



# PFLAG

## Fort Collins / Northern Colorado

### March Meeting

**Date:** March 9, 7 PM Program, 8PM Support

**Program:** The Silent "B" in GLBT

PFLAG held a panel discussion on bisexuality. The panel moderator was Sharon Troyer. Other panelists included Mareye Bullock, Jennifer Lowe, and Lewis Headrick. Bisexuality is an often-overlooked topic in the GLBT community, and this panel discussion gave all of us greater insight into an important aspect of sexuality.

A brief annual meeting and election of board members preceded the bisexuality panel discussion.

### What is Bisexuality?

Several PFLAG members recently had the opportunity to attend a workshop by Robyn Ochs, an author and speaker on the subject of bisexuality. Her definition reads, "I call myself bisexual because I acknowledge that I have the potential to be attracted—romantically and physically—to people of more than one sex and/or gender, not necessarily at the same time, not necessarily in the same way, and not necessarily to the same degree." If you would like to learn more about bisexuality, see Robyn's website: <http://www.robynochs.com/>.

### PFLAG Annual Meeting

Agenda:

- ◆ Thank you to outgoing board members, Don and Jean Preslan
- ◆ Election of board members
- ◆ Treasurer's report
- ◆ Vote to amend by-laws

Elected to board membership:

- President: Julie Wilson (parent)
- Vice President: Stewart Anderson
- Secretary: CiCi Eberle
- Treasurer: Beverly Webber (parent)
- Librarian: Mareye Bullock
- Membership: Carl Hane (parent)
- Membership: Nancy Hane (parent)
- Safe Schools: Diane Kaufman (parent)
- At large: Kelli Darland
- At large: Jim Rath

The by-laws changes have two goals: (1) to better conform to our new fiscal year by holding the annual meeting earlier and (2) to allow a larger board of directors while still encouraging couples to serve together. The changes to the by-laws are:

#### Article IV Membership, Section 4

An annual meeting shall be at such place, date and time, as the Board of Directors may determine, normally in January (*changed from March*) but no later than March (*changed from April*) of each year."

#### Article IV Membership, Section 6

Notice of all annual or called meetings (*changed from all meetings*) shall be sent by mail, e-mail or fax at least fourteen days prior to the meeting date.

#### Article V Board of Directors, Section 2

The Board of Directors shall consist of five (5), but no more than thirteen (13) (*changed from nine*) members, and a majority of the Board shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business. The Board shall consist of a minimum of three parents and strive to have a majority of parents as Board members.

#### Article V Board of Directors, Section 4

The Board of Directors shall be elected to a one-year term at the annual meeting held no later than March (*changed from April*). The Board of Directors may fill vacancies that occur during the year and these persons will serve until the next annual meeting.

### PFLAG Speaker's Bureau

PFLAG and Lambda Community Center have decided to coordinate Speaker's Bureau activities with Colorado State University (CSU). We invite you to become part of the Visible Voices Speakers' Bureau, sponsored by CSU. Visible Voices is one of CSU's educational outreach programs, and the training covers topics such as coming out stories, nonviolent communication, bisexual and transgender communities and issues, public speaking and more! If you would like to be a part of this exciting program, please contact K. Foula Dimopoulos at [foula.dimopoulos@colostate.edu](mailto:foula.dimopoulos@colostate.edu) or call 970.491.4857. You must complete an application and attend training to be a part of Visible Voices. And, remember: heterosexual allies have coming out stories, too!

### Transportation to PFLAG Meetings

If you are interested in attending PFLAG meetings but need transportation, please call Craig Wilson at 667-5236 prior to the day of the meeting.

## Events of Local/Regional Interest

**April 4: Safe Schools Cultivating Respect training**  
The primary focus of the next Colorado Coalition of PFLAG Chapters meeting is Safe Schools training by National PFLAG. Training will be held in the conference room at the Care and Share warehouse, located 0.4 miles east of Powers Blvd. on Constitution Ave. in Colorado Springs. Please RSVP to Julie Wilson, [jw6804@aol.com](mailto:jw6804@aol.com), if you plan to attend.

**April 24: Queer Prom at UNC**  
UNC hosts its annual Queer Prom from 9:00PM to midnight in the UNC University Center Ballrooms. Cost: Free! For more information, contact the UNC GLBTA Resource Office at 970.351.2906, [glbta@unco.edu](mailto:glbta@unco.edu), or [www.unco.edu/glbtl/](http://www.unco.edu/glbtl/).

**April 26: Lavender Graduation at CSU**  
CSU hosts its annual Lavender Graduation for LGBT students at 5:00PM in the Greg Rock Room.

**May 30-31: Visible Voices Training**  
Sign up for Visible Voices training and become part of the PFLAG Speaker's Bureau. For more information about the PFLAG Speaker's Bureau, contact Beverly Webber, 970.484.0031. For more information about the Visible Voices training, contact Foula Dimopoulos at [foula.dimopoulos@colostate.edu](mailto:foula.dimopoulos@colostate.edu) or call 970.491.4857.

**June 4-7: Pride in the Park**  
Early plans for Pride in the Park cover four days, including the usual park event on Saturday. Stay tuned for more details. Save the weekend now.

## News of National/Global Interest

PFLAG has always understood that, when it comes to equality for *every* family, *all* of our families must build the foundation today that makes progress possible tomorrow. That's why, over the past month, national PFLAG has been proud to provide important support on two issues with far-reaching impact for many of our loved ones: passing the Uniting American Families Act (UAFSA) and repealing the military's "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" ban on lesbian, gay and bisexual service members. For more information, see the [March PFLAG Update](#).

## PFLAG's Transgender Resources

PFLAG Transgender Network offers the following resources to help families:

- [Welcoming Our Trans Family and Friends](#)
- [Our Trans Children](#)
- [Nuestr/os Hijas/os](#) Trans (Spanish edition)
- [Coming Out Trans to Your Parents and Families](#)
- [Trans Family Video](#)
- [Made In God's Image: A Resource for Dialogue About the Church and Gender](#)
- [Carly: She's Still My Daddy](#)
- [Trans Forming Families: Real Stories about Transgendered Loved Ones](#)
- [52 Things You can Do for Transgender Equality](#)

## Transgender Support

### Support Request:

I'm a therapist and I have a teen client who feels isolated and burdened by the secret of his father's transgender status. He has a hard time negotiating situations in which some people see his birth mother as his mother and some know only his transgendered father as his mother. For a kid who feels marginalized in many ways, I believe he would really benefit from a support group for children of transgender parents. Please tell me how he can connect with such a group.

### Support response:

TransFamily—<http://www.transfamily.org/> has an email support group for the children of transitioning parents. Follow the [email groups](#) link for more information.

TransParentcy—<http://www.transparentcy.org> is dedicated to transgender parents and their children. "Our mission is to provide the Transgender Parent, and their supporters (lawyers, mental health professionals), with information and resources to diffuse and/or dispel the myths about any adverse impact being transgendered/transsexual might have on one's children."

[Transition Tips for Parents](#) from COLAGE provides advice for parents undergoing a gender transition (pdf format).

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### MEETINGS:

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

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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.