

PFLAG Buffalo/Niagara

Parents, Families, Friends and Allies United with LGBTQ People

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**Our next meeting will be Sunday, November 17th
2:30- 4:30
at
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.

THE CENTRAL LIBRARY AND PFLAG CELEBRATE LGBTQ HISTORY



PFLAG and the Buffalo and Erie County Library highlighted fiction and non-fiction LGBTQ-themed books during October as it celebrated LGBTQ History Month.

Also, on the afternoon of October 16th, there was a panel of speakers on LGBTQ history who shared insights and information in The Ring of Knowledge. PFLAG's friend Ari Moore was one of the panelists.

We thank the Central Library for its efforts to always educate and enlighten

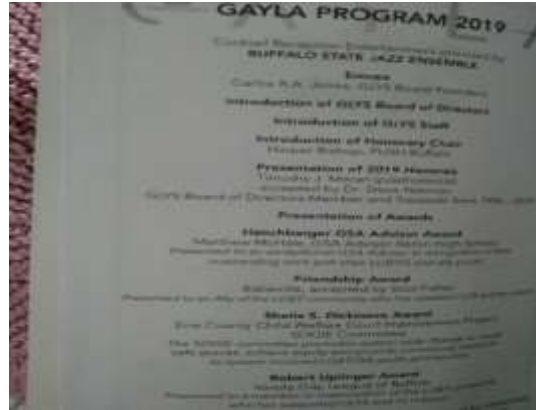
NEW IN OUR STATE

Except from "Policy Matters October 2019" pflag.org

New York will soon be the first state in the country to offer veterans' services staff all certified in LGBTQ and cultural competency, the Modern Military Association of America announced.

Its *Rainbow Shield* program will provide LGBT and HIV-positive competency training to the entire New York State Division of Veterans' Services. About 90 of the division's employees will receive the Association's training.

GLYS CELEBRATION HELD AT BABEVILLE



Gay and Lesbian Youth Services of Western New York (GLYS) held its annual GAYLA on October 22nd. PFLAG was a sponsor of this event.

Asbury Hall on Delaware was the setting for the gathering where Timothy J. Moran was honored posthumously. A long time GLYS board member and supporter, Mr. Moran was invaluable to the development and success of GLYS. PFLAG's secretary Lisbeth Ball attended the yearly celebration and fundraiser. She shared some thoughts of the evening below.

As a proud parent and board member of PFLAG, I was honored to attend the 36th Anniversary GAYLA 2019. Asbury Hall was bursting with pride, love, and commitment to a better future for our LGBTQ youth.

GLYS is there for our GSA conferences, The Diversity Prom, and day to day support for youth.

As Carlos Jones, GLYS board member, said at the end of the GAYLA, "I see you" to everyone. Thank you, GLYS, for serving our youth. We see you GLYS, we support you, and we stand with you.

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