

PFLAG



WOODSTOCK, VA



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Our Mission and 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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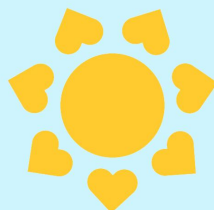
Are You Interested In Getting Involved?

On July 22nd, we will be having a meeting to determine where PFLAG Woodstock will be going over the course of the upcoming year. We need individuals who are passionate about serving the community and want to help us help the community!



Date & Time: July 22nd, 2023 from 1:00-4:00pm.

**Location: 3397 Hillcrest Dr.
Tom's Brook, VA 22660**



Letter from Susie, she/her

So, our chapter, PFLAG WoodstockVA is now a little over a year old. We had no idea how our chapter would be received by the community of Shenandoah County but, we have been pleasantly surprised, when we tell people we are here, they thank us and are happy that we are doing this work.

That said, we see changes happening all over the



Susie Wilburn

country every day that could have very negative effects on those that we love in the LGBTQ community. Laws are being enacted that would take rights away, take health care away, and not allow these folks to be who they are. We need your help! If you can help with navigating the new laws with our members, with health care assistance, with mental health assistance we welcome you to reach out to us and give us your time. Additionally, we need help with things like fundraising, social media, membership and just advocacy in general. I realize that folks have plenty of other causes that need help but these new laws could easily affect lives and mental health that we don't want to have happen.

Please reach out to us and volunteer your time! Come to our Support meetings! Give us your Knowledge! Help in our schools!

Thanks for Leading with LOVE!



Help us go to this Conference!

We would love your help sending three of our board members to this conference in DC. We realize that changes in the news come almost daily threatening the rights of our LGBTQ loved ones and we'd like to learn what and how we can help in positive ways. We have had our lodging taken care of but we need to buy our meals and the admission to the conference.

Upcoming Events

- September 9th - Symposium at Casa Brumar Foundation
- October 19-22- PFLAG National Conference in DC

Resources

- Straight For Equality
- Human Rights Campaign
- The Trevor Project
- Pronoun Guide
- Booklets for information
- PDFs of Booklets
- PFLAG Swag
- He She Ze We
- Free Mom Hugs
- Moma Bears

Become a Member

- PFLAG Woodstock
- PFLAG National

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PRIDE 2023

PFLAG Woodstock celebrated Pride 2023 with Four Events!

June 7th

Our event on June 7th was a success! We had about 20 attendees who came out to watch the film "Voices of Witness: Out of the Box" and hear our panelists speak. **Levi Miller**, *he/him*, along with the VERY **Reverend Kathleen Murray**, *she/her*, were asked questions by our moderator, **Lori Britt**, *PhD*, Professor and Director, School of Communication Studies Director, Institute for Constructive Advocacy and Dialogue at James Madison University. To watch the Q&A session click on the YouTube video below...



June 10th

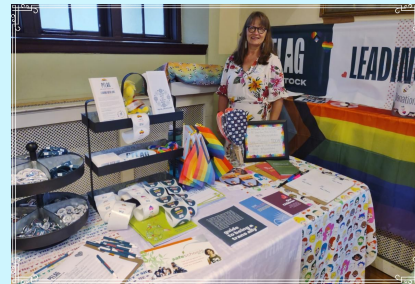
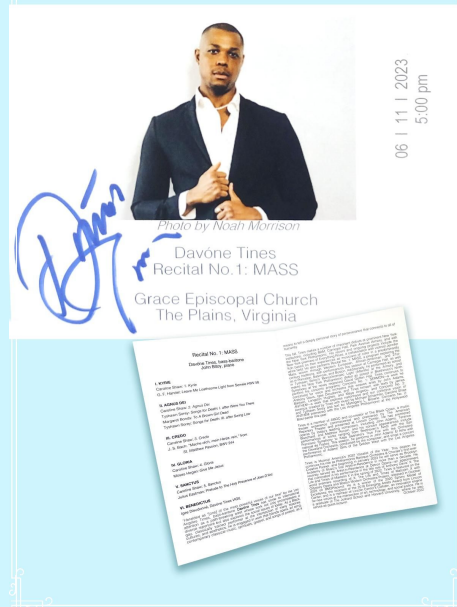


We were happy to have a table at Broadway Pride at the home of **Patrick Fritz**. Patrick worked for Candidate Jennifer Lewis, who ran for Congress in the fall of 2022. This was the fourth year Patrick and his family have hosted Broadway Pride and he is active with PFLAG Woodstock and has kids in the LGBTQ community. Local candidates spoke to the attendees and then there was good food and great music and fun!

