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TEAM PFLAG

I'm sure that many of you watched the recent winter Olympics games and recognized, individual achievements aside, how much of the event is a celebration of team spirit itself. From the opening ceremony to the closing one the messages of dedication to one's team and its aspirations and ideals is ever present. And the stories we hear throughout the Olympics define what ultimately makes a team successful – a common well-defined goal, drive, resilience, careful execution, training and investment in one's self, learning from one's mistakes, support of one's teammates, recognizing the unique talents of each individual and their contribution to the strength of the team, the celebration of success, and a "get back up and try again" spirit in the face of failure.

This same team spirit is no less present in our PFLAG family. Would you agree?

- I see it among our PFLAG staff in the national office who dedicate themselves to advancing LGBTQ+ affirming legislation at the national level and state level, working relentlessly with partner organizations in this pursuit. You will see evidence of their efforts in this issue or in the Policy Matters communications to members.
- I see it in PFLAG's chapter engagement coordinators and regional directors determined to pull together 200+ chapters across the country in their drive to Support, Educate and Advocate at the local level. The PFLAG Connects program is one such initiative.
- I see it in the sharing between, and partnerships built among, leaders of our chapters here in northern Illinois in their commitment to be there for those seeking support and in their tireless advocacy efforts in our communities.

- I see it in the mutual support we share with partner organizations, learning from each other in the pursuit of better, safer, more secure, more celebrated future for our LGBTQ+ family.
- I hear it in the single voice of determination and commitment when PFLAGers engage community leaders, educators, legislators, and the business community in a dialogue around our mission.
- I see and hear it in the spirited Pride celebrations as we recognize what we have achieved and how far we have come.
- I feel it in the immediate, collective and organized efforts to address challenges to the safety, opportunity and wellbeing of the LGBTQ+ community we represent.
- And I feel it in the groundswell of support provided by everyone of PFLAG's members whose endorsement of our mission continues to push this team forward.

There is a reason why PFLAG's name is so well known and its effectiveness so recognized ... and credit goes to the incredible team I describe above that goes for the gold every day!

To all those who stay in the game each day in support of PFLAG's goals, aspirations and dreams ...

GO TEAM!

Don Donahue

President,
PFLAG Council of Northern Illinois



From PFLAG National

TAKE ACTION

[Demand Human Rights for LGBTQ+ People Everywhere with the Global RESPECT Act \(HR 3485\).](#)

Introduced by Congressional LGBTQ Equality Caucus Chair Rep. David Cicilline (RI-1), this bill is expected to come to the House floor for a vote next week, and would impose sanctions on foreign persons who are responsible for violations of internationally recognized human rights against LGBTQI individuals. The bill would also require the President to periodically report and update the names of such individuals. Ask your U.S. Representative to cosponsor the Global RESPECT Act (HR 3485) if they have not, and urge them to vote YES when it comes to the House floor for a vote shortly. PFLAGers have always advocated for human dignity, safety and equality for LGBTQ+ people around the world. Passing this bill would demonstrate our government's commitment to protect community members in all nations and hold accountable those who violate human rights. Reach your elected officials.

[Raise your voice for the Safe Schools Improvement Act \(SSIA\).](#) Encourage your elected officials (two Senators and one Representative) to cosponsor The Safe Schools Improvement Act of 2021, ([H.R.4402](#) and [S. 2410](#)), or SSIA. LGBTQ+ and civil rights organizations are uniting to support our students and halt bullying and discrimination. PFLAGers have always advocated for student safety and well-being and for SSIA, and this initiative is to help us move this LGBTQ+ student-inclusive legislation forward. Reach your elected officials.

FEDERAL

[Over 500 companies pledge support for the Equality Act.](#) The Human Rights Campaign has formed a Business Coalition for the Equality Act, a coalition of 503 companies endorsing this federal legislation in support of LGBTQ+ rights.

[Biden administration is paying survivors of LGBTQ+ couples denied the right to marry.](#) Groundwork was laid through lawsuits filed by Lambda Legal during the Trump administration challenging the denial of survivor's benefits by the Social Security Administration. Survivors who were denied the right to marry can now collect monthly payments.

STATES

Arizona - [Arizona Senate passes athlete ban.](#) SB1165 bars trans girls from playing on sports teams which align with their gender identity from kindergarten through college. [Take action to stop SB1165.](#)

Arizona - [Senate committee rejects trans healthcare ban.](#) The proposal, intended to ban gender-affirming care for children, was rejected in committee by a bipartisan vote.

Florida - [Florida Senate bill proposes ban on LGBTQ+ books in schools.](#)

Indiana - [Indiana state House has passed a bill that would ban transgender girls from participating in school sports.](#) [Take action to stop HB1041.](#)

Kansas - [A proposed bill adds gender identity or expression and sexual orientation to the current Kansas Act Against Discrimination,](#) which provides housing, employment, and public accommodation anti-discrimination protection.

