



# PFLAG BOULDER COUNTY

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June 2011

## **PFLAG Program: A Tribute to Cathy Buscha & Film Festival** *Tuesday, June 14th at 7pm*

Plan to attend this program to support LGBTQ youth and to honor Cathy Buscha who is ending her time in Boulder as co-director of Out Boulder to fulfill her dream to return to teaching. As part of our Pride Month Celebration, we want to recognize Cathy's amazing talents as a community organizer. Help us bid her a fond farewell.

Our program, following the brief ceremony, will be to view several short films: "Put This On the Map", directed by Megan Kennedy, the keynote speaker at the recent Open Door Fund Banquet. This award-winning film, created by youth in the Seattle area, is 34 minutes long about reteaching gender and sexuality. It is an intimate invitation into stories of social isolation and violence, fearlessness and liberation.

We will also enjoy several short films, *In Our Own Voices: An Intergenerational Film Journey* produced by local LGBTQ Youth and Elders. This spring Boulder County youth and elders joined together to share stories and to explore experiences across generations. These ground-breaking, heart-warming documentary short films resulted from the collaboration of [Out Boulder](#), [Bent Lens Cinema](#), [Boulder County Aging Services](#), and [Rainbow Elders](#).

## **Annual PFLAG Boulder County Retreat** *Saturday, June 4th from 10am to 4pm*

The Annual PFLAG Boulder County Retreat will be held at the home of Kristen Kinard, 3727 Columbia, Longmont. The morning includes outreach strategies to youth and their families; the afternoon focus is on collaborative plans for making use of Caitlin Ryan's Family Acceptance Project data and materials in Boulder County.

All members are welcome to participate in the discussions. Input from LGBTQ folks is especially needed. Contact [klkinard@comcast.net](mailto:klkinard@comcast.net) if you want to attend any part of the day.

## **PFLAG in the Pride Parade** *Sunday, June 19th at 8am*

If you want to feel the love from the joyful screams and hugs of LGBT folks who line the streets along Colfax, join the several Colorado PFLAG Chapters in the **Pride Parade** on June 19<sup>th</sup>. Step off is at 9:30 a.m. Sunday from Cheesman Park, walking down Colfax to the Capitol. To carpool from Boulder meet at the Table Mesa Park N Ride to depart promptly at 8:00 a.m. Bring sun screen, water and a sign if you want to proclaim your own message of love. Contact [JeanBlDr@comcast.net](mailto:JeanBlDr@comcast.net) if you plan to be there.

## **Meetings**

*PFLAG* Boulder County  
First United Methodist Church  
1421 Spruce Street  
14th & Spruce - 303.444.8164

**7:00 PM - Program**  
**8:30 PM - Support & Advocacy Groups Meet**

The public is always welcome to the main program at 7:00 p.m. on the 2nd Tuesday of each month, held in the Parlor.

At 8:30 p.m. a support group, especially intended for newcomers and others dealing with personal LGBT-related issues, meets in the library as long as needed. Confidentiality is promised.

Contact [info@pflagboulder.org](mailto:info@pflagboulder.org) with questions, concerns, or requests for support to get a personal response.

- June 4th**  
PFLAG Retreat
- June 14th**  
PFLAG Program
- June 19th**  
Denver Pride March
- June 26th**  
Safe Schools Pride BBQ



*On the right: Some Boulder PFLAGers who marched in the 2010 Pride March.*

## Colorado Coalition Tidbits

Representatives from four Colorado chapters (Ft. Collins, Denver, Boulder and Littleton) met on Sat. May 21<sup>st</sup> at the GLBT Center in Denver to share chapter accomplishments and provide support and resources for dealing with issues, as well as making decisions about future cooperative plans.

Shari Wilkins, current chair of the Colorado Coalition and now on staff at the Center as the Interim Director of SAGE, took us on a tour of the facility. Three floors of meeting space for Rainbow Alley youth, LGBT elders, the PFLAG Board, and a drop-in space for computer use brings in many people from the East Colfax neighborhood. It's a busy place packed with activities every day and evening. Decorating for an After-Prom party for the Rainbow youth in their basement space was happening on the day we were there.

Because it has become so difficult to staff a Coalition table for two days at the Denver Pride Fest, the decision was made not to have a separate table but to ask PFLAG Denver's table staffers to provide information about other chapters around the state. Communities such as Durango, Colorado Springs, Boulder and Ft. Collins already have their own separate pride festivals; however, the Pride March in Denver is still the big state-wide effort for PFLAG'ers to join together in solidarity. We hope for a strong turn-out because it is so exhilarating to be reminded from the loud cheers of bystanders of why we do the work of PFLAG.

