

# PFLAG Buffalo/Niagara

**Parents, Families, Friends and Allies United with LGBTQ People**

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**Our Next Sharing Meeting will be held on February 17th  
2:30 - 4:30  
Kenilworth United Church of Christ**

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Generally, monthly sharing meetings are held at **Kenilworth United Church of Christ, 45 Dalton Drive, Tonawanda 14223**, from 2:30 - 4.30. Newcomers and anyone interested will be offered the option of meeting privately with a PFLAG parent. Our monthly meetings are in the library, which is near the parking lot entrance. The facility is handicapped accessible. **New Parents Meetings** are scheduled as needed at a location convenient to those involved. These self-help one on one sessions are available to those who request a meeting outside of the monthly sharing meeting.

*We meet because we have learned that someone very 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 agree at all times, 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 for all of us.*

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# PFLAG News and Updates

On January 9, PFLAG board members held a dinner at Sinatra's Restaurant to thank and honor two very special people, Marvin Henchbarger and Phil Salemi, Jr.

Marvin was honored for being the director of GLYS for many years. Gay and Lesbian Youth Services of WNY is a wonderful resource for LGBTQ youth. It thrived and youth and students truly benefitted from Marvin's leadership, vision, and heart.

Marvin, recently retired after over a decade at GLYS. The Drop-In Center, GAYLA, and working with local GSA clubs were focuses of Marvin. One of PFLAG's annual scholarships is named to honor this wonderful person and advocate. .

Phil Salemi, Jr. was also thanked and honored. Phil was PFLAG's president until late in 2017. Phil gave so much PFLAG Buffalo/Niagara as board leader and an important, caring, and insightful member facilitating sharing meetings.



We thank Marvin and Phil for all they have done for the LGBTQ community and wish both well in all future endeavors!



***A MOTHER SPEAKS OF LOVE AND POWERFUL DECISION***

This 16 minute video has gone viral, and deservedly so. The title sets up the clip, and it is presented with hopes that it helps, enlightens, and uplifts.

***Why I chose my LGBTQ daughter over the Evangelical Church***

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rP01bH9Ljf4>

If the link does not take you to YouTube, please cut and paste in your browser.



***CHOIR SUPRISSES TEACHER AT HIS WEDDING REHEARSAL BRUNCH***

Prepare to cry tears of happiness as you watch this wonderful proof that "All You  
Need is Love."

[http://www.towleroad.com/2019/01/all-you-need-is-love/?fbclid=IwAR3B4e-hRca9TIyKuBO1DctYjLBYzuQeDmxBHseEj6doMiyybbRX-\\_VX97g](http://www.towleroad.com/2019/01/all-you-need-is-love/?fbclid=IwAR3B4e-hRca9TIyKuBO1DctYjLBYzuQeDmxBHseEj6doMiyybbRX-_VX97g)

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