

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

President: Lora Schmid-Dolan

President-Elect: Susie Murray

Past President: Jeanne Williams

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Board Members: Joanne Lee, Sandy Feria, Paul Wertsch, Nancy Jones, Ken Jones and Joann Elder

NEXT MEETING - Apr 15, 2018:

A representative from the WORT radio station news show Queery.

March Meeting Summary - Lora Schmid-Dolan

The guest speaker for March's meeting was Alan Ferguson, one of the founders of the newly-formed Mount Horeb PFLAG chapter which held its first meeting on February 6, 2017. The group meets the first Monday of every month at the American Legion Hall. The group has visitors from several southwestern Wisconsin communities including Belleville, Blue Mounds, New Glarus, Dodgeville, and Verona.

The Mt. Horeb chapter is highly supportive of the local middle and high school LGBTQ groups, the latter called SAGA--Straight and Gay Alliance (SAGA). With PFLAG's assistance and support SAGA is advocating for gender-neutral bathrooms in the high school. Another project currently under way is the "We Don't Discriminate" campaign. PFLAG members are contacting local businesses, schools, places of worship, etc. asking them to place a sticker in their window or some other visible place that states: "We Don't Discriminate—You Are Here For Us, We Are Here For You." The campaign has been very successful so far with only two businesses refusing to participate.

The two chapters look forward to working together to advance the rights of our LGBTQ community members

LGBTQ+ Intergenerational Conference - Jeanne Williams

PFLAG-Madison members Nancie Cotter, Mike Frey, Casey Garhart, Lora Schmid-Dolan, Anne Urbanski and Jeanne Williams volunteered for and/or participated in the third annual conference held at the First United Methodist Church in Madison. The event is organized and led by Brian Wild, Executive Director of Proud Theater.

PFLAG at the Dane County Farmer's Market - Jeanne Williams

PFLAG-Madison will have their table at the Dane County Farmer's Market Saturdays May 5 through September 29 (with the exception of July 14 due to the Art Fair on the Square). Two people are needed from 8:45-11:15 AM to offer free educational booklets as well as our rainbow flag pins. The online sign-up is

available on Sign-upGenius.com, look for PFLAG Farmer's Market Table. This is a private site so you will need to be invited if you have not already volunteered. Email Jeanne Williams, jtwilliams8348@gmail.com, who will invite you to it. As we know, summers get busy and things may come up to change your availability so you have the flexibility of changing your sign-up. A big "thank you" to last year's volunteers especially Joe and Joann Elder for who will once again deliver and pick up the supplies. Any questions can be directed to Jeanne via email or phone, 608-345-6072.

PFLAG Policy Matters: March 23, 2018 Federal

[President fires Secretary of State Rex Tillerson and announces that he'll nominate anti-LGBTQ CIA director Mike Pompeo to replace him.](#) Both items occurred on March 13th. When Pompeo was a Congressman from Kansas, he opposed same-sex marriage and workplace protections for LGBTQ people. He supported the license to discriminate, and he voted against the LGBT-inclusion Violence Against Women Act, which became the nation's second law to be trans-inclusive.

PFLAG Policy Matters: April 6, 2018 Federal

[HHS strips lesbian and bisexual health content from women's health website.](#) While HHS (Health and Human Services) claims that the relevant information was integrated into other areas of the website, The [Sunlight Foundation](#) determined that existing health topic pages do not appear to have been updated with new material and the now-missing lesbian and bisexual health content was not integrated elsewhere. For instance, HHS removed a [page](#) that raises multiple LGBT-specific questions, such as "What are important health issues that lesbians and bisexual women should discuss with their health care professionals?" Update: HHS also [removed its breast cancer web pages as reported](#) by the Sunlight Foundation.

PFLAG Policy Matters: March 23, 2018 Wisconsin

[Milwaukee's alarming HIV and syphilis outbreak is being called the largest STI cluster In U.S. history.](#) On March 6th, [The Milwaukee Journal reported that at least 125 people including some high school students tested positive for one or both of these STIs.](#) In a statement, Milwaukee Public Schools said the Health Department informed the district that the entire city is experiencing an increase in sexually transmitted infections in young people ages 15 to 24. The National Coalition of STD Directors cites this as "a symptom of under-resourced STD programs," and Wisconsin has in place an abstinence-only sex education law, signed into law in 2012 by Gov. Scott Walker.

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The first day of spring is one thing,
and the first spring day is another.
The difference between them is sometimes as great as a month.

Henry Van Dyke