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#### Letter from the President

Hello PFLAG members! Just a few highlights for this edition of the newsletter.

The first thing is we had a switch on the board of directors roster. Suzanne Whitaker has taken a step back as a board member to focus on other things in her life. She will still be active in other ways and while we will miss her on the board, we know that she will not be that far away! Monica Plett has resumed a role on the board as a member at large. Monica has a vast number of skills that we rely on! Welcome back Monica. The second thing is that it is scholarship time. Do you know of a graduating senior or someone who is continuing their education who needs money? Then tell them to visit our website at www.pflagcinci.org and fill out our scholarship application. We are

looking for the type of student that has excelled not only in their studies but for those that have contributed to the LGBTQ community. Check out the website for more information and to see what is needed on the application. Don't know of a student but would like to donate to our scholarship fund? Well then you can send your check to P.O. Box 19634 Cincinnati, OH **45219-0634.** We can

<u>45219-0634.</u> We can send you a letter for tax purpose.

As the president of PFLAG there are many things that are at the forefront of my thoughts. Education is a key ingredient for our group. We strive to make sure that when families walk in overwhelmed and looking for answers, they leave knowing there is a light at the end of the tunnel. Safety and confidentiality are also very impor-

tant to each and every one of us for any number of reasons. It is up to us to make sure each person feels safe and that what we say is kept safe. Finally there is fundraising! Without this very important aspect of our group there would be no ability to educate, advocate and support the people who walk through our doors. So the next time you are looking for a group to support financially, please consider PFLAG Cincinnati your choice.

As I close out this letter I would like to direct you to page 7 for a note from one of our former scholarship recipients, Chris Seelbach. He wrote about his memories of David Crowley, who recently passed away.

Thank you for being a part of PFLAG Cincinnati!

Michael Cotrell
President



## **Mission Statement**

Parents, Families and Friends of Lesbians and Gays (PFLAG) promotes the health and well-being of gay, lesbian, bisexual

and transgender persons, their families and friends through:

Support, to cope with an adverse society,

Education, to enlighten an ill-informed public, and Advocacy, to end discrimination and secure civil rights.

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## **Meeting**

Our monthly chapter meetings are on the second Tuesday of each month from 7:00 - 9:30 P.M. at Mt. Auburn Presbyterian Church (link for directions http://www.mtauburnpresby .org/location.shtml) located at 103 William Howard Taft Rd, 45219. The monthly chapter meeting is open to everyone, including parents, friends and family of gays, lesbians, bisexuals and transgender persons, as well as to gays, lesbians, bisexuals and transgender persons

or anyone interested in learning more about the topic. Meetings are completely confidential. What is said there stavs there. Confidentiality is important to most of us for one reason or another, and at all time we respect the rights of others.

The chapter also has a monthly board meeting that is held on the Thursday before the monthly chapter meeting, starting at 6:30 P.M. at various locations. Paid up members of the chapter are welcome to attend the monthly board meeting.

Please send an email to info@pflagcinci.org or call the PFLAG Help Line at 513-721-7900 and ask for the PFLAG contact number if you need more information about the monthly chapter meeting or information about attending the chapter board meeting.

## Newsletter

This newsletter is published quarterly (usually sometime in the first month of the quarter). The chapter would benefit greatly from your involvement in the creation of this newsletter. Send an email

to the editor at newsletter@pflagcinci.org if you have an announcement that should in included, an idea for an article, or even better, would be interested in writing an article. Also, feel free to

send an email to the editor if you have any suggestions or comments regarding your chapter's quarterly newsletter's content or design.



## **Special Rights**

## By Jane Biddinger

When my first child was born, just as any new mother does, I counted his fingers and toes. Then I imagined the endless possibilities that lay ahead of him. The boundless number of roads those tiny pink feet might someday walk. When I held my second son, I was certain the same held true for him. My sons—two white males born in the United States of American. What could stand in their way?

When my daughter made her appearance, I once again counted my baby's fingers and toes. I welcomed the shades of pink that accompanied her. But as I dressed her in ruffles and lace, I sensed a vulnerability in my daughter that I did not sense in my sons. I felt the need to protect her. To warn her of the ways of the world. I also was less certain about the opportunities that awaited her. The year was 1973 and though women had made great strides, equality felt eons away.

