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Parents, Families and Friends of Lesbians and Gays

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President's Report

Change is good and change is challenging. That is a simple way of saying we have been very busy re-energizing and re-organizing this year.

We have new leadership and new board members. My name is Delynne Rogers and I started as President last October. It's been challenging following Jim Spahr's shoes. He did so much for the organization.

A little bit about me...I am a mother with a gay son who just turned 21. When he was 15 years old he told us he was gay and I turned to PFLAG in Santa Rosa for support. Since there was no PFLAG where I live, I helped start PFLAG here in Ukiah about 5 years ago. Our group has been very active in Mendocino County with panels, support meetings, forums and Pride week activities.

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MEMBERSHIP:

INDIVIDUAL - \$35

FAMILY - \$45

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PFLAG No. Bay Sets Goals

Kathryn Miller

PFLAG North Bay Chapter is reinventing itself. At a daylong retreat in Santa Rosa, ten goals were established by PFLAG-NBC board members in an April workshop led by Sam Thoron, PFLAG National president. Visibility and growth were the main themes of the goal setting

Since its beginning in the late 1990's as a single meeting in Santa Rosa by Beverlee Laird PFLAG-NBC has grown into an organization encompassing four North Bay counties, Sonoma, Marin, Mendocino, and Napa. Although the territory is large and demographic and geographic differences make additional work, board members decided not to break up into separate counties. The strength, support, and diversity of ideas each county lends to the whole were deemed too important.

PFLAG-NBC Inc., a separate organization from the support and advocacy group, was established by the board under Jim Spahr, the previous president of PFLAG-NB. The corporation is responsible for the distribution of proceeds under the Rykken and Scull Charitable Trust, which was established after PFLAG-NBC was named trustee for the estate of a Sonoma County judge. One of the goals for PFLAG-NB is to establish, through the corporate arm, a distribution protocol and policy for the proceeds of the trust.

Membership is a concern because PFLAG-NBC isn't as visible as board members wish. Part of the reason is that PFLAG is an organization that is

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Currently we have 11 members on the Association board and 6 members on the Corporation board. The association exists as the group that creates panels, support groups, forums, membership, and education for the four counties. The corporation exists to manage the trust that was given to us by Judge Walter Rykken called the Rykken Scull trust. This year we will be announcing awards from the trust at our annual meeting on October 16th at the Villa, 3901 Montgomery Dr., Santa Rosa. Annual meeting and elections will be at 4:00pm with dinner and awards presentation following at 5:00pm till 8:00pm.

Some of the activities we have been involved in this year have been booths at Santa Rosa and Mendocino Pride week events. We also had representation at the Guerneville Pride event. We were part of a panel after the showing of the powerful documentary "Not in our Town – No. Calif." in Santa Rosa. We organized the showing of "Not in our Town" in Ukiah. We were part of the lobby group with other PFLAGers in Sacramento along with Equality California that lobbied for Mark Leno's bill AB 19 to allow same-sex marriage. We are part of the Safe-Schools committee and have attended meetings in San Francisco. We also helped sponsor Positive Images (support group for LGBT and questioning youth) first big annual fundraiser honoring people who have done the most for their organization. We have presented numerous panels in several of the different counties with great response. There is nothing like a parent expressing their unconditional love that can change a person or group.

I want to thank you for all your support. It's been a very successful year and I hope the following years PFLAG-No. Bay will continue to grow. Your membership dues allow us to be able to continue to inform and educate the public to help end discrimination towards our LGBT family members.

Delynne Rogers
President PFLAG/NBC Inc.

Awards, Elections At PFLAG Annual Meeting

Kathryn Miller

PFLAG-North Bay Chapter will elect its officers and directors for 2006 terms at the annual meeting at The Villa 3901 Montgomery Dr. Santa Rosa at 4 p.m. October 16. The Annual Rykken and Scull awards will be made at dinner there following the meeting. The speaker for the evening is activist and philanthropist, Jody Cole from Mendocino County who is currently on the EQCA board. She will give us an update on Equality California and legislation.

A slate of candidates will be presented at the annual meeting and nominations may be made by PFLAG members from the floor.