Colorado hopes to send a contingent of PFLAG leaders to the National PFLAG Convention, Nov. 3-6, in Washington, D.C. Inspiration and skill-building to strengthen chapters is the promise to revitalize local chapters, Ann Ogg, who heads a chapter in Scottsdale, AZ, 6 months a year, is also active in Littleton the other 6 months. Our newest Colorado chapter, Littleton, like many fetal chapters around the country, has begun to struggle as its initial leaders left. How to provide strategies for new growth and vitality was the subject of conversation around the table.

Outreach to health care providers is a Coalition priority. There is an opportunity for collaboration among chapters with One Colorado to reach out to communities across the state to bring Straight for Equality messages and educate the medical communities to be better informed, gay-friendly providers.

Chapter representatives who attended the Caitlin Ryan events in April are also inspired to find new ways to do support for parents who are unlikely to attend a PFLAG meeting. Finding ways to make the Family Acceptance Project research and educational materials available to a broader audience is the goal of Boulder, Denver, Ft. Collins and Colorado Springs chapters.

## Schedule of 2011 Area Pride Events

**Wed., June 8, 7:00 p.m. Facets 2011 OASOS Queer Youth Cabaret**

Old Main Theatre, C.U. campus. Don't miss the amazing talents rising in this fun-filled evening of poetry, music and more. Free.

**Sat.-Sun. June 18-19, *Denver Pride Fest***, Civic Center 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

**Sun. June 19** Denver Parade Parade, 9:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

**Sun., June 26, 1-5 p.m. *St Vrain Valley Safe Schools Coalition first annual Pride Barbecue*** at Flanders Park in Longmont, 2229 Breakwater Dr.

**Sun, Aug. 28, 11:a.m.-5 p.m. *Out Boulder Pride Fest*** in Central Park between Broadway and 13<sup>th</sup> by the Canyon Band Shell. PFLAG will have a booth and volunteers are needed to help staff. Contact Rollie@safehousealliance.org

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## Cathy Busha Moving On from Out Boulder

*A Message from Cathy to the Community*

Leaving her position with One Boulder as of July 1, Cathy Busha has accepted a position as a social work / human services faculty member at a community college in Oregon. As a former middle school teacher and adjunct faculty member at the University of Denver, her first love is education.



Although she has worked with a dedicated board, staff and volunteers at Out Boulder, the work accomplished with Cathy as Co-Director in charge of programming was amazing and took Out Boulder to a whole new level.

Possibly her greatest gift was to increase collaboration with community partners such as PFLAG Boulder. Cathy was part of the task force that developed the seven community events where Caitlin Ryan spoke in April. She sat in on monthly meetings of both Safe Schools Coalitions in Boulder County. She reached beyond LGBT-only issues to connect with VOICE (Voices of Immigrant Children for Education and Equality) to do a screening of the documentary, "Papers", support of the DREAM Act and a very special community talk by Dolores Huerta. Cathy revitalized the SpeakingOut program and the youth program, BOLD (Boulder OUT Leadership Development). She led community-driven programming such as Boulder County's First Transgender Awareness Week, developed an intern program with Master's level social work students; and increased programming in Longmont, Lafayette and Louisville. A year ago when Sacred Heart parents were upset when two children were banned because of their two moms, Cathy and her board organized several community events to bring together gay and straight citizens to decry Catholic hierarchy policy. This spring Cathy was largely responsible for bring the traveling exhibition from the US Holocaust Memorial Museum, *Nazi Persecution of Homosexuals*.

During the last eighteen months, Cathy also helped with the renaming and rebranding process that included a new website, Facebook page and eNewsletter format; strengthened media presence in the form of news articles, radio interviews, letters to the editor and guest opinion pieces. It is no wonder that at a recent Denver banquet, Out Boulder was honored for its work by the Human Rights Campaign Colorado chapter with the "Partners in Equality" award.

## Bent Lens Cinema and Boulder County AIDS Project Present: "We Were Here"

*Friday, June 3rd at 6:30, Canyon Theater at Boulder Public Library*

An official selection of the 2011 Sundance Film Festival, "*We Were Here*" is the first documentary to take a deep and reflective look back at the arrival and impact of AIDS in the U.S., using San Francisco as the backdrop. Though a San Francisco-based story, *We Were Here* extends beyond San Francisco and beyond AIDS itself. It speaks to our capacity as individuals to rise to the occasion, and to the incredible power of a community coming together with love, compassion, and determination.

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**Education Hour 9am - Worship 10:30am**

**Celebrating Diversity**

**Embracing Inclusivity**

**Sharing God's Unconditional Love**

## Betty DeGeneris Headlines National Convention

November 3rd - 6th, Washington DC

PFLAG National is excited to announce that Betty DeGeneris will be the keynote speaker at the 2011 PFLAG National Convention. Betty is a role model as the proud parent of a lesbian daughter (you may have heard of her daughter, Ellen). Whether it is writing about her experiences (*Love, Ellen: A Mother/Daughter Journey*) or speaking out on behalf of LGBT people and their parents and families (as in Denver recently, at an event co-sponsored by the Matthew Shepard Foundation and Facing History and Ourselves), Betty personifies what it means to be a PFLAG parent. She is funny, and an inspiration to all of us.



