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**PFLAG**

Parents, Families and Friends of Lesbians and Gays

*Support, Education, Advocacy*

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**Next Meeting: Sunday, April 16, 2005 2:00-4:00 pm**

### **Mission Statement**

PFLAG promotes the health and well-being of gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender persons, their families and friends through:

- support, to cope with an adverse society
- education, to enlighten an ill-informed public; and
- advocacy, to end discrimination and to secure equal civil rights.

PFLAG provides opportunities for discussions about about sexual orientation, and acts to create a society that is healthy and respectful of human diversity.

### **Meetings**

**Time:** Third Sunday of each month, September through May from 2:00 - 4:00 pm  
(except holidays when the meeting will be rescheduled)

**Place:** Friends Meeting House, 1704 Roberts Court, Madison, WI  
Roberts Court parallels Monroe Street behind Associated Bank. Turn right from Monroe onto Stockton Court. You may park either in front of the Meeting House or in the bank parking lot.

**Guidelines:** Meetings begin with a welcome and then a one hour program usually with outside speakers. Following a short break, we then go around the room and introduce ourselves which often leads into discussions of issues concerning us all.

## **2005 PFLAG NEWSLETTER DEADLINES**

May 1	September 3
June 4	October 1
July 2	November 5
August 6	December 3

*Please e-mail any articles you would like to have included by or before the deadline date to:*

**Jim Dietrich at  
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## Meeting Topics and Events for Madison PFLAG 2005

Note: this schedule may change so see the web site (PFLAG-Madison.org) for updates.

**MAY 15, 2005**

*Stage Q (Bonnie Abrams)*

*Tom Mclurg, Artistic Director of Madison's Stage Q will talk to us about how this theatrical troupe got started and his experiences in presenting gay themed plays in Madison.*

### CHURCHES AND ORGANIZATIONS ARE ENDORSING MAYDAY AT FOCUS ON THE FAMILY IN COLORADO SPRINGS!

Soulforce expects well over 1000 people from Colorado and across the nation to attend the May 1st protest against James Dobson and Focus on the family in Colorado Springs, CO April 30-May2. . Soulforce is expecting CNN, Associated Press, Denver Post, film crews from Canada and California, and much more press as well to be there to cover the event.

Additionally, many churches and national, regional, and local organizations are ENDORSING this event, including the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force, Tikkun, Pikes Peak Gay & Lesbian Community Center, National Organization for Women, Lambda Rising Bookstore, PFLAG, Church of All Saints, The Interfaith Alliance of Colorado, and more!

For an ongoing list of endorsing organizations, see: [www.soulforce.org/televangelists/dobson/2005action/endorsements.php](http://www.soulforce.org/televangelists/dobson/2005action/endorsements.php). More churches and organizations are signing on every day!

To become an endorsing organization, go to: [www.soulforce.org/televangelists/dobson2005action/endorse\\_colorado\\_action.php](http://www.soulforce.org/televangelists/dobson2005action/endorse_colorado_action.php)  
For more information and to register for the event go to [soulforce.org](http://soulforce.org).



### International LGBT Conference!

In contrast to what we've grown accustomed to seeing in this country, the Canadian Government is actually helping to sponsor an International LGBT conference called "The Right to Be Different" beginning Wednesday, July 26, 2006. It will take place right before the 1st World OutGAMES, and will be an exciting organizing conference where you can meet members of our community from all over the world who are activists and organizers. The website for this information is [www.montreal2206.org/en\\_conference.html](http://www.montreal2206.org/en_conference.html) We think this is a very valuable initiative and would like to see a sizeable USA presence at this historical conference. So check out their website, and participate!

Here is an overview of the conference from the Montreal organizers:

"A Conference entitled The Right to Be Different will begin on Wednesday 26 July 2006 with an opening address by an internationally recognized personality during a gala dinner given to officially inaugurate the Conference.

"The following morning at the Palais des congrès, Montréal's convention center, the first plenary session will be held, bringing together some 2,000 participants. The Co-Presidents of the Conference, Ms. Joke Swiebel, former Member of the European Parliament, and Professor Robert Wintemute from the School of Law at King's College London will lead the opening discussions.

"Over the next three days, Conference participants will be offered four more plenary sessions, featuring a number of internationally renowned keynote speakers, and will be able to choose from up to 250 workshops (up to 50 simultaneous workshops during each of five workshop sessions), which will deal with the many aspects of the Conference themes. Important note: Workers Out (see Conference Themes) will hold a preliminary symposium beginning Wednesday, 26 July. That evening, participants will then take part in the main Conference program. Finally, on Saturday 29 July, there will be a lunch to close the Conference, which will include the adoption of the Montréal Declaration."

For a special deal on registrations from the U.S., go to [http://www.montreal2006.org/en\\_WRD\\_April.html](http://www.montreal2006.org/en_WRD_April.html)