

CHAPTER MEETINGS

PFLAG Hinsdale

First Sunday at 2 p.m.

Unitarian Church of Hinsdale
11 West Maple, Hinsdale, IL 60521
pflaghinsdale@pflagillinois.org

PFLAG Aurora/Fox Valley

Second Sunday at 2 p.m.

New England Congregational Church
406 West Galena Blvd, Aurora, IL 60506
pflagaurorafoxvalley@pflagillinois.org

Entre Familia: PFLAG En Espanol

Second Sunday at 1:30 p.m.

National Museum of Mexican Art
1852 W 19th St., Chicago, IL 60608
773-661-0940
pflagenespanol@pflagillinois.org

PFLAG Woodstock/McHenry County

Second Tuesday at 7 p.m.

Unitarian Universalist Congregation
of Woodstock
(formerly Congregational Unitarian Church)
221 Dean St. Woodstock, IL 60098
815-385-9068
pflagwoodstockmchenry@pflagillinois.org

PFLAG DeKalb County

Second Tuesday at 7 p.m.

Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of DeKalb
158 N. Fourth Street, DeKalb, IL 60115
pflagdekalbcounty@yahoo.com

PFLAG Gurnee/Lake County

Second Tuesday at 7 p.m.

4275 Old Grand Ave., Gurnee, IL 60031
224-656-5530
www.pflaglakecounty.org

PFLAG Deerfield (formerly Glenview)

Second Thursday at 7 p.m.

Congregation BJBE
1201 Lake Cook Rd, Deerfield, IL 60015
pflagglenview@pflagillinois.org

PFLAG Chicago Metro

Third Sunday at 2 p.m.

Howard Brown Health Center
4025 N. Sheridan Road, Chicago, IL 60613
pflagmetrochicago@pflagillinois.org

PFLAG Kankakee

Third Sunday at 3 p.m.

St. John UCC Church
1045 W. River St., Kankakee, IL 60901
pflagkankakee@yahoo.com

PFLAG Palatine

Third Monday at 7 p.m.

Countryside Unitarian Church
1025 N. Smith Rd., Palatine, IL 60067
847-302-8545
pflagpalatine@pflagillinois.org

PFLAG Chicago Southside

Third Wednesday at 6 p.m.

Affinity Community Services, Garden Level at
5650 South Woodlawn Ave, Chicago, IL 60637
pflagmetrochicagosouthside@pflagillinois.org

Parents of Transgender Individuals Support Group

Third Thursday at 7 p.m.

parentsoftransgender@pflagillinois.org
Email or call the helpline for meeting time
and location.

PFLAG Oak Park

Fourth Sunday at 3 p.m.

First United Church
848 Lake St., Oak Park, IL 60304
708-386-3016
pflagoakpark@pflagillinois.org

Monthly Chapter Meetings

Everyone is welcome to our monthly chapter meetings. We regularly have interesting educational speakers and always provide an opportunity for both newcomers and old-timers alike to share and learn. At most meetings, we have a library, which includes books, pamphlets, and audio/video materials about GLBT issues.

All meetings are confidential; PFLAG is a safe place for you to talk, listen and learn. You do not have to be a member to attend a meeting; there are no meeting fees to pay; you do not have to make an appointment as walk-ins are always welcome.

PFLAG chapters generally meet regardless of holidays; however, contact the chapter via their email to confirm the schedule.

One-on-One Conversations

If you prefer to have a one-on-one conversation with one of our members, we would be happy to accommodate you. Just call our helpline.

Information & Helpline: 630-415-0622

You can contact all chapters and the PFLAG Council of Northern Illinois via the helpline. You can inquire about locations, share concerns, or request PFLAG information. We strive to return all calls within 48 hours.



Parents, Families and Friends of Lesbians and Gays

Supports

Educates

Advocates

Your Gay-Straight Alliance

PFLAG Council of Northern Illinois
P.O. Box 734, Elmhurst, IL 60126
www.pflagillinois.org

General Email
info@pflagillinois.org

Helpline
630-415-0622

PFLAG National Web Site
www.pflag.org

Our Vision

PFLAG (Parents, Families and Friends of Lesbians and Gays) celebrates diversity and envisions 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.

