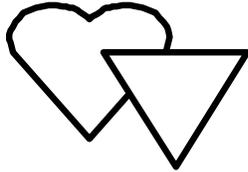




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The Voice of PFLAG



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HELEN & BOB BRILL SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED TO THREE GLBTI STUDENTS/ALLIES on June 21st. Congratulations to Melissa Choyce, David Creaturo and Spencer Gartner (details on pages 2-3).

SPENCER GARTNER, 2006 BRILL SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT, WILL SPEAK AT OUR JULY 19TH MONTHLY MEETING.

HAVE YOU CHECKED OUT OUR WEBSITE YET? (www.PFLAGHartford.org.) While we are continuing to add more information and links to other sites, you can already find a wealth of information about our PFLAG Hartford support group and the issues we all care about.

PFLAG is a welcoming place for parents and friends of lesbians & gays, but we are much more than that. Gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender and intersex people are also encouraged to attend our meetings. GLBTI people come with or without their family members, and parents and friends come with or without their GLBTI loved ones. **PFLAG is for YOU!**

PFLAG HARTFORD MONTHLY SUPPORT GROUP MEETINGS: Third Wednesday each month, 7:30 p.m., Immanuel Congregational Church House, 10 Woodland Street (Just North of Farmington Ave.), Hartford. For more information, please call Marie & Bob Calvin at (860) 633-7184 or Becky & John Glezen at (860) 633-5111.

REFRESHMENT REMINDER:

July 19 – John B.
August 16 – David & Dennis
September 20 - Scott
October 18 – Joan J.

MEMBERSHIP DUES:

Student/Limited Income: \$10
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**UPCOMING PFLAG HARTFORD
 BOARD MEETING
 7:00 p.m., August 21
 Hosted by Jean C.**

*Please make your check payable to **PFLAG Hartford** and Send it to:
 PFLAG Treasurer, 2261 New London Turnpike, South Glastonbury, CT 06073.
 For any questions concerning dues, e-mail treasurer@pflaghartford.org.*

Parents, Families and Friends of Lesbians and Gays promotes the health and well-being of gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender and intersex persons and their families and friends through:

Support, to cope with an adverse society

Education, to enlighten an ill-informed public

Advocacy, to end discrimination and to secure equal civil rights.

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

UPCOMING /ONGOING EVENTS

- **RAINBOW ROOM** (a program of the **Hartford Gay & Lesbian Health Collective**) – a welcoming place for lesbian, gay, bisexual, trans and questioning “LGBTQ” teens and young adults (up to 21 years old). Sundays, 3-6 p.m., 1841 Broad Street (the Hartford Gay & Lesbian Health Collective building). For more information please visit our website at www.hglhc.org or contact us at sensae@aol.com or call 860/278-4163.
- **NEW ENGLAND REGIONAL PFLAG & TRANSCENDING BOUNDARIES CONFERENCE** 10/28-10/29, DCU Center in Worcester, MA. Mark your calendars - we want PFLAG Hartford to have a good representation.
- **PRIDE CELEBRATION** Saturday, September 9, 4-10 p.m., Main Street, Hartford (Front of City Hall).

BRILL SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED

On Wednesday, June 21, three outstanding Connecticut High School students were awarded scholarships at the fourth annual Helen and Bob Brill Scholarship presentation.

Established in 2001, this scholarship is a natural outgrowth of a long-standing collaboration between the two sponsoring organizations – PFLAG Hartford and True Colors. Executive Director of True Colors, Robin McHaelen, recalls, "In preparation for our first conference (then known as Children From the Shadows), I met with every sexual minority group in the state in my search for co-sponsors. PFLAG's Hartford chapter was one of the first to offer help, support and expertise. When Ross Zachs (a Hartford PFLAG member) suggested establishing a scholarship, it made sense for our groups to collaborate in the effort. After all, we're both in the business of fostering LGBTI families".

