



INDY PFLAG NEWS

MAY 2010

PFLAG meets the 2nd Sunday of each month. The next meeting will be Sun., May 9 from 2 to 4 pm at St. Luke's United Methodist Church in the Youth Wing (North door), just west of Meridian on 86th St.

May 9 meeting

Our Mother's Day support group meeting will be an open discussion. If you can't join us, here's some information from our website about where you can find additional support:

Read the *Stories* in our Scrapbook. Get some of the books from our *Recommended Reading* list.

Patti and Jeff Ellis, a conservative Christian couple in Georgia, have created a site that deals with their own journey since their son came out to them in 1997. You'll find a link to read about *their* struggles to cope and understand at www.indypflag.org

Get your Indy PFLAG t-shirts out now and we'll all march together in the CIRCLE CITY IN PRIDE PARADE Saturday, June 12, 2010

Location: Mass Ave between College and Penn
Time: 10:00am

A Pride Parade was added in 2005 prior to the Festival in University Park. The first parade featured one float, an antique truck, a few drag queens, some antique cars, and several walking groups. The parade lasted approximately 15 minutes. By 2008, the Pride Parade had grown to over 100 units including several floats, walking groups, and the Pride Indy Marching Band. The 2009 Parade lasted approximately 1½ hours. 2010 is going to be even bigger!

Then join in the fun at the CIRCLE CITY IN PRIDE FESTIVAL

New Location: American Legion Mall
Time: 11:00am - 7:00pm

As soon as the parade ends, the Circle City IN Pride Festival begins. With over 150 vendors representing local and national organizations, businesses, and much more. There is also entertainment throughout the day on the big stage.

***If you'd like to volunteer at the Indy PFLAG booth on Pride day, please contact Jeff Jones at skyguyjj@comcast.net to let him know when you can be there. It's great fun and we have lots of people stopping by our booth with questions, thank you's and hello's!*

Annual Meeting Report: New Officers

The annual meeting of Indy PFLAG was held on April 25 at the home of Mimi Jacobs and Larry Cripe. The meeting was productive and the pitch-in afterwards offered a chance for fellowship and great food.

The slate of officers was approved. *We welcome Jan Nichols as our new president and Diana Roberts as secretary. Sue Hazer continues as treasurer.* Jeff Jones, Mimi Jacobs, Marcia Neff, Colleen Freeman and Annette Gross will serve as at-large board members.

Sue Hazer presented a treasurer's report stating that our current checking balance and projected expenses for the remainder of the year are almost identical. The importance of membership dues and the possibility of expanding membership were discussed. Sue also noted that our Indy PFLAG Scholarship has received no applicants for the past two years, but we all decided to try again this year and see what happens.

A presentation was made by two local members of HRC regarding the repeal of Don't Ask Don't Tell. Members were encouraged to sign and send in postcards that will be hand-delivered by HRC and to call their legislators in support of the repeal.

Annette and Allan Gross reported that they recently attended the Ohio PFLAG Conference. It was simple to organize and very informative. They said that Indiana is being encouraged to hold a state conference in the next year or two.

Activities coming up include the Indy Pride Parade & Festival on June 12, supporting the Spencer Pride event on June 5, and Black Pride in August. A decision on our participation at Penrod this year is on hold for the moment.

Join, Renew Your Membership or Make a Donation

Your membership dues and donations assist in the projects and events we sponsor. We are a non profit 501(c) 3 organization and your donations to Indy PFLAG are tax deductible. For a membership application, click here: <http://indypflag.org/Membership.htm>

You can pay online or download the form, print, complete and mail, along with your check, to the address at the bottom of the application.

Thanks! Your membership makes us a stronger organization.

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Indy PFLAG (Parents, Families and Friends of Lesbians and Gays) is a group of people who share common experiences and provide support for each other. We listen and love. We help families have open, positive and loving relationships with GLBT children and we work for their civil and human rights.
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Indy PFLAG Scholarship – Apply Now!

