



# THE NEWSLETTER

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## PLEASE JOIN US

... for our general meeting on **Tuesday, May 29** at 7:00 pm at Jewish Family Service, 8788 Balboa Avenue, San Diego. **PLEASE NOTE, SINCE MEMORIAL DAY IS THE 4TH MONDAY OF THE MONTH, WE ARE HAVING OUR MEETING THE FOLLOWING DAY.**

We will not have a guest speaker, but we will have support groups (while having goodies, of course). We'll take this opportunity to listen to everyone's "coming out story" at length. We all have one. We hope you'll be able to go to the meeting and support and learn from all our members.

## DINING OUT FOR LIFE® 2018



Once again, PFLAG SDC participated in DOFL to raise funds for The LGBT Center's HIV/AIDS services and programs. Enjoying a meal at DiMille's are Vicki Luna, Bill Luna, Melanie Rocks, Ina Price, Louie Chavez, Lonnie Brunini, Nancy Colbert, Bobbi Harwood, Sue Johnson,

Terrie Vorono, and Sherry Cohen-Richards. It seemed like Annette and Remo Ottone were cozy at Priority Public House.



## WIZARD'S BALL

All LGBTQ+ youth between 14-18 years old are invited to the Hillcrest Youth Center's Rainbow Prom. It's **June 16** from 6:00-10:00 pm at the LGBT Center, 3909 Centre Street in Hillcrest. There is no charge to attend. There will be a DJ, dancing, food, photo booth, games, and performances. With the theme of Wizard's Ball, it's bound to be good!

Any organization or individual who would like to help out with monetary or food donations, please contact Kiona Daelyn at [hyc@thecentersd.org](mailto:hyc@thecentersd.org).

## UPDATE ON NORTH COUNTY MEETINGS

**North County Inland Support Group** will meet 2nd & 4th Tuesdays of the month from 6:30-8:30 pm, St. Bart's Church, 16275 Pomerado Road, Poway. Contact Jill/Dan: 760-855-9424 or [RBPowaypflagsdc@pflag.com](mailto:RBPowaypflagsdc@pflag.com)

**Our Space-Poway**—LGBTQIA/Middle School will meet 2nd & 4th Tuesdays of the month from 6:30-8:30 pm, St. Bart's Church, 16275 Pomerado Road, Poway. Facilitated by youth. Contact Kathie: 858-382-9156 or [info@transfamilysos.org](mailto:info@transfamilysos.org)

**Poway LGBTQ Youth Support/High School** will meet 2nd & 4th Tuesdays of the month from 6:30-8:30 pm, St. Bart's Church, 16275 Pomerado Road, Poway Contact Kathie: 858-382-9156 or [info@transfamilysos.org](mailto:info@transfamilysos.org)

## HATS OFF TO DELORES



There will be a community celebration to honor Dr. Delores Jacobs and her 17 years of service to The San Diego LGBT Community Center. Save the date of **Friday, June 22, 2018**

from 6:00-9:00 pm at The San Diego LGBT Community Center (3909 Centre Street). The Center's Board of Directors proudly hosts this no-cost community event, where there will be a live band, dancing, hors d'oeuvres, desserts, and refreshments.

Even though there is no cost to attend, you need to reserve a spot by sending an RSVP by **June 8th** at: <http://bit.ly/CelebrateDelores>.

Please note that parking in The Center's lot will be limited, but the DMV lot on 3960 Normal Street will be available for public use starting at 6:00 pm, as well as surrounding street parking.

If you wish to use Lyft, you can use the Lyft app for 20% off 2 rides between **Friday, June 22** and **Saturday, June 23** at 11:59 pm by using the code CENTER6. There are caveats to using this discount so please read the fine print!

## BREAKFAST, ANYONE?

There is still time to buy tickets for the 10th Annual Harvey Milk Diversity Breakfast being held on **Friday, May 18** from 7:30-9:00 am at the Hilton San Diego Bayfront Hotel. Proceeds benefit the social services programs of the LGBT Center. Attended by more than 1,000 people, businesses, groups, and organizations, this San Diego event is the place to be! What a way to honor a gifted LGBT activist who brought about so many changes in the community. For ticket information: [www.thecentersd.org](http://www.thecentersd.org).

## SPOTLIGHT ON KATHIE MOEHLIG



PFLAG San Diego County and TransFamily Support Services are proud to be part of Kathie's world. The following is an excerpt from an article that appeared in the April 22 issue of the *San Diego Union-Tribune*. The U-T conducts one-on-one interviews with notable local people.

