



Open Doors

Trans Media Fashion – pp 15-19
photos by Kelsey Kurz

The Many Faces of Pride

It is good to be here, in June, in Pride Month, amidst what seems a wealth of support and recognition and celebration of the LGBTQ+ community, an elevation of their achievements, a collective commitment to protect their rights and advance their respect. The origins of Pride Month, we know, are borne in the Stonewall riots, a defiant statement 50 years ago affirming the dignity of and respect due the LGBTQ+ community and a resolve to stand as one against discrimination and injustice. That very public statement remains with us today. And for PFLAGers, I dare say most of us march in Pride parades in the image of that iconic photo of Jeanne Manford proudly carrying the sign calling us to “Unite in Support for Our Children”.

To many, Pride Month is exactly that -- exuberant celebrations, parades and festivals, the loud, bold, unabashed embrace of the LGBTQ+ community. The warmth of public support is indeed gratifying. And we are thankful that such recognition exists.

But we must remember that there are many faces to Pride, and some felt much more privately.

As President Biden said in his proclamation during Pride month last year – *“Pride is both a jubilant communal celebration of visibility and a personal celebration of self-worth and dignity.”*

There is the Pride of hard-won fights, of struggles endured and achievements realized, the pride defined by the toughened skin of resilience earned in protecting one’s rights. This is the kind of Pride that continues to gain strength and momentum among advocates as it presses forward unapologetically.

There is the Pride of ownership, the pride of belonging, a sense that this is our time, our day, our stage, our platform, a history that is uniquely ours. This is the pride of knowing that we gift to the world the countless talents of LGBTQ+ individuals. This is the pride of legacy.

There is the Pride in one’s child or sibling, family member or friend, for what they have accomplished, the journey they have walked, for what they have weathered, the strength they have shown and grown, and the support they have shown to others.

And there is the very personal Pride we may not always see, the pride that exists quietly inside someone, a pride that walks with a sense of peace, of confidence, of gratitude, a calm that comes from living authentically, finally. It’s a personal pride for taking that first meaningful step, or that subsequent one. Perhaps this is the most meaningful Pride of all.

And these are only a few of the many faces of LGBTQ+ Pride.

To revisit the President’s words of support: *“During LGBTQ+ Pride Month, we recognize the resilience and determination of the many individuals who are fighting to live freely and authentically. In doing so, they are opening hearts and minds, and laying the foundation for a more just and equitable America. This Pride Month, we affirm our obligation to uphold the dignity of all people, and dedicate ourselves to protecting the most vulnerable among us.”*

I first came to know PFLAG about 10 years ago. The face of Pride I see shows itself all year long, thriving in chapter meetings, shining in the people that represent it and living in the tremendous work they do to advance its mission to provide Support, Education and Advocacy for the LGBTQ+ family we love!

Happy Pride!

Don Donahue

President,
PFLAG Council of Northern Illinois



Pride Month Calendar

| SUN | MON | TUE | WED | THU | FRI | SAT |
|--------------------------------|------------------|------|-----------------|------|-----------------|-------------------------------|
| 5/29 | 5/30 | 5/31 | 6/1 Glenview | 6/2 | 6/3 | 6/4 Highwood |
| 6/5 Buffalo Grove | 6/6 Deerfield | 6/7 | 6/8 | 6/9 | 6/10 | 6/11 Ottawa |
| 6/12 Woodstock Grayslake | 6/13 | 6/14 | 6/15 | 6/16 | 6/17 Chicago | 6/18 Chicago |
| 6/19 Chicago | 6/20 Fox Lake | 6/21 | 6/22 | 6/23 | 6/24 | 6/25 Chicago Homer Glen |
| 6/26 Chicago | 6/27 | 6/28 | 6/29 | 6/30 | 7/1 | 7/2 |
| 7/3 Crystal Lake | 7/4 | 7/5 | 7/6 | 7/7 | 7/8 | 7/9 |

June 1st - Glenview Community Pride Month Celebration,
Glenview Public Library; 1930 Glenview Rd; 5:30 pm. **See page 20.**

June 4th - [Highwood Pride Fest](#), Highwood Ave, Highwood

June 5th - Buffalo Grove Pride Parade! **PFLAG is registered to march. Join us! See page 11.**

June 6th - Deerfield Pride Presentation at Deerfield Village Hall; 7:15 pm

June 11th - Ottawa Family Pride Festival in historic downtown Ottawa. 10 am - 5 pm

June 12th - Woodstock Pride Parade – 11 am

June 12th – Grayslake Pride Parade – noon. **See page 22.**

June 17th-19th - Chicago Pride Fest

June 20th - PFLAG-Pride Month Program at Fox Lake Library - 5:30-6:30 pm

June 25th - Chicago - Pride on the Pier, 1-5 pm. **We are planning to have a booth!**

June 25th - Homer Glen - Pride in the Parking Lot, 1-5 pm. **See page 22.**

June 26th - Chicago Pride Parade – **PFLAG is registered to march. Join us! See page 11.**

July 3rd - Crystal Lake Independence Day Parade

Pride Photos

This issue includes many photos from past years' pride events shared by our members. Create new wonderful memories this year, as pride parades and festivals return to in-person format! Don't forget to send this year's photos to Open Doors!



PFLAG DuPage, Wheaton Fourth of July Parade, 2016



Members of PFLAG DuPage with US Congressman Bill Foster and IL Senator Laura Ellman at Naper Pride! September 2021



PFLAG DuPage and PFLAG Aurora/Fox Valley march in the Chicago PRIDE Parade, June 2019

See more old Pride photos on pages 12-14 →→→



From PFLAG National

FEDERAL

[US Airforce commits to protecting LGBTQ+ personnel and families.](#) A press release from the Air Force said that LGBTQ+ service members and their families will have access to help with screening, treatment, and mental health concerns, as well as the Exceptional Family Member Program, which is designed to assist families with special needs with medical, legal, and educational support. PFLAG National has newly released a publication for military families with LGBTQ+ kids. Learn more at www.pflag.org/AtEase.

