Transgender Day of Remembrance, when events around the world are held to mourn and remember transgender people lost to violence.

The Colorado Springs PFLAG Chapter recently invited Club Q's co-owner as well as a bartender / survivor to speak at their January monthly meeting. Club Q and its owners are well known to our Colorado Springs peers. The club is a safe haven for LGBTQ+ citizens, a welcoming and affirming space, a place of celebration and family.

This powerful conversation centered around the aftermath of the shooting, how people in the community are doing and what is happening in response. Here are the highlights:

A co-owner of Club Q and two survivors, one of whom was a bartender, testified on Capitol Hill on Wednesday, December 14th about the tragedy that night and the rise of hate aimed at their community. Less than a month after the shooting, the 25-year-old Bartender found himself facing Congressional members of the House Oversight and Reform Committee.

The three individuals were all at the White House for [the signing of the Respect for Marriage Act](#) which codifies federal protections for same-sex and interracial marriage.

While at the White House, they were invited to a short private meeting with President Biden and Dr. Jill Biden who acknowledged their courage and advocacy efforts.

In a show of solidarity, the owners plan to rebuild, strengthen and reopen Club Q later this year. They plan to showcase the strength, resilience, and pride of the LGBTQ+ community by speaking out, advocating against hate with love and passion to fight for change.

Club Q – PFLAG stands with you in Pride and Solidarity.

For more information: www.clubqonline.com

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INTERVIEW

Open Doors: You are an artist, photographer, designer, and you use different media and styles. What triggers changes in your creative approach? Do you work on a series of similar works before switching to something new or do you constantly alternate between different projects?

Daniel Eggert: I love experimenting with different media in my work. I wouldn't say there is really any certain thing that might trigger a change in what I am doing. I believe it relies on inspiration and what ideas I may have. I tend to think of concepts/ideas and then decide what I think the best medium would be to use to create the piece. I might get inspired by other artists from social media and want to

try a certain technique that they use but it may not become something that I end up using often. When I find something that works for me and I like doing, it then becomes something that I might use all of the time. I am constantly looking to enhance and build up my skills and techniques that I use on each of my pieces.

OD: Art may deliver a political statement, entertainment, education; it may shock, inspire, anger, fill with love or cause any other emotion. What effect do you want your artworks to have in the world?

DE: I am very passionate about creating work that has a deeper meaning than just being pretty. A lot of my work is definitely within the LGBTQ+ community and telling my story as a gay man. I am also a huge advocate for mental health and making sure that it is a subject that isn't taboo

