

# PFLAG NEW ORLEANS BANNER NOVEMBER 2017 EDITION

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Greetings!



Message from Julie:

There are fund raisers scheduled almost every weekend now. If you can choose only one, please come to Winter Wonderland on Sunday Nov. 26, at 5 pm at the Eiffel Society on St Charles Avenue. This is the 7th annual Winter Wonderland and the evening includes dinner, drinks, entertainment and a silent auction. Further information is available in this newsletter. The profits will be donated to 3 charities- PFLAG, Belle Reve and St Anna's. We would love to see you there.

November is also the month that we remember transgender people who have been killed during the year. The Transgender Day of Remembrance will take place at 7 pm, Monday Nov. 20 at the UU church on Claiborne and Jafferson. This is sponsored by the LTA.

I hope you have a wonderful Thanksgiving. It doesn't have to be a meal in a houseful of people, it can be a quiet day and still be wonderful.

Julie

Message from Joe:

This is Thanksgiving month, so let me wish each of you a Happy Thanksgiving. I personally have so much to be thankful for, including working with PFLAG and the LGBTQ community. For example, I just returned from the PFLAG National Convention held in Portland, Oregon. There were approximately 400 PFLAGers in attendance. As I stood in the back and looked over the audience I had the same overwhelming feeling I had when I attended my first convention several years ago. The room was filled with all of these parents, many of them with grey hair, and they are there because they love and support their LGBTQ children and they want to learn more on how to be even more supportive to them individually and to the whole community. Prior to joining PFLAG, my social life certainly centered around other gay persons. I had no idea how many parents were out there fighting for our equal rights. I have some regrets that I did not come out to my parents until late in my adult life, because I think that they would have been ready to fight for me as well. I was very fortunate to have two loving parents who didn't judge me or others because of who we chose to love. And, yes, for that I am so very very thankful.

There were way too many workshops at the convention for me to cover here. However, one thing that I was reminded of, is that there is so much good information available on the internet for individuals and parents who are struggling with LGBT issues. The National PFLAG website has numerous resources, and I was surprised at how many good topics there are on LGBTQ issues on YouTube. If you haven't done a search on YouTube regarding any of the many LGBTQ issues lately, then try it. Yes, you will have some clips that are negative but there are certainly many more than are positive, educational, uplifting and heartwarming.

As Chair of the Scholarship Committee, I am announcing that applications for the 2018-19 academic year will be on our website [www:pflagno.org](http://www.pflagno.org) approximately November 10<sup>th</sup>. The deadline for submission is February 1, 2018. But please don't wait until one week before the deadline, as you need to get transcripts and recommendation letters in as well. Save May 12<sup>th</sup> as the date for the Scholarship Reception it is always a "gay" time (sorry, I couldn't resist that).

Also there is additional information about scholarships for LGBTQ individuals from The Point included in this newsletter. And students, if you have not googled scholarships for LGBT students you should do so. There are a number of opportunities out there including the National PFLAG scholarship, which is only open to

graduating high school students.

I think I have exceeded my two cents worth. Be Happy  
and Know You are Loved!

Joe

Winter Wonderland VI - Sunday, November 26 - 5 PM

Winter Wonderland VI  
Sunday, November 26

EIFFEL SOCIETY

2040 St Charles Ave, New Orleans  
· 5pm-9pm

Make your plans now to attend one of the most anticipated events of the year, Winter Wonderland VI. !!!

This year's non profit charities are PFLAG New Orleans .. Belle Reve and Anna's Place of St. Anna's Episcopal Church of New Orleans..

VIP Tickets will be on sale in the near future! Last year we sold out of almost 200 tickets in 3 days !

Join us for a wonderful time and entertainment as we gather together to celebrate the true reason of the season while giving back to our community !!

Sponsorship packages are available NOW!!  
Contact Misti Gaither on FaceBook for more info!