South Dakota - [SD becomes the first state to sign anti-trans sports law in 2022.](#) South Dakota Governor Kristi Noem signed the law banning trans women from participating in women's sports. The law goes into effect on July 1, 2022.

MEDIA

[Disney+ greenlights queer YA adaptation for television show.](#) A television adaptation of The Temperature of Me and You has been approved by Disney+ and is in the beginning stages of production. The developers, Foster Driver and Zoe Kent, are committed to providing inclusive representation and content.

[Tiktok enacts policies that ban deadnaming and misgendering.](#) The social media platform has updated its rules to prohibit using a trans person's pre-transition name and using incorrect pronouns to identify someone, as well as content that "supports or promotes" so-called conversion therapy.

These articles are excerpted from *Policy Matters*, an email publication of PFLAG National. Become a PFLAG member to receive the full newsletter:

<https://pflagil.org/membership-and-donation/>



From PFLAG National

FAKE: “The Gender Unity Project”

There is a fake group targeting trans individuals, specifically trans youth, and we feel it’s important for you to be aware as PFLAG member, and help spread awareness to protect our PFLAGers from being potential targets.

This fake group, called “The Gender Unity Project,” is attempting to recruit families for a fake documentary on trans kids.

We know that the group is a scam set up by anti-trans troll Matt Walsh, who this year has declared an “assault on gender ideology.” If you or anyone you know is contacted by Makenna Lynn Waters or Justin Folk, we strongly encourage you to not respond and forward such inquiries to comms@pflag.org. Rebecca Dobkowitz has also been trying to lure people in for Walsh.

PFLAG National wants to provide quick ways you and others can become more aware of this situation and help spread the word:

- [This Twitter thread by Eli Erlick](#), a direct target of this scam (retweet this directly to your Chapter’s Twitter)
- [This Facebook post by Eli](#) (share directly to your Chapter’s Facebook page and within any local community Facebook groups)
- This article in [The Daily Beast](#)
- This [Washington Blade](#) article

If this or similar events pop up in your local communities — or if you see this information being shared in your Facebook groups or elsewhere on social media — PFLAG National wants to know so we can provide the best support possible in addressing these issues together. **You can [reach out to any staff member directly](#) or [reply to this email with anything you believe we should know about](#).**

We know the harmful effects efforts like this can have, and appreciate your diligence in helping protect our LGBTQ+ loved ones and their families.

Stay fierce. Stay safe.

Supporting Our Aromantic Loved Ones

Sometimes abbreviated as aro (pronounced ā-row), the term refers to an individual who does not experience romantic attraction. Aromantic people exist on a spectrum of romantic attraction and can use terms such as gray aromantic or grayromantic to describe their place within that spectrum. Aromantic people can experience sexual attraction.

Visit pflag.org/glossary to understand these and other terms, and share our glossary with others so we can all better support our LGBTQ+ loved ones.



Three Steps to Being a Better Aro & Ace Ally

Here are some ways to brush up on being a better ally to the Aromantic and Asexual communities:

1. Learn: Spend some time browsing through the resources available on the [Asexuality Visibility and Education Network \(AVEN\)](#), [Aromantic-spectrum Union for Recognition, Education, and Advocacy \(AUREA\)](#), and [The Ace and Aro Advocacy Project \(TAAAP\)](#) websites to learn more about asexuality and aromanticism.
2. Watch: Check out this episode of [Something to Talk About Live](#) with Jean-Marie Navetta and Angela Chen, author of [Ace: What Asexuality Reveals About Desire, Society, and the Meaning of Sex](#), focused on the experiences of asexual and aromantic people in the US. And be sure to watch the [What The +?: Understanding and Supporting Expansive LGBTQ+ Identities PFLAG Academy Online](#), which has one section focused on asexual and aromantic identities.
3. Share: Use social media to share information and resources about [Aromantic Spectrum Awareness Week](#) and Ace Week (which typically happens during the last full week of October.)



News from PFLAG Deerfield

by Sue Ginsburg

If you read last month's Open Doors, you may remember that I had participated in a panel for Alliance RX-Walgreens Prime. With me on the panel was Raychel Cesaro, Director of Philanthropy at the onePULSE Foundation in Orlando, FL. I was so taken by Raychel's presentation on that panel that I made sure she could speak at a chapter meeting soon. I'm sure everyone knows the horrific story of the Pulse Nightclub massacre. But it was the back story that grabbed me, and in turn, members of Deerfield. Raychel's video before her talk showed the global response to the massacre and for a very short time, the entire world seemed in support of Orlando. It was the largest terrorist attack on private property EVER in the U.S. It's owner, Barbara, originally built the nightclub in memory of her brother, who died of AIDS. She wanted to put it in a safe part of town, where whole families could come to celebrate events; it wasn't simply a gay bar. Sons brought their mothers, daughters brought their fathers to dance and sing. It was a unique and welcoming place.

