

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>



President: Jeanne Williams

Treasurer: Paul Wertsch

Board Members: Sandy Feria, Michael Rosenman, and Jackie Wealti

Founded in 1973, PFLAG is the first and largest organization dedicated to supporting, educating, and advocating for LGBTQ+ people and their families.

Next Meeting, Sunday, May 21, 2023, 2:00PM, 1704 Roberts Ct - Annual Meeting & Guest Speaker

Each May we conduct our Annual Meeting prior to hearing our speaker. At this time board members and officers are elected or re-elected. If you are interested in becoming a board member, please email Jeanne at jtwilliams8348@gmail.com.



Guest speaker, Erika Gallagher (she/her) is a fourth year high school teacher. She spent three years at Capital High, a Title I, in the Madison Metropolitan School District before moving to Verona Area High School at the start of the 2022-2023 school year. Erika was a Posse scholar, triple-majored in English Literature, Gender & Women's Studies, and Social Welfare, and has a Masters of Science in Curriculum & Instruction from the University of Wisconsin-Madison. She is a WI lifetime certified teacher in Secondary English and ESL. This year she was awarded classroom grants from the Greater Madison Writing Project, the Verona Area Education Foundation, and the National Abolitionist Teaching Network. She is co-advisor of the VAHS Gender and Sexuality

Alliance, an eSports coach, and a leader in grading for equity, standards-based learning, and social justice issues. Hailing from the Washington, D.C. area, Erika has learned to love the snow, gardening, and living in Madison with her wife, two dogs, two cats, green cheek conure, gerbil, and various fish. She could not be more grateful for PFLAG-Madison for helping fund her excursion to the 2023 NEA LGBTQ+ Social Justice & Leadership Conference from April 21-23, 2023 -- it was an experience that truly changed her life! In the future, Erika hopes to get a reading license, her National Board Certification, and a Ph.D. in Educational Policy Studies.



Meeting Notes, April 16, 2023

PFLAG was entertained by speaker, Cass Marie. She was born and raised here in Madison. Cass is a renowned entertainer. She's been gracing stages, pride festivals, club shows, Drag competitions, tv, and radio spots for over 30 years. Her story is a poignant one; she spoke honestly about her struggles earlier in her life. Once Cass found her way to the 12 step program, she stuck with that, and today proudly and humbly celebrates 23 years of recovery. Community members often refer to Cass as an icon, a legend, and a leader in the community. Being a transgender woman, she advocates for other transgender people of all ages. She is very active in spreading awareness, providing education, and sharing her own story as someone living with HIV. She is also a peer support person for others living with HIV. She continues to make a difference each and every day. Her story was truly an inspiration. Each and every person in attendance at this meeting was deeply touched by her story. She was open, honest and definitely full of energy, unstoppable and unforgettable!



Farmer's Market Update

Thanks to those who have signed up to help at the Dane County Farmer's Market. There are some open slots so if you are able to fill in any gaps, please see signupgenius.com. At this time, I would also like to thank Fromagination Cheese Store, 12 S. Carroll St. for once again storing our supplies.

June is Pride Month

Celebrate June Pride Month with us by attending or volunteering at these events.

Saturday, June 3, Madison Breese Stevens Field, Trek Bicycle Race & Forward Madison FC Soccer Game
1:30 - 3:30 Ok for volunteers
3:30 - 5:45 Likely need one more volunteer

Friday, June 9, Madison Henry Vilas Zoo, Pride Drag Queen Reading Time (this is a new post)
1:30 - 4:00 One volunteer needed

Saturday, June 24, Sun Prairie Pride, Wetmore Park
12:00 - 3:00 Ok for volunteers

If you wish to join in the bike parade (with or without a bike) it is from 2:00 - 2:30.

Saturday, June 24, Madison, Briarpatch Pride Prom
5:30 - 10:30 Ok for volunteers

Sunday, June 25, McFarland Pride Festival, Arnold Larsen Park
10:00 - 1:00 Ok for volunteers
1:00 - 4:00 Volunteers needed

Other volunteers are needed to help with the event, even if you can spare an hour to help with food, drinks, or other activities. Contact Jeanne at jtwilliams8348@gmail.com.

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When submitting payments using PayPal or credit cards, please provide the following information via email to Paul Wertsch, Treasurer, pwertsch@gmail.com:

- Your complete name, mailing address for a tax receipt, and email address to receive the monthly newsletter.
- The amount of money you submitted either as membership (\$30 individual/\$40 family) or as a donation.

Email pwertsch@gmail.com if you have not received a confirmation of past transaction.

Drag Bingo

After learning more about Drag Bingo during last month's meeting, several of us attended one recently held at Doundrins Distillery. The bingo caller and drag queen, Bianca Lynn Breeze, is shown here with Jackie, Karen and me. It was much fun and I encourage everyone to support our LGBTQ+ community and their events.



PFLAG Celebrates 50 Years Thanks to Jeanne Manford

Read her story as published in the New Yorker April 17, 2023:



How One Mother's Love for Her Gay Son Started a Revolution

[newyorker.com](https://www.newyorker.com)

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"Those who have long enjoyed such privileges as we enjoy
forget in time that men have died to win them."

—*Franklin D. Roosevelt*