[Biden administration reveals “Equity Action Plans” to make federal services more accessible.](#)

The intention behind the plans is to address systemic barriers that prevent members of marginalized communities from accessing federal programs. Plans have been released in more than 90 federal agencies.

[White House releases memorandum on Advancing the Human Rights of LGBTQI+ Persons Around the World.](#) The memorandum acknowledges the continued fight around the world for LGBTQI+ rights and claims that the U.S. should be at the forefront of this struggle.

COURT

[Federal judge orders first gender-affirming surgery for a prisoner.](#) A federal judge from the US District Court for the Southern District of Illinois ordered the Federal Bureau of Prisons to secure gender-affirming surgery for Cristina Nichole Iglesias, a transgender inmate. Iglesias has been fighting to receive the procedure for six years.

MEDIA

[Disney refuses to cut LGBTQ+ scene from new Dr. Strange movie for censors.](#) Saudi Arabian officials asked Disney to cut a scene in which lesbian superhero America Chavez make passing reference to her two moms. Disney refuses to cut the scene, which means that Doctor Strange in the Multiverse of Madness may be banned from Saudi Arabia.

GLOBAL

Canada - [Canada removes ban on blood donations for men who have sex with men \(MSM\).](#) Canadian health officials removed a ban on blood donations from MSM; Health Canada called the move "a significant milestone toward a more inclusive blood donation system."

Norway - [Government officially apologizes for previous anti-gay law.](#) Between 1902 and 1950, 119 individuals were jailed for violating the law that criminalized same-sex relationships between men. Norway decriminalized homosexuality in 1972, and now the government is issuing an official apology for the law.

Russia - [Court orders dissolution of St. Petersburg LGBTQ+ rights organization.](#) In February, Russia's Justice ministry filed a lawsuit to disband and dissolve Sphere Foundation, claiming their activities contradict "traditional values." On April 21, judge ruled in favor of the Justice Ministry.

Russia - [Court fines Tik-Tok and Instagram for “Gay Propaganda.”](#) Judge found Tik-Tok guilty of violating the requirements of the Gay Propaganda law requiring the company to delete "offending materials". Another court case found that Meta, which owns Instagram, also violated this requirement of the law.

South Korea - [Supreme Court overturns convictions of gay soldiers.](#) The Supreme Court of South Korea threw out a military court ruling convicting two gay soldiers for having relations outside of military facilities. They determined that this was an unlawful stretch of the country's military sodomy law, which is widely criticized by human rights advocates.

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/>



News from PFLAG Hinsdale

by Barb Medley

Our May 1st speaker was Andrew Fishman, a social worker employed by the Juniper Center. At the Center, he works mainly with LGBTQ clients, some of whom are on the autism spectrum. Andrew has worked with autistic clients, mostly young adults, for the past several years. He now works with, as he affectionately calls them, “trans kids, autistic young people, and nerds.” Currently two-thirds of his clients are trans and two-thirds autistic. He developed a group session for these clients to practice getting to know people by introducing themselves through improv. He often utilizes gaming with his clients. Andrew’s presentation was very educational, and I think we all learned a lot from him.

In his presentation, Andrew defined gender as male or female as assigned at birth, cisgender as gender assigned at birth and how someone identifies, transgender as someone identifying differently than gender assigned at birth, and gender nonconforming as someone who’s identity doesn’t fit with societal-accepted male and female genders.

Andrew noted that research has found that 25% of autistic people identify as transgender nonconforming. This large number may be because they don’t care what people think. Or maybe they just identify themselves in different ways. “Autistic” is the preferred term by 90% of autistic adults. (Asperger’s is no longer a psychiatric diagnosis and is falling out of favor as a defining term.) In Andrew’s words, “It’s not bad to be autistic – it’s just different.”

In Andrew’s opinion, Autism Speaks is not a recommended support group. They have no autistic people on their board. They want to work with making autistic people “normal.” He recommended these organizations to support instead – Autistic Self-Advocacy Network (ASAN) and Autistic Women and Nonbinary Network (AWN). Andrew summed things up nicely - Autism is not bad and can’t be cured. They need accommodations to lead happy

lives. He recommended the resource, www.thelistforus.com – a Chicagoland-based collection of resources for trans and gender nonconforming people and those who support them.

Andrew is working on forming weekly groups for high schoolers, one a gaming group and one for autistic trans nonconforming young people to help them feel comfortable with one another and form friendships. He can be reached at AndrewFishman@TheJuniperCenter.com and Andrew@VideoGameHealth.com.

Our speaker for June 5 will be Mony Ruiz-Velasco, who is the Deputy Director of Equality Illinois. She’s an attorney and an advocate dealing mostly with immigrants’ rights and social justice issues, including working with LGBTQ asylum seekers. Our meeting time will return to 2 p.m. and we’ll have a hybrid meeting. For those who wish to attend in person, we’ll be back at the Hinsdale Unitarian Church, but for this month we’ll meet at the Joshi Chapel just west of the church.

At our meeting last night, we were asked to provide a list of upcoming events. Here it is:

- **June 1:** Glenview Community Pride Month celebration at Glenview Public Library; 1930 Glenview Rd; 5:30 pm
- **June 5:** Buffalo Grove Pride Parade!! Deerfield is marching in it...more info to follow
- **June 6:** Deerfield Pride Presentation at Deerfield Village Hall; 7:15 pm
- **June 18:** We will have a table at the Deerfield Farmers’ Market 7:00 am till noon. Button machine, pin making, etc. STOP BY
- **June PFLAG Meeting** will be awarding of Ohadi Scholarships...This will NOT be a regular meeting of support, but rather one of celebration.

