



# News and Views

The Newsletter of the Lubbock Chapter  
of Parents, Families & Friends of Lesbians and Gays

Support • Education • Advocacy

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## February Chapter Meeting

**When:** Tuesday, February 15, 2011, 7:00 p.m.

**Where:** St. John's United Methodist Church  
located at 15th and University

**Speaker:** The Reverend Daniel Echols, Associate Pastor of St. John's United Methodist Church—"Theological Foundations for Affirming Gays and Lesbians"

Please join us for our regular monthly meeting on Feb. 15th, when the Reverend Daniel Echols of St. John's United Methodist Church will address the growing theological understanding that Christianity affirms equality and inclusiveness for GLBT people.

The presentation will include Q&A and dialogue on this welcoming and affirming perspective of the Christian faith. The Rev. Echols holds a B.S. in Psychology from Southern Methodist University and a Master of Divinity from Saint Paul School of Theology, and has served various United Methodist Churches for 19 years.

## Transgender Support Group

**When:** Tuesday, February 15, 2011  
Immediately Following January PFLAG Meeting

**Where:** St. John's United Methodist Church  
Conference Room, 15th and University Ave.

For information on support for the transgender community, please contact Jennifer Starre, PFLAG Lubbock Transgender Coordinator at [acutehq@yahoo.com](mailto:acutehq@yahoo.com).

## THE PFLAG MISSION

PFLAG promotes the health and well-being of gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender 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 to secure equal civil rights. Parents, Families and Friends of Lesbians and Gays provides opportunity for dialogue about sexual orientation and gender identity, and acts to create a society that is healthy and respectful of human diversity.

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## Looking Ahead

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### **March Social: Belly's Café**

**When:** March 15, 2011, 7:00 p.m.

**Where:** Belly's Café, 1406 Ave. Q

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All PFLAG members, friends and guests are invited to our spring social, which will take the place of our regular meeting. We will gather at Belly's Cafe on Tuesday, March 15, at 7:00 p.m. for a dutch treat dinner together. We will be ordering from the menu, and Belly's chefs may prepare a special entrée to add to our choices. Come for an evening of shared food and conversation. We will be less crowded than last year!

Belly's Cafe is located at 1406 Avenue Q, and parking is available on the street in front and in the parking lot on the north side of the cafe. If you are not away for a spring holiday, then come socialize with your PFLAG Lubbock family.

### **April Meeting: Program TBA**

**When:** Tuesday, April 12, 2011, 7:00 p.m.

**Where:** St. John's United Methodist Church

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Our April chapter meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, April 12, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. at St. John's United Methodist Church. Look for details about the program in next month's PFLAG Lubbock *News & Views*.

### **Mothers' Meeting**

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The next PFLAG Lubbock Mothers' Meeting will be held in April of 2011. More information, including the finalized date and location, will be available soon.



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## Lola Marie Drew Scholarship—Call for Applications

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PFLAG Lubbock's Lola Marie Drew Scholarship, established in 1996, is awarded each year to recognize outstanding gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgendered (GLBT) students from the Lubbock community. We feel it is important to encourage the continuing education of self-identified GLBT students, and we hope to foster a positive image of GLBT young people in society.

Applicants must be gay, lesbian, bisexual, or transgendered, 18 years or older as of August 1, 2010, and attending a post-secondary educational institution in the South Plains area in Fall 2011.

Applications are judged on the following criteria: demonstration of integrity and honesty; participation and leadership in community activities; de-

termination and potential to achieve goals; and demonstration of financial need.

Materials must be postmarked by April 30, 2011, including: completed application and questionnaire; high school, GED, or most recent post-secondary transcripts; two letters of recommendation, mailed by your references; and a signed copy of the scholarship recipient agreement.

Send applications to:

**Scholarship Committee**  
**PFLAG-Lubbock**  
**Box 94493**  
**Lubbock, TX 79493**

Questions? Call (806) 438-6504, or send an e-mail to [president@pflaglubbock.org](mailto:president@pflaglubbock.org).