The Indianapolis PFLAG Chapter is pleased to be able to offer at least one \$500 scholarship for the upcoming academic year. These scholarships are available to any student who has been accepted to an accredited institution of higher education or to a vocational institution. The application deadline is **July 15**. The award will be paid to the recipient by September 1, after receipt of proof of enrollment.

In order to be eligible for these funds, you must meet the following requirements:

- Be a resident of Indiana
- Be a graduating high school senior or hold a high school diploma or a GED
- Self identify as gay, lesbian, bisexual, or transgender
- Demonstrate an interest in service to the LGBT community
- Have been accepted to an accredited institution of higher education or to a vocational institution.

You must provide the following documents:

- Completed scholarship application form
- Two letters of recommendation

An essay (no more than 2 pages) discussing either your life as an LGBT student or how you have been involved in the LGBT community

Please send your completed application packet to the following address **postmarked no later than July 15**:

Indianapolis PFLAG Scholarship
P. O. Box 441633
Indianapolis, IN 46244-1633

All candidates will be notified of the outcome of their applications by August 15.

You can find applications and recommendation forms online at <http://indypflag.org/Scholarship/Scholarship.htm>

If you have any questions, e-mail info@indypflag.org.

Study about PFLAG parents

Here's an opportunity to help with a study of GLBT parents. Please consider taking some time to complete the survey, if you are a parent.

I am an Assistant Professor within the College of Health Professions and Social Work at Temple University. I am conducting a study of parents of gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgender children to gain a greater understanding of the concerns parents may experience upon them learning about their children's sexual orientations and gender identities. I am asking for your assistance in obtaining participants for this study by asking that you forward this request to individuals who meet the study criteria (above age 18 and identify as a heterosexual parent of a gay, lesbian, bisexual, or transgender child) in hopes of getting individuals to complete my anonymous online survey at <http://questionpro.com/t/ACVM0ZHM7>

The survey takes about 20 to 30 minutes to complete, is anonymous and does not require identifying information. Additionally, if individuals prefer to complete the survey on paper, I will send copies to these individuals along with postage paid return envelopes. If someone has questions about this survey, please contact the principal investigator Cynthia Conley, Assistant Professor, Temple University at(215)204-2164.

You can get your Pride on this summer at events all around Indiana!

SPENCER PRIDE FESTIVAL

One Heart, One World, One Pride - June 5, 2010

The Empowering Spirits Foundation and White River Valley PFLAG have teamed up to present the 2010 Spencer Pride Festival. Proceeds go to support the gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender community in South Central Indiana. For more information visit www.spencerPRIDE.com

FORTH WAYNE PRIDE – July 23-24, 2010

Fort Wayne Pride 2010 will be held July 23-24 at Headwater's Park East and West in downtown Fort Wayne, IN. Friday's hours are 7pm-midnight and include Pride Idol, Good Night Gracie, beer tent, food, and vendors. Saturday's hours are noon-midnight and include vendors, live entertainment throughout the day, food, beer tent, KidSpace, workshops, volleyball tournament, cornhole tournament, and more. The cost for Friday is \$3 and Saturday \$5. 12 & under are free. The entire event is open to all ages.

INDIANA BLACK GAY PRIDE

August 6 -8, 2010

Oscar Charleston Park, 30th & Rural St.
Indianapolis, IN

OUTfest '10

TIPPECANOE COUNTY PRIDE

Sat., August 21, 2010

[Pride Lafayette, Inc.](http://PrideLafayette, Inc.), in conjunction with Citizens for Civil Rights, Lafayette's chapter of Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays and other local community organizations, is hosting OUTfest '10: Tippecanoe County Pride Celebration.

When: Sat., Aug 21

Where: Downtown, Main St, between 6th and 9th

Hours: 4PM - Midnight

Family Area Hours: 4PM to 9PM

Admission: Free

OUTfest '10 will feature live bands and DJs, food, information booths, beer gardens, a family area, dancing, light-hearted drag entertainment, extended hours for local downtown businesses, and much more!

To talk with a parent who also has a gay son or lesbian daughter & to learn more about Indy PFLAG, please contact:

*Annette (317) 872-1385

*Charlene/Oran (317) 897-0126

*info@indypflag.org

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