



News and Views

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

Support • Education • Advocacy

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May Chapter Meeting

When: Tuesday, May 17, 2011, 7:00 p.m.

Where: St. John's United Methodist Church
located at 1501 University, Lubbock

Program: Gender and Speech—Dr. James Dembowski

PFLAG Lubbock's May 17 program will feature PFLAG member and associate professor Dr. James Dembowski. The focus of his presentation will be "Gender, Voice and Speech." He will discuss and present examples of stereotypic and non-stereotypic perceptions of what makes a "male" or "female" voice, and discuss research in this field. He may also address voice characteristics which might be stereotypically associated with "gay" (or not-gay) features.

Read more about Dr. Dembowski's presentation on Page 2 of this month's newsletter.

Transgender Support Group

When: Tuesday, May 17, 2011
Immediately Following 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.



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.

Looking Ahead

June Picnic

When: Tuesday, June 7 at 7:00 p.m.

Where: Home of John Gray & Ron Nance
3503 32nd Street, Lubbock

As we say hello to summer in Lubbock, we want to invite you to our annual summer potluck picnic!

Please join us at the home of John Gray and Ron Nance (3503 32d St.) on Tuesday, June 7th at 7:00 p.m. Bring your favorite dish to share, and take this opportunity to relax and socialize with your fellow members. This picnic takes the place of our June chapter meeting.

At the June picnic, you'll also have a chance to meet and learn about our 2011 Lola Marie Drew Scholarship winners, who will be recognized for their achievements.

If you need more information, please contact us at president@pflaglubbock.org.

Mom's Meeting

When: Sunday, June 12 at 2:00 p.m.

Where: DeAnn Britton's Home

The next PFLAG Mothers' Meeting will be on Sunday, June 12th beginning at 2:00 at the home of DeAnn Britton.

For more information on the Mothers' group, please contact Jane at (806) 438-6504.

July Break

There will be no PFLAG Board or General Chapter Meeting during the month of July. Hope everyone has a great summer!



Gender and Speech with Dr. Dembowski

PFLAG Lubbock is very excited to present Dr. James Dembowski on Tuesday, May 17th. The focus of his presentation will be "Gender, Voice and Speech."

Dr. Dembowski will discuss and present examples of stereotypic and non-stereotypic perceptions of what makes a "male" or "female" voice, and discuss research in this field. He may also address voice characteristics which might be stereotypically associated with "gay" (or not-gay) features. This topic relates particularly to transgendered persons, but can



affect the entire GLBT community. May's program by Dr. Dembowski should make for an enlightening and entertaining evening.

Dr. Dembowski, a Lubbock PFLAG member, is an Assistant Professor in the Department of Speech, Language and Hearing Sciences at Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center. Dr. Dembowski is also a licensed speech pathologist. His areas of specialty are anatomy and physiology; acoustic phonetics; neurogenic disorders primarily related to stroke or degenerative disease; voice; and stuttering. Dr. Dembowski has degrees from the University of Texas-Dallas and Northwestern University. He received his PhD. from the University of Wisconsin-Madison.

Announcing Our 2011 Scholarship Winners!

PFLAG Lubbock is extremely excited to announce that thanks to the support of our members and the very generous donations collected at the 2nd Annual Drag Show at TTU, PFLAG was able to award **three scholarships** to deserving LGBT Lubbock-area students this year.

PFLAG Lubbock's Lola Marie Drew Scholarship Fund is awarded annually to deserving Lubbock-area LGBT students. In 2011 we

have selected three outstanding students for this honor. We are thrilled to give three scholarship awards this year, because we feel it is crucial to encourage the continuing education of self-identified GLBT students, and we hope to foster a positive image of GLBT young people in society.

Lola Marie Drew Scholarship winners will be recognized at our annual summer picnic on June 7th.

This Year's Winners of the Lola Marie Drew Scholarship:

Ross Herring

Marissa Jimenez

Ricky Waite

Congratulations!



Business Memberships with PFLAG Lubbock

PFLAG Lubbock is working to develop a new system of business memberships available to the community.

Beginning this fall, as part of our annual membership drive, PFLAG Lubbock will introduce new levels of membership for businesses.

The new business rates will be as follows: \$50 for non-profit organizations; \$75 for small businesses; and \$100 for the corporate level.

More information will be available soon regarding these categories and what will be included in the business membership package.

If you are interested in learning about this new PFLAG Lubbock initiative, please contact us at president@pflaglubbock.org. We would appreciate your input as we explore ways to work with businesses and organizations in our community and more effectively partner with them for mutual support.

Meet Your New Officers

The New Faces of PFLAG Lubbock

PFLAG Lubbock added five new officers to its Board in 2011.

**Jesse Saldivar Vice President—
Outreach & Educational Initiatives**



Jesse Saldivar currently serves as our Vice President for Outreach and Educational Initiatives and is the focus of our New Officer Profile feature for the month of May 2011.

**Name: Jesse Saldivar
Hometown: Port Lavaca, TX
Service Banker for Wells Fargo**

How long have you been involved with PFLAG Lubbock?

I have been with PFLAG Lubbock since October 2010.

What projects have you been excited about this year?

The Drag Show, establishing Gay-Straight Alliances in local high schools, and PFLAG scholarships.

What inspired you to become an officer of PFLAG Lubbock?

I wanted to be able to make a difference in the Lubbock community. I was told that PFLAG was really supportive of the GLBT community.

Why do you think it's important to support PFLAG Lubbock?

