About Our Chapter

The Danville/San Ramon PFLAG Chapter meets the third Monday of every month at 7:00 p.m. at the Danville Congregational Church, 989 San Ramon Valley Blvd., Danville, CA 94526.

Although we meet at the DCC, PFLAG is not affiliated with any religious organization and our meetings are always confidential. Check our website here for more information.

Membership & Donations

PFLAG Danville/San Ramon Chapter is a tax-exempt 501(c)3 organization and all donations are tax deductible.

Please send donations and/or change of addresses to: PFLAG Danville/San Ramon Chapter, P.O. Box 40, San Ramon, CA 94583. Click here for a printable donation form.

Our upcoming chapter meetings are as follows:

Monday, May 20, 2019
Monday, June 17, 2019
Monday, July 15, 2019
Monday, August 19, 2019

Our meetings are always the third Monday of the month at 7:00 p.m.

2018 Gender Spectrum Conference & Professionals Symposium

July 6-8, 2019
Click here for more information

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You Are Invited

DCC's 20th Anniversary of Open & Affirming

We welcome and value all God's people.

SAVE THIS SPECIAL DATE

SUNDAY, MAY 19 AT 9:30 AM
Danville Congregational Church
989 San Ramon Valley Blvd
Danville, CA 94526
San Francisco Pride 2019
June 29th and 30th
Would you like to March with PFLAG?

Chapters who would like to march in San Francisco Pride Parade

To march with PFLAG in the San Francisco Pride Parade, please RSVP to pflagsf@gmail.com by June 15th with “Marching” in the subject line. Please list how many people will be marching, and any names of people who will be riding the Cable Car ($20 per person). **Please Note:** We will be able to take cash, checks, and credit cards for payment. I will be able to send an invoice to pre-pay. We will only have room for about 25 people on the Cable Car, so an RSVP is highly recommended. We will be asking each person who is planning on marching in the SF Pride Parade to watch a short training video that SF Pride produces. We will need your RSVP to send you the video link—this video will give you an overview of what to expect the day of the Parade and how to best prepare for the day. The coast to ride on the Cable Car is $20 per person. Children under the age of 12 will be $10.

Would you like to help table?

The Street Fair for Pride Weekend will be set up on Saturday, June 29th, from 11:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m., and again on Sunday 30th, from 8:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. On both nights, as a group, we will be closing the booth and walking out between 4:00-5:00 p.m. The Street Fair itself goes until 6:00 or 7:00 p.m. each night. If you would like to help table the booth on Saturday June 29th or Sunday June 30th, please RSVP to pflagsf@gmail.com by June 15th with “Tabling” in the subject line. Two hour shifts are very helpful. We need the most help taking down both nights. Saturday is normally a quieter day than right after the parade on Sunday.

Would you like to be a Contingent Monitor?

If you would like to volunteer in other ways, we will also need “Contingent Monitors”. Contingent Monitors walk in the parade up Market Street with the PFLAG group. These people watch a 10-15 minute video training, and then a short quiz that is provided by the Pride Safety Committee. If you would like to be a Contingent Monitor, please RSVP by June 15 to pflagsf@gmail.com with “Contingent Monitor” in the subject line. Kenda Horst will then send you the link for the video training.
Transgender Day of Visibility—March 31, 2019

Here are some photos from the International Transgender Day of Visibility. Our chapter, along with others, gathered in Walnut Creek to celebrate the visibility of the transgender community and to raise awareness. Jacquie Guzzo, Chapter President for our PFLAG Danville/San Ramon Chapter had this to say about the event:

“Day of Visibility was beautiful. Lots of energy. We had five people from Danville/San Ramon, a couple from Claycord and a grandparent named Rebecca approached me about joining PFLAG who was with their grandkid. The grandparent is apparently not identifying with binary pronouns in support of their kid. Blew my socks off! It reminded me of the husband who would only introduce his wife as his "partner" until the Marriage Equality Act passed. These pics are from last year and this year. Jamie, our member who is a physician came with beautiful flags she danced with. She lead us in a cheer, "If you're loving and you know it, honk your horn! If you're loving and you know it honk your horn! If you're loving and you know it, then your heart will surely show it. If you're loving and you know it honk your horn. Toot toot!"
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**May 2019**