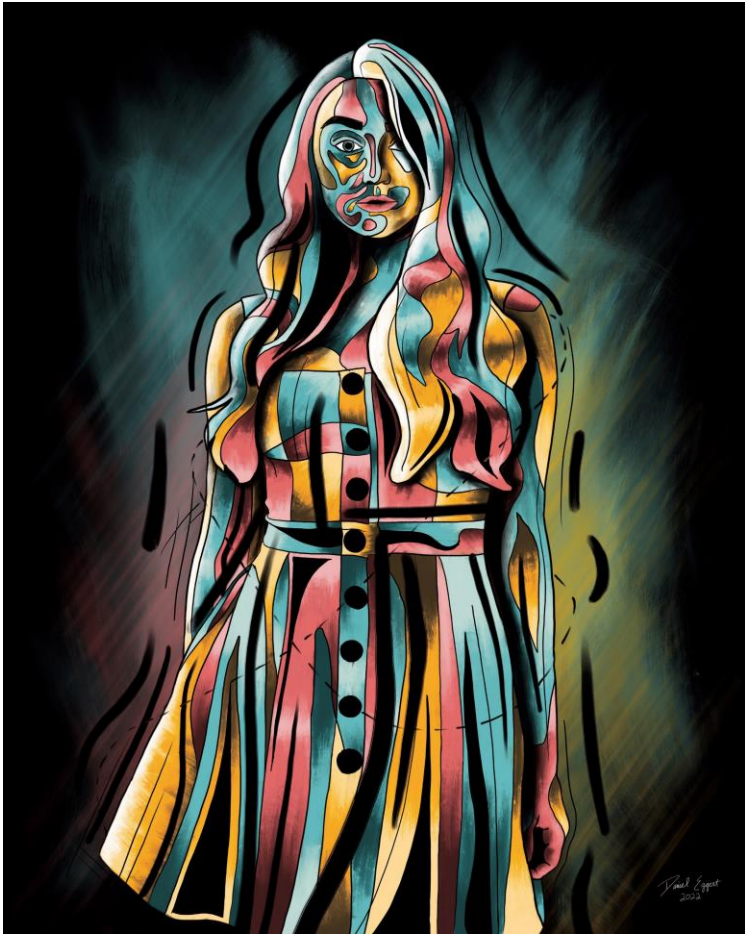


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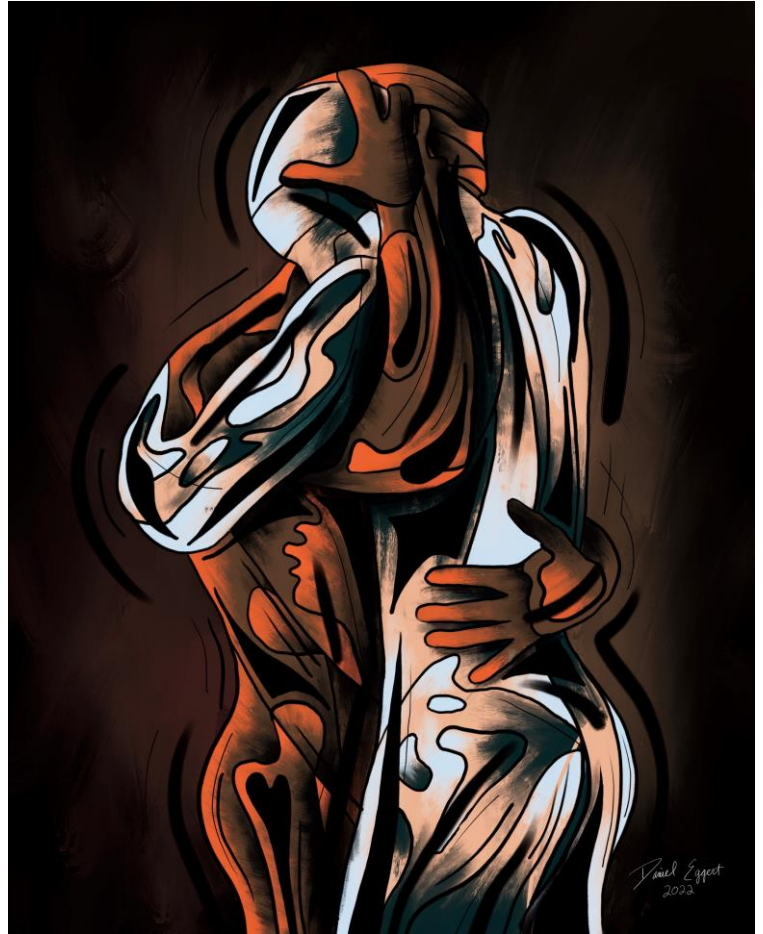
to talk about. I want people to share their experiences so that we all can learn and possibly relate to each other on a deeper level. Don't get me wrong, there is nothing wrong with creating work that is in fact just beautiful and is more about color, composition, space, relationships between elements, etc. I do have some work that is more in that realm but I think I tend to be more passionate about work that has something to say. I also love to use my art as a way for me to respond to things that are happening in current events. Whether that be to my community directly or happening to people that I love and I am able to share my opinion and show support for the people close to me.

OD: Does Chicago provide a good environment for a creative LGBTQ+ person?

