

**PFLAG, True Colors & the Hartford Gay & Lesbian Health Collective
Scholarship Presentations & Reception**



**June 15, 2011, 7:00 p.m. (prior to our regular 7:30 meeting)
All are welcome to stay for our monthly meeting.**



Refreshments will be served.



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IN THE PFLAG HARTFORD FAMILY:

SINCERE SYMPATHY goes out to the Pysh family on the recent death of Rose's mother, Gloria Jamro.

OUR HEARTFELT CONDOLENCES go out to the Gianini family on the tragic loss of their son, Michael.

THANK-YOU to PFLAG volunteers at the March 11 & 12 True Colors Conference: Frank A.; Karen P.; Tom M.; Steve B.; Alexis & Mitch C.; Mike R.; Connie G.; Scott L. Special thanks to Jim W., John B. and Larry P. for helping out both days; especially for Larry's willingness to set up and take down our booth.

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:

May 18 - Gary S.

**June 15 - Scholarship Presentations
& Reception**

July 20 - Alexis & Mitch

August 17 - John B.

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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

- **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.
- **STONEWALL SPEAKERS** is an all volunteer speakers' bureau composed of LGBT people and allies dedicated to reducing violence and bias while promoting equality for all. We speak to thousands of Connecticut students and adults annually. Listeners will meet LGBT people and their allies in person; hear candid accounts of their lives; and receive honest, informed answers to any questions they have. Let your high school, college, business, religious group or community group know we are available. For more information please contact coordinator@stonewallspeakers.org.
- **CONNECTICUT PRIDE RALLY & FESTIVAL** will be held on Saturday, September 17, 2011, in Hartford's Bushnell Park. Look for more information in upcoming issues of *Caring*.
- **CT GAY MEN'S CHORUS** celebrates their 25th year on Saturday, May 7, 8p.m., Shubert Theater, New Haven. Order tickets online at www.CTGMC.org or by phone at 1-800/644-2462.

WHY DO I KEEP GOING TO PFLAG MEETINGS?

Exactly one day after my daughter made the oblique announcement to me that seemed to be saying she was a lesbian, I looked up "gay" in the phone book, found PFLAG and called. The following week I was at my first meeting, and knew I had to join.

At that meeting I related some of that important conversation my daughter and I had had. I spoke of my worry that I had let her down in my response, and my fear that her life from here on would be erratic, rootless and difficult.

The other parents, without any attempt to sound like psychologists, enlightened and encouraged me. They relieved my guilt. And -- most important -- the lesbians and gays in the room told me, in open discussion and one-to-one during the break, that many of their experiences paralleled my daughter's: going through career and social upsets while "coming out to themselves." And they reassured me that I had not let her down.

I was given several very helpful pamphlets, but I knew they were not to substitute for the human contact I was to have. They were to help me frame further questions and reinforce all I was learning.

But gratitude for the help I received more than ten years ago -- and the wish to help other parents as I was helped -- is only part of why I keep coming to meetings. Another big reason is that my lesbian daughter and I live many miles apart. The gays and lesbians who come to PFLAG, whom I've come to know and consider friends, provide me with continuing insights that help me understand my daughter although I can't be with her much.

Some of my daughter's lesbian friends have told me that their parents refused to have anything to do with them after they came out. If any of the gays and lesbians who come to our meetings are in that position, perhaps I fill a need for them.

I wish PFLAG weren't thought of by some people as a bunch of accepting parents sitting around congratulating themselves. I wish parents who need our meetings and are struggling alone would give us a try. I wish I could tell them how un-awkward and immediately comfortable they would feel. I'd like to give them my personal welcome.

A PFLAG Mom

Thanks to PFLAG Providence for sharing this wonderful letter with us.

