



# Bridging the LGBTQ+ and Allied Communities

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## Holiday Party Planned for December 7

Please join the PFLAG Denver chapter in a celebration for the holiday season! We plan to have food, drinks, and entertainment provided by the Harmony Chorale.

The celebration will take place at the community hall of the CHUN Mansion (1290 Williams St., Denver) starting at



6:30 PM on December 7.

The chapter will provide a turkey, ham, and drinks. Please bring your favorite side dish and enjoy a great time with fellow PFLAGers while celebrating the holiday season.

We look forward to seeing everyone there!

Look for us on Facebook!



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## Events Attended, Honors Received

By Blanca Leos

Representatives of the PFLAG Denver chapter attended three events the month of November, the DGLCC Power Gala, the Colorado Health Network Red Ball, and the Gender Identity Center's Transgender Day of Remembrance.

The Power Gala took place on November 11 at the Infinity Park Event Center. This year one of our Board Members, Courtney "Crow" Carag,



Crow Carag at Power Gala

received a community award for the extraordinary work she does in the LGBTQ community. About 250 people were in attendance and the gala — which this year promoted unity within the community — was fantastic! This event is held every year in November and PFLAG Denver has attended the last three years.

The Red Ball, which took place at the EXDO Event Center on November 19, was a great event which included a fashion show and a silent auction. The fashion show promotes local designers. This is one way that Colorado Health Network brings awareness to HIV programs throughout Denver, and to World AIDS Day on December 1.

The Transgender Day of Remembrance was on November 20 at East High School. The Gender Identity Center and HRC partnered this year to

make this event happen, and they had incredible speakers and a great program! More than 100 people attended, including representatives from other LGBTQ organizations such as One Colorado, the LGBT Center, and the HRC. This event has always given people a place to honor those whose lives have been lost and to pay their respects. PFLAG Denver will continue to partner up in supporting other organizations and events that promote inclusion.



Phoenix/Trans Community Choir at TG Day of Remembrance



Blanca Leos and the House of Deherrera-Red Ball

## About the Transgender Community Circle

A transgender person doesn't transition in a bubble. Their family, partner, friends and community transition with them. The **PFLAG Transgender Community Circle** is a social support group designed for everyone in the Trans community. The group is open to:

- Trans people - including FtM, MtF, non-binary, gender queer
- Trans families - including parents, grandparents, siblings, kids, extended family
- Significant others - spouses, partners, caregivers

- Allies - including teachers, friends, co-workers, anyone who supports the Trans community.

The group is a space for Trans community members to build community, exchange resources, discover solutions and to learn from each other.

Are you a parent trying to understand your Trans child? Are you a Trans person looking to share your experiences? Is your co-worker or classmate Trans and you want to be a better ally?

**This group is for you!** (See p. 2 for time/place)

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# Calendar of Events

# News & Notes

**November 30, December 1, 2, 8, 10**

Holiday Concerts  
Denver Gay Men's Chorus  
(See News & Notes, this page)

**December 1**  
World AIDS Day

**December 5**  
Colorado Gives Day

**December 7**  
PFLAG Denver Holiday Party

**December 7**  
DGLCC Holiday Social  
(See News & Notes, this page)

**December 10**  
LGBTQ Community Day  
Denver Museum of Nature & Science  
(See flyer, attachment)

**December 13**  
Transgender Community Circle Potluck  
(See News & Notes, this page)

**December 20**  
Board of Directors Meeting  
CHUN Mansion, 6:30 P.M.

We sadly report the passing of **Lucile Wheatley** on Thanksgiving Day, Nov. 23, 2017, at age 100, in California. She died quietly in her sleep following a vigil joined by sons Paul and Jim, daughter-in-law Susan, and three grandchildren. Lucile was the wife of 69 years of Bishop Melvin Wheatley. Both were members of PFLAG Denver from its inception in 1980. In 1972 Mel announced to his fellow Methodist bishops that he could not support any church teaching that discriminated against members because of their sexual orientation. "She and Bishop Wheatley were always light years ahead of others in terms of social justice and human equality," commented one friend. Another said simply "They were the two most loving people I have ever met."

The December Transgender Community Circle will be a Potluck.

Wednesday, December 13 • 5:00-8:00pm  
at Community Care Collective, 3405 N. Downing St., Suite D.

Please bring a dish to share if you can. This will not be our regular support group but social time for transgender and gender non-conforming people, families and transgender allies. Children welcome! Please come and enjoy good company and a warm meal.

The **Denver Gay Men's Chorus** will present its holiday program, "Do You Hear What I Hear? Laughter and Light," on November 30, December 1 and 2 at Central Presbyterian Church in Denver; on December 8 at Boulder First United Methodist Church in Boulder; and on December 10 at St. Andrew United Methodist Church in Highlands Ranch. For times and church addresses: rmarts.org or call 303-325-3959.

The **Denver Gay Lesbian Chamber of Commerce** will hold its holiday social on Thursday, December 7, 5:30-8:30 p.m., at the Doubletree Hotel, 4040 Quebec St.

## SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM AUCTION

**Saturday, February 10**

**SAVE THE DATE !**

Tickets will be on sale soon.

Watch for article in January issue.

## Board Welcomes New Member

The Trans Community Circle meets the second Wednesday of each month, 6:30-8:00 p.m., at the Community Care Collective, 3405 N. Downing, Suite D.

(Special December potluck starts at 5:00 p.m. See box in News & Notes.)



Lisa Telk

My name is Lisa Telk and I have been a volunteer with PFLAG for only a few months, facilitating the PFLAG support group and I will host the PFLAG online support group that has recently started.

Having volunteered with CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocate) for more than seven years, I decided to expand my volunteer work. That brought me to PFLAG, because I wanted to work directly with the LGBTQ+ community. I volunteered with Rainbow Alley years ago and enjoyed the direct contact with LGBTQ+ youth.

As a former therapist, I have experience working with people from diverse

backgrounds and I have been a therapist for both youth and adults who are LGBTQ.

I currently am an online instructor with the Colorado Community College Online system, where I teach a variety of psychology classes. I love teaching because I love inspiring people not only academically, but also personally.

For fun, I like to spend time with my 7-year-old niece. I also enjoy hiking, running, and reading. You can sometimes catch me dreaming about the olden days, lying on the beach in Santa Barbara where I attended college. The mountains and the beach are my two favorite places.

### KEEPING UP WITH CHAPTER

## Support – Education – Advocacy

**SPEAKERS' BUREAU** – None this month.

**HELPLINE** – The office/Helpline received 18 calls this past month.

**SUPPORT GROUPS** – A total of 8 people attended our support groups this month, with Debbie Gabriel, Scott Teters, Lisa Telk, Crow Carag and Blanca Leos as facilitators. Ten people participated in the Trans group, with Crow and Jules Carag, and Wilma Peterson facilitating.

**EVENTS** – (See article, p. 1)

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