Our speaker for the January meeting will be Daniel Ramos, Executive Director of One Colorado, who will discuss the 2017 Legislative Session and LGBTQ protections in 2017.

Daniel graduated from Sterling High School and attended the University of Colorado at Boulder. He graduated with a degree in sociology and Spanish and holds a Certificate in the Study and Practice of Leadership. Throughout his college career he was involved in many local, state, and national organizations. His involvement in the University of Colorado student government led to his election as Student Body President in 2009. During his term, he advocated for many diversity and sustainability initiatives, including a program that established CU-Boulder as the First Zero Waste Student Government in the United States.

Prior to joining One Colorado, Daniel served as an organizer for the Stonewall Democrats’ “Elect-Equality” Initiative. As an organizer in Palm Springs, CA, he executed an aggressive field plan to recruit, train, and manage volunteers to facilitate voter engagement. He also returned for graduate studies at the University of Colorado School of Public Affairs, and earned a Masters of Public Administration in May 2014.

Before taking on the role of Executive Director at One Colorado, Daniel served as Deputy Director, Director of Safe & Inclusive Schools, as well as the Political and Organizing Director — managing the safe schools program and leading One Colorado’s work to mobilize, educate, and engage the LGBTQ community around important issues.

The New Families Support Group will meet as usual from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. The program will start in the Community Room at 7:30.

Scholarship Fundraiser Planned for February 11

Ring in your Chinese New Year with us! Help LGBTQ Youth! The Denver PFLAG Scholarship Program is delighted to invite you to our annual scholarship program event on February 11, to raise money for our scholarship awards. Please join us to help Colorado’s LGBTQ youth, and for a marvelous evening of fun and entertainment, and let Spinphony amaze you!

Our awards have been helping Colorado LGBTQ and ally students for more than five years with great success. We believe that rewarding strong youth leadership is essential to a strong community, and a vibrant economy. Each scholarship award is given to an LGBTQ or LGBTQ ally to continue their collegiate pursuits. The PFLAG Denver chapter has distributed $29,000 in scholarship awards since 2011 to 17 students. Help us secure enough funding to continue our current award levels for 2017, and to keep pace with increasing college-level costs. We can't do it without you!

Your ticket opens the door to an evening of surprising fun! Join us at Artwork Network, 878 Santa Fe Drive in Denver, for our wonderful program from 7 to 9 p.m. Enjoy our amazing auction items, delicious appetizers, and two tickets for beer and wine. You’ll love Yolanda DeHerrera in full, fabulous drag. And we’re excited to present Spinphony Electric String Quartet as our special headliner for the evening. Spinphony will delight us with mashed-up, rocked-out versions of classical music.

PFLAG Denver is registered as a 501(c)3 organization (EIN 74-2196824). You can purchase tickets on our Facebook page, or at Eventbrite - PFLAG Denver Scholarship Grand Affair.

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CHUN Mansion, 6:30 - 8:30 P.M.
New Families Support Group 6:30
Program: One Colorado 7:30 P.M.
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January 5
DGLCC Monthly Breakfast Series
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January 5 & 11
PFLAG Denver Support Groups
CHUN Mansion, 1290 Williams St.
Jan. 5 – New Families/Regular Group
Jan. 11 – Transgender Circle
Jan. 11 – Latino/a Support Group
All at 6:30 P.M.

January 13
Martin Luther King Jr Business Awards
(See News & Notes, p. 3)

January 16
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January 16
Newsletter Deadline
Send copy to winternye@gmail.com

January 21
Denver Women’s Chorus Concert
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January 25
Board of Directors Meeting
CHUN Mansion, 6:30 P.M.

February 2
PFLAG Denver Annual Meeting

Legacy of Mary Borhek

The GLBT and PFLAG communities have lost a trailblazing author, activist, and advocate, Mary V. Borhek, author of My Son Eric (1979) and Coming Out to Parents: A Two-way Survival Guide for Lesbians and Gay Men and Their Parents (1983), who died on October 25 at the age of 94. These two books have become part of the GLBT / PFLAG literary canon.

