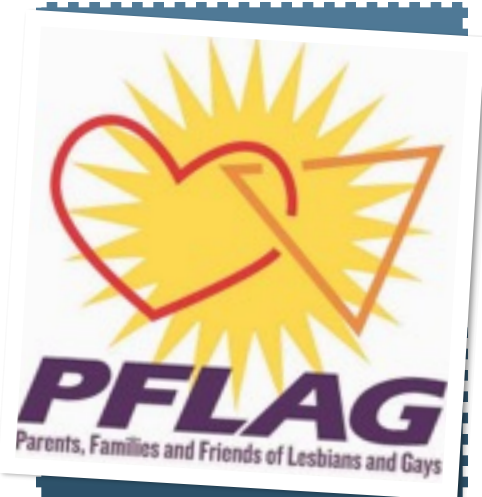


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PFLAG^{of} Door County

5-6:30PM THE 3RD SUNDAY AT HOPE CHURCH, STURGEON BAY



Advocacy,
education and
support for gay,
lesbian, bisexual
and transgender
people, their
families and
friends.

Annual Picnic

Our PFLAG Door County Annual Picnic
will be **August 16th** in place of our regular meeting.

Visit us at **Sunset Park**
300 Third Avenue, Sturgeon Bay, WI

Bring a dish to pass and your own drink.

Join us from **4 pm to 6 pm.**

For more info call (920) 421-8815

Marriage
Equality
arrives nation wide!

What would you do if you were old, disabled or ill – and the person feeding you put down the spoon and said that you are going to hell unless you change your sexual preference?



There will be a screening of [Gen Silent](#) at Hope Church on 9/24 at 7 pm.

This is a submission from the wife of a closeted gay man.

LIFE INTERRUPTED

At the ripe old age of 21 I was married to the man of my dreams. We were raised in the same religion, loved people, and hoped to serve God in our life together. We had a lot of dreams.

Unfortunately while on my honeymoon I found rejection of me as a woman and an unwillingness to talk about what was happening.. I have come to realize a little of how he must have felt. He was struggling and trying to accept who he was and what his desires were. I felt totally rejected and thought there was something wrong with me. He was unwilling to tell his family the truth which complicated everything. My family assumed it was my fault, and I took this burden on too for much too long a time. In other people's eyes I saw rejection and a lack of understanding. I was the sinner and not welcomed at my parental home or church.

Years later friends asked why I did not just tell our families the truth. The answer to this is multi-dimensional. The initial response from my family assumed I was wrong and they did not want to hear anything else. His family thought I had deserted him and was worthless as a person. The other reality was I did not feel I had the right to discuss this with his parents. I came out of the divorce as a woman believing something was very wrong with me. It was only years later when I saw a therapist that I began to stop feeling everything was my fault.

This is not meant to hurt or blame him. I forgave him many years ago. What I would like to share is the deep hurt and feelings of rejection as a woman. I felt at the time it really was my fault. I could not talk to anyone about what happened because I did not understand it myself. Eventually years later I saw a therapist and began to understand the truth.

PFLAG DC Upcoming Events

Saturdays, 9am- 12pm Sturgeon Bay Farmers Market

August

- 9 2015 OutReach Pride Parade,**
Sunday, at 12:00pm, State Street (Madison, WI)
- 13 PFLAG Northern Door meeting**
- 16 PFLAG Sturgeon Bay meeting**

September

- 10 PFLAG Northern Door meeting**
- 20 PFLAG Sturgeon Bay meeting**
- 24 Presentation of Gen Silent 7pm
at Hope Church**

LIFE INTERRUPTED

I was astonished at the depth of my own pain, anger and frustration. It is essential while you are going through the overwhelming sadness and subsequent grieving process, that you find someone who loves you enough to listen to your feelings without being judgmental in any way. Do not let this event take away your confidence and belief in yourself as a woman. As the pain lessens, you will see that his desire for another man (or her desire for another woman) does not make you less than you are in any way. Believe in yourself!

Unfortunately even though many things have changed in our society, there are many people who face what I did. With no logic or understanding of your pain, the other person is really in the same place you are. I will never believe that anyone would purposely marry, sometimes with years together and children, to hurt the other person. I grieve for each person who has this kind of experience. There is much pain and anguish on both sides of the situation.

I carried the guilt of this failure for many years. God was with me every step of the way. I admit I did not believe that every day, but the truth became self evident. He has truly blessed my life and I hope that I can help someone else going through this. Contact PFLAG if you would like to contact Olive.

STAY CONNECTED

To stay updated on the latest news and actions from PFLAG National, be sure to:

Stay current with PFLAG National by visiting www.pflag.org.

Keep in touch with PFLAG National on Facebook at www.facebook.com/pflag.

Follow PFLAG National on Twitter at <http://twitter.com/#!/PFLAG>.

Check out recent posts on our PFLAG National blog at <http://blog.pflag.org/>.

Watch PFLAG National on our YouTube channel at <http://www.youtube.com/user/pflagnational>.

