

June 2025 Newsletter



To celebrate this year's Pride Month, I think it's appropriate to remember some of the revolutionary heroes who inspire us to maintain hope, and fight for what is right and fair. This year Apex Pride honored Harvey Milk, and so I think it's fitting to choose one of his famous quotes that encapsulates PFLAG's mission and values- **"All young people, regardless of sexual orientation or identity, deserve a safe and supportive environment in which to achieve their full potential."** To make this belief part of our reality it continues to take a lot of advocacy, education, and willingness to speak out. As Harvey Milk said, "hope will never be silent." While none of this is easy (and often can feel frustrating and defeating), the silver lining is that it has brought about this inclusive and supportive group. Speaking of which...

We cannot forget our #1 mom and PFLAG founder, Jeanne Manford. In 1972 she bravely wrote to the New York Post, entitled "A Fair Chance," in response to how her gay son was mistreated and harmed when protesting at an anti-LGBTQ+ event. This led to her and her husband participating in a Pride March to support their son, which then inspired the start of PFLAG. She is an amazing example of how unconditional love for your family can give you the courage to advocate for them, even when faced with hatefulness and bigotry.

So let's wave those Pride Flags proudly, and continue to be a community that gives each other support, understanding, and a feeling that you are never alone. **Happy Pride Month everyone!**

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2025 Pride Events

Happy Pride Y'all!

Apex Pride was June 14. We had a booth and great turnout at the event!

Fuquay-Varina Pride Celebration is June 28. We will have a booth! We still need member volunteers to help. **Sign up here!**

We are also fundraising with TWO amazing raffle baskets filled with donations from awesome companies! **Raffle starts June 1 and ends June 30. Winners will be announced July 1.**





Date Nights Package!

- DPAC VIP Package: Includes 2 tickets, parking, and access to Presidential Club Lounge
- \$100 Gift card to Mayton Inn
- Movie & Snack Tickets to Carolina Theatre (Set of Two)
- Merchandise from Adventures in Bloom
- PFLAG Swag

Family Fun Package!

- NC Courage Ticket Box and Merchandise
- Two \$15 gift cards to Shake Shack
- Merchandise from Adventures in Bloom
- PFLAG Swag & Dog Bandanas
- Disney Pride keychain
- Pride Books





"We deserve to experience love fully, equally, without shame and without compromise ." – Elliot Page



SUPPORT MEETINGS

Our support meetings are the first Monday of each month. Contact us for location.

Our meetings are always free and you do not need to be a member.

Monday July 7 7pm - 8:30pm

Monday Aug 4 7pm - 8:30pm

Monday Sept 8 7pm - 8:30pm

News, Events, and Resources

Our Support Meetings

With the recent Supreme Court ruling upholding Tennessee's ban on gender affirming care for minors, we wanted to let you know that **you and your loved ones are not alone**. Our monthly support meetings are always free.

If you and or anyone you know needs support in between meetings, they can always reach out. At the bottom of this page are **multiple ways to connect with PFLAG Apex**. We are always here.

Interested in membership?

A portion of membership dues are given to PFLAG National to assist in advocacy work and creating resources. The remainder goes toward hosting support meetings, and planning and participating in community events.



Paypal @pflagapex

Resources

Here are some resources that may be of help to you. Contact us for local resources and recommendations.

PFLAG National Newsletter

PFLAG Connects Communities

LGBT Center of Raleigh

LGBTQ Center of Durham

Safe Space NC

Campaign for Southern Equality

<u>ACLU</u>

Human Rights Campaign

<u>Lambda Legal</u>

Trevor Project

Transgender Law Center

Trans Youth Equality Foundation

Hope for Teens

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