Don't miss the opportunity to hear Betty DeGeneris speak at the PFLAG National Convention in Washington, D.C. November 3-6. To find out more about the convention and to register, go to [www.pflag.org](http://www.pflag.org)

**Register Now to Attend the National PFLAG Convention, Nov. 3-6, 2011 in Washington, D.C. Go to [www.pflag.org](http://www.pflag.org). Lobby your senators and representatives on Capitol Hill. Network with some of the most inspiring people you'll ever meet. Learn more, share more, and have fun!**

## Don't Miss Facets, the Queer Youth Cabaret!

The annual OASOS youth talent show, Facets, will be held on Wed., June 8, at 7:00 at the Old Main theater on CU's campus (just across from Macky Auditorium) and features incredible acts from drag to poetry to singing to Irish step dancing. It is going to be a fun night for all of us to show our support for the queer youth of Boulder County, not to mention it is a great opportunity to see a fabulous show.

## Anti-Bullying Bills at State and Federal Levels

### Governor Signs Anti-Bullying Bill

In mid-May, as dozens of youth stood watching, Governor John Hickenlooper signed into law a bill protecting lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender students from the bullying, harassment, name-calling, and violence that they face far too often. This law is a tremendous step toward ensuring that LGBT young people can be out, safe, and respected in school.

**U.S Rep. Jared Polis Sponsors the Student Non-Discrimination Bill** which would include gender identity and sexual orientation among those categories of persons protected from school bullying.



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## **Nina Here Nor There**

*A Novel by Nick Krieger, Beacon Press, Boston, MA*

*Reviewed by Dave Barker, National Board Member and Trans Network Coordinator*

This is a wonderful window into the mind of an “in between” transgender person.

As an activist ally in the transgender community, I have discussed the “gender continuum” many times during educational presentations. While realizing academically that the majority of us are not at either end of the male – female continuum, I have not fully understood the complexity of those whose transitional “end point” is somewhere in the middle. “*Nina Here Nor There*” provides a great deal more awareness and understanding of this position and those who occupy it.

There have been a great many transition memoirs written and published. Most imply that the only “real” trans person wants to change completely from the persona they were assigned at birth to the persona they feel they are. Some leave room for others to feel differently, and a few express themselves as being neither – nor.

*Nina Here Nor There* does this very well. Nick Krieger welcomes the reader into his most private thoughts and actions during several years of his life. He takes us along as he moves along the continuum from a not-quite-comfortable butch lesbian who hates her breasts toward a not-quite-male guy without them. He tells his story honestly and with good humor as he questions everything he has experienced and observed in the Castro neighborhood of San Francisco during this period in his life.

This story brings to mind a different definition of transgender than most people are accustomed to. To me, the prefix “trans” can also mean past or beyond; with this interpretation, “transgender” can also mean “beyond gender” as we know it.


## **Congratulations Out Boulder!**

Out Boulder was honored to receive the “Partners in Equality” Award by the Colorado Chapter of Human Rights Campaign at the annual Colorado Mile High Gala.

Their citation included this statement:

*Out Boulder is visibly dedicated to social change, and that dedication shows on a number of fronts. Out Boulder has taken the lead in creating a variety of social and education programs and establishing connections with allied organizations and among diverse constituencies within the LGBT and ally community to address a range of social issues.*

PFLAG Boulder is proud to partner with One Boulder in support of our common values.



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PFLAG Boulder meets the 2nd Tuesday of each month at First United Methodist Church, 14th and Spruce, Boulder, Colorado. Program starts at 7:00 pm, sharing time begins at 8:30 pm.

**REMEMBER**, our confidentiality pledge must not be broken.

Newsletter is published monthly. A subscription is included with each membership to PFLAG. Material related to PFLAG is welcome from any source. Deadline is the twentieth of each month. The editor reserves the right to accept, reject, or edit any material submitted.

**Membership Categories**

- \$25.00 Individual
- \$35.00 Family
- \$10.00 Student
- \$10.00 Newsletter Only
- \$50.00 Supporting
- \$100.00+ Sustaining

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*PFLAG promotes the health and well-being of gays, 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 to secure civil rights.*

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

**Did You Know?**

Americans are rapidly changing. Consider the results of a May 13 survey by the Pew Research Center:

A majority of Americans (58%) say that homosexuality should be accepted, rather than discouraged, by society.

More than six-in-ten (63%) of those younger than age 50 - 69% of those younger than age 30 - say that homosexuality should be accepted.

Currently, 45% favor allowing gays and lesbians to marry legally while 46% are opposed.

Two years ago, in April 2009, 35% supported same-sex marriage while 54% were opposed.

The survey can be viewed here:

<http://pewresearch.org/pubs/1994/poll-support-for-acceptance-of-homosexuality-gay-parenting-marriage>



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