**Last Breath Productions**

**Winter Wonderland**

### Meeting Dates



**Important  
DATE!**

Our chapter has monthly support meetings in the New Orleans area and on the Northshore. The schedule is provided below.

#### New Orleans (Second Thursday of Month)

**Date:** Thursday, November 9, 2017

**Date:** Thursday, December 14, 2017

**Time:** 7:30 PM

**Place:** Congregation Gates of Prayer Synagogue

**Address: 4000 W. Esplanade Ave. S.  
(West Esplanade & Richland Street)  
Metairie, LA 70002**

(Park in lot on Richland Street)

[To view a map showing the meeting location, click here](#)

**Northshore** (Third Thursday of Month)

**Date:** Thursday, **November 16, 2017**

**Date** Thursday, **December 21, 2017**

**Time :** 7:00 PM

**Place:** North Shore Unitarian Universalist Society

**Address:** 28662 Krentel Rd. Lacombe, LA 70445

[To view a map of the Northshore meeting location, click here](#)

**PFLAG New Orleans Scholarship Applications Available November 10**



## PFLAG New Orleans Scholarships

The PFLAG New Orleans Scholarship information will be available on our website on or about November 10.

Check our [website](#) for information.

### **PFLAG New Orleans Scholarship**

**Deadline: February 1, 2018**

#### ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

##### **You must**

1. Self identify as gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender, queer...or anywhere within the LGBTQ "family."
2. Be a resident of the state of Louisiana at the time of application.
3. Be seventeen years old, or older, by April 15th of the award year.
4. Be applying to attend (or currently attending) a post-secondary educational institution.

### **PFLAG New Orleans Straight For Equality Scholarship**

**Deadline for Nominations: January 15, 2018**

**Nominations are made by those who know students who are extraordinary allies to the LGBTQ community.**

#### ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS:

The nominee must meet the following criteria.

1. Identify as a straight ally of the LGBTQ+ community.

2. A resident of the state of Louisiana at the time of application.
3. Seventeen years old, or older, by April 15th of the award year.
4. Applying to attend (or currently attending) a post-secondary educational institution.

LGBT+ Archives Project of Louisiana Gala - Saturday, November 11 - 7 PM



Now more than ever we need your support to continue facilitating the collection and preservation of our community's history and culture. RSVP for the Oracle Gala now, and help us get our history out of the closet!

The Third Annual Oracle Gala will have a 1920s theme. The gala will celebrate the donation of BreakOUT's archival materials to the Newcomb Archive. There will be a silent auction featuring amazing art and collectibles, a 50/50 raffle, and much more. Cocktail attire suggested, 1920s costume encouraged.

Admission is \$50 per ticket, or \$40 for members only. To become a member or to renew your existing membership, you must make a contribution of at least \$5 using the "Optional Donation to the LGBT+ Archives Project of Louisiana" part of the registration page, or by donating through paypal on our website ([www.lgbtarchiveslouisian.org/donate](http://www.lgbtarchiveslouisian.org/donate)).

Transgender Day of Remembrance - Monday, November 20 - 7 PM

# TRANSGENDER DAY OF REMEMBRANCE

## READING OF THE NAMES SERVICE

PRESENTED BY LOUISIANA TRANS ADVOCATES

**Nov 20, 2017**  
**7-9 PM**

**FIRST UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST  
CHURCH OF NEW ORLEANS  
5212 S. CLAIBORNE AVE  
NEW ORLEANS, LA 70115**



Coffee Talk - Saturday, November 11 - 10 AM

### Coffee Talk!

Saturday, November 11, 2017, 10:00-11:30 a.m.

New Orleans Healing Center (2372 St. Claude Ave.)

Room #250

**RSVP HERE!**

This month's topic: "Stress Management." Coffee and refreshments provided courtesy of [PJ's!](#)

Moderator: Dr. Lynn Friedman.

