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#### FROM THE PCNI PRESIDENT



## **DESIGN A BUTTON!**



With Pride Season approaching, we are preparing for outreach events. PFLAG will march in parades, participate in local festivals, host tables at open markets and other events, make presentations at schools and various organizations who invite us to speak to their staff. One of our most popular handout items is PFLAG buttons. PCNI owns two button makers and several chapters have their own devices. We handed out almost 600 buttons at our Power of Advocacy Conference last October!

We have a large library of buttons designs, mostly thanks to the creative efforts and enthusiasm of Ron Whitfield of PFLAG DuPage. With PFLAG rebranding this year, some of our old designs are becoming obsolete, especially those with the old PFLAG logo. We need to design new buttons using the new branding guidelines, logo, and font types.

Let's make this a fun project for everyone who has a creative spark! If you or someone in your family wants to participate, PLEASE SEND YOUR BUTTON DESIGN IDEAS to **opendoors@pflagillinois.org** with the names of authors to be credited. Here are some technical details and recommendations:

- The buttons are round, 2.25" in diameter.
- Anything that can be printed on regular printer paper can be put on a button.
- All designs must adhere to PFLAG values and be appropriate for children.
- If the design doesn't include it, then we'll likely add our website in a circle around the edge and the name of our organization or the PFLAG tagline #LeadingWithLove.

- Remember that the button must be "readable" by someone looking at it from a few feet away, so small image details or hard-to-read fonts may not be good for a 2" print area.
- Preferably, use new PFLAG colors (see <u>PFLAG</u> <u>Brand Guidelines</u> pages 25-30) and font types (pages 32-35).
- Consider using <u>icons provided by PFLAG</u>
  <u>National</u> in new branding resources (click to the right to flip through the pages of this document).
- If you have good graphic design ideas, but don't have skills to implement them as digital images, please email photos of your hand sketches and we'll consider implementing them.
- By submitting your design to Open Doors, you give us permission to replicate it on buttons and other materials. Please make sure that the design is your original work and doesn't violate someone else's copyrights. Note that images found online are often copyrighted (even if not explicitly stated) and we can't use them without the author's permission.

We plan to publish your submissions in a future issue of Open Doors, ask everyone to vote on favorite designs, and then make new buttons with the best designs. So, **DESIGN A BUTTON!** Ask your LGBTQ+ loved person to design a button! Make it a whole family project and share it with the PFLAG community!

Andrew Zanevsky (he/him/his)

President PFLAG Council of Northern Illinois



## Sunday May 14th is our Mother's Day fundraiser!

Hello everyone, let me introduce myself. I am Deb Smollen from the PFLAG Hinsdale chapter. This is my first year coordinating the Mother's Day fundraiser. My friend and mentor, Marcia Prichason, who successfully ran this fundraiser for many years, asked me in 2019 if I would be willing to be trained to take over the event. With 2020 came COVID, so 2023 will be my first attempt at running this treasured event. I hope I can live up to Marcia's success!

### **PFLAG Gives "Unconditional Love"**

PFLAG's annual Mother's Day fundraiser, "Kisses from Mom," has been re-named "**Unconditional Love from PFLAG Parents**." We think this clearly illustrates that ALL PFLAG parents can be involved and are welcome.

Sidetrack, a favorite Chicago LGBTQIA bar, graciously welcomes PFLAG for the event. As we solicit donations on the sidewalk outside, we exchange Hershey's Kisses (tagged with PFLAG contact info) and REAL hugs from PFLAG parents (and other supportive allies).

It is a great opportunity to feel the amazing outpouring of love and appreciation for the work we do in support of our own LGBTQIA loved ones. It also allows volunteers from different chapters to meet and spend time together.

This fun and emotionally gratifying event is also rewarding financially. Proceeds from the fundraiser are split, with 50% going to Council and the remaining 50% divided evenly amongst the participating chapters.

Here are some thoughts from our fellow PFLAG members who have volunteered in the past:

Mother's Day is a happy day for most of us, spending time with our families with dinner, candy and flowers. Since joining PFLAG I have found new meaning attached to this day of celebrating mothers, I think it is a day of mothers being mothers- right from the heart.

This fundraiser at Sidetrack encompasses everything that being a mom means to me. As people pass by they stop and we explain why we are there; many stop to share their stories. The stories vary from having accepting parents to the ones we so often hear at our meetings, ones of rejection and loss. As they share, laughter can be heard, and tears are often shed; by them and me! Mom hugs are also given freely to say you are a person who deserves love and acceptance.