- **May 19**: DCC 20th Anniversary—9:30 AM
- **May 20**: Chapter Meeting 7 PM

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**June 2019**

- **June 17**: Chapter Meeting—7PM
The 2019 Gender Spectrum Conference and Professionals’ Symposium—July 19-21, 2019

“Claiming My Gender”

Part summer camp for kids, part support and learning weekend for parents, part peer support and education for teens, the Gender Spectrum Conference is the oldest and largest conference in the U.S. exclusively for families with Transgender, Non-binary and Gender-expansive children and youth. The Conference weekend is preceded by a day-long Professionals’ Symposium where youth-serving professionals come together to discuss the most up-to-date information and best practices for serving gender-expansive children and youth.

Check back for registration and more information later this spring.

For 2018, the theme of both events was “Claiming My Gender.” At its core, this theme speaks to the way individuals make sense of their personal gender and other aspects of who they are. Workshops recognized that many aspects of identity—including race, religion, socioeconomic status, language and other factors—influence everyone’s experience of gender, and that beyond naming these intersections, people are claiming their gender with a wide diversity of strategies to navigate and find congruence in these aspects of their lives.

The Gender Spectrum Conference provides attendees the opportunity to explore how gender fits into their lives and the lives of children and teens. Workshops will incorporate discussions, writing, research, the arts, and more. Parents and family members deepen their knowledge and understanding of gender and related issues and learn how they can best support the children and youth in their lives in their gender journeys.

Online Discussion Groups for Parents and Other Adult Family Members

Faith and Gender: A Discussion Group for Parents and other Adult Family Members of Gender Diverse Youth. This group will meet for three sessions on Tuesdays, March 26th, April 2nd and April 9th, 6:00 PT / 8:00 CT / 9:00 ET. Register here.

Comunicar a miembros de la familia y amigxs acerca de la identidad de género de su hijx: una discusión grupal para padres y otros adultos miembros de la familia (Discussion Group for Spanish-speaking Parents). Regístrate ahora

Facilitators Support Group: this group is for anyone who runs a group that serves youth and/or families that wants to learn about issues related to gender and youth. The group meets on the first Thursday of the month at 11 am PT / 2 pm ET, the next meeting is on March 7. Register here.
The 2019 Gender Spectrum Conference and Professionals’ Symposium—July 19-21, 2019

Conference and Symposium Volunteers Needed!

The annual Gender Spectrum Conference and Professionals’ Symposium are coming this July 19-21 in Moraga, California and we need your help to make the events a success!

We have a tremendous need for volunteers who help make the Conference and Symposium possible. Last year more than 150 volunteers came together with us over the three days to make the weekend go smoothly for the 1,300 youth, parents, families and professionals in attendance.

This year, we need volunteers who have experience working with youth, and we also need help with art, facilities/AV support, Spanish translation, administration and general support. We strongly encourage transgender, non-binary and gender-expansive people to apply, especially for working with our youth programs.

For more information and to apply, please fill out our volunteer application. Please also pass along this email to anyone who may be interested.

Apply Now!

You can see our website for more information and find links to the Conference and Symposium registration pages.

Volunteer for Pride Day Run and Help Gender Spectrum!

SF FrontRunners needs volunteers for this year’s 40th annual Pride Run on June 29. Gender Spectrum is the beneficiary for this year’s run and we are excited to help make this the best Pride Run ever. Even if you don’t run, volunteering is a great way to kick off Pride weekend. Volunteers help at water stations, food tables, registration and more. Shifts are in flexible time slots from 7:00 am to noon, and you can join on your own or as a team. Just add your name to the volunteer list here. Thank you!
LGBT AND FRIENDS EVERY THURSDAY IN ALAMEDA AT AMC SOUTH SHORE LANES.
First meeting is January 17 at 6:30 pm. Bowling starts at 7pm. Three people teams, all levels welcome, $16 a week. Starts January 17th, last day to sign up is January 31st. Contact: anthony.t.hoey@gmail.com

MIDDLE MEN PEER SUPPORT GROUP
Regularly held peer support group at the Pacific Center for middle aged men. For more information contact Yves Augustin at giveer@yahoo.com

