

PRIDE



Lately, I find myself swinging between heartbreak and hope. On the positive side: we have just finished Pride month - a time when we celebrate the colorful spectrum that is humanity! It's a time to reinforce that all people have value and should have equal rights, including the right to receive mental and physical health care, to use the bathroom in peace, to travel without harassment, to pursue an education, and even to serve in the military. But, there are forces actively fighting to counter such equality. There have been Supreme Court decisions in the U.S. and the U.K. that seem to push this dream of "equality for all" out of reach. Bans on transgender healthcare are being allowed to stand. Trans-women are not recognized as women in the U.K. The U.S. government discontinued specialized services for LGBTQ+ young people on the 988 lifeline and is purging references to diversity, equity, and inclusion from its websites. How can we support our LGBTQ+ loved ones in the face of all these setbacks?

Instead of dwelling on the darkness, let's look for the light! Governor Stein vetoed a bill harmful to transgender people. The nonprofit Trevor Project provides a lifeline for LGBTQ+ young people. LGBTQ+ representation is increasing at all levels of government - including the openly transgender U.S. Representative Sarah McBride. A 2024 Gallup report states that over 9% of Americans identify as LGBTQ, and all should be represented! There is actually a groundswell of people who want to help support LGBTQ people - including through organizations like PFLAG. I cherish the friends I've made through PFLAG - they educate me and help me to better support my LGBTQ friends, loved ones, and coworkers. Let's not lose hope when we encounter forces that want to send our society backwards - we have the power to positively impact people's lives if we all pitch in together!

**Alison - PFLAG Apex Treasurer**

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# 2025 Pride Update

**We hope you had an amazing Pride!**

We had booths at two events: **Apex Pride** and **Fuquay-Varina Pride**. It was an important year for allies to support the LGBTQ+ community and there was great turnout at both events. Thank you to everyone who volunteered!

Our gift basket fundraiser **raised over \$800**. Thank you to our sponsors DPAC, Mayton Inn, Adventures in Bloom, Carolina Theater, NC Courage, and Shake Shack for their donations to these amazing gift baskets!

There are still more Pride events upcoming in our area:

Sept 6: [Holly Springs Pride](#)

Sept 26-28: [Durham Pride](#)

Oct 11: [Wake Forest Pride](#)

## Upcoming Events

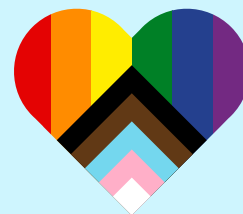
Mark you calendars for two more events.

On **September 13**, we have a special members only night at the **NC Courage game** with discounted tickets. Contact us to learn more!

**November 3** will be our annual fundraiser **Queers, Comics, and Queens** (21+). This event always sells out and members get first chance to buy tickets!

***“Hope will never be silent.”***

*– Harvey Milk*



## **SUPPORT MEETINGS**

Our support meetings (18+) are usually on the first Monday of each month (except holidays). Contact us for location.

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

**Monday Aug 4**  
**7pm - 8:30pm**

**Monday Sept 8**  
**7pm - 8:30pm**

**Monday Oct 6**  
**7pm - 8:30pm**

# News, Events, and Resources

## Membership Fee Update!

The PFLAG Apex board voted to **change our membership fee structure** to be more inclusive. Rather than a flat membership fee, the new member fees are:

- **Student: \$15**
- **Individual: \$20**
- **Family: \$40**

Membership to PFLAG is an annual membership. We will use this structure for **new and renewing members**.

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 participating in community events.

The board has also started to look into programs such as a local scholarship program as well as creating a lending library. These fees help grow these programs! Below is our Paypal link if you would like to join and/or renew.



Paypal  
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## Resources

Here are some resources that may be of help to you. Contact us for other 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](#)

[ACLU](#)

[Human Rights Campaign](#)

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[Transgender Law Center](#)

[Trans Youth Equality Foundation](#)

[Hope for Teens](#)

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