So please come join the PFLAG parents and spend a few hours of your Mother's Day at this event. You'll be changed. It is truly one of the things I most look forward to every year. One way I express my love for the LGBTQIA+ community is by participating in Hugs & Kisses from Mom at Sidetrack on North Halsted on Mother's Day. It is hard to miss us — we are loud and proud. Even though it might start off as a bit awkward, most interactions come with a warm, "I love PFLAG! Happy Mother's Day" and "Thank you for being here!" I also hear too frequently, "I wish my mom accepted and loved me when I came out." As a PFLAG parent or ally, your effort to be present and express love to the LGBTQIA+ community on Mother's Day has a positive impact and brings a smile to many who don't have support from their biological families.

--Suellen Cook, PFLAG Hinsdale

This highly anticipated event will run from 3:00-8:00 P.M. and will be broken into 3 shifts. We are looking for 7 people per shift.

#### Shifts are as follows:

$1^{st}$	3:00-4:30 pm
2 <sup>nd</sup>	4:30-6:00 pm
3 <sup>rd</sup>	6:00-8:00 pm

### **To Volunteer:** Contact Coordinator Deb Smollen at: <u>casey971@att.net</u> or 630-936-1660.

When you e-mail or call, please provide the following information:

- 1. Your name(s)
- 2. Contact Phone Number
- 3. Email address
- 4. Your chapter
- 5. How many participants from your Chapter
- 6. Shift Choice

### Make a plan to meet us on Mother's Day, Sunday, May 14th at:

Sidetrack 3349 North Halsted Chicago, IL 60657

--Meg Valentini PFLAG Chicago Metro



### PFLAG

POLICY MATTERS

### **GLOBAL MATTERS**

**The Vatican** - <u>Pope Francis calls laws criminalizing</u> <u>LGBTQ+ people a sin and an injustice.</u> The Pope made the remarks following a trip to Africa.

**Finland** - <u>Finland now allows people to legally change</u> gender by simple declaration. Finland's parliament passed a law making it easier for transgender people to legally change their gender, eliminating past policies requiring trans people to undergo gender-affirming surgeries and to diagnosed with gender dysphoria before making the change.

**Germany** - <u>Government commemorates LGBTQ+ victims</u> <u>of the Holocaust.</u> The Speaker of the Bundestag, Germany's parliament, held a ceremony on the 78th anniversary of the liberation of the Auschwitz extermination camp in which she placed special focus on the thousands of LGBTQ+ victims of the Holocaust.

### **MEDIA MATTERS**

Gallup releases new LGBTQ+ poll. According to the survey, 7.2% of US adults identify as LGBTQ+. The number of LGBTQ+ adults has almost doubled in the last decade going from 3.5% to the new figure of 7.2%. The poll also found that the most common LGBTQ+ identity is bi-plus, with 58.2% of LGBTQ+ so-identifying.

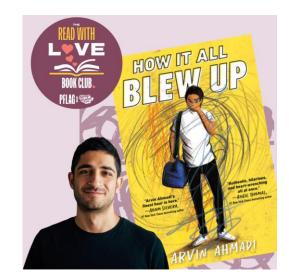
Trump pledges to act to prohibit and punish genderaffirming care for trans youth. In a video, he promised to take action and urge Congress to codify actions against trans and nonbinary youths' parents, providers and educators if given the power to do so.

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/



### Save the Date: October 19-22, 2023 Washington, DC | Arlington, VA



Coming March 27: Our first Read With Love Book Club Meeting!

PFLAG would like to introduce you to a book club experience: the **PFLAG Read With Love Book Club**, where you'll read alongside a group of dedicated bookworms eager to devour titles written by LGBTQ+ authors.

And even better? We're partnering with our friends at **ShopQueer.co**, an independent bookshop that splits its profits with queer authors, doubling their income from the sale of a book.

First up? Arvin Ahmadi's How It All Blew Up, an incisive look at identity and what it means to find yourself by running away. We'll be joined by author Arvin Ahmadi for our meeting!

<u>Sign up now at pflag.org/rwl-bookclub</u>. We can't wait to read with you and #ReadWithLove!







