

PFLAG is creating a caring, just, and affirming world for LGBTQ+ people and those who love them.



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## WHY WE MEET



We meet because someone close to us has come out as LGBTQIA+.

We try to help one another in a positive manner. Although we may not always agree, we try understand

We offer help, but do not force ourselves on others. We strive to maintain anonymity while sharing on a comfortable level.

We encourage people attend not just for their benefit but for the benefit of the group.

It is our hope that when people reach understanding and acceptance they realize that is when they are needed the most.

## March Virtual Sharing Meeting Sunday, March 16th 1:00-2:00



**Call 716-883-0384 for the Zoom code.  
If you have joined before, you may use the same code.**

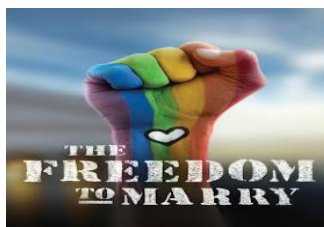
**During these challenging times, the need  
for support and sharing is stronger.  
We are here for you.**



We are happy to welcome Mary Van Volkenburg to our Board of Directors. Mary is a Kenmore native who still calls the village home. Mary has a long history of advocacy and activism and brings her positive, caring, and dedicated heart to PFLAG.

We are very happy to have Mary join our organization.

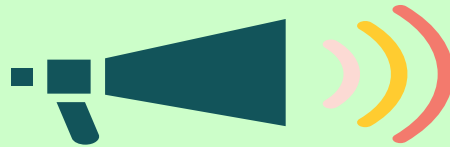
In these difficult days, we must be stronger than ever, and Mary will be important in strengthening our mission to support, educate, and advocate. Welcome aboard, Mary!



*The award-winning film, Freedom to Marry, is now available via YouTube.* This film documents the campaign for marriage equality which resulted from the Supreme Court's 2015 Obergefell v. Hodges decision.

Board members Dave and Sharon Barrett's son-in-law, Marc Solomon, was pivotal in that campaign. We hope you take the opportunity to view this film. Persistence worked and that lesson is important to keep in mind now.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xFNSo353XdE>



### **PFLAG v. Trump**

**PFLAG National—along with transgender young adults, families with transgender youth, and GLMA—is serving as the plaintiff in a federal legal challenge against an executive order from the Trump administration attempting to shut down nationwide access to necessary medical care for transgender people under nineteen years of age.**

**We’re fighting President Trump and his backers’ vicious attacks on transgender people and families because that’s our job: to clear the obstacles that get in the way of creating a caring, just, and affirming world for LGBTQ+ people and those who love them.**

**Whether you or a loved one is transgender, or you are just a decent person who believes that discrimination and coercion are wrong in every setting, you can help PFLAG win against these vicious attacks.**

PLEASE NOTE, SAVE, AND SHARE

PFLAG NATIONAL HOTLINES FOR CRISIS AND SUPPORT

<https://pflag.org/resource/support-hotlines/>



## PFLAG Buffalo/Niagara Student Support



**It is not too early for high school seniors to apply for our scholarships available for graduating high school seniors. PFLAG B/N awards three scholarships of \$500.00 each year. This year one scholarship has been supplemented by a donation and will be a \$600.00 award.**

**Also, PFLAG Buffalo/Niagara grants for school alliance groups are available from September until mid-May. Please use this link for information and applications:**

**<https://www.pflagbuffalo.org/scholarships-and-grants> .**

**We hope many graduating seniors and club advisors take advantage of PFLAG Buffalo/Niagara's scholarships and grants.**