

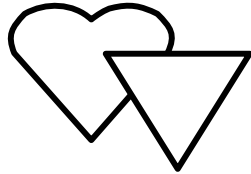


**TRUE COLORS ANNUAL CONFERENCE XIV:  
FRAMING THE FOCUS ON FAMILIES**



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**IN THE PFLAG HARTFORD FAMILY:**

**SINCERE CONDOLENCES** to Joan Jansen, and her family, on the recent, accidental death of her nephew, Timothy.

**TRUE COLORS CONFERENCE** PFLAG Hartford will once again sponsor and participate in this conference for LGBT youth. We need volunteers to staff our booth, and there will be sign-up sheets available at our March 21<sup>st</sup> monthly meeting. If you volunteer, this is a great opportunity for parents to participate and perhaps partake of some of the wonderful sessions – a real learning experience. (See Upcoming/Ongoing Events on page 2 for more information.)

**PFLAG is a welcoming place for parents and friends of lesbians & gays, but we are much more than that. Gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender and intersex people are also encouraged to attend our meetings. GLBTI people come with or without their family members, and parents and friends come with or without their GLBTI loved ones. PFLAG is for YOU!**

**PFLAG HARTFORD MONTHLY SUPPORT GROUP MEETINGS:** Third Wednesday each month, 7:30 p.m., Immanuel Congregational Church House, 10 Woodland Street (Just North of Farmington Ave.), Hartford. For more information, please call Marie & Bob at (860) 633-7184 or Becky & John at (860) 633-5111.

<p><b>REFRESHMENT REMINDER:</b>  <b>March 21 – Karen P.</b>  <b>April 18 – Nina L.</b>  <b>May 16 – Diane &amp; Leo</b>  <b>June 20 – Scholarship Presentations &amp; Reception</b></p>	<p><b>MEMBERSHIP DUES:</b>  Student/Limited Income: \$10  Household Membership: \$40  Individual Membership: \$25</p> <p><i>Please make your check payable to <b>PFLAG Hartford</b> and Send it to:  Treasurer, 12 Colchester Commons, Colchester, CT 06415</i></p>	<p><b>UPCOMING PFLAG HARTFORD BOARD MEETING</b>  <b>Wednesday, April 11, 7 p.m.</b>  <b>Hosted by The Glezens</b></p>
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**Parents, Families and Friends of Lesbians and Gays promotes the health and well-being of gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender and intersex persons and their families and friends through:**

**SUPPORT**, to cope with an adverse society

**EDUCATION**, to enlighten an ill-informed public

**ADVOCACY**, to end discrimination and to secure equal civil rights.

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

**UPCOMING /ONGOING EVENTS**

- **RAINBOW ROOM** (a program of the **Hartford Gay & Lesbian Health Collective**) – a welcoming place for lesbian, gay, bisexual, trans and questioning “LGBTQ” teens and young adults (up to 21 years old). Sundays, 3-6 p.m., 1841 Broad Street (the Hartford Gay & Lesbian Health Collective building). For more information please visit our website at [www.hglhc.org](http://www.hglhc.org) or contact us at [sensae@aol.com](mailto:sensae@aol.com) or call 860/278-4163.
- **Trans SOFFA Support Group in Connecticut:** This is a group specifically for Significant Others, Family, Friends and Allies of Transgendered, Transsexual and Gender Variant people (SOFFAs). Trans people who are SOFFAs are welcome. Meetings will be held on the second Sunday of each month and are facilitated by Kristal Barnes and Kasha Ho. Contact Kristal - [u2kristal@yahoo.com](mailto:u2kristal@yahoo.com) (860) 878-5256 or Kasha - [kho@afsc.org](mailto:kho@afsc.org) or call (860) 523-1534 for more information.
- **HGLHC Transgender Support Group:** This professionally facilitated group offers an affirming non-judgmental environment for Transgender folk to explore issues and concerns that matter to them, and to give and take support. Each participant decides what to do with emotions and personal life-choices or body image, sexuality, relationships, HIV issues and anything else of concern. As with all other HGLHC Support groups, all participants must register in advance to determine whether this group is right for you. Location: Hartford. Contact HGLHC at (860) 278-4163 X21 or e-mail [lizy@hglhc.org](mailto:lizy@hglhc.org)
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For more information and to register, go to [www.ourtruecolors.org](http://www.ourtruecolors.org).
- **Join Love Makes a Family's Biggest Fundraising Event of the Year, Saturday, March 31<sup>st</sup>**  
Help us reach our goal of 207 hosts in 2007. Host a party in your home and help raise money & awareness, and help us win marriage equality in Connecticut. All money raised will go to our work for marriage equality. For information and to sign up, e-mail [www.lmfct.org/edbm2007](http://www.lmfct.org/edbm2007).
- **April 14, TRANSGENDER LIVES: The Intersection of Health and Law Conference,** UConn Health Center, Farmington, CT. For more information, contact Linda at [lindae@hglhc.org](mailto:lindae@hglhc.org) or call (860) 278-4163.
- **PFLAG'S 20TH NATIONAL CONVENTION,** entitled **Family Voices: Moving Equality Forward**, will be held from **October 11-14** at the Hilton McLean Tysons Corner in Virginia, just outside of Washington, D.C. Approximately 1,000 members and supporters from across the United States will attend this event. The PFLAG National Office is committed to providing a wide range of workshop opportunities (50) for our members and allies that address the interests and needs of first-time attendees as well as those who are ready for more advanced sessions. For details about the application process, submission review criteria, timelines and registration, please visit our online instructions and submission at [https://www.letsmeet.net/forms/pflag\\_session/](https://www.letsmeet.net/forms/pflag_session/)