The fund is named for Helen and Bob Brill, co-founders of Hartford's PFLAG chapter in 1981 (one of the earliest and still among the largest and most active in Connecticut). Noted for their community involvement, this couple's reputation was sterling. Hartford Courant correspondent, Susan Campbell, summed it up in an April 27, 2003 article. "It was hard to find a social justice issue with which the Brills weren't involved. They took life seriously".

This year's scholarship committee members are: Gina DiPietrononio, staff member at True Colors; Becky and John Glezen, Hartford PFLAG co-presidents; Robin McHaelen, True Colors' Executive Director; Ross Zachs, Hartford PFLAG member; and Kenneth C. Decker, member of PFLAG Hartford and a board member, of True Colors.

This year's recipients are:

Melissa Choyce: Melissa is a 2006 graduate of Ridgefield High School, as well as from The Center for Global Studies (“CGS”) Magnet Program (hosted within Brien McMahon High School, Norwalk). At CGS, she took courses in East Asian Studies, which will form the basis of her major in college. During her sophomore year, Melissa won the "Ambassador Award" during CGS's annual study tour of Japan. This past year, the program's Community Spirit Award underwrote her attendance at the 2006 tour. In terms of LGBTI activism, Melissa stands as a founding member of her school's GSA known as SAGA (Straight and Gay Alliance). Taking a leadership role, she coordinated that group's attendance at the 2006 True Colors Conference and served as the key organizer of SAGA's observance of the 2006 Day of Silence, which attracted more than 220 participants! In the broader community, Melissa has participated in the Connecticut Youth and Government Program, an initiative of the YMCA. She's also a Girl Scout and has earned many badges and awards within that organization. Melissa has been accepted at Smith College, which she will attend in the fall, with a major in East Asian Studies.

David Creaturo: Writer, activist and scholar only begin to describe the many facets of David's areas of accomplishment. A 2006 graduate of Newtown High School, Sandy Hook, David was involved in the Literary Magazine; the Writing Club/Slam Team; the Gay-Straight Alliance and Diversity Club. He was also a member of the stage crew for Newtown High School's fall production of “Noises Off”. A gifted orator, David served on diversity panels on two different occasions, giving voice and face to sexual and gender minority students at Newtown High School. In addition, David not only attended the True Colors Conference, but also presented a workshop on teaching a sociology unit on homosexual issues in the classroom. This workshop was also presented at the Bridging The Gap conference at Bassick High School. Never content to simply follow the established pattern, David enriched his school's observance of the Day of Silence by creating a brochure educating students on the issues of same-sex marriage and co-parent adoption. Inducted into the Societed Honoraria Hispanica for solid academic performance in Spanish I-III in his sophomore year, David also took a college-level course, UCONN Spanish V, as a senior. David will attend the University of Connecticut. With his wide range of interests, David is undecided on a major at this point.

Spencer Gartner: Graduating first in his class at Westbrook High School, Spencer's academic schedule was as varied as it was challenging. The recipient of more than 20 academic awards during his high school career, Spencer was also a member of the Westbrook High School Theatre Department; Varsity Math Club; High School Bowl Environmental Club; Literary Magazine; Chamber Choir and Model United Nations, among many other groups. As an active member of GASP, a local LGBTI youth group in Madison, Spencer was inspired to collaborate with the Executive Director of Westbrook Youth and Family Services in creating TeenPRIDE. This is in keeping with Spencer's concern for youth and children (working with these groups is a career goal); Spencer has served as a Peer Counselor in the Westbrook School System and was on the Youth Advisory Council of Westbrook Youth and Family Services. As an actor, Spencer's credits range from sacred to secular, having played, among other roles, Jesus in "Godspell" and Kris Kringle in "Miracle on 34th. Street". David will attend Northwestern University in the fall.



WHY PRIDE MATTERS In the current print issue of The Advocate, Hollywood publicist Michael Levine argues that pride festivals are bad PR. His fellow Hollywood publicist respectfully--and strongly--disagrees.

By Howard Bragman - An Advocate.com exclusive posted, May 31, 2006

I was reading Michael Levine's commentary on why gay pride celebrations are bad for our image [in the June 6 print issue of The Advocate], and I must say I couldn't disagree more. Let me tell you how I come to this conclusion.