After the tragedy, which took 49 lives and injured 68 others, Barbara chose to research how other tragedies made their memorials. (President Biden signed legislation that made the Pulse a National Memorial) She went to NYC and spoke to those who worked the 9/11 Memorial; she went to Oklahoma City and researched the steps they took after the bombing there; she even went to the University of Wyoming and spoke to Matthew Shepard's parents. Part of what she learned was to involve the community and ask what type of memorial would they want? In 2018, Barbara started the onePULSE Foundation and interim Memorial. Their mission is to overcome hate with 3 supporting pillars: 1) Through the memorial itself; 2) Through a museum with strong educational programs; 3) A scholarship program awarding 49 scholarships each year in the names of the 49 "angels" who died, specifically in the areas of what they were doing with their lives, such as nursing, acting, cosmetology, etc.

The scholarships are open to all LGBTQ students all around the country!

Just because President Biden established PULSE a National Memorial, doesn't mean that money is available through the government, so they are looking for donations. One way, which I loved, and which I've already acted upon, is for a \$49 donation, you can send in a picture and that picture will be on the permanent wall of the museum, when it is built! I sent in a picture of my daughter and her wife when we all went to the Pride Parade 3 years ago.

To support onePULSE Foundation:

- Join our OUTLOVE HATE community at www.OUTLOVEHATE.com – Make a gift of \$49 or more and add your photo to the online mosaic. All photos will become part of a permanent digital mural at the Pulse Museum when it opens.
- General contributions to support the Foundation and it's mission to create and support a memorial that opens hearts, a museum that opens minds, educational programs that open eyes and legacy scholarships that open doors can be made online here: <https://onepulsefoundation.org/donate/>

Additional resources:

- Visit the National Pulse Interim Memorial virtually: <https://bit.ly/3s6S6JM>
- 49 Legacy Scholarships - <https://onepulsefoundation.org/scholarships/>
Next application window: Dec. 1, 2022 – Jan. 31, 2023. These scholarships are open to students within the continental U.S. attending accredited institutions for undergrad, graduate, and doctoral studies as well as for career/technical school programs.

During our support discussion, one of our new attendees talked about a website for trans teens that many of us hadn't heard of before - www.thelistforus.com

I had spoken to Ariel Groner a long while ago when she was compiling this "list" but I never followed up. So I'm so happy to let you all know about it. The List is a Chicagoland based collection of resources for Trans and Gender non-forming folks and those who support them. It's a place to find support, community and information. It has things like voice classes, pro-bono lawyers to help with name changes, hair removal connections, camp, etc. Juniper Center, which is connected, is a counseling and therapy practice that specializes in issues related to trauma recovery, addiction treatment, diverse sexuality and gender identities and relationship and family therapy.

All and all, we had a great meeting!

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News from PFLAG Hinsdale

by Barb Medley

Our speaker for Feb. 6 was Elizabeth Ricks, the legal director for the **Translife Care Program** at the Chicago House and Social Service Agency. She told us about Chicago House's role to empower people living with or vulnerable to HIV/AIDS to lead healthy and dignified lives through housing and client-centered support services.

Chicago House, a legal services organization, started in 1985, housing people dying of AIDS who had nowhere to go. They now provide housing, temporary and permanent; conduct remote STI and HIV testing and offer employment counseling. Elizabeth's work includes legal and political advocacy. Their advocacy helped lead to two important Illinois law changes. Illinois was the second state in the country to allow name changes on marriage certificates. Another law decriminalized HIV status.

Her group is working on two important Illinois proposed legislative bills, and she encouraged us to contact our state senators to urge their support:

HB 2542 would repeal and amend restrictions and outdated provisions contained in Illinois' name change law - one of the most restrictive in the nation. The law denies those with felony convictions the ability to change their names, including on identity documents, for ten years after they complete their sentences. Illinois is one of only eight states with this kind of restriction. Illinois is also one of only 12 states that prohibit name changes for people on registries and one of only two states that prohibit name changes for people with identity theft convictions. This affects trans people in particular. It hurts people applying for jobs, going to school and running for office. HB 2542 would, among other things, remove the ten-year waiting period for people with felony convictions and removing the lifetime ban for people with identity theft convictions.

Another proposed bill (HB 3195) removes the law for businesses prohibiting multi-gender bathrooms. (These are community bathrooms with private stalls and floor-to-ceiling doors.) This especially hurts small businesses. The law would allow multi-gender bathrooms, not require them.

Chicago House does not charge for their legal services. They can use our financial support. Their website is www.chicagohouse.org.

Our March speaker will be Charlie Everett, the Chapter Engagement Coordinator for PFLAG's midwestern region. They'll talk about their duties in this position.

