

# PFLAG

WOODSTOCK, VA

April, 2024

## Newsletter

### PFLAG WOODSTOCK VA

Our chapter began in May 2022 and our journey, here in the beautiful Shenandoah Valley, continues to Lead With Love by providing support, advocacy and education in our community.

Over the past two years, PFLAG Woodstock has worked hard to become an integral part of the Woodstock community, and we are dedicated to providing support and advocating for LGBTQ+ rights. We believe in the power of unity and collaboration, which is why we've been actively involved with various community organizations such as Family Youth Initiative, Response, and the Community Prevention Committee. Additionally, we're excited about the Safe Zone trainings that we've begun to facilitate in the county, furthering our commitment to creating inclusive and supportive environments for all.

Through these partnerships, we've been able to make meaningful contributions to our community, providing a needed resource to our community, spreading awareness, and creating safe spaces for all.



OUR MISSION

**To create a caring, just, and affirming world for LGBTQ+ people and those who love them.**

### Our Mission & Vision

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

**LEADING WITH LOVE**

### Check Out Our Upcoming Events!

April 7, 2024 - Support Meeting: 2-4pm @ First Bank in Woodstock

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

### Website Revamp!

We have spent the last month revamping our chapter website to align it with the PFLAG National branding. We hope you like this new design as much as we do and find it even easier to use!

**Check out the new website!**



### Calling All Volunteers!



Thanks to you, PFLAG is becoming a visible, credible resource for a growing number of area families, professionals, and organizations.

## Our Community Sees Us Now

Susie W. (she/her) - Chapter President

For the past two years, PFLAG Woodstock has been building clout in our community.

We are starting to see those within the community now reach out to us to include our resources to fill a niche that they didn't feel prepared to fill.

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This Pride season, we've been asked to attend multiple events and we need your help to attend and grow our presence in the community! To learn more about what volunteering entails or to sign up, please click the link below.

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## Noteworthy Science

*Brought to us by Rhonda Zingraff  
(she/her) - Ph.D., Education Volunteer*

Fascinating research just summarized in the New York Times upends more of what is widely believed about sex traits.

Step by step, science is chipping away at the faulty notions people hold regarding sex, sexual behavior, and gender expression.

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## Updates From the ARE LGBTQ+ Center

In February, the LGBTQ+ Center kicked off their buy-a-brick campaign to raise funds for the repairs needed for their building. You can read more about the campaign from their **Facebook Post**.

Did you know that the ARE LGBTQ+ Center has it's own library for LGBTQ+ books? They'll be celebrating National Library Week with a Book Drive and Library Usage Contest. For more details, please take a look at their **Event Flyer**.

Join ARE's LGBTQ+ Center in celebrating National Library Week!

**Book Drive and Library Usage Contest**

\*see next image for details

April 7th through 13th

**Bookmark Decorating Party and Contest Wrap Up**

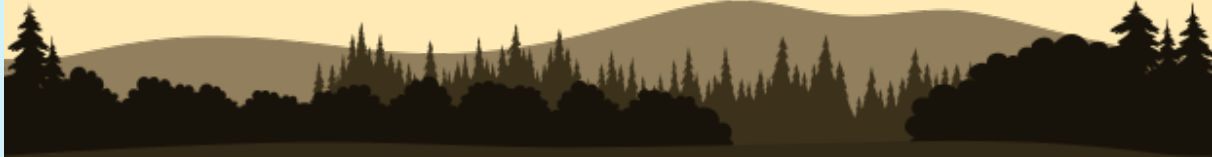
April 13th 2 - 3:30  
at 124 W. Picadilly St.

## Update to Proposed Shenandoah County Transgender Policy

Much has happened since our last update regarding the discriminatory anti-transgender policy that was proposed and introduced by school board member Gloria Carlineo at the January 11, 2024 school board meeting. One such change was the introduction of a new version put forth by school board member Michael Rickard.

[Shenandoah County School Board Page](#)  
[Rickard's Proposed Policy](#)  
[Carlineo's Proposed Resolution](#)  
[VDOE 2023 Model Policies](#)

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