Because PFLAG Lubbock is one of the few places in Lubbock that GLBT individuals, parents, friends, and allies can go to for support and reliable advice.

Who is a particular hero or inspirational person to you?

Franklin D. Roosevelt

What's your favorite way to stay updated on activism or issues that are important to you?

Facebook and CNN.com

More about you?

I'm ambidextrous. My favorite color is green.

PFLAG National Convention—Don't Forget to Register!

Thinking about attending the 2011 PFLAG National Convention? If you're interested, please make sure to register now at <https://community.pflag.org/convention>. If you're a PFLAG member, early bird registration is \$250 but only if you register before May 31, 2011. After that early bird deadline, registration for members will be \$325.

PFLAG National invites you to join other chapter members from across the country to learn new skills, build relationships, and celebrate your work while looking ahead to the future.

This is a great opportunity for members to participate in hands-on workshops, networking opportunities, and dynamic speakers presenting on cutting-edge topics.



For details, information about Washington, D.C., or to register for the 2011 PFLAG National Convention, please visit to the PFLAG website, <http://pflag.org>.

Enjoy a Blue Sky Burger and Support CONTACT Lubbock!

CONTACT Lubbock Fundraiser

When: May 17

Where: Blue Sky Burgers, 4336 98th St.

Join CONTACT Lubbock at Blue Sky Burgers on 4336 98th Street (98th and Quaker) for a community fundraising event. After you order, please place your receipt in the baskets by the registers to benefit CONTACT Lubbock.

CONTACT Lubbock has been providing suicide crisis intervention and prevention in the South Plains for 40 years. For more information please visit our website at www.contactlubbock.org

To learn more about Blue Sky Burgers, visit their website at www.blueskytexas.com.

TTU and SPC GSA Officers for 2011-2012

PFLAG Lubbock congratulates the new officers of both the Texas Tech University and South Plains College Gay-Straight Alliance (GSA) organizations.

South Plains College GSA Officers

President: Skylar Matthew Lange
Vice President: Cristina Reyes
Public Relations: Thomas Hall

Historian: Tiffany Serna

Texas Tech University GSA Officers

President: Marissa Jimenez
Vice President: Joshua Schaeper
Secretary: Arianna Roman
Treasurer: Nijah Adams
Public Relations: Sean Riegert
Historian: Jeffrey Stricklen

Make a Difference with LIST

Those of you who attended our April chapter meeting will recognize PFLAG Lubbock's newest undertaking, "LIST" (Lubbock Initiative for Safe Toilets). In April we watched the short documentary "Toilet Training," and afterward we had an informative discussion to learn more about this initiative, why it's important, and how we can all participate as PFLAG members and as concerned members of our Lubbock community.

If you're not yet familiar with this project, here's what it's all about. LIST is a group interested in creating safe bathroom space for people who do not fit the binary gender construct of female and male, or have special circumstances that might require a differently gendered caretaker to escort them to the toilet.

LIST recognizes that in Lubbock, many people have no safe places to go to the bathroom. They get harassed, beaten, and arrested in both women's and men's rooms and many avoid public bathrooms altogether, hence developing health problems. We understand that this affects people with a range of gender identities including people who do not identify as female or

LIST (Lubbock Initiative for Safe Toilets)

Bathrooms for Everyone



male, transgender people who do identify as female or male, as well as many masculine and butch women, and feminine men.

Therefore, LIST is committed to establishing gender-neutral bathrooms and we believe that all people, regardless of their gender identification or presentation have the right to access safe and dignified restroom facilities without fear of harassment, judgment, or violence.

There are several ways you can participate in data collection for LIST. The website can be found at lubbocksafetoilets.wordpress.com/, and there you'll find information on the project, links to the LIST Facebook and Twitter pages, and examples of submissions from the community.

When you're out in Lubbock and can record information about bathrooms you see, please consider making a note and submitting it to LIST.

We hope to create a full database of information on bathrooms in our area so we can help make safe areas more accessible.

If you need more information about LIST or how you can participate, please contact us. We're excited to share this project with our membership and with others in the community who share our concerns.

Here's an example of two photos taken and submitted to LIST. These were both reported as gender-neutral bathrooms with locks that would be safe for anyone to use. It's just that easy to record your data and share it with LIST!



Lakeside Surgery waiting room



Sugarbakers Restaurant

Supporting Those Who Support PFLAG Lubbock

Businesses

Adams Flowers

3532 34th 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

Rainbow Candleworks, Ceramics & Things

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

Rattan and Wicker Specialties

252034th St.
(806) 793-3455

Sprague's Massage Therapy

(806) 438-2221
E-mail: 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

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
www.stjohnslubbock.org

United Congregational Church

1701 E. 10th Street, (806) 744-0747
Member of the United Church of Christ (an officially
GLBT supportive denomination, see 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 42nd 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
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 for more information or visit www.outwestlubbock.org. Don't forget to check out their YouTube channel at www.youtube.com/outwestlubbock

PFLAG Odessa

Meetings: First Monday of each month.
Contact: Sheri Johnson
(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 every 2nd and 4th Thursday of the month at 7:00 p.m. on the Reese campus. For more information, please contact Skylar Lange, gsaspc@yahoo.com.

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. Email pchamps@spcaa.org

Texas Tech Gay/Straight Alliance

For meeting details contact Dee Nguyen at 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.

CONTACT US:

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Lubbock, TX 79493
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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)

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PARENT/FAMILY

Checks payable to:

PFLAG Lubbock
PO Box 94493
Lubbock, TX 79493-4493