About the Moderator: Lynn J. Friedman earned her B.S. in education from Louisiana State University, her M.Ed in counseling from the University of Texas, and her Ph.D. in counseling from the University of New Orleans. She is currently in private practice specializing in the areas LGBT community and Trauma. She often gives presentations locally, regionally, and nationally on the topics such as Counseling LGBTQ Clients, Stress Management, and Crisis Intervention, Additionally, she teaches as an adjunct at local colleges and universities. She is also a mother and grandmother..

Points Foundation Scholarship Applications Now Open

- [Calling all LGBTQ students!](#)

[Point Foundation](#)'s scholarship for LGBTQ undergraduate and graduate students is now open!

The application period for our 2018-2019 higher education scholarships opened November 1 and remains open until January 29, 2017.

Apply at <http://www.pointfoundation.org/apply>

Point Foundation (Point) empowers the next generation of lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and queer (LGBTQ) leaders to reach their full leadership and academic potential. Point provides its scholars with the financial ability to attend the higher education institution of their choice. In addition, Point provides mentorship, leadership development, and community service training. Students can apply if they will be enrolled in either a four-year undergraduate program, or a graduate program in the fall of 2018. Note: high school seniors who will begin college in the fall of 2018 are eligible. Applicants are evaluated on academic accomplishment, financial need, leadership within school and community, and goals for the future. Point Scholars agree to maintain a high level of academic performance and complete an annual community service project.

## WHIV 102.3 FM - PFLAG's Expanding the Rainbow Programs



### Live Streaming Is Back!

The good news is that WHIV LP 102.3 FM is live streaming again at [www.whivfm.org](http://www.whivfm.org). What that means to you is that you can listen to the unique programming of this independent voice.

And of course, PFLAG New Orleans -

Expanding The Rainbow is on every Thursday morning from 8:00 - 9:00 AM

Upcoming radio broadcasts:

Nov 16 - Clayton Delery will discuss his new book

Nov 23 - Thanksgiving show - messages from PFLAG members

Nov 30 - Reverend Alisan Rowland of Metropolitan Community Church

Dec 7 - Dr. Jamie Buth to discuss the VA and the LGBT Community

The archives are coming - that is the latest word, it will be discussed a bit more and the exact how for you to access them will be published as soon as all of that information becomes available.

Designate PFLAG New Orleans as your Amazon Smiles Charitable Organization



Consider designating us as your charitable organization.

When you #StartWithaSmile on #PrimeDay, Amazon donates to Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays New Orleans. Shop for great deals at [smile.amazon.com/ch/58-1706391](https://smile.amazon.com/ch/58-1706391).

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You shop. Amazon gives.

## A Creative Corner of New Orleans



### Keeping Positive In A Negative Atmosphere

by Sally Michelle Jackson

Obviously things have not been going all that smoothly in the past few weeks and certainly not this past weekend. Mass shootings don't draw that much attention anymore and that is frightening. Sex scandals are commonplace and who even notices accusations against advisors to our highest government officials? We are becoming numb to some of the worst things that can happen and yet we obsess over tweets and Facebook posts.

This is November and that means another Transgender Day Of Remembrance. I am speaking and reading names at both the Baton Rouge and New Orleans TDOR ceremonies. Thursday the 16th in BR, attending the New Orleans VA TDOR on Friday and then New Orleans on Monday the 20th - that is a lot of solemn ceremonies in a very short space.

I would like to have something to be thankful for on the 23rd of this month. I do have something and so does everyone in PFLAG - friends, people who genuinely care about each other. We do help each other, not just the people from PFLAG, LTA, STA and CCUU who helped me move last month but everyone. There are people in my life who not only are willing to help but actually care about me, you each have someone who does and I believe that a few of them are in the PFLAG meetings. Be happy you have friends.