2011 DAY OF SILENCE

On April 15, hundreds of thousands of students in all 50 states took a vow of silence to protest anti-LGBT bullying and harassment. These brave students did what far too many school administrators and lawmakers won't: collectively, they say "enough" to anti-LGBT hostilities in America's schools, and demand a unified effort to make it a thing of the past. Students who take a vow of silence put themselves on the line when they do it. Many are tormented or made fun of by peers. Others face hostile attitudes from their teachers.

It takes a lot of bravery to take a public stand in front of all your classmates and faculty. But bravery is also what it takes to create change.

WHITE HOUSE CONFERENCE ON BULLYING WITH A LOCAL SPRINGFIELD TOUCH*By: Kevin Jennings/Special for The Rainbow Times**April 7, 2011*

Carl Joseph Walker-Hoover was a sixth grader in the Springfield (Mass.) Schools in the 2008-2009 school year. School was an awful place for Carl, a place where he was relentlessly bullied as “gay” by his peers because he was a good student who dressed neatly and didn’t fit the gender stereotype assigned to him as an African-American male. On April 6, 2009, Carl decided he couldn’t take it anymore and hung himself. Carl was eleven years old when he decided he’d rather die than go back to school.

On March 10, 2011, I sat in the Blue Room of the White House and watched Carl’s Mom, Sirdenear Walker, tell her son’s story to President and Mrs. Obama right before the start of the first-ever White House Conference on Bullying. The moment I will never forget was when Mrs. Walker pulled out her son’s 8x11 school photo and handed it to Mrs. Obama. Looking both stricken and moved, the First Lady grasped the picture, looked at it intently, and then wrapped Mrs. Walker in a tight embrace. At that moment, I thought that perhaps something good could come out of Mrs. Walker’s loss, that perhaps her son did not die in vain, that perhaps Mrs. Walker’s courage in speaking out about the greatest nightmare that could befall any mother might help bring us to a tipping point where bullying becomes simply unacceptable in America’s schools.

If that happens, I believe March 10, 2011 will go down in history as the date when the tide turned.

By convening the first-ever White House Conference on Bullying and hosting it personally in the East Room of the White House, the President and the First Lady made the strongest statement possible that they believe the moment for bullying to end has arrived and that they are putting themselves and our entire Administration on the front lines of this fight. From the first remarks made by President and Mrs. Obama through the closing remarks by Secretary of Health & Human Services Kathleen Sebelius and Secretary of Education Arne Duncan, anti-LGBT bullying was specifically and frequently called out as unacceptable. As someone who spent more than two decades fighting this battle before I joined this Administration, I watched in awe as the combined leadership of the Obama Presidency sent a clear and unequivocal message: we can’t wait for it to get better for LGBT kids - we need to make it better right now.

This high profile event was not a one-shot deal for the Obama administration. Our work against bullying began in 2009, when a six agency Federal Partners in Bullying Prevention work group was convened to tackle this problem. The Partners staged the first-ever federal Bullying Summit in August 2010, long before the national media frenzy that accompanied the tragic suicides of young people like Tyler Clementi in the fall of 2010. The work group continues its efforts today, unveiling a new web site -- stopbullying.gov -- on March 10 to provide a one-stop shop for those looking for resources to fight all forms of bullying, including anti-LGBT bullying. The Department of Education also announced that day its intention to set up a special technical assistance center dedicated to bullying prevention. This will be followed by the department’s national summits on Gender-Based Violence Among Young People (including violence against transgender youth) in April, a first-ever federal Summit on LGBT Youth in June, and a second annual federal Bullying Summit in September. In other words, the Obama Administration is in this for the long haul.

Every day I wear on my suit a button with Carl Joseph Walker-Hoover’s school picture on it and the dates of his far-too-short life. It reminds me of why I came to Washington in the first place, which was to do my part to make sure these kinds of tragedies come to an end. Sitting in the Blue Room watching Mrs. Walker tell Carl’s story to the President and First Lady last Thursday, I began to believe that -- with this President’s leadership - that day might be coming very soon.

