



# PFLAG

## Fort Collins / Northern Colorado

### Next Meeting

**Date:** June 11, 7PM Program, 8PM Support  
**Program:** "HIV and AIDS in Northern Colorado"

Sondra Chessare, Executive Director of the Northern Colorado Aids Project, will update us about the landscape of HIV and AIDS in Northern Colorado. She'll describe the current state of AIDS treatment, the services NCAP offers (direct, prevention, community awareness), the situation in Northern Colorado, and implications for the future.

### PFLAG News

PFLAG needs volunteers for three upcoming events:

1. PFLAG's booth at Fort Collins Pride in the Park on **June 16**
2. PFLAG's booth at Denver Pridefest on **June 23-24**
3. PFLAG's booth at the national conference of the American School Counselor Association, Colorado Convention Center, Denver, on **June 24-25**
4. Volunteer at the Colorado Gay Rodeo on **July 14-15**.

Please contact Julie Wilson if you can help with these events ([jw6804@aol.com](mailto:jw6804@aol.com), 667-5236).

**Jun 30, 7:00PM:** Greeley PFLAG meeting  
 A new PFLAG chapter is forming in Greeley, CO. They meet in the Hope Room, 1st Congregational Church, 16th Street at 22nd Ave. If you are interested in attending, you can contact Rick at 346-1204 or 371-2230 or [pflag-greeley@comcast.net](mailto:pflag-greeley@comcast.net) for more information.

**Oct 11-14:** PFLAG National Convention  
 The early bird registration fee for the national PFLAG convention has been extended through June 30. The convention will be held from October 11-14, 2007, at the Hilton McLean Tyson's Corner in McLean, Virginia, just outside of Washington, D.C. Don't wait to reserve your place for this special event -- go to the [PFLAG website](http://www.pflag.org) today to get more information on the events and register!

### Upcoming Local Events

**June 16, 10-5:** Fort Collins Pride in the Park  
 Presented by Lambda Community Center, Pride in the Park will be held in the Civic Center Park in Fort Collins this year.

### Upcoming Regional Events

**June 23-24:** Denver Pridefest  
 The annual Pride parade and celebration commemorating the launch of the modern gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender (GLBT) movement for civil rights, is set for Sunday, June 24 in Denver. The parade begins at 9:30 a.m. in Cheesman Park. **Please consider marching with PFLAG.** If you plan to participate, contact Julie Wilson, 970.667.5236. For more information, see <http://www.denverpridefest.org/>.

**July 14-15:** The Colorado Gay Rodeo Association is sponsoring two days of gay rodeos at the Jefferson County Fairgrounds in Golden, Colorado. PFLAG Fort Collins/ Northern Colorado is a charity partner, meaning CGRA will donate a portion of their profits to us. You can support your GLBT rodeo community and benefit PFLAG at the same time!

You can help in two ways:

1. Buy tickets and attend the rodeo.
2. Volunteer to help.

In the event of bad weather, the rodeo will be moved to the Jefferson County Events Center, which is an indoor arena. For more information, see their [rodeo page](#).

### News of National/Global Interest

Lawmakers who say the military has kicked out 58 Arabic language experts because they were gay want the Pentagon to explain how it can afford to let the valuable specialists go. Seizing on the latest discharge involving three specialists, House members wrote the House Armed Services Committee chairman on Wednesday that the continued loss of such "capable, highly skilled Arabic linguists continues to compromise our national security during time of war." [[Yahoo News](#), May 23]

In contrast to the U.S. military's approach, Great Britain has allowed gays to serve in the armed forces since 2000. Their first-hand experience has shown that the predicted problems did not occur. [[Topix](#), May 20]

Gay men remain banned for life from donating blood, leaving in place a 1983 prohibition meant to prevent the spread of HIV through transfusions. The FDA reiterated its long-standing policy on its Web site Wednesday, more

than a year after the Red Cross and two other blood groups criticized the policy as "medically and scientifically unwarranted." [ABC News, Jun 4]

The Alabama Department of Homeland Security recently took down a Web site that included gay rights and anti-war organizations in a list of groups that could spawn terrorists. [Washington Post, May 28]

Vice President Dick Cheney has publicly welcomed his sixth grandchild, Samuel David Cheney, born to the Cheney's daughter Mary, and her partner, Heather Poe. [MSNBC, May 23]

### Transgender Youth

TransYouth Family Advocates (TYFA) now posts their monthly newsletter online. Anyone working with trans youth may want to sign up for the email notifications as well. [TYFA Newsletters]

Newsweek recently ran an excellent cover story on "Rethinking Gender". You can access the cover story and several related articles online. [Newsweek, May 21]

### Scouting for All

The Philadelphia City Council took decisive action to end a 1928 ordinance that leased public land to the Cradle of Liberty Council of the Boy Scouts of America in perpetuity

at nominal cost. The Boy Scouts must publicly affirm they will not discriminate against openly gay people—or pay fair-market rent for the city-owned Logan Square land on which their landmark headquarters is located. [NewsVine.com, Jun 1]

### Presidential Nominations

A non-negotiable quality for judicial nominees should be that they are committed to equal justice. President Bush's latest appeals court nominee, Leslie Southwick, has a disturbing history of insensitivity to blacks and other minority groups. According to the NY Times editorial, the Senate should reject this nomination and make clear to the White House that it will reject all future nominees who do not meet the high standards of fairness that are essential for such important posts. [NY Times, Jun 5]

President Bush has nominated Dr. James W. Holsinger, Jr., 68, currently president of the United Methodist Judicial Council, to become the nation's 18th surgeon general. While many conservatives laud this nomination, other people, including PFLAG, oppose it since Dr. Holsinger has a proven history of anti-GLBT positions. For example, he helped found a church which "ministers to people who no longer wish to be gay or lesbian." [United Methodist Nexus] [Think Progress]

## Support PFLAG Fort Collins / Northern Colorado—Become a Member

A membership in PFLAG extends a helping hand to families who have gay members, provides educational materials for families and the public, and offers a family voice that stands for equality and justice for all human beings. You can join at any time of the year. The current membership year extends from January 1, 2007, to December 31, 2007.

Name(s) of Member(s): _____	_____	Local Only	\$10
_____	_____	Regular Member	\$30
Address: _____	_____	Supporting Member—Silver	\$45
City: _____	_____	Supporting Member—Gold	\$75
State: _____ Zip Code: _____	_____	Supporting Member—Platinum	\$100
Home Phone: _____	_____	Donation _____	
Other Phone: _____	_____	Email list only (no membership)	
Email: _____			

Make checks payable to **PFLAG Fort Collins** and mail to 305 West Magnolia, PMB 117, Fort Collins, CO 80521. Membership fees and contributions are tax deductible. All information will remain confidential. PFLAG is a 501(C)3 non-profit organization.

#### MEETINGS:

2<sup>nd</sup> Monday each month, 6:45 pm  
Plymouth Congregational Church  
916 W. Prospect Rd.  
Fort Collins, Colorado

#### CONTACTS:

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In addition to parents, families, friends, and GLBT people, we welcome anyone involved in the coming-out process.

We welcome anyone who supports the PFLAG mission of **SUPPORT, EDUCATION** and **ADVOCACY** for GLBT people.