

August 2025 Newsletter



Friends,

It has been a rough few months. Often I find myself cycling between hope, joy, despair, and fear. Perhaps you have been as well. PFLAG Apex has been a blessing to me, to know I have a safe place with a community to listen, to understand, and to help.

Every month at the southeast regional PFLAG meeting, we hear of new chapters that have opened. We hear that every chapter has new members joining. Our chapter has grown consistently. People are reaching out for community during this difficult time and PFLAG is here for anyone that needs it.

If there's more we can do to support you all - let us know. We're in this together.

Laura - PFLAG Apex President

Upcoming 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 **Queers, Comics, and Queens** fundraiser (21+). This event always sells out and members get first chance to buy tickets! Stay tuned for more details coming soon!

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Membership Drive

October 1 is the time for membership renewals!

Our chapter's strength comes directly from our members, whose commitment makes it possible for us to provide community, education and advocacy.

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

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

Joining PFLAG Apex helps at a national and local level!

The portion of membership dues given to PLAG National:

- Assist in advocacy work
- Help create resources
- Fund important legal battles such as <u>PFLAG vs. Trump</u> and <u>PFLAG vs.</u>
 <u>Abbott</u>

The portion of membership dues given to PFLAG Apex:

- Allow us to host in person support meetings
- Fund participation in local community events such as Apex Pride and Fuquay-Varina Pride
- Fund resources we provide both in person and virtually

The board is also considering a local scholarship program as well as creating a lending library. These fees help grow these programs and our impact!

By renewing your membership this month, you ensure that PFLAG Apex continues to be a safe and welcoming space for LGBTQ+ people, their families, and allies. Every renewal helps sustain our programs, grow our outreach, and amplify the message of love and acceptance in our community. Together, we can continue building a world where everyone is celebrated for who they are.

Below is our Paypal link if you would like to join and/or renew.



Paypal @pflagapex "No pride for some of us without liberation for all of us."

– Marsha P. Johnson



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 Sept 8 7pm - 8:30pm

Monday Oct 6 7pm - 8:30pm

Monday Nov 3
Queers, Comics &
Queens!

News, Events, and Resources

Upcoming Pride Events

Resources

There are still more Pride events upcoming in our area:

Sept 6: Holly Springs Pride

Sept 26-28: <u>Durham Pride</u>

Oct 11: Wake Forest Pride

Holiday Meals

The Saint Francis UMC families in our community would like to offer to provide welcoming holiday meals for LGBTQIA+ individuals who might not have a supportive family table. If you are aware of anyone who would benefit from this type of support during the upcoming holiday season, please contact us and we will put you in touch.

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

Lambda Legal

Trevor Project

Transgender Law Center

Trans Youth Equality Foundation

Hope for Teens

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