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*Sometimes we are thrown into despair by unthinking, unfeeling statements and policies of some of our religious institutions. Check this out and take heart!*

PFLAGers - see <http://vbs.org/organizations/gaylesbian/index.htm> .

I worked with my synagogue's Web committee to create and publish this. The synagogue is one of the largest Conservative synagogues in the country, located in Encino, California. Our rabbis are the greatest! I recommend that all of us work within our faith communities to create similar explicit, positive statements of inclusion. Regards, Steve.

**Support PFLAG Hartford through CWC!** Community Works Connecticut is a coalition dedicated to achieving social change and economic justice. **PFLAG Hartford** is a proud member of CWC. You can donate to **PFLAG** in your workplace giving campaign. If you don't see CWC listed in your workplace campaign ask your employer to add Community Works Connecticut to the list of campaign contribution options. To find out if CWC is in your worksite or to get assistance in getting it there call 860-231-2414. Also, visit [www.communityworksct.org](http://www.communityworksct.org) to learn more.

**A GRANDMOTHER SPEAKS OUT IN FAVOR OF GAY MARRIAGE** *By Susan Campbell, Hartford Courant, 2/11/07*

To start the discussion on Connecticut's marriage-equality bill, let's turn to Alexandrina Sergio of Glastonbury. In closing her impassioned speech in support of the bill's launch last month, Sergio held up a family Christmas picture of her daughter Lauren; her daughter's spouse, Margaret; and their children (Sergio's grandchildren), Lindsay, 2 1/2, and Alistair, 4 months.

"We have met the enemy," Sergio said over the cheers, "and this is not it."

Earlier, Sergio read a portion of a letter she wrote to Gov. M. Jodi Rell - proud grandmother of Tyler - who has vowed to veto any marriage-equality bill passed by the legislature this session

"I fear for Lindsay and Alistair if they must grow up in a society where their family cannot enjoy the respect, the rights, the benefits and the protections enjoyed by Tyler's family," Sergio wrote. (Last week, she received a reply from the governor's office that said, in part, "The Governor opposes any form of discrimination against any person or group.")

What Sergio didn't mention in her speech, husband David said later, is that their daughter and her family live in Canada, which recognizes same-sex marriages. As long as the family stays north, they will continue to enjoy an environment similar to that of Tyler's family - but not here.

Two years ago, Connecticut legalized civil unions between same sex couples. It was a historic step, but it was only a step. A civil union in Connecticut does not a civil union make in, say, Missouri. This also makes things difficult if a couple moves, and then wants to dissolve their union. And what about children like Lindsay and Alistair? What good is gained by giving their families second-class status?

