



You Have a Home in PFLAG!

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Welcome to PFLAG Greensboro.

We offer a safe, confidential space in which to

Explore our feelings and understandings about the GLBT experience, especially “coming out” and what this means to families and other loved ones,

Listen and share, as much or as little as you feel comfortable with, knowing that others can understand, and

Welcome our returning members whose love is so healing.

Parents, Families, and Friends of Lesbians and Gays (PFLAG) promotes the health and well-being of gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgendered persons, their families and friends through:

support, to cope with an adverse society;

education, to enlighten an ill-informed public; and

advocacy, to end discrimination and secure equal civil rights.

PFLAG provides an opportunity for dialogue about sexual orientation and gender identity, and acts to create a society that is healthy and respectful of human diversity.

PFLAG Greensboro
June meeting
Tuesday, June 15th, 7:30 p.m.
Friendship Friends
Meeting House
1103 New Garden Road
Greensboro, NC

Upcoming Events

PFLAG Greensboro

Tuesday June 15, 2010, 7:30 PM

Program: Carrie Hart, YouthSAFE coordinator

“Update on Sexuality Minority Youth Issues” -

Implementing the School Violence Protection Act
YouthSAFE LGBTIQ Group in Guilford County

Tuesday July 20th, 2010, 7:30 PM

Ice Cream Sundae and Movie Night

Movie TBD

Special Events

Saturday June 19th 2010, 9:00 AM to 4:30 PM

2010 PFLAG Carolinas Conference

Haven Lutheran Church

207 W. Harrison St.

Salisbury, NC 28144

September 6th to 12th

Southern Comfort Conference

Crowne Plaza Ravinia

Atlanta, GA

Saturday September 25, 2010

North Carolina PRIDE Festival

Duke East Campus

Durham, NC

http://www.ncpride.org/pride/pride_2010.shtml

Episcopal Church Ordains Its 2nd Openly Gay Bishop

LONG BEACH, Calif. - May 16 2010— The Episcopal Church has consecrated a woman as its second openly gay bishop, seven years after stirring lingering controversy by ordaining a man to a similar post.

The Rev. Canon Mary Glasspool, of Baltimore, was ordained and consecrated on Saturday. It also makes her one of the first two female bishops in the Diocese of Los Angeles' 114-year history.

She was installed at Long Beach Arena before 3,000 people, who burst into applause at the end, church spokesman Bob Williams said.



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News Briefs

Triad Pride June 5

The 2010 Triad Pride Festival was held on June 5 at Festival Park in downtown Greensboro. The day-long event featured singers, dancers, drag queens, and other entertainers, as well as brief speeches by leaders of various local organizations. Linda Stroupe talked about PFLAG.

PFLAG Greensboro had an information table, where we passed out literature and talked to numerous people interested in PFLAG. We also distributed white ribbons symbolizing support for marriage equality.

[Senate Confirms Lesbian For U.S. Attorney Post](#)

Laura Duffy, an out lesbian, is the new U.S. attorney for the Southern District of California in San Diego. Duffy is among more than 100 openly LGBT presidential appointees in the Obama administration.

Please welcome our newest PFLAG Greensboro Board members

Phoebe Azar - Insurance agent with Scott Insurance, ardent Tarheel & rabid Red Sox fan. Former member of PFLAG Greensboro.

Jeffrey Collis - Technical Support Analyst at UNCG Registrar's Office, volunteer at NCCJ ANYTOWN, staff adviser/volunteer for UNGG PRIDE! (student LGBT organization), active at Temple Emanuel.

Gary Palmer - Asst. V.P. - Community Affairs at Replacements Ltd.; Nominated for Board of Directors Guilford Green Foundation; founder of GLASS; founder of GLSEN Greensboro (later GSAFE), longtime GLBT community leader, activist and volunteer.

Leigh Anne Kincaid - B.S. from High Point University in Information Security & Privacy, Minor in Political Science. Starting graduate school in August for Masters in Public Affairs. Volunteers with American Cancer Society & Guilford Green Foundation. Plans to go for doctorate in Public Affairs or Public Policy after Masters degree. Dream is to work in public policy for a government or nonprofit agency.

