



OCTOBER 11, 2010
NATIONAL COMING OUT DAY

(While this is a day set aside for those now comfortable with their sexual orientation to “come out” it is also an opportunity for PFLAG parents to “come out” to friends and family.)



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IN THE PFLAG HARTFORD FAMILY:

NOTE: We will hold a brief ANNUAL MEETING of our membership at the beginning of our September 15th regular monthly meeting. The principal business is election of the Board for the coming year.

CONGRATULATIONS to Dennis Morin & David Owens, long-time PFLAG Hartford members, on their September 19th wedding at Center Church in Hartford. David serves on our PFLAG Board and Dennis makes sure he gets to meetings. We wish you a long and happy married life.

SINCERE CONDOLENCES to Carolyn Arvidson and family on the recent passing of her husband, Reg. The Arvidson's have been long-time members of PFLAG Hartford.

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 MEETS: Third Wednesday of 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 at (860) 633-7184 or Becky & John at (860) 633-5111.

REFRESHMENT REMINDER:

- September 15 - John B.
- October 20 - Charlotte & Glenn
- November 17 - Alexis & Mitch
- December 15 - Rose & Larry

MEMBERSHIP DUES:

- Student/Limited Income: \$10
- Household Membership: \$40
- Individual Membership: \$25

Please make your check payable to PFLAG Hartford and Send it to Joan Jansen, 12 Colchester Commons, Colchester, CT 06415

**UPCOMING PFLAG
HARTFORD
BOARD MEETING
Monday, October 25, 7:00 p.m.
Hosted by Connie & Mike**

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.

PLEASE KEEP PFLAG HARTFORD IN MIND DURING THE UNITED WAY CAMPAIGN

UPCOMING /ONGOING EVENTS

- **RAINBOWROOM:** (a program of the **Hartford Gay & Lesbian Health Collective**) - - A welcoming place for lesbian, gay, bisexual, trans and questioning "LGBTQ" teens (13-21 years old). RainbowRoom meets the third Sunday of every month, 3-6 p.m., 1841 Broad Street (Health Collective building), Hartford. For more information please visit our website at <http://www.hglhc.org/> or contact lizy@hglhc.org or call 860/278-4163.

HGLHC TRANSGENDER SUPPORT GROUP: Group is currently not meeting. Updated information will be posted as changes are made. More Info at: <http://www.hglhc.org/> or lizy@hglhc.org or call 860/278-4163.

- **TRANS SOFFA SUPPORT GROUP IN CONNECTICUT:** This is a group for Significant Others, Family, Friends and Allies of Transgendered, Transsexual and Gender Variant people (SOFFAs). Trans people who are SOFFAs are welcome. Meetings held on the 2nd Sunday of each month and are facilitated by Kristal Barnes and Kasha Ho. Contact Kristal- u2kristal@yahoo.com 860/878-5256 or Kasha- kho@afsc.org or call 860/523-1534.

- **TRANSCENDING BOUNDARIES, INC. CONFERENCE,** DCU Center, Worcester, MA, Nov.19- 21. This conference provides lectures, workshops, panels and entertainment for the education, activism, research, & support for communities celebrating their gender, sex and sexuality. For more information and to register for the conference, go to <http://www.transcendingboundaries.org> or info@transcendingboundaries.org

GLSEN LEADS DECADE-LONG FIGHT IN NY**N.Y. Senate Passes the Dignity for All Students Act**

The New York Senate late Tuesday night passed the Dignity for All Students Act (DASA), an enumerated anti-bullying bill that includes protections from bullying and discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation and gender identity/expression. The vote was 58 to 3. The bill already passed in the Assembly and now goes to Gov. David A. Paterson, who is expected to sign the bill. If signed, New York will become the 10th state to enact an enumerated anti-bullying law that includes a list of characteristics most often targeted by bullies, which research shows is more effective than a general anti-bullying law.

"This is a watershed moment for New York schools, which are about to get safer for all students. GLSEN applauds the New York State Legislature for taking comprehensive action against all forms of bullying and ensuring that all students are protected under the law," GLSEN Executive Director Eliza Byard said. "After 10 long years of work to pass this legislation, GLSEN is pleased that New York will now join nine other states that have passed effective, enumerated safe schools legislation."

