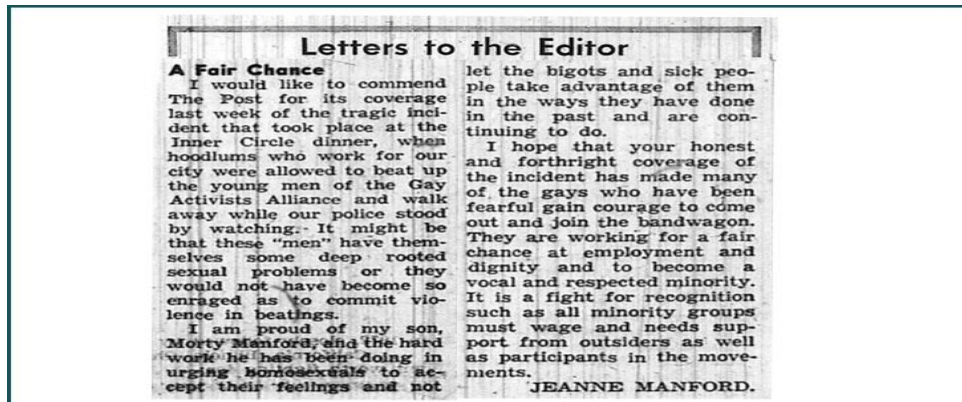


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Happy Mothers' Day!



Honoring Jeanne Manford, the mom who started PFLAG.

May Sharing Meeting

Sunday, May 21st 1:00 - 2:30

Currently, meetings are held on Zoom (no account needed) on the 3rd Sunday of most months. Leave contact information at 716-883-0384 at least 24 hours before the meeting for 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.

**50 Years of
History**



**Always
Leading with Love**

1969 Morty Manford, a leading activist in the movement for LGBTQ+ rights, was at the Stonewall Inn when the now-famous police raid happened.

1972 Jeanne Manford penned a letter to the New York Post expressing her outrage. She carried a supportive sign marching with Morty in the Christopher Street Liberation Day March. Jeanne and her husband held meetings in their home, which became a haven people whose loved ones had come out,

1973 This group became known as *Parents FLAG (Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays)*.

1980 *Parents FLAG* began to distribute information to educational institutions and communities of faith nationwide, establishing itself as a source of information for the general public.

1981 members decided to launch a national organization.

1982 *The Federation of Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays, Inc.*, then representing some 20 groups, was incorporated in California and granted non-profit, tax-exempt status. Its acronym *PFLAG* was commonly used.

1990 following a period of significant growth, *PFLAG* employed an Executive Director, expanded its staff, and moved to Washington, DC.

1993 *PFLAG* added the word “Families” to the name, and added bisexual people to its mission and work.

1998 *PFLAG* added transgender people to its mission.

2014 the organization officially changed its name from “Parents, Families and Friends of Lesbians and Gays” to, simply, *PFLAG*. This change was made to accurately reflect *PFLAG* members, those *PFLAG* serves, and the inclusive work *PFLAG* had been doing for decades.

2023 *PFLAG* celebrates 50 years of leading with love.

The logo for PFLAG Buffalo/Niagara is centered on a yellow rectangular background. The word "PFLAG" is written in a large, bold, dark teal font, with a small white heart shape inside the letter "A". Below it, the words "BUFFALO/NIAGARA" are written in a smaller, bold, dark teal font.

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PRIDE WEEK MAY 30-JUNE 4

PARADE SUNDAY, JUNE 4TH

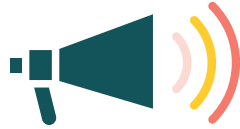
This year's Pride Week theme is "Show up. Turn up." The Pride Week website states, "We show up because we have so much to fight for. We turn up because we have so much to celebrate." What a perfect theme and purpose!

Get out your calendar and visit the [Buffalo Pride Week - Buffalo Pride Week](#) to make plans for early June. Starting with flag raisings and culminating with The Pride Parade and Festival on June 4th, Pride Week starts and ends strong but also offers many great events in-between.

There will be a 5K run, an LGBTQ+ history walking tour, a cornhole tournament, and a weeklong "Shopping with Pride" event (organized by PFLAG Buffalo's friend and collaborators, Niagara Pride). In addition, there will be a Tea Dance and a Pop R & B Hip-Hop concert. Interested in local theater? There will be locally written and produced play onstage multiple nights.

We are sharing a sampling, but the website lists all events in Buffalo and other area Pride activities.

Get ready to show up and turn up!



SCHOOL CLUB GETS CREATIVE WITH HELP OF GRANT

Recently, PFLAG Buffalo/ Niagara awarded a grant to the East Aurora Middle School Student Alliance Club. The funds were given for the club to purchase a button-maker and other supplies to be used during LGBTQ+ supportive activities and events.

PFLAG B/N recently received an update from Ms. Margaret Finnegan, the advisor to this group and initiator of the grant application. Her students are enjoying the button-making process and will be “giving buttons to faculty and students.”

Yay, East Aurora’s creative and supportive youth! PFLAG Buffalo/Niagara is happy to have been able to help.





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