But this discussion isn't really about marriage, or the children of same-sex families, as Rep. Michael Lawlor, D-East Haven, astutely noted at the same press conference where Sergio spoke. On the same day that people spoke in favor of equality, others at a Family Institute press conference spoke against it. Sen. Louis DeLuca, R-Woodbury, intoned that marriage deserves special protection because the institution goes all the way back to Jesus, a supposition that would come as a huge surprise to people like David and Solomon, who, pre-Jesus, were known to vigorously practice marriage.

But this isn't about sacred texts, either - at least, not really. There were plenty of clerical collars supporting the marriage equality bill. I sat by one. I know her, and I can guarantee you that in a Bible throw-down, she would win.

Nor is the discussion really about any threat to the institution. Let's say this next part together. Ready? All threats come from within. The only thing that threatens marriage - individual ones and the institution - is people who practice it dishonestly. So let's leave that rhetoric aside as well, shall we?

One by one, over the years, arguments against rights for homosexuals have fallen by the wayside. What the same-sex marriage issue boils down to, says Lawlor, is homosexuality. And prejudice and fear.

We can't, says Sergio, seriously argue that homosexuality is a perversion, or that same-gender couples can't raise children. Children from same-sex parents do just fine, thanks, and the only perversion in the debate is when someone stands between two adults and declares, "No, you can't love one another."

The slippery slope argument - that marriage equality will open the door for things like polygamy - is, as Sergio says, a "cheap and very nasty rhetorical trick." There's simply no comparison.

As the mother of a lesbian, Sergio knows people who are uncomfortable talking about homosexuality. She has always tried to be gentle when she, for example, points out the shoddy Biblical scholarship that goes into arguments against marriage equality. Everyone - gay and straight - must come to an understanding about homosexuality. I just wish some of us would move a little quicker on this. Sergio is getting tired of her own gentle approach. "I am getting impatient. I am getting old. I am old. I have this urge to march around saying, 'We're here, we're queer, get used to it.'"

*Sandy Sergio, is a Hartford PFLAG member.*

*Following is an editorial reply by PFLAG's John Currie to Gov. Rell's stand against same sex marriage.*

**WHAT'S NEXT, SEPARATE TAGS?**

*The Hartford Courant, 2/15/07*

Susan Campbell wrote a fine column about recent pro-and-con marriage-equality press conferences [Feb. 11, "A Grandmother Speaks Out In Favor Of Gay Marriage"]. She noted Gov. M. Jodi Rell's position that gay and lesbian couples should not qualify for marriage in Connecticut.

Gov. Rell might consider additional applications of her view that gays and lesbians are second-class citizens. If she wants governmental policies consistent with her personal view, she should have the Department of Motor Vehicles require gay citizens to have pink license plate registration tags on their cars to set them apart from non-gay citizens.

We have seen this thinking before. During Hitler's administration, gays were required to wear pink emblems to differentiate them from the general population. We know where that led.

There is no good reason to have separate marriage and civil union lines at our town halls.

*John K. Currie, Farmington*

**ANOTHER PFLAG MEMBER'S LETTER TO THE EDITOR**

**Marriage is a Civil Right***The Hartford Courant 2/19/07*

A Feb. 15 letter opposing gay marriage ["Let The People Decide"] stated, "Being gay is a sexual preference, not a civil right." Those of us in favor of gay marriage feel that gay marriage is a civil right, not a sexual preference.

Traditional marriage fails more than 50 percent of the time. Some of the traditional marriages reported in the tabloid press and in the Hollywood celebrity worship magazines are a travesty. Gay marriage supporters know that it is love that makes a family.

– John B. Franklin (PFLAG Board Member)

***“THE MORE OUT AND OPEN PEOPLE ARE, THE MORE CHANGED THE STRAIGHT PEOPLE ARE ALL AROUND THEM.”***

*- HRC President Joe Salmonese*

**CONGRESS EXPECTED TO VOTE ON ENDA IN '07****Activists promise to heed lessons of gay rights battles in 1996 and 2003***By Lou Chibbaro, Jr., January 12, 2007*

Congress is expected to vote this year on legislation to outlaw employment discrimination against gay and transgender citizens in the private workplace, according to gay U.S. Reps. Barney Frank (D-Mass.) and Tammy Baldwin (D-Wisc.).