### by Jodi Zavos

Stefanie Clark was the speaker at our February Zoom meeting. You may recall Stefanie was a panelist and model at the PCNI Fall Conference 2022. Stefanie spoke of her passions for writing and storytelling and how they led her on a path of advocacy and activism in multiple avenues, including appointments to political commissions/councils. Stefanie is an ardent supporter of LGBTQ+ youth and seniors. She speaks publicly on many topics relating to LGBTQ+ aging, health disparities, and housing access. Stefanie inspired us with her story and motivated many of us to do more. She is passionate, captivating, and humorous. It was a pleasure to have her join our meeting.

We continue to hold space for each other as we do our best to offer support. These are difficult times and mental health resources appear to be in short supply. Please reach out to those you know who may need some support or just someone to listen. Everyone has a story to tell and sometimes all they may need is a person who cares about what they have to say.

Julio Flores from Howard Brown Health will be our March speaker. Julio was a speaker at the PCNI Fall Conference 2022. We will still be on Zoom in March. You are all invited to join us!

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#### by Toni Weaver

Kellye Stefanski, Middle School Inclusivity Coach for School District 300, invited members of PFLAG McHenry to attend one their meetings with parents of LGBTQ+ students. McHenry members Lynn and Mike Hettermann and Julie Schoen spoke with the parents, and this is what Kellye had to say following the meeting:

"Last night went beautifully! Thank you so very much to all of you for helping organize last night's meeting. It was truly meaningful to everyone there and great conversations were had.

I cannot thank the PFLAG members who came to speak at our D300 LGBTQ+ Parent Learning Space enough! I really believe bringing Lynn, Mike, and Julie in to speak on behalf of their experiences and their children helped the parents in our space find connection and support within the community. It's really hard to put into words the way the space felt "different" in the best way compared to our first meeting. I know our parents felt comforted in the challenges they are facing, knowing they aren't alone in their journey, and hopeful that they will be able to help their own children navigate their journey respectively. While my co-facilitator and I do our best to provide the insight we have in regards to supporting LGBTQ+ Youth, it does not compare the shared lived experiences and advice Lynn, Mike, and Julie were able to speak to. We are hopeful to be able to collaborate and partner with PFLAG in the future."





### by Barb Medley

At our February 5th virtual meeting, we welcomed Lindsay Doyle, a licensed clinical psychologist from The Chicago Therapy Collective (CTC). CTC's mission is to promote citywide accountability and action to alleviate LGBTQIA health disparities and advance collective health and wellbeing through education, therapy, advocacy and the arts.

Lindsay is a queer provider of social services to the LGBTQ+ community. She noted it's meaningful and important to be a queer therapist at this time. She's in her 13th year practicing psychotherapy and joined CTC five years ago. Queer, affirming therapists often work with clients who have families who are not accepting or understanding. She said her patients are her biggest and best teachers. While all queer people don't need queer therapists, given today's climate it does make the therapist/client relationship intimate and challenging. It requires extra diligence.

Joining Lindsay was Moonee Morris, who is interning at CTC. Moonee is in the process of studying social work with the goal of becoming a therapist. She said there are not a lot of trans therapists in the field, so she will be an asset when she completes her education. In her experience, training in trans therapy is lagging. She wants to be a voice for trans people and convey the message that being trans is more "normal" than people have been led to believe.

Lindsay noted there is an expectation that people need to be in crisis to seek a therapist. Any time is a great time to talk to a therapist. Psychology Today is a good resource to find therapists, along with word-of-mouth referrals from peers. A long-term goal of therapy is achieving acceptance with who you are and choosing the best path for yourself; for example, being out and open in some circumstances and not in others, depending on the situation. This promotes a kind of internal freedom.

CTC work with employers such as hospitals and schools to provide education. Their website is <u>https://chicagotherapycollective.org</u>.

In response to a question about telling family members you are trans, Moonee responded that it's most important to make sure you're safe and protected rather than felling an "obligation" to disclose to non-accepting family members. Parents and family should provide protection and respect by, for example, not forcing a trans loved one to attend family events in circumstances where nonaccepting members will make them feel marginalized.

Our March meeting will go back to being hybrid, and the scheduled speaker is Ben Greene, a trans international speaker educating others with kindness and empathy to empower active allies of the transgender community.

