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July, 2009

New Social Group for 20's to 30's

Marie Dimenna will be discussing Young Pride, a new young adult social group for gay, lesbian, bi-sexual, and transgender individuals in their 20's and early 30's at the next PFLAG meeting on **Sunday, August 9th at 3pm.** You are invited to become involved. Please Contact for more information:

Marie DiMenna at 913.424.3166, or email, [MarieDiMenna\[at\]gmail.com](mailto:MarieDiMenna[at]gmail.com) or Brian Potter at 816.447.0088, or [celloprince05\[at\]hotmail.com](mailto:celloprince05[at]hotmail.com).

Look forward to hearing from you soon!!!!



For everyone else Terri and Larry will talk about Mature Pride, a social club for the GLBT community which



started in January 2008 for those over 35. At our organizational meeting we had 22 people attend. Now we have well over 500 people signed up to receive our emails. This group started up as a way to meet people and make friends in a safe way (not in bars). We thought we had a good idea but we had no idea it would grow so large so fast. There's something for everyone, from

dance lessons to plays and art outings to the book club to the shape club and bicycle club, supper club and darts night. We have a nice mix of men and women, young and old, straight and gay. Everyone is welcome!

[maturepride\[at\]kc.rr.com](mailto:maturepride[at]kc.rr.com)

<http://www.maturepridekc.org>

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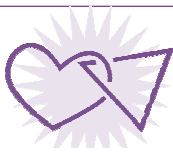
PFLAG-KC general meeting are held on the second Sunday of each month at 3:00pm at The Village Presbyterian Church, 6641 Mission Road, Room 307, Prairie Village KS 66208, 913.262.4200.

The meeting rooms are wheelchair accessible. PFLAG-KC board meetings are held at 1:30pm before the general meeting. Everyone is welcome to attend and add their ideas.

For more information call our help line: 816.765.9818.

Write us at:
PFLAG-KC
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Kansas City MO 64141

www.pflagkc.org



President's Update

Dear PFLAG Family,

July has brought less activity and requests. I am thankful for a break in the action. I had a wonderful experience at the Wichita pride festival in late June and am potentially returning there in early August for an organizational meeting for PFLAG.

I am sad to report that the store Out There in Westport is closing its doors in early August. Larry and Brian have supported the LGBT community for a number of years and will be missed. There are still quite a few books among other assorted items if anyone is interested in browsing.

There is always a need for people who want to represent PFLAG-KC, whether it is working an information table or telling your story to a college level class. I want to thank everyone who has represented PFLAG-KC at events.

For those of you who attended the July meeting, I want to thank you for your ideas and feedback. Our program was changed to a discussion of PFLAG-KC, where we want or need to be, suggested programs, and general feedback regarding the organization. The Board will be discussing these and implementing over the next several months.

Board elections will be taking place in September to become effective October. If anyone is interested in joining the Board in a specific role or as a member at large, please contact me or any member of the Board. A Treasurer would be greatly appreciated as well as an assistant to Resources or Support. Feel free to attend a Board meeting starting at 1:30 prior to the general

meeting. Anyone interested in assisting in setting up the room is welcome to arrive a few minutes early.

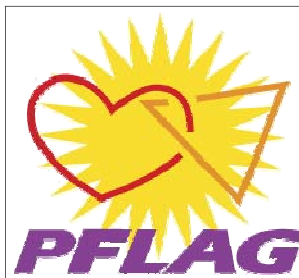
August will bring representatives from Mature Pride and Young Pride social groups. September will bring representatives from MAFA (Midwest Alternative Family Alliance). If you have an idea for a program or speaker, please contact any Board member.

A Castro movie night will take place on the third Thursday of each month at the Screenland Armour theater in North Kansas City at 7:25 pm. Half of the proceeds will go toward an AIDS organization locally.

I look forward to seeing all of you at the August meeting!

Thank you for all that you do within our organization and our community as a whole!

Randy



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PFLAG-KC TREASURER'S REPORT		
July 1, 2009 through July 31, 2009		
Beginning balance (7-1-2009)		4,508.08
Income		
Donations	151.65	
Merchandise sales	124.00	
Total Income	275.65	
Expenses		
Telephone	52.35	
Wichita booth fee	(25.00)	
Wichita lodging	59.00	
Newsletter	39.84	
Total expense	126.19	
Ending balance (7-31-2009)		4,657.54



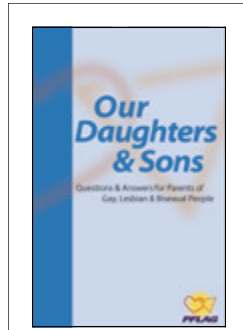
Resource Pamphlet for Parents

One of PFLAG’s most popular publications, this is a "must read" for parents who are forming new and honest relationships with a loved one who has come out to them. This booklet answers several commonly-asked questions about having a gay child. It includes a list of related resources.

Answering questions like: What do you do when you first find out that your child is gay, lesbian or bisexual?

Most parents aren’t prepared for the words, “Mom, Dad. I’m gay.” If you’re like many parents, your first reaction is “How will I ever handle this?”

Will I ever learn to deal with this new knowledge?



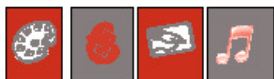
Available in the PFLAG Library... pick yours up for FREE

A psychiatrist answered the question this way: “Once most people adjust to the reality of their child’s sexual orientation, they feel like they’ve had a whole new world opened to them.

First, they become acquainted with a side of their child they never knew. They now are included in their child’s life. Usually, they get closer. And the parents begin to meet the gay community and understand that these are people just like any other community.

http://www.pflag.org/fileadmin/user_upload/Publications/Daughters_Sons.pdf

PerformOUTKC



Questions??

PerformOUTKC
performoutkc[at]gmail.com
Facebook: Perform Out Kc

Ages 14-20

We are creating a Performing Arts Group for LGBT Youth in the Kansas City Area!!

Mission Statement:

- **PerformOUTKC** provides a safe, inclusive atmosphere for youth of any and all identities, which fosters positive identity development through excellence in music performance and creative expression.

We encourage self-expression through the performing arts (Music, Dance, Theater, Writing, and the Visual Arts).

Informal Informational Meeting: FALL 2009!!

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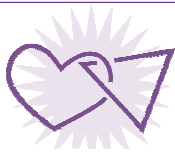
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Who Are We?

Parents, Families and Friends of Lesbians and Gays of Kansas City (PFLAG-KC) is a group of parents, siblings, friends, lesbian, gay, bisexual and trans-gendered people who:

- Provide a support system for families and friends of lesbians, gays, bisexuals, and transgendered people to enable them to understand, accept and support their children with love and pride.
- Provide education for individuals and the community at large on the nature of homosexuality, and
- Support the full human and civil rights of lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgendered people.



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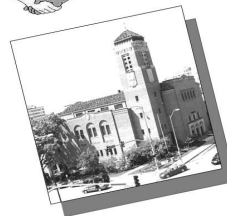
Coming Out Group for married or divorced women.
Contact Elaine for more information.



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\$50.00 for 1 year

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816.765.9818

Submission to the newsletter?

Submissions to the newsletter may be made by the 25th of the month to: [cooperra\[at\]kc.rr.com](mailto:cooperra[at]kc.rr.com) or call 913.217.7024.