I set out on a crusade to make her world as female friendly as possible. At times, I must admit I was a bit overly zealous. Such as scratching the Easy Bake oven from her list to Santa. And just maybe I went overboard when I nixed the big Barbie head so in need of a bad hair day fix. I do, however, maintain that asking the archbishop what the

Catholic Church had to offer women, and why my daughter and I should remain in its fold, was a totally appropriate question. And still is.

While I rallied to have girls included in the ranks of altar (boys) persons, clipped news articles about Sally Ride and posted them on the refrigerator, I had no idea that it would be my firstborn son whose equality would in time also become my concern.

My son. My bright industrious son who, when he was four, told his preschool teacher he thought they'd all played long enough. He came there to learn, he could play at home. My sports loving son who as a third grader memorized the Reds batting averages, and today who I feel almost certain could survive Armageddon if only the signal to ESPN wasn't lost. My son, who by eighth grade sprouted to 6 feet and towered above me. My college aged son whose constant study companion was a young woman he talked about a lot, and I was eager to meet. My son whose intelligence and persistence would open any door he chose to enter. My son who was just months away from college graduation.

It took only seconds on that spring afternoon in the early 90's for my perception to crumble. Just the length of time it takes

to say "Mom, I'm gay." I was overcome with fear. Not that I hadn't encountered moments of anxiety before. There were the high fevers and asthma attacks when he was small. The broken arm when he took a soccer game tumble. Those anxious moments when he was a new driver and sirens wailed just minutes after he'd pulled from the drive. The times he was out later than I expected. These fears I told myself were normal. These fears were echoed by every

mother I knew. But the feeling I now experienced bordered on terror. Suddenly he seemed at risk in spite of his 6"2 frame. Visions of his body bloodied by rednecked fanatical bigots popped into my head. I questioned his place in our Catholic Church. For the first time ever. I had doubts about him finding and holding a job. I fought to keep the thought of AIDS from my mind. These were fears I was unable to share with any other mother.

In hindsight, I recognize many of the concerns I harbored for years for my daughter were in essence the same as the ones I had for my gay son. For this reason, I am repulsed when I hear the special rights rallying call of the religious and otherwise right wingers.

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## A Father's Journey

#### Erik M.

Over the past few years, I could see changes in my daughter. Of course there were the normal physical and emotional changes that you expect from a teenager, but these were different. She almost seemed to shy away from relationships, she had only a few close friends and she became increasingly socially isolated. I wouldn't classify her as "depressed" but she was at the very least a "home body." Toward the end of her 8th grade year, she began asking me questions about my sexuality, my preferences and how and when I knew my sexual preferences.

While everyone's journey is different, mine was a bit more unique. As a teenager, I didn't know or suspect I was gay. In fact I had a serious girl friend who I was "in love with." I was by most people's standards a "good kid", but being young and naïve I made some poor decisions which landed her pregnant our sophomore year when I was only 15. We were determined to stick together and not become a "statistic." We therefore moved out at the age of 16, graduated high school, got married and began our journeys in college. We weren't the stereotypical family, but we committed to the purpose and to do the "right thing."

As our journey carried on we both began our

careers and continued our family life. I began to question feelings and wonder what exactly "normal" was. My (ex) wife and I had a few frank conversations regarding sexuality. As the dynamics of our relationship were changing we pushed through, sought counseling and tried to focus on the blessings in our life. Several vears later and two more kids down the road life brought an interesting twist and like a ton of bricks I came to the realization that I was in fact gay. While coming out to me was the toughest thing I did, it was also the most freeing decision I ever made.

Fast forward another several years and there I stood in my home office as my daughter said "Dad, I think I'm gay." To most people surprise, my reaction was like most parents. "Are you sure?" "You're too young to make this decision." "Give it some time and think on it..." As I heard myself trying to convince her why she could not come to this conclusion I had flash backs to my coming out experience. I suddenly realized how brave and noble she was for sharing this so openly with me. I realized how lucky I was to have a daughter who was open and honest enough to share this with me. However, I also realized that in a way that coming

to this conclusion at 15 years old was as much of a burden as anything I had faced in my teenage years. She too would feel isolated, embarrassed and at times doubtful of her future.