# Lesbian? Gay? Bi? Trans? Straight Ally?

**Parents, Families and Friends  
of Lesbians and Gays (PFLAG) wants  
to help you pay for college with our  
2011 PFLAG National Scholarships!**

***Now available: Three \$5,000 scholarships, three  
\$2,500 scholarships, and up to ten \$1,000 scholarships!***

**To qualify, you need to...**

- Be a graduating senior entering higher education for the first time in 2011. (If you graduated in 2010 and took a year off you are still eligible to apply.)
- Self-identify as a gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender (LGBT) or a straight ally
- Demonstrate an interest in service to the LGBT community
- Apply to an accredited higher education institution
- Be a U.S. citizen



**{ ALL COMPLETED APPLICATIONS AND  
SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS MUST BE  
POSTMARKED BY MARCH 11, 2011. }**

**Application information:**

**All applications must  
include:**

- ✓ Completed application form
- ✓ One-page essay
- ✓ High school transcript
- ✓ One reference
- ✓ Completed release form

**Apply online:**

<http://www.pflag.org/scholarships>

**Or mail completed package to:**

Mekina Morgan  
PFLAG National  
Scholarship Application  
1828 L St., NW Suite 660  
Washington, D.C. 20036



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## Meet Your New Officers

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### The New Faces of PFLAG Lubbock

PFLAG Lubbock has added five new officers in 2011, and we'd like you to be able to get to know them.

Each month we will highlight some of these newer members of the PFLAG Lubbock Board.

#### Renee Dillon, Newsletter Editor

Renee Dillon is the PFLAG Lubbock Newsletter Editor for 2011. Renee grew up in a small town in western Massachusetts, went to college in South Carolina, and in 2009 moved here to Lubbock, where her husband is working toward a PhD in Mathematics. Renee is a staff member at Texas Tech and has been attending PFLAG Lubbock events ever since her first workshop with the TTU Allies program, a group of faculty and staff allies organized and trained by the TTU Student Counseling Center. She works with undergraduate and graduate students every day on campus.



Renee is an ally to the LGBT community, and she joined PFLAG in order to be more involved in the pursuit of equality. She believes strongly in the ability of organizations like PFLAG to provide support, resources, and education to the community, and to make positive changes at the local level. She is excited about working on the newsletter for PFLAG Lubbock, as well as helping with the website and with fundraising ideas. Her hope is to be able to attend the PFLAG National Convention in the fall this year.

Renee feels very lucky to be an active part of PFLAG Lubbock. She enjoys working toward equality, in part because of the influence of her parents, who are also very supportive allies and taught her the importance of the fair and equal treatment of others. Renee looks forward to a great year of activism and support as an ally and a friend.

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## Stay Connected Online with PFLAG Lubbock

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Want to stay active and connected online with PFLAG Lubbock?

There are a number of ways to plug into our news, activities, events and announcements between meetings and newsletters:

### Website

Check out our website at [www.pflaglubbock.org](http://www.pflaglubbock.org), where you'll find a wealth of resources on coming out, supporting LGBT family members and friends, lists of helpful books and links, and information about our chapter's meeting schedule, contact information, and board of officers. Also, stay tuned for our site's new look this spring!

### Facebook

Integrate PFLAG Lubbock into your own Facebook experience by becoming a fan of our page at [www.facebook.com/pages/PFLAG-Lubbock](http://www.facebook.com/pages/PFLAG-Lubbock). You'll see our announcements and be able to RSVP to upcoming meetings and events.



### Twitter

Another way to stay up to date with events, news and announcements is to follow our Twitter account for short and timely messages. Check out [www.twitter.com/pflaglubbock](http://www.twitter.com/pflaglubbock) for the latest updates.



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## Second Annual Drag Show at TTU

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Texas Tech University's Resident Hall Association (RHA) and Gay-Straight Alliance (GSA) are teaming up to present the Second Annual Drag Show at TTU next month.

The Second Annual Drag Show is scheduled for 7:00 on Thursday, March 31, 2011 at Texas Tech's Frazier Alumni Pavilion. The event is completely free and open to the public, and donations are welcome.

TTU's RHA and GSA are building on last year's highly successful event, when funds were raised for Project CHAMPS, a non-profit agency providing medical and social services to people living with HIV/AIDS and their family.

This year, your donations will go to PFLAG Lubbock's scholarship fund, which provides financial support for Lubbock-area LGBT students through its Lola Marie Drew Scholarship. The scholarship fund was established in May 1996 through a donation in the will of Lola Marie Drew, a Texas Tech faculty member whose niece was gay. Since its establishment, the scholarship fund

has been awarded each year to area LGBT students.

Come enjoy the Drag Show and know your donations will help further the education of deserving LGBT high school or college students right here in Lubbock.



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## Lecture Events at St. John's UMC

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Are you interested in learning about GLBT issues from a Biblical standpoint?

St. John's United Methodist Church will offer the following lectures and discussions this spring as part of an ongoing series.

These events take place on Wednesday nights from 6:00-7:30 at St. John's United Methodist Church, located at 15th & University in Lubbock.