"Kathie Moehlig has spent 20 years as a life coach and earned additional training as a parenting instructor, drug and alcohol treatment counselor, and as an ordained minister. All of that training, she believes, led to her current role as founder and executive director of TransFamily Support Services. When her own son, Sam, started his transition, there was one local support group available, but not much else. Her family couldn't find any local doctors who were treating transgender youth, either. Once the Moehligs started their journey, other parents began reaching out to her asking for help and guidance."

As a way of introduction, Kathie explains that TransFamily Support Services is a non-profit organization that serves

transgender and non-binary folks and their families. They provide navigation for this very challenging journey. Kathie notes that research shows higher suicide rates among these youth who have no parental acceptance and support, versus those who have the support of at least one parent. The objective is to guide parents with education, support, and resources to be able to move to acceptance and being a support for their youth.

Much of Kathie's work includes: training families, schools, the medical and legal communities, and government agencies how to be supportive and helpful to those who identify as trans and non-binary. To read the rest of the article, go to: <http://www.sandiegouniontribune.com/lifestyle/people/sd-me-one-moehlig-20180418-story.html>.

On **May 19 and 20** from 8:30 am-5:00 pm at the Oceanside Senior Center, Kathie is leading a comprehensive two-day training. This Transyouth Care Conference will provide sensitive and competent mental health and medical care for gender non-conforming children, transgender youth, and young adults. This is a must for all professionals in the field.

Information and registration: [sdtyc.brownpapertickets.com](http://sdtyc.brownpapertickets.com).

## "WHY IS IT THAT, AS A CULTURE, WE ARE MORE COMFORTABLE SEEING TWO MEN HOLDING GUNS THAN HOLDING HANDS?"

### THE LONELIEST GIRL IN THE WORLD

Appearing from **May 24-June 24** is a new, award-winning musical at the Diversionary Theatre. Synopsis: Following the life and evolution of Anita Bryant and her biggest fan, Tommy, *The Loneliest Girl in the World* magically charts the emergence of the gay rights movement on urgently intimate terms. By turns delightful and provocative, this inspiring new musical is a reminder of a battle yet won, the purpose of pie, and the power of an individual voice.

For those of you too young to remember, Anita Bryant was the lead advocate for Save our Children, a political coalition that was against gays and lesbians (then referred to as homosexuals) and sought to overturn an ordinance that prohibited discrimination in housing, employment, and public accommodation. Said Bryant, "What these people really want, hidden behind obscure legal phrases, is the legal right to propose to our children that theirs is an acceptable alternate way of life. I will lead such a crusade to stop it as this country has not seen before."

During an October, 1977, press conference in Des Moines, Iowa, while reporters were questioning Bryant about her national crusade against homosexuals, gay rights activist

Tom Higgins threw a pie in Bryant's face, prompting her to pray for Higgins' salvation. At the time of the incident, she and her cohorts said this would hurt the gay cause and that *Rolling Stone Magazine* was there to report it.

Back then, Bryant was a brand ambassador for Florida orange juice to promote the juice. She was put in her place when the gay community retaliated against the campaign by boycotting orange juice produced in Florida. Gay bars stopped selling screwdrivers and instead sold Anita Bryants, made with vodka and apple juice, the proceeds from which went to a fund that would help to fight against Bryant.

As a result, Bryant lost her contract with the Florida Citrus Commission, her marriage failed, and fundamentalist audiences and venues shunned her as she was no longer allowed to attend their events. As it's been said time and time again, "Don't mess with the gay community." This is definitely a play you would not want to miss.

Go to [www.diversionary.org](http://www.diversionary.org) for performance times and ticket info. You can also call: 619-220-0097. When ordering, use the Promo Code PFLAG for a \$5 discount. The theatre is located at 4545 Park Blvd., San Diego.

## AND SPEAKING OF THE DIVERSIONARY...

Diversionsary Theatre is proud to present Teen-Versionary, their first teen acting company exploring the LGBT experience. Teen-Versionary runs **Monday-Friday, July 9-19**, 10:00 am-3:00 pm. Concluding on **Friday, July 20**, at both 3:00 pm and 7:00 pm, the group will present the play, *queerSpawn*. This provocative, hilarious and poignant new play takes an unflinching look at what it means to be a teen today, and the persisting stigma around the LGBT identity.

The group is comprised of LGBTQ teens and their allies, creating a safe space to creatively explore the story and characters. Youth from 13 to recent high school graduates are welcome to apply for a position in Teen-Versionary.

For tuition and scholarship details, go to [diversionary.org/education/](http://diversionary.org/education/), click on Teen-Versionary and then **CLICK HERE**. For questions, please contact Education Associate, Skyler Sullivan, at [ssullivan@diversionary.org](mailto:ssullivan@diversionary.org).

