



# Buffalo / Niagara

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*We meet because we have learned that someone very close to us is Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, or Transgendered.*

*We try to help one another deal with this information in a positive manner.*

*Although we do not agree at all times, we try to be understanding.*

*We offer help to those who seek it, but do not force ourselves on others.*

*We strive to maintain anonymity while sharing on a level that is comfortable for all of us.*

*We encourage all to attend meetings for their own benefit as well as that of the group.*

*It is our hope that when each of us reaches a point of understanding and acceptance, we realize that this is when others need us the most.*

## Buffalo Monthly Meeting

**Sunday, May 18, 2008**  
2:30 – 5:00 PM

The May meeting will include a brief business meeting but will primarily be a self-help sharing meeting. As always, newcomers will be offered the alternative of meeting privately with a PFLAG parent.

Heritage Room, Westminster Presbyterian Church  
724 Delaware Avenue, Buffalo, New York 14209

Use the driveway to left of the church to reach the church parking lot. Walk behind the church to other side of the building (through the nursery school) and enter through the kitchen entrance.

## New Parents Meetings

**Wednesday, May 14, 2007**  
**Wednesday, June 11, 2008**  
7:00 PM

**If you plan to attend, you must notify us by calling the helpline.**

Christ United Methodist Church Library  
350 Saratoga (corner of Harlem Road), Snyder, NY  
North of the Harlem Road exit of Route 33

Enter through door closest to the lighted parking lot.  
This self-help one-on-one meeting deals with the concerns of parents and family members who have recently learned that a loved one is Lesbian or Gay.

**For Niagara satellite meeting details, call 297-5785.**

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Local News

Queer Journeys Programs

Queer Journeys is a cable access program sponsored by PFLAG Buffalo/Niagara and coordinated by Camille Cox and Babs Conant. The programs are based on documentaries on GLBT issues. This program only airs in Buffalo, on Mondays at 6:30 pm and Tuesdays at 1:00 am on Adelphia Channel 20.

The schedule for the next two months is:

- May 5: How Can I be Sure God Loves Me?
May 12: Reading between the Labels
May 19: Your Mom's a Lesbian, Here's your Lunch...
May 26: Straight from the Heart
Jun 2: Our Faces
Jun 9: Silent Pictures
Jun 16: Camp Lavender Hill
Jun 23: Trevor / I Know Who I Am, - Do You?
Jun 30: Maybe we're Talking About a Different God

A short description of the storylines and a full schedule can be found on our website at: www.pflag-buffalo-niagara.org/video\_project.shtml

Annual Meeting Notice

On May 18, 2008 at 2:30 pm, Parents and Friends of Gay Men and Lesbians of Buffalo, Inc. (PFLAG Buffalo/Niagara) will hold its Annual Meeting in the Heritage of Westminster Presbyterian Church, 724 Delaware Avenue, Buffalo, New York 14209.

The meeting will include election of Officers and Board Members and a Treasurer's report. If you are interested in joining the Board of Directors for PFLAG Buffalo/Niagara, please contact the Helpline at 883-0384.

PFLAG North Atlantic Regional Conference

The North Atlantic Regional Conference will be held just south of Buffalo at the end of May. There will be speakers from PFLAG National as well as others from around the country. The following are the details from the flyer for the conference:

Come to the conference to:

- Make connections with other chapters from NY, NJ, and PA
• Build skills to help your chapter
• Learn about important issues affecting GLBT people and their families
• Share stories of your own chapter's work and learn from others
• Hear about the exciting work going on at PFLAG National

This exciting conference will be held on Saturday, May 31st with optional events on Friday night and Sunday morning. Come for the day or enjoy an overnight stay at the historic Chautauqua Institute.

For a \$35 registration fee breakfast, lunch and dinner are included on Saturday! Coming early or staying late costs just a few dollars more.

Lodging at the Chautauqua Institute is also available for \$75 a night per room. To share the cost, the rooms may be shared by two people.

For more information contact Regional Director Carole Reeder at bcreeder@gmail.com. The registration form is included below.

