Don’t Miss PrideFest 2017!

Join PFLAG for PrideFest 2017
Saturday and Sunday, June 17 & 18 in Denver!

- Volunteer to staff the table with a PFLAG Board Member.
- Walk or ride in a Float Car with the PFLAG contingent in the Sunday morning parade.
- Make a special donation to the booth, float cars, or for new signs.

Pride Rally for LGBTQ Resistance
Hosted by One Colorado
Sunday, June 18
11:30 a.m. - immediately after the parade
West Steps of the State Capitol
Join the Colorado LGBT Legislative Caucus, state leaders, activists and groups from throughout the Denver community to speak out for LGBTQ civil rights.

PFLAG Denver 2017 Scholarship Winners

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Blanca Leos Honored by Latino Community

On May 22 at Lupitas Event Center, the Board of Directors of the Latino PrideFest announced that Blanca Leos is the recipient of the Latino PrideFest Community Award.

This is first time this event has ever taken place in Colorado. The award was given in recognition of Blanca’s leadership skills in the organization, and her community outreach to, and advocacy for, the LGBTQ community. About 50 people were in attendance at the May 22 event, with entertainment from the Grupo Folklorico de Mexico, great Mexican food, and various community leaders such as the Servicios la Raza and Feeding Denver’s Hungry.

On May 28 there is to be a formal recognition at the Latino PrideFest, which is taking place at 2465 West Evans Avenue. Other organizations taking part in this event include One Colorado, The Latino Chamber, The House of DeHerrera, The Wrangler, Charlie’s, Out Front, International Gay Rodeo Association, and AMR Promotions.

Colorado Health Network Has New Home

The Colorado Health Network, formerly the Colorado AIDS Project, held a Grand Opening event at its new and forever location on May 18. After nearly 30 years of renting space, the organization last year succeeded in raising the necessary funds to purchase and renovate its own building, located at 6260 East Colfax Avenue.

The Colorado Health Network now includes four state AIDS projects (Denver; Northern, Southern, and Western Colorado), and the Howard Dental Center.

The new building was built in 1952 as an auto dealership, later became a Woolworth’s store, and most recently was the St. Vincent de Paul Thrift Store. The design features of the renovation were innovative and inspired, with the first floor open space accommodating 54 work stations; a mezzanine which houses the network’s statewide administrative and development offices; and a basement level devoted to medical and dental clinics and the Food Bank. Windows and skylights, as well as sound masking, were added, and the wood ceiling was sandblasted to look new.

The CHN has a staff of 95 statewide, of whom 54 work in the new Denver building. Howard Dental Center serves about 1,000 patients, and the Food Bank serves about the same number of clients.

PFLAG Denver has worked closely with this organization from its founding in 1983, and contributed to the fund for the new building.

PFLAG Denver is one of many supporters of the June 10 Resist Forward Summit, an opportunity to be proactive in fighting the current political and social atmosphere of fear and racism threatening to roll back decades of human and civil rights progress in our city, our nation and the world.

The purpose of the Resist Forward Summit is to create a leadership table for networking; to provide education about issues that concern advocates for social justice; to empower and recruit new social justice activists; and to provide tools and resources for social justice advocacy.

Here is the registration link:
https://actionnetwork.org/events/resist-forward-summit
The Denver Women’s Chorus will present I Want To Be A Cowgirl’s Sweetheart at 2:00 and 7:30 p.m. on June 3 at Central Presbyterian Church, 1660 Sherman St. in Denver. www.denverwomenschorus.org.

Orlando United Event
PFLAG Denver invites you to join us on Monday, June 12, at 6:30 p.m. in the Cheesman Park Pavilion, for the one-year anniversary of the tragedy at the Pulse Nightclub in Orlando, Florida. This event is organized and sponsored by PFLAG Denver. It is time to bring the community together in love and remembrance. Since the tragedy, the strength of the LGBTQ+ and ally community has grown. It is more important now than ever to continue to come together. Join us for an evening of support, reflection and hope as we honor the 49 victims. There will be songs, speakers, and most importantly, a community of individuals committed to love and kindness. The event will begin at 6:30pm and will conclude with a candlelight vigil. For additional information see the PFLAG Denver Facebook Event Page for June 12.

The Denver Gay Men’s Chorus will present The BIG Gay SING! A DGMC 35th Anniversary Celebration at 7:30 p.m. on June 15 and 16 and at 2:00 p.m. on June 17, at Central Presbyterian Church, 1660 Sherman St. in Denver. www.dgmc.org.

The 12th edition of State Sponsored Homophobia was released on May 17 by The International lesbian, gay, bisexual, trans and intersex association (ILGA). It provides a world survey of laws that specifically affect LGBTQ people and a global map to view. Although many gains have been made, today 72 countries criminalize consensual, private same-sex sexual activity between adults. Other key findings:

- 23 countries have legalized same-sex marriage
- 43 countries ban hate crimes
- 124 states — 122 countries, plus Taiwan and Kosovo — have no legal penalties for same-sex sexual activity between consenting adults, but
- 72 countries criminalize same-sex relations; in 45 of those states, laws banning such activity apply equally to men and women
- 72 states have some type of law or constitutional protection in place that prohibits discrimination against LGBTQ people.

KEEPING UP WITH CHAPTER ACTIVITIES

Support – Education – Advocacy

SPEAKERS’ BUREAU – No speaking engagements in April.

HELPLINE–The office and Help-line received 10 calls in April.

SUPPORT GROUPS, MAY – One person came to the New Families Support Group, facilitated by Debbie Gabriel.

SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS & RECEPTION on May 4 – 55 people attended.

There were no attendees at the Latino/a support group led by Blanca Leos.
Ten people attended the Trans Community Circle led by Crow Carag and Jules Tybor.

Business Memberships

Supporting Partnerships –

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Basic Partnerships –

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Other Colorado Pride Events

Aurora Pride
August 5, 2017
Hosted by OUTFront Foundation

Ark Valley Pride Celebration (Salida)
June 3, 2017
www.arkvalleypride.com

Durango Pride Festival
June 21-25, 2017
970-385-7202
durangopride@gmail.com
www.DurangoPride.org

Longmont Pride
June 3, 2017, 2-6 p.m.
303-499-5777
jmoreno@outboulder.org
See their event page on FB.

Colorado Springs PrideFest
July 8-9, 2017
http://www.coloradospringspridefest.com/

Northern Colorado Pride
July 15, 2017
10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Fort Collins City Park
970-412-9582
www.NOCOEquality.org

Boulder PrideFest
September 10, 2017
http://www.outboulder.org/pride2017