



Thoughts From The Prez:

PFLAG Cincinnati, I hope all of you feel proud! Your efforts helped the City of Cincinnati repeal Issue 3. Though there is more work to do, take a break, and enjoy the fruits of your labor.

- Thank you to the ISQCCBE for honoring us by designating PFLAG as one of their charities for 2005. Congratulations to Empress 14 Roberta Bigg and Emperor 14 Tom Wherry on their Coronation.
- The Martha Weyand Scholarship Benefit for PFLAG was a huge success. Thank you to Gene Sell and Jeff Jena's Funny Bone Comedy Club at Newport on the Levee for hosting this event. (See accompanying article.)
- Hooray!!! Hooray!!! To Cincinnati for the Repeal of Issue 3.

If you are not a member of PFLAG – JOIN NOW!!!!

Just imagine the ripple effect our PFLAG Chapter is having on our community. Being present, visible, and supportive of our GLBT friends sends a powerful, positive message to the Greater Cincinnati community that we are proud of our gay children and we are here to stay!!! Together, we can change the world, one person at a time.

Keep up the meaningful work.....and thank you!!!!

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From the membership committee

Please remember to check the mailing label on this issue of the newsletter. We have included the date of expiration on your mailing label to send a gentle reminder of when your PFLAG dues expire. The date will also include a letter indicating the type of membership dues you have paid. If a date does not appear on the label that either means that you are not yet a member or that our records do not show when you last paid your dues.

Your dues are our only source of revenue. Our only other fundraiser is the annual banquet and the proceeds from that event are earmarked for scholarships. We depend upon your generous support through your dues.

If it is time to renew your membership, please use the form included in this newsletter to do so. Thank you for your help!

Tom Jenkins and the entire Membership Committee



MISSION STATEMENT

Parents, Families and Friends of Lesbians and Gays promotes the health and wellbeing of gay, lesbian, bisexual and trans-gender persons and their families and friends, through *support*, to cope with the adverse society, through

education, to enlighten an ill-informed public, and through *advocacy*, to end discrimination and to secure civil rights. PFLAG provides an opportunity for confidential dialog about sexual orientation and gender identity, and acts to

create a society that is healthy and respectful of human dignity. Meetings are open to all and are completely confidential.

FEEL YOU HERE

*Your music fills the Air
Friends and Family all together
Holding Close with Hands
You are more than Near*

*The Flowered Table with Your Face
A room filled with Sunlight
All In a Special Place
To Share time to Embrace*

*Voices full of Love and Peace
Each Person Reaching Out
Together We Join Hearts
Your Spirit Glistening About*

*We can Feel you Here
Through Love's Radiant Way
A Day with Beauty and Grace
More than Words can ever Say.*

By R. Maria Sulcer

Why should you join PFLAG?

- 1. To help provide a safe, welcoming, affirming and nurturing environment for the parents of gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender and intersex children, their families, and their friends.
 - 2. To provide educational literature available at our monthly meetings free of charge.
 - 3. To maintain our lending library of educational materials.
 - 4. To mail our newsletter to over 900 individuals and organizations and businesses in the Greater Cincinnati area.
 - 5. Strengthen networking and support with other GLBT organizations and events, such as, The Youth Summit, Cincinnati Youth Group and The GLBT Community Center.
 - 6. Work for the full and equal human rights of all GLBT persons and their families.
- If you are not a member

of PFLAG, please consider doing so, only with your support are we able to continue our outreach into the Greater Cincinnati Community. I hope you will support our goals by becoming a member today. JOIN PFLAG TODAY

PRIDE 2005 – KEEP THE PRIDE ALIVE –

For Pride to proceed here in Cincinnati the committee estimated it would need at least 50 to 75 volunteers and about \$30,000 raised by April 2005 for the event to continue. "We are asking everyone who enjoys Pride here in Cincinnati to send a donation for start up costs." Says David Eppenhill of Clifton Woods Apartments. Want to help? Attend the next Cincinnati Pride meeting on Nov. 20th at noon at St. John's Unitarian Church. Checks may be written to Gay and Lesbian Community Center at PO Box 23159, Cincinnati, Ohio, 45223. Please be sure to note on the memo line that your donation is for "Pride 2005."

GENE SELL AND PFLAG HONOR MARTHA WEYAND

Many thanks to Gene Sell and Jeff Jena's Funny Bone Comedy Club at Newport at the Levee for hosting a comedy/drag show to honor Martha Weyand. On Wednesday, November 3, 2004 the house was rocking as comedians Heather Willard, Mike Cody, TOFU (The Old Fart Unleashed), Skippy (Riddell), Kimmi Williams and Mr. Minke performed with Robbie Howard aka "Hannah Downs", Dennis McCann aka "Shanice" and the famous Darlene Love, to a packed house to benefit the Martha Weyand Scholarship Fund for PFLAG.