"We also congratulate the hard work of the Dignity for All Students Act Coalition, including the Empire State Pride Agenda, New York Civil Liberties Union, NYSUT, and the Anti-Defamation League, whose dedication to safe schools and leadership on this effort made this victory possible."

GLSEN has been working on a New York anti-bullying bill since a version was first introduced in 1999. DASA has passed the Assembly seven times but failed to pass the Senate Education Committee in each instance until this session. LGBT students in New York face extreme victimization. Inside New York Schools: The Experiences of LGBT Students, a research brief based on New York students who participated in GLSEN's 2007 National School Climate Survey, found that 79% of LGBT students in New York had been verbally harassed in the past year because of their sexual orientation.

"Such widespread support for an enumerated bill gives us even more hope that Congress will follow suit and pass the Safe Schools Improvement Act so that students across the country will have the same protections," GLSEN Director of Public Policy Shawn Gaylord said. The Safe Schools Improvement Act is a federal anti-bullying bill introduced in the House with 114 bipartisan cosponsors that would require schools that receive federal funding to have enumerated anti-bullying policies.

The nine other states that have enumerated anti-bullying laws are California, Illinois, Iowa, Maryland, New Jersey, North Carolina, Oregon, Vermont and Washington. Three additional states (Colorado, Maine and Minnesota) as well as the District of Columbia have nondiscrimination laws that cover schools and include protections based on sexual orientation and gender identity/expression, providing a crucial measure of protection for students.

Please note: Connecticut includes sexual orientation in its anti-discrimination policy for schools, but not gender identity/expression. However, GLSEN Connecticut is an active member of the organization, ctEQUALITY, working to add gender identity/expression to all Connecticut's state discrimination statutes. ...

Leif Mitchell & Liane Roseman

GLSEN Connecticut Co-Chairs

The Gay, Lesbian and Straight Education Network strives to assure that each member of every school community is valued and respected regardless of sexual orientation or gender identity/expression.

SAME-SEX COUPLE MAKES HISTORY WITH MALPRACTICE CASE*by John Christoffersen*

Fri., July 2, 2010

A jury has awarded the estate of a cancer patient \$2.45 million over claims that botched cancer treatments damaged the woman's 21-year-long same-sex relationship, attorneys say.

Margaret Mueller and Charlotte Stacey sued two doctors in 2006, accusing them of treating Mueller for ovarian cancer in 2001 when she actually had cancer of the appendix.

The claim that the botched surgery harmed their relationship was thrown out earlier because the couple was not married then. The couple had been together since 1985 and were united in a civil union in November 2005.

The Stamford Superior Court jury awarded \$2.45 million to the estate of Mueller, who died last year and the women's attorneys say the lawsuit was the first of its kind under Connecticut's civil unions law.

CHANGES WILL SOON DRAMATICALLY TRANSFORM HEALTHCARE IN THE U.S.

This is big. Sweeping new changes will soon dramatically transform healthcare in the U.S. for lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender (LGBT) people.

The Joint Commission – the largest organization that accredits hospitals nationwide – has announced that, **in the future, all hospitals in America will need to have a non-discrimination policy for LGBT patients on their books.** Once the new rules are in place, the horror stories we've all heard of loved ones being met with hostility at the worst of times, of already heart-wrenching decisions made even harder, of people being denied care, will be a thing of the past – in Connecticut and every state in the nation.

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Just today, [June 7] HRC released a new report showing that among 200 of the nation's largest hospitals, 93 percent do NOT have fully-inclusive non-discrimination policies that protect all LGBT people, and almost half don't include sexual orientation in their "Patients' Bill of Rights" or non-discrimination policy. ...

Though the Joint Commission's announcement came just before an important memorandum from President Obama on hospital visitation, far too many same-sex couples are still paying the price for healthcare inequality. From the unfair taxation of employer-provided domestic partner health benefits, to the fact that most health insurance plans do not offer domestic partner benefits or healthcare benefits for transgender Americans – the need for further progress remains urgent.