She was the guest speaker at a PFLAG Denver meeting in the early 1980s. Over the years she spoke to some 200 gay and lesbian organizations, PFLAG chapters, and church groups at many places throughout the U.S. She also presented workshops and was interviewed on radio and television.

We are pleased to announce the appointment to the Board of Leslie Scotland-Stewart, one of two new candidates who will be voted on by the membership at the annual meeting in February.

Leslie has lived in Colorado for the past 17 years, having moved here after graduating from Michigan State University.

In her professional career in Denver, Leslie has worked in sales and marketing capacities in numerous industries including automotive, healthcare, premium prefab homes, broadcast media and executive wellness coaching. Her passions include human rights, music, nutrition/exercise and her family.

Leslie and her husband have two beautiful kids and numerous animals which makes for a fun and lively household! She also teaches fitness classes at Endorphin and enjoys helping others become healthier and happier!

Leslie is excited about contributing to PFLAG as an ally and is extremely passionate about creating an inclusive and supportive community in Denver and beyond!
**News & Notes**

**Yvonne Rosnik** reports that her son Daniel married his longtime partner David McKee in Chicago on November 22. The two Moms were asked to be their witnesses. Yvonne commented, “I am so honored!”

**Nancy Keene**, a founding member and first president of PFLAG Denver, celebrated her 88th birthday on December 13.

The Denver Gay and Lesbian Chamber of Commerce (DGLCC) will feature a preview of the 2017 Colorado Legislative Session at its *Monthly Breakfast Series* on Thursday, January 5, 7:30 - 9:00 a.m., at the DoubleTree By Hilton Denver, 3203 Quebec Street. The cost is $15 for members and $19 for non-members, but if you register online by January 3rd, the cost will be reduced to $10 and $16, respectively. You must register online.

The 32nd Annual **Martin Luther King Jr. Business Awards** will be presented at a luncheon on January 13, at 11:45 a.m., at the Marriott City Center Hotel, Denver. To register, go to www.MLKBusinessAwards.org.

Denver’s annual **Martin Luther King Jr. Marade** (March and Parade) will be held on Monday, January 16, starting at 9 a.m. Participants will gather at City Park and march to Civic Center Park, where a large rally will commemorate the life of Dr. King. [http://www.drmartinlkingjrchc.org/](http://www.drmartinlkingjrchc.org/)

The Denver Women’s Chorus will present its first concert of the 2017 season, *Oceans of Voices*, under the direction of Mark Zwilling, on January 21, 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m., at the Montview Boulevard Presbyterian Church, 1980 Dahlia Street in Denver. Ocean of Voices: Stories of Water in Life celebrates the most precious resource in our lives: water. It is a symbol of hope, an image of destruction, and the source of life itself. Come explore all the ways water touches our lives through music celebrating its enigmatic force. The concert will include a guest appearance by nationally renowned singer/songwriter **Cris Williamson**. General admission $20, VIP admission (includes pre-concert reception with Cris Williamson) $50. Denver-WomensChorus.org.

The biannual **PFLAG National Convention** will be held in Portland, Oregon on October 20-22, 2017. Now, like never before, we must share our knowledge and needs, our challenges and triumphs, to ensure that the rights we have gained will not be eroded.

**SPEAKERS’ BUREAU** – No speaking events in December.

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

**SUPPORT GROUPS** – No New Families Support Group meeting was held in December. Ten people attended the Transgender Community Circle in December, with Crow Carag and Wilma Peterson facilitat-

**HOLIDAY PARTY** – Twenty-five people attended the festive party on December 1 (photo at right).

We will be sending a survey within the next two weeks to get feedback from our membership for the Annual Meeting.

**Business Memberships**

**Supporting Partnerships –**

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**Basic Partnerships –**

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Students Gabby Wagstaff, Caleb Hyatt, Ray Hootman, and Danny Najjar from the Denver School of the Arts, sang Christmas carols with exuberant musicianship at the PFLAG Denver Holiday Party on December 1. Board member Elisa Starble made the arrangements for the student performers.