Registration Form for the North Atlantic Regional Conference

Attendee 1 \_\_\_\_\_ 2 (if applicable) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Email address \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Chapter \_\_\_\_\_

I am coming to the conference! Registration fee \$35 x \_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ I will be staying for dinner on Saturday (included)

I will be there for dinner and events on Friday night \$13 x \_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_

I am staying for breakfast and events on Sunday \$7 x \_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_

I will be staying at Chautauqua Friday night \$75 per room

I will be staying at Chautauqua Saturday night \$75 per room

(Rooms may be shared by two people.)

Total \_\_\_\_\_

Mail this information and a check payable to PFLAG Chautauqua to: Paul Cawein, PO Box 282, Chautauqua, NY 13722

## PFLAG Buffalo/Niagara News

John Covert

I would like to begin this article by thanking everyone for their kind thoughts, words and prayers during our daughters' recent illness and surgery. She is well on her way to recovery. The time it takes for recovery can be up to a year for everything to return normal, but hopefully, she will be able to return to work much earlier than that. Our trip to San Francisco to be with her for the surgery was long but add a seven hour delay in Newark because of an ice storm in Buffalo caused us to miss our connecting flight...well you all know how flying can be these days. Little did we know that the flight to San Francisco was going to be the easy one. One of the reasons that we needed to be out in San Francisco was not only for support for Karen and Jessie, but because same-sex marriage is not yet available. We needed to be there as Karen's legal guardians. Fortunately, we did not need to make any life-or-death decisions for her, but with brain tumors, things can go very wrong very quickly and Jessie did not have any legal standing.

The community in San Francisco (actually Albany, a suburb of Oakland) is phenomenal. All of Karen and Jessie's friends have organized meals for them so they don't have to cook and after dinner, one will come to their house to do the dishes!!! They are really great friends whom we love so much for what they are doing for our girls. The people that we met were so loving and supportive and made such a difference.

Speaking of support, PFLAG Buffalo Niagara board of directors will reluctantly be saying good-bye to Mary Hewitt. Mary has decided to retire from the board after about 18 years of service. Mary will still be active with the chapter. For those of you who are new, Mary has been for years, the kind, gentle voice you heard when calling the helpline. She has served in numerous positions including President, and most recently as Vice President. We will certainly miss Mary at the monthly board meetings and wish her all the best. The footprints left in the sand by Mary walking with us are huge and will be hard to fill with such grace and love. Fortunately, Mary will remain a member of PFLAG Buffalo/Niagara so we will still be able to benefit from her wisdom,

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understanding, love and friendship.

There are several upcoming events. First of all, on May 30-June 1st, we will be having a PFLAG Regional Conference held at the Chautauqua Institute. Check page 2 of the newsletter for more information on conferences, and rooms/meals. If you want to become involved in PFLAG, this will be a great way to meet people and learn what PFLAG is all about.

Pride Parade. The parade will be on Sunday, June 8th. As always, PFLAG will have a contingent of parents marching and we will form in the Kleinhans parking lot and walk to Bidwell Park. A car will be available for those who want to participate but can't walk the entire parade.

### Education

## New N.C. Hospital Rule to Benefit Gay Families

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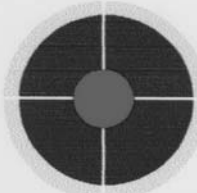
North Carolina hospital patients will soon have a new right, ensuring that they can receive the visitors who matter most to them regardless of the legal status of their relationship.

A new statewide rule will help ensure that same-sex partners and other loved ones will be treated the same as immediate family.

The rule adds a provision to the Patients' Bill of Rights, stating: "A patient has the right to designate visitors who shall receive the same visitation privileges as the patient's immediate family members, regardless of whether the visitors are legally related to the patient." The right applies to hospitals statewide.

"We know how important it is that patients have their loved ones by their sides, but all too often same-sex partners have been turned away when their partner is hospitalized," said Ian Palmquist, Executive Director of Equality North Carolina.

"The new policy will ensure that the patient's wishes are respected. This is a victory not just for same-sex couples, but for unmarried opposite-sex couples, caregivers, and other loved ones whom the state does



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not legally recognize.”

Last summer, Equality NC petitioned the state to add this provision to the Patient's Bill of Rights, and has been advocating for it through the rule-making process. The Medical Care Commission unanimously approved the rule at its February meeting and on Thursday the Rules Review Commission gave final approval, allowing it to take effect on May 1.

