

PFLAG

WOODSTOCK, VA

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Newsletter



The Safe Zone Project

The Safe Zone Training is an educational endeavor that PFLAG Woodstock is thrilled to begin offering to the community, thanks to the experience Rhonda Zingraff brings to the chapter and the Training.

"I felt gratified that they trusted me to help them, because it meant they viewed me as "safe." But being safe and being knowledgeable are not the same. I was safe because I was an approachable sociology professor whose classes addressed systems of inequality, and helped all of my students to recognize the burdens of oppression. My knowledge of the LGBT world needed a boost, however."

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Our Mission & Vision

PFLAG is the nation's largest organization dedicated to supporting, educating, and advocating for LGBTQ+ people and those who love them.

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Check Out Our Upcoming Events!

February 4, 2024 - Support Meeting:
2-4pm @ First Bank in Woodstock

March 3, 2024 - Support Meeting:
2-4pm @ First Bank in Woodstock

ARE's New LGBTQ+ Center



In late November, ARE (Aids Response Effort) opened an LGBTQ+ Center at their office in downtown Winchester.

It was created to fill a growing need in our local community by providing resources regarding health care, HIV, gender identity, and community support services.

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LGBTQ+ Relationships

What do we know about risks to the well-being of relationships for LGBTQ+ individuals? A lot of research emphasizes the destructive impact of exposure to discrimination, and it is not difficult to understand how that could erode a couple's commitment.

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William Waybourn - The Man Behind the Generous Donation

Many know William Waybourn as the owner of the Front Porch Market & Grill who made headlines after a bitter feud broke out between The Front Porch and ICS Financial, a neighboring business.

What many don't know, is that William started a GoFundMe account after donations poured into his restaurant following a Washington Post story about his feud with the neighboring business owners.

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Shenandoah County School Board Introduces Discriminatory Policy

At the January 11, 2024 School Board Meeting, the new policy "Designation of Shenandoah County as a School Safety and Child Protection Sanctuary" was introduced. Taken from the VDOE Model Policies put forth by Governor Youngkin in July 2023 and made even more comprehensive targeting and discriminating against transgender and non-binary students.

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[January 11, 2024 Board Meeting Recording](#)

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