### **What The Bible Says About Affirming Gays and Lesbians**

Facilitator: The Rev. Daniel Echols

Dates: March 2, March 23, and March 30

### **Movie Discussion: A Single Man**

Facilitator: Rebecca Hunt

Date: April 13

Topic: Discussion about "A Single Man," a movie set in L.A. in the 1960s about a gay man who lost his partner in an accident and how he deals with his loss in that era.

For more information about St. John's UMC, visit the church's website at [www.stjohnslubbock.org](http://www.stjohnslubbock.org), or call (806) 762-0123.

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## National/Regional Agency News Roundup

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### National Gay & Lesbian Task Force

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The National Gay & Lesbian Task Force recently wrapped up its 23rd annual Creating Change Conference—an annual conference on LGBT equality. This year's conference was in Minneapolis from February 2-6, 2011. More than 2,500 attended from all over the country and took part in at least 250 different workshops and training sessions as part of the conference.

Plans are already underway for next year's Creating Change conference, slated for Baltimore, MD on January 25-29, 2012.

Stay updated on the Task Force at their blog, <http://thetaskforceblog.org/>.

### Equality Texas

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Lobby Day 2011 for Equality Texas is rapidly approaching. Lobby Day is a free event that gives individuals the opportunity to meet one-on-one with legislators and make the case for equality.

Individual advance registration is requested by Equality Texas in order to match each registrant by legislative district and make lobby team assignments. To register, submit the Equality Texas online application at [www.equalitytexas.org](http://www.equalitytexas.org).

Registration and breakfast will be at the First United Methodist Church Family Life Center at 1300 Lavaca Street, Austin TX.

### GLSEN

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The Gay, Lesbian and Straight Education Network (GLSEN) received partnership support from Barnes & Noble for this year's No-Name Calling Week (January 24-28, 2011). GLSEN was able to extend its efforts from schools into bookstores with participation from Barnes & Noble. Bookstore events included special storytime events and displays of educational materials such as book lists, lesson plans, tip sheets, and online video content about experiences with bullying.

No-Name Calling Week is an annual week of educational and creative activities designed to end name-calling of all kinds, with lessons and activities for elementary, middle and high schools. The week was inspired by the young adult novel "The Misfits" and is presented in collaboration with more than 50 national education and youth service organizations, including the National Association of Secondary School Principals, the National Association of Elementary School Principals, Big Brothers Big Sisters of America, the National School Boards Association and the National Education Association. No Name-Calling Week is made possible, in larger part, thanks to a grant from Cisco. This is the sixth year Cisco has supported the program.



***Got a tip for our next newsletter?***

**Email us at:**

**[president@pflaglubbock.org](mailto:president@pflaglubbock.org)**

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# Supporting Those Who Support PFLAG Lubbock

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## Businesses

### Adams Flowers

3532 34<sup>th</sup> St.  
(806) 792-2126  
<http://www.adamsflowerstx.com/>

### Belly's Café

1406 Ave Q  
(806) 853-9001

### Ellsworth String Quartet

(806) 799-7227

### Kyra Blankenship & Angela Bakersville

Attorneys at Law  
(806) 765-5161 or 1-800-364-7021

### MassageLubbock.com

Jason Weber R.M.T.  
(806) 535-5044 E-mail: [jweber1965@hotmail.com](mailto:jweber1965@hotmail.com)

### Rainbow Candleworks, Ceramics & Things

(806) 773-0149 (cell); (806) 792-9127 (home)  
<http://www.rainbowcandlecompany.com>

### Rattan and Wicker Specialties

252034<sup>th</sup> St.  
(806) 793-3455

### Sprague's Massage Therapy

(806) 438-2221  
E-mail: [stressmts@door.net](mailto:stressmts@door.net)  
<http://www.fly.to/smc>

## Churches

### Metropolitan Community Church (MCC)

4501 University Avenue, (806) 792-5562  
Sunday Worship 11:00 a.m.  
Friday Lambda AA Meeting 8 p.m.  
Wednesday Doorways Youth Group 7:00 p.m.  
Newsletter available upon request  
E-mail: [mcclubbocktx@aol.com](mailto:mcclubbocktx@aol.com)

### St. John's United Methodist Church

1501 University Avenue (across from Tech Campus)  
(806) 762-0123  
A Reconciling Congregation Sunday mornings:  
8:30 a.m. Holy Communion  
9:00 a.m. Fellowship Time  
9:15 a.m. Sunday School Classes  
10:30 a.m. Morning Worship  
E-mail: [openminds@stjohnslubbock.org](mailto:openminds@stjohnslubbock.org)  
[www.stjohnslubbock.org](http://www.stjohnslubbock.org)

### United Congregational Church

1701 E. 10<sup>th</sup> Street, (806) 744-0747  
Member of the United Church of Christ (an officially  
GLBT supportive denomination, see [www.ucc.org](http://www.ucc.org))  
Sunday Worship Service at 10:00 a.m.  
Sunday Adult Education at 11:00 a.m.