But the new regulation will not provide same-sex partners the right to make medical decisions.

“Same-sex couples should know that this new policy only covers visitation,” cautioned Palmquist. “In order to ensure that our partners have the ability to make medical decisions in the event we're incapacitated, we must still complete health care powers of attorney.”

Without a valid health care power of attorney, decision-making authority will go to the patient's nearest legal relative, and same-sex relationships receive no recognition under North Carolina law.

## Anti-Gay Amendment Advances in Arizona

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A proposed amendment that would prevent same-sex couples in Arizona from marrying has passed the House and if approved in the state Senate will appear on the ballot in November.

The measure gained preliminary passage Tuesday in the House and following the technicality of a roll-call vote will be sent to the Senate.

The proposed amendment defines marriage as a union between one man and one woman.

The measure has had a roller coaster ride in House.

Earlier this month, just before the House was to vote Rep. Kyrsten Sinema (D) added a clause to the bill that would grant unmarried couples, both same and opposite-sex, many of the rights of marriage but without the name.

With the additional clause in place the House voted 28-27 to give the measure preliminary approval. The bill's chief sponsor in the House, Jim Weiers (R), angrily denounced the maneuver and dropped the bill from a final vote saying the change in the bill made the ban on gay marriage meaningless.

Last week Weiers re-introduced his original bill. The House approved it Tuesday on a voice vote without discussion.

This time Sinema did not add the additional clause.

The proposed amendment is narrower than one defeated by voters in 2006.

That attempt, in addition to nixing gay marriage, would have barred civil unions and blocked all three levels of government from offering domestic partner benefits.

Public opinion polls have showed that while most people in the state oppose same-sex marriage they do not want to enshrine that in the constitution.

## Australia to Remove Almost 100 Anti-Gay Laws

Michael Perry, *Reuters*

Australia will remove almost 100 discriminatory laws preventing gay couples from sharing financial and social entitlements enjoyed by married and de facto couples, such as superannuation and pension death benefits.

But the legislative overhaul, to occur when the Labor government sits for its first budget session in May, will not change marriage laws to include gay marriages.

“The government believes that marriage is between a man and a woman so it won't amend the marriage act,” Attorney-General Robert McClelland said on Wednesday in announcing the changes.

“But in all other areas that we've identified, the issue of discrimination against same-sex couples will be removed,” McClelland told reporters.

McClelland said the law changes, an election promise when Labor came to power in November 2007, should be fully introduced by the middle of 2009.

The law changes will affect tax, superannuation, social security, health, aged care, veterans' payments, workers' compensation and employment entitlements.

“Importantly, the reforms will also ensure children are not disadvantaged because of the structure of their family,” McClelland said in a statement.

Presently, gay couples have little or no rights to superannuation or pension death benefits if a partner dies, unlike married and defacto couples. The children of

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## Buffalo Gay Men's Chorus

### Connections

Friday, June 20<sup>th</sup> (8 pm) - Unitarian Universalist Church  
695 Elmwood Avenue, Buffalo, NY  
Saturday, June 21<sup>st</sup> (8 pm) - First Presbyterian Church  
One Symphony Circle, Buffalo, NY  
Sunday, June 22 (4 pm) - United Methodist Church  
5681 Main St, Williamsville

Tickets & info: 883-1277  
www.buffalogaymenschorus.org

gay couples have little or no rights to such benefits if their parents die.

Tax benefits such as the dependent-spouse tax offset, housekeeper tax offset and invalid relative tax offset are not available to gay couples. The law changes will also affect labor laws that restrict gay couples from applying for Carers' Leave, compassionate leave and parental leave.

But gay rights campaigners said discrimination against gay couples would not be fully eliminated until same-sex couples were allowed to legally marry.

"Until there's full equality in Australian law, for same and opposite sex couples, discrimination continues, prejudice continues and we can't allow that as a nation," said Rodney Croome from the Australian Coalition for Equality.

"Gay and lesbian Australians will not be fully equal until we are allowed the right to marry the partner of our choice."



