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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, February 15, 2009

2:30 – 5:00 PM

The February meeting will include a discussion of same-sex marriage and family issues in New York State with Todd Plank, Western New York Program Organizer for the New York State Pride Agenda. 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

These meetings are scheduled as needed. Please call 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.

Parents, Families, and Friends of Lesbians and Gays, Buffalo/Niagara, is a non-profit, all volunteer, community-based organization not affiliated with any ethnic, religious, economic, or political group. Membership is open to all. PFLAG membership lists are kept confidential and mailings are sent in plain envelopes.



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:

- Feb 2: Lesbian Physicians
- Feb 9: Maybe We're Talking About a Different God /
The Preacher's Son
- Feb 16: Mom, Dad, ... I'm Gay
- Feb 23: Making History in Massachusetts
- Mar 2: Safe School Program for Youth in
Massachusetts
- Mar 9: A Little Respect
- Mar 16: Choosing Children, Pt 1
- Mar 23: Choosing Children, Pt 2
- Mar 30: Our Brother, Dan

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

Membership Renewals

Jeffrey J. McConnell, PFLAG Buffalo/Niagara Treasurer

PFLAG Buffalo/Niagara memberships run on a calendar year basis. First renewal notices were sent out at the end of last year. Thank you to those of you who have already submitted your renewal. If you have not renewed, your address label will show that your membership is still due. Second notices will be sent in a couple of weeks, so please consider sending your renewal now to save us some postage.

Winter Weather

Buffalo winter weather sometimes requires cancelations such as our holiday party. PFLAG Buffalo/Niagara is registered with WIVB and WGRZ for posting cancelations

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of our meetings or events. So, if the weather outside is frightful, you can check with those stations to see if our meeting or an event is canceled.

TV Alert

The February episode of *In the Life*, a GLBT news and interview show, will be airing on WNED public television on Friday, February 13 2009, 10:00 PM. This episode will include: "A Conversation With...Professor George Chauncey & Governor David Paterson – Yale professor, cultural historian, and gay activist George Chauncey talks with New York State Governor David Paterson of their long-time shared battle against bigotry and discrimination, and the current fight for full marriage equality." If you are not in the Western New York area, you can find out when *In the Life* airs in your area at <http://www.inthelifetv.org/html/schedule.shtml>.



Education

PFLAG National Scholarship Program

On December 5, PFLAG entered the sixth year of its National Scholarship Program. This year there will be up to three \$5000, three \$2500, and ten \$1000 scholarships awarded. The Scholarship program is a critical component of our newly launched *Cultivating Respect* Safe Schools Program by rewarding hard work and leadership in the next generation.

PFLAG's scholarships are one of the many ways PFLAG supports LGBT and ally youth. In the last six years PFLAG has awarded over \$150,000 in scholarship money to more than 115 students. Our hope is to reach out to students and demonstrate our commitment to their education and the critical work they do to make their schools and communities a better place.

Support the students in your community by encouraging them to apply for the PFLAG Scholarship Program. Read all about the PFLAG National Scholarship Program including eligibility requirements and examples of past winners by going to <https://community.pflag.org/Page.aspx?pid=370>

Many PFLAG chapters have scholarship programs as well. Students are eligible to receive scholarships from both their local chapter and the national office so encourage students you know to apply for both. Review the list of local scholarships by going to <https://community.pflag.org/Page.aspx?pid=375>

The scholarship program is an opportunity to reach out to young people and acknowledge their role in building our community. What better way to show our commitment to students than to provide support for role models and pioneers around the country that are making schools safer for all students?

Make sure you educate yourself on the rules and requirements of the scholarship so that you can answer questions and assist students who want to apply. The following are answers to common questions about the scholarship:

- The scholarships are open to lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender (LGBT) students as well as straight ally students who have made an effort to further LGBT equality in their school or community.
- Students must be graduating seniors and entering higher education institutions in the fall of 2009 (if they graduated last year and took a year off they are still eligible).
- There is one application for all scholarship awards.
- Applicants may apply online (<http://tinyurl.com/buwfwc>) but will need to mail in a signed release form, one reference and transcript to complete the application.
- All applications must be post-marked by March 13, 2009.

The PFLAG National scholarship program is an excellent opportunity to both recognize these future leaders and to get your chapter's name out in the community. Promote the scholarship program with students, parents, counselors, teachers and gay-straight alliance (GSA) sponsors. Let students know we care about them and we support them in their work in the LGBT community and in their education.