DE: I have been an artist in one way or another most of my life but I have only recently been making it my full-time gig. Because of this, I am only scratching the surface with what all Chicago has to offer. I have already been invited to display my work at the Center on Halsted on the 2nd floor that will be up until Jan. 26th, 2023. So, I feel fortunate to have the ability to already display my work within the queer spaces. One of the big things that I think artists struggle with is exposure, and the ability to afford a studio space/supplies to create the work they want to. So I hope



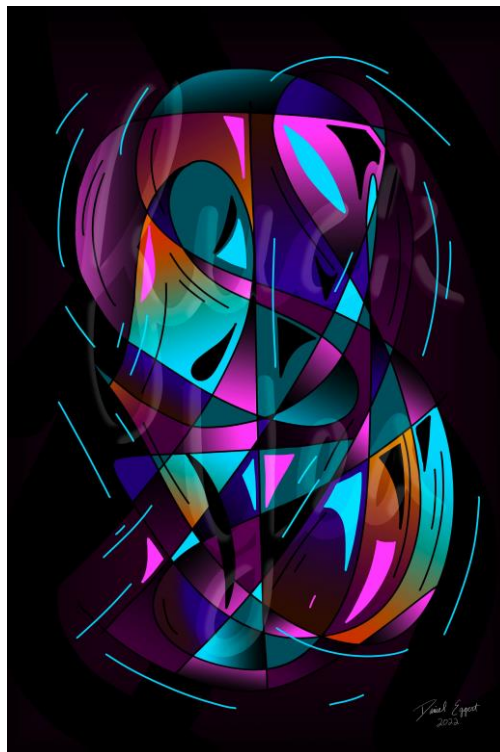
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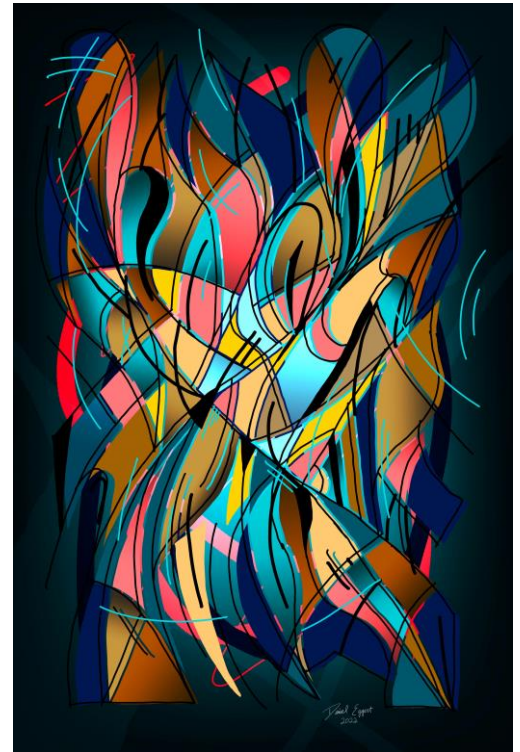
Intimacy



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Chaos

that those are things I can work my way towards soon. But overall, I have felt nothing but support from people who have seen my work.

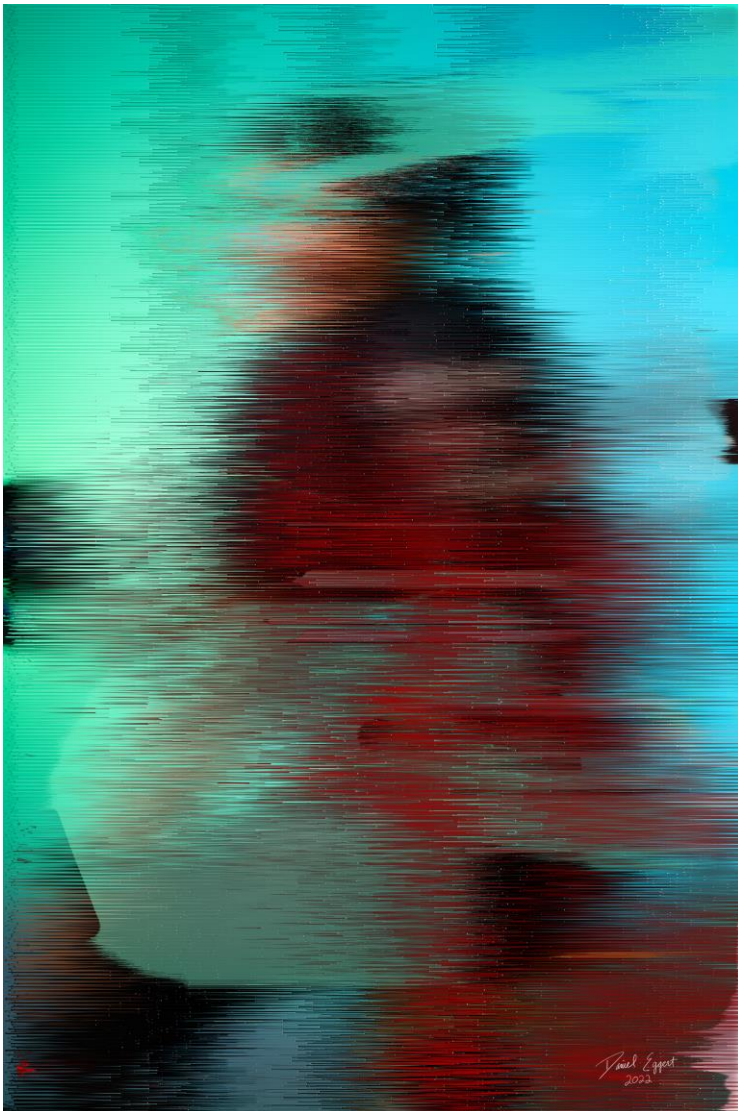
OD: What are your favorite subjects in photography?

