

MEET PETER JARMAN



Please join us for our general meeting on **Monday, May 20** at 7:00 pm at Jewish Family Service (JFS), 8788 Balboa Avenue, San Diego. **THE MEETING IS THE 3RD MONDAY OF THE MONTH SINCE MEMORIAL DAY IS THE 4TH MONDAY.**

Our guest speaker is Peter Jarman. His story of becoming a male model, as well as making appearances in commercials, started in 1955. 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.

CONGRATS TO THE 2019 PFLAG SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

The 22nd year of celebrating local student scholars was capped off at the Launching Leaders Luncheon held on May 11. Twelve students were honored by receiving scholarships donated by many community members.



They are thanked on page 4. Continuing our partnership with San Diego Human Dignity Foundation has proven to be successful.

More details will be in the June newsletter, but in the meantime, we are proud to present the 2019 awardees:

The Mary Wagner Memorial Scholarship: **Laura James**; John Bessemer Memorial Scholarship: **Evan Hilliard**; Rob Benzon Memorial Scholarships: **Levin Guerra and Ramon Aquino**; Stephen G. Bowersox Memorial Scholarship: **Andy Huynh**; John McCusker Memorial Scholarship: **Isai Soto**; Richard Geyser Memorial Ethics Scholarship: **Jeremy Bloom**; Raytheon STEM Scholarship: **Kendra Kleber**; Kendall Family Memorial Scholarship: **Gabriel Guzmán**; Qualcomm STEM scholarships: **Katelynn Gutierrez-George and Will Sandke**; PFLAG San Diego County Merit Scholarship: **Jesus Suarez**.

Stay tuned for the highlights on each recipient, beginning with the June newsletter.

AN ENLIGHTENING WEEKEND

Camp Lightbulb is holding their second annual Memorial Day Family Camp on **May 25-27** in Santa Monica, California. Included are all age ranges of LGBTQ campers, LGBTQ parents, and parents of LGBTQ campers. Their goal is to build community by having an inspiring weekend of fun and support, while giving the campers an opportunity to make connections and create bonds.

For more information and to register, go to:
www.camplightbulb.org/family-camp.

OUT AT THE FAIR

The 9th annual Out at the Fair®, which is sponsored by San Diego Pride, is **Saturday, June 1** from 10:00 am-10:00 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.

We need volunteers to staff the booth. It’s a golden opportunity to share your experiences and info to members of the LGBT community and allies. The following times are open: 12:30-3:30pm, 3:30-6:30 pm, and 6:30-9:30 pm. Please contact Sherry if you can cover one of the shifts: scohenrichards@pflag.com.

At the main stage at the fair, comedian Jim Gaffigan will be appearing at 7:00 pm. Tickets are available at www.sdfair.com.

“SIGNIFICANT OTHER”

The Diversionary Theatre presents, “Significant Other” from **May 23-June 23**. Synopsis: As Jordan Berman pounds the New York City pavement searching for Mr. Right, he wards off lonely nights with his trio of close-knit girlfriends. As singles’ nights turn into bachelorette parties, Jordan must face his own capacity to love and be loved. This hilarious and heart-wrenching Broadway comedy dives into the trenches of urban single life and the aspirational gay wedding, reminding us that you can’t hurry love—no matter how much you wish you could.

For performance times and ticket info, go to: www.diversionary.org. You can also call: 619-220-0097. For \$5 off each ticket, use Promo Code PFLAG. The theatre is located at 4545 Park Blvd. in San Diego.

MAY AND JUNE HAPPENING

May 17: The 11th Annual Harvey Milk Diversity Breakfast from 7:30-9:00 am. Proceeds benefit the social services programs of the LGBT Center. For tickets and more info: events.thecentersd.org/HMDB.

May 18 & 19: The San Diego Women's Chorus will be performing their spring concert, "Quiet No More: A Choral Celebration of Stonewall." For details and ticket purchases: www.sdw.org

May 20: PFLAG South Bay Support group's speaker is Deja Re from the LGBT Center. Her presentation will be about youth transgender services at the Center.

June 2: 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 31st 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.

June 9: The North County LGBTQ Resource Center's Annual Benefit Gala, "Leading with Love, an LGBTQI Gala Experience" is 2:00-7:00 pm at the Leichtag Foundation, 441 Saxony Avenue in Encinitas. The signature event is what keeps their doors open to serve thousands of people each year. Among the attendees are PFLAG SDC president, Terrie Vorono and North County Inland Regional Director, Kathie Moehlig. Join the fun! You can purchase tickets, sponsor, or donate at www.ncresourcecenter.org/2019-annual-gala/.

June 14: The San Diego Equality Awards take place from 6:00-10:00 pm at Humphrey's by the Bay. Awardees include Todd Gloria, Jason Mraz, Darlene Tando, and Nora E. Vargas. For tix: <http://www.eqca.org/equality-awards/san-diego/>.

June 15: Hillcrest Youth Center presents their annual Rainbow Prom, "Haunted Fairy-Tale" from 6:00-10:00 pm at the LGBT Center in Hillcrest. It is a free event and open to LGBTQ+ youth ages 14-18 years old. They'll be food, DJ, dancing, photobooth, games, and more. Check out their Facebook page, HCYSD.

GOOD NEWS: EQUALITY ACT ADVANCES IN CONGRESS BAD NEWS: ALL REPUBLICANS ON THE COMMITTEE VOTE AGAINST IT

In early May, the House Judiciary Committee approved the Equality Act, a wide-ranging bill banning discrimination based on sexual orientation and gender identity in employment, housing, credit, public accommodations, and other venues. It will now move to the full House, where a vote is expected to be scheduled soon.