## Advocacy

### Never Doubt

Jody M. Huckaby, PFLAG National Executive Director

Margaret Mead once famously reminded us to "Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world. Indeed, it is the only thing that ever has."

Every day at PFLAG, we see big change happening when even small chapters step up, speak out and defend our families. This past week, we saw firsthand the evidence of Mead's truth as our chapter in Oklahoma City again made waves with their response to Representative Sally Kern. We couldn't be more proud of Rev. Loyce Newton-Edwards and her small but mighty "band of sisters and brothers" on the ground in Oklahoma, and I couldn't wait to share their news with you.

PFLAG released the full, 40-minute audio of Kern's meeting with our local chapter. After she accused PFLAG of spinning her words, and misrepresenting her views, we thought it was important that we allow Sally to speak for herself. We knew Rev. Newton-Edwards was truthful in her characterization of her meeting with Kern, and we simply were not going to stand by and allow Kern and her supporters to call our allies "false prophets" and "phony clergy." Silence, in this case, simply was not an option.

We knew our response had to be bold, and we knew it may be provocative. But it also had to be powerful - an unmistakable reminder that we will never doubt our families and never abandon our friends. That, after all, is what PFLAG is all about.

Thousands of you responded, logging onto YouTube to listen to our "What Did Sally Say?" campaign and joining the debate about the audio recording on blogs all

over the internet. You stepped up with us, and called Kern out on her dishonesty. And, by Thursday morning, she was acknowledging to the media that, of course, PFLAG "did not intentionally misrepresent her statements."

Together, we made sure that Representative Kern - and all the other Kerns of the world - will never doubt the power of PFLAG again.

Now, we have to make sure that we have the resources to step up again, and support our chapters again, whenever anyone like Kern defames, dismisses or disrespects our loved ones. The national office was proud to stand by Rev. Newton-Edwards and give her advice, resources and support as she took on Sally Kern. Our field and policy staff was instrumental in advising her about how to put together the most constructive meeting possible with Kern. And our communications department was instrumental in making sure our chapter's voices were heard. But we couldn't do any of that without your steadfast support, and we need you to stand with us, too.

By now, most of the country knows "What Sally Said," and that's because of your support for the work we do. With your help, we will make sure even the *smallest* group of PFLAG friends will never be doubted again.

### As Pentagon Confirms Alarming Increase in 'Moral Waiver' Enlistees, Retired Air Force Colonel Calls for Dismantling 'Don't Ask, Don't Tell'

Following a new report from the House Oversight and Government Reform Committee, confirming a sharp increase in the number of 'moral waivers' being issued for new enlistees who would otherwise be disqualified from service, a retired Air Force Colonel is calling on elected leaders and military officials to abandon the controversial "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" ban on lesbian, gay and bisexual personnel. Colonel Daniel Tepfer, USAF (Ret.), who also serves on the national board of directors of Parents, Families and Friends of Lesbians and Gays (PFLAG) called the law an affront to American principles of fairness and equality.

"I swore, as an Air Force officer, to 'support and defend the Constitution of the United States,'" Colonel Tepfer, who served for more than 23 years in the Air Force, said today. "My unwavering belief is that the privileges and responsibilities of the Constitution, including military service, are for all citizens, including my gay child and other gay and lesbian citizens. I am proud of my military career, as are my wife and children. I know many stellar lesbian and gay troops who also served proudly, but who could not serve openly about their lives and their loved ones. Our national priority should be on the qualification of potential service members, not on discriminating against them because of who they are."

According to the *Associated Press*, the Army issued 511 so-called 'moral waivers' in 2007, up from 249 the year before. Marine Corps waivers rose from 208 in 2006 to 350 in fiscal year 2007. "The bulk of the crimes involved were burglaries, other thefts, and drug offenses, but nine involved sex crimes and six involved manslaughter or vehicular homicide convictions," AP reported. "Several dozen Army and Marine recruits had aggravated assault or robbery convictions, including incidents involving weapons."

"While second chances are, in many cases, a noble thing to offer, lesbian, gay and bisexual Americans aren't given even a first chance to serve," said Tepfer. "As a retired officer, I am appalled that our country continues to turn away or dismiss talented, qualified Americans who want to serve. It is indefensible that the only reason for denial is their sexual orientation."