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### by Christine Peters

In February, PTI Chicago again welcomed everyone from local newcomers to folks from out of state, totaling 19 participants who sought and shared support and resources. This included our most recent book club selection, Sorted: Growing Up, Coming Out, and Finding My Place (A Transgender Memoir) by Jackson Bird, who grew up trans in Dallas in the 1990's and is currently a recognized trans advocate. We thank Francey Oscherwitz, Board member and dedicated librarian, In March we will be screening the 2021 short film <u>Mama has a Mustache</u> by Sally Rubin. According to the website, it is a "...quirky, fully animated documentary about gender and parenting, as seen through children's eyes." The filmmaker has promised to send our group a recorded commentary to help introduce her film. We're looking forward to discussing this, followed by our usual time to share and listen and support one another. You can view the trailer here.

#### https://vimeo.com/578932892

All are welcome on Zoom on the second Thursday of each month, including March 9th, 2023 from 7:00 p.m. -9:00 p.m. Participants will receive an email with the link and password to enter the meeting. Parent/s, guardians, or family members of transgender, nonbinary, or gender diverse individuals who would like to join us for the first time should e-mail PTI Chicago President Bill Guilfoile at <u>bill.guilfoile@gmail.com</u>

thoughtful choice. Members found Bird's book an engaging memoir and also appreciated the informative sidebars that explain topics such as "Sex vs Gender" and "Trans Men and Pregnancy." PTI Chicago highly recommends this selection for individuals as well as group discussion.

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### by Rob Neufelder

Greetings PFLAG friends,

On February 19th, we held a hybrid meeting with 28 people of various ages, including 23 in-person and 15 first-time attendees! We had the highest turnout since the beginning of the pandemic. It felt like old times! Many folks lingered after our sharing circle to make connections and exchange stories.

During our meeting, we learned about the new branding from PFLAG National. We appreciate their templates, color palettes and general guidance. We will continue incorporating this branding into our slides and giveaways.

Meeting in-person allowed us to showcase our library of books, videos and media galore! The family of our chapter's President donated a new book to our library, titled "Writing Out of the Closet: LGBTQ Voices from High School", which features writing from their child.

### Writing Out of the Closet

LGBTQ Voices from High School



KYLE O'DANIEL AND ERIN MIKULEC, EDITORS

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With safety and security on everyone's mind, we will host **ALICE training** on April 23rd from 2:00-4:00 p.m. and plan to invite other chapters in the area to participate. We will also work on a chapter-specific safety plan that we will incorporate into chapter meetings and community events.

We look forward to being out and about in our community in 2023 as we continue to emerge from the COVID Pandemic!

## first-time attendees!





### by Tara Chavez and Jane Zawadowski

Hello from Oak Park! Our monthly meetings are still HYBRID so members have the choice to join remotely or in person. We've had some great turnout the last several meetings!

PFLAG Oak Park hosted a film screening + discussion of *Mama Has a Mustache* on Saturday, December 3rd at the home of member Jane Zawadowski. 10 people gathered round in community and discussion of the 10-minute animated film.

We introduced ourselves and shared our pronouns. Who wants to wait for food? Not us! So, next, we helped ourselves to the abundant assortment from two charcuterie boards that 2 participants realized they both share a passion for. All the food was vegan at the request of the host, and one person remarked, "Wow, I can't believe this is all vegan!" Lots of fruits, veggies, olives, dips, cheeses, crackers, chocolates. One member brought a homemade mandarin orange bread. Teamwork makes the dream work!

We settled into our chairs in the colorful space and watched the film. At 10 minutes, definitely accessible, and everybody's energy was focused on the film. Director Sally Rubin had interviewed 12 children whose parents "all identify somewhere outside the traditional gender spectrum, and come from ethnically diverse backgrounds." The film is a short, fully animated documentary about gender and family, as seen through children's eyes.

Post film, we held an open forum discussion. I loved that our conversation was so respectful. We talked about:

\*\*The innocence and freshness of youth! Ah! To all of us just be so unspoilt. One of the participants shared that her child taught her this phrase, "If it's not love it's not real." In other words, the hurtful and non-loving things that people do are based on their trauma, their fear, and tragic learned behavior. It could even be that they were raised in a model of not getting what they wanted, not being listened to, and "Hey, I turned out fine." So they just want to perpetuate systems of domination. However, as one person's boss in the healing arts says, "It's not truth; it's trauma." To sum up, how we long for the day when love and acceptance reign.