News from PFLAG McHenry

by Toni Weaver

PFLAG McHenry/McHenry PTI are still on hiatus as far as monthly meetings are concerned. However, we continue to address requests for support as they come in. We successfully participated in the annual People in Need (P.I.N.) forum hosted by the McHenry County Mental Health Board and McHenry County College. P.I.N. provides an opportunity for community service providers to network with other organizations in the area and allows the general public to see what's available in the way of support services locally. For the second consecutive year P.I.N. was held virtually, a bit challenging but we survived! Thank goodness chapter member Karen Graham is tech savvy!

Those of you who served on council when I was president will remember Carolann Dunn. Carolann was not only one of our chapter's reps on council but was also responsible for the building of the council's float for the Chicago Pride Parade. Carolann's wife, Sandy, passed away on February 8, one month shy of her 86th birthday. Carolann and Sandy had been married 45 years...We hold Carolann in our hearts as she grieves this loss.

News from PFLAG Tinley Park

by Diane Kaffka

Hello from Tinley Park! We met at Zion Lutheran Church on February 13th. We have been meeting every month now for over five years. There were a few months when we met by Zoom, but then we switched to outdoor meetings and/or indoors in the large gym where we can sit with space between us.

There was no speaker at this meeting, so we just got caught up with each other's lives. One member joined in via Zoom in a phone call.

We also discussed possible future speakers and if there is a good location for a Northern Illinois PFLAG get together in the late summer.



News from PFLAG Homer Glen Lockport

by Michelle Eckmayer

Due to the rise in numbers of Covid again, we chose to go back to virtual for January's meeting. We had a wonderful discussion on "Something to Talk About Live: Another Day, Another Book Ban".

Unfortunately, our area had some pushback from organizations at the school & library level to ban certain books. This episode has an author of one of the books that they are targeting. We discussed how to counter this and how we can best be of service.

February's meeting, we went to another episode of "Something to Talk About Live: Parental Rights in Education Bills Will Hurt Marginalized Youth." We tied this together with last month's discussion and continue to brainstorm our part in advocating.

OUR MOST EXCITING NEWS!!!!

We will be teaming up with Youth Outlook, Joliet Pride Network & the Spanish Community Center to bring a new drop-in center to Will County!!!

YOUTHOUTLOOK

**ANNOUNCING
JOLIET/LOCKPORT
DROP IN CENTER!**

Opening April 2022

We are excited to expand our programming for LGBTQ+ youth in Will County. A huge thank you to all of the supporters that have made this site possible!

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If you have additional questions, please contact Carolyn Wahlskog, Director of Operations and Programs at carolyn.wahlskog@youth-outlook.org.

News from PFLAG DuPage

by Bonnie Clemens

It's February and love is in the air! We are so grateful to be part of the PFLAG family and are forever inspired to do our part to promote the well-being of our beloved LGBTQ+ community.

For this month's chapter meeting we got a nice dose of inspiration from Nancy Mullen, Executive Director of Youth Outlook. Youth Outlook (<https://youth-outlook.org>) is a social service agency in Illinois solely dedicated to the support of LGBTQ+ youth. They work in 6 counties in the Chicago suburbs, offering drop-in centers for youth, parent support, and community education. Nancy gave us a summary of Youth Outlook's past year and what's to come. They had a great year marked by major growth in both in staffing levels and the number of youth walk-in centers. They successfully navigated the switch to virtual meetings during COVID and are making their way back to in-person meetings. While we are irked that they too have to deal with the obnoxious anti-LGBTQ+ rabble rousers, that is far outweighed by their tremendous growth and successes!

In case you are not aware, Nancy is the author of *Urban Tidepool: A memoir reminiscent of Lemony Snicket's A Series of Unfortunate Events with a gay twist, a helping of The Glass Castle and a hint of Erma Bombeck. A terminally ill mother, a mentally ill brother, and an alcoholic father... How does a gender bending Catholic school kid survive? It's a great read!* Check it out here:

<https://www.facebook.com/UrbanTidepool/>

FORGIVE YOURSELF

for not knowing what you
didn't know before you lived
through it. Honor your path.
Trust your journey. Learn,
grow, evolve, become, heal.

News from PTI Chicago

by Christine Peters (she/her)

PTI Chicago hosted 32 participants to hear our panel of 5 expert school professionals during our February meeting. Discussion topics included how parents can best support their child's transition at school, how to navigate challenges, as well as making use of school resources, which was followed by a question-and-answer session.

Our esteemed guests included Booker Marshall, the LGBTQ+ & Sexual Health Program Manager in the Office of Student Health and Wellness at Chicago Public Schools; Ori Wasserburg, school social worker at Great River School in St. Paul, Minnesota; Ginger Bencola, school social worker and the Prevention and Wellness Coordinator at Oak Park and River Forest High School; Kurt Wagner, school psychologist at Buffalo Grove High School; and Jordee Yanez, also a CPS social worker who advocates for inclusive and equitable learning environments.

