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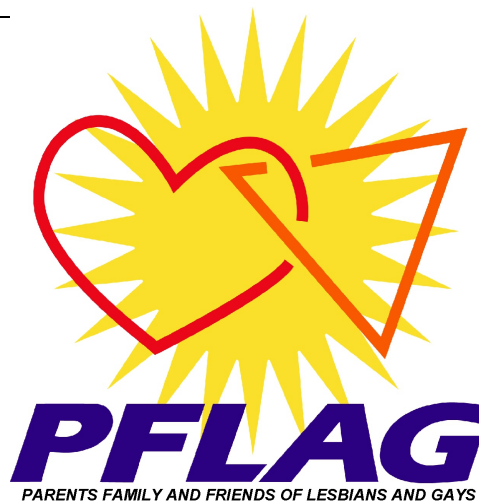
Website: <http://www.pflag-madison.org>

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>



**Parents, Families, Friends and Allies United with LGBTQ
People to move equality forward**

Support

Education

Advocacy

President: Lora Schmid-Dolan

President-Elect: Susie Murray

Past President: Jeanne Williams

Treasurer: Susie Murray

Board Members: Karen Baker, Joanne Lee, Sandy Feria, Anne Urbanski, and Joann Elder and Frank Roub (emeriti)

NEXT MEETING – October 16

PFLAG board member Susie Murray will speak about her experience on the Verona School District Ad Hoc Transgender board for October's meeting.

Madison PFLAG Membership Reminder

PFLAG memberships run from Oct. 1 - Sept 30th each year. If you have not yet submitted your membership for this upcoming year, please fill out the [membership form](#) and send it along with your dues to Susie Murray, 106 Mary Lou St., Verona, WI, 53593.

On this year's membership form you will find an opportunity to volunteer for ongoing needs as we begin our new year. The entire list of volunteer opportunities is available as a link on our website. [Please check it out](#) and help us keep serving our community. Copies of the list will also be available at the monthly meetings.

One-day conference on transgender medical care - in Madison - Anne Urbanski

In case you missed the notice in OUR LIVES magazine this month. I emailed Kristen Radke, who is the contact person, about whether people who are not in the medical or mental health professions could attend. She said:

We would love to have anyone attend! In fact, I myself have several trans folks I know or their parents attending in order to learn more. Students will receive a discounted student registration rate as well. So to answer your question, yes! All are welcome! Please let me know if I can answer anything further or assist with registration at all.

October 21st. TRANSFORUM - providing competent and ethical care for transgender clients
Conference info is here: <http://www.transforumconference.com/>

LGTBQ Celebrations in October - from PFLAG Voice

Next to June, October is one of the busiest months of the year in the LGBTQ community, and by extension, for PFLAGers. These dates give us all an opportunity to elevate PFLAG's mission and support our LGBTQ loved ones

LGBTQ History Month: That's right, a full 31 days to commemorate the history of the LGBTQ rights movement, as well as LGBTQ people who have made a difference (lgbthistorymonth.com/).

National Bullying Prevention Month: Traditionally held the first week in October, the event has been expanded to a full month of activities, education, and awareness building. There is a plethora of resources available, starting of course with PFLAG National materials. [Cultivating Respect: Safe Schools for All](#) is PFLAG's signature safe schools program, filled with resources to create safe school environments in your local community. Visit pflag.org/safeschools for more information and to get your own copy. There is also PFLAG's Claim Your Rights initiative, providing guidelines to youth and their families for reporting discrimination and harassment in their schools. Visit pflag.org/claimyourrights for more information. Beyond PFLAG materials, visit stopbullying.gov for additional resources.

National Coming Out Day: Each year on October 11th, the LGBTQ community commemorates the anniversary of one of the largest equality marches on Washington, DC by celebrating National Coming Out Day.

Spirit Day: October 20th is the date of this year's Spirit Day, sponsored by GLAAD with whom PFLAG National proudly partners every year. On this date, we go purple to show support for safe schools and anti-bullying efforts...and PFLAG is there every step of the way. [Visit glaad.org/spiritday](http://visitglaad.org/spiritday) to learn about other ways to show your PFLAG spirit.

Thank You for the Help - Jeanne Williams

This is in appreciation to the volunteers who made time out of your busy schedules to sit at the Farmer's Market this season and a special thank you to Joe Elder for getting the supplies to and from the square each week. Brad Krueger, from Cuna Mutual, joined us this year and we welcomed his participation. Although the weather created various cancellations, I'm sure we all agree that time spent was good for the community as well as self-gratifying. Look for the sign-up next spring!

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PLEASE NOTE: If you are viewing the printed version of this newsletter, check the on-line version at <http://www.pflag-madison.org/newsletters/2016/Oct16NL.pdf> to easily follow the links that are mentioned in the news items.

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A bad attitude is like a flat tire,
you can't get very far until you change it.