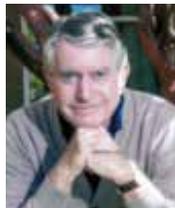




MEET PETER JARMAN



Please join us for our general meeting on **Monday, May 23** at 7:00 pm at Jewish Family Service, 8788 Balboa Avenue, San Diego. **PLEASE NOTE: WE MEET THE 4th MONDAY OF THE MONTH, NOT MAY 30.**

Our guest speaker is Peter Jarman. His story of becoming a male model, as well as making appearances in commercials starting in 1955, is fascinating. He has run the gamut of looking like Fidel Castro after a beard and mustache were applied to meeting his "Mr. Wonderful" to when he found his true love. You will be uplifted after hearing Peter speak of his adventures throughout the years.

Please join us for support groups, then the cookie social, followed by Peter's presentation.

LGBT DISCRIMINATION IS ALIVE AND WELL IN NOLA

A cashier at a New Orleans Family Dollar store was loudly expressing homophobic sentiments, which included her hatred of gays, that they have something "wrong in the head" and that she had the right to refuse service to anyone. This was overheard by Melissa Langford who was the fifth person in line and who is gay. Even before Melissa's turn in line, she just couldn't take the hateful, non-stop rhetoric anymore and spoke up to the cashier, "Excuse me, I happen to be very, very gay, and you're really offending me." Langford said she told the woman she was free to her opinions but asked her to keep them to herself. The cashier said she didn't have to deal with Langford. At that point, the cashier clashed with another customer who was defending Melissa. Among other things, he told the cashier her views were ignorant and said, "Why are you going to hate on people for who they are, and they're spending their money here just like everybody else?" He didn't hold back on the name calling and the argument continued. Melissa decided to video part of the conversation, but when the cashier saw she was being recorded, she toned it down a bit. However, she refused to ring up the male customer and Langford, instead checking out at least two other customers behind them.

Langford and the other customer refused to leave the store without being rung up. Eventually, another cashier handled their transactions. Langford tried to speak with a manager about the incident. She told her, "Whether I'm right or wrong, (the cashier) shouldn't be treating a customer this way, and she can't deny people service just because she feels like it." You'll fall down when you hear this one. The female manager told her she didn't have anything to do with the incident because she was in the back at the time it occurred, adding, "I can't control nothing. She can say and do what she wants."

A woman who identified herself as the local store's manager declined to comment when reached by telephone about the incident. As of this writing, a request for comment from Family Dollar Stores Inc. had not been returned.

JUNE JUBILEE

There are still tickets left for North County LGBTQ Resource Center's 6th Annual Gala on **Saturday, June 4**, 6:30-11:00 pm. Your ticket, sponsorship, and presence will support the many variety of programs that are offered to about 10,000 people each year at the Resource Center. The event takes place at the private residence of Janet Bledsoe Lacy.

Alexandra Billings, who stars as Davina in Amazon's multi-award winning television series *Transparent* will be the entertainment. The series has won awards from AFI, American Cinema Editors, Critics Choice, DGA, GLAAD, Gay and Lesbian Entertainment Critics Association, Golden Globes, Satellite Awards, and WGA. Besides being an actress, Ms Billings is a singer, author, teacher, and activist.

Individual tickets are \$100, and there are group discounts available. To order tickets, go to www.ncresourcecenter.org/gala.

APPLAUDING ONE OF OURS



Although New York and Broadway are quite a distance from San Diego, we want to congratulate Jack Plotnick, the son of long time members, Sue and Ernie Fine.

Jack both co-wrote and directed the play *Disaster!* which has been on Broadway since March and is still going strong. So you know we're not prejudiced, here are two of the reviews: "Guaranteed laughs! Side-splittingly funny!" from the Associated Press and "Critics' pick! Deliriously giddy with a sensational cast!" from *The New York Times*.

The play takes place in 1979 aboard the Barracuda, a floating casino and discotheque of dubious construction. Somehow, the clichés and cheesy comedy work as Jack incorporates references to "The Poseidon Adventure," with hilarious references to other disaster films.