The panelists encouraged parents to find out school policies on students who are under the transgender umbrella, and request best practices based on the Illinois Safe School Alliance and/or Lurie's Children's Hospital. If there are concerns or conflicts, start with who the child trusts at the school. Reach out to social workers, sponsors of an affirming group such as Gender/Sexuality Alliance, and if necessary, call upon the rights guaranteed by Title 9. If you sue, you'll probably win, according to our experts.

They also underscored the reasonable demand for respecting identity development and exploration. Adults in schools should be modeling correct behavior and intervene when there is bad behavior. Above all, loving, supportive parenting makes the difference in a child's gender journey. No one, including

parents, should be policing gender when what kids need is to express their evolving selves.



www.ilsafeschools.org

One speaker stated that 80% of mental health needs are identified within schools. As parents, we expressed gratitude to our guests as well as to all the mental health care providers in schools for what they do to facilitate “welcoming, safe, supportive, and inclusive school environments for transgender, nonbinary and gender nonconforming students,” as described by Governor Pritzker's Affirming and Inclusive Schools Task Force.

We hope you'll join our next meeting! We continue to greet many first-timers and serve as an important resource for parents and grandparents who are part of the extended LGBTQI+ community. PTI Chicago gathers via Zoom on the second Thursday of each month, so **our next meeting is Thursday, March 10th, 2022 from 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.** Participants will receive an email with the link and password to enter the meeting. Parent/s, guardians, or family members of transgender, non-binary or gender non-conforming individuals who would like to join us for the first time should e-mail PTI Chicago President Bill Guilfoile at bill.guilfoile@gmail.com



ARTICLES ABOUT LGBTQ+ IN UKRAINE

Washington Blade:

[LGBTQ Ukrainians will do our best to resist Russia](#) - Putin invading country with 'traditional values'



Washington Blade:

[Warlord who persecuted gay Chechens killed in Ukraine fighting](#)

The Hill:

[Ukrainian Americans and allies fear human rights violations](#)



People gather in Times Square to denounce the Russian invasion of Ukraine on Saturday, Feb. 26, 2022, in New York.

AP Photo/Brittainy Newman

CBS News:

[Some LGBTQ Ukrainians fear human rights abuses if Russia stays: "We will fight"](#)

Israel Hayom:

[Report: Ukrainian LGBTQ activists beat up AWOL Russian soldiers](#)

Ukrainian gay rights activist tells Israel Hayom that members of the community who found the soldiers beat them and took them captive. "We are fighting a tyrannical, homophobic enemy."

Daily Beast:

[Ukraine's Gay Combat Volunteers Are Ready to Fight for Their Lives Against Anti-LGBTQ Putin](#)



Public Opinion on LGBTQ+ Rights in Russia (excerpted from Wikipedia):

- In 2013, 16% of Russians surveyed said that gay people should be isolated from society, 22% said they should be forced to undergo treatment, and 5% said homosexuals should be "liquidated".
- A 2015 survey found that 86% of Russians said homosexuality should not be accepted by society (up from 60% in 2002).

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American Psychological Association:
LGBT Resources and Publications:
www.apa.org/pi/lgbt/resources

