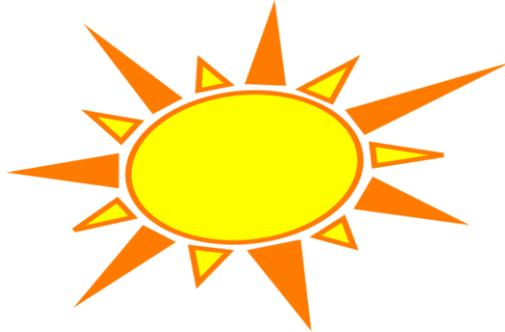


PFLAG BUFFALO/NIAGARA

We have moved our sharing time until further notice. We hope it is convenient for you.



**June Sharing Meeting
via Zoom
Sunday, June
1:00-2:30**

The meeting number is 555 112 0003 and the passcode is 700. Please contact the Helpline if you need further

In addition, outside of our monthly group sharing/support meeting, New Parent Virtual Meetings can be scheduled for those in need of support and information between monthly meetings. Call our Helpline to request a meeting. Please reach out. We are here for you.

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We meet because we have learned someone close to us is gay, lesbian, bisexual, or transgender. We try to help one another deal with this information in a positive manner. Although we do not always agree, we try to be understanding. We offer help to those who seek it, but do not force ourselves on others. We strive to maintain anonymity while sharing on a level that is comfortable.

THREE PFLAG SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS AND A BONUS WINNER



We are happy to announce that our three scholarships have been decided. All applications were strong, and it was difficult choosing the best three. Our winners will be notified when their schools have their award ceremonies in June. We will share that our winners are from a charter, private, and public schools.

You may recall that last year, the Buffalo Bears donated \$500.00 for an additional scholarship. That inspired us to create our own third award last fall, named after Babs Conant, one of PFLAG Buffalo/Niagara's founders.

This May, we heard from the Bears again and they wanted to fund another award. Their very generous donation allowed PFLAG to give a fourth \$500.00 scholarship. We are so grateful for what the Bears have done in support our youth. Congratulations to the scholarship recipients. More details will be shared when all have been notified.

NEW BOARD MEMBER

We welcome Jeanne Mullen to the The PFLAG Board of Directors. She shared a brief bio:

I am the lucky parent of a trans nonbinary son. He is our middle child which means he has EQUAL support and love coming at him from all angles. "Depending on how you see a thing, you change your mind or you free it" (lyric from the band Deelite's song *Deepending*) is my mantra when it comes to the PFLAG tenets Support, Educate, Advocate.

I feel as though the best way to spend my time is to find out as much as I can and to share it, specifically as a support person to other support people.

I am honored to be a part of this amazing group, and will give my all to be of service.



PFLAG MOURNS THE LOSS OF THREE LOCAL LGBTQ+ACTIVISTS

By Bryan Ball, president of Stonewall Democrats



Bruce Kogan

September 21st- April 21st, 2021

Born in Brooklyn, Bruce Kogan spent his life in the service of others. In the late 1990s, Bruce moved to Buffalo and became a part of our family. During his career at the NYS Crime Victims Board, and his lifetime spent as an advocate of equality and justice for all communities, especially the lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender community, Bruce never gave up the fight.

A former president of SDWNY who served our organization in many roles throughout the years, Bruce is forever an essential part of the work of SDNWX and all LGBTQ advocacy in WNY, across New York State and throughout our nation. With every meeting attended, lobby visit made and heart changed, Bruce helped bring about the monumental progress the LGBTQ community has made in the last decades.

Whether LGBTQ youth protections, Marriage Equality, transgender civil rights and every issue that touched our community, Bruce was there. Every woman, man and child in our community is the better and more equal for Bruce and his life's work. A central passion of Bruce's life was his advocacy for LGBTQ crime victims.

Bruce never stopped being an advocate for those victims, and pressing the issue of their justice. Among his work on this issue, Bruce never stopped fighting for justice for Winthrop "Winkie" Bean, writing the play "Call Me Winkie," which has been performed multiple times here in WNY. We commit now and every day to continuing that advocacy in Bruce's name. Our hearts and thoughts are heavy, are they are with Bruce, his family, friends and all who loved and knew him. There are no words that will ever properly thank Bruce Kogan for dedicating his life to making the world a better place, for more people than will ever be known. Thank you, Bruce. Happy trails.



Madeline Davis

July 7th, 1940- April 28th, 2021

There are no words to describe how monumental of a force Madeline was and will forever be. For decades, the activism she dedicated her life to helped create, shape and make possible the lives and freedoms we all as LGBTQ Americans. Forever an essential part of the Stonewall family, among her many accomplishments, Madeline was among the the first openly LGBTQ delegates elected to the Democratic National Convention in 1972.

Throughout the years, Madeline served SDWNY in a number of positions, and was an integral part of so many organizations and communities in our WNY community. The legacy she leaves is deeper than can be known, and we are so grateful for all she accomplished, including the creation of the Madeline Davis Archives, which document so much of our shared history here in LGBTQ WNY.

Our thoughts and hearts are with Madeline, her incredible wife [Wendy Smiley](#), and all who knew and loved her.

I'm thinking of many memories of Madeline this morning, among them times I will never forget when I first ran for President of SDWNY, and Madeline brought me to her archives, which at the time were in her house, for hours of unforgettable talks, knowledge, advice and

history. I'm also thinking of the many times when we would adjourn SDWNY meetings, and Madeline and Danny Winters would test out new skits they had been working on for all of us.

Madeline, we will forever love you, forever thank you, and forever work to honor you. Because of Madeline, we will always be a Stonewall Nation.



Patricia Jones

Patti was such a gentle, incredibly strong powerhouse of an activist and advocate for the transgender community and all of us in the WNY LGBTQ community.

We extend our thoughts, hearts and deepest sympathies to Patti's family, friends and all who knew and loved her. We are all the better for having had Patti make our world a better place. She and her work will never be forgotten.

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