MONTHLY POKER GAME AT URBAN ISLAND, ALAMEDA
Come for an evening of poker: dealer’s choice, rotating deal, and about every hour we switch tables around so we meet new friends. House rules: gentleman’s poker, $1 max bet, three raises max per round, no five of a kind, no pot games (unless it’s a $1 limit). We’ll provide pizzas and chips and desserts and stuff and sodas and beer and water. At Steve Ferguson’s Urban Island Home Furnishings, 1901 Broadway, Alameda 94501. If you're interested in joining in please send your interest to: steve@dogghouse.org

THE BILLYS
The mission of The Billys is to foster community, intimacy and personal exploration among gay, bi and queer men through shared values and heart-centered brotherhood. The Billys have many events during the year including a number of gatherings in rural settings in Northern California as well as pot lucks and heart circles in San Francisco, Sonoma County and the East Bay. Go to http://www.thebillys.org or call the Billy office at 707-545-1044 for more information.

EAST BAY NETWORK
East Bay Network (EBN) is an active organization dedicated to providing a social environment, activities and information for the adult gay, lesbian, bisexual community of the San Francisco Bay Area and beyond. EBN has over 160 members which includes singles and couples of all ages and ethnicities. With over 100 scheduled events each year, we provide many opportunities for members to interact socially with one another. We also co-sponsor and participate in events with other social groups throughout the San Francisco Bay Area. Some of our annual social events include: Summer pool parties. Year-round potlucks and picnics, Game nights, Weekend camping trips, House boating, White-water rafting, Local theater, arts and museums, International travel adventures. EBN events are open to members and non-members. Check us out at: http://www.eastbaynetwork.org

EAST BAY FRONT RUNNERS AND WALKERS
THE EAST BAY FRONT RUNNERS AND WALKERS is a group of lesbians, gay men (LGBTIQ) and friends who run in thrillingly scenic locations on the East Bay side of the San Francisco Bay every Saturday morning @ 9 am followed by brunch. www.eastbayfrontrunners.org

FIRST FRIDAYS
If you would like to receive a reminder of the "First Friday" social gatherings for gay men in the East Bay, plus an occasional reminder of other events in the East Bay that build community among gay men here, go to the following Yahoo group site and join up (this is a moderated group-your email address is hidden and the list is used for no other purpose) FYI, this is a separate group from East Bay Gay Guys Parties and they have completely separate email lists. http://groups.yahoo.com/group/eastbayguys

DISCOVERY
Discovery is a social group for Bay Area gay and bisexual men which conducts retreats, getaways, workshops and local social gatherings/outings. For more info check out www.discoverycommunity.org

LE CERCLE DES AMIS FRANCOPHONE
Join a gay French-speaking group that meets the first Friday of each month 7pm at different Bay Area locations for French conversation and potluck. See www.sffrancophones.org or contact STEFEN (510) 548-9845, stefen@stefenart.com or Ralph Singer (415) 861-3155. Info on Spanish and other language gay groups also available.

HUSBANDS OUT TO THEIR WIVES
Husbands Out to their Wives (HOW) Is a support group for married Gay or Bisexual men who either have or intend to come out to their wives. The only requirement is that a husband has made a commitment to themselves that it is necessary both for their personal well-being and absolute honesty with their wives to come out as a Gay or Bisexual man. Contact Ken at svnupsf@gmail.com for more info.
"My Own Private Idaho"

From Wikipedia:

My Own Private Idaho is a 1991 American independent adventure drama film written and directed by Gus Van Sant, loosely based on Shakespeare's Henry IV, Part 1, Henry IV, Part 2, and Henry V, and starring River Phoenix and Keanu Reeves. The story follows two friends, Mike and Scott, as they embark on a journey of personal discovery that takes them from Portland, Oregon to Mike's hometown in Idaho, and then to Rome in search of Mike's mother.

My Own Private Idaho is considered a landmark film in the New Queer Cinema movement, an early 1990s movement in queer-themed independent filmmaking. Since its 1991 release, the film has grown in popularity and been deemed as a cult classic, especially among queer audiences. The film is notable for its then-taboo subject matter and avant-garde style.
Your Announcements/Contributions

Have an event you want to announce? Want to contribute an article to our newsletter? Please drop us a line at srvpflag@gmail.com.