Don’t forget: When looking for which judges to vote for in Illinois: go to www.injusticewatch.org

Contains what each judge has done and how she/he has ruled.

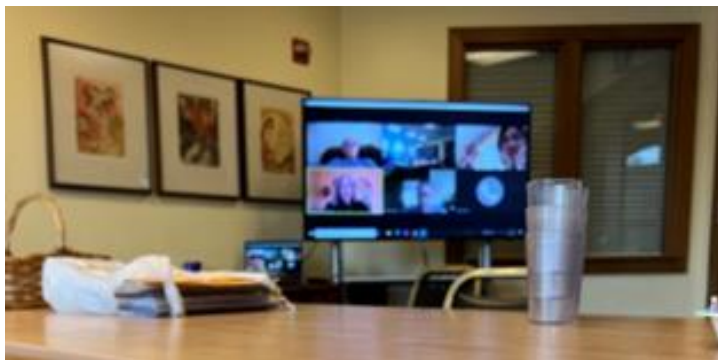
Hope to see you all at next meeting.



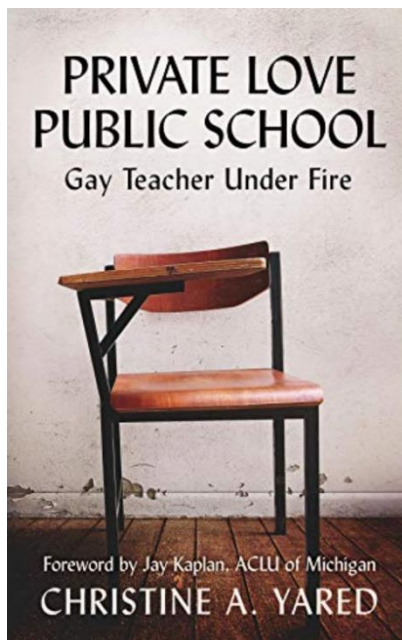
News from PFLAG Oak Park

by Tara Chavez

Hello from Oak Park! We held our first ever HYBRID meeting on April 24th and it was a success! To accommodate all, members joined either in person or remotely via Zoom. We had members from Illinois, Michigan, and New York in attendance. The conversation was incredible!



Our April speaker was author, attorney, and activist, Christine Yared. Christine spoke about her book, ***Private Love, Public School: Gay Teacher Under Fire***. *Private Love, Public School* recounts the shocking true story of what happened when community members imposed their own beliefs to determine the fate of talented high school music teacher, Gerry Crane. As Christine explained, Crane's inspiring story details



[Amazon](#)

[Barnes & Noble](#)

[Goodreads](#)

disturbing LGBTQ+ discrimination against a talented educator that also helped pave the way for activists to earn more rights for LGBTQ+ people. It is a must-read for all.

We will once again offer the hybrid option at our next meeting, held every fourth Sunday at First United Church of Oak Park, 848 Lake St, Oak Park, IL 60301. We plan to discuss upcoming events that include Donut Day at the Farmers' Market, the Chicago Pride Parade that kicks off in June, and Oak Park's premier community event, A Day in Our Village.

A Day in Our Village is set to return from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Sunday, June 5, 2022, in Scoville Park. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the event was canceled in 2020 and 2021. This community festival provides an opportunity for all residents to discover the diversity and variety of civic, cultural, social service, business, educational and religious organizations and groups in the Village. Our booth will be next to OPALGA's. We give out dozens of buttons during this event.

News from PFLAG Deerfield

by Jodi

I am happy to report that we have resumed in person meetings! A big thanks (and a PFLAG hug) to our very own Jim Levie for bringing us back together with a hybrid option. It was great to be together; and to also be with those who Zoomed in! We caught up on each other's lives; shared our stories; shared information; and tried our best to support one another. Current events have many of us looking for ways to expand our advocacy. We plan to continue this important discussion.

We will not hold a regular meeting in June, but instead will come together to celebrate the winners of the 2022 Jean Paul Ohadi Scholarship. Please join us to recognize these outstanding students who will help lead us into a better tomorrow!



News from PFLAG McHenry

by Julie Schoen

Greetings from PFLAG McHenry! We hope this finds everyone happy, healthy and enjoying the warmer weather. We are happy to announce the results of the April election of our new board.

Results are as follows:

- Cate Becker (Co-President)
- Mary Genzler (Co-President)
- Carolann Marlise Dunn (Vice President)
- Raina Hodgson (Treasurer)
- Julie Schoen (Secretary)
- As well as Toni Weaver as Executive Committee Member at large.

We are a solid team of advocates ready to work hard on all things LGBTQ+ and beyond.

The Merriam-Webster dictionary defines joy as:

- 1 :a state of happiness or felicity
- 2 :a source or cause of delight-bliss

Well, that was exactly the way PFLAG McHenry felt upon returning to in-person meetings this past May 10th. It brought us a great sense of happiness and delight to have people walk into our doors and sit in a group all together again after being apart for over two years. We had a wonderful turnout of 20 attendees with lots of sharing and connecting. Being remote for so long was a blessing in many ways, but to reconnect face to face really felt amazing. PFLAG McHenry will now be meeting in-person on the second Tuesday of each month at The Tree of Life Unitarian Church in McHenry from 7-9 pm. We will also have a remote option for those who may not be ready to meet face to face or who cannot make it out. **Our next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, June 14th from 7-9 at The Tree of Life Unitarian Church in McHenry.** All are welcome.

Life is slowly shifting back to a place of normality with PFLAG McHenry participating in many Pride events throughout the upcoming summer months.

