

PFLAG Madison

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Meeting Place:

Friends Meeting House, 1704 Roberts Court, Madison, WI

Meeting:

2:00 to 4:00 PM, 3rd Sunday of the month, Sept. to May

National PFLAG Website: <http://www.pflag.org>



President: Jeanne Williams

Treasurer: Paul Wertsch

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Founded in 1973, PFLAG is the first and largest organization dedicated to supporting, educating, and advocating for LGBTQ+ people and their families.

Next Meeting - Sunday, October 15, 2023

Speaker, Sarah Ferrier, “All of Us” Research Project

Sarah joined the AoU-UW team in 2022 as a Community Outreach Specialist. She is passionate about building partnerships in the community and working with community organizations. Originally from Seattle, Sarah comes to AoU with a background in filmmaking, organizational member engagement, client services, event planning, and project management. In her free time, she loves making art, gardening, and cooking.

About the *All of Us* Research Project:

<https://www.joinallofus.org/lgbt>

All LGBTQ+ Americans deserve to be seen, heard, and understood—especially when it comes to medical research. Understanding how lifestyle, genetics, and environment affect the health of the queer community is what inspires our research. Joining the *All of Us* Research Program is your chance to help speed up medical research that will benefit you and your community.

LGBTQ+ people, like many other groups, have often been left out of medical research. As a result, we know less about your health and ways to provide you with the best care. The *All of Us* Research Program wants to change this. By joining *All of Us*, LGBTQ+ people can help ensure your community is included in health studies. These studies could help researchers understand health conditions that are more common among LGBTQ+ people. What they learn could lead to more tailored approaches for preventing and treating those conditions.

The meeting is from 2:00-3:00PM at 1704 Roberts Ct. with the sharing/support time from 3:00-4:00PM. If you wish to join us online, email pflagmadison@gmail.com for the link and passcode.

Meeting Notes - September 17, 2023

Speaker Marg Produe spoke about the “I” in the LGBTQ+ community. Marg is a person living with intersex traits. Marg spoke about her life as an intersex person with candor, kindness and a bit of good humor. She is married and has 4 adult children. Her story is deeply moving and informative. We learned that about 2% of the

population has intersex traits. Intersex people are as common as redheads. Many of these individuals never know they are intersex unless there is a problem. Marg holds multiple degrees and is a member of interACT, InterConnect, Madison Area Transgender Association, Oconomowoc PFLAG, The River City Gems, Transgender Heaven and Crossdresser Heaven. Marg also volunteers for Pride and Pridefest along with attending conventions for InterConnect, Keystone, Diva Las Vegas, Wildside and BeAll.

Membership Renewal

Annual dues, \$30 per person or \$40 per couple are due October 1, 2023. See the membership form and submit payment online through our website “donate” button or send your payment directly to our Treasurer, Paul Wertsch. You can find the Membership form at:

<http://www.pflag-madison.org/MembershipCurrent.pdf>

When submitting payments using PayPal or credit cards, please provide the following information via email to Paul Wertsch, Treasurer, pwertsch@gmail.com:

- Your complete name, mailing address for a tax receipt, and email address to receive the monthly newsletter.
- The amount of money you submitted either as membership (\$30 individual/\$40 family) or as a donation.

Email pwertsch@gmail.com if you have not received a confirmation of past transaction.

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“And I rose
In rainy autumn
And walked abroad in a shower of all my days...”

— *Dylan Thomas*