The House of Representatives is currently considering legislation to repeal "Don't Ask, Don't Tell." The Military Readiness Enhancement Act (H.R. 1246) is sponsored by Congresswoman Ellen Tauscher (D-CA) and supported by 142 lawmakers, both Democratic and Republican, in Congress.

## 8,500 Schools Participate in National Day of Silence

Michelle Garcia, *The Advocate*

Resistance by the nation's most vehemently antigay groups could not keep the National Day of Silence from garnering a record number of participants this year. More than 8,500 middle schools, high schools, and colleges in the United States participated in the 12th annual day of action on April 25, which is coordinated by the Gay, Lesbian, and Straight Education Network to promote safe school environments for LGBT and ally students.

"A lot of students were mobilized by what happened to Lawrence King," GLSEN spokesman Daryl Presgraves told *The Advocate*. "I think a lot of the messages the students were sharing -- the T-shirts they were wearing, the posters they made -- mentioned him in some way or honored him to bring about safer schools."

King, 15, was shot twice in the head on February 12 by 14-year-old classmate Brandon McInerney in a classroom at E.O. Greene Middle School in Oxnard, Calif. McInerney's supposed motive? Embarrassment over the openly gay King telling other students he had a crush on McInerney. This year's DOS was dedicated to King.

The American Family Association, an organization that opposes gay visibility and equality, sent an action alert to its members in March, urging them to pull their children out of school on April 25. Despite their efforts, a record number of schools participated in DOS.

"Many of the kids pulled out of school probably were the ones who should have heard the message the most,"

Presgraves said, adding that the AFA and like-minded organizations are a prime illustration of why the day of action must continue annually.

Carolyn Laub, the executive director of the San Francisco-based Gay-Straight Alliance Network, said that involvement this year probably spiked because of the AFA's outcry.

"As school administrators saw the bulletin, they actually went out and learned more about the Day of Silence, making them even more supportive," she said. "The right to safe schools is an important message that educators should be behind."

In Los Angeles, more than 900 students, or 60 percent, at the Miguel Contreras Learning Complex participated in what may be the largest single DOS recognition ever.

Jessica Pierce, organizing director for the U.S. Student Association, a student advocacy group, said that more than 700 college campuses worked with them to participate in the Day of Silence. Students observed the DOS with performance art; at the University of Wisconsin, Parkside, participants made a cemetery of those victimized by hate crimes based on their perceived or actual identity, she said in an e-mail.

Across the country, most students went through the day without incident, but some students were bullied. Presgraves said that posters were ripped down, and other participants reported name-calling, but for the most part, "students remained silent through it, and it was mostly a positive day."

Laub said that most of the schools her organization works with -- 660 registered California student groups -- had a good day, but at least two incidents were reported to the GSA Network as of Monday. A group of students in Fresno met with resistance from school administrators, and participants in a Sacramento-area school were harassed and called names.

In Lebanon, Mo., police officers patrolled the grounds of Lebanon High School, anticipating violence, according to KSPR-TV, an ABC affiliate in Springfield, Mo. Leading up to the DOS, a large number of parents threatened to keep their children home from school. The controversy caused many students to ditch school out of protest against the DOS, and others didn't show up because they feared for their safety. Lebanon's hallways were relatively quiet on Friday. As principal Robert Smith said in the report, the event was "blown out of proportion."

In Snoqualmie, Wash., nearly 100 protesters gathered at Mount Si High School, approximately 30 miles east of Seattle, to rally against the DOS. The group, led by antigay pastor Ken Hutcherson, whose daughter attends Mount Si, prayed and sang loudly outside the school. About 40 counterprotesters beat on drums, chanting "Go home," according to the *Seattle Times*. Almost a third of Mount Si students did not attend classes on Friday.

But according to Presgraves, the protesters were unable to derail the DOS.

"AFA and its partners basically failed," Presgraves said. "Their effort was to stop the Day of Silence and continue the bullying that goes on in schools, but the message was heard in more schools than ever, in more schools that had never heard of the Day of Silence before."



