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Current Events

**November 19**

Lamda Archive Mixer  
6:30pm - 7:30 pm  
www.lambdaarchives.org  
for more info

**November 20**

The 8th Annual San Diego Transgender Day of Remembrance  
The Center at 6:00 pm.  
At 7:00 pm, there will be a related program at The Center, 3909 Centre Street.

**November 22**

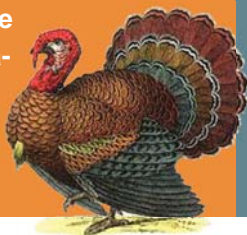
Carlsbad PFLAG Meeting 2:00 pm  
Pilgrim United Church of Christ  
2020 Chestnut  
Carlsbad

**November 23**

San Diego PFLAG Meeting 7:00 pm  
1st United Methodist Church of San Diego 2231 Camino Del Rio South  
Doors open at 6:45 pm

**Happy Holiday!**

We wish you a safe and joyful Happy Thanksgiving holiday. Please visit our website for more information.



**Getting up to speed**

We are pleased to have **Jonathan Goetz** and other guest speakers in an informal panel discussion to talk about their experiences with the election to keep marriage equality in the state of Maine.

They will give their views on why same-sex marriage was overturned. They will also discuss the positive outcome of the "everything but marriage" bill in Washington State.

Our other guest speaker will be Jeri Dilno, who will provide a long term perspective on the equality movement.

After the presentations, we will have our cookie social and support groups.



**PFLAG is Honored**

San Diego Pride has awarded

PFLAG San Diego \$500 from their annual philanthropic support. Besides being known for the Pride Parade and Festival,

**The Governor comes through 2X**



Other than the bad news in Maine, October was a good month for the LGBT community. On the 12th of October **Gov. Schwarzenegger** signed into law two historic LGBT rights bills: The **Harvey Milk Day** bill and The **Marriage Recognition and Family Protection Act**.

With the passage of the Harvey Milk Day bill, every **May 22**, Harvey Milk's birthday, will now be honored as a day of remembrance and significance. Although schools

would not close, this bill would encourage public schools and educational institutions to conduct suitable commemorative exercises.

The Marriage Recognition and Family Protection Act clarifies California family law to explicitly recognize marriages of same-sex couples performed out of state prior to November 5, 2008. The bill would also explicitly recognize marriages of same-sex couples performed out of state after that date as carrying all the same rights and responsibilities that spouses receive, although without the designation of marriage.

Both the laws will become effective January 1, 2010. Once again State Senator Mark Leno introduced both these bills which were sponsored by Equality California.

in 2009 alone, they will have donated close to \$100,000 to 78 different organizations. We are very grateful for San Diego Pride's generosity. The check

presentation will be **December 2** at the new Pride offices. Pride is looking forward to 2010 to celebrate *One World, One Heart, One Pride*.

**Mission Statement**

PFLAG promotes the health and well-being of gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender persons, their families and friends through Support, to cope with an adverse society; Education, to enlighten an ill-informed public; and Advocacy, to end discrimination and to secure equal civil rights.

PFLAG provides opportunity for dialogue about sexual orientation and acts to create a society that is healthy and respectful of human diversity.

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**There is still time to buy pies to benefit Mama's Kitchen**

We hope you will support Mama's Kitchen's **Pie in the Sky** fundraiser. You can purchase pies until **November 22**. See the form for pie choices. You can mail the form to Mama's Kitchen, 1875 Second Avenue, San Diego, CA 92101, order online, [www.mamaskitchen.org](http://www.mamaskitchen.org) or fax to **619-233-6283**. Check online or call **619-233-6262** for the convenient location for you to pick up the pies on **November 25** (the day before Thanksgiving).

**1** Name \_\_\_\_\_ Contact Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
Email \_\_\_\_\_ Sales Person/Team Name \_\_\_\_\_

**2** Please put the number of each kind of pie you would like in the boxes provided. \$20 each.  
Apple Pie(s)  Pecan Pie(s)  Pumpkin Pie(s)  Sugar-Free Apple Pie(s)

**3** Payment  Cash  Check (Payable to Mama's Kitchen)  Credit Card  
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Card Number \_\_\_\_\_ Exp. Date \_\_\_\_\_ Signature \_\_\_\_\_  
No pie for me, but I would like to make a fully deductible contribution in the amounts of \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**4** Pickup Location  
I would like to pick up my Pie(s) at Site   
Please write the Pickup site name here \_\_\_\_\_



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**PFLAG thanks you for your extra help**

Donations to the general fund, in memory of Doc Faulkner: **Olivia & Clive Dorman, Sue Randerson, Miriam Clark,** and thanks to **Sue & Tom Johnson** for providing refreshments for general meeting.