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LOTS GOING ON

Through June 12: *The Boy Who Danced on Air* is at the Diversionary Theatre. It's a brave and compelling new musical which reveals the clandestine yet persistent tradition in Afghanistan of Bacha Bazi, where wealthy men purchase boys from poor families, train them as dancers, and parade them at parties as their property. For performance times and ticket info, go to: www.diversionary.org or call: 619-220-0097. When ordering, use the Promo Code PFLAG for a \$5 discount.

May 19 (Thursday): The 8th Annual Harvey Milk Diversity Breakfast will be held from 7:30-9 am at the Hilton San Diego Bayfront Hotel. Proceeds benefit the social services programs of the LGBT Center. Those being honored are Annise Parker, Houston's first openly gay mayor and Michael Connolly, one of Alberta, Canada's first LGBT legislators. For ticket information: www.thecentersd.org.

May 20 & 21 (Friday and Saturday): San Diego Pride is making the first annual Stonewall Athlete Awards Reception part of the "OUT at the Park" weekend. On May 20, The Stonewall Athletic Awards will serve to support, honor, and enhance the San Diego LGBT athletic community. May 21 is "OUT at the Park" Pride Night at Petco Park. For both events, visit www.sdpride.org.

RB ALIVE

The RB Alive Expo will take place on **Sunday, June 5** from 10:00am-4:00pm. Celebrating their 28th year, they are inviting all to a day of entertainment and enjoyment with over 300 booths (food, crafts, info booths, etc.). There will be a Kids Zone with rides, games and special carnival foods (bring the grands). The Cultural Center will have historical reenactments and local organizations will share their art, culture, history and/or handiwork. One of the main attractions is the Classic Car Show.

A big thank you to PFLAG North County Inland facilitator, Kathie Moehlig, for coordinating the PFLAG booth. If you would like to volunteer, contact Kathie at northcountyinland@pflag.com or call 858-382-9156.

Pictured below are Kathie and her daughter, Jacq.



June 3-5: FilmOut San Diego presents *Lights, Camera, Sunscreen*, their 18th annual LGBT Film Festival.

The location is The Observatory--North Park (the old Birch Theatre) at 2891 University Avenue. For a list of the films and to purchase tickets, visit their web site: filmoutsandiego.com.

June 11 (Saturday): Every year The LGBT Center commemorates the birthday of the legendary life of Frida Kahlo, one of the most influential Mexican painters of the mid-twentieth century. There's lots of live music, multiple art exhibits by local Latin@ artists and vendors, a Frida look-alike contest, great food, and Tequila! Proceeds from this event benefit Latin@ Services at The Center. Check it out at www.thecentersd.org and go to Signature Fundraising Events.

June 11 (Saturday): The 6th Annual "OUT at the Fair" takes place at the San Diego County Fair (previously known as the Del Mar Fair) from 11:00am-11:00pm. For the price of admission, you can celebrate pride as San Diego Pride has created an LGBTQ-safe space. From 10:00 am- 6:00 pm, local non-profit LGBT organizations will be exhibiting in the Paddock area, including PFLAG. There is non-stop music with LGBT themes throughout the day at three different venues. There will be shuttles to and from Flick's in Hillcrest, and "OUT at the Fair" t-shirts are available for purchase. For more details, go to sdpride.org/oatf/.

July 15-17: It's not too early to save the date for PRIDE weekend. The parade will be on Saturday. The weekend theme is *Pride Unites the World*. Details will be in the June newsletter.

DINING OUT FOR LIFE® 2016

Although the profits aren't tallied yet, by the judge of the crowds, San Diegans, again, opened up their hearts and wallets to raise funds for The LGBT Center for their HIV/AIDS services/programs. The Gang of 9 at Adams Avenue Grill include: Bobbi Harwood, Ina Price, Jenica McKeown, Melanie Rocks, Sherry Cohen-Richards, Lonnie Brunini Sue Johnson, Dana Harwood, and Louie Chavez



BUST MY BUTTONS!

While the U.S. is taking many steps backwards, Colombia recently legalized same-sex marriage. This is the fourth country in South America to allow gay and lesbian couples the freedom to marry. The three other countries are Argentina, Brazil, Uruguay. In addition, there are other Latin America territories that also allow same-sex marriage.



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