As a parent, my role is to love, protect and provide for all my children. This was a role I have always taken seriously. So when Taylor began High School I did my best to protect her feelings. Right or wrong, I asked her to be cautious of sharing her sexuality with anyone. I wanted her to feel included and welcomed in her new environment. This was her chance to start fresh! The first day of school I was overjoyed when she came home and announced she had a "great day!" I was relieved and hopeful that her high school years would be full of the fun and great memories they are intended to be.

Sadly, the very next day things took a sudden turn for the worse. Taylor came home upset that a girl had asked her if she was gay. Taylor said she could neither confirm or deny... instead she walked away. Reading Taylor's face I knew she was ashamed at the way she had handled it. She felt she had nothing to be ashamed of, she felt guilty for denying who she was... I felt relieved.

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## A Father's Journey Continued

Over the next week two things seemed to escalate. Girls were making comments to Taylor, throwing things at her in class, making fun of her and making her an outcast. Taylor was quickly becoming depressed and resistant to going to school.... Things had to change. Taylor's mom and I made phone calls and trips to the school. We were not going to tolerate the bullying and luckily neither was the school. We began looking up support systems in the area which could help us through this tough time. The school linked Taylor to a social worker/ counselor who could help her through some of the problems she was having. As

Taylor searched the internet one night she stumbled upon a few different groups and was compelled to get involved. She told me about PFLAG and about The Gay Straight Alliance (GSA) in some local schools. As luck would have it, the social worker/ counselor at school told Taylor they were starting a GSA in her school.

As the months passed these two groups were able to give Taylor something she hadn't felt in a very long time... included and welcomed. While she still feels different, I don't fear that she feels isolated. For the first time she has friends who are gay and identify with her. These other teenag-

ers face the same every day struggles that she does, but also relate to the uniqueness of not being straight. During one's teenage years they need to feel this sense of community and belonging perhaps more than any other time in their life. As a parent, I am very grateful and thankful for these groups and the other support initiatives (such as the Youth Summit) we have in our local community. At a time when the media is pouring with stories of bullying and teen suicide I don't let my guard down and relax completely... but there is a certain sense of comfort in knowing Taylor has a group of peers who identify and support her.

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## **Community Events**

**Upcoming Speakers:** 

March 8 Attorney Scott Knox

**April 12** Doug Meredith

May 10 Ryan Messer from Ethicon and Karen Naugle from Cincinnati Children's Hospital. Both will be speaking on the diversity groups in the workplace.

**June 12** Scholarship Award Celebration

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WWW.WVQC.ORG

Weekly Gay and Lesbian public affairs radio program featuring news, interviews, music, and information on what is happening in the local community.



## My Journey

## Taylor M.

Last June I came to terms with an idea I had been tossing around in my head for many years. I officially came out as a lesbian to my dad and a few close friends. It was the summer before my freshman year in high school. Entering high school I had no clue what to expect. It was a new school and none of my friends from the previous school were attending. Despite having come out a few months prior, I decided I would keep my sexuality to myself for a few months just to see what people thought and to see who I could trust.

To my surprise, on the second day of school people came up to me and asked if I was a lesbian! What?! How did they know?! I hadn't anticipated just how small this world was. One of my close friends told his girl-friend. His girl friend had friends who attended my high school. When I asked them why they would ask me this they said they knew a person that I was out to. Before I knew it I was getting awkward looks, getting picked on, and being avoided.

Most of my class mates still don't talk to me. Some of them whisper bad things about me and think that I don't hear them. This is hurtful and makes me feel isolated and like an outcast. In fact, one person came up to me and said he did not like me just because I was a lesbian. I have lost friends who were girls because people would say I had a crush on them.

This was only a few short months ago. Thankfully, today I am coping better.

A few weeks into school I learned of a club at school called The Gay and Straight Alliance (GSA) from a guidance counselor at school. GSA is a club that helps gay, lesbian, transgender, and all others deal with the pressure of being different. We discuss the problems we face at school and in life and try to help each other work through them. I have made many friends in G.S.A who I feel unbelievably comfortable with. When I'm down or depressed they lift me up. If it weren't for the support of them and the guidance counselor I don't know how I would handle high school.