On Sunday, May 22nd we manned a PFLAG booth at an event in Woodstock called Planet Palooza (see photos below and on the next page). On Sunday June 5th all local PFLAG chapters are invited to march together in the Buffalo Grove Pride Parade. Our lineup spot is D18 on [this map](#). On Sunday June 12th, starting at 11:00, we will be proudly marching in the Woodstock Pride parade, come and join us in spreading PFLAG pride! We will also be doing a “PFLAG-Pride Month” program at the Fox Lake Public library on Monday, June 20th from 5:30-6:30 which will be open to the public. Please contact the Fox Lake library at (847)-587-0198 if you’d like to register for this very important program. Later in June, we’ll send information about our participation in the Chicago Pride Parade on June 26th together with other PFLAG chapters. On July 3rd we will again be proudly marching in the Crystal Lake Independence Day parade. Please join us and show off your pride colors.

Stay tuned for late July and August happenings...until then, be well and live strong!!

For the list of upcoming Pride events see page 3.

Photos from Planet Palooza in Woodstock on May 22nd where PFLAG McHenry had a booth:



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News from PFLAG DuPage

by Bonnie Clemens



↑ Julie Schoen and Cate Becker –
co-presidents of PFLAG McHenry ↓ Cate Becker



For our May chapter meeting Pastor Anders Nelson (he/they) from St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Wheaton joined us. Pastor Anders' ministry explores queer theology and works to develop theological imagination through story telling. He shared his personal journey from his roots of being raised Lutheran to his present position as Associate Pastor at St. Paul's. He spoke about the difference between a church attempting to fit queer people into the status quo versus interpreting theology in a way that includes queer people. Pastor Anders is committed to ensuring that LGBTQIA+ voices are heard and reckoned with within the wider church.

PFLAG DuPage will be participating in several events in June. These include the LGBTQ+ Family Pride Fest in Lombard, the St. Charles Park District Pride Fest, and a Carol Stream Pride Concert. At the end of the month, you will find us marching in the Chicago PRIDE Parade. We are really excited to return to our usual summer activities after a grueling 2 years of the pandemic. Let the parties begin!

Please join us at our next meeting on June 19, 2022 at 2pm via Zoom.



Resources/events recommended by PFLAG DuPage

[PFLAG Publications](#)

[Our Trans Loved Ones](#)

[Guide to Being a Trans Ally](#)

[Fish Out of Water - YouTube](#)

[For the Bible Tells Me So - can watch with your public library card](#)

[Anyone and Everyone Documentary by Susan Polis Schutz \(56 min\) - YouTube](#)

LGBTQ+ Forest Therapy Walk

at The Morton Arboretum

June 18, 2022

9am to noon

[Learn more and register](#)

The Morton Arboretum is offering a forest therapy walk for the LGBTQ+ community during Pride Month in June. The walk will be led by a certified forest therapy guide who is also queer. It'll be a fun and inclusive opportunity to connect with nature and each other through gentle walking meditations in a peaceful setting. Ages 16+

Nature Beyond the Binary (online)

June 16, 2022

6:30 to 8:00pm

[Learn more and register](#)

Nature Beyond the Binary is back! The Morton Arboretum is hosting this online program about nonbinary nature with Nateo Carreno, who examines the history and science of nonbinary plants and animals. It's an amazing program chock full of information and time for discussion as well. Ages 16+

News from PFLAG Ottawa

by Ken Brown

For the month of May, PFLAG Ottawa is moving its meeting to the fifth Sunday of the month so that we may enjoy a special presentation about the AIDS Quilt. At the meeting, Sarah Reckmeyer will share the history of the *NAMES Project AIDS Memorial Quilt*. Two panels of the AIDS Quilt will be displayed in the sanctuary of Open Table Church during the Ottawa Family Pride Festival in June (See below for information on the Pride Fest). Sarah has done incredible work in preparing the display, and we look forward to her presentation and the display of the Quilt panels during Pride Fest. Our May meeting will take place on Sunday, May 29, 2:30 pm, at Open Table Church in downtown Ottawa.

For those who may have missed PFLAG Ottawa's news in last month's Open Doors, I wanted to again share some information about an upcoming Pride month event. **This June, the inaugural Ottawa Family Pride Festival will take place in historic downtown Ottawa. The Pride Fest will be held on Saturday, June 11, from 10:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m.**

PFLAG Ottawa will be well represented at the Fest. We will have a booth with flyers, wristbands, pins, flags, and more in support of PFLAG and the LGBTQIA+ community. Youth Outlook, Equality Illinois, and Open Table Church will also be represented at the Fest. Youth Outlook and Equality Illinois will each have information booths. And Open Table Church has gathered singers to perform in a PRIDE CHOIR (myself included).

The event will begin with a "Pets for Pride" Pet Parade around Washington Square Park. The rest of the day will include live music, vendors, crafts, food trucks, activities for adults and kids, performers, and drag story time at Prairie Fox Books. **SAVE THE DATE -- come to visit with us and celebrate Pride in Ottawa!!**



News from PFLAG Rockford

by Frank Langholf

We have our monthly meeting on Tuesday June 7th at 6-8 PM. We meet at the Library Branch at 6685 E State St, Rockford, IL. Our theme will be **Advocacy**. We have been to two school board meetings advocating against the banning of books, and for the participation of a trans-student in athletics. We know that laws are being made that restrict freedom in various states. We will be talking about how to be effective in our advocacy.

Join us at Buffalo Grove Pride Parade!

Buffalo Grove Pride is returning this year with a Pride Parade format after two years of Pride Drives due to the pandemic. The PFLAG Council of Northern Illinois has registered to march in the parade and families from all PFLAG chapters are welcome to participate.

Sunday, June 5
Checker Drive at 11 am
Family-Friendly | All Ages Welcome
Our lineup meeting spot is D18 on [this map](#).

Join us at Chicago Pride Parade!

Pride Month is just around the corner and we are gearing up for PFLAG's celebration as part of the Chicago Pride Parade which will kick off at noon on Sunday, June 26th. We hope our chapters are looking forward to this very special opportunity to show our support for the LGBTQ+ community and spend time with each other. As you know, we've registered for the parade and have secured our signature trolley for the day. Details will be emailed to chapter leaders as soon as organizers finalize the Parade lineup. If you want to volunteer to help us with the Parade, please email to info@pflagillinois.org.