### First Unitarian Universalist Church of Lubbock

2801 42<sup>nd</sup> St.  
Lubbock, TX 79413, (806) 799-1617  
Adult education: Sundays 10:00 a.m.  
Worship Service & Children's Classes: 11:00 a.m.  
<http://uulubbock.org>

## Organizations

### Equality Texas (EQTX)

Equality Texas is the largest lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgendered organization in Texas. Working toward the elimination of social, legal & economic discrimination based on sexual orientation & gender identity through lobbying, education, & research directed toward the Texas Legislature & other state governmental agencies  
PO Box 2340  
Austin, TX 78768  
(512) 474-5475 E-mail: [info@equalitytexas.org](mailto:info@equalitytexas.org)  
[www.equalitytexas.org](http://www.equalitytexas.org)

### LGBTs Lubbock, Literature, Etc.

<http://www.duanesimolke.com>

### OUTwest Lubbock

OUTwest Lubbock is the new virtual GLBTQIA community center. Email [contact@outwestlubbock.org](mailto:contact@outwestlubbock.org) for more information or visit [www.outwestlubbock.org](http://www.outwestlubbock.org). Don't forget to check out their YouTube channel at [www.youtube.com/outwestlubbock](http://www.youtube.com/outwestlubbock)

### PFLAG Odessa

Meetings: First Monday of each month.  
Contact: Sheri Johnson  
([sharijohnson@grandecom.net](mailto:sharijohnson@grandecom.net)) for more information

### Planned Parenthood Association of Lubbock, Inc.

Briercroft Office Park #14  
On 58th Street (between Ave Q and Ave P)  
(806) 795-7123  
Planned Parenthood provides confidential, affordable, quality reproductive health care for women & men. Services include annual exams, HIV and STD testing and treatment; breast and cervical cancer screening; partner testing and treatment for STDs. GLBT and Transgender services and resources are available. Education programs and public speaking for community groups and schools are available.

### South Plains College Gay/Straight Alliance

The SPC GSA meets Tuesday nights at 7:00 p.m. during the fall & spring semesters in room 882A at Reese Center. For additional information contact Ginny Mahan at [gmahan@southplainscollege.edu](mailto:gmahan@southplainscollege.edu)

### SPCAA/Project CHAMPS

3307 Ave. X  
(806) 771-0736  
M-F 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. & 1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.  
Project CHAMPS provides confidential medical and social services to clients living with HIV/AIDS. Eligible clients must provide proof of HIV+ status and must live in Texas. Income requirements vary depending on services requested. Contact Project CHAMPS for details and to schedule an Intake. No walk-ins, please.

### Texas Tech Gay/Straight Alliance

For meeting details contact Dee Nguyen at [d.nguyen@ttu.edu](mailto:d.nguyen@ttu.edu)

### The Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual Support Group

Texas Tech University Counseling Center  
Meets during the fall & spring semesters  
Interested Tech students can call the Counseling

Center at: (806) 742-3674.

### Social

#### Club Heaven

19th and Buddy Holly Ave. Club Heaven is open Thursday and Saturday nights as a Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender accepting club.

#### Doorways

Doorways is a young adult group meeting at Metropolitan Community Church (MCC) on Wednesday nights at 7 p.m. Contact MCC for meeting details and age range.

#### This Week in Texas (TWIT)

<http://www.thisweekintexas.com>

*If you would like to be included in or make corrections to the list of our supporters, feel free to contact us at [president@pflaglubbock.org](mailto:president@pflaglubbock.org).*

## CONTACT US:

**PFLAG Lubbock**

**P.O. Box 94493**

**Lubbock, TX 79493**

**[president@pflaglubbock.org](mailto:president@pflaglubbock.org)**

PFLAG Lubbock holds regular meetings on the 3rd Tuesday of each month at 7:00 pm at St. John's United Methodist Church, 1501 University.

## PFLAG LUBBOCK MEMBERSHIP FORM

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE(home) \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE(cell) \_\_\_\_\_

E-MAIL \_\_\_\_\_

**DUES :** Individual - \$35    Couple - \$50  
Student - \$25            Student Couple - \$40



Check all that best identify you:

GLBT (GAY, LESBIAN, BI, TRANSGENDERED)

ALLY

PARENT/FAMILY

Checks payable to:

**PFLAG Lubbock**  
PO Box 94493  
Lubbock, TX 79493-4493