Jonathan Walker - North Carolina native and Former member of PFLAG Greensboro. Came out when he was 27, introduced to PFLAG by his mother. Has worked as an artist, a martial arts instructor, and a translator. Recently moved back from Arizona. Has participated in many organizations supporting gay causes including gay rights, youth, families, spirituality, and support.

[Obama expands benefits available to gay federal employees](#)

The same-sex domestic partners of U.S. government employees gained expanded access to benefits this week after President Barack Obama issued a memorandum outlining a new policy. LGBT federal workers do not yet enjoy the full range of benefits offered to their straight, married colleagues, but Obama said he hoped to sign pending legislation that would accomplish that goal. "I renew my call for swift passage of an important piece of legislation pending in both Houses of Congress -- the Domestic Partnership Benefits and Obligations Act," Obama said in a statement. [The Washington Post \(6/3\)](#)

[Most Americans say gay relationships are moral](#)

[Gallup's 2010 poll](#) on values and morality has found 53% of American adults believe gay relationships are morally acceptable. Forty-three percent say they are morally wrong. This is the first time the poll has found a majority of respondents who are okay with the concept of same-sex couples.

A closer look at the question's responses finds sharp divisions based on political affiliation. The poll found almost no difference between men and women on the issue.

PFLAG Greensboro Accomplishments 2009 - 2010

- 1/29/09 **Established outreach** to Acceptance Without Exception at A&T University
- 2/19/09 Hosted reception at Guilford College for east coast premiere of Debra Chasnoff film "StraightLaced"
- 2/21/09 **Participated with UU Church** showing of movie "Southern Comfort."
- 2/22/09
discussion Showed film "That's So Gay" to Sunday evening group at Christ United Methodist Church and led discussion
- 3/18/09 **Participated with Equality NC** – Introduction to transgender seminar
- 3/19/09 **Participated in LGBT Panel** discussion at High Point YWCA
- 3/24/09 Participated in Equality North Carolina Lobby Day in Raleigh; visited members of Guilford County delegation
- 3/26/09 Staffed table and distributed literature at Guilford Technical and Community College Diversity Day
- 3/27/09 **In-district lobbying meeting** with Howard Coble
- 3/28/09 Walked in The Human Race to raise funds and to raise awareness of PFLAG
- 4/15/09 **Participated with Regional Director Jamie Combs** in presentation to East Forsyth GSA
- 4/29/09 **Assisted with training for new Diversity Dramatists Troupe for City of Greensboro** which presents programs on diversity issues including sexual orientation.
- 5/11/09 **Participated in PFLAG Winston-Salem** planning meeting
- 5/30/09 Staffed table and distributed literature at Triad Pride in Festival Park
- 5/31/09 Hosted Triad Pride picnic
- 6/03/09 **Participated in "Project Safe Love"** at UNCG
- 6/6/09 Participated in downtown Greensboro demonstration to protest Proposition 8
- 8/21/09 **In-district lobbying meeting** with Howard Coble
- 8/27/09 **Presentation on Transgender** to Guilford County Social Services
- 9/06/09 **Participated in summer picnic** with Guilford County HRC Committee
- 9/18/09 **Trained new employees of the City of Greensboro on Sexual Orientation and other diversity issues.**
- 9/19/09 **Participated in PFLAG Salisbury** fall celebration
- 9/26/09 Marched in annual NC Pride Parade in Durham and carried PFLAG Greensboro banner
- 9/29/09 Spoke to Dr. Christine Murray's graduate social work class at UNCG
- 10/11/09 Marched in Equality Across America March in Washington, DC, wearing PFLAG buttons and carrying PFLAG banner
- 10/26/09 Staffed table, distributed literature and talked with youth at Youth Summit at Greensboro Coliseum
- 11/14/09 Attended Equality NC annual conference at UNCG; speakers, discussions, panels
- 11/7/09 Held Safe Schools Train the Trainer Teaching Respect Workshop at Wesley Long Education Center; secured Jamie Curtis of National Office to lead workshop
- 11/20/09 **Trained new employees of City of Greensboro on Sexual Orientation and other diversity issues.**
- 11/20/09 **Participated in Transgender Day of Remembrance** at McDonald Plaza, Greensboro
- 11/30/09 **Participated in Awareness Without Exception** fall program at A&T University