PFLAG Council of Northern Illinois donation to organizations supporting LGBTQ+ Community

The PFLAG Northern Illinois Council found itself in an unusual position this year. Due to Covid and the lack of activities such as the Pride Parade and our biannual conference in the last two years, we had an excess of funds in our treasury. The Council voted to put some of it to good use.

Eight organizations were nominated by PFLAG chapters to be recipients of a one-time donation for their support of the local LGBTQ+ community and each will receive (or has already received) a one-time donation of \$1,250.

These are donation recipients in alphabetical order:

- Brave Space Alliance
www.bravespacealliance.org
- Buffalo Grove Pride
www.buffalogrovepride.com
- LIAM Foundation
www.facebook.com/theliampfoundation
- Life Is Work
www.lifeisworks.org
- McHenry County Mental Health Board
www.mc708.org
- OPALGA
www.opalga.org
- Pride Youth
www.ysgn.org/services/pride
- Youth Outlook
www.youth-outlook.org

We thank all recipients for their passionate support of the LGBTQ+ community and will continue working with them as partners in our shared mission!

Pride Photos



← Well-attended event for PFLAG Oak Park is Day in Our Village 2018. PFLAG Oak Park has a booth (next to OPALGA's booth) and gives out lots of buttons.

↙ (bottom left) PFLAG DuPage joins PFLAG Aurora/Fox Valley at the Aurora PRIDE Parade, June 2019

↓ Members of PFLAG Council of Northern Illinois at Navy Pier Pride Event, June 2019



Pride Photos

This page and next – photos from past years' Pride events at Homer Glen / Lockport, shared by Michelle Eckmayer.



Send us new photos!

As you participate in Pride events this summer, please email new photos to opendoors@pflagillinois.org for publication in Open Doors.



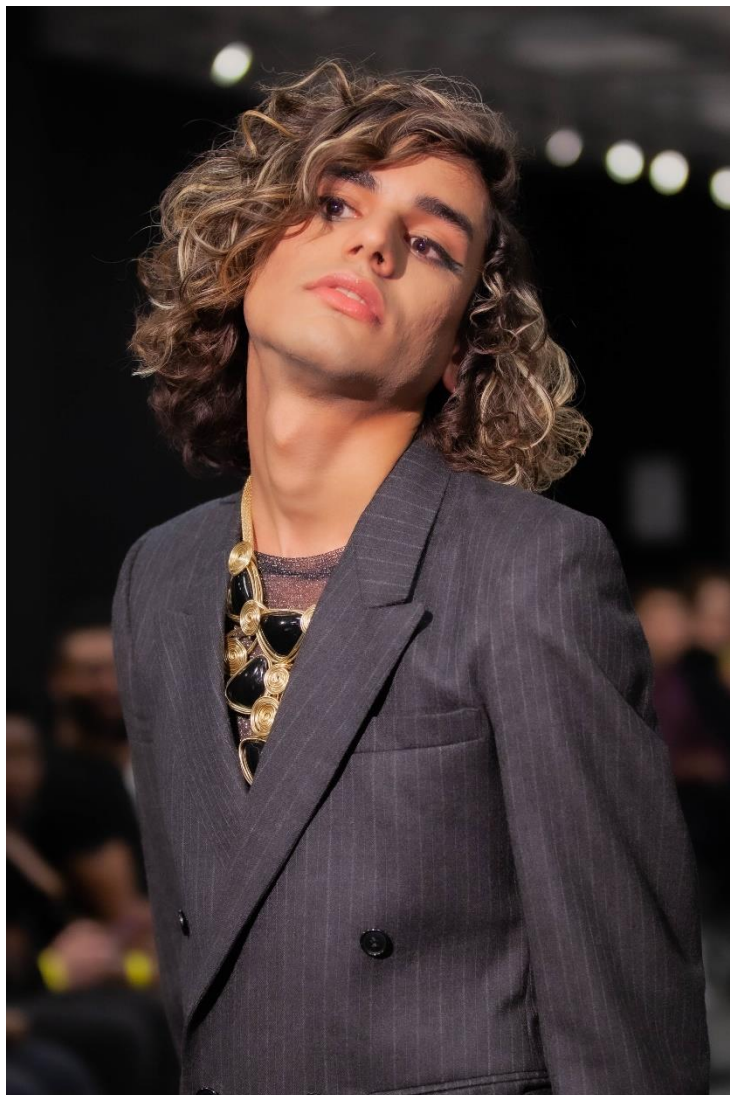


Trans Media Fashion

Trans Media Fashion took place on April 28th during **Chicago Fashion Week** powered by FashionBar LLC (www.fashionbarchicago.com). Images from the show appearing on the cover of this Open Doors issue and on the following pages were made by the photographer Kelsey Kurz from DePaul University. Tony Long, the CEO Of FashionBar LLC says: “Kelsey did an amazing job capturing all the models on the runway.”

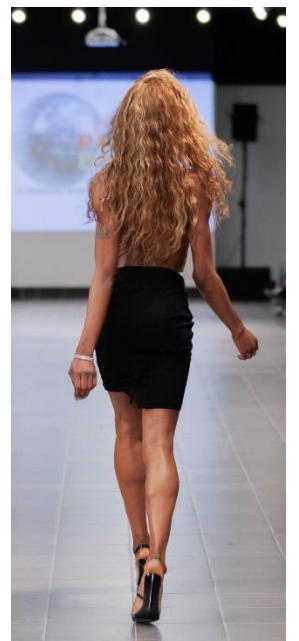
All the items were garments Tony Long collected in the past 20 years. There were 50 looks that were shown during the event. Tony says: “Trans Media Fashion is one of the joys of my life. This show would not be possible if it wasn't for the help and support by Tony Riviello and our partnership with Howard Brown Health (www.howardbrownhealth.com) and the V.O.I.C.E.S. Team at Broadway Youth Center. Jade Beauty Co and Mario Tricoci University provided hair and make-up.”