\*\*The movie creates a sense of freedom. When we see our parents wearing whatever they want to wear, that opens up worlds of possibilities for all of us. One child in the film shares, "You want to know something? I wear tutus. And guess what, my uncle wears a tutu sometimes, too."

\*\*Our first time meeting a trans person. We noted that for us in the older generation, our first encounters were at a much older age, whereas for the teens it was generally in middle or even elementary school.

\*\*Bullying and what we can do about it. We expressed our concern about how, tragically, racism is still a troublesome presence in our country, and how impactful bullying is when it results in violence and death.

\*\*The teenagers contributed to the discussion, sharing their experiences and lessons learned. One of the students felt free to suggest a different framing for my first experience of meeting a transgender person, and I was grateful for their ease of speaking up and contributing.

Afterwards, several members expressed how energized they were by our gathering. We are growing and inspired and I'm sure we will create lots of opportunities that we really enjoy for getting together. So lovely!

We continue to welcome more parents of trans individuals than ever, and there is a major need to EXPAND our chapter! Looking to the future, we have been in touch with Ben Greene, a transgender activist, educator, and resource. He is available to speak via Zoom at our April 23rd meeting. This is going to be an exciting opportunity for all members of the community! Check out Ben's website: https://www.bgtranstalks.com/

"If it's not love, it's not real"







Some sad news to announce... On February 10, 2023, Sylvia Grace [Nikkel] Menninga died peacefully in her sleep at home after suffering the debilitating impacts of Parkinson's disease over the past three years. Sylvia cofounded and co-facilitated the Oak Park Chapter of PFLAG. She was a strong social advocate for progressive causes including prison reform, housing, hunger, racial and gender equity and LGBTQ rights. Along with her husband, Gy, they were recognized for their community service with the Ulyssean Award from the Senior Citizens' Center of OPRF, and the Bruce Scott "Courage and Justice" Award recognizing LGBTQ activism. She has been an inspiration to many, and has made the world a better, brighter, and more caring place.

A Memorial Service will be held at 2PM on Saturday, May 6, 2023, at First United Church of Oak Park, 848 Lake Stree, Oak Park, IL 60301.

In lieu of flowers, donations should be sent to Pine Avenue Church Food Pantry, Pine Avenue United Church, 1015 North Pine Avenue, Chicago, IL 60651.

Our chapter feels blessed for having known Sylvia. She leaves behind an inspiring legacy. Her smile and presence will forever be missed and cherished. ≫

We will once again offer the hybrid option at our next meeting, held every fourth Sunday at First United Church of Oak Park, 848 Lake St, Oak Park, IL 60301.

> Our next Hybrid (in person and via Zoom) meeting will be on March 26th from 3 - 5 pm Mark your calendars!

# LGBTQ+ Forest Therapy Walk

### March 11, 1 to 3pm June 3, 9am to noon

The LGBTQ+ community and allies are invited to join us for forest therapy walks this spring at **The Morton Arboretum**. The walk will be led by a certified forest therapy guide who is also queer. It'll be a fun and inclusive opportunity to connect with nature and each other through gentle walking meditations in a peaceful setting. After the program, stick around to enjoy the grounds, check out the visitor center, and grab a bite to eat at the cafe. Ages 16+ (Email **bpudar@mortonarb.org** if you have younger folks interested in attending.)

### Learn more and register!

### **PFLAG Ambassadors**

Email **info@pflagillinois.org** to add your name to our **PFLAG Ambassadors** list. You will receive invites to represent PFLAG at various outreach and activism events. Some engagements are in-person and some are online. No commitment to take a particular number of Ambassador assignments is required.



## **The Power of Fashion**

### by Ann McAuliffe

It's a sure sign of Spring – Chicago's Fashion Week is happening in April!

Back in October, PFLAG teamed up with Howard Brown Health and FashionBar Chicago to present our Fall Conference, The Power of Advocacy. One of the many highlights of the day was a Fashion Show featuring trans and nonbinary models to highlight the fluidity of fashion. This was a prelude to a much larger Fashion Show which occurred during Chicago's Fall Fashion Week.

It is my pleasure to invite you to two fashionable events hosted by our stylish partners Howard Brown Health and FashionBar Chicago. All are welcome to join a behind the scenes peek with a panel showcasing the development of the Trans Media Fashion concept on March 14th. The actual Trans Media Fashion Show, press event and cocktail party happens on April 27th at Water Tower Place. Registration details and discounted ticket information is included below.