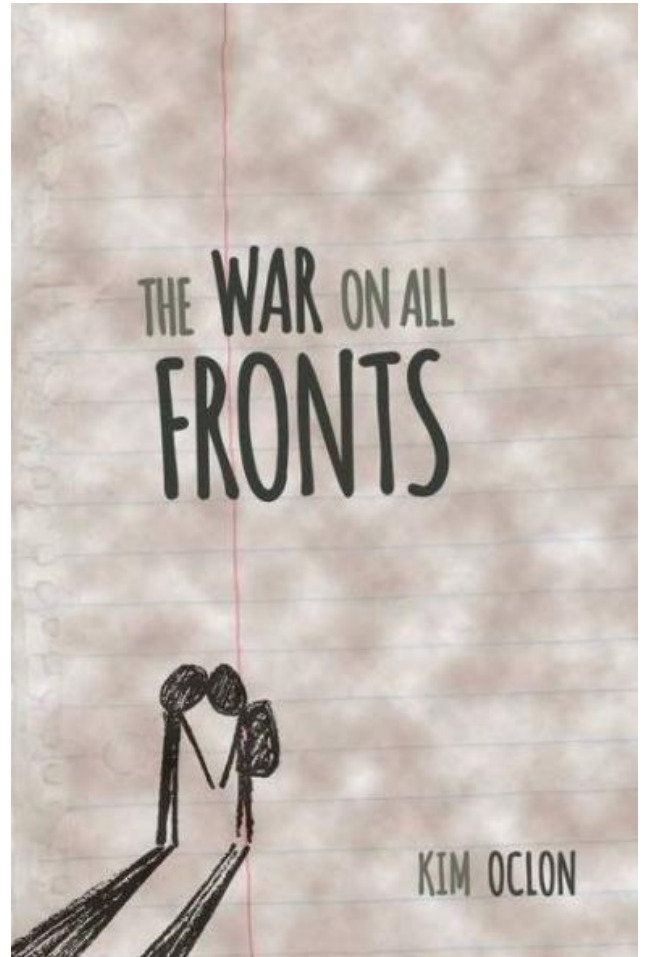


WHEN THERE ARE NINE

By Sally Deering Directed by Sam Hess

February 10 - March 13

WHEN THERE ARE NINE
is playing through March 13 in Broadway
Theater, 4139 N. Broadway, Chicago
[Get Tickets Here](#)



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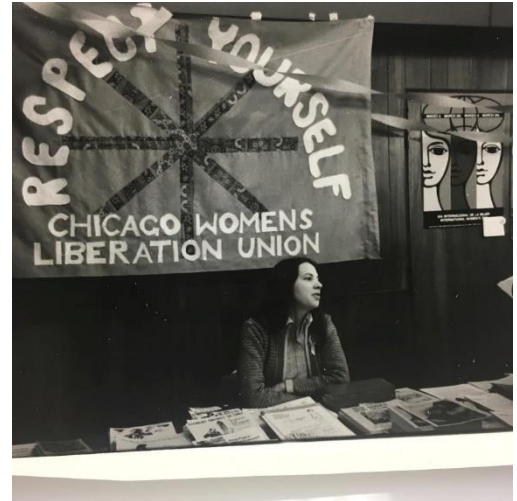
Presentation on Lionheart Gay Theatre



Lionheart Gay Theatre Company presented more than 40 original plays and more than 100 performances between the 1970s and mid-1990s.

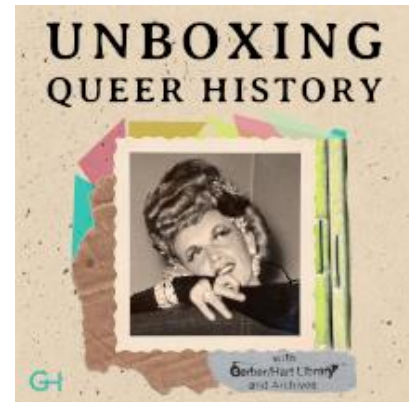
John Pollard, doctoral student at Northwestern University, will speak about Lionheart Gay Theatre on Saturday, March 26 at 1:30 p.m.

Women's History Month Archives Exchange



Gerber/Hart and the Women in Leadership Archives will host a virtual archives tour and discussion for Women's History Month on Thursday, March 31 at 6:30 p.m. (Central).