**Support Groups**

There is a PFLAG support group near you, no matter where you live. Here are our meeting dates and locations.

**NORTH COUNTY COASTAL**

Sunday, November 22 at 2:00 pm, Pilgrim United Church of Christ, Pilgrim Hall, 2020 Chestnut, Carlsbad.

Contact Larry Gerling, (760) 224-2178.

**NORTH COUNTY INLAND**

Tuesday, December 8 at 6:30 pm, San Diego Nat. Bank Bldg, Community Room, 16789 Bernardo Center Dr, Rancho Bernardo.

Contact Sue Fine, (858) 673-4560 or pflag4sd-nocnty@san.rr.com.

**Dear PFLAG**

We received the following letter from the scholarship winner who was featured in last month's newsletter.



Hello!

This is Jennifer Ansberry. I wanted to thank the San Diego PFLAG chapter for the honor of receiving the Mary Wagner Scholarship back in May of 2009. I also thought I would share with you what I've been up to the last couple of months as it is relevant to the LGBT community.

I am currently living in Washington D.C. and interning for Representative Henry Waxman. He represents the West Los Angeles area. I chose to intern with him because he is the Vice-Chair of the LGBT equality Caucus, and the Human Rights Campaign rated him 100% for his voting record on LGBT issues, and that was extremely important to me.

I had the privilege of attending the National Equality March two weeks ago also. It was empowering to see people like Judy Shepard (Matthew Shepard's mom)

and Daniel Choi (a gay man that was kicked out of the military for coming out on television).

But by far my favorite experience on Capitol Hill has been attending the News Conference where the Senate announced the passage of the Hate Crimes Bill. The Matthew Shepard Act, which would extend the definition of a Hate Crime to include sexual orientation and gender identity, has been in the works for 11 years. Last Thursday, the Senate was the last chamber to pass it

and they are confident that President Obama will sign it into law. At the News Conference, I heard Joe Solmonese (the HRC President) speak, along with Senators Specter, Leahy and Levin. I felt like I was a part of history witnessing the monumental passage of this legislation.

So please pass this along to the rest of the members in the San Diego PFLAG chapter. It is the support of organizations like yourself that affect the positive change that needs to happen in this country and in the world.

Thank you,

*Jennifer*  
Jennifer Ansberry

*Luan D. Andrews, M.A.*

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**EAST COUNTY**

Monday, December 14 at 7:00 pm, Summit Unitarian Universalist Church, 8778 Cottonwood Avenue, Santee.

Contact Ron Goetz, (619) 588-2342 or whytes-  
tonne@hotmail.com.

**MI FAMILIA (Spanish)**

Meetings are the first and third Monday of the month at The Center.

Contact Carolina (619) 692-2077, ext. 116.

**TRANSGENDER SUPPORT**

For more information on the Transgender Support Group

Contact Kathe Dunn, ftm\_mom@yahoo.com.

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**IT'S THAT TIME OF YEAR AGAIN: TIME TO RENEW YOUR PFLAG MEMBERSHIP**

It's hard to believe that 2010 is almost here. And that means PFLAG memberships are due once again. To all of you, thank you for being part of our continuing effort to provide support, education, and advocacy on behalf of our lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender community and their families. Thank you for allowing us to continue to provide monthly meetings, speakers, support groups, an info line, newsletters, educational brochures, etc.

**Your Membership is important to us...**

We have continued to provide memberships at the same low cost, year after year, never raising dues, in spite of increased costs. We do this because your membership is important to us--it enables us to strengthen our presence in the community and to have our voices heard. There are few PFLAG chapters with dues as low as ours. In addition, we help support National PFLAG by sending \$15 of each **con't next page**

**Job well done**

PFLAG member, GLSEN Board Member, and former Eagle Scout **Mick Rabin** was the emcee for the **Scouting for All** rally, held on October 11.