First, I have been practicing public relations for more than 25 years. I have had the honor and privilege of representing nearly every major LGBT organization in the United States, including Christopher Street West, the group behind Los Angeles's gay pride celebration. I have participated in the parade as its publicist, as an honoree (Gay Businessman of the Year), as a marcher, and as a spectator. You can't discuss the public implications of gay pride without understanding a historical perspective. Thirty years ago, when these celebrations were in their infancy, our community was invisible. I repeat, invisible. Mainstream news organizations did not cover our community; our civil rights struggles had no legitimacy; and if we were covered, it usually focused on negative or stereotypical images. The gay pride parades were our moment. Our earliest pioneers stood in public and said, "I'm here, I'm queer, get used to it." While that wasn't the language they used, necessarily, it was certainly the spirit in which the parades were presented. Now, when we march down Santa Monica Boulevard in West Hollywood, Calif.--a city where the majority of the elected officials are openly gay--it's easy to forget that what has become an afternoon celebration was once an act of remarkable courage. And who were our earliest heroes? They were the very members of our community who had no choice but to be out--the butchest lesbians and the most effeminate men; leather enthusiasts; and our political pioneers. We have grown and matured as a community, and our parades now present a much more diverse cross section of our population. But at the beginning it was the few and the proud, and all of us should be deeply indebted to those who talked the talk and walked the walk. Without their efforts, we would not be where we are today.

The second point I need to make is that gay pride celebrations were not created for the media. They were created for us. They bring us together in droves, and they inspire a sense of community. No one can go to a gay pride parade and not be amazed at the numbers and the diversity of our people and not feel a sense of kinship and community. One of the most moving moments of my entire life was marching in the parade with my parents in the PFLAG contingent. The cheering was amazing. My mother started crying and said, "This must be what it feels like to win Wimbledon." Attendance has changed at parades. Thousands of our straight friends now join us, not to gawk or hold up signs telling us we're going to hell, but to share our celebration and party. They know that without gay people, parades wouldn't exist. In fact, parties probably wouldn't exist. And if they did, the partygoers would be poorly dressed, the food and décor would suck, and the whole event would be bo-o-oring.

I'm not ignorant of the points that Mr. Levine was trying to make. It does seem that the media likes to focus on Dykes on Bikes and Tom of Finland-esque men in harnesses and leather jockstraps. Do the mainstream media need to present a more accurate and balanced picture of our community? Of course they do. They need to get away from the stereotypes and take a more balanced look at every community, not just ours. It's hard to do this in a 90-second news story, but we have to keep pressure on them to show realistic and positive portrayals of us—a lesbian firefighter, gay parents with an HIV+ child, or a transgender teacher sharing textbook and life lessons with children. When I was doing PR for Christopher Street West, I used to take the media to the kitchen cabinet refinishing booth to show them that we're just as boring as the rest of the world. But I never denied our more

flamboyant brothers and sisters--they are us, and they have as rightful a place in our community as a Log Cabin Republican in a Brooks Brothers suit. Even more justified, in my mind



This from PFLAG National after the June 7, 2006 Senate vote on the Federal Marriage Amendment:

DISCRIMINATION 49, FAIRNESS 48

PFLAG COMMENTS ON FEDERAL MARRIAGE AMENDMENT VOTE

Washington – *Following the U.S. Senate’s vote on the Federal Marriage Amendment (SJR 1), Jody M. Huckaby, executive director of Parents, Families and Friends of Lesbians and Gays (PFLAG), which represents more than 200,000 members and supporters in all 50 states, issued the following statement:*

“This whole ordeal provided us with some great statistics.

Forty-nine of our elected leaders voted to support legislation that would write discrimination against our loved ones into the Constitution. These people would deny gays and lesbians basic rights like healthcare and hospital visitation. Without a shred of credible evidence, they shamefully concluded that ‘traditional’ marriages would be torn apart if we were to grant all Americans equal rights, and used this as their justification for their extreme position.