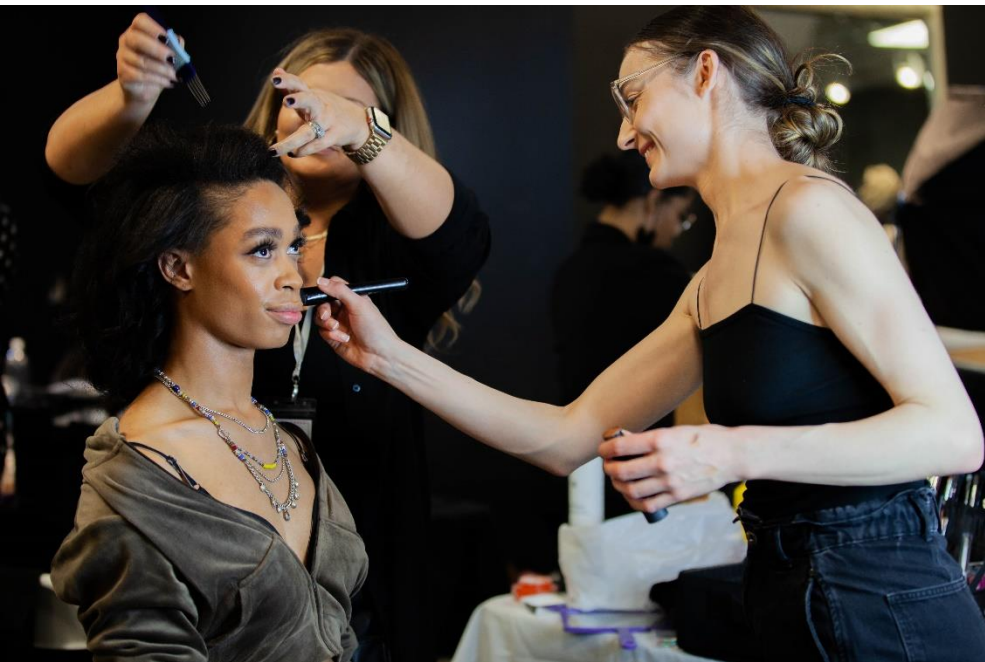
Tony is also working with a team to put together an annual event called **The Pride Ball** which will kick off this New Year's Eve. He plans to make The Pride Ball “the Opulence of the LGBTQIA, especially Trans and Non Binary People that gave us Pride at Stone Wall in NYC. I never want to lose sight of how Pride was established, and I'd like to have an even to celebrate Trans and Non Binary and Gender Non-conforming community.”











↑↑ Behind the scenes



Photography by Kelsey Kurz
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You are invited to the...

Glenview Community Pride Month Celebration

**Glenview Public Library
1930 Glenview Road, Glenview
Wednesday, June 1
5:30 p.m.**

Join Glenview Pride, Commissioner Scott Britton, local leaders, allies, and members of the LGBTQ+ community as we celebrate Pride month!



For more information, visit www.glenviewpride.org

Equality IL

On Saturday, June 4, the **Equality Illinois Pride Kickoff Brunch** is back! We will bring together more than 400+ community leaders and champions to celebrate the LGBTQ+ community and support our critical advocacy work to build a better Illinois for LGBTQ+ people.

[REGISTER HERE](#)

This year, we are honoring Illinois House Majority Leader Greg Harris, the first LGBTQ+ person to serve as a legislative leader in the Illinois General Assembly, advocate for strong human services and healthcare agencies and organizations, and champion of the marriage equality law in 2013 and the birth certificate modernization law in 2017.

Help Equality Illinois launch Pride Month with a celebration of the community who help us advance LGBTQ+ equality all year round. The proceeds go towards the LGBTQ +civil rights advocacy work of Equality Illinois.

**Equality Illinois Pride
Kickoff Brunch
11:30 am-1:30 pm
Saturday, June 4
Venue West
221 N. Paulina, Chicago**

Boarding Pass

YOUTH OUTLOOK PRESENTS

PRIDE AROUND THE WORLD

DESTINATION

**Naperville Transcend's Youth
Queer Prom (ages 12-20)**

1828 Old Naperville Rd



SCAN TO REGISTER

6:30-9:30 PM
Wednesday, June 15th



YOUTHOUTLOOK

Questions? Contact B Wenzel at b.wenzel@youth-outlook.org

Fishel Park
1000 Grove St,
Downers Grove, IL
60515

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journey

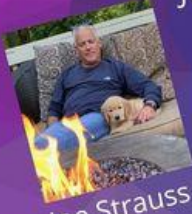
Powerful,
inspiring, &
often
hilarious
LGBTQ+
stories of
resilience
& survival.

*Storytelling Event
Community Picnic*

JUNE 4, 2022
1:00PM



Ken Beales



Joe Strauss



Ken Palmer



Jennifer
Marcellis

<https://downersgrove.libnet.info/event/6539275>



YOUTHOUTLOOK

Youth Outlook is hosting events:

- [Elmhurst Summer Kickoff on Thursday, June 2nd](#)
- [The Pride and Performance Ball on Tuesday, June 7th in Naperville](#)



Lambda Legal
making the case for equality

**NEW: LGBTQ+
Students' Rights Video
Series!**



The series, and accompanying resources, are aimed at informing public school students of their rights as they relate to their gender identity and expression and their sexual orientation. Each episode will cover different topics that impact the everyday lives of LGBTQ+ students across the country.

