

PFLAG Danville/San Ramon Chapter



MAY/JUNE 2017



Our upcoming chapter meetings are as follows:

Monday, May 15, 2017

Monday, June 19, 2017

Monday, July 17, 2017

Our meetings are always the third Monday of the month at 7:00 p.m.

About Our Chapter

The Danville/San Ramon PFLAG Chapter meets the third Monday of every month at 7:00 p.m. at the Danville Congregational Church, 989 San Ramon Valley Blvd., Danville, CA 94526.

Although we meet at the DCC, PFLAG is not affiliated with any religious organization and our meetings are always confidential. Check our website [here](#) for more information.



The annual Castro Valley Pride festival will take place on July 8, 2017 at Castro Valley High School, 19501 Redwood Road in Castro Valley. Celebrating 7 years of pride! More information can be found [here](#).

Membership & Donations

PFLAG Danville/San Ramon Chapter is a tax-exempt 501(c)3 organization and all donations are tax deductible. Please send donations and/or change of addresses to: PFLAG Danville/San Ramon Chapter, P.O. Box 40, San Ramon, CA 94583. [Click here](#) for a printable donation form.

Parenting & Gender: Understanding the Gender Spectrum & Gender Identities

The sun was brilliant Saturday morning, April 29th, and so was the program hosted by PFLAG, the Danville/San Ramon Valley Chapter. It was a dynamic opportunity for people all around the Bay Area to come together to learn about gender - what it is, and what is isn't.



PFLAG hired Rick Oculito, who is the Education Manager at Our Family Coalition in San Francisco, as a part of the support PFLAG provides to the community surrounding gender issues and education in addition to support in other issues related to the LGBTQ community. Rick educated, as well as entertained the crowd about several subjects surrounding gender, such as the varied nature of gender; gender terminology; creating positive, supportive spaces for all genders; reducing gender role stereotyping; and how to answer challenging questions relating to gender.



People came from around the Bay Area to



participate in the event, and to hear Rick speak. Attendees learned how our children are having to cope with gender expectations of their teachers, their families, and other people from their communities, which may or may not fit them. In many cases, it's the most challenging part of their social and academic world, which they have to face within their environment every day.

Rakestraw Books, an independent bookstore in Danville, supplied several book titles for gender neutral and gender affirming parenting and several books meant for children relating stories about what its like to live a happy, non-binary gender reality, and how all kids can practice being affirming to ALL of their friends at school, ALL of the kids on the sports fields, and all children within their own communities. Members of PFLAG, the Danville/San Ramon Valley Chapter, were on hand to answer questions about LGBTQ related activities and issues in the Bay Area, as well as what's being done nationally to advance equality through support, education, and advocacy.



Hannah is a Girl—Doctors Finally Treat Her Like One

From the New York Times:

NEW HAVEN — Hannah is a 14-year-old girl, clad in leggings and an oversize T-shirt, with long brown hair that she curls around a finger. She was also born a boy.

The government can't seem to decide whether it should affirm children like Hannah. President

Trump jumped from supporting workplace protections for transgender people to ending supportive policies for transgender students in public schools. The Supreme Court waffled on whether or not these kids can use the bathrooms of their identified genders, sending the question back to the Fourth Circuit. Last month, North Carolina repealed a law that forced transgender people to use the bathroom corresponding with the gender on their birth certificates, while strangely prohibiting schools from adopting policies that would let transgender students use the bathroom of their choice.



Politicians could learn something from the doctors who treat these patients. Over the past few years, it has become clear that if we support these children in their transgender identities instead of trying to change them, they thrive instead of struggling with anxiety and depression.

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Hannah is using a puberty-blocking implant and getting ready to embark on the path of developing a female body by starting estrogen. Ten years ago most doctors would have called this malpractice. New data has now made it the protocol for thousands of American children.

Being transgender doesn't affect Hannah much. She is a straight-A student and auditioning for her school's production of "Annie." She's both embarrassed and excited to talk about the two boys who asked her out this year.

"I turned to him and said, 'You know I'm transgender, right?' " she tells me. "He said that he knows I'm transgender and that he also knows I'm pretty and sweet."

Read the rest of the article here.

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May 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15 Chapter Meeting—7PM	16	17	18	19	20
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28	29	30	31			

June 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19 Chapter Meeting—7PM	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	

LGBT Film/TV Spotlight



Every month we highlight a film or TV program of unique interest to the LGBT community and their allies.

