Blanca Leos Is Now PFLAG Regional Director

It is with great excitement that PFLAG Denver announces that Blanca Leos has been voted in as new Mountain West Regional Director for PFLAG National! Blanca succeeds Julie Wilson of Ft. Collins.

Blanca has served admirably and energetically as president of PFLAG Denver for several years. Although the chapter is sad to see her move into another orbit, we know she will do great things for PFLAG, and the success she brought to Denver will be transferred to the national stage.

In Blanca’s absence, PFLAG Denver board member Mia Furtado has been voted in as interim president of the board.

By way of background, the PFLAG national organization is structured into thirteen regions: Northeast; North Atlantic; Mid-Atlantic; South Atlantic; Central; Southern; Gulf; Great Lakes; Northern Plains; Mountain West; Pacific Northwest; Mid-Pacific; and Southern Pacific. The Mountain West region includes Arizona, Colorado, New Mexico, Utah, and Wyoming.

The members of each region elect a Regional Director, who works with PFLAG National staff for support, resources, training, and to help start new affiliates. Regional Directors are volunteers and can serve a maximum of three two-year terms.

PFLAG Denver has invited the Asian Pacific Islander LGBTQ and ally community to a conversation about forming a DENVER API Affinity Group.

Join the gathering on Sunday, October 21, 1-3 p.m., at the CHUN mansion.

See attached flyer.

Board Members Attend Anschutz Block Party

By Rebecca Reynolds

On Wednesday, September 12, Brett James and I represented the PFLAG Denver Board in joining the PRISM Gender and Sexuality Alliance at the Anschutz Medical Campus for their Annual Block Party.

The PRISM Gender and Sexuality Alliance is based within the Graduate School but strives to provide resources, information and support across the Anschutz campus, as well as at the downtown CU Denver campus. Their main goals this year are to boost visibility on campus and further community partnerships.

The Anschutz Block party is an annual outdoor party that focuses on introducing departments, programs, offices and more to employees and students of the medical campus.

It was a great opportunity for PFLAG to connect with many different groups of people, to share our mission and provide resources to the community. Thank you to my daughter Lexi Reynolds, who volunteered with Brett and me at this event.

For more information regarding PRISM and their work on campus, please contact them at prism@ucdenver.edu.
PFLAG SUPPORT GROUPS

Wednesday, October 3
Denver Families Group
CHUN Mansion, 1290 Williams St.
6:30 P.M.

Wednesday, October 3
Jeffco Families Group
100 Jefferson County Pkwy, Golden
Kittridge/Pleasantview Combo Rooms
5:30 P.M.

Wednesday, October 10
Grupo de Alianza Familiar
CHUN Mansion, 1290 Williams St.
6:30 P.M.

Wednesday, October 10
Transgender Community Circle
3405 N. Downing St., Suite D
6:30 P.M.

Wednesday, October 17
PFLAG Online Community
www.freeconferencecall.com/join/pflagden
6:30 P.M.

Call for Scholarship Committee Members
We are looking for one or two new committee members who are in high school or college to join the Scholarship Committee. Members must be at least 16 years old and live in the state of Colorado.

Responsibilities include reading and selecting finalists for our annual scholarship awards. This is highly rewarding work as you get to help applicants who have made the world a better place for the LGBTQ community go to college. Other responsibilities are minimal, including 4 - 6 meetings per year and attendance at fund-raising events and the award ceremony in May.

To sign up for the committee or to find out more, email brett@pflagdenver.org.

From the PFLAG Voice, Sept. 30 -
The US House of Representatives approved an appropriations package for the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Defense on Wednesday – but only after a discriminatory amendment was removed. That amendment would have allowed child welfare providers to refuse to place children with LGBT parents for “religious” or “moral” reasons.

The House had inserted the amendment in July and approved it, whereas the Senate had passed its own appropriations bill without this amendment. The amendment was excluded from the conference report reconciling the House and Senate versions.

The Rocky Mountain Arts Association announces its Annual Fundraising Event, Cabaret Unleashed! Perfect Cast/Mis- leashed! with performances by the Denver Women’s Chorus and the Denver Gay Men’s Chorus, on Saturday, October 6, at the Tivoli Event Center, 900 Auraria Parkway in Denver. Tickets are $25. www.rmarts.org.

Volunteer voices

By Lisa Telk

Fall Volunteer Training
On Monday, October 15, from 6 to 8 p.m., we are hosting a Fall Volunteer Training to discuss the history of PFLAG, our Denver PFLAG chapter, and the volunteer opportunities available to people who want to get involved. Please come join us at the CHUN mansion at 1290 Williams for a fun night of education, community and refreshments.

Also, any current volunteers who are already a part of our PFLAG family, please feel free to come help us provide support to the new volunteers, and to be a part of this training night.

Keeping up with chapter
Support – Education – Advocacy

SPEAKERS’ BUREAU – No engagements reported.

HELPLINE — The office/Helpline received 20 calls this past month.

SUPPORT GROUPS – 19 people attended the regular and trans support groups.