- Honor a scholarship winner at a PFLAG meeting or event.
- Find opportunities to talk about the work these young people are doing to change the climate in schools. Tell their story to illustrate a point.
- If there is a GSA at your local school – call the advisor and thank them for sponsoring it. Let them know about this year's scholarships.
- Invite students to march with PFLAG at local Pride events.
- Schedule a visit with your school's counselor and financial aid advisor, and let them know about this opportunity.
- Post flyers in coffee shops, LGBT Community Centers, libraries and places students go in your neighborhood.

You can download copies of the flyer from the

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PFLAG National web site (<http://tinyurl.com/c8mbqj>), or contact Suzanne Greenfield at sgreenfield@pflag.org, or call (202) 467-8180 ext. 219 for flyers.

Gay Men's Chorus of Washington (GMCW) AT INAUGURAL

"We take immense symbolic satisfaction that we will sing at the Lincoln Memorial, where so many others have spoken and sung to achieve equality," remarks GMCW Artistic Director, Jeff Buhman. "In 1939 the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) refused permission for Marian Anderson to sing to an integrated audience in Constitution Hall. Thousands of DAR members, including first Lady Eleanor Roosevelt, resigned from the organization. This led to a concert on the steps of the Lincoln Memorial by Ms. Anderson on Easter Sunday in 1939. She opened the concert with a stirring rendition of "My Country 'Tis of Thee" to a crowd of more than 75,000 of all colors and a national radio audience of millions. The Gay Men's Chorus of Washington's inclusion in the inaugural opening ceremonies singing "My Country 'Tis of Thee" is another significant historic moment that will put a face and give a voice to gay equality. As President-Elect Obama begins his presidency, we move closer to a time when the dream of equality for all is fulfilled."

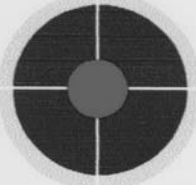
Josh Groban, Heather Headley and GMCW rehearsed Friday in subfreezing Washington DC weather on the steps of the Lincoln Memorial.

Both President-elect Barack Obama and Vice President-elect Joe Biden were in attendance at the Lincoln Memorial on Sunday January 19th along with an audience estimated to be 800,000.

Important Victories!

Same-Sex Parents Win Nationwide

When one same-sex couple attempted to obtain a new birth certificate for their child, in part so they could add their son to their health insurance, the office of Louisiana State Registrar Darlene Smith told them that Louisiana does not recognize adoption by unmarried parents and so could not issue it. After filing a lawsuit, a U.S. District Court judge in Louisiana ordered the state registrar to honor the New York adoption, saying her continued



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failure to do so violated the U.S. Constitution. The judge issued a summary judgment ordering her to issue a new birth certificate identifying both Oren Adar and Mickey Smith as the boy's legal parents.

Ohio Supreme Court Favorably Rules

The Ohio State Supreme Court is the first high court to address and clearly reject the argument that an antigay constitutional amendment concerning marriage prevents lesbian or gay parents from sharing legal custody of children. By noting that the case did not involve any substantial constitutional question, the Court made clear that Ohio's constitutional amendment poses no obstacle to same-sex couples seeking enforceable court orders protecting their children's relationships to both parents.

New Orleans Domestic Partner Benefits Protected

The Louisiana Court of Appeal, Fourth District, has upheld a Lambda Legal victory in lower court that the City of New Orleans was within its authority when it granted health benefits to domestic partners of city employees and established a domestic partner registry for city residents.

A Focus on State Policy

Iowa Marriage Equality

The Iowa Supreme Court heard oral arguments in the landmark *Varnum v. Brien* case on December 9, 2008. The case could clear the way for committed lesbian and gay couples to marry in Iowa. In preparation for this historic event, One Iowa has teamed up with PFLAG Chapters throughout the state to educate their communities in an effort to secure marriage equality for lesbian, gay and bisexual Iowans.

Maine Marriage Equality

On January 13, 2009 Equality Maine and several coalition partners unveiled a bill entitled *An Act to Prevent Discrimination in Civil Marriage and Affirm Religious Freedom*. The bill would extend civil marriage rights to same-sex couples in Maine and is sponsored by Sen. Dennis Damon (D-Hancock). Damon recently sponsored an amendment to extend to domestic partners the protections currently provided in Maine's Family Medical Leave law.

New York Marriage Equality

During the preceding weeks of the 2008 election, state democratic leaders promised the introduction and passage of marriage equality legislation, which would be a historic first for any state legislature. Currently Massachusetts and Connecticut (and formerly California) legally recognize same-sex marriages due to favorable rulings by the Supreme Courts of these states. There is discussion of holding off introducing this legislation until 2011, when Governor Patterson will be safely in his second term.