We can start by making sure the Joint Commission's new protections are implemented in Connecticut as soon possible, so that not one more family needlessly suffers. ...

Warmly,

Joe Solmonese, President, HRC

THANK-YOU to our July meeting speaker, Ginny, for sharing her heartfelt story regarding her journey as the loving mother of a transgender son. Ginny is an activist on behalf of LGBT rights. We were all moved by her story.

OUR AUGUST MEETING SPEAKER was Kathey Fowler. Kathy is a LGBT civil rights activist, HIV counselor and educator, and works as the Coordinator of Women's Services and breast cancer awareness programs at the Hartford Gay and Lesbian Health Collective. She is proudly raising two daughters with her partner Melissa. Thank-you, Kathey, for making us laugh and for educating us about the inequality that exists for same-sex partner families.

JUDGE STRIKES DEFENSE OF MARRIAGE ACT IN MASS.*The Hartford Courant, 7/9/10*

A federal judge in Massachusetts ruled Thursday in favor of gay couples' rights in two separate challenges to the 1996 Defense of Marriage Act.

The state had argued the law denied benefits such as Medicaid to gay married couples in Massachusetts, where same-sex unions have been legal since 2004. U.S. District Judge Joseph Tauro agreed, and said the act forces Massachusetts to discriminate against its own citizens.

In a ruling in a separate case filed by Gays & Lesbian Advocates & Defenders, Tauro ruled the act violates the equal protection clause of the U.S. Constitution. "Congress undertook this classification for the one purpose that lies entirely outside of legislative bounds, to disadvantage a group of which it disapproves," Tauro wrote.

His rulings apply to Massachusetts but could have broader implications if they are upheld on appeal.

A MOTHER'S PRIDE AT PRIDEFEST*by Jane C. Rasmussen, June 19, 2010**From the Milwaukee-Wisconsin Journal Sentinel*

Serving on the welcoming committee for a PrideFest celebration at Milwaukee's lakefront last weekend was a rite of passage for me. I came alone, but I was not alone.

There stood PFLAG (Parents, Friends of Lesbians and Gays), a group that had given me hope and companionship in my struggle with the civil rights issue of our day. I wanted to stand up and be counted among those who welcomed and celebrated diversity, and this was my chance. I took my courage from their collective courage some 37 years in the making since their founding in New York City in 1973.

I was intrigued by the faces in the crowd. Some came painted white for mime performances. Others came in magnificent drag costume. Some were as ordinary as my next-door neighbor and my co-workers.

In my position at the gate, I saw spiked hair and multicolored Mohawks; T-shirts laden with challenging messages; rainbows on clothes, jewelry and skin; tattoos of every kind; family troupes, couples or loners; people in wheelchairs; toddlers in strollers through seniors with walkers and canes; Christians, non-Christians and the un-Christian.

Negative energy worked its way in as police on horseback and motorcycles arrived with the folks who showed up, self-designated as God's representatives, to shower their own brand of darkness on our parade. A deluge of literature, condemnation, preaching and general harassment barred entrance to the festival grounds for the two hours they spent there before they departed with their police escort. The air cleared.

Positive energy flowed from mothers and fathers who welcomed and honored their children, one with a sign that read "God blessed me with a gay son. Amen," that she has carried long enough to have become an icon at the festival. That message and the warmth of the mother who carried it caused grown men to tear up and ask for a hug in memory of a mother who had died or one who could not be there but would have been had she not been so far away.

I promised a young black woman that her own mother would overcome the rejection she now felt and be proud of her beautiful daughter someday.

I listened to a vet tell of suicide among the young people who couldn't come to grips with their orientation.

I hugged an old man who wanted to know how my gay son was doing and saw the joy on his face when he heard me say, just fine. "Glad to hear that things are changing," he said with a lump in his throat.