On the other hand, 48 of our legislators displayed great courage and wisdom in opposing the Federal Marriage Amendment. Whether they voted no because they believe that this bill is discriminatory, or because they believe that this should be left to the states and not a federal mandate, or because they believe this to be a deeply misplaced priority, they have made a tremendous statement. Their votes prove that this political pandering will not be tolerated.

Over the course of the last three days, the U.S. Senate has wasted nearly 20 hours debating a bill that would make the Constitution a license for discrimination against the millions of gay and lesbian Americans. During this time, they could have been discussing issues that matter to all Americans – the war in Iraq, immigration, rising fuel costs, and adequate funding for education, to name a few – but they chose to appeal to extreme factions and carry out the demands of vocal constituents who would forever change the face of the Constitution.”



WE WHO ARE LEFT BEHIND

Excerpts from an article by the Reverend Irene Monroe, from The Advocate, May 9, 2006

There’s something mean-spirited and wholly sinful about a church that would shut its adoption agency doors rather than comply with state laws that ban discrimination against gays, as Boston-based Catholic Charities has vowed to do.

Homosexuality may be antithetical to the tenets of Catholicism, but that does not excuse church leaders’ power-playing with the future of parentless children in order to promote “values” that devalue the helpless. This society that promises “no child left behind” each day abandons any child who is denied access to loving parents because of a dogmatic agenda. How do I know this? I grew up as a ward of New York State.

I was shuffled back and forth from foster home to foster home in Brooklyn at a time when it was not only politically incorrect for white couples to adopt black children but also illegal. Child experts of the day argued that black children in white homes would lose their cultural identity and might even appropriate racist attitudes toward other blacks, like comedian Dave Chappelle portrays in his skits as a blind black man ranting and raving why he hates “niggers.”

Arguments against gay parenting are eerily reminiscent, and they’re equally superfluous, bigoted, and wrongheaded.

Many argue that our adopted children would be bullied and ostracized by their peers, that they’d experience difficulties in intimate relationships, that they’d show atypical gender development, thus being more likely to adopt a gay or a lesbian sexual orientation.

None of this is supported by the evidence, which overwhelmingly indicates that children of gay parents turn out just as emotionally and mentally healthy—and just as likely to be straight—as kids with heterosexual parents. Next to that, consider also the evidence of what happens to young wards of the state—a fate often no different than the abuses surrounding the human trafficking of women and children in Third World countries.

We who come through the foster care system are the children left behind. We are bounced from home to home... When we age out of foster care, we are homeless and parentless again.

Clerics who rail against gays adopting have no idea what it is like to grow up as a ward of the state, to be the child society left behind. The 2003 Vatican document that called gay-parent adoptions “gravely immoral” shows no compassion for the physical, psychological, and spiritual well-being of parentless children. This kind of moral grandstanding violates the three commandments of children’s civil rights:

- No child should grow up without the love and security provided by committed parents.
- No child should be bereft of the joys of living in a loving and nurturing household that focuses on spiritual content

and not on its members’ individual characteristics.

- No child should be left behind because of politicians’ and clerics’ promotion of their own self-serving agendas.

A violation of any of these commandments is gravely immoral.

**CONGRATULATIONS TO ASYLUM HILL CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH, HARTFORD –
NOW AN OPEN & AFFIRMING CONGREGATION**

by Ron G., PFLAG

Hartford

Asylum Hill Congregational Church is an open and affirming church as the result of a vote by the congregation on April 30. The overwhelming approval of a statement on inclusiveness and diversity capped a two-year process of study, discussion and prayer.

Leading the effort was a 16-member Task Force on Inclusiveness, the church moderator and clergy. We decided to broaden the focus to encompass race and ethnicity, people with mental and physical disabilities, sexual orientation and our relationship with our neighborhood.