DE: People! I strive to create photographs that show the human experience. Sometimes, the shot tells this sort of story without needing any major tweaks from me, but I especially love to add a touch of surrealism, via some photoshop magic. These magical moments help me actually see the feelings that otherwise just exist in my mind's eye, and hopefully inspiring others along the way!

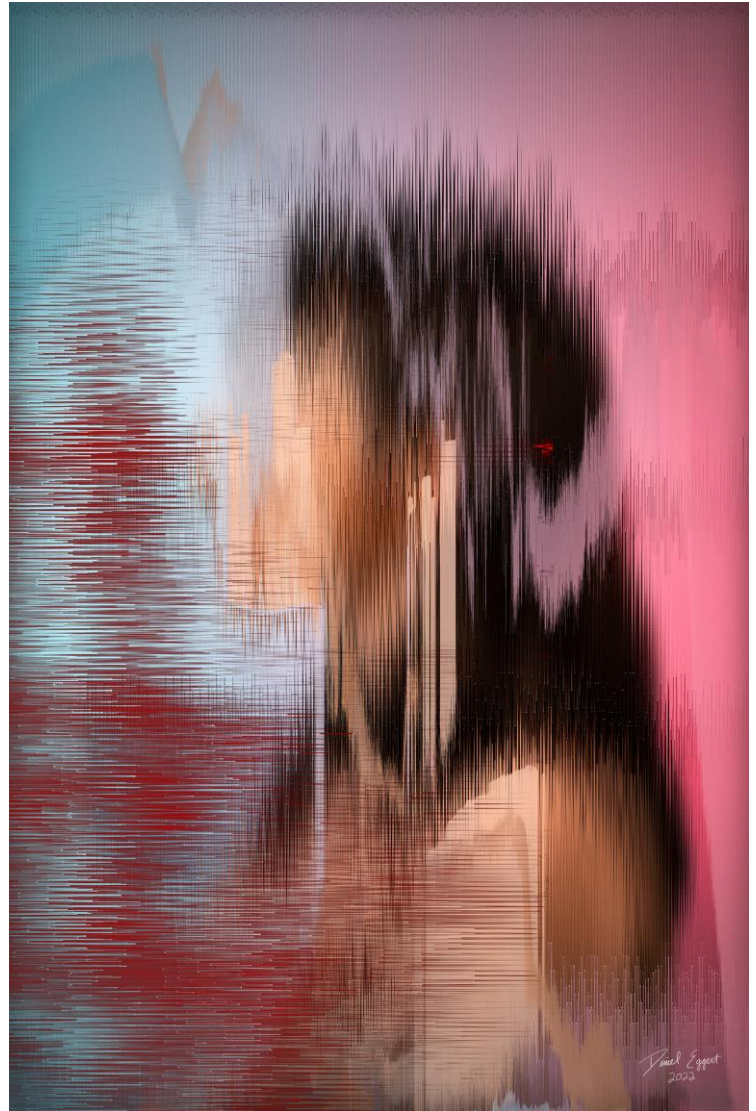
OD: Could you share the concept of the series of works that you created in the wake of the Supreme Court overturning Roe v. Wade?

