

# PFLAG

**BUFFALO/NIAGARA**

Parents, Families, Friends, And Allies  
United with LGBTQ+ People



## **March Sharing Meeting** **Sunday, March 19<sup>th</sup>** **1:00 – 2:30**

Currently, Sharing Meetings are held virtually via Zoom on the third Sunday of most months. You do not need an account to join. Leave contact information at 716-883-0384 24 hours or more before the meeting and we will get you the codes.

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*We meet because we have learned someone very close to us has come out as LGBTQ+. 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 for us.*



## ***LEADING WITH LOVE***

### ***A New Look***

PFLAG has a new look that has rich meaning. Its logo has been changed and we hope you join us in welcoming the new look. We are using the new PFLAG logo on this newsletter for the first time with our chapter name beneath. Such a simple logo with a deep meaning. The heart represents the basis of our mission. “Leading with Love” is the PFLAG’s new motto; the heart in our logo points to what PFLAG is all about: Love. Since Jeanne Manford began PFLAG 50 years ago with love and support in her heart and actions, that is what it always has been about. Now it is visible even in our name.

Please check out [www.pflag.org](http://www.pflag.org) to check out PFLAG National’s new site , new look, and its other new visuals . We hope you like the look, colors , and modern styles. We know you will continue to use the important resources, information, and support that is still there along with many other new offerings.

Some things never change though! As always, ee thank you being a member of our PFLAG Buffalo/Niagara family. We look forward to working with you in our next 50 years as we lead with love together.

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### ***BEYOND GRATEFUL***



PFLAG Buffalo/Niagara recently received a generous gift of \$500.00 from The Colligan Family Fund through The Greater Community Foundation for Buffalo. What a wonderful way to start the new year with such kindness such caring supporters! These funds will help with our mission to support, educate, and advocate.

Specifically, this gift will be used to support local school LGBTQ+ alliance clubs. There are currently over 50 such alliances in local middle and high schools and as the list is growing, so is the need for support. We offer grants to these clubs and the demand has been increasing.

Because of this generous donation, PFLAG B/N will be able to help give more student groups opportunities for activities, supplies, and field trips. These will enrich their club experiences but also benefit the whole student community.

We hope to feature articles and photos of the student clubs in future newsletters.

We are so very grateful to The Colligan Family Fund for helping PFLAG Buffalo/Niagara “pay it forward.”



### ***SOMETHING TO TALK ABOUT LIVE***

Have you discovered the series *Something to Talk About Live* every Thursday through PFLAG National and Straight for Equality? You can watch live or view recorded episodes at [www.pflag.org](http://www.pflag.org).

Jamie Henkel and Jean-Marie Navetta are the hosts. For each episode, materials are given ahead of time to help support the viewing. We would like to share the episode, *What Do Tennessee, Chosen Family, and Body Positivity Have in Common?* Eureka O'Hara, a star of HBO's *We're Here*, is interviewed. Eureka speaks of her life, drag career, struggles, and strength.

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[What Do Small Town Tennessee, Chosen Family, and Body Positivity Have in Common?](#)

[Straight- for Equality](#)

Jamie Henkel and Jean-Marie Navetta

Drag has always played an integral part in LGBTQ+ history and culture. As it has become more mainstream, drag performers are reaching new audiences revealing enormous support for the LGBTQ+ community as well as unveiling the bias and violence that too many continue to face.

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We hosted a conversation about this article as a part of PFLAG Connects and Something to Talk About Live on Thursday, December 22. Did you miss it? [You can still watch it here!](#)

Article: [“I’m Whole Again”: Eureka O’Hara on Rehab, Body Positivity, and We’re Here](#)  
Source: [them.](#) Author: [Isabelle Kliger](#) About Our Guest: [Eureka O’Hara](#), actor

### Questions for Discussion

1. Have you ever been to a drag show? If so, what was your experience like? If not, why do you think that is the case?
2. What do you think about drag performance becoming more mainstream through things like Drag Story Hour, RuPaul’s Drag Race, and drag brunch? Does the visceral pushback we’ve seen in some communities surprise you?
3. Is there anything we can do, as allies, to demonstrate our support for drag performances and performers in a meaningful way?

Bonus Resources: Check out [“‘We’re Here’ Uses Drag-tastic Stories to Explore Human Rights Issues”](#) from [Variety](#) by [Carole Horst](#) and [“The Far-Right Attacked Drag Events in 4 States This Weekend”](#) from [Vice](#) by [Tess Owen](#).

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*Something to Talk About Live* is a series designed by PFLAG National's Straight for Equality program to create conversation about LGBTQ+ issues. Each week we offer an article on LGBTQ+ topics and suggest a few questions you can use to lead a discussion with your community group or PFLAG chapter.

*Straight for Equality* is a national outreach and education program created in 2007 by PFLAG National to empower new allies who, unlike a more traditional PFLAG member, don't necessarily have a family connection to the lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and queer (LGBTQ+) community.

**PFLAG Buffalo/Niagara thanks Jean-Marie Navetta for permission to share the interview and the supporting material.**

### ***PAYING IT FORWARD***



PFLAG Buffalo/Niagara offers grants to local school LGBTQ+ alliance clubs. If club advisors would like financial support for projects, supplies, or field trips, they may apply.

PFLAG B/N also offers 3 scholarships of \$500.00 each for graduating seniors. Visit [pflagbuffalo.org](http://pflagbuffalo.org) and follow the tabs to Scholarships/Grants for these opportunities. Spread the word!

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