The first year was a time for the task force's self-education. This process consisted of:

- Two presentations by biblical scholar and church member Wayne Rollins on what the Bible says and does not say about inclusiveness, diversity and homosexuality.
- Two sessions on the nature and language of prejudice and discrimination led by Natalie Thorsen of the National Conference for Community and Justice.
- A presentation by representatives of other area UCC churches that have gone through the open and affirming process.
- A gathering of current and former AHCC moderators to evaluate where the church stands on the scale of openness and inclusiveness.
- A discussion with two members of the Conard High School gay-straight alliance about the importance of an open and affirming statement.
- A discussion with a CCSU professor on listening skills.
- The second year began our effort to reach out to the congregation, which we called "A Season of Conversation,"

and this consisted of:

- Two public lectures by Wayne Rollins on the same issues he discussed earlier with the task force.
- Three after-church forums - one by members telling their personal stories, another by neighborhood representatives telling us what AHCC means in their lives and how we can improve, and another by representatives of churches that are already open and affirming. Each forum drew more than 75 people.
- Sixteen group discussions on the issues held in members' homes and two larger gatherings at church. These were meant to allow the congregation to freely talk about their ideas and concerns in a safe environment. About 375 attended these meetings.
- Our clergy also spoke on the issue from the pulpit during the two-year process.

It's safe to say that church members had much opportunity to listen and express their thoughts and concerns along the way. Some had questions or reservations about the sexual orientation part of the statement and about whether we needed a statement at all, but the vast majority of members strongly supported it as evidenced by the vote.



DID YOU KNOW?

PFLAG RANG THE CLOSING BELL AT THE NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE (NYSE) on June 30.

We partnered with the NYSE to “**Ring the Closing Bell on Homophobia.**” June 30th officially marked the end of the GLBT Pride season for many communities so, for PFLAG, ringing the Closing Bell was the culmination of important activities carried out by PFLAGers from coast to coast who have been active participants in their local Pride events.

Among the many support, education and advocacy activities PFLAG does throughout the year are our efforts to partner with corporations to help them advance GLBT diversity in the workplace.

But PFLAG wanted to use the NYSE Closing Bell event as an opportunity to tell people that for every GLBT person who makes decisions about their purchases based in part on how the corporations support (or don't support) GLBT equality, there is at least one parent, family member, friend or straight ally who feels the same way and makes the same kind of strategic purchasing decisions. Do the math - we are talking about over \$1.2 trillion dollars in purchasing power today and over \$2 trillion by 2012!

Dear PFLAGers:

We wanted to share this letter to President Bush, sent by our PFLAG National President Sam Thoron, Becky and John

June 8, 2006

Dear President Bush,

It is my honor to serve Parents, Families and Friends of Lesbians and Gays (PFLAG) as national president. We are the nation's largest family organization dedicated to equality for gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender citizens. PFLAG proudly sponsors over 500 grassroots chapters and affiliates with locations in each of the 50 states and the District of Columbia. I write on behalf of our members, over 200,000 parents, family members and supporters, in expressing our outrage over your recent, very public, statements in support of the Federal Marriage Amendment.

You are using the full prestige and weight of your office to advocate for an amendment to the United States Constitution that, for the first time since the abolition of slavery, seeks for all time to perpetuate discrimination against a class of citizens. We fail to understand why perpetuating the oppression of our family members should be a national priority.

In the very same speech, you state that "every American deserves to be treated with tolerance and respect and dignity." How you can say this when you lobby for a change of our Constitution that permanently consigns our lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender children, family members and loved ones to second class citizenship is utterly beyond comprehension.

You argue that this decision belongs with the people. In the long history of our country, ending discrimination against an oppressed minority has rarely begun as the will of the majority. Because the majority of the people desire a certain action does not make that action right or just. Placing this issue before the people may simply be subjecting yet one more oppressed minority to the tyranny of the majority.

I deeply believe that, like every other citizen of this great country, my daughter deserves to be treated in every aspect of her life with the same respect and dignity as flows so naturally to her two brothers and to your two daughters. As Parents, Families and Friends of Lesbians and Gays, all we want for our children, families and loved ones is that they have full access to all the rights, privileges and obligations of full participation in citizenship, including the rights and obligations that come with civil marriage, the right to build a family. In the name of "family values," it is these very rights that you would have them denied by our Constitution.