Calendar of Meetings and Other Events

Manitowoc

PFLAG Manitowoc County

PFLAG Manitowoc County meets the 1st Thursday of the month from 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the St. James Church, 434 N. 8th St.
pflagmanty@gmail.com 920-629-3771

LaCrosse

PFLAG LaCrosse

PFLAG LaCrosse meets every Tuesday starting at 6:30 p.m. at the LGBT Resource Center of the 7 Rivers Region.
www.7riverslgbt.org

Door County

PFLAG Door County

PFLAG Door County meets on the 3rd Sunday of every month at 5:00 p.m. at the Hope UCC Church, 12th and Michigan, Sturgeon Bay. For more information:

www.pflagdoorcounty.org or
pflagsturgeonbay@gmail.com

920-421-8815

PFLAG Northern Door

Meets the 2nd Thursday of the month at 6:00 p.m. at The Unitarian Universalist Fellowship located between Ephraim and Sister Bay, just south of the Shops of the Green Gables.

GSA, Gender Sexuality Alliance

Meets on Tuesdays at GLAS in Sturgeon Bay at noon PM for about an hour during summer break.

Participation is limited to high school students between the ages of 14 and 19.

Calendar of Meetings and Other Events

Green Bay / Appleton

PFLAG of Appleton

Appleton PFLAG meets the 2nd Wednesday at our new location, 1800 Appleton Road (Goodwill Menasha), at 6:30. The office in the back of the building is where we will meet. You can park on the side. Be aware of the construction and plan an alternate route. The wisdot.gov website says use Midway Road or Oneida Street interchanges as alternate routes.

pflagappleton@gmail.com.

Conversation Cafe

All meetings will continue to be held on Fridays, from approximately 11:30 to 1:00pm. There are no fees, and no requirement to purchase food or drinks. We are informal, and discuss news, weather, books, movies, personal stories, and even religion and politics! Meeting at rotating locations, please contact Cricket at paul.jacob@arcw.org for each week's location.

Spectrum

(LGBTQ and allied social group 18 years and up)

Appleton

Mondays from 7-9 p.m. at the Goodwill Community Center (1800 Appleton Road, Menasha, WI, 54952)

Green Bay

Tuesdays from 6-8 p.m. at UWGB LGBTQ Resource Center (Mary Ann Cofrin Building)

T-Force

(transgender adults)

2nd & 4th Fridays from 7-9 p.m. at the Goodwill Community Center (1800 Appleton Road, Menasha, WI, 54952)

LGBT Partnership

(Offers leadership development and support for teens ages 14-18)

Appleton

Mondays from 6-8 p.m. at the Goodwill West Store in Green Bay (1660 W. Mason St. Green Bay, WI 54303)

Green Bay

Tuesdays from 6-8 p.m. at the Boys & Girls Club of the Fox Valley (160 South Badger Avenue, Appleton, WI 54914)

Adult-Gay/Straight Alliance of Green Bay

A-GSA, Adult Gay/Straight Alliance of Green Bay, is a new advocacy group located in Green Bay for families and friends of persons who identify as GLBT.

A-GSA provides opportunities for dialogue about topics related to sexual orientation. All sessions are respectful, nonjudgmental, and strictly confidential. A-GSA charges no fees. All are welcome.

Meetings are 6:30-8:00 pm, second Tuesday of the month (September through May)

"The English Room" at the Union Congregational United Church of Christ

716 S. Madison St. Green Bay, WI 54301

Contacts: Michele Becker, 920-432-1283 or John and Karen Wirch 920-434-9960.

Trans Support Group

The Appleton Group meets at 6pm in the Appleton Library. We meet on the third Monday except March and April when we meet on the third Tuesday due to the library schedule.

Calendar of Meetings and Other Events

Madison

PFLAG Madison Straight Spouse Group

PFLAG Madison meets the 3rd Sunday every month except June, July and August, from 2:00 p.m. until 4:00 p.m.

The Straight Spouse Group meets at 4:00 p.m., immediately following the PFLAG Group meeting. See www.pflag-madison.org for directions and agenda topics.

Point

PFLAG Point

PFLAG Point meets on the 3rd Tuesday of every month from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. No permanent meeting place has been determined. Link on the following for more information: www.pflagpoint.com or phone 715-572-6922.

Milwaukee

PFLAG Milwaukee

PFLAG Milwaukee meets on the 3rd Sunday of every month at 5:00 p.m. at the Martin Luther Church in Milwaukee. See the following for more information: www.milwaukee-pflag.org.

Sheboygan

PFLAG Sheboygan

Meeting the first Tuesdays 7-8,
823 Union Ave.
Sheboygan, WI 53081
Contact information:
PFLAGSheboygan@live.com
(920) 2540-1834

Washburn

PFLAG Washburn

PFLAG Washburn meets on the 4th Tuesday of every month at 7:00 p.m. on the lower level of the Washburn Public Library, 307 Washington Avenue, Washburn. For further information, please call 715-209-1100.

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