- 12/15/09 Held holiday celebration covered dish dinner in lieu of regular PFLAG Monthly Chapter Meeting
- 02/09/10 Trained 30 new Greensboro new Fire Fighter Recruits on Sexual Orientation and other diversity issues.
- 02/19/10 Trained 20 new Greensboro City employees on sexual orientation and other diversity issues.
- 2/27/10 Assisted GSAFE & other allies in conducting Educators' Workshop for Guilford County School Employees at Wesley Long Educ. Center, on School Violence Prevention Act
Dave & Joan received HRC NC Legacy Award for service to transgender community
- 3/6/10 Wrote letters to US senators and representatives at chapter advocacy meeting
- 3/18/10 Represented PFLAG at UNCG Shade of Color Conference – distributed booklets and participated in discussions with faculty and students
- 03/19/10 Trained 18 new Greensboro City employees in sexual diversity and other diversity issues.
- 03/27/10 Participated in Guilford Green Gala
- 04/16/10 Trained 15 new City of Greensboro employees on sexual orientation and other diversity issues.
- 04/19/10 In-district lobbying with Howard Coble
- 04/19/10 Trained Diversity Dramatists troupe members on group facilitation skills to conduct training for City of Greensboro employees on diversity issues including sexual orientation.
- 4/20/10 Wrote letters to NC senators and representatives at chapter advocacy meeting
- 04/27/10 Attended City Diversity Dramatists Troupe presentation on sexual orientation and other diversity issues to North Carolina Chapter of Black Human Resources Managers professionals.
- 5/25/10 Participated in Equality North Carolina Day of Action in Raleigh; visited members of Guilford County delegation
- Ongoing Held monthly board meetings to conduct chapter business
Held monthly chapter meetings to provide support, education, and advocacy to members and guests
Facilitated monthly Triad Gender Association meetings
Published monthly newsletter

[New Policy on Gender Change in Passports](#)

The U.S. Department of State is pleased to use the occasion of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender Pride Month to announce its new policy guidelines regarding gender change in passports and Consular Reports of Birth Abroad.

Beginning June 10, when a passport applicant presents a certification from an attending medical physician that the applicant has undergone appropriate clinical treatment for gender transition, the passport will reflect the new gender. The guidelines include detailed information about what information the certification must include. It is also possible to obtain a limited-validity passport if the physician's statement shows the applicant is in the process of gender transition. No additional medical records are required. Sexual reassignment surgery is no longer a prerequisite for passport issuance. A Consular Report of Birth Abroad can also be amended with the new gender.

As with all passport applicants, passport issuing officers at embassies and consulates abroad and domestic passport agencies and centers will only ask appropriate questions to obtain information necessary to determine citizenship and identity.

The new policy and procedures are based on standards and recommendations of the World Professional Association for Transgender Health (WPATH), recognized by the American Medical Association as the authority in this field.

Presidential Proclamation

Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender Pride Month

As Americans, it is our birthright that all people are created equal and deserve the same rights, privileges, and opportunities. Since our earliest days of independence, our Nation has striven to fulfill that promise. An important chapter in our great, unfinished story is the movement for fairness and equality on behalf of the lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender (LGBT) community. This month, as we recognize the immeasurable contributions of LGBT Americans, we renew our commitment to the struggle for equal rights for LGBT Americans and to ending prejudice and injustice wherever it exists.

LGBT Americans have enriched and strengthened the fabric of our national life. From business leaders and professors to athletes and first responders, LGBT individuals have achieved success and prominence in every discipline. They are our mothers and fathers, our sons and daughters, and our friends and neighbors. Across my Administration, openly LGBT employees are serving at every level. Thanks to those who came before us - the brave men and women who marched, stood up to injustice, and brought change through acts of compassion or defiance - we have made enormous progress and continue to strive for a more perfect union.