I explained to a man on crutches who was resentful and angry of the sign "Homosexuality is a sin" that had been posted by the extreme right-wing, Bible-thumping group across the street that not every member of organized religion was as judgmental and rejecting as they were. I suggested that he contrast the energy on this side of the street with the loneliness on the other side, and he would know in his heart where God's love abounded. I saw him at the Sunday service the next morning.

I heard a fellow volunteer comfort a young Asian man torn in confusion by the messages of hate and anger he had just received as he had walked from the parking lot.

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I wondered as I drove home if there wasn't some way to make PrideFest happen more often. Once a year is just not enough for me.

"I know that when you're in the midst of a great movement of change it seems like it is glacial. But any fair assessment, from my perspective, having lived longer than at least more than 75% of you that I see in this room, is that it is extraordinary what has happened in such a short period of time."

---Secretary of State Hillary Clinton, during an LGBT pride Month speech at the State Department

ARGENTINA'S SAME-SEX MARRIAGE BILL SIGNED INTO LAW. President Cristina Fernandez signed a new law last Wednesday making Argentina the first country in Latin America to legalize marriage for same-sex couples. Civil registries across the nation will now begin processing long lists of marriage applications from gay couples. The first such ceremony in Buenos Aires is set for August 13. The law, which was approved by the Senate last week following earlier endorsement by the lower house, grants same-sex couples the full legal protections and responsibilities that marriage gives to heterosexual couples, including the ability to inherit property and to jointly adopt children. Mexico's capital was the first city in the region to legalize gay marriages. The bill was pushed by Fernandez's left-of-center administration, worsening its already strained relations with the Roman Catholic Church.

BREAKING NEWS: DC COURT RULES AGAINST FOES OF MARRIAGE EQUALITY *by Michael Cole**From the Internet: July 15th, 2010*

Big victory for marriage equality in DC! Today the DC Court of Appeals ruled against foes of DC marriage equality who had wanted to put an initiative on the ballot to invalidate same-sex marriages entered into in the District.

While Bishop Harry Jackson, a pastor in Maryland, has been the public face of this litigation, the truth is that outside groups like the National Organization for Marriage and the Alliance Defense Fund are the driving force behind these anti-equality measures.

“The court’s ruling today is a significant victory for justice, the rule of law and the protection of all D.C. residents against discrimination,” said Human Rights Campaign President Joe Solmonese. **“It’s time for the National Organization for Marriage to realize equality is here to stay no matter how much money they want to throw at turning back the clock.”**

In its decision, the Court of Appeals, D.C.’s highest court, decided 5-4 that the Council properly exercised its authority under the D.C. Charter in establishing the requirement that a proposed initiative may not authorize, or have the effect of authorizing, discrimination prohibited by the D.C. Human Rights Act. The Court ruled unanimously that the proposed initiative would in fact impermissibly permit discrimination against gays and lesbians in the District.

POETRY CORNER:

She Is My Child

She cannot be reduced to statistics, poll, stereotypes, nicknames, prejudice and opinion.

She is my child.

I still have the same dreams. The details may have changed, but the dreams are still the same.

Because, you see, she is my child.

She’s not some monster to be feared, some pervert to be sneered at, some child molester or converter of adolescents.

She is my child.

She is warm and caring and sensitive and vulnerable and angry and sad, funny and human.

Yes, she is my child.

You will not harm her if I can prevent it. You will not hurt her.

She is my child.

I join with every black mother, every Jewish mother, every Native American mother, every Hispanic mother, every Asian mother and every disabled child’s mother, every gay child’s mother and every mother whose child has known hatred and prejudice.

And I say they are our children, our very special, precious children.

*by Elise Self, PFLAG Mom**From the Book Straight Parents, Gay Children, Keeping Families Together*

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PFLAG Hartford has been available as a resource for support to families and friends of GLBTI people in Greater Hartford, and beyond, for over 20 years. We are staffed solely by volunteers, and depend heavily on contributions to enable us to continue to educate and advocate for an end to discrimination and to make this a safer world for our GLBTI loved ones.

Your help is greatly appreciated.