#### Chapter Meetings

March 8 April 12 May 10 June 14 July 12 August 9 September 13

If you or someone you know is suffering from bullying at school or home, please contact these agencies for further help!

**Trevor Project Hotline** 

1-866-4-U-Trevor **GLSEN** 

www.glsencincinnati.org

**PFLAG Cincinnati Hotline** 

513-721-7900

Centerpoint Health Crisis Care Center

513-281-CARE (2273)



## A Word about David Crowley Chris Seelbach

Friends:

It's been a little over two weeks since David Crowley passed and I wanted to share with you some thoughts I've just now been able to put in writing.

I met David during his first campaign for Cincinnati City Council. He came to the annual PFLAG (Parents & Friends of Lesbians and Gays) dinner where I was being honored for my work at Xavier. As with so many young people, I was immediately drawn to David. It was a combination of his statesman-like persona, combined with his lifelong fight for justice. It was his military service in the Peace Corps, combined with his draw to "just grabbing a beer" at Crowley's. He was just a likeable, fun guy.

I soon learned that not only was David supportive of PFLAG's work, he was also a member. Two of his four kids were gay. Because I was dealing with support issues with my own family, David became much more than a politician to me. David, along with Sherri, became almost parent figures.

*I got to know* David much more in the coming years. I volunteered on his campaign, interned in his Council office while in law school and eventually managed his third run for office. I often tell a story about one of the only times David got upset with me. It was the day of the 2005 Gay Pride Parade. One of my campaign manager responsibilities was registering for parades. When we got to the parade site and took our place in line, David noticed we were pretty far back in the lineup, even behind several other Council candidates. That upset him. He wanted to be in the front of the Gay Pride Parade! It makes me smile to this day knowing it was never

about power for David. It was always, always about doing the right thing.

In the days after his passing, I was sad, upset, but more than anything, inspired. His funeral at St. Joseph's in the West End was full of people from every walk of life: young, old, black, white, gay, straight, rich and poor...all touched by David, all with different stories.

The last time I saw him was a few weeks before he passed. He wanted to introduce me to Doug Sizemore, head of the local AFL-CIO, even though he was weak from Chemo. I picked him up, we had coffee with Doug, then I dropped him off again at home.

I'm not sure I'll ever be as inspiring or passionate for justice as my friend David Crowley, but I know it's the standard I'm going to fight to live up to every single day.

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## Special Rights, continued

While these folks strike out at any attempt to level the playing field for gay persons, they make no fuss about Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964. Title VII prohibits employers from discriminating against individuals because of their religion in hiring, firing, and other terms and conditions of employment. Title VII also requires employers to reasonably accommodate the religious practices of an employee or prospective employee, unless to do so would create an undue hardship upon the employer. Accommodations include, but are far from limited to a day off each year for a religious holiday, flexible scheduling, permission to wear religious garb, use of lunchtime in place of early dismissal. The list goes on. Some will have us believe these apply to only one particular religion. Does hypocrite come to mind?

These people somehow reason that protecting a gay person from discrimination equates to granting that gay person special rights, rights above and beyond those of heterosexuals. This gives gays an unfair advantage in the workplace. Maybe they're thinking of that high-profile case of the straight guy losing his job because of his sexual orientation. Oh, wait, that didn't happen, did it?

They go on to claim that these special rights give gay person a special status not afforded heterosexuals. Like the time that straight couple who held hands as they walked to the apartment

complex rental office. Though there was a giant FOR RENT sign hanging out front, they were told the last unit had just been taken minutes before. Oops. That didn't happen either.

They feel if people defy God's law and choose to be gay, those persons should keep their mouths shut about it. What's the big deal about keeping one's sexual orientation to oneself? Like that straight guy with the gold band on his finger and the picture of his wife and kids on his desk. Or the straight gal who talks about the hunk she met the night before. Or the engagement ring, the bachelor parties, the bridal showers. I could go on and on.