Our Mission

PFLAG promotes the well-being of gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender (GLBT) 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. PFLAG provides an opportunity for dialogue about sexual orientation and gender identity to create a society that respects human diversity.

What We Do

PFLAG **SUPPORTS** GLBT people, their families and friends through local PFLAG chapter help lines, support group meetings and locally and nationally produced resources.

PFLAG **EDUCATES** families and provides public education on sexual orientation, gender identity and GLBT issues. PFLAG chapters educate their communities through a variety of local projects and nationally, PFLAG continues to provide fair and accurate information about GLBT people and their loved ones.

PFLAG **ADVOCATES** for equal rights for gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender people. PFLAG works to achieve equal civil rights for all people, including our GLBT loved ones. GLBT rights are not special rights.

As loving parents, friends and allies, we must secure equal rights for our GLBT loved ones. We actively educate, lobby and advocate for social justice. All chapters, the Council, and Allied for Equality work for GLBT equal rights.

Allied for Equality is a joint project of Equality Illinois and the PFLAG Council of Northern Illinois. The project’s mission is to secure EQUAL rights for all GLBT individuals. To learn more, visit: www.alliedforequality.org.

For Families and Friends

Your first reaction to learning that your loved one is GLBT can range from anger to sadness, fear to hurt, confusion to grief, and anywhere and everything in between. These emotions and feelings are normal and PFLAG can help you understand them. You may also be immediately accepting, want to learn more, and help to promote positive views of GLBT people. PFLAG is also the place for this.

PFLAG is here to help you. Our members are parents, families and friends of GLBT people and GLBT people themselves. We have been through much of what you are now feeling. We listen. **We understand.**

Our chapter meetings are open to everyone. Our Entre Familia chapter conducts meetings in Spanish; our Southside chapter is primarily African American in membership; and our Parents of Transgender Individuals Support Group is for parents and family members of transgender loved ones. However, each of our chapters welcomes people from all walks of life, from every racial and ethnic group, and religious background.

For Straight Allies

If you or someone you know is straight and wants to support GLBT communities, join in the fight for equality, or just learn more about these issues, you’ve come to the right place. **PFLAG needs your help. You are welcome to come to a chapter meeting.**

For GLBT People

GLBT persons are welcome to attend meetings. Some want to help friends and families better understand sexual orientation and gender identity, while others may want to advocate for GLBT rights. We offer our support and unconditional love to people at any point in their journey.



PFLAG invites all persons - straight, gay, lesbian, bisexual, or transgender - to become members.

Membership Form

By becoming a PFLAG member, you will help provide support, education and advocacy. All information we collect from you on this form will remain confidential, and we will only share it within PFLAG.

A membership includes a one-year subscription to the *Open Doors* newsletter. Membership runs from October 1 to September 30 of the following year; and no partial-year membership is available.

- New Membership Renewal Membership
- Change of address only

Name _____ Date _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

Home Phone _____ Work Phone _____

e-mail address _____ Fax Number _____

- PFLAG Hero \$250+
- Parents Flag Waver. \$100
- Supporting Membership..... \$60
- Household Membership..... \$45
- Individual Membership \$35
- Donation. \$ _____

Donations are tax deductible for the full amount. Membership above the \$35 level is deductible for the amount above \$35.

- SELECT CHAPTER:
- Hinsdale Woodstock Oak Park Palatine
 - Aurora/Fox Valley Glenview Entre Familia
 - Gurnee Kankakee DeKalb
 - Chicago/Metro Chicago/Southside
 - Chicago/Parents of Transgender Individuals support group

Do you wish to receive *PFLAGPo/e* (national newsletter)?
 Yes No

Do you wish to receive special mailings or appeals?
 Yes No

Mail form and check payable to PFLAG to:
PFLAG Membership
P.O. Box 734, Elmhurst, IL 60126