Mr. President, I remind you that you have an obligation to govern on behalf of every citizen of this country, not just the slim majority who elected you, nor on behalf of the vocal minority who would have you advance their discriminatory and sectarian special agenda. This country was founded on the concept of liberty and justice for all. For the President of the United States to advocate and lobby for discrimination against and oppression of any group of citizens is an inappropriate and, frankly, cowardly use of the power of the office and is inexcusable, not to say, unforgivable.

Very truly yours,

Samuel Thoron, President,
Parents, Families and Friends of Lesbians and Gays

Life has no other discipline to impose, if we would but realize it, than to accept life unquestioningly. Everything we shut our eyes to, everything we run away from, everything we deny, denigrate or despise, serves to defeat us in the end. What seems nasty, painful, evil, can become a source of beauty, joy and strength, if faced with an open mind. Every moment is a golden one for him who has the vision to recognize it as such. - Henry Miller

SOME TIPS FROM OUR PFLAG LIBRARIAN

I am willing to mail items to those who request them via e-mail. Please leave me an e-mail message with your telephone number and mailing address, along with your request. If you don't have an updated bibliography, please ask for one at our next monthly meeting. You can reach me at librarian@pflaghartford.org.

In an effort to update our PFLAG Library, following is a **Wish List** of books in which members have expressed an interest. If you would be willing to either donate a copy that you may already own, or if you would be willing to purchase one for our library, we would greatly appreciate your generosity.

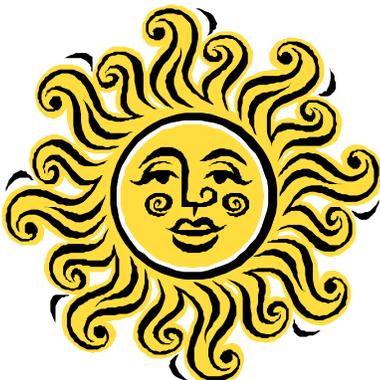
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2. **Luna**, by Julie Anne Peters
Found on B&N WEB site for \$7.99 paperback
3. **A Biological Explanation for Human Sexual Orientation** - a presentation by Dr. Cynthia Chappell is offered by PFLAG Houston on DVD. Copies can be ordered by e-mailing Voices@pflaghouston.org or by calling there at (713-467-3524). There is a suggested donation of ten dollars per DVD, and VHS copies can be special ordered.

We will publish a **Library Wish List** as requests are made for new books. (Prior to the purchase of a selection from our Wish List, please e-mail me to make certain that no one else has already donated that item to the library.)

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PFLAG NORWALK/SOUTHWESTERN CT

When: First Wednesday of every month, 7:30 pm
 Where: Triangle Community Center, 16 River St. Norwalk
 Help Line: (203) 226-0257 or (203) 438-0530
 Email: PFLAGSWCT@yahoo.com

PFLAG NORTHWESTERN CONNECTICUT:

Contact: Diane (860) 435-2738

PFLAG MADISON/SHORELINE

No Meetings
 Email: davidwinthropknapp@yahoo.com
 Help Line: (203) 453-1395

PFLAG DANBURY

When: Second Monday of every month, 7 pm
 Where: St. James Episcopal Church
 25 West Street, Danbury
 Help Line: (203) 797-4743

PFLAG GREATER NEW HAVEN

When: Third Tuesday of every month, 7:30 pm
 Where: Church of the Redeemer
 Corner: Whitney Ave./Cold Spring St., NH
 Help Line: (203) 907-0518
 Email: greaternewhavenpflag@yahoo.com

**Central and Western
 Massachusetts**

Williamstown Area:

When: Second Sunday of every month, 2 pm
 Where: First Congregational Church, Williamstown
 Contact: (413) 243-2382

Springfield Area:

When: Last Wednesdays, every month, 7 pm
 Where: South Congregational Church
 45 Maple Street, Springfield
 Contact: (413) 732-3240 or (413) 783-7709

Greenfield, MA

Help Line: 413/625-6636
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