Such a vote would come 11 years after the Senate narrowly defeated the legislation, the Employment Non-Discrimination Act, or ENDA, in a development that activists and gay supportive lawmakers say could provide lessons useful for this year's effort on behalf of the bill.

"I hope to see ENDA pass in the House in the late summer or autumn," Baldwin said.

"On ENDA, it has been a dozen years since we last had hearings," she said, referring to congressional committee hearings that are a part of the process of passing bills in Congress.

Baldwin said ENDA is to be considered by four House committees, including the House Judiciary Committee, where various aspects of the bill will be examined. Among other things, Baldwin said the committee hearings would likely remind the public that in most states, including Georgia, employers can legally refuse to hire a gay person solely on the basis of his or her sexual orientation.

**Close vote**

On Sept. 10, 1996, the United States Senate came within one vote of passing a version of ENDA that did not include protection for transgender persons.

The vote of 50 to 49, with one absence, against ENDA was seen as a partial victory for gay civil rights because such legislation had never advanced that far since first being introduced in the 1970s.

Yet the near victory came at a high price. With the consent of national gay advocacy groups, Sen. Edward Kennedy (D-Mass.), the lead sponsor of ENDA, struck a deal with Senate Republican leaders that activists say they hope will never again be necessary.

GOP leaders said they would allow ENDA to come up for a vote only if Kennedy and his Democratic allies agreed to end a filibuster blocking a vote on the anti-gay Defense of Marriage Act. Known as DOMA, that legislation sought for the first time to define marriage under federal law as a union only between a man and a woman.

On the same day the Senate narrowly defeated ENDA, it passed DOMA by a vote of 85 to 14. The House also passed DOMA by a lopsided margin. Then-President Bill Clinton, in the midst of his 1996 re-election campaign, signed DOMA into law, drawing expressions of outrage from gay activists.

The disappointment over the close defeat of ENDA and the approval of DOMA was heightened by what ENDA supporters view as a quirk of fate that prevented the Senate from passing the gay rights measure. Sen. David Pryor (D-Ark.), who was expected to vote for ENDA, sent word that he had to rush to Arkansas to assist his son, who was undergoing cancer surgery, and could not be present in the Senate for the vote.

Had Pryor voted for ENDA, the outcome would have been a 50-50 tie. Then-Vice President Al Gore was set to enter the Senate chamber to break the tie by voting "yea" under his constitutional powers as president of the Senate, resulting in ENDA's approval.

***Following is an article from PFLAG FYI. This monthly online publication provides basic information regarding issues that PFLAG works on each day through its mission of support, education, and advocacy.***

**ISSUE 4: JANUARY 2007 EMPLOYMENT (NON)DISCRIMINATION**

Has someone contacted you for support after being fired from their job for being GLBT? Have you ever heard someone tell you that they were denied a promotion because they were GLBT? Qualified, hardworking Americans can be legally fired, denied a job or promotion or discriminated against based on their sexual orientation in 33 states, and it is legal to do so based on gender identity or expression in 41 states. There are many places GLBT people can go to get advice on what to do if they have been discriminated against because they are GLBT.

- [The American Civil Liberties Union \(ACLU\)](#)
- [Lambda Legal](#)
- [National Center for Lesbian Rights \(NCLR\)](#)

While there are currently no federal laws to protect GLBT people from discrimination in the workplace based on their sexual orientation or gender identity, help may be on the way.

The **Employment Non-Discrimination Act (ENDA)** would extend federal employment discrimination protections that are currently provided on race, religion, gender, national origin, age, and disability to cover both sexual orientation and gender identity. If ENDA is passed, any American who thinks s/he has been discriminated against because of his/her perceived sexual orientation or gender identity will be able to file a complaint with the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC), the committee that handles all violations of Title VII, the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and be able to sue their employer for certain damages if they fulfill the EEOC requirements.

Workplace equality is not a "special right." Every American should be evaluated on the basis of his or her ability to contribute in the workforce, not innate or irrelevant characteristics like sexual orientation or gender expression, and hopefully ENDA will make this a reality.

While ENDA has not been introduced yet, we expect it to happen in this Congressional session.