### Vernita Gray Council for Philanthropy (VGC) Meeting

**Featuring Trans Media Fashion** – Mar. 14 | 6-8pm | 1025 W. Sunnyside Ave.

Join us for a lively discussion with <u>Tony Long</u> (CEO, FashionBar, LLC and Founder Trans Media Fashion), <u>Maliyah Arnold</u> (Model & HBH Board of Directors), <u>Ariana</u> <u>Ray</u> (Model), <u>Stefanie Clark</u>\* (Model), <u>Tony Riviello</u>\* (Sponsor), <u>Julio Flores</u> (Associate Director of Youth Development) and moderated by <u>Ella Jasso</u> (Model & HBH Staff).

Register | Questions: stevens@howardbrown.org

VGC members are notated with an asterisk (\*)

This meeting is designed for Howard Brown donors, Team Howard Brown Health AIDS Run & Walk members, VGC members and others who want to get involved with our work.



Stefanie, Maliyah & Ella

### **Trans Media Fashion**

Apr. 27 | 6-9pm | Water Tower Place

Join us for Chicago Fashion Week powered by FashionBar in partnership with Howard Brown Health to showcase trans and nonbinary models to highlight the fluidity of fashion. 25% ticket sales go to Howard Brown's Broadway Youth Center.

### **Get Tickets**

### Photos: April 2022 | October 2022

\*Use **TRANS2023** promo code for 25% discount off the ticket price for **General Admission**. [share with your network!]

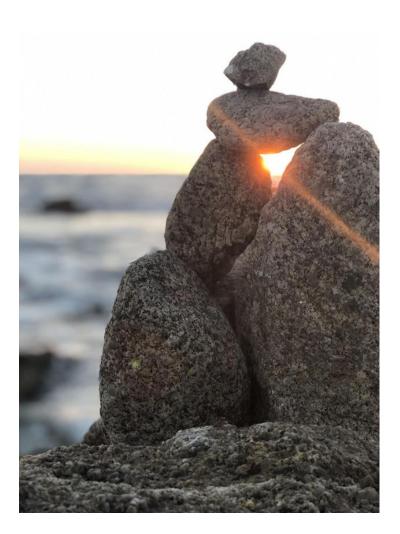




## Asilomar State Beach, Pacific Grove, California

### **by Maddie Barrett**

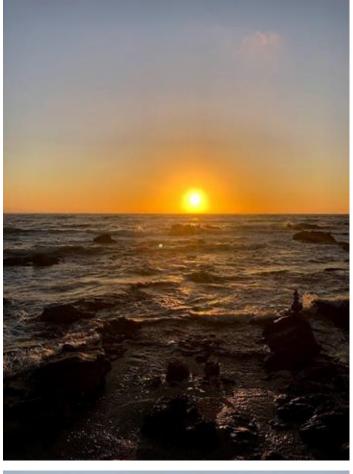
Editor: Maddie (she/her) is a student at Antioch Community H.S. and a volunteer for Open Doors, sourcing materials and articles for publication. Maddie's Mom is a member of the PFLAG Grayslake / Round Lake chapter and a volunteer for several of our projects. Volunteering runs in the family!



### **Capturing the Beauty and**

### **Destruction of Nature**

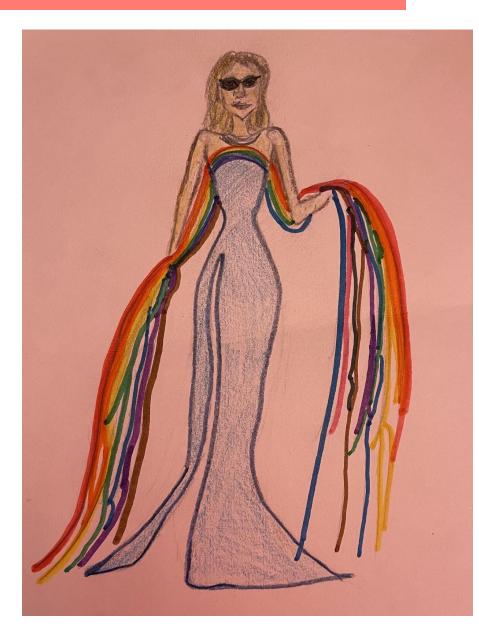
These photos were taken on the last day of my vacation to California in 2020. Hearing the roar of the waves crashing against the rocks and watching the sun drop below the horizon made me feel truly at peace and calm. Something I hadn't felt since the Covid-19 pandemic hit.