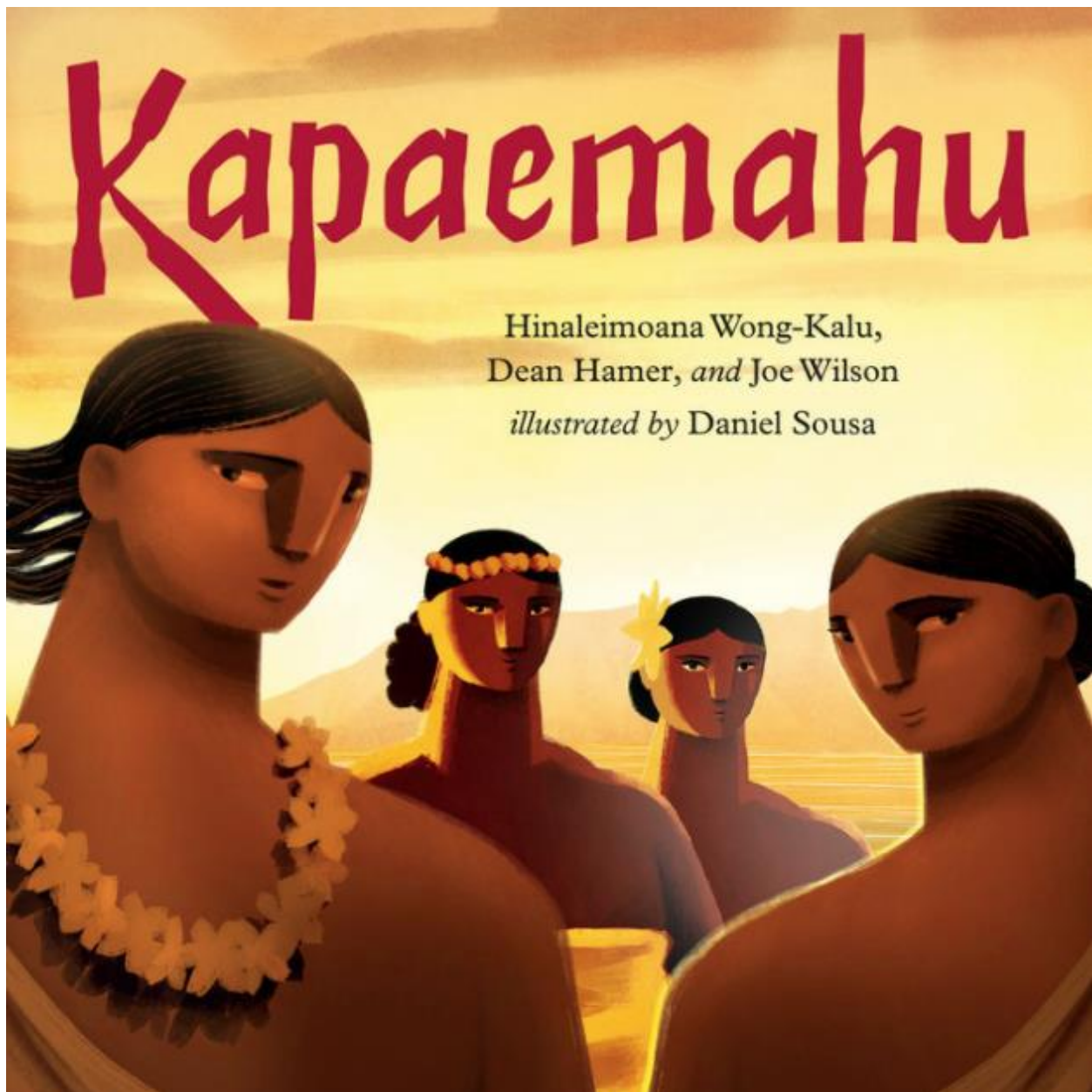
Unboxing Queer History



Gerber/Hart is releasing UNBOXING QUEER HISTORY, an eight-episode podcast. The episodes will be released throughout the spring on the first and fourth Tuesdays of the month. Episodes will be available on Spotify and wherever you listen to podcasts in addition to gerberhart.org.

Gerber/Hart has resumed its regular hours of operation for walk-in patrons and for viewing exhibits. Face masks are required to enter the building and in public spaces in the building.





Free online sneak preview of [The Healer Stones of Kapaemahu](#) documentary in the Smithsonian's Mother Tongue Film Festival. Featuring historians and cultural and language experts, the film chronicles the mistreatment of four stones on Waikiki Beach meant to honor four legendary mahu, individuals of dual male and female spirit who brought the healing arts from Tahiti to Hawaii long ago, and asks questions about how historical wrongs can be made right.

[Stream online on March 4, 6:00 PM - March 5, 9:00 PM, 2022. Pre-order now for free.](#)

The film will also be broadcast on the national PBS series Pacific Heartbeat. Air dates [to be announced](#).

If there are any young people in your life who you think might benefit from an inspiring story about diversity and inclusion, the [Kapaemahu](#) children's picture book is now available for preorder.



March 18

12:30 - 2:30 pm

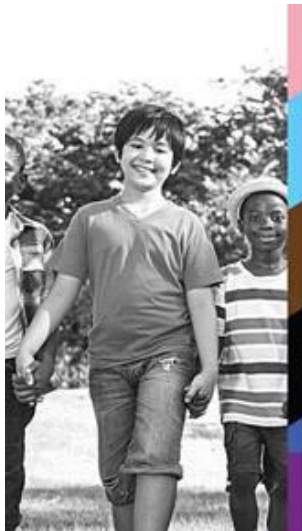
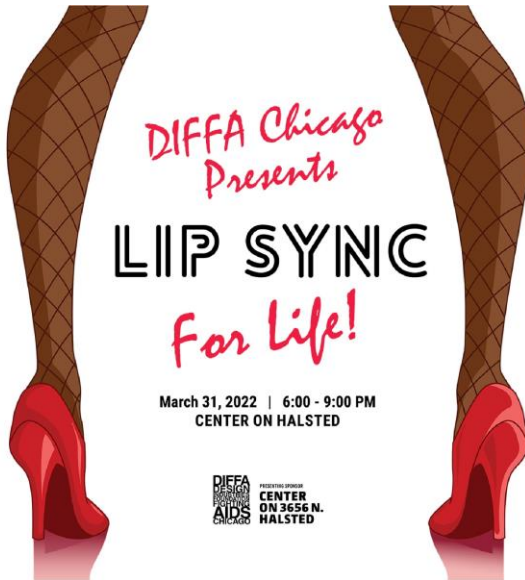
Playing with Identity

Joy and Play as Liberatory and Decolonial Methods

From trauma to success, our families to our societies, there are many factors that make up and/or influence our identities and views of ourselves throughout our lifespans. Identity and the self are key and complex concepts in mental health and wellness, yet much of work with adults is static or based in deficits.