DE: I will never be able to fully understand the hurt, pain, and anger that my friends and family members who ovulate are feeling. However, like a majority of Americans, I am here to support in any way that I can in the wake of SCOTUS overturning Roe v. Wade. It is unthinkable that people have lost the ability to make personal health decisions, and that certain politicians are continuing their attacks on the rights of marginalized Americans.

With political issues such as this, I prefer leveraging my camera and paintbrush to a microphone to express my thoughts and fight for change. This series is a statement in



A New Generation of American Oppression 2



A New Generation of American Oppression



Progress

support of the people in my life who should have the right to choose. Government has no business in the healthcare system making decisions that do not concern them.

Through pixel sorting and photo manipulation, these photos depict the individual identities of these women being erased so that they are no longer identifiable. Their voices are being taken away. I have also incorporated an aspect of the color red in every piece. This is to represent the feeling of anger, death, blood, etc. Some images are more distorted than others to portray the severity of what some women go through.




Safe Space

OD: Is it possible to teach creativity?

DE: Absolutely! There are abstract and concrete ways to hone your artistic skills with thought exercises, classes, practice, feedback, etc. Even the most seasoned artist is always growing – both technically and creatively – and to assert that they're not able to share the wealth is incongruous with my artistic philosophy. Art was meant to be seen and shared; art begets art! The more I am able to experiment and think outside of the box, the more I feel like I am able to grow artistically. I always encourage fellow artists to apply this same sort of mindset when they are looking to branch out further, or if they're at an impasse. ♥

“I am very passionate about creating work that has a deeper meaning than just being pretty.”

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NEW GROUPS **JAN 2023**

THERAPY GROUPS

FOR LGBTQ AND QUESTIONING COMMUNITY
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FREE 7-Week Culinary Training + Job Readiness

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Cyber Center

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CENTER ON 3656 N. HALSTED

art GALLERY Exhibit

February 3rd - April 2nd

Chuck Meyers

Pierce I. Cruz

3656 N HALSTED 2ND AND 3RD FLOORS

centeronhalsted.com/art-gallery.html

EVENTS, PROGRAMS



A Very Romantic Booksale!

Will you be our bookish valentine? Join us for some steamy sales and support Chicago LGBTQ history! We'll have some mystery date with book deals as well as a DIY Valentine/Personal Ad station. A large selection of LGBTQ and non-LGBTQ materials will be available for sale along with erotica, periodicals, and more! All proceeds from the booksale benefit Gerber/Hart!

When: Saturday, February 11th, 10 AM - 3:30 PM

Where: Gerber/Hart, 6500 N Clark Street



The Center's Board of Directors invites you to join us the evening of Saturday, April 15, in support of the Center's crucial services reaching thousands of community members each year.

DETAILS:

Saturday, April 15, 2023

6:00 p.m. Cocktail Reception

7:00 p.m. Dinner & Program

The Geraghty 2520 South Hoyne Ave. | Chicago 60608

This year, we are proud to honor Ann & Jackie Kaplan-Perkins and Roderick K. Hawkins with our Human First awards, and U.S. Bank with our Corporate Impact Award. Additional honorees and special guests will be announced as they are confirmed.



3rd Annual Building Inclusive Community Conference



Keynote Speaker: Dr. Ngozi Ezike

CEO & President of the Sinai Chicago Hospital system and former Director of the Illinois Department of Public Health

Workshops to choose from include:

Healing Justice and Restoration - The Community Renewal Society, Understanding Gender Diversity, Getting Paid What You Are Worth, Navigating the School System, Potawatomi Tradition in the New Millennium and more

Plus local youth will share their vision on what inclusive community looks, feels, and sounds like.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 2023
9:00A-1:00P | LTHS SOUTH CAMPUS
4900 WILLOW SPRINGS RD.
WESTERN SPRINGS, IL

ALL ADULTS & HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS ARE WELCOME

Limited child care is available at Highlands Presbyterian Church

Lunch sponsored by



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Questions?