Have you – or one of your GLBT loved ones – ever been discriminated against in the workplace for being (or even perceived to be) GLBT? **Your story can help change our laws forever.** PFLAG is going to be a strong advocate for ENDA when it is introduced. One of our most powerful advocacy tools is the stories of our members. The real-life voices of PFLAGers across the United States help prove that legislation like ENDA is critical and will have an immediate effect of moving equality forward for our families, loved ones, friends, and ourselves.

**We can't do it without you. Become an advocate for fair employment laws like ENDA by sharing your stories with us today.** We'll compile the stories we receive and use many of them for helping explain to legislators why this legislation must become law. Visit the PFLAG website ([www.pflag.org](http://www.pflag.org)) for more details about how you can tell your story and help move equality in the workplace forward!

**BOOK REVIEW****Families of Value: Personal Profiles of Pioneering Lesbian and Gay Parents***By Robert Bernstein*

With gay marriage in the news, attention has turned to gay parents. Bernstein, author of *Straight Parents, Gay Children* (1995), here portrays the gay and lesbian parents whose intimate lives he explores as pioneers fighting a cultural battle to change society. Growing numbers of children are raised in gay and lesbian households, he says, with hard-to-access statistics ranging from 1 to 14 million. The family stories he tells embrace a religiously conservative Protestant minister who is the gay father of two, a pair of lesbian policewomen who battled for extension of police death benefits, and a 12-year-old who, renouncing his lesbian mom's Quaker pacifism, beats up a boy who calls her a "lezzie." While some stories demonstrate the silver linings of storm clouds, one woman objects that the media light shone on gay families is too often rosy: she recalls a childhood spent in terror of being taken from her gay dad and his partner and of fearing their house would be torched. A strong addition to sociology and gender studies collections. (*Booklist*)

**[Learn more about PFLAG's partnership with Amazon.com](#)**

**A HUGE THANK-YOU TO ALL OF OUR MONTHLY MEETING SPEAKERS:**

**On January 17**, Antonio E., a new staff member of [Love Makes A Family](#), shared his personal story and how he came to work for LMF. He told us about his work, especially to help students establish Gay/Straight Alliances (GSAs) in their schools.

**On February 21**, Jill L., an attorney at a prestigious Law Firm in Hartford, shared her experiences as a teenager coming out to her family. Jill's family members have attended PFLAG.

**On March 21**, 12 year old, Becca L., will share with us her passion for human rights and civil justice. Her passion comes from the fact that she is being raised by her two dads. Be sure not to miss hearing Becca's story!

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### **NEW JERSEY JOINS CONNECTICUT IN GRANTING CIVIL UNIONS**

#### **NEW JERSEY GAY COUPLES CELEBRATE AS CIVIL UNION LAW TAKES EFFECT** The Hartford Courant 2/19/07

TEANECK, N.J. – Hundreds of gay couples were set to have the same legal protections as married couples today, as a law making New Jersey the third state in the nation to offer civil unions was to take effect.

For gay couples and gay rights activists, it figures to be a day of celebration and lament. With the law in place, New Jersey is becoming one of just five states to offer all the legal benefits of marriage to gay partners. The state, though, stopped short of calling the institutions marriage.

Civil unions emerged in New Jersey out of four years of litigation and a whirlwind few weeks of political deal-making late last year. In October, the state Supreme Court ruled that gay couples in the state were constitutionally entitled to all the benefits of marriage, but left it up to lawmakers to decide the details.

Instead of following Massachusetts, the only state that now allows gay couples to marry, the state Legislature chose to offer civil unions, as Vermont and Connecticut permit...

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### **SMART SHOPPING**

Score! We're delighted to announce that **Abercrombie & Fitch** has become one of the Human Rights Campaign's top-rated companies for gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender equality. The clothing retailer, and its Hollister and Ruehl brands, scores a perfect 100 percent on their treatment of GLBT employees, consumers and investors.

Stay informed about the companies that support equality – and keep it in mind when you buy. Download the second edition of the Human Rights Campaign's handy **Buying for Equality** guide at [www.hrc.org/buyersguide](http://www.hrc.org/buyersguide).