## Support

### Bisexuality Resources

PFLAG chapters should always strive to be welcoming to all gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender community members and their families and friends, but we don't always have the information and knowledge we need to be supportive of everyone. This can especially be true when community members do not fit into the binary boxes of gay or straight, or male or female.

Our Senior Field and Policy Coordinator, Kim Jones, identified herself as bisexual at one of her first PFLAG meetings. A member of the chapter asked if she was confused about her sexuality. Unfortunately, this is not an uncommon assumption or question. But just imagine how visitors to our chapters must feel when we don't let people be themselves.

At a recent conference, a former PFLAGer shared with us that some members of her PFLAG chapter ostracized her after her daughter, who had identified as lesbian, came out as bisexual. The lesson? People need to be supported in their life journey, wherever takes them, and self discovery can take time. Assumptions should not be made that people have their self-perception wrong or that it is immovable. Each individual should be allowed the discretion to define their own identity for where they are in their lives and affirmed in that identity.

Support is a critical component of outreach to the bisexual community because so often one's identity may be questioned. There are likely quite a few bisexual people in your chapter and your community who do not discuss their identity, but allow assumptions to be made based upon who they date. So remember to let your support meeting attendees know that your chapter supports and welcomes all identities, even the ones that do not fit so easily in a box. Do not assume that bisexuality is a step to coming out as gay or lesbian. Instead, recognize that sexual identity is fluid and exists on a spectrum of experiences and attractions. Each person's story is unique.

Also, consider the following resources:

- Visit the Bisexuality Resource Center's groups listing to find a group for resources in your area. ([www.biresource.net](http://www.biresource.net))
- *Bi Any Other Name: Bisexual People Speak*, by Loraine Hutchins

- *Bisexuality Resource Guide*, by Robyn Ochs
- *Bisexuality in the United States*, by Paula C. Rodriguez Rust
- *Bisexuality: The Psychology and Politics*, by Beth A. Firestein

### Support for Straight Spouses

Finding out that a spouse is GLB or T is a tremendous challenge and the beginning of a new, unexpected journey. The straight spouse is often devastated and feels isolated from most family members, friends, professionals and even GLBT organizations that do not understand or know how to address his or her unique issues.

The process of discovering peers helps straight spouses realize that they are not alone. It is through the support of these peers that many straight spouses are able to resolve issues and help their family to heal.

PFLAG acknowledges the unique concerns of straight spouses and the importance of including their voices. For many years PFLAG has worked closely with the Straight Spouse Network (SSN) to help in providing confidential support and resources to straight spouses as well as help them find a network of peers if they choose to. SSN also offers research-based information about spouse, couple, and family issues and resources to other family members, professionals, community organizations, and the public. SSN is the only support network of its kind in the world. ([www.straightspouse.org](http://www.straightspouse.org))

### Support for Transgender People and Their Families

Transgender people have been included in PFLAG's support network for over a decade. Our Transgender Network (TNET) includes contacts and regional coordinators for all of our chapters around the country. Their primary mission has been to educate our members and allies about transgender issues – a subject foreign to many, including those parents and significant others surprised by the coming out of a loved one as transgender.

While transgender people have similar needs with regard to support in coming out, education and advocacy as do gay, lesbian and bisexual people, there are some basic differences that might require family and friends to step beyond their comfort levels.

Before and during the process of transitioning, however, many difficulties can arise. Transgender people are often denied use of appropriate restroom facilities; they are usually denied participation in sports based on their correct gender. They experience discrimination with regard to employment and housing. And they are too often subjected to cruel harassment and violence at the hands of others.

For more information check out the web site at <http://tinyurl.com/5tjhes>

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**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

Wed 5/14 PFLAG New Parents meeting.  
 Sun 5/18 PFLAG Buffalo/Niagara monthly meeting.  
 Tue 5/20 PFLAG St. Catharines, Ontario monthly meeting. [www.pflag.ca/StCatharines.htm](http://www.pflag.ca/StCatharines.htm)  
 Sun 6/8 Buffalo Pride Parade.  
 Wed 6/11 PFLAG New Parents meeting.  
 Sun 6/15 PFLAG Buffalo/Niagara monthly meeting.  
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 Fri 6/20 Buffalo Gay Men's Chorus Concert. See ad on page 5.  
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