**Kevin Jennings is Assistant Deputy Secretary for the U.S. Department of Education’s Office of Safe and Drug-Free Schools*

ENCOURAGING NEWS FROM THE HUMAN RIGHTS CAMPAIGN!**Poll: A Majority Of Americans Support Marriage Equality***By Carolyn Simon, March 18th, 2011*

For nearly a decade, ABC News and the Washington Post have been teaming up to poll Americans about their opinions on equal marriage rights for same-sex couples. A new poll released today shows for the first time that a majority of Americans – 53 percent – support marriage equality. This is right in line with a poll released in January by the Human Rights Campaign showing support from 52 percent of Americans. Over the past few years, we have seen a huge shift in favor of marriage equality. In 2004, the ABC News/Washington Post poll showed that just 32 percent of Americans favored marriage for same-sex couples. Compared with even five years ago, support has grown 23 percent among people in their 30s, 18 percent among seniors and 17 percent among people in their 40s. Today, 68 percent of people under age 30 are allies for marriage equality.

Rabbi Horowitz, President of PFLAG National, sent a letter to Steve Jobs, asking him to remove the Exodus International iPhone app from iTunes. Rabbi Horowitz's letter reads as follows:

March 22, 2011

Dear Mr. Jobs:

I write to you today not only as the president of PFLAG National (Parents, Families and Friends of Lesbians and Gays), but as the parent of a lesbian daughter – and a rabbi – who has walked a path through his life and faith from confusion and fear of rejection to acceptance, full support and celebration

I have spent a good part of the last week watching the number of signatures rise on the petition to remove the Exodus International iPhone app from iTunes. I have heard the cries from both sides of the argument, from the damage done by Exodus International and similar groups in the area of "helping" those with "same-sex attraction" attain "sexual holiness," to the concern over free speech rights for religious groups. I am in full support of free speech – as a rabbi, much of my work depended on my ability to speak out from my heart. However, the right to express an opinion is sometimes rightly limited by the moral responsibility to do no harm.

Apple's past actions to remove some apps from the iTunes store certainly reinforces this "harm none" belief. Aside from the recent removal of apps that Apple considered to be pornographic, Apple has come down with more than a few decisions to remove apps they considered to be inappropriate, or perhaps harmful to people or a group of people. ... The reason for the removal of such apps is explained in the app guidelines themselves. Section 14.1 states "Any app that is defamatory, offensive, mean-spirited, or likely to place the targeted individual or group in harms [sic] way will be rejected."

There is no question in my mind, as one who has worked with the lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender (LGBT) community for more than 30 years, that the Exodus International app will place LGBT people in harm's way.

Additionally, Section 19 of Apple's app guidelines reads:

"19.1 Religion, culture, and ethnicity Apps containing references or commentary about a religious, cultural or ethnic group that are defamatory, offensive, mean-spirited or likely to expose the targeted group to harm or violence will be rejected

19.2 Apps may contain or quote religious text provided the quotes or translations are accurate and not misleading. Commentary should be educational or informative rather than inflammatory"

The mission of Exodus International – to help LGBT people see that they can "choose" to not be LGBT – is harmful. Such efforts have been condemned by every respected medical and psychological group in this country as explicitly dangerous and harmful to both physical and mental health. As such, promoting Exodus' mission through the Exodus International app will expose the LGBT population to potential harm or violence. I see it in communities around the country – and we read about it in communities around the world – every day. The religious text provided in this app is disguised as educational and informative, but is misleading and inflammatory.

Finally, the app guidelines state, "We have lots of kids downloading lots of apps, and parental controls don't work unless the parents set them up (many don't). So know that we're keeping an eye out for the kids."

Mr. Jobs, there are LGBT children and young adults around the country who are hearing messages that they are inherently bad, or need to change who they are in order to be loved or accepted. These kids are confronted every day with teasing, bullying, and physical aggression. I'm sure that you've seen news reports on how many of these situations play out in communities across the country.