The historic 22-10 committee vote, marking the first time the measure has advanced, went along party lines, with all Democrats voting for the bill and all Republicans against.

"It is time that the federal government recognizes that discrimination in any form is wrong, and that we should move forward with these common sense protections that simply build on existing statutes," said Rep. Jerrold Nadler of New York, chairperson of the Judiciary Committee, in his opening remarks to the members.

He stressed that the Equality Act would not interfere with religious freedom but "would provide uniform protection for certain basic, fundamental rights of all Americans. The ability to have a job, to receive medical care, or to rent a home should not depend on who someone is or where they live. And it certainly should not depend on who they love. By allowing an entire class of Americans to be held back by discrimination, we hold back our entire country. Today, we take an important step toward moving our nation forward instead."

Only 20 states have laws prohibiting employment discrimination based on sexual orientation and gender identity, and one state bans employment discrimination based on sexual orientation only.

FIRST FAMILY

Time Magazine has made history by featuring the first openly gay Democratic American presidential candidate, Pete Buttigieg, and his husband, Chasten, as "First Family" on the cover of the May 13 issue.

"In a field of more than 20 candidates, including six Senators, four Congressmen, two governors and a former Vice President, Pete Buttigieg has vaulted from near total obscurity toward the front of the Democratic pack.

EAST COUNTY IS BACK UP AND RUNNING



Thank you to Raegan Edwards for all the efforts in putting East County PFLAG Support Group back on the map. She is a native of San Diego; however, she left for four years to serve in the Air Force. While in the Air Force, she worked on F-15E fighter jets while stationed in Idaho.

Raegan enjoys volunteering and has served as a Girl Scout Troop Leader for 13 years, a feline socializer for the San Diego County Department of Animal Services, and as a Big Sister for Big Brothers, Big Sisters of San Diego. Professionally, she is a Project Manager for North America's largest branded shelf-stable seafood company that is headquartered here in San Diego. Her son came out as transgender approximately four years ago, and PFLAG was the first organization she reached out to for support. In 2017, she began volunteering for PFLAG and is now the East County Regional Director. She has three cats, recently started to dabble with succulents, enjoys reading, and board and video games. East County meetings meet the third Tuesday of the month at the El Cajon Library, 201 E. Douglas Avenue in El Cajon. Feel free to contact Raegan at eastcountysdc@pflag.com.

SAVE THE DATE

San Diego Pride's 45th Pride celebration will take place **July 12-14**. The theme is "Stonewall 50: A Legacy of Liberation" to mark the anniversary of the Stonewall Riots, a moment in history where members of the LGBT community fought back against police brutality and the legal oppression and "won."

July 12 is both the Transgender Pride Celebration and the Spirit of Stonewall Rally and Awards. July 13 is the Pride Parade and Pride Festival, and July 14 continues the Pride Festival. For the concert on Sunday at the Festival, Melissa Etheridge will be the main attraction.

More details will be in the June newsletter. Tickets are on sale at sdpride.org.

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**For further information, contact the Info Line:
888-398-0006 or www.pflag.com**

NORTH COUNTY COASTAL

Meets the 1st Monday at 6:30 pm
Pilgrim UCC, 2020 Chestnut Avenue, Carlsbad.

Annette: 760-518-3345 | 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

EAST COUNTY

Meets the 3rd Tuesday from 6:00-7:30 pm, El Cajon Library,
201 E. Douglas Avenue, El Cajon.

Raegan: 858-531-5426 | eastcountysdc@pflag.com

SOUTH BAY

Meets 3rd Monday from 7:00-8:00 pm, South Bay Youth Center,
1180 Third Avenue, Suite C1, Chula Vista.

Patti: 619-227-6092 | pboman@pflag.com

RAMONA

Meets 1st Tuesday from 6:00-8:00 pm, St. Mary's in the Valley,
1010 12th Street, Ramona. For meeting info::

Carlee: 757-448-5640 | Ramonapflagsdc@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.

Al: 858-382-2262 | al@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.

Al: 858-382-2262 | al@transfamilysos.org

MI FAMILIA (Spanish) NEW LOCATION

Meets 2nd Monday from 6:00-7:30 pm, South Bay Youth Center,
1180 Third Avenue, Suite C1, Chula Vista.

Patti: 619-227-6092 | 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

RAFIKI IS PLAYING IN SAN DIEGO

The film, *RAFIKI*, is a coming-of-age, tender love story between two young women in Kenya, a country that still criminalizes homosexuality. Kena and Ziki have long been told that “good Kenyan girls become good Kenyan wives,” but they yearn for something more. Despite the political rivalry between their families, the girls encourage each other to pursue their dreams in a conservative society. When love blossoms between them, Kena and Ziki must choose between happiness and safety.

A movie depicting lesbian love in Kenya is in itself groundbreaking, but the events that ensued once the film was made, including being banned for homosexual content by Kenya’s Film Classification Board and the lawsuit that was fought all the way to their supreme court and won, allowed it to eventually screen there. But first and foremost, director, Wanuri Kahiu set out to illustrate that love is the same in Kenya as it is across the globe.

RAFIKI is now showing at the Angelika Carmel Mountain Film Center, 11620 Carmel Mountain Road in San Diego. Check the web site for times: www.angelikafilmmcenter.com/sandiego/film/rafiki

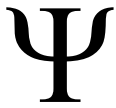
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