

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>

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

Support

Education

Advocacy

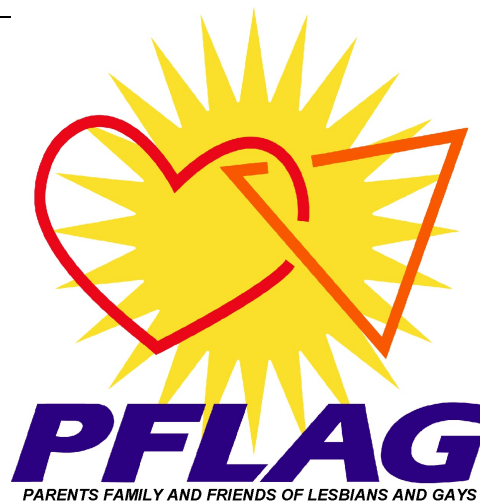
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NEXT MEETING – January 15

December 18th meeting summary

Our speakers were Callen Harty, Adult Mentor of Proud Theater, and a youth member. Proud Theater began in Madison in 1999 by then 15-year-old, Sol Kelley-Jones, along with Brian Wild and Callen Harty. As a member of the National Queer Youth Theater it is for all youths between the ages of 13-17 as a way to put into words their worries and their fears. "You saved my life" are words that resonate from these experiences.

Besides Madison, Proud Theater has expanded to Milwaukee, Sun Prairie, and Wausau with other possible locations to be added in the near future. For young adults, ages 18-25, Proud Theater Beyond has begun in Madison and Milwaukee.

The theater group meets during the school year and has year-end fund raising performances during the Memorial Weekend in May. Check out ProudTheater.org for more information.

Kay Heggstad

Hi friends. I want to say goodbye to all you wonderful folks I have met over the last couple decades. By the time you read this I will be gone or nearly gone from multiple myeloma. I tried all the reasonable treatments and some not so reasonable. I really enjoyed working with all you dedicated people...we did a lot of good things that you will carry on with. Love and hugs to all. Kay Heggstad

LGBTQ+ Intergenerational Conference:

Proud Theater, in collaboration with the Outreach LGBT Community Center, Trinity United Methodist Church, PFLAG-Madison, and the First United Methodist Church of Madison will hold its second annual LGBTQ+ intergenerational conference. Entitled 'Connections: Milestones', the event will be held on Saturday, March 11, 2017, at the First United Methodist Church, 203 Wisconsin Avenue in Madison, Wisconsin, from 9am to 4:30pm. Visit www.proudtheater.org, for more information or email [info@proudtheater-](mailto:info@proudtheater.org)

[.org](#). Email your reservation form request at reservations@proudtheater.org. Also see [Second Annual LGBTQ+ Intergenerational Conference, Saturday, March 11, 2017](#).

PFLAG Policy Matters: December 16, 2016

[U.S. House Freedom Caucus proposes to revoke important LGBTQ protections](#). Released on December 15th, [the House Freedom Caucus document](#) outlines more than 200 rules, regulations and executive orders it wants to revoke, targeting federal guidance on the fair and equal treatment of transgender students from the Department of Education and nondiscrimination protections for LGBTQ people in the Affordable Care Act.

PFLAG Policy Matters: December 31, 2016

The attempts to circumvent the legal right to marry continued [in Mississippi](#) (where the attempt failed); [in Texas](#) (where the attempt failed); [in Alabama](#) (where the attempt failed); and [in Florida](#) (where the attempt failed). With more than 100 vacant judgeships and at least one Supreme Court justice seat that will be filled in the upcoming years, PFLAG will remain vigilant and oppose any efforts to roll back that marriage for all is the law of the land.

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We are not perfect human beings,
nor do we have to pretend to be,
but it is necessary for us to be
the best version of ourselves that we can be.