The gay special status protection myth is its best when it comes to our military. The repeal of *Don't Ask Don't* Tell resulted in a six page directive from the Pentagon and an 87-page document advising different branches of the military of necessary policy changes. Implementation will require three levels of training including videos and Power Point presentations. All of this in order for gay persons to legally stand side by side with their heterosexual counterparts to defend our country. Voluntarily and finally without fear of expulsion for being who they are. Who God made them to be. Sadly, there is no guarantee the process will be complete by the end of 2011.

That said, with all its flaws and shortcomings, I believe the repeal is a step in the right direction. A step long overdue, but a step nonetheless. I see it as an indication that the citizens of this country are coming to recognize the injustice and inequality endured by gay persons for far too long. With the military barrier broken, my hope is for many more walls to fall. Marriage and adoption are high on that list.

There is some hope too on the estrogen front. A woman came close to appearing on the 2008 presidential ballot. A woman was Speaker of the House for a time. Currently 92 women serve Congress—75 in the House and 17 in the Senate. There are, however, 541 total member of Congress indicating the progress still to be made. The number of state governors has increased eight-fold from 1975 to the present, which sounds very impressive. But in 1975 there was one woman state governor. Presently there are 8.

Now I have grandchildren. A granddaughter and a grandson. My hopes and dreams for them are quite similar to those I had for my own children. I pray they be fully blessed with the rights of life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. Those special rights that we claim to be God given, which means no one may take them away. No matter how right he thinks he may be.



### Cooking with John Colorado Green Chili

- 1 tablespoon olive oil
  1 1/2 pounds cubed pork
  stew meat
  salt and pepper to taste
  1 large yellow onion, diced
  4 cloves garlic, minced
  2 cups chopped, roasted
  green chilies
  1 pound fresh tomatillos
  1 1/2 cups tomatillo salsa
  5 cups chicken broth
  1/2 teaspoon dried oregano
  1 pinch ground cloves
- 1. Heat the olive oil in a
  Dutch oven or large pot
  over medium-high heat.
  Season the pork with salt
  and pepper to taste, then
  place into the hot oil. Cook
- until golden brown on all sides, about 7 minutes. Once browned, remove the pork and set aside. Reduce heat to medium, and stir in the onion and garlic. Cook and stir until the onion has softened and turned translucent, about 5 minutes.
- 2. Return the pork to the pot, and stir in the green chilies, tomatillos, tomatillo salsa, and chicken broth. Season with oregano and clove. Bring to a simmer over medium-high heat, then reduce heat to medium-low, cover, and simmer 20 minutes.
- 3. After 20 minutes, remove 2 cups of the soup (ensure

there are no pork cubes in it), and pour into a blender. Hold down the lid of the blender with a folded kitchen towel, and carefully start the blender, using a few quick pulses to get the soup moving before leaving it on to puree. Puree until smooth, then pour back into the cooking pot. This will create a thicker texture for your chili and will eliminate some of the chunky bits of chilies. Continue to simmer, stirring occasionally until the pork is very tender, at least 35 minutes more.

Check out our website for scholarship applications. Each scholarship is going to be \$2500.00 and will be awarded in June 2011 for the fall term. Scholarships are available to any high school graduate and those who are continuing their education. Make sure to check out our website! www.pflagcinci.org

"Remember, when you no longer need PFLAG, PFLAG needs you"

## Ohio PFLAG State Meeting April 9, 2011

Hosted by the Akron chapter, PFLAG members from around the state will gather on Saturday, April 9, for the annual state meeting. The all-day gathering (9-4) will take place at the Fairlawn West United Church of Christ, 2095 West Market Street in Akron. With the theme Reaching for

Equality, the agenda will be filled with inspiring speakers and useful workshops. The keynote will be delivered by Rabbi David Horowitz, new national PFLAG president. Other presenters include Brooke Smith from PFLAG National; Ed Mullen, Executive Director of Equality Ohio;

and Molly Merriman, Director of LGBT Studies, Kent State University. All PFLAGers are welcome to

All PFLAGers are welcome to attend. Thanks to donations from Akron businesses, the registration cost is only \$15.00. To register, go to <a href="http://pflagcinci.org/">http://pflagcinci.org/</a> AkronMeeting.doc.