**Watch episodes 1 and 2 on
YouTube:**

Lambda Legal
presents

The Students' Rights Series

Episode 1: Who You Can Bring to Prom

With Sr. Counsel
Paul Castillo

Hosted by
@amberscloset

**LGBTQIA+ TEENS
MINDFULNESS RETREAT
JULY 19 - 24**

Inward Bound
Mindfulness
Education

AGES 15-19



PFLAG Grayslake / Round Lake presents

Grayslake Pride Parade • June 12, 2022 • noon

BETTER TOGETHER

PRIDE
in the
Parking Lot

Saturday, June 25, 2022
1:00-5:00pm
Come & Celebrate
Music, Food,
Fun & Friendship

Family Friendly

Guest Starring
Lucy
Foozie

Cross of Glory
Parking Lot
14719 W. 163rd
Homer Glen

PFLAG
Homer Glen • Lockport

***PRIDE Themed
Softball Game in
Rosemont on
August 21st***

[Athletes Unlimited](#) are returning to Rosemont for the **Pro Softball Season 3** from July 29th through August 28th! The best pro softball players will battle it out, including Aleshia Ocasio, Rachel Garcia, Haylie McCleney, Bubba Nickles, Sis Bates, and sisters Sierra and Sydney Romero! Games will be played at **Parkway Bank Sports Complex in Rosemont, IL.**

Athletes Unlimited plans to host a **PRIDE themed game on Sunday, August 21st** and would love for PFLAG to have a presence on this game date. Discounted tickets are available for groups of 10+ starting at just \$14. Additionally, you can earn added exposure based on the number of tickets purchased. Groups of 10+ will receive a group welcome message, 50+ can take an on-field photo after game 2 with select athletes, and 100+ will be eligible to have a group member throw the ceremonial first pitch!

Call **646-854-1260** for more information.



THE TREVOR PROJECT

The [2022 National Survey on LGBTQ Youth Mental Health](#) of nearly 34,000 LGBTQ youth from across the country demonstrates that suicidal thoughts have trended upward among LGBTQ young people over the last three years. It makes The Trevor Project's life-saving work all the more important. The impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic and relentless political attacks during this time period cannot be understated.

Here are just some of the insights from this year's survey:

- 45% of respondents seriously considered attempting suicide in the past year, including more than half of transgender and nonbinary youth (53%) and 1 in 3 cisgender youth (33%).
- LGBTQ youth with high support from their family reported attempting suicide at less than half the rate of those with lower support.
- 60% of youth who wanted mental health care in the past year were not able to get it.
- 32% of transgender and nonbinary youth found their home to be gender-affirming and a little more than half (51%) found their school to be affirming.

See the full report [HERE](#).

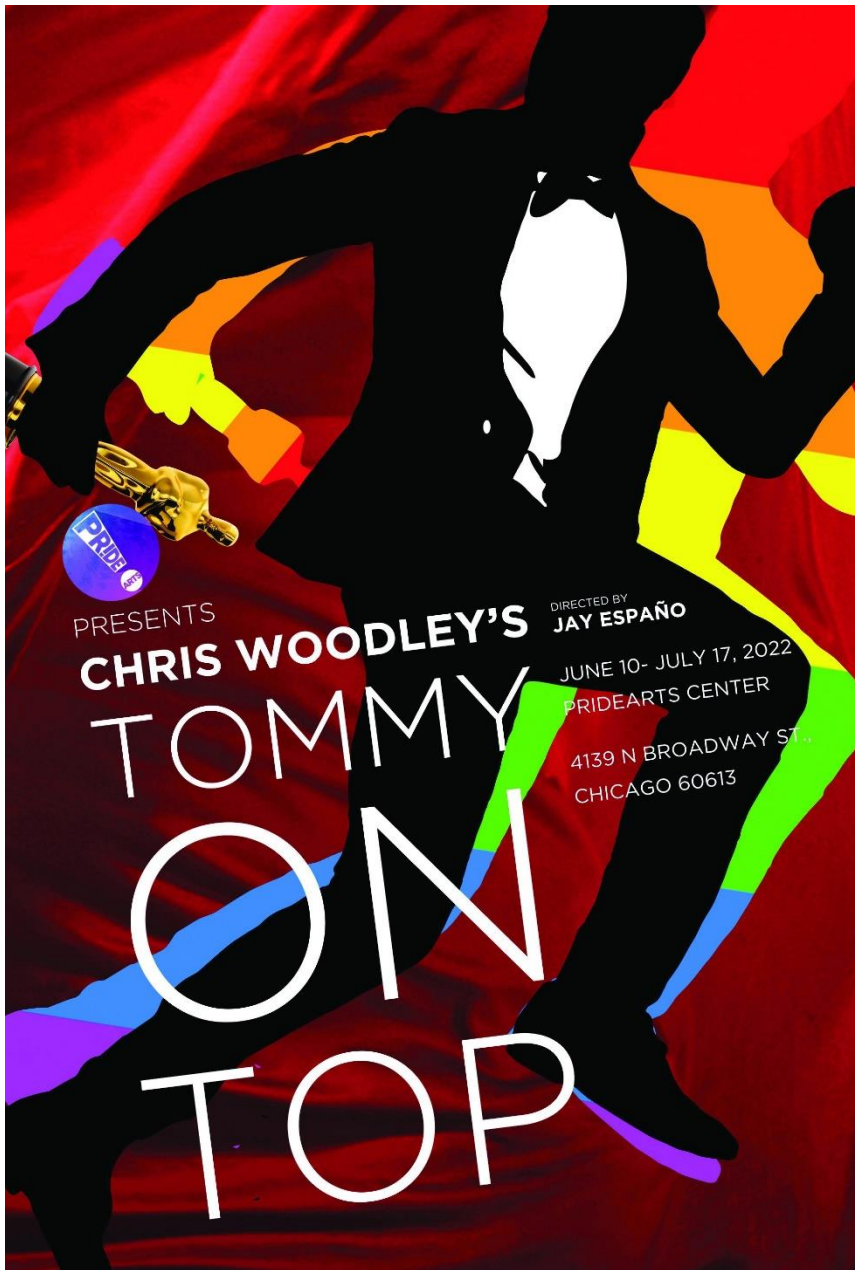
The Trevor Project is the world's largest suicide prevention and crisis intervention organization for LGBTQ (lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, and questioning) young people. www.thetrevorproject.org