Virtual Event

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SASSY:

Study on Aging and Sexual Satisfaction among Gay Men

Researchers at Michigan State University are conducting a study about sexual satisfaction among gay men 50+ in the Midwest.

To participate, you will complete a one-time brief (15 - 20 min) confidential online survey about sexual satisfaction, aging, health, and your experiences.

If you are interested in participating, **please email Lucas at sassystudy.msu@gmail.com** to receive your unique secure survey link.

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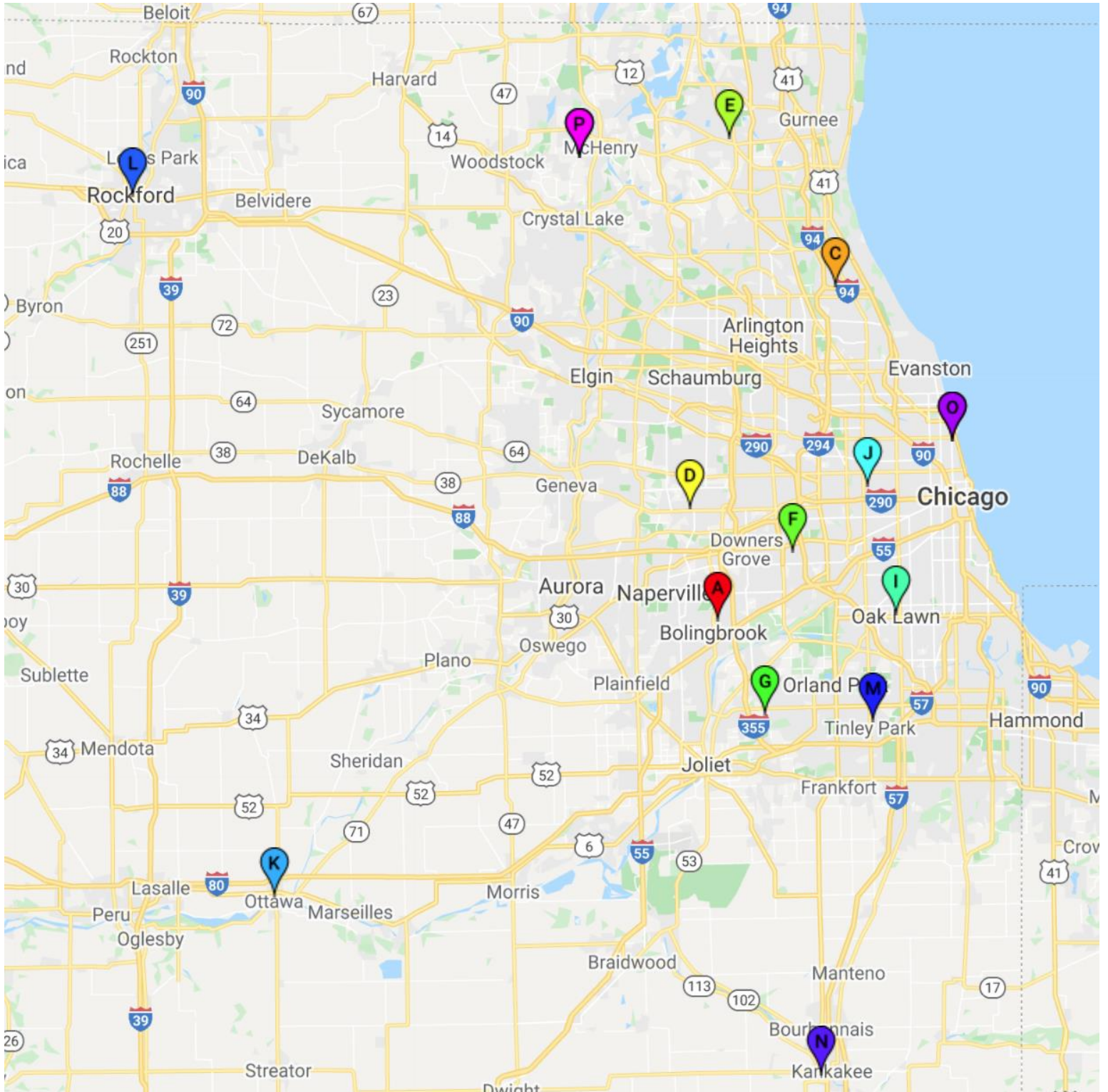
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PFLAG Northern Illinois Chapters



Click/tap anywhere on the map to open it online and find regular meeting dates/times. Note that most chapters are meeting online on Zoom due to COVID-19. Contact the chapter about access before your very first meeting.