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HOWARD BROWN HEALTH MINOR YOUTH HORMONE PROGRAM PRESENTS

ALL ABOUT HORMONE REPLACEMENT THERAPY FOR TEENS

February 8th at
5:00 PM

EMAIL: YOUTHORMONEPROGRAM@HOWARDBROWN.ORG

HAVE A TEEN WHO IS INTERESTED IN HORMONE REPLACEMENT THERAPY? THIS MEETING WILL PROVIDE INFO FROM A DOCTOR AND SOCIAL WORKER SURROUNDING THE BENEFITS, RISKS, AND WHAT TO EXPECT.

YOUTH SERVICES PRIDE PROGRAM PRESENTS

TRANS YOUTH AND FAMILY SUMMIT

MARCH 5TH, 2023 | 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM
3080 WEST LAKE AVENUE, GLENVIEW

FOR TRANS & GENDER EXPANSIVE YOUTH & FAMILY MEMBERS

Includes workshops for youth and adults, activities, & lunch

REGISTRATION OPENS JANUARY 11TH
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THE TRANS CLOSET @ NAPERVILLE



Come explore a wide array of gender-affirming clothing! Drop by TGC's Naperville location to find the perfect outfit or give unwanted items a new home. The Trans Closet is open to scheduled visitors on Wednesdays from 11 a.m.-4 p.m.

- Acceptable items are:
- Unworn, unopened undergarments
 - Pants
 - Shorts
 - Button-Up Shirts
 - Skirts
 - Dresses
 - Sweaters
 - Jackets/Coats

Interested in browsing or donating to the closet?
Email aja@transformativegrowth.org





PRIDE FILM FEST

PRIDE FILM FEST **Winning Shorts** streaming January 25 to February 5

This program features nine new short films deemed Best of the Fest for the **Pride Film Fest Winter Festival**. The films include:

- DO WE HAVE A CHANCE?
- IDENTITY
- KYLIE LOVE: COMPLETE ME
- MX. H
- REQUIRED READING
- ReWRITTEN: THE SCREENDANCE
- SAY
- THE LOVE
- US

[Buy PRIDE FILM FEST Award Winning Shorts and watch now through February 5!](#)

PRIDE FILM FEST AWARD WINNING **MID-LENGTH FILMS** streams February 1 to 12.

Three mid-length films were deemed the Best of the Fest in Pride Film Fest Winter Festival:

- RAJA BRO
- BLUE IS THE COLOR OF THE PLANET FROM THE VIEW ABOVE
- DAWN: A CHARLESTON LEGEND

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Pride Film Fest streams new LGBTQ films year-round. **[Click HERE](#)** to become a member and receive discounts.



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THEATER

PRIDE ARTS PRESENTS



Three Black queer men sit in an ethereal waiting room. One is about to be chosen to live the unforgiving story of a man diagnosed with HIV, struggling to be defined by more than his status. Ten years after his own diagnosis, Donja R. Love has written a fearless account of the reality for too many Americans. A deeply personal call to action, one in two shines a light on the people behind a statistic and the strength of the community they make up.

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RESEARCH, STUDIES

These studies are conducted by institutions not affiliated with PFLAG. We screen materials submitted for this section for legitimacy but encourage you to use your own judgement before entering any study to understand privacy, requirements, and incentives offered by the researchers.

Dana LaVergne, a PhD Candidate in sociology at Loyola University Chicago is conducting research of experiences parents of transgender and gender non-conforming youth have when deciding whether to pursue hormone blockers as part of their affirming care. She is inviting parents of TGNC youth who have thought about hormone blockers in tandem to their child's care to participate in this study.

This project has been approved by Loyola University Chicago's IRB.

For more information email dlavergne@luc.edu

Jennifer Ryterski, a Doctoral Student at the University of Illinois Springfield is working on her dissertation which is trying to learn about the experiences LGBTQ people have with probation departments regarding policies and procedures. Participation is 100% anonymous.

For more information [click HERE](#).