One unusual event in the past week or so was when I received a phone call rather late

(for some people, not me) from Julie. I cannot at the moment recall what the actual reason for the call was because before it was over it had become a comical dialogue about circuses and clowns. It might not be something that most people would see as uplifting - but friends that can call and share a laugh or two hundred are the greatest treasure.

**Renew Your Membership For October 2017 through September 2018 or Become a Member**

**We encourage you to renew your membership or join us by paying your membership dues.**

**We thank those who have renewed their memberships.**

**WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT!  
BECOME A MEMBER.**

**Student \$20  
Individual \$35  
Family \$50**

Some ways you can continue to support PFLAG follow:

- Renew your membership
- Participate in the support meetings
- Volunteer to work at PFLAG-sponsored events
- Support our educational and advocacy efforts to provide safe schools for all students
- Support our advocacy efforts with the State Legislature
- Support our Scholarship Program and annual Scholarship Reception
- Make a donation

[Download our Membership Form Here](#) And Return it By Mail

OR

[Click Here To Pay Your Dues Online](#)  
via our secure site using a credit card.

Our chapter is proud to be a part of the PFLAG National organization. With local affiliates in more than 500 communities across the United States and abroad and over 200,000 members, PFLAG is the largest grassroots-based family organization of its kind. It is a nonprofit organization and is not affiliated with any religious or political institutions.

We have continued our scholarship program. This will be our 28th year of giving scholarships to LGBT students. We have given close to half a million dollars so far! We have reached \$500,000 in total scholarships awarded. But we could not do it without you!

Some of our other accomplishments are listed below.

- Host a weekly radio program on local radio station WHIV 102.3 FM
- Made presentations to area high schools, colleges and universities informing them of the

resources PFLAG has available to them and addressing issues of Bullying in schools

- Monthly online chapter newsletter - the BANNER
- Volunteered and staffed the registration tent at the NO/AIDS Walk each year
- Support Gay-Straight Alliances at individual schools when asked
- Collaborated with other area organizations in the Community Coalition
- Hosted the PFLAG Southern Regional Conference in the fall of 2016.

Our chapter is funded entirely by members' dues and donations from concerned individuals and foundations. We do not receive funds from the national organization.

I am asking you to renew your membership or to officially become a member of PFLAG New Orleans by paying your dues via our secure site using a credit card. You may also [download the membership form](#) and mail it to:

**PFLAG New Orleans**  
**P.O. Box 15515**  
**New Orleans, LA 70175**

Fifteen dollars of every membership is dedicated to support the efforts of the PFLAG National Organization.

Benefits include a twice-yearly copy of the PFLAGpole newsletter, access to significant discounts on publications, discounted registration to PFLAG national conventions, and the opportunity to be included in PFLAG's voice on Capitol Hill. In addition, you will receive our chapter's monthly electronic newsletter, the Banner.

Because of the courage and generosity of our members, we will be able to continue our important work.

Note that you can also pay your dues by clicking on the link below.

[Click Here To Pay Your Dues Online](#)

Annual Membership Campaign



**BE A PART OF US...**

**Join or renew your  
membership in  
PFLAG New Orleans  
for 2017-18**



*PFLAG New Orleans*, part of the national PFLAG organization, is one of the oldest organizations serving the LGBTQ community in the New Orleans area. We promote the health and well-being of gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender persons, their families and friends.

And we need your help! Join us, today at

**[www.pflag.org](http://www.pflag.org)**

CELEBRATING FAMILY  NEW ORLEANS STYLE

Membership runs October 2017 through September 2018.



### PFLAG's Mission Statement

Our Mission. By meeting people where they are and collaborating with others, PFLAG realizes its vision through:

**Support** for families, allies and people who are LGBTQ

**Education** for ourselves and others about the unique issues and challenges facing people who are LGBTQ

**Advocacy** in our communities to change attitudes and create policies and laws that achieve full equality for people who are LGBTQ -

See more at: <http://community.pflag.org/page.aspx?pid=237#sthash.FTJoAk0u.dpuf>