PFLAG boards are separate association and corporate boards. Members of the 2005 association board are President – Delynne Rogers. President Elect – Louise Browning, Treasurer – Gaile Wakeman, Secretary and Membership – Dick Browning, Vice President Education – Nancy Gambastiani, Vice President Marin – Jane Hills, Vice President Napa – Mark Andersen, Vice President Santa Rosa – Lin Campbell (Also head of Speakers Bureau), Vice President Ukiah – Delynne Rogers, and Directors at Large, Katherine Fengler and Kathryn Miller.

On the corporate board are President – Delynne Rogers, President Elect – Louise Browning, Treasurer – Gaile Wakeman, Secretary – Dick Browning, and Directors at Large Mark Andersen, Lin Campbell, and Joyce Rodgers.

People who are parents, family or friends of GLBTIQ people may join PFLAG as well as members of the GLBTIQ community. Annual membership dues are \$35 for an individual a year for one year and \$45 for a family membership. A family membership includes those people related to one another by marriage, birth, love, or self-definition as a family.

Dinner will consist of a choice of four entrees: Chicken Piccata, Top Sirloin Steak, Filet of Sole Dore, and Gnocchi Pesto and includes salad, beverage, dessert, tax and tip, all for \$28 per person. Call Robert Siegal 707-573-0555 to make your choice and reservation by October 9th. Non-PFLAG members may attend, but cannot vote at the meeting.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

PFLAG ANNUAL AWARDS DINNER AND ELECTION OF OFFICERS

PLACE:: THE VILLA – 3901 MONTGOMERY DR., SANTA ROSA, CA.

TIME:: 4:00PM ANNUAL MEETING AND ELECTION OF OFFICERS
5:00PM DINNER AND AWARDS

Annually we give awards from the Rykken Scull trust to 501c3(s) who contribute to the elimination of bigotry against gays and lesbians.

MONTHLY SUPPORT MEETINGS:

MARIN COUNTY

PLACE: WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, 240 TIBURON BL.

TIME: 7:30 PM, 2ND THURSDAY EACH MONTH

MENDOCINO COUNTY/UKIAH

PLACE: UKIAH UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, 270 No. PINE ST., UKIAH

TIME: 6:00PM, 2ND MONDAY OF EACH MONTH

SONOMA COUNTY/SANTA ROSA

PLACE: FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH, 4930 NEWANGA DR. SANTA ROSA

TIME: 7:30PM, 4TH MONDAY OF EACH MONTH

Napa County

Currently no meeting site. Call 1-866-350-2462

turned to by people who feel a need for support after being told their son is gay or daughter, a lesbian. Many people who don't need PFLAG for support aren't aware of its existence. Currently there are 40 paid members on the membership list. Another goal, therefore, is to increase this number to 200 over a three-year period.

Currently, there are four monthly meetings, one in each county, but some are barely operating for lack of attendance. Meetings are open to relatives and friends of GLBTs and also to people who are gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender or questioning.

Other goals to be met within the three year period are: to increase the size and diversity of the active board to 12-15 members; to establish and maintain a minimum of four monthly meetings; to increase monthly support meetings at new locations; to publish a quarterly newsletter; to establish a publicity program; to establish a safe schools program by working with other groups; to establish an advocacy and visibility program; and to establish an outreach program.

Discussion of goals and progress toward accomplishment are often part of board meetings via teleconference. PFLAG members are eligible to join teleconferences and add their ideas. For further information go to PFLAG-NB.org and click on "contact us" to send an email inquiry to the president.

Attending the workshop were Delynne Rogers of Ukiah, PFLAG-NB president, her husband John Rogers, directors Jane Hills of Marin, Dick and Louise Browning of Philo, and Nancy Giambastiani and Kathryn Miller of Santa Rosa.

Board of Directors:

Pres. Assoc/Corp Delynne Rogers

Pres. Elect Assoc/Corp Louise Browning

Secty, Membership Assoc/Corp Dick Browning

Treasurer Assoc/Corp Gaile Wakeman

Assoc/Corp Directors: Joyce Rodgers, Mark Andersen

Assoc Directors: Nancy Giambastiani (Education), Lin Campbell (Panels), Katherine Fendler. Kathryn Miller. Jane Hills