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### **OUT IN SCRIPTURE, OUT IN THE WORLD**

*By Sharon Groves, Winter2007 Edition of Equality Magazine*

*It's changed the relationship of a gay man and his mother in San Francisco.*

*It's changed the work of a pastor in Dayton, Ohio.*

*It's changed the lives of seven young lesbians in New Orleans.*

Out In Scripture, a new resource from the Human Rights Campaign's Religion and Faith Program, is the first major weekly preaching and devotional resource written from a gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender and straight-supportive perspective. A diverse group of religious scholars, brought together by HRC's new program, produces a commentary that is at times comforting – and often challenging.

Incorporating prayers, analysis and thought-provoking discussion questions, Out In Scripture is a resource for GLBT and straight-supportive Christians who want to read the Bible from an affirming standpoint. Every week, subscribers receive Out In Scripture in their e-mail boxes – and its impact so far is astonishing.

The mother of a gay man in San Francisco was unable to reconcile her son's sexuality with her strong faith. But now, thanks to Out In Scripture, she has a new framework for their conversations – opening up a rich new dialogue.

The Ohio pastor consults Out In Scripture when he writes his sermons each week – to help him understand the GLBT perspective on the week's biblical passages.

And every week, the young women in New Orleans meet for a Bible study, using Out In Scripture as their study text.

Want to find out what Out In Scripture can do for you? Take a look – or sign up to receive it in your inbox each week. Go to [www.hrc.org/scripture](http://www.hrc.org/scripture). (*Sharon Groves is the manager of HRC's Religion and Faith Program.*)

### **A TRIBUTE TO PFLAG**

*Excerpted from Between the Lines Newspaper 11/9/06*

Everyone should have at least one friend who stands out as an example of pure energy, enthusiasm and charm. I'm lucky to have many friends like this, and I would not have met most of them if it were not for PFLAG. This group is like a force of nature. To walk into a PFLAG meeting is to be hit with a tidal wave of affection and compassion. Sadness, loneliness, fear and rejection are wiped clear. Arms are ready to embrace. Being anywhere with PFLAG parents is like

having a warm blanket. I've never felt as completely supported and appreciated as when I'm with parents who truly "get it." I, a gay son, can go to any PFLAG meeting and be treated like family.

PFLAG is the nation's largest heterosexual organization dedicated to gay rights. What started as a way for parents and siblings to cope with the coming out of a family member has turned into an unstoppable movement. They are trans inclusive, politically inclusive, and truly open-minded, but many were not so before they found PFLAG. Because of PFLAG, our community is safer and more respected... Hell hath no fury... like a PFLAG parent whose child is under attack by bigots. The connection that PFLAG parents have with their children is nearly indescribable. I see this look in the parents' eyes when they talk about why they continue to be a part of PFLAG. PFLAG, like our parents, is our safety net. Without even realizing it, they are working to protect our future. Like the good parents they are, they want what is best for us and they have chosen to join the fight, not just root for us from the sidelines. I'm grateful PFLAGers are our protectors.

### THE WAY IT SHOULD BE:

*"One night when you were fifteen you took a deep breath and said to me,  
"Mom, I think I'm gay."  
"I know that," I told you, giving you a hug and kiss.  
"I love you. I'll always love you."*

### FYI:

#### NEWS FROM THE MEDICAL WORLD FOR GLBT PEOPLE

The Gay and Lesbian Medical Association is a national organization dedicated to bringing good medical care and accurate information to glbt people. On their Web site ([www.GLMA.org](http://www.GLMA.org)) can be found names and contact information for medical practitioners and clinics that are gay-friendly, listed by state and city. GLMA publishes "Ins and Outs of Gay Sex: A Medical Handbook for Gay Men," and sponsors another Web site, [www.gayhealth.com](http://www.gayhealth.com), which is interactive. It provides medical information in response to all kinds of questions about sexuality and health issues, sent by visitors to the site. This is an extremely important resource, especially for people who are not out or do not have ready access to health care providers who are comfortable having gays in their practices.

(Copied from the Jan./Feb. newsletter of PFLAG of Greater Providence)



### SUPPORT FROM AROUND THE COUNTRY:

Next time you're craving a slice of pizza, put down the phone and head to the freezer aisle of your local grocer for **DiGiorno's**. Its parent company, Northfield, Ill.-based **Kraft Foods**, scored a perfect 100 percent on the Human Rights Campaign's Corporate Equality Index. DiGiorno is always a safe bet – to support gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender quality, and to satisfy those cravings. Pepperoni, anyone?