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Artwork by Antioch Community H.S. students Mason L (16, She/Her) and Maddie Barrett (17, She/Her)

Send artworks, photos, essays, and poetry by creative LGBTQ+ youth for publication in Open Doors: <u>opendoors@pflagillinois.org</u>

## Aging with Pride: NHAS

The landmark study **Aging with Pride: National Health, Aging, and Sexuality/Gender Study** is the first federally-funded longitudinal national project designed to better understand the aging, health, and well-being of LGBTQ+ midlife and older adults and their families. With over 2,400 LGBTQ+ adults ranging in age from 50 to over 100, this project deepens our understanding of how various life experiences are related to changes in aging, health, and well-being over time.

One goal of this launch is to reach a new generation of study participants, adults turning 52-58 this year, who were not eligible to participate when this study first began. Researchers hope that by hearing this new generation voice their thoughts, they will further deepen their understanding of how various life experiences are related to changes in aging, health, and well-being over time. The survey can be accessed by clicking "check your eligibility" at the top of the <u>study website</u>



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## YOUTH QUEER PROM

April 22, 2023 Dinner 6:00-7:00pm Dance 7:00-10:00pm



Tickets Dinner & Dance \$30 Dance Only \$10



Open to all LGBTQ+ Youth & Allies Ages 12-20 Use Code 2023PromYO by March 11 to get \$10 off Dinner & Dance ticket

JOLIET PRIDE NETWORK

Register here: <u>https://jolietpridenetworkyouthqueerprom2023.eventbrite.com/</u> Email <u>outreach.jolietpridenetwork@gmail.com</u> with questions.

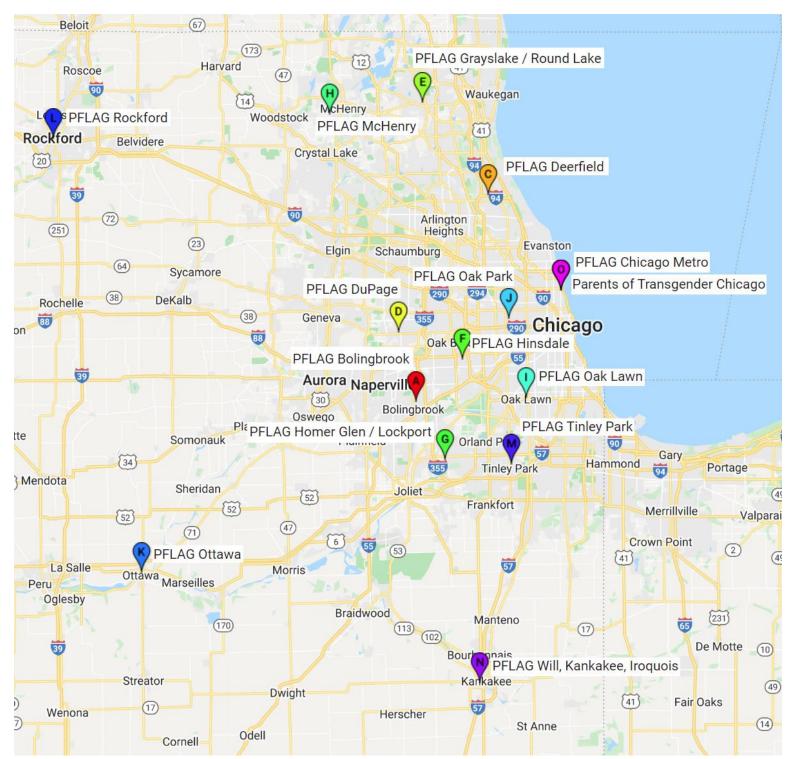


The Center's Board of Directors invites you to join it the evening of Saturday, **April 15**, in support of the Center's crucial services reaching thousands of community members each year. 6 pm - Cocktail Reception. 7 pm - Dinner & Program **The Geraghty 2520 South Hoyne Ave. | Chicago 60608** 



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### **PFLAG Northern Illinois Chapters**



Click/tap anywhere on the map to open it online and find meeting dates/ times/locations. Some chapters are meeting online on Zoom, and some are returning to in-person meetings. Contact the chapter for details before your very first meeting and watch for chapter announcements if you are a member.