These kids need to make a positive, affirming connection – social networking and technology can offer this in a way that sometimes no one in their community or family can. But the Exodus app reinforces the message that to be "good" they need to be something other than what they are. No child should have to hear this message. So, who is keeping an eye out for these kids? It is our responsibility.

As the father of an LGBT daughter, my goals are the same as the goal of any parent: to raise a child who is capable, self-confident and loves herself, and to offer nothing less than unconditional love and support to her.

Mr. Jobs, there is no app for that.

Based on your own guidelines, and their absolute contradiction to what we know, through research, is explicitly harmful both mentally and physically to LGBT people, we respectfully request that you remove the Exodus International app from iTunes.

Respectfully yours,

Rabbi David M. Horowitz, President, PFLAG National

[To see the results of the Rabbi's letter, please read the following PFLAG National Action Alert.]



On Tuesday evening, Apple removed the app that was introduced last week by Exodus International. The app, which claimed to help people deal with unwanted same-sex attractions, followed the teachings of Exodus International, which suggests that there is a “cure” to being gay. Such efforts have been condemned by every respected medical and psychological group in this country as explicitly dangerous and harmful to both physical and mental health. By removing this app, Apple has reinforced its commitment to “harm none.”

PFLAG National commends Apple for following its guidelines to remove “Any app that is defamatory, offensive, mean-spirited, or likely to place the targeted individual or group in harm’s way will be rejected.” The American Psychological Association, American Medical Association, American Psychiatric Association, and American Counseling Association have all rejected “ex-gay” therapy, saying that it can result in serious harm to the mental health of its victims. The mission of Exodus International is truly harmful to LGBT people.

More from PFLAG National:

On Wednesday, April 6, Representative Barney Frank, D (MA-4) introduced an inclusive version of the Employment Non-Discrimination Act (ENDA), HR 1397, and on Wednesday, April 13, Senator Merkley introduced the Senate version of this bill (S. 811). The bill would make it illegal to fire, refuse to hire or refuse to promote an employee based on the person’s sexual orientation or gender identity. Currently, it is legal to fire someone because of their sexual orientation in 29 states, and it is legal to fire someone because of their gender identity in 38 states. Clearly, the uniform employment protections ENDA would provide nationwide are vital and long overdue.

PFLAG National sees the reintroduction of ENDA as an important opportunity to continue to educate our Senators and Representatives on this important piece of legislation. Our work in this Congress is daunting, but as we educate more Congress members, we create a stronger coalition of allies who can eventually make ENDA a reality.



CHANGING THE GAME: THE GLSEN SPORTS PROJECT LAUNCHED TODAY (March 17)

We’re excited to announce that Changing the Game: The GLSEN Sports Project, our new campaign to make K-12 sports and physical education inclusive and safe for all, regardless of sexual orientation or gender identity/expression, was launched today. We invite you to check out the new site at <http://sports.glsen.org>. ...

Among the sports figures supporting the project either as an Advisory Group member or an All-Star: Hall of Fame tennis players Billie Jean King and Martina Navratilova; ESPN The Magazine and ESPN.com columnist LZ Granderson; Olympic softball medalists Jessica Mendoza and Lauren Lappin; current NFL player Scott Fujita and former NFL player Wade Davis; WNBA player Candice Wiggins; Toronto Maple Leafs’ President and General Manager Brian Burke; National Center for Lesbian Rights Sports Project Director Helen Carroll; three-time All-American wrestler Hudson Taylor; WNBA Coach Lin Dunn; Rugby player Ben Cohen; former MLB player Billy Bean; and former NBA player John Amaechi.

We look forward to sharing more news from this exciting new project in the months to come!
Leif Mitchell & Liane Roseman, Co Chairs, GLSEN Connecticut



April 14, 2011

Yesterday we shared a message from Louis Marinelli, the former organizer for National Organization for Marriage (NOM). He explained how meeting people like Courage’s Anthony Ash changed his mind. And last night, MSNBC’s Lawrence O’Donnell shared that message with the nation. Louis’ conversion proves that our model -- story-telling and making LGBT families more visible – *works*. And now, that message is spreading on national TV, as well as in a Newsweek story today. The real work we do -- you do -- is in your community, showing that inequality affects real people. Just like Louis said yesterday, if we can move people like him, “folks like Courage Campaign, and its supporters like you, can move anyone.” ...The Courage Campaign changes hearts and minds, even those of our opponents.