“The Kids Are All Right”

From *Wikipedia*:

The Kids Are All Right is a 2010 American comedy-drama film directed by Lisa Cholodenko and written by Cholodenko and Stuart Blumberg. A hit at the 2010 Sundance Film Festival, it opened in limited release on July 9, 2010, expanding to more | theaters on July 30, 2010.^[3] It was released on DVD and Blu-ray on November 16, 2010. The film was awarded the Golden Globe Award for Best Motion Picture - Musical or Comedy, and Annette Bening was awarded the Golden Globe Award for Best Actress – Motion Picture Musical or Comedy. The film also received four Academy Award nominations, including one for Best Picture, at the 83rd Academy Awards.

Nic (Annette Bening) and Jules (Julianne Moore) are a married lesbian couple living in the Los Angeles area. Nic is an obstetrician, and Jules is a housewife who is starting up a landscape design business. Each has given birth to a child using the same sperm donor.



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Local LGBT Organizations and Resources

LGBT AND FRIENDS EVERY THURSDAY IN ALAMEDA AT AMC SOUTH SHORE LANES.

First meeting is January 17 at 6:30 pm. Bowling starts at 7pm. Three people teams, all levels welcome, \$16 a week. Starts January 17th, last day to sign up is January 31st. Contact: anthony.t.hoey@gmail.com

MIDDLE MEN PEER SUPPORT GROUP

Regularly held peer support group at the Pacific Center for middle aged men. For more information contact Yves Augustin at giveer@yahoo.com

MONTHLY POKER GAME AT URBAN ISLAND, ALAMEDA

Come for an evening of poker: dealer's choice, rotating deal, and about every hour we switch tables around so we meet new friends. House rules: gentleman's poker, \$1 max bet, three raises max per round, no five of a kind, no pot games (unless it's a \$1 limit). We'll provide pizzas and chips and desserts and stuff and sodas and beer and water. At Steve Ferguson's Urban Island Home Furnishings, 1901 Broadway, Alameda 94501. If you're interested in joining in please send your interest to: steve@dogghouse.org

THE BILLYS

The mission of The Billys is to foster community, intimacy and personal exploration among gay, bi and queer men through shared values and heart-centered brotherhood. The Billys have many events during the year including a number of gatherings in rural settings in Northern California as well as pot lucks and heart circles in San Francisco, Sonoma County and the East Bay. Go to <http://www.thebillys.org> or call the Billy office at 707-545-1044 for more information.

EAST BAY NETWORK

East Bay Network (EBN) is an active organization dedicated to providing a social environment, activities and information for the adult gay, lesbian, bisexual community of the San Francisco Bay Area and beyond. EBN has over 160 members which includes singles and couples of all ages and ethnicities. With over 100 scheduled events each year, we provide many opportunities for members to interact socially with one another. We also co-sponsor and participate in events with other social groups throughout the San Francisco Bay Area. Some of our annual social events include: Summer pool parties. Year-round potlucks and picnics, Game nights, Weekend camping trips, House boating, White-water rafting, Local theater, arts and museums, International travel adventures. EBN events are open to members and non-members. Check us out at: <http://www.eastbaynetwork.org>

EAST BAY FRONT RUNNERS AND WALKERS

THE EAST BAY FRONT RUNNERS AND WALKERS is a group of lesbians, gay men (LGBTIQ) and friends who run in thrillingly scenic locations on the East Bay side of the San Francisco Bay every Saturday morning @ 9 am followed by brunch. www.eastbayfronrunners.org

FIRST FRIDAYS

If you would like to receive a reminder of the "First Friday" social gatherings for gay men in the East Bay, plus an occasional reminder of other events in the East Bay that build community among gay men here, go to the following Yahoo group site and join up (this is a moderated group-your email address is hidden and the list is used for no other purpose) FYI, this is a separate group from East Bay Gay Guys Parties and they have completely separate email lists. <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/eastbayguys>

DISCOVERY

Discovery is a social group for Bay Area gay and bisexual men which conducts retreats, getaways, workshops and local social gatherings/outings. For more info check out www.discoverycommunity.org

LE CERCLE DES AMIS FRANCOPHONE

Join a gay French-speaking group that meets the first Friday of each month 7pm at different Bay Area locations for French conversation and potluck. See www.sffrancophones.org or contact STEFEN (510) 548-9845, stefen@stefenart.com or Ralph Singer (415) 861-3155. Info on Spanish and other language gay groups also available.

HUSBANDS OUT TO THEIR WIVES

Husbands Out to their Wives (HOW) Is a support group for married Gay or Bisexual men who either have or intend to come out to their wives. The only requirement is that a husband has made a commitment to themselves that it is necessary both for their personal well-being and absolute honesty with their wives to come out as a Gay or Bisexual man. Contact Ken at svnupsf@gmail.com for more info.

Your Announcements/Contributions

Have an event you want to announce? Want to contribute an article to our newsletter? Please drop us a line at srvpflag@gmail.com.



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