The evening was an event to remember. All in memory of Martha Weyand, who passed away on May 21st. Martha served as a founding member of PFLAG in 1985 and served as the first treasurer of the new chapter under Marian Weage, President. She continued her activism and became a tireless supporter of gay causes and worked with AVOC and Caracole House.

Though we miss Martha and send our condolences, thoughts and prayers to her son Michael, and daughter, Peggy Weyand, Martha Weyand will be re-

membered in the years to come at our annual Scholarship Awards Ceremony.

This worthwhile event was coordinated by Gene Sell (TOFU) and the following sponsors: C and D Café, Carol's On Main, Crazy Fox Saloon; Hamburger Mary's, Nero's, Pink Pyramid, Rosie's Tavern, Shooters, Simon Says, Spurs, and The Dock.

The next comedy/drag show will be on March 2, 2005 at Carol's On Main - 6:00 free appetizers - show at 7:30 p.m. Call 513-651-2667 for more information.

**Watch for
information
coming soon
for the
2005
Scholarship
Banquet**

ISSUE 3 REPEALED

A personal thank you from me to all the PFLAGERS who volunteered with Citizens to Restore Fairness. For every envelope you stuffed and stamp licked, for every phone call, email, and conversation with friends and neighbors, for all of the late nights spent away from loved ones and family, for every time you met with resistance from the opposition, for all of your time and dedication throughout this campaign to make sure our voices were heard and counted, and for every righteous vote, I thank you. Your efforts made all the difference.

Marti Kwiatkowski, President of PFLAG

About the PFLAG Cincinnati Chapter:

Our *regular* meetings are always held on the **second Tuesday of each month** at Mt. Auburn Presbyterian Church, 103 William Howard Taft Rd., from 7:00 - 9:30 P.M. Meetings are open to parents friends and family of gays, lesbians, bisexuals and transgender persons, as well as to gays, lesbians, bisexuals and transgender persons.

Board meetings are held on the same night as regular meetings, starting at 6:00 P.M. Please contact a Board Member for information about attending meetings.

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“As a man I consider myself at best a recovering chauvinist. As a white person I am a recovering racist, and as a straight person a recovering heterosexist. To women, African Americans, gays and lesbians, I am deeply grateful for stretching my mind, deepening my heart, and convincing me that no human being should ever be patient with prejudice at the expense of its victims” **Credo by William Sloane Coffin**

General Membership Application

Type of Membership	Membership Type	Comments:
<input type="checkbox"/> New	<input type="checkbox"/> Individual \$25	
<input type="checkbox"/> Renewal	<input type="checkbox"/> Household \$35	
<input type="checkbox"/> Change of Address	<input type="checkbox"/> Supporting \$50	
	<input type="checkbox"/> Contributing \$100	
Check below for	<input type="checkbox"/> Sponsoring \$500	
<input type="checkbox"/> Volunteer Opportunities	<input type="checkbox"/> Lifetime \$1000	
<input type="checkbox"/> Please send all Mailing blind	<input type="checkbox"/> other \$_____	

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Calendar

Nov. 13 – Saturday – Breast Cancer Awareness Show – Bullfishes – 10:30 PM, Hosted by Roberta Bigg and Tom Wherry.

Nov. 14 – Sunday, T and T Show at the Golden Lions, 8:00 PM Hosted by Terrell Lackey.

Nov. 20 at 8:00 PM – Nov. 21 at 3:00 PM – St. John’s Music Series Concert with MUSE. Tickets \$15, or \$8-25 sliding scale. Call 221-1118 or visit www.musechoir.org for tickets.

Nov. 21 – Sunday – Harrison’s Annual Thanksgiving Dinner/Show – Shooters, 6 PM Food, 7PM Show. Hosted by Harrison Jones and Gypsy Russell.

Nov. 25th – Lavender Santa - Needs your cash donation before Nov. 25th to purchase toys – Send your donations to Unity House World of Peace Center – PO Box 23132 – Cincinnati, OH 45223 or call Trisha Gregory at 513-542-9411

Dec. 11 – 12 - Cincinnati Men’s Chorus – Now selling season tickets to their Fabulous 14th Season – One Voice, One Song, One Purpose. Call 513-542-2626 for more information. A **Winter Wonderland** Holiday Performance is scheduled for December 11-12. Visit www.cincinnatiomenschorus.org.

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