And—

The Bay State has had a change of tides. Massachusetts' newly elected governor is **Deval Patrick**, an HRC endorsee and supporter of marriage equality. "The court got it right," Patrick said, referring to the Massachusetts Supreme Court's historic decision legalizing marriage equality for same-sex couples. "It is time to move on." The Democrat won 56 percent of the votes against his opponent, outgoing Lt. Gov. Kerry Healey, a Republican who endorsed a ban on marriage equality in November 2005. Patrick replaces Mitt Romney, another Republican and opponent of marriage equality.

And—

Hats off to the fair minded members of the **San Francisco School Board** for unanimously passing a resolution last fall to ensure that the family diversity curriculum promotes acceptance of families with GLBT parents to elementary and middle-school students.

Winter 2007

*Taken from HRC's Equality Magazine,*

**Connecticut PFLAG Meetings**

**PFLAG HARTFORD:** Information on front page or at [www.pflaghartford.org](http://www.pflaghartford.org)

**PFLAG NORWALK/SOUTHWESTERN CT**

When: First Wednesday of every month, 7:30 pm  
Where: Triangle Cmnty. Center, 16 River St. Norwalk  
Help Line: (203) 226-0257 or (203) 438-0530  
Email: [PFLAGSWCT@yahoo.com](mailto:PFLAGSWCT@yahoo.com)

**PFLAG NORTHWESTERN CONNECTICUT:**

Contact: Diane (860) 435-2738

**PFLAG MADISON/SHORELINE**

No Meetings  
Email: [davidwinthropknapp@yahoo.com](mailto:davidwinthropknapp@yahoo.com)  
Help Line: (203) 453-1395

**PFLAG GROTON (NOANK) /SOUTHEASTERN CT**

When: Second Monday of every month  
5:30-6:30 Potluck Dinner  
6:30-8:00 Meeting  
Where: Noank Baptist Church, 18 Cathedral Heights  
(Childcare is available)  
For Information call Mike (860) 447-0884

**PFLAG DANBURY**

When: Second Monday of every month, 7 pm  
Where: St. James Episcopal Church  
25 West Street, Danbury  
Help Line: (203) 797-4743

**PFLAG GREATER NEW HAVEN**

When: Third Tuesday of every month, 7:30 pm  
Where: Church of the Redeemer  
Corner: Whitney Ave./Cold Spring St., NH  
Help Line: (203) 907-0518  
Email: [greaternewhavenpflag@yahoo.com](mailto:greaternewhavenpflag@yahoo.com)

**Central and Western Massachusetts**

**Williamstown Area:**

When: Second Sunday of every month, 2 pm  
Where: First Congregational Church, Williamstown  
Contact: (413) 243-2382

**Springfield Area:**

When: Last Wednesdays, every month, 7 pm  
Where: South Congregational Church  
45 Maple Street, Springfield  
Contact: (413) 732-3240 or (413) 783-7709

**Greenfield, MA**

Help Line: 413/625-6636  
E-Mail: [PFLAGPV@valinet.com](mailto:PFLAGPV@valinet.com)

**CARING IS THE BI-MONTHLY  
NEWSLETTER OF  
PFLAG HARTFORD**

*Caring* welcomes articles, letters and other submissions for publication.

**Deadline:** 15<sup>th</sup> of even numbered months. Send articles to PFLAG EDITOR, 156 Randal Avenue West Hartford, CT 06110 or via e-mail [editor@pflaghartford.org](mailto:editor@pflaghartford.org).

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**PFLAG'S STRAIGHT SPOUSE SUPPORT NETWORK:**

**In Central Connecticut and Central Mass.,**  
Contact Jane Harris at (413) 625-6636 or [janenrosie@hotmail.com](mailto:janenrosie@hotmail.com)

**In Southern Connecticut,** Call Joan Rolnick at (203) 438-0530

**FOR OTHER PFLAG LOCATIONS**

Contact a Hartford Chapter Board Member or call the National PFLAG office at (202)638-4200. You may also sign onto PFLAG's Home Page at [www.pflag.org](http://www.pflag.org).