Montana Civil Rights Extensions

The Montana Human Rights Network has launched the *50 Voices for Equality* grassroots campaign in hopes of expanding the States Human Rights Ordinance to include protections for LGBT individuals from housing, employment and education discrimination. The campaign calls upon a respected Montanan voice from each of the State's 50 Senate Districts to publicly make the following pro-equality statement: "We believe in equality for all Montanans, and that citizens should not be discriminated against because of their sexual orientation, gender identity or gender expression." The goal is to pass expanded Civil Rights Legislation by 2011.

Polls show shift in attitude toward gays

365gay Newscenter Staff

New polls taken in two of the country's most socially conservative states indicate a shift in attitudes toward LGBT people.

A Florida poll shows a majority of prospective voters in that state believe the state's ban on gay adoption should be repealed and that there should be legal recognition of same-sex relationships, though they disagreed on whether that should be marriage or civil unions. The other poll, in Utah, found that a majority support LGBT civil rights. Both states in recent years have seen a large influx of new residents, primarily from the Northeast and California.

In Florida, the poll by Quinnipiac University found that 55 percent favor abolishing the state law that prohibits gays from adopting, while 39 percent said the law should

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Buffalo Gay Men's Chorus

Land Where the Good Songs Go

Friday, Mar. 20th (8 pm) - Unitarian Universalist Church
695 Elmwood Avenue, Buffalo, NY
Saturday, Mar. 21st (8 pm) - Holy Trinity Lutheran Church,
1080 Main Street, Buffalo, NY
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be maintained. When it came to same-sex relationships, 62 percent favor some sort of recognition, with 27 percent supporting marriage and 35 percent favoring civil unions. Only 31 percent said there should be no legal recognition of gay unions. Democrats and independent voters were most gay-supportive while Republicans and white evangelical Christians were most negative.

Florida voters in November amended the state constitution to ban same-sex marriage. A legal challenge to the state ban on gays adopting children is expected to be heard by the Florida Supreme Court later this year.

In Utah, a poll commissioned by Equality Utah found that 63 percent support gay legal protections including some rights for same-sex couples. Utah bans same-sex marriage. Bills to bar discrimination against gays in employment and housing and to provide for domestic partnerships and guarantee partner hospital visitation rights are expected to be considered this year by the legislature.

The survey found that 62 percent believe it should be illegal to fire someone for being gay and 57 percent said it should be illegal to deny housing to someone for being gay. On the issue of partner rights, 73 percent said they would support health insurance coverage for a partner or other designated adult for state employees. Utahans, however, are not ready for same-sex marriage. Only 20 percent said they supported gay marriage.

Perhaps the most surprising aspect of the poll was the fact 66 percent of those surveyed identified their religious belief as Mormon. Equality Utah, however, did not provide a breakdown of how LDS respondents answered individual questions in its survey.

Americans embrace gay-friendly proposals

Deb Price, The Detroit News

Gay Congressman Barney Frank likes to tell the tale of the mother who reacts with love and acceptance to the news that her son is gay, but warns him: "Just don't tell your father. It would kill him."

Frank's story illuminates a misimpression, even among gay-friendly Americans -- that other folks' internal thermometer toward gay people and our rights is stuck close to freezing.

But as the nation prepares for a new Congress and president, a recent Newsweek poll indicates that politicians shouldn't run from gay-friendly feelings.

What makes the Newsweek poll especially valuable is that the responses to its wide range of questions underscore that, other than on same-sex marriage, most Americans would embrace steps to pass laws to treat those of us who're gay equally.

A lot of that warming trend reflects how common it is now for Americans to know someone gay: Today, 78 percent say they know someone gay or lesbian,

Newsweek found. Early in Bill Clinton's presidency, 1994, 53 percent did.

Newsweek found:

- By 87 to 10 percent, Americans favor "equal rights" for gays "in terms of job opportunities."
- By 66 to 29 percent, Americans support allowing gays to serve "openly" in the military.
- By 67 to 27 percent, Americans support Social Security benefits for gay "domestic partners."
- By 73 to 23 percent, Americans favor "health insurance and other employee benefits" for gay partners.

Most Americans even favor some type of legal recognition: By 55 to 36 percent, the majority support "legally sanctioned gay and lesbian unions or partnerships." People also were asked what is "more morally objectionable" to them, with a series of heterosexual situations compared with a "gay couple in a long term, committed sexual relationship."

Viewed as more morally objectionable than the gay couple were an adulterous heterosexual (55 to 18 percent); an "unmarried heterosexual who has sex with many different partners" (48 to 21 percent); a heterosexual who has divorced more than twice (37 to 26 percent); a "heterosexual who suddenly decides to get married in Las Vegas, but has the marriage annulled one week later" (48 to 24 percent).

