**PFLAG Danville/San Ramon Chapter**

**JULY/AUGUST 2019**

**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.

Our upcoming chapter meetings are as follows:

- **Monday, July 15, 2019**
- **Monday, August 19, 2019**
- **Monday, September 16, 2019**
- **Monday, October 21, 2019**

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**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.

**2018 Gender Spectrum Conference & Professionals Symposium**

July 6-8, 2019

**ATTENTION PFLAG DANVILLE/SAN RAMON MEMBERS AND FRIENDS:**

- If you're interested in marching with PFLAG and our Cable Car down Market Street at SF Pride this Sunday, June 30th, please contact our Chapter President, Jacque Guzzo at 925-207-3599.
- If you're interested in joining us at our table at Castro Valley Pride on July 13th, Contact Bruce and Kathie Hixon at brucehixon@comcast.net.
- If you're going to Gender Spectrum, let Jacque Guzzo know so we can get together with other PFLAG families there at St. Mary's on Saturday, July 20th for lunch. Call Jacque at 925-207-3599.
- PFLAG Danville/San Ramon Valley is busy with initiatives in partnership with local schools and businesses. We're also actively engaged with legislative initiatives at the local, state and federal levels. There are opportunities to help a little or a lot, on your own or with other PFLAG members. If you're interested, please call Jacque Guzzo at 925-207-3599.
Celebration and Rally  
Sat, June 29, 2019, 12:00 Noon to 6:00 PM  
Sun, June 30, 2019, 11:00 AM to 6:00 PM  
Civic Center Plaza  
Free, Cash Donation at the Gates Requested  

The maps below represent the activities on Saturday and Sunday, June 29-30. The first map is for Saturday and the one below it is for Sunday. Check PRIDE’s website for more information.
San Ramon June Pride Month Proclamation—June 25, 1019

Jacquie Guzzo, President of the PFLAG Danville/San Ramon Chapter reports on this exciting news for the LGBTQ+ community and their allies:

“The Proclamation declaring June Pride Month in San Ramon passed. Thank you to all the board members who showed up for this “win.” I’m glad the City Council was able to see PFLAG show up for our LGBTQ+ community. Allison Gardener from Daugherty Valley High School and two former students who graduated in ’16 were there. I stayed to listen to a plea from a lesbian citizen to show the pride colors on the electronic sign as a visible show of city support. It was very moving.”

PFLAG Board Members: Jacquie Guzzo (third from left), Bruce & Kathie Hixon (middle) and Faye Isaacson (last on the right).

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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). Registre 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.
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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!
The young are regarded as the most tolerant generation. That's why results of this LGBTQ survey are 'alarming'

From USA Today:

Young people are growing less tolerant of LGBTQ individuals, a jarring turn for a generation traditionally considered embracing and open, a survey released Monday shows.

The number of Americans 18 to 34 who are comfortable interacting with LGBTQ people slipped from 53% in 2017 to 45% in 2018 – the only age group to show a decline, according to the annual Accelerating Acceptance report. And that is down from 63% in 2016.

Driving the dilution of acceptance are young women whose overall comfort levels plunged from 64% in 2017 to 52% in 2018, says the survey conducted by The Harris Poll on behalf of LGBTQ advocacy group GLAAD.

“We count on the narrative that young people are more progressive and tolerant,” John Gerzema, CEO of The Harris Poll, told USA TODAY. “These numbers are very alarming and signal a looming social crisis in discrimination.”

Among the findings:

- 36% of young people said they were uncomfortable learning a family member was LGBTQ, compared with 29% in 2017.
- 34% were uncomfortable learning their doctor was LGBTQ vs. 27% a year earlier.
- 39% were uncomfortable learning their child had a school lesson on LGBTQ history vs. 30% in 2017.
- The negative shift for the young is surprising, said Sarah Kate Ellis, GLAAD president and CEO. When GLAAD delved into the numbers, the group found that the younger generation was coming in contact with more LBGTQ people, particularly individuals who are non-binary and don’t identify simply as lesbian or gay.

“This newness they are experiencing could be leading to this erosion. It’s a newness that takes time for people to understand. Our job is to educate about non-conformity,” she said.

Read the rest of the article here.

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Local LGBT Organizations and Resources

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.
Every month we highlight a film or TV program of unique interest to the LGBT community and their allies.

“La Cage Aux Folles”

From Wikipedia:

La Cage aux Folles, (“The Cage of Madwomen”) is a 1978 Franco-Italian comedy film and the first film adaptation of Jean Poiret's 1973 play La Cage aux Folles. It is co-written and directed by Édouard Molinaro and stars Ugo Tognazzi and Michel Serrault.

Like the play, the film tells the story of a gay couple – Renato Baldi (Ugo Tognazzi), the manager of a Saint-Tropez nightclub featuring drag entertainment, and Albin Mougeoûte (Michel Serrault), his star attraction – and the madness that ensues when Renato's son, Laurent (Rémi Laurent), brings home his fiancée, Andrea (Luisa Maneri), and her ultra-conservative parents (Carmen Scarpitta and Michel Galabru) to meet them.

As of 2014, La Cage aux Folles has remained the No. 10 foreign film released in the United States of America. The film was the second highest-grossing film of the year in France with 5,406,614 admissions. In Germany, it received 2.65 million admissions, making it was the 11th highest-grossing film of the year.

In 1996, an American remake titled The Birdcage, directed by Mike Nichols and written by Elaine May, was released, relocated to South Beach, Miami, and stars Robin Williams and Nathan Lane.
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- **13**: Castro Valley Pride - 12 PM-5PM
- **19**: Gender Spectrum Conference

- **15**: Chapter Meeting—7PM

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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.