PFLAG CELEBRATES HISTORIC WIN AND DECLARATION OF JUSTICE FOR ALL IN CA MARRIAGE DECISION

Washington, D.C. – Parents, Families and Friends of Lesbians and Gays – PFLAG National – celebrated the U.S. District Court decision that strikes down California’s discriminatory Proposition 8 which denied the right to marry to same-sex couples in the state, stating that the measure violates the U.S Constitution.

“Today is, in no uncertain terms, historic,” said Jody M. Huckaby, executive director of PFLAG National. “With this monumental ruling, all families win and at last have the security of knowing that all of our loved ones – both straight and gay – have the same freedom to marry. Today’s ruling sent the message that equality means equality for all.”

The decision issued today in the case of *Perry v. Schwarzenegger* contends that Proposition 8 violates the Constitutional rights of equal protection and due process. In the decision, U.S. District Judge Vaughan Walker concludes that, “Proposition 8 fails to advance any rational basis in singling out gay men and lesbians for denial of a marriage license; the evidence shows Proposition 8 does nothing more than enshrine in the California Constitution the notion that opposite sex couples are superior to same-sex couples.”

“This case provided families across the country with a chance to know that a court heard and accepted their stories of how inequality and discrimination harms their loved ones each day,” said John Cepek, president of PFLAG National. “Once again, we see how telling our stories can and does change hearts and minds.”

Leaders acknowledged that this is not the end of the fight for basic equal rights for all.

“Even as we celebrate today’s victory, know that our work is far from over. Law change is just the start,” said Huckaby. “We need to continue to transform our culture to one that values and treats everyone with the same respect and dignity. There will be more legal challenges, but we’re going to keep doing what we know works, telling our stories about our families to change hearts and minds.”

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- Jody M. Huckaby, Executive Director, PFLAG National

SAFE SCHOOLS IMPROVEMENT ACT INTRODUCED IN SENATE TODAY!

Today (8/6) is a landmark day. The Safe Schools Improvement Act, a federal anti-bullying bill that includes protections based on sexual orientation and gender identity/expression, was introduced in the U.S. Senate by Sen. Bob Casey (D-PA) and ten cosponsors.

The Safe Schools Improvement Act, which is endorsed by the nearly 70 members of the GLSEN-led National Safe Schools Partnership, will require comprehensive anti-bullying policies in our nation's public schools. The bill was introduced in the House last year by Rep. Linda Sánchez and has 119 bipartisan cosponsors.

GLSEN thanks Senator Casey for introducing this potentially lifesaving bill in the Senate. Our nation has failed to address the pervasive problem of bullying and harassment in schools for far too long. Countless youth are denied access to an education every day because they do not feel safe in school. Passing the Safe Schools Improvement Act would go a long way toward laying the necessary foundation of support lacking in many American schools.

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Bullying creates significant adverse academic and other consequences for students. No federal law or policy exists that requires schools to address the problem, and existing state laws vary greatly in their breadth and effectiveness.

GLSEN board member, Sirdeaner Walker agrees. "Bullying is a national public health crisis that demands a national solution," she said. It was Sirdeaner Walker's 11-year-old son, Carl Joseph Walker-Hoover, who took his life in Springfield, Mass. last year after enduring constant anti-gay bullying at school. "As a mother who knows the painful consequences of inaction, I urge Congress to pass the Safe Schools Improvement Act and give schools the tools they need to make their hallways and classrooms safer for all students."

Members of the National Safe Schools Partnership, which in 2007 published federal policy recommendations in *Bridging the Gap in Federal Law: Promoting Safe Schools and Improved Student Achievement by Preventing Bullying and Harassment in Our Schools* include GLSEN, the American Association of School Administrators, the National Association of Secondary School Principals, and the National Association of School Psychologists, among the nearly 70 national education, health, religious, civil rights, youth development and other organizations.

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Eliza Byard, Executive Director

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Email: PFLAGSWCT@yahoo.com

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When: Second Monday of every month,

Potluck at 6:00 p.m.; Meeting at 7:00 pm

Where: Noank Baptist Church,
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Email: kreymundi@allianceforliving.org

Web site: www.pflagsect.org

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Where: First Congregational Church, Williamstown

Contact: (413) 243-2382

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