My Administration has advanced our journey by signing into law the Matthew Shepard and James Byrd, Jr., Hate Crimes Prevention Act, which strengthens Federal protections against crimes based on gender identity or sexual orientation. We renewed the Ryan White CARE Act, which provides life saving medical services and support to Americans living with HIV/AIDS, and finally eliminated the HIV entry ban. I also signed a Presidential Memorandum directing hospitals receiving Medicare and Medicaid funds to give LGBT patients the compassion and security they deserve in their time of need, including the ability to choose someone other than an immediate family member to visit them and make medical decisions.

In other areas, the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) announced a series of proposals to ensure core housing programs are open to everyone, regardless of sexual orientation or gender identity. HUD also announced the first ever national study of discrimination against members of the LGBT community in the rental and sale of housing. Additionally, the Department of Health and Human Services has created a National Resource Center for LGBT Elders.

Much work remains to fulfill our Nation's promise of equal justice under law for LGBT Americans. That is why we must give committed gay couples the same rights and responsibilities afforded to any married couple, and repeal the Defense of Marriage Act. We must protect the rights of LGBT families by securing their adoption rights, ending employment discrimination against LGBT Americans, and ensuring Federal employees receive equal benefits. We must create safer schools so all our children may learn in a supportive environment. I am also committed to ending "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" so patriotic LGBT Americans can serve openly in our military, and I am working with the Congress and our military leadership to accomplish that goal.

As we honor the LGBT Americans who have given so much to our Nation, let us remember that if one of us is unable to realize full equality, we all fall short of our founding principles. Our Nation draws its strength from our diversity, with each of us contributing to the greater whole. By affirming these rights and values, each American benefits from the further advancement of liberty and justice for all.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, BARACK OBAMA, President of the United States of America, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and the laws of the United States, do hereby proclaim June 2010 as Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender Pride Month. I call upon all Americans to observe this month by fighting prejudice and discrimination in their own lives and everywhere it exists.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this twenty-eighth day of May, in the year of our Lord two thousand ten, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and thirty-fourth.

BARACK OBAMA



SEA* Changes

PFLAG Carolinas Conference Agenda June 19, 2010

9:00	Register, get coffee and muffins	
9:30	Welcome and introduction	Mike Clawson, PFLAG NC State Coordinator
9:45	Support	
	Individual – How am I supported and how do I provide support?	Brandon G. Major, V.P. Salisbury-Rowan Chapter
	Chapter – Making connections, sharing successes, brainstorming for the future	Jamie Curtis, PFLAG National Senior Field & Policy Coordinator
11:00	Keynote Address The Changing Landscape of PFLAG in the 21 st Century	Jody Huckaby, Executive Director, PFLAG National
12:00	Lunch on site	
1:00	Education	
	Disciplining Your Message: 5 Keys to Successfully Working with the Media	Jamie Curtis, PFLAG National
2:30	Break	
2:45	Advocacy	
	State and Federal Policy Update, including DADT and ENDA	Ian Palmquist Executive Director, Equality North Carolina
	Including Advocacy in Your Chapter	
4:20 - 4:30	Evaluate and adjourn	Mike Clawson PFLAG NC State Coordinator

2010 PFLAG Carolinas
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Conference Registration Form

Support, Education, Advocacy

Saturday, June 19, 2010
9:00 am – 4:30 pm
Haven Lutheran Church
207 W. Harrison St.
Salisbury, NC 28144

Registration is \$10.

Check-in begins at 9:00 AM. Coffee and snacks will be available when you sign in.
Lunch is included in the registration fee and will be provided on site.

Program begins at 9:30 AM. See schedule overleaf

Questions: Contact Linda or Mac Stroupe, PFLAG Greensboro, at 336-373-8209, home,
or 336-420-0120, Linda's cell. It's fine to leave a message.

Email registration to: golfermac@live.com Put "PFLAG" in the subject line.

Mail check and registration form to:

PFLAG Greensboro
P.O. Box 4153
Greensboro, NC 27404

Make check payable to: **PFLAG Greensboro.**

Registration deadline: No deadline – you can even register at the door, but **those who register prior to June 10 will be entered in drawing for door prizes.**

Complete information below and return by email or US mail.

Name: _____

Member of PFLAG Chapter: _____
(if any)

Email Address: _____

Phone: _____