June 11th

We attended a Pride concert held at Grace Episcopal Church in The Plains Virginia and heard **Davone Tines perform Recital No.1 MASS**. From the program: "Heralded as "[one] of the most powerful voices of our time" by the Los Angeles Times, bass-baritone Davone Tines has come to international attention as a path breaking artist whose work not only encompasses a diverse repertoire but also explores the social issues of the today. As a Black, gay, classically trained performer at the intersection of many histories, cultures, and aesthetics, he is engaged in work that blends opera, art song, contemporary classical music, spirituals, gospel, and songs of protest, as a means to tell a deeply personal story of perseverance that connects to all of humanity."

PFLAG Woodstock shared space with other advocacy groups in the fellowship hall after the concert. Groups like "[Coming to the Table](#)", [FUSE](#), [Casa Brumar](#) and [He She Ze and We](#). The entire event gave all attendees hope for good changes ahead.



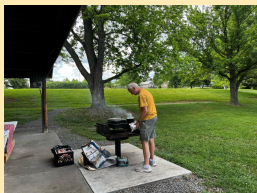
Our Second Annual Pride Potluck

June 25th at W.O. Riley Park

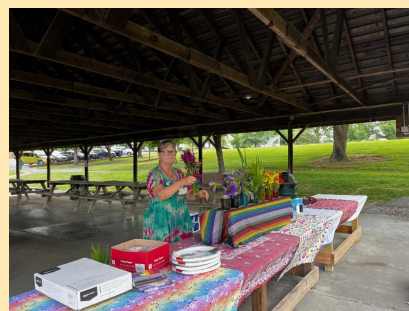
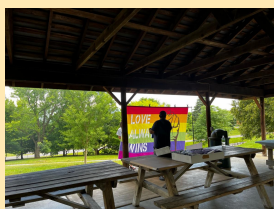


PRIDE 2023-PFLAG Woodstock VA

On June 25th, we held our 2nd annual Pride Potluck at the W.O. Riley Park in Woodstock. We had a beautiful set up and great weather this year with both new and familiar faces coming out to join us as we celebrated connection and friendship.



It was a great afternoon spent making new connections and strengthening the ones we already had. We are grateful for the support of everyone who helped to make the event a success and we left with our hearts as full as our bellies.



Policy Matters

Virginia

The Virginia General Assembly's 2023 legislative session ended in February without any of the 12 anti-LGBTQ bills that lawmakers introduced becoming law.

Introduced measures would have banned transgender athletes from school teams that correspond with their gender identity, would have required school personnel to out trans students to their parents, among other things. Some of the bills aimed to ban transition-related healthcare for minors.

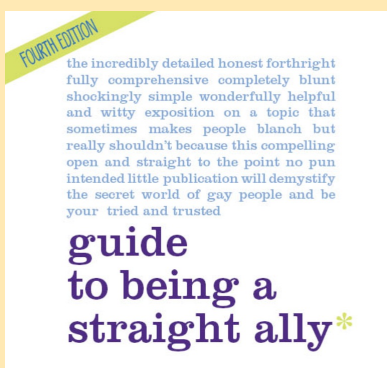
National

As of May 2023, our national snapshot of Anti-LGBTQ+ State Legislature Activity looks like:

- Over 520 anti-LGBTQ+ bills have been introduced in state legislatures (a record)
- Over 220 bills specifically target transgender and non-binary people (a record)
- 70 anti-LGBTQ+ laws have been enacted so far this year, including:
 - 15 laws banning gender-affirming care for transgender youth
 - 7 laws requiring or allowing misgendering of transgender students
 - 2 laws targeting drag performances
 - 3 laws creating a license to discriminate
 - 4 laws censoring school curriculum, including books

[HRC Roundup of Anti-LGBTQ+ Legislation](#)

Featured Resource



guide to being a straight ally

This is a guide for allies, by allies. It aims to invite, educate, and engage straight allies in the effort to create a world with equality for all.

[**Get It Here**](#)

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