## JUNE IS BUSTING OUT ALL OVER

**June 3 (Sunday):** It's not too late to purchase tickets to the Annual Benefit Gala for The North County LGBTQ Resource Center: "Growing Community Roots...10 years of Planting Seeds of Hope." The event is from 2:00-8:00 pm at the Leichtag Foundation. To sponsor, donate, or buy tickets, go to [www.ncresourcecenter.org/2018-annual-gala/](http://www.ncresourcecenter.org/2018-annual-gala/).

**June 3 (Sunday):** The RB Alive Expo will take place from 10:00 am-4:00 pm at Bernardo Center Drive between Lomica Drive and Bernardo Plaza Court. Celebrating their 30th 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. Once again, PFLAG SDC will have a booth. If you would like to volunteer, contact Kathie at [northcountyinland@pflag.com](mailto:northcountyinland@pflag.com) or call 858-382-9156.

**June 7-10:** FilmOut San Diego is celebrating their 20th 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: [www.filmoutsandiego.com](http://www.filmoutsandiego.com).

**June 8 (Friday):** The San Diego Equality Awards take place from 6:00-10:00 pm at Humphrey's by the Bay. Awardees include Hon. Toni Atkins & Jennifer LeSar, Dr. Delores Jacobs & Dr. Heather Berberet, and Tracie J. O'Brien. For tix: <http://www.eqca.org/equality-awards/san-diego/>.

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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 @ 6:30 pm

Pilgrim UCC, 2020 Chestnut Avenue, Carlsbad.

**Annette: 760-518-3345 | [northcountycoastal@pflag.com](mailto:northcountycoastal@pflag.com)**

### NORTH COUNTY INLAND

Meets 2nd & 4th Tuesdays from 6:30-8:30 pm

St. Bart's Church, 16275 Pomerado Road, Poway.

**Jill/Dan: 760-855-9424 | [RBPowaypflagsdc@pflag.com](mailto:RBPowaypflagsdc@pflag.com)**

### EAST COUNTY

Not currently meeting. For questions and information:

**Raegan: 858-531-5426 | [eastcountysdc@pflag.com](mailto:eastcountysdc@pflag.com)**

### SOUTH BAY

Meets 3rd Monday at 6:00 pm,

Our Safe Place, 746 Ada St, Chula Vista.

**Patti: 619-227-6092 | [pboman@pflag.com](mailto:pboman@pflag.com)**

### POWAY LGBTQ YOUTH SUPPORT/HIGH SCHOOL

Meets 2nd & 4th Tuesdays from 6:30-8:30 pm

St. Bart's Church, 16275 Pomerado Road, Poway.

**Kathie: 858-382-9156 | [info@transfamilysos.org](mailto:info@transfamilysos.org)**

### OUR SPACE-POWAY--LGBTQIA/MIDDLE SCHOOL

Meets 2nd & 4th Tuesdays from 6:30-8:30 pm, St. Bart's Church, 16275 Pomerado Road, Poway. Facilitated by youth.

**Kathie: 858-382-9156 | [info@transfamilysos.org](mailto:info@transfamilysos.org)**

### MI FAMILIA (Spanish)

Meets 2nd Monday at 6pm. For meeting info, contact:

**Patti: 619-227-6092 | [pboman@pflag.com](mailto:pboman@pflag.com)**

### TRANSFAMILY SUPPORT GROUP

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

**Kathie: 858-382-9156 | [info@transfamilysos.org](mailto:info@transfamilysos.org)**

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**June 9 (Saturday):** The 8th Annual "OUT at the Fair" at the San Diego County Fair (previously known as the Del Mar Fair) is from 10:00 am-7:00 pm. As always, PFLAG SDC will have a booth (in the Paddock area with other local non-profit LGBT organizations). For the price of admission, you can celebrate in this LGBTQ-safe space and all that the fair has to offer. "OUT at the Fair" t-shirts are available for purchase. For more details, go to [sdpride.org/oatf/](http://sdpride.org/oatf/).

**June 21-24:** The theme for this year's Gender Odyssey is Exploring Gender. Together. This international conference is taking place June 21-24 in Pasadena. The conference focuses on the needs and interests of transgender and gender diverse children of all ages, their families and supporters, and the professionals who serve them. Presented are thought-provoking workshops, medical information and consultation opportunities, discussion groups, networking, children and youth programming, and social events. For registration (which may include some discounts), go to [www.genderodyssey.org/los-angeles/](http://www.genderodyssey.org/los-angeles/).

**July 13-15:** It's not too early to save the dates for PRIDE weekend. The parade will be on Saturday, the 14th. The weekend theme is Persist With Pride. Details will be in the June newsletter. Tickets are on sale at [sdpride.org](http://sdpride.org).

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