



# THE NEWSLETTER

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## REAL CRIME FIGHTERS

Please join us for our general meeting on Monday, **March 27** at 7:00 pm at Jewish Family Service (JFS), 8788 Balboa Avenue, San Diego.

We are pleased to have with us Jenna Corbin, Associate Director, San Diego Anti-Defamation League. She is responsible for leading the education team initiatives in the San Diego region to promote inclusion, amplify diversity, and improve campus climate through ADL's A World of Difference programs and No Place for Hate initiatives.

The ADL is constantly fighting cyberhate, bullying, bias in schools and in the criminal justice system, terrorism, hate crimes (which also includes crimes motivated by a victim's actual or perceived gender, sexual orientation, gender identity, or disability). The ADL was instrumental in the passage of the Matthew Shepard and James Byrd Jr. Hate Crimes Prevention Act.

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

## NOT TO BE REDUNDANT, BUT...

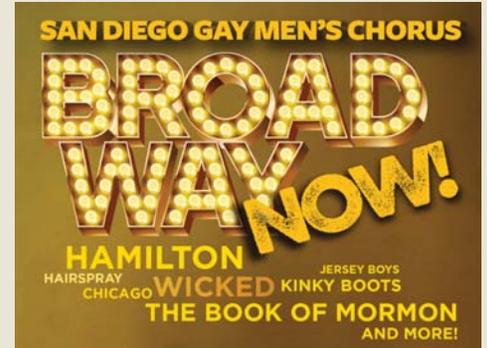
Wanted: qualified **LGBT** high school seniors, full-time undergraduate, and graduate students to apply for PFLAG scholarships. This is our 19th year of offering scholarships.

The application and requirements are available on our web site, [www.pflag.com](http://www.pflag.com)/scholarships. The deadline to apply is Saturday, **April 15**, 2017 and the awards presentation for our annual Launching Leaders Luncheon will be Friday, **June 16**, 2017. Anyone who attended last year will testify that we've come a long way in our presentation of the scholarships and the fanfare that is rightly due the recipients.

For scholarship questions, contact Ian Morton: [scholarships@pflag.com](mailto:scholarships@pflag.com).

## GOOD NEWS FOR EAST COUNTY

The PFLAG San Diego County, East County region is evolving! Tiffany Gonzalez, the PFLAG SDC East County Regional Director, announced they are preparing to host a PFLAG Youth Space Meeting starting in May. The group will meet the third Monday of the month at 7:00 pm at Summit Unitarian Universalist Church, 8778 Cottonwood Avenue in Santee starting **May 21**. Prior to the youth group starting, Tiffany would like all who are interested to attend the PFLAG SDC, East County Support Group meeting to get a feel for what PFLAG is about. The meeting is the second Monday of the month at 7:00 pm at the same location as the youth meeting. If you would like more information, contact Tiffany at 760-554-7967 or [tgonzalez@pflag.com](mailto:tgonzalez@pflag.com).



We hear it's the hottest ticket in town! The San Diego Gay Men's Chorus will be performing the best of today's Broadway on Saturday, **April 22** and Sunday, **April 23**. Songs included are from Hamilton, Wicked, Hairspray, The Book of Mormon, Chicago, Jersey Boys, Kinky Boots, Avenue Q, The Producers and Spamalot. There are special spotlights on Mary Poppins and Fiddler on the Roof. You can't go wrong!

Their last two shows were sold out, so don't dilly. Tickets can be purchased at [www.SDGMC.org](http://www.SDGMC.org).

## MI FAMILIA HAS RETURNED

Thanks, in part, to the efforts of Patti Boman, Mi Familia has returned and is meeting in the South Bay area. The next meeting is **April 10**. Contact Patti for more info: [pboman@pflag.com](mailto:pboman@pflag.com) or 619-227-6092.

## KEEPING UP WITH PFLAG NATIONAL

PFLAG National's PFLAGPole is going digital beginning with the Winter 2017 issue. In order to ensure that you receive the PFLAGPole and other informative emails from PFLAG National, sign up on their email list by visiting [pflag.org/stay-informed](http://pflag.org/stay-informed) and entering your information. Or you can email them at [info@pflag.org](mailto:info@pflag.org) You can also register for PFLAG Academy Online.

## IT'S SUPPOSED TO BE SAFETY IN NUMBERS



It seemed to be “in the bag” that SCOTUS (Supreme Court of the United States) would hear the case of GG v Gloucester County School Board. That all changed on March 6 when SCOTUS decided not to hear the case which was scheduled for March 28.

Background: Gavin Grimm's (GG) case came to the Supreme Court on an appeal from the school board in Gloucester County, Virginia after the Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals ruled in favor of Grimm to allow him to use the boys' bathroom at his high school. He was born female but began to identify as male after his freshman year. He legally changed his name (and birth certificate) and began hormone therapy. There was no problem for Gavin in the first seven weeks of his sophomore year until the school board adopted a policy for restrooms, whereby the students were limited to the corresponding biological genders.

Grimm sued, saying that the arrangement made him feel stigmatized and isolated, and the appeals court ruled in his favor. It said refusing to allow students to use bathrooms corresponding to their gender identity would violate a federal law known as Title IX that bans sex discrimination. The appeals court found that to be a reasonable interpretation of Title IX; however, it is open to other interpretations. In addition, as cited in the Marriage Equality case, equal protection of the law (Fourteenth Amendment) also applied.