Newsweek's revealing snapshot comes as gay leaders express concern that President-elect Barack Obama is getting off to a shaky start on gay issues.

Among positives: He invited a gay band to march in the inaugural parade and banned anti-gay or anti-transgender discrimination for appointment-level jobs.

But Obama missed a timely opportunity to appoint an openly gay person to his Cabinet. And he picked pastor Rick Warren -- who lent his celebrity to help strip away gay couples' right to marry in California -- to deliver his inaugural invocation.

Fresh starts are opportunities for big change. And on basic gay issues, Americans are ready.

Reach Deb Price at (202) 662-8736 and dprice@detnews.com.



Advocacy

PepsiCo Supports PFLAG

Last week, the American Family Association launched a boycott of PepsiCo. The AFA boycott is based, in part, on the PepsiCo Foundation's support of PFLAG's Straight for Equality in the Workplace project.

(<https://community.pflag.org/Page.aspx?pid=875>)

Please let Pepsi know that you appreciate their support for our families and will support the company when you are shopping.

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When you call, please be brief in your comments. Politely tell the operator that:

- You are a PFLAG member and want to thank Pepsi for its support of your family;
- You plan to purchase Pepsi products whenever possible to show your support for the company's welcoming policies; and
- You support Pepsi and your area bottlers and will refuse to participate in the boycott.

For more information on Pepsi's generous gift to Straight for Equality, see <http://tinyurl.com/d8go6y>

Thank you for your support of PFLAG, Straight for Equality and PepsiCo.

PFLAG Launches First-Of-Its-Kind Safe Schools Initiative & Training Program

Parents, Families and Friends of Lesbians and Gays (PFLAG) launched a comprehensive, community-based safe schools program today to address a growing epidemic of anti-lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender (LGBT) animus in the nation's schools. The program, entitled *Cultivating Respect*, includes training seminars for local parents and allies, empowering PFLAG supporters at the local level to work directly with their community leaders and school administrators to protect LGBT students. PFLAG plans training sessions across the country in 2009, following initial training sessions held earlier this year in Ohio and Tennessee.

"Too many students attend school in fear, and too few school administrators and leaders understand just how damaging a hostile learning environment can be for lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender young people," said Jody M. Huckaby, PFLAG's executive director. "*Cultivating Respect* is the very first program designed to identify and mobilize a grassroots network of parents and allies to take an active role in combating anti-gay behavior, policies, information and environments in their local schools. When children do not feel safe, they cannot learn, and their school experience becomes fraught with the long-lasting effects of unchecked hostility. By working with local parents and local administrators, *Cultivating Respect* addresses community and school-specific concerns. This is a significant step forward in making our classrooms, hallways and locker rooms safer for every student."

The PFLAG training, which builds on the organization's prior work in schools across the country, includes insights on fostering on-going dialogues with local school leaders; approaching administrators about implementing safe schools policies; skills building seminars on language, policy and problem solving in schools; identifying and leveraging access points within the school community; and training on three specific

programs that can be implemented in local schools. The program is also designed to counter harmful, anti-gay campaigns by conservative advocacy groups, including attempts to infiltrate libraries with anti-gay literature and information on so-called "reparative therapy" practices, which have been condemned by medical experts. A workbook on LGBT school issues, titled *The Top 10 Ways to Make Schools Safer for All Students*, was also released in conjunction with the training and outreach program.

"It is critically important that students, teachers, parents and administrators have accurate, inclusive information and materials about sexual orientation and gender identity," said Huckaby. "Anti-family advocates are pushing an extreme, anti-gay agenda that seeks to mislead adults and ultimately undermine the well-being of the countless LGBT young people who deserve a healthy learning environment, too. This new program asks those responsible for the well-being of our children to listen, think, act and be respectful of every member of our families."

According to statistics compiled by the Gay, Lesbian and Straight Education Network (GLSEN), 73.6% of LGBT students hear derogatory remarks such as "faggot" or "dyke" frequently or often at school. More than half (60.8%) reported feeling unsafe at school because of their sexual orientation, and more than a third (38.4%) felt unsafe because of their gender expression. An overwhelming 86.2% of students reported being verbally harassed.

"Hostile classrooms and campuses impact every member of the school community." Huckaby concluded, "From LGBT students, to those perceived to be, and even young people who are denied the opportunity to learn because of the distractions presented by anti-gay behavior, the consequences of not dealing with these issues reach far and wide. Now, at last, parents have the tools they need to work directly with their local leaders to stand up for every young person, including those who are LGBT or are impacted by these behaviors."

