



Parents, Families & Friends of Lesbians & Gays

(PFLAG) is a national non-profit organization with over 200,000 members and supporters and over 500 affiliates in the United States. This brochure concerns the Central Maryland Chapter, formed in 2006.

Monthly Meetings

We generally meet from 7:30– 9:00pm on the first Wednesday of each month. We meet in downtown Frederick at Grace United Church of Christ, 25 East 2nd Street. PFLAG is not associated with any church. Membership is not required, walk-ins are encouraged. See topics on reverse.

Other Events

The most current listing of chapter activities, in addition to extensive resource information, is available on our website at **www.pflagcentralmd.org**. Timely information about other events is e-mailed.

Our Mission

PFLAG promotes the health and well-being of gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgendered persons, their families and friends through: support, to cope with an adverse society; education, to enlighten an ill-informed public; and advocacy, to end discrimination and to secure equal civil rights.

Parents, Families and Friends of Lesbians and Gays provides opportunity for dialogue about sexual orientation and gender identity, and acts to create a society that is healthy and respectful of human diversity.

We, the parents, families and friends of lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgendered persons, celebrate diversity and envision a society that embraces everyone, including those of diverse sexual orientations and gender identities.

Only with respect, dignity and equality for all will we reach our full potential as human beings, individually and collectively.

Quiet Accomplishments

We provide lots of one-on-one direct assistance to those in need of immediate information. Mostly to parents and youth, but to others as well, we are often their first point of outreach. To them we supply: pertinent books, frank discussions, and DVD's. Providing support and direction to local GSA (Gay Straight Alliance) groups in area high schools is also just one of our services that you'll never hear about.

Membership

Membership is certainly not required to attend any meeting. It does, however, provide the funds required to support the chapter's efforts throughout the year. We have no paid staff; all funds go to the cause.

Yearly membership dues are \$25 for an individual, \$35 for a family, and \$50 for a business. Send your name(s), e-mail address, optional telephone number, check made out to Central Maryland PFLAG, and mailing address to:

PFLAG
c/o Lois Jarman
1606 New York Ave
Knoxville, MD 21758

Anonymous or one-time donations are also accepted. A loud thank you goes out to those donating part of their fundraisers, too.

More Visible Accomplishments

- Donated scores of member-supplied LGBT books to the Frederick County Library after hearing selection was weak.
- Co-sponsored Frederick County's first Student Pride Prom in 2011. Big success!
- \$500 annual scholarship to the high school student best representing the LGBT causes. See web for application.
- Our website has 100's of visitors a month
- Sponsored the reading of The Laramie Project at Frederick's Artomatic
- Sponsored showing of For The Bible Tells Me So @ FCC.

PFLAG & Other Events 2012

Meetings are 7:30pm-9:00pm, we meet at Frederick-Grace United Church of Christ, 25 East 2nd Street, downtown Frederick, MD

Jan 4th Meeting	Determine meeting discussion topics and events for year, discuss upcoming religious marriage equality group event.
Jan 29th Event	Congregations United For Marriage Equality meets with Frederick's state representatives (PFLAG is showing support)
Feb 1st Meeting	All About Equality: Gender Identity and Expression Anti-Discrimination bill and Marriage Equality bill in Maryland. Preparation for MD Lobby Day. We'll talk about proven methods to encourage support at the state level. PFLAG is sponsoring a passenger van from Frederick to Annapolis for the event; check our website for details on how to reserve a seat. We also celebrate our chapters' 6 th birthday.
Feb 13th Event	Maryland Lobby Day, check our website if you need a ride. Contact your representative if you can't attend.
Mar 7th @FSK Mall in lieu of meeting	Held at Shadowland, located at FSK mall. We are inviting supportive youth and adults to a more social gathering. Please wear RED and arrive promptly @ 7:30pm. Cost is about \$8. Optional ice cream and coffee at the diner after.

Apr 4th Meeting	2 nd annual Frederick Pride Prom preparations. Also, discussion of local events for Day of Silence and Night of Noise on Apr 20th.
Apr 20th	National Day of Silence and Frederick's Night of Noise
May 2nd	Annual Transgender discussion. Final preparations for the Frederick Student Pride Prom later in May
May ?th 8-11pm Event	Frederick County's second Student Pride Prom @FCC. Contact your high school GSA or FCC's L.I.F.E for tickets and info, or buy tickets at the door (local HS and college students, and guests only). Our PFLAG chapter is a proud co-sponsor.
Jun 6th Annual Picnic	Annual picnic in Baker Park in downtown Frederick. Look for us under a pavilion near the pool. Bring your own dinner plus a dessert to share. PFLAG provides beverages. We very much hope to also be celebrating success in the long fights for gender expression and marriage equality in Maryland.
Jul	No regular meeting. Enjoy the summer, see you in September
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Sep 5th Meeting	Book, short story and poetry reading and discussion.
Oct 3rd Meeting	Politics and equality, National Coming Out day stories. Planning for A Little Song, A Little Dance benefit on Dec 1 st .

Oct 11th	National Coming Out Day. Please make our issues known; perhaps to a relative, friend, co-worker, or politician.
Nov 7th Meeting	Annual bullying meeting- Video, followed by discussion with area students. Final planning for A Little Song, A Little Dance benefit on Dec 1 st .
Nov 20	13 th Annual Transgender Day of Remembrance. See website.
Dec 1st 8:30pm Event	A Little Song, a Little Dance @ Holiday Inn in Frederick, the large one behind the FSK Mall. (Non-PFLAG event)
Dec 5th Meeting	Popular holiday party with book/movie swap and discussion.

- We lend books and videos to parents/family/friends that need more detailed LGBT information.
- Check www.pflagcentralmd.org for updates throughout the year.
- Follow us on facebook.
- Members receive bulletins via e-mail for short-notice events.

- Near PFLAG Groups (see pflag.org):
- Westminster/Carroll County, MD
 - Columbia/Howard County, MD.
 - Winchester/Lower Shenandoah Valley, VA