Fellow PFLAGers joined Mick (you'll notice that Mick can still fit into his scout uniform!): **Lonnie Brunini, Patti Boman, and Joan Crawford.** San Diego president of Scouting for All, **Howard Menzer**, also joined the photo op.



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[www.cafepress.com/pflagsd](http://www.cafepress.com/pflagsd)



**Matthew & James, Rest In Peace**

On October 28, a great and historic moment in the fight for LGBT equality in America occurred as **President Obama** signed the **Matthew Shepard and James Byrd Jr. Hate Crimes Prevention Act** into law. This moment has been 11 years in the making.

both Houses of Congress and the President have said, via legislation, that gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender Americans are equal Americans, and they deserve to be protected against attacks and protected from bias.

One victory down and many to go. The next fights to move equality forward include passing **ENDA** (Em-



After passing in both the House and the Senate by comfortable margins, and receiving the signature from the President, the new law extends authority to fully investigate and prosecute bias-motivated crimes where the victim has been targeted because of actual or perceived gender, sexual orientation, gender identity, or disability.

ployment Non-Discrimination Act), repealing **DOMA** (Defense of Marriage Act) and "Don't Ask, Don't Tell".

The passing of this act is a milestone. For the first time

PFLAG was proudly represented at the signing by **Jody Huckaby, Executive Director of PFLAG National.**

**Highlights**



Jody Huckaby has been the Executive Director of PFLAG National since February of 2005. He facilitated LGBT grassroots organizing and public policy development on HIV issues, housing, health care and research. Visit [www.pflag.org](http://www.pflag.org) for more info.

**RENEW YOUR PFLAG MEMBERSHIP**

membership to National. Therefore, if you receive a membership solicitation from National, we are already paying on your behalf.

We need you so we hope you will take the time now to renew your membership or join for the first time. Please complete the form below, enclose a check, and mail it to our post office box or give it to us at the general meeting.

**PFLAG NEEDS YOU!**

Remember, a PFLAG membership makes a great gift with the holidays around the corner.

We especially want to thank those who have joined as Lifetime Members. We encourage others to do the same. Additional donations are always appreciated. One last thing to remember if you are debating whether to join: **When you no longer need PFLAG, PFLAG needs you!**



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**Type of Membership**

Individual ..... \$25  
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## Current Events con't from front

### December 1

Mama's Kitchen & Village Hillcrest will host the 18th Annual Tree of Life Lighting Ceremony from 6 to 7:30 pm. The Ceremony is held each year on World AIDS Day and commemorates those affected by AIDS. The Lighting Ceremony takes place at Village Hillcrest Retail Center, 3965 Fifth Avenue in Hillcrest. There will be holiday music provided by the Gay Men's Chorus of San Diego.

### December 7

Mi Familia PFLAG Meeting 7:00 pm  
GLBT Center  
Contact  
Carolina Ramos  
cramos@thecentersd.org

### December 12

"Cool Yule" is a concert presented by the almost merged (in January) Gay Men's Chorus of San Diego and the San Diego Men's Chorus. The concert is at 8:00 pm at the Balboa Theatre, 868 Fourth Avenue @ E Street, downtown San Diego. The combined choruses feature over 100 men's voices; songs will include jazz and swing holiday favorites. They will be accompanied by a 10-piece swing band. Ticket prices range from \$22-38 with discounts for students, military, and seniors. More info at: [www.gmcSD.com](http://www.gmcSD.com).

## Phelps lost

Board Member Terrie Vorono gave us a first hand report on Fred Phelps and his Westboro Church followers as they held an anti-gay rally outside of San Diego High School.

Phelps group was surrounded by so many police officers that they could barely be seen. Another corner had a large church group with "love" signs. Right near the school was the large LGBT supportive community, showing solidarity, and as Terrie called it, "joyful noise and one big love fest."

The students from San Diego High and City College were part of the supportive group and everything was peaceful. The consensus was Phelps and company walked away disappointed since no one really paid attention to them.

## Scholarship Award

Board Member Olivia Dorman (r) presents the Mary Wagner scholarship winner, Jennifer Ansberry



Mother & Daughter, Jennifer Ansberry



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