For more information on *Cultivating Respect*, including .pdf copies (<http://tinyurl.com/c9vsos>) of *The Top 10 Ways to Make Schools Safer for All Students*, visit www.pflag.org.

Policy Matters – A Question from the Field

Dear Policy Matters,

During the news coverage for President Obama's Inauguration, I couldn't help but notice the Advertising Council's heightened television campaign urging Americans to make a year-round commitment to community service. I took it upon myself to google the advertised website - USAService.org - that has been prominently featured in these commercials. The website has a lot of promise and could serve as a great tool to organize future PFLAG campaigns and events. While I

recognize the potential power of this website, I am a bit overwhelmed as to how I can specifically take advantage of it. Do you have any recommendations on where I can start?

*Sincerely,
PFLAG Chapter President*

Dear PFLAG Chapter President,
Your observations about this ad campaign are impressive and accurate. In fact, just one week before President Obama took the oath of office, his Inaugural Committee along with the Advertising Council launched several television and radio PSA's in which President Obama asks Americans to step forward and make an ongoing commitment to serve our communities. The website you included above - USAservice.org - provides community members with the tools and resources needed to organize their community and take action. Some have described this website as a sort of "craigslist" that will match people with existing volunteer programs of their choice, or allow them to start efforts of their own.

Listing your local PFLAG Chapter's campaigns and events on this website is an excellent idea and could help attract more volunteers, allies and even members to your chapter. Many community-based organizations have already registered almost 6,000 volunteer events. I highly encourage you to join in this effort. To get started, I've listed only a few ideas to get more folks involved with your chapter:

- **Speaker's Panel.** Organize a speaker's panel addressing an important community topic, such as civil rights protections for LGBT individuals that your local community does or does not have. Post the event online and request a handful of volunteers to help staff this event.
- **Phone Banking.** During a special chapter meeting, dedicate some time where you plan to call your local legislators and discuss the importance of passing specific legislation that extends civil rights protections to LGBT individuals or talk about other relevant legislation that could improve the lives of our LGBT family and friends. Post your event online and request that concerned community members join the phone banking effort – a critical mass of constituent voices will be sure to leave a lasting impact on your local representatives.
- **Chapter Fundraiser.** If your chapter needs a few extra bucks for local campaigns or paying for meeting space, consider organizing a community fundraiser – organize a silent auction or plan a bake sale and post your event on this website. Ask for as many concerned community volunteers to take part in this event to help raise revenues.

Of course, these are only a few ideas that will hopefully inspire you to take advantage of this important website. Having USAservice.org available will certainly help your chapter advertise important community events. It will also help your chapter educate others interested in learning about our LGBT family members and friends.

If you are still stumped for ideas, please don't hesitate to reach out to our Field and Policy Manager, Rhodes Perry. He will be happy to help you brainstorm new and interesting ways of taking advantage of this website.

Thanks for your question!
Policy Matters



Support

Fortunate Families announces new support for parents of gay children

Parents struggling with the knowledge their daughter or son is lesbian, gay, bisexual or transgender have a new place to turn for support. Fortunate Families announced it is establishing a nationwide network of "Listening Parents." These parents are moms and dads of LGBT children themselves, according to Fortunate Families President Mary Ellen Lopata, and have "volunteered to field phone calls and e-mail messages of other Catholic parents who just need someone to talk to."

Begun in mid-January, the program is designed to lend an "understanding, compassionate and non-judgmental ear to parents who may be struggling with their child's orientation," Lopata explained. "Our listeners know something about the way these parents feel," she said. "They've experienced the fear, confusion and doubts themselves. They know the importance of talking with someone who can personally relate to what they're going through. Many of our listeners, in fact, first found hope and help themselves by talking with other parents." The names, locations and information about the Listening Parents, and how to contact them, can be found on Fortunate Families website www.fortunatefamilies.com,

The Listening Parents will not attempt to give professional advice of any kind, Lopata said. They will, however, be provided resource and training materials to help with their contacts. "The real treasure of knowledge our parent listeners hold," Lopata emphasized, "is their own personal experience."

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Tentative Meeting Schedule

All meetings will include time for sharing.

- 2/15 PFLAG Buffalo/Niagara meeting: Families and Marriage Issues
- 3/15 PFLAG Buffalo/Niagara meeting: TBA
- 4/19 PFLAG Buffalo/Niagara meeting: Gay/Straight Alliances and Gay and Lesbian Youth Services
- 5/17 PFLAG Buffalo/Niagara meeting: Pride Planning
- 6/21 PFLAG Buffalo/Niagara meeting: Father's Day and Post-Pride discussions
- 7/19 PFLAG Buffalo/Niagara Annual Picnic

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