LEVEL UP! is a study of 2SLGBTQIA+ youth and young adults' experiences of video gaming and gaming communities.

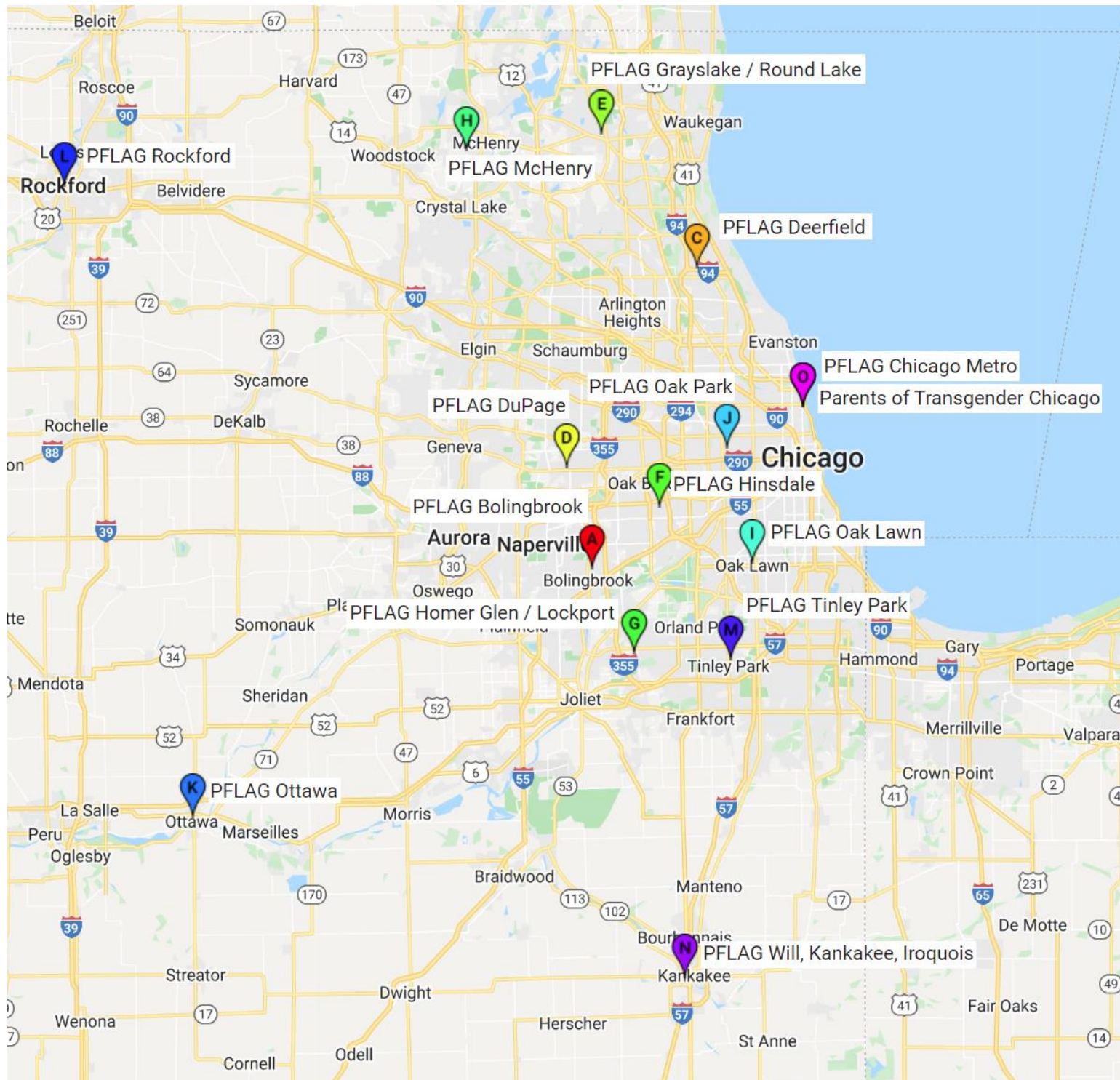
Survey participants have a chance of winning gift cards.

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PFLAG Northern Illinois Chapters



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