Preparing for Pride Weekend 50 Years after Stonewall

Pride weekend will be exceptional this year, as fair-minded groups everywhere celebrate the 50th anniversary of the Stonewall uprising, the spark that started the grand movement toward LGBTQ+ equality.

The PFLAG Denver chapter will host a PRIDE sign-making community event at the Community Care Collective, 3405 N. Downing Street, on Sunday, June 2, from 3-5 p.m. Bring your creativity and imagination. Then join us for the PRIDE Parade on Sunday, June 16, and share your message with the world! RSVP Rebecca@PFLAGDenver.org.

As in past years, we will have two or three vehicles, as needed, in the parade. Please RSVP Rebecca@PFLAGDenver.org as soon as possible to reserve a place, if you would benefit from riding instead of walking.

Scholarship Update

A full report of the evening, with biographies and photos of the scholarship awardees, will appear in the June issue.

Another Jude (Gassaway) Featured in Film

Longtime PFLAGer and retired USGS geologist Jude Gassaway was featured in a 10-minute video titled “Western Collections,” directed by professor and filmmaker Aaron Burns. The video was shown at the 33rd Rocky Mountain Women’s Film Festival in Colorado Springs in 2017, and at Colorado State University’s Human Rights Film Festival last month. Excerpts from a review by Julia Trowbridge in the April 9, 2019, Rocky Mountain Collegian: “The film highlights Gassaway’s collection of various items she’s picked up over the years, including barb wire and manhole covers. Gassaway has levity and humor about the items she’s attained, showing her appreciation of the value in the materials others see as trash. The film transitions to a deeper message about Gassaway coming out as a lesbian... Throughout the 10-minute film, the audience was laughing at every quick-witted joke Gassaway made, and by the end of it they were appreciating her for who she was.

Now Jude tells us that she has just been cast in a science fiction movie – to play a reclusive older lesbian w/dog who rescues a young woman who has been hit by a car/truck and who is now occupied by a spirit from outer space. Olivia Carmel, the author and director, agreed to include Jude’s silver-plated camping teapot, which is listed as Ima L. Teapot in the credits. The movie, called Endearments (Big Loud Films), is still in production. Jude adds, “Oh, yeah, they didn’t have to rent an old Ford for the accident... my truck was perfect for that part.”

Jude’s Law Waiting for Governor Polis’s Signature

After four years of trying to get legislation passed, Jude’s law is now on its way to the Governor for signature. The bill creates new requirements for the issuance of birth certificates in cases of changes to gender designation and for intersex persons.

Under current law, a person born in Colorado who seeks a new birth certificate to reflect a change in gender designation must obtain a court order, and will receive an amended certificate. This new bill repeals that provision, and requires that the state registrar issue a new rather than an amended birth certificate, and there will no longer be a requirement to obtain a court order for a legal name change. The new legislation also requires the department of revenue to issue a new driver’s license or identity document to a person who has a gender different from the sex denoted on the original document, and it exempts transgender persons from having to submit a public notice of name change as part of the legal name change process.

The bill is named after a young transgender woman who lives in Boulder, and who has testified every year since she was nine years old. She has shown outstanding courage and grace throughout these hearings and I know there are many of us who are extremely grateful to Jude and her family.

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OUR VISION
PFLAG envisions a world where diversity is celebrated and all people are respected, valued, and affirmed inclusive of their sexual orientation, gender identity, and gender expression.

OUR MISSION:
is to build on a foundation of loving families united with LGBTQ+ people and allies who support one another, and to educate ourselves and our communities to speak up as advocates until all hearts and minds respect, value, and affirm LGBTQ+ people.

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PFLAG SUPPORT GROUPS

Wednesday, May 1
Denver Family Support
CHUN Mansion, 1290 Williams St.
6:30 P.M.

Sunday, May 5
Gender Expansive Kids Group
3405 N. Downing St., Suite D
11:00 A.M. - 1 P.M.

Wednesday, May 8
Transgender Community Circle
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6:30 P.M.

Sunday, May 19
Gender Expansive Kids Group
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May 9
Scholarship Awards Ceremony
(See Update, page 1)

May 11
A Night of A Cappella!
(See News & Notes, this page)

May 18, June 1, 7, & 8
Performances of Quiet No More
(See News & Notes, this page)

May 29
Board of Directors meeting
CHUN Mansion, 6:30 P.M.

May 31
Showing of Stonewall Uprising
(See News & Notes, this page)

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Thank you so much!! We appreciate all of our volunteers! Happy Spring!!

The Denver Gay Men’s Chorus and The Denver Women’s Chorus are proud to be among the 22 gay and lesbian co-commissioning choirs throughout the United States that will simultaneously premiere Quiet No More: A Choral Celebration of Stonewall to mark this milestone in gay rights history and launch World Pride 2019.

- United Methodist Church of Golden, 1500 Ford St., Golden, May 18, 7:30 p.m.
- Broomfield Auditorium, 3 Community Park Road, Broomfield, June 1, 7:30 p.m.
- The King Center Concert Hall, Auraria Higher Education Center, 855 Lawrence Way, Denver, June 7 @ 7:30 pm, June 8 @ 2:00 and 7:30 pm.

The Sage Singers will make their first public appearance at the Sine Nomine concert on May 4 at 7:30 p.m. and May 5 at 2:00 p.m., at the First Baptist Church of Denver, 1373 Grant Street; they will sing a couple of songs just after the intermission.

Take Note! and Off Kilter! will present A Night of a Cappella! on May 11, 7:00 p.m., on the Main Stage, Aurora Fox Arts Center, 9900 E. Colfax Ave., Aurora.

There will be a screening of the PBS documentary American Experience: Stonewall Uprising on May 31 at 7:00 pm at Metropolitan Community Church of the Rockies, 980 Clarkson St., Denver. This movie chronicles the historic event that launched a world-wide rights movement. The event is a PFLAG Denver Women’s Chorus fundraiser; the suggested donation is $10 at the door.

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Keeping Up with the Chapter
Support/education/advocacy

Speakers’ bureau / events – participated in SafeZone training with oSTEM at Colorado School of Mines.

Helpline — the helpline received 18 calls this past month.


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