Adam Bink, Director of Online Programs, Courage Campaign

Family love: “Just because somebody doesn’t love you the way you want them to doesn’t mean they don’t love you with everything they got.” - unknown

THANK-YOU TO OUR MARCH & APRIL MEETING SPEAKERS

Our March meeting speaker was Michael Reynolds, a member of the St.Patrick/St.Anthony Catholic Church in Hartford.

Michael spoke about his experiences as a gay Catholic. Michael was born and raised Catholic, but he experienced a crisis of faith around the age of 29, when he finally "came into his authentic identity as a gay man." He said that his crisis of faith wasn't so much about questioning his own personal faith, but more about finding a faith community where he could bring himself, in all authenticity and fullness, to the faith table. Michael described the process by which he found a church home that has fed his spirit and nurtured his faith.

Thank’s Michael for informing us of the open and welcoming congregation at St.Patrick/St.Anthony.

Our April meeting speaker was Tony Ferraiolo. Tony is the Co-Founder and President of the Jim Collins Foundation, an organization that raises money to fund gender-confirming surgeries for those transgender people who need surgery to live a healthy life, but have no ability to pay for it. This Foundation is a community-based initiative promoting the self-determination and empowerment of all transgender people.

As a sought-after public speaker, Tony has dedicated himself to promoting competent and respectful health care for the transgender community, educating providers and advocating on behalf of patients.

Tony founded and facilitates two youth groups: Translation, a support group for transgender teenagers, and Create Yourself, an art group for gender non-conforming children under the age of twelve. He also assisted in forming TransPACT, a support group for parents of transgender and gender non-conforming children.

In April 2009, Tony was featured in Fortune 500 Small Business magazine, “When a Staffer Switches Gender” for transitioning at the workplace as the Manufacturing Manager at Madison Company in Branford, CT.

Together with ctEQUALITY, Tony is a leader in the fight to bring equality in gender identity and gender expression to Connecticut’s non-discrimination law. He is also a member of the Out & Equal Workplace Advocates Transgender Advisory Board, and a former board member of the Stonewall Speakers.

Tony is an accomplished artist and songwriter, and is currently pursuing his degree as a life coach to further assist others in reaching their goals and accessing their fullest potential.

Beyond this list of inspiring accomplishments, Tony is known for infusing his stories of the struggles of transition with insight, humor, and compassion.

Thank-you, Tony, for sharing your personal story and for your good work within the transgender community.

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When: 7:30 pm, 1st Wednesday (bi-monthly)

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16 River Street (lower level) Norwalk

Help Line: (203) 226-0257 - Westport

(203) 322-5380 – Stamford

(203) 925-0445- Shelton

(203) 847-9183 - Norwalk

Email: PFLAGSWCT@yahoo.com

PFLAG GREATER NEW HAVEN

166 Lovers Lane, Guilford, CT 06437

Meeting: 3rd Tuesday of the Month, 7:30 pm

Church of the Redeemer

185 Cold Spring Street, New Haven

(Corner of Whitney Avenue)

Phone/Help Line (203) 458-0493

Email: greaternewhavenpflag@yahoo.com

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When: Second Monday of every month,

Potluck at 6:00 pm; Meeting at 7:00 pm

Where: Noank Baptist Church,

18 Cathedral Heights, Noank (Groton)

Helpline: (860) 447-0884

Email: bjalthen@sbcglobal.net

Web site: www.pflagsect.org

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Where: First Congregational Church, Williamstown

Contact: (413) 243-2382

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Where: Agawam

Contact: (413) 732-3240 or (413) 783-7709

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