## YES YOU CAN

Don't miss this wonderful opportunity to attend the Y.E.S. (Youth Empowerment Synergy) San Diego free annual conference being held on **April 8** between 7:30am-4:30 pm. Sponsored by the San Diego Human Dignity Foundation, the conference will take place at San Diego State University. The goal is to create a space and time where LGBTQ youth (ages 13-24) and all the people that support them can enjoy an uplifting, judgment-free day! It's a day to see LGBTQ entertainers, artists, community leaders and your peers from around San Diego County. The resource tables and workshops include all types of subject matter, including advocacy, education, spirituality and health. There are also panels and breakout sessions for adults and allies. Y.E.S. looks to empower our next generation to be a cohesive and powerful force in creating the world in which we all want to live! To register, go to <http://bit.ly/2l8D5B3>. Any questions, please email [info@yessandiego.org](mailto:info@yessandiego.org).

Enter the Trump administration who rescinded the Education Department letter, as well as guidance issued by the Obama administration to the nation's schools, warning them that failing to allow students to use the bathrooms matching their gender identity could cause them to lose their federal funds.

Grimm's case now goes back to the Fourth Circuit. It, in turn, could send the case back to the Virginia trial court. This is a classic case of one step forward, two backwards.

Even though this pitiful string of events happened, San Diego did their part in supporting Gavin. We are proud to say that members of PFLAG San Diego County were among the speakers who presented their case to the San Diego City Council in support of signing onto the City of San Francisco's amicus brief (meaning “friend of the court”). The brief was sent to the U.S. Supreme Court in support of Gavin.

At the City Council meeting, all the speakers (close to 100) were in support of signing on to the brief; there were no objections. PFLAG members who eloquently spoke were Terrie Vorono, Mick Rabin, and Kathie Moehlig. The vote was held behind closed doors. The result was a 5-1 decision in support of the city signing onto the brief. This is how the vote went so you know how your Councilmember voted: Scott Sherman, no; Chris Cate and Mark Kersey did not vote; Lorie Zapf was not in attendance; David Alvarez, Barbara Bry, Chris Ward, Myrtle Cole, and Georgette Gomez voted yes.

Stay tuned for updates.

## PFLAG THANKS YOU

### Upper Level Memberships/Donations

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Linda & Fred Espinoza	In Honor of Howard Finneycy's 80th Birthday
Molly Frances	Bobbi Harwood
Jan Garbosky	

## DRAGGING FEET SYNDROME?

Quite a few people who were members last year, have not renewed for 2017. Thanks to those who have; we are looking forward to receiving more renewals or first time dues. These monies are used to provide support, education, and advocacy on behalf of our LGBTQ community and their families. They enable us to provide monthly meetings, an info line, newsletters, educational brochures, etc.

Please send your dues to PFLAG San Diego County, as \$15 of it is sent to PFLAG National. If you renew with them, there is no benefit for our San Diego chapter.

The membership application is below and on our website: [pflag.com](http://pflag.com). We accept PayPal for your convenience. You can also pay at any of the meetings or mail a check made payable to: PFLAG SDC, P.O. Box 82762, San Diego, CA 92138. All donations and memberships are tax deductible.

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## SUPPORT GROUPS

### SD METRO GENERAL MEETING & SUPPORT GROUP

Meets every 4th Monday at 7:00 pm, at Jewish Family Service, 8788 Balboa Ave, San Diego in Kearny Mesa.

For further information, contact the Info Line: 888-398-0006 or [www.pflag.com](http://www.pflag.com)

### NORTH COUNTY COASTAL

Meets the 1st Monday of the month at their new location Pilgrim UCC, 2020 Chestnut Avenue, Carlsbad. The new meeting time is 6:30-8:30 pm.

Contact [northcountycoastal@pflag.com](mailto:northcountycoastal@pflag.com) or Annette Ottone, 760-518-3345

### NORTH COUNTY INLAND

Meets the 3rd Thursday at 7:00 pm, Windermere Homes & Estates, 16783 Bernardo Center Drive, Rancho Bernardo.

Contact Kathie Moehlig: 858-382-9156 or [northcountyinland@pflag.com](mailto:northcountyinland@pflag.com)

### EAST COUNTY

Meets the 2nd Monday at 7:00 pm, Summit Unitarian Universalist Church, 8778 Cottonwood Avenue, Santee.

Contact Tiffany Gonzalez at 760-554-7967 or [tgonzalez@pflag.com](mailto:tgonzalez@pflag.com)

### SOUTH BAY

For a private meeting for support or concern, call for an appointment.

Contact: Patti Boman, 619-227-6092 or [pboman@pflag.com](mailto:pboman@pflag.com)

### POWAY LGBTQ YOUTH SUPPORT GRP (Our Space-Poway)

Meets 2nd and 4th Tuesdays from 5:00-6:30 pm, Poway Library, 13137 County Highway S4, Poway. Facilitated by youth.

Contact Kathie Moehlig: 858-382-9156 or [info@transfamilysos.org](mailto:info@transfamilysos.org)

### TRANSFAMILY SUPPORT GROUP

Support groups held separately for children, teens, and adults to explore a multitude of topics around gender identity and expressions.

Contact Kathie Moehlig: 858-382-9156 or [info@transfamilysos.org](mailto:info@transfamilysos.org)

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