THEATER, MOVIES



[Pride Arts](https://pridearts.org) pridearts.org



Coming Events at Pride Arts:

June 1 to 8 Summer Film Fest Feature
LOOK ME OVER: LIBERACE

June 8 to 15 Summer Film Fest Features
THE SCHOOLMASTER GAMES

June 10 to July 17 Live Performance
TOMMY ON TOP

Tommy Miller, a closeted Hollywood heartthrob, is nominated for an Oscar and is a shoo-in to win Best Actor. His bibulous sister Molly and his musical theater obsessed hair stylist boyfriend George are with him to celebrate the event in his Beverly Hills suite.

But the day is dampened when talent manager to the stars Judy shows up to break the shocking news: celebrity blogger Kiki Lopez is threatening to out Tommy with some incriminating photos. Meanwhile, Tommy's gay Republican talent agent Eddie goes berserk when he discovers that Judy is also trying to poach Tommy to be in her roster of stars. More chaos ensues when Kiki shows up at the door and they all concoct hilarious antics to protect Tommy's secret.

June 13 Cabaret **Scott Gryder and Nick Sula**

June 20 Cabaret **Kyra Leigh**

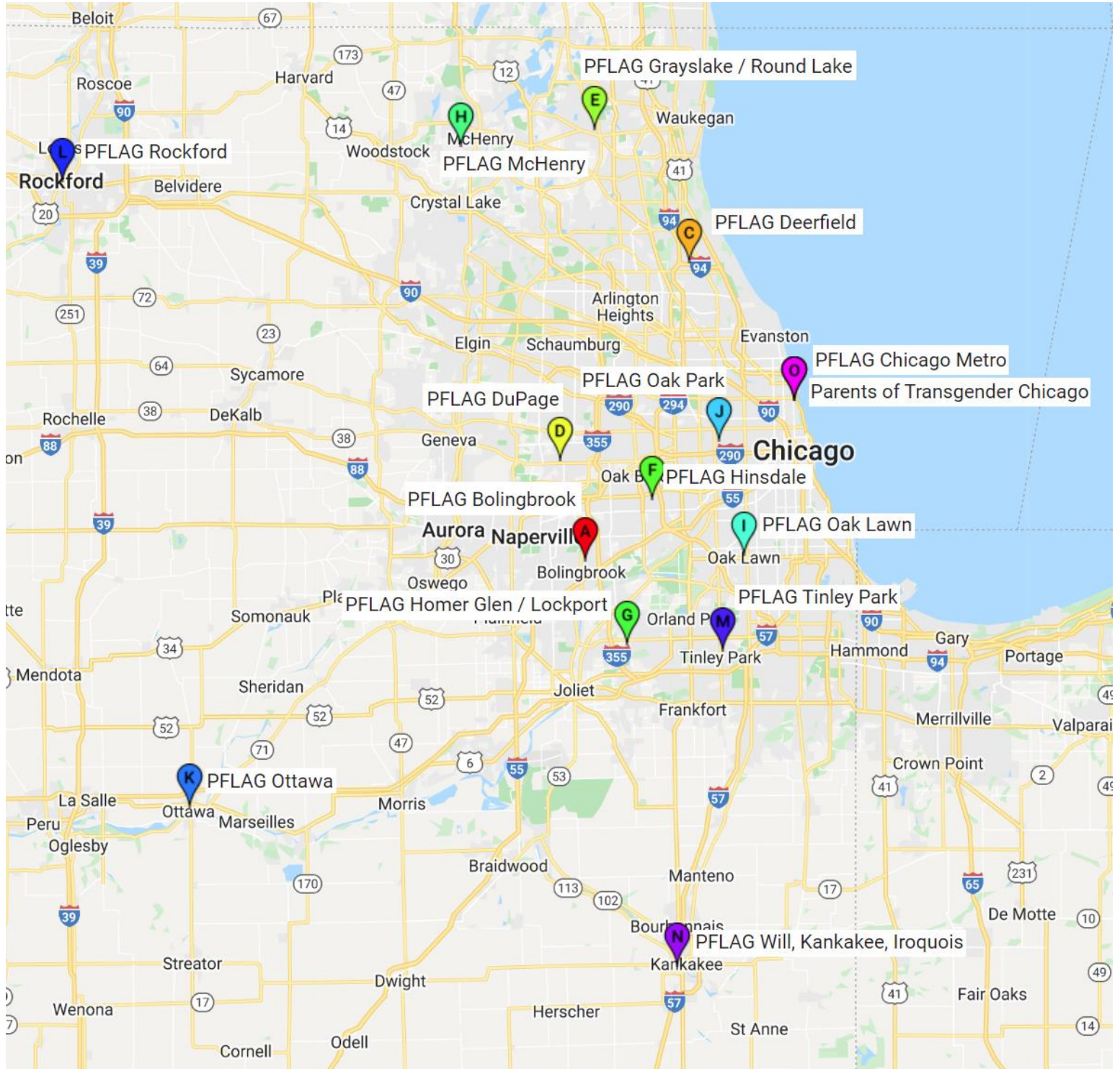
July 5 to 12 **Summer Film Fest International Shorts Week 1**

July 12 to 19 **Summer Film Fest International Shorts Week 2**

[Purchase Tickets For All Events Here](#)



PFLAG Northern Illinois Chapters



Click/tap anywhere on the map to open it online and find meeting dates/times/locations. Some chapters are meeting online on Zoom, and some are returning to in-person meetings. Contact the chapter for details before your very first meeting and watch for chapter announcements if you are a member.

