

PFLAG Madison

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Meeting Place:

Friends Meeting House, 1704 Roberts Court, Madison, WI

Meeting: 2:00 to 4:00 PM, 3rd Sunday of the month, Sept. to May

National PFLAG Website: <http://www.pflag.org>

Parents, Families, Friends and Allies United with LGBTQ People to move equality forward

Support

Education

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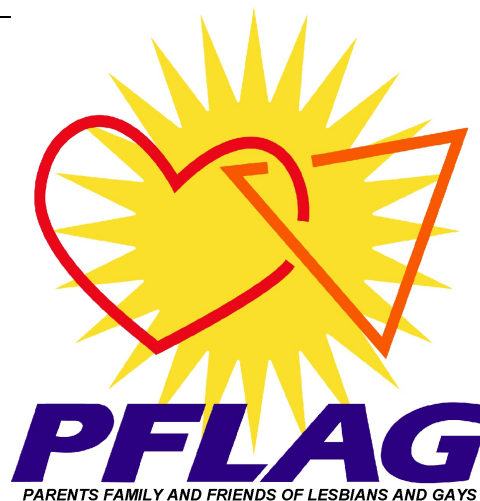
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NEXT MEETING – February 19

University of Wisconsin LGBTQ+ students will discuss their campus activities.

January 15th meeting summary

A parent from the Madison Metropolitan School District's (MMSD) Transparent group spoke at the January general meeting. The group meets the second Monday from 6-8 pm at Wright Middle School during the academic school year. Student volunteers from Edgewood high school provide childcare. The group is open to anyone and the email list is confidential. They have their annual end-of-year picnic in May. The contact person is Sherrie Hohs shohs@madison.k12.wi.us.

The main focus of the group are the issues within the schools that affect LGBTQ+ students including bullying, discipline, lack of fairness, etc. They also discuss broader topics such as the recent discussion concerning the possible elimination of transgender healthcare benefits for state employees. Currently they are looking for volunteers to host LGBTQ+ -themed book readings at the different branches of the Madison Public Library.

LGBTQ+ Intergenerational Conference:

Proud Theater, in collaboration with the Outreach LGBT Community Center, Trinity United Methodist Church, PFLAG-Madison, and the First United Methodist Church of Madison will hold its second annual LGBTQ+ intergenerational conference. Entitled 'Connections: Milestones', the event will be held on Saturday, March 11, 2017, at the First United Methodist Church, 203 Wisconsin Avenue in Madison, Wisconsin, from 9am to 4:30pm. Visit www.proudtheater.org, for more information or email info@proudtheater.org. Email your reservation form request at reservations@proudtheater.org. Also see [Second Annual LGBTQ+ Intergenerational Conference, Saturday, March 11, 2017](#). A flyer with registration information is attached.

Kay Heggstad Memorials:

In honoring Kay Heggstad, Casey Garhart and Jane LaFlash have replaced our parade banner with a new design and lettering to reflect the inclusionary mission of PFLAG as shown below:



PFLAG Voice - January 31, 2017

Longtime PFLAG member, chapter leader, and former national board member Dr. Kay Heggstad, passed away on Friday, January 13, 2017. Within just a few short days, her self-penned obituary--followed up with further details from her family (a “minority report” obituary) from her loving husband Dr. Paul Wertsch--went viral.

In her role on the board, she served as the chairperson of the Policy Committee, stewarding PFLAG National policy statements on LGBTQ anti-discrimination protections and Pre-exposure Prophylaxis (PrEP). Her story was also included in several PFLAG amicus briefs in support of marriage equality, including those submitted to the Seventh Circuit and Ninth Circuit Courts of Appeal.

Kay’s sense of humor permeates her self-memorialization, and those in the PFLAG family and beyond who knew her can hear her voice within the lines. According to Wertsch, she started writing the obit two years ago when she was diagnosed with bone marrow cancer, continually revising it until her passing.

[As reported by Minnesota Public Radio](#) and in many other outlets, humor and comedy were an important outlet for Kay. Paul shared, ““She wanted to have a funny obituary. She didn’t think death was that bad and it was just another phase and when you die, you die. So she wanted to have people laugh over it.”

[You can read both her self-penned obituary and Paul’s follow-up on the Minnesota Public Radio website here.](#)

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The unhappiest people in the world
are those who care the most
about what other people think.



Connections 2017: Milestones - Building LGBTQ+ Relationships

Saturday, March 11, 2017 – 9am – 4:30pm

First United Methodist Church, 203 Wisconsin Avenue, Madison WI 53703

Please complete information below and print clearly.

Date: ____/____/____

First Name: _____ **Last Name:** _____

My pronouns* are: He/him/his She/her/hers They/them/theirs Other: _____

* A pronoun is how an individual chooses to identify when not using their name. For example: 'Jane wears **her** hair short', or 'Ed got **his** cat spayed, or 'Tigger drove **their** car to Appleton in order to see **their** brother'.

Organization (if any): _____

Address: _____

City, State: _____ ZIP Code: _____

Contact Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

Age range: 13-17 18-29 30-39 40-49 50-59 60-69 70+

I have special food needs (allergies, etc.) _____

I need child care. My child is ____ years old.

I need handicap accessible parking.

(NOTE: There are 20 parking spaces at the church, which will be reserved for attendees with health or mobility issues. Others are encouraged to take public transportation or to park at one of the nearby public parking ramps.)

I would like to explore some specific topics in an intergenerational group, as noted below:

I can volunteer, and would like to volunteer at these times: 8-10 am 10 am – noon Noon to 3 pm 3-5 pm

Conference Fee – (Suggested donation is \$5 to \$20, to cover the cost of lunch, breaks, and workshop materials.)

My donation is \$_____. Check to “Proud Theater” enclosed. (Mark ‘Connections’ in the memo.)

Paid online (beginning January 9, 2017) at <https://squareup.com/market/proud-theater/connections-donations>

Fill in this form online and email to reservations@proudtheater.org. Or print out the form, fill it in, and snail mail to:
Proud Theater, Attn: Connections: Milestones Conference, PO Box 6306, Monona WI 53716.