

PFLAG Madison

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Meeting Place:

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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

Secretary: Jackie Wealti

Board Members: Sandy Feria, Michael Rosenman, Sue Martinson

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

April 20, 2025 - Monthly Meeting Canceled

In observance of Easter, there will be no meeting this month.

Next Meeting, Sunday, May 18, 2025 - 2:00PM

Abigail Swetz, Executive Director of Fair Wisconsin, will be our guest speaker from 2:00 - 3:00PM followed by our Annual Meeting. Everyone is encouraged to attend in order to vote on new board members. Our optional sharing/support time will follow.

Dane County Farmer's Market Table Volunteers

We're kicking off another season May 3 and will be downtown most Saturdays until September 27, 2025. Volunteers are filling time slots at [SignUpGenius.com](https://signupgenius.com) so check out openings and help when you can. You will need a user ID and passcode and the schedule is flexible to match yours, changes and deletions are easy to do.

Once again we thank Canteen Taco, 111 S. Hamilton Street, for storing our supplies and making it easy for us by having them readily accessible.

Fair Wisconsin LGBTQ+ Equality at the Capitol - May 7, 2025

Join us and Fair Wisconsin for their 5th Biannual LGBTQ+ Equality Day at the Capitol Wednesday, May 7 from 9:00AM - 4:00PM. It is a free event; however, you are encouraged to register.

<https://fairwisconsin.com/event/lgbtq-equality-at-the-capitol-2025/>

Pride Events

Pride is bursting throughout Dane County and we are excited to be participants so volunteer!

May 17, Saturday 1:00-4:00PM OutReach TransJoy, Warner Park Madison

June 7, Saturday 8:00PM Pride for Pups, Five Nightclub Madison

June 13-15 Friday-Sunday Big Gay Pride Market, Alliant Center Madison

June 14, Saturday 1:00-5:00PM Stone Horse Green, Middleton

June 14, Saturday 3:00-9:00PM Henry Vilas Zoo Madison

June 29, Sunday 10:00-4:00PM McFarland TBA

August 17, Sunday 1:00-6:00PM OutReach Magic Festival, Warner Park Madison

GSAFE Leadership Celebration May 17, 2025

Join GSAFE at their annual Leadership Celebration Saturday, May 17, 2025 from 5:00-8:30PM at the Monona Terrace, <https://gsafewi.org/event/8973/>.

Washington DC Update

While in Washington DC recently Jeanne and Matt had the pleasure of meeting with aides of Senator Tammy Baldwin and Congressman Mark Pocan (who also stopped in to say hello). In addition to Wisconsinites expressing our concerns via phone or email to them, we were encouraged to contact all state representatives about proposed anti-LGBTQ legislation now and in the future. You can share your stories and experiences with Senator Baldwin at <https://www.baldwin.senate.gov/mystory> as well as request being included on the "Tammy Tipsheet" for updates on her projects.

PFLAG Meeting Summary March 16, 2025

Lane Hanson, Director of Finance and Development for the Gay/Straight Alliance for Safe Schools (GSAFE) was the speaker for our March meeting. Lane is a long time Madison resident who spoke about how GSAFE is working to address systemic disparities that are pervasive in our community. Her role at GSAFE involves securing financing for grassroots organizing efforts that will ultimately make life better for queer and trans identified youth across Wisconsin. GSAFE's mission is to create just schools for LGBTQ+ youth in Wisconsin by 1) developing the leadership of LGBTQ+ youth (Leadership Training Institute camp), 2) supporting Gay-Straight Alliances, 3) training educators, 4) advancing educational justice and 5) deepening racial, gender, trans, and social justice. Lane spoke about her personal experience as a member of the community and is the proud parent of two thriving young adults who have benefited from GSAFE programming. Lane can be reached at lane@gsafewi.org.

Board of Directors Announcement & Looking for More!

I am pleased to announce Jackie Wealti has become our Chapter Secretary and Sue Martinson is our newest Board of Director.

Do you have an interest in becoming more involved in the future of our Chapter and have ideas to share? We are looking to expand our Board of Directors, please contact pflagmadison@gmail.com for more information.

Book & Movie Suggestions

If you have suggestions on references, reading material or movies, please let us know: pflagmadison@gmail.com.

Membership Renewal

Annual dues, \$30 per person or \$40 per couple are due October 1, 2024. See the membership form at

<https://www.pflag-madison.org/MembershipCurrent.pdf>

and submit payment online through our website "donate" button or send your payment directly to our Treasurer, Paul Wertsch, 4221 Venetian Ln, Madison, WI 53718.

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.

April hath put a spirit of youth in everything.

~William Shakespeare