



# PFLAG

## Fort Collins / Northern Colorado

### Next Meeting

**Date:** May 10, 7 PM Program, 8PM Support  
**Program:** Coming Out—Mom's Perspective

Back by popular demand, our PFLAG program for May will be a panel of moms who will share their perspective on the Coming Out process. Come prepared to ask questions and share your experiences as well.

### PFLAG News

#### Buy your tickets to Queer Cinema now

At the next PFLAG meeting, we'll have tickets for sale to Queer Cinema at the Rialto. Tickets cost just \$5/person.

#### Volunteers Needed: Pride in the Park

Our next PFLAG booth will be at the Pride in the Park event in Fort Collins on June 5. If you can help in the booth, please contact Stewart Anderson, (970)226-2444.

#### March with PFLAG at Denver PrideFest

Our PFLAG chapter will march in the Denver PrideFest parade on June 20. If you want to have an incredibly rewarding experience, please march with us. For more information, contact Julie Wilson, (970)667-5236.

#### Transportation to PFLAG meetings

If you are interested in attending PFLAG meetings but need transportation, please call Craig Wilson at (970)667-5236 prior to the day of the meeting.

### Events of Local/Regional Interest

#### May 8: Lavender Graduation, 5:00PM

CSU will celebrate its annual Lavender Graduation for LGBTIQ students in the Cherokee Park Ballroom, Lory Student Center. RSVP is requested by April 30 to GLBT Resource Center: [glbt\\_studentservices@mail.colostate.edu](mailto:glbt_studentservices@mail.colostate.edu); include number of guests.

#### May 23: Northern Harmony concert, 3:00PM

Harmony, a Colorado chorale, presents its spring concert: Love, Art and Chocolate. The Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, Transgender, and Straight (GLBTS) voices of Harmony embrace and inspire an inclusive community through song. The event takes place at Plymouth Congregational Church and includes beautiful love songs, members' art displays, and desserts to die for! Additional Information: [www.harmonychorale.org/](http://www.harmonychorale.org/), (303)331-2667 or (303)832-1491.

#### May 27: Is it OK to say Queer, 6:30PM

Lambda Community Center in conjunction with the Human Relations Commission of Fort Collins will host a panel discussion with four experts in the field of gay, lesbian,

transgender, intersex, queer questioning and allied identities and realities in hopes of creating a better understanding of LGBTIQ identities and to create a more inclusive environment for all people through honoring their self-proclaimed titles and appreciating all differences. The discussion will be held at Main Library, 201 Peterson, Fort Collins.

#### Jun 2: Queer Cinema at the Rialto, 7:00PM

This year the featured queer film will be *Save Me*. For more information on the film, see [savememovie.com](http://savememovie.com).

*Save Me* is a deft exploration of the controversial ex-gay movement. The story follows Mark (Chad Allen), a drug-addicted young man who overdoses and finds himself at the mercy of his disapproving family. Their solution to Mark's problems is to check him into a Christian-run ministry overseen by Gayle (Judith Light), who believes she can help cure young men of their 'gay affliction' through spiritual guidance. At first, Mark resists the efforts of Gayle and her loving husband Ted (Stephen Lang), but soon finds solace and brotherhood with several of the members, including Scott (Robert Gant), who is battling family demons of his own. When Mark and Scott begin to find their friendship developing into an unexpected romance, both are forced to confront the new attitudes they're beginning to accept, and Gayle finds the values she holds as an absolute truth to be threatened.

Directed by Robert Cary, from a screenplay by Robert Desiderio, *Save Me* is a love story that offers a complex and timely examination of one of the most polarizing religious and sexual debates in America, while intricately showing the way love (for oneself, most importantly) can heal in all its various forms.

#### Jun 4-5: Fort Collins "Pride in the Park" Weekend

Lambda Center's annual Pride in the Park weekend has been voted one of the top five pride celebrations in the nation. For more information on this year's event, see [prideinthepark.org](http://prideinthepark.org). When you join the fun, please be sure to stop by the PFLAG booth.

#### Jun 19-20: Denver PrideFest

Mark your calendars! Marking its 35th year in 2010, Denver PrideFest will be held on June 19 and June 20 at Civic Center Park. Produced by The Center and recognized as one of the top 10 Pride events in the country, PrideFest features a Dance Stage with DJs, a Latin Stage and Main Stage with live entertainment, and plenty of celebrating all day. Last year more than 275,000 people from Colorado and the region enjoyed a parade, rally, music, entertainment, food and much more.

## News of National/Global Interest

### Hawaii Legislature Passed Civil Unions Law

The Hawaii House approved a civil-unions measure. The bill, which has already cleared the state Senate, would grant unmarried couples, gay or straight, the same benefits as married couples. Gov. Linda Lingle, a Republican who had asked legislators not to focus on the issue this year, now has 45 days to either sign or veto the bill. [[Honolulu Advertiser](#), May 4]

### LA County Gets Fourth Openly Gay Mayor

Joe Mosca, who is openly gay, was appointed mayor of Sierra Madre, CA, last week. The town becomes the fourth in Los Angeles County with an openly gay mayor. Mosca said he rarely thinks about his sexual orientation in connection with his leadership role in the community. [[Pasadena Star-News](#), May 2]

### Sexual Orientation Irrelevant to Supreme Court Pick

The vast majority of respondents in a new Washington Post/ABC News Poll say a gay or lesbian sexual orientation should have no bearing on who is nominated to the Supreme Court. [[Gay Politics](#), May 1]

### GA Gay State Legislators Unopposed for Reelection

As the noon deadline for major party candidates to qualify for this year's elections passed, Georgia's two openly gay state lawmakers remained unopposed for new terms. [[Gay Voice](#), Apr 30]

### Illinois Legislature Passes Anti-Bullying Bill

Public schools in Illinois would have to add protection against bullying based on sexual orientation and gender identity, among other classifications, under a measure that was approved unanimously by the state House. The measure, which easily cleared the state Senate earlier in April, is expected to be signed into law by Gov. Pat Quinn. [[Advocate](#), Apr 23]

### Focus on the Family Tones Down Its Rhetoric

Conservative group Focus on the Family, under its new leader, Jim Daly, has stopped being involved directly in so-called "reparative therapy," as part of a general move away from its most extreme, anti-gay positions. Although the group is still against marriage equality, Daly said he is "not going to demean human beings" as part its activism. [[AOL News](#), Apr 24]

#### MEETINGS:

2<sup>nd</sup> Monday each month, 6:45 pm  
Plymouth Congregational Church  
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## Advocacy

### Anti-Gay Message on Wyoming Fence

A Casper home owner has painted an anti-gay message on his fence, and his fence happens to be near Roosevelt High School and Boys and Girls Club. Casper officials say the message will be allowed to remain because there's nothing the city can or should do about it. [[9New.com](#), Apr 20]

In order for a city to take action in a case like this, a non-discrimination or anti-hate ordinance would be needed. PFLAG National recommends that all concerned PFLAG members contact the Casper city council members requesting that such action be taken.

Council member contact information:

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Questions to consider in your letter: How far does freedom of speech go? What responsibility does a government have to protect its citizens from harassment and discrimination? What can the Casper community do to protect their LGBT youth from the bigotry of the billboard near their school? Does the city of Casper have a non-discrimination ordinance so that all citizens can be free of harassment and hate messages?

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If you would like to become a PFLAG sponsor, please contact Diane Kaufman at [RCKaufman01@comcast.net](mailto:RCKaufman01@comcast.net) or (970)223-0041 for more information.

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.