#### **General Chapter Information & Resources**

Advocacy: Understanding and participating in advocacy for GLBT concerns at a local, state, national and international level is addressed by our Advocacy committee. If you have anything concerning awareness or participation in advocacy for GLBT concerns please contact our Advocacy chairperson at info@pflagcinci.org

Hotline/Email: Throughout this section and the entire newsletter you will see references to the hotline and various email addresses. If you ever get confused about whom to contact, you can just use the chapter Hotline or general email address. The chapter hotline can be reached by calling 513-721-7900 and ask for the PFLAG number. The general email address for the chapter is info@pflagcinci.org. Feel free to use these as your single point of contact for anything related to the chapter. Just keep in mind that depending on your request, the operator/email monitor may need to contact someone else in order to properly address your questions/comments.

Library: Your chapter has a mobile library that is open for business at every monthly meeting. The library is an excellent resource that contains many great books and videos that address topics such as homosexual-

ity, homosexuality and religion, coming out and GLBT issues for children and families. You are welcome to borrow any of the books or videos.

Membership: PFLAG Cincinnati values your support and interest in the chapter. Your membership supports the activities of the chapter which include purchasing publications for distribution at meetings and events where we are represented, books for the library, dues to National PFLAG and the printing and mailing of this newsletter. The scholarship program is funded primarily through our fund raising events and donations. The membership year runs October 1 to September 30.

**Programs**: Periodically throughout the year at the monthly meetings, a guest speaker will be included in the agenda. In the past we have had religious leaders, doctors, lawyers, financial advisors and GLBT non profit health and support leaders as guest speakers. If vou have an idea or would be interested in being a guest speaker send an email to info@pflagcinci.org.

**Scholarships**: Each year your chapter funds its own scholarship program. The scholarships are awarded annually to deserving members of the community. More infor-

mation can be found at the chapter website, www.pflagcinci.org in the Scholarship Info section or by sending an email to info@pflagcinci.org. If you are interested in donating to the scholarship fund, send a check to P.O. Box 19634, Cincinnati Ohio 45219-0634 made out to PFLAG Cincinnati, noting in the memo that the check is for the scholarship fund; PFLAG Cincinnati is a non-profit organization with a 501(c)3 status. Your contribution may be tax deductible - seek advice from your tax preparer.

**Speakers**: If you ever need anyone to speak to a group, organization, business, school or church, your chapter has experienced members that have volunteered to speak on behalf of the chapter. Send an email to <a href="mailto:info@pflagcinci.org">info@pflagcinci.org</a> to make a request or to volunteer to be on the speakers bureau.

Website: The chapter has an excellent website (www.pflagcinci.org). There is up to date information about the chapter including things like monthly meetings, information about events and volunteer opportunities. If you have any feedback on the website send an email to

webmaster@pflagcinci.org

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involved in
the chapter
contact a
board
member for
volunteer
opportunities

## General Membership Application Membership Application & Address Change Form



PFLAG Cincinnati memberships run from October 1 through September 30. Join or renew now and your membership will run through September 30, 2011.

| Request Type   | Membersh               | Membership Category |  |
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| □ New  | ☐ Individual           | \$30                |  |
|  | ☐ <sub>Household</sub> | \$40                |  |
| ☐ Renewal  | ☐ Supporting           | \$50                |  |
| ☐ Change of Address  | ☐ Contributing         | \$100               |  |
|  | ☐ Sponsoring           | \$500               |  |
| ☐ Please contact me for Volunteer Opportunities  | ☐ Lifetime             | \$1000              |  |
|  | ☐ Other                | \$                  |  |
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| The chapter newsletter is published four times a year. Issues are posted on the web site with an announcement sent by email. Paper copies are mailed only by request. If you wish to receive a paper copy by mail, please check the appropriate box above.   |                        |                     |  |
| Announcements of chapter activities as well as those of kindred organizations are sent via email. Posts also include news of interest to PFLAG members, mostly involving GLBT issues. The list averages 3 to 4 announcements per month. If you do not wish to receive email announcements, please check the appropriate box above. |                        |                     |  |

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