



The *NEW* Banner



LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

First, I have to apologize for not giving you, our members and followers, a Banner for such a long time. There are no excuses to offer and the best reason is that I dropped the ball. I am hoping to do a better job of keeping all of us who produce the newsletter on track to keep you informed.

It is time to make sure your dues are current and your membership is up to date because it is time to vote for new Board Members. I would like to personally thank, from the bottom of my heart, the three members who are rolling off. They are Randy Trahan, Victor Andrews and Roy Hunt. Each of these gentlemen have been long-tenured members of the Board and have each served in different positions over the years. Randy has chaired the annual **Sandra Paillet Memorial Scholarship Reception** with undying devotion and precision for almost 30 years. We will truly miss his presence and hope he will be around so we can tap into his years of knowledge. Roy Hunt has served our board for many years as Treasurer and as a critical member of the Reception Committee. His service has always been enthusiastic and, as Treasurer, he always kept us on track. Victor Andrews also served on the Reception Committee, producing the program which was always a challenge because of the number of recipients to keep up with each year. Victor also was instrumental in getting our most recent edition of our By Laws updated

and implemented. This was a tremendous undertaking and is greatly appreciated by the Board to have it completed.

We are also losing one other board member due to a job-related transfer. Shelley Farrell, along with Shane, served as co-moderator of our monthly Support meetings. We truly owe them a big thank you for keeping each month covered and for encouraging attendees to join our organization and volunteer at our many events. Many thanks to Shelley and our best wishes on her next adventure. You will truly be missed.

To all those Board Members leaving us at this time, I truly can never express the sincerest gratitude that the remaining Board Members have for each and every one of you. You have our best wishes for much success in your futures.

So, after all that **please mark your calendars** for the upcoming vote for our newest Board Members on Thursday, August 8, at our usual monthly General Support Meeting at 7:30 pm at Gates of Prayer Synagogue. Make sure your dues are paid or you will otherwise be unable to vote. You can register on our website at any time, day or night, and even on holidays. Only dues-paying members will be forwarded the list of nominees along with their respective bios. So, join us Now!

I would like to remind everyone about two upcoming events that are happening in August. Two of our newest partners, the Gulf South LGBT Chamber of Commerce and the New Orleans Track Club (NOTC), who have been so supportive of our mission, are each hosting events that will benefit our scholarship program. Please mark your calendar, first for August 18, which will be the Chamber's annual fundraiser to benefit PFLAG New Orleans. It will take place at Pearl Wine Company, 3700 Orleans Ave., Suite 1C and starts at 12 pm and ends at 3 pm. Tickets are \$20.00 and can be purchased on their website (the link is in the ad in this newsletter) or you can purchase tickets at the door with Cash or Credit. Your ticket provides you with one Raffle Ticket for over 10 wonderful items and additional raffle tickets can be purchased for \$5.00. There will be free food as well as food for purchase from two Food Trucks and from the Pearl Wine Co. There will be a cash bar, but there are some drinks which will be available at an open bar.

Secondly, mark your calendar for the morning of Sunday August 31 for the second annual NOTC Pride Run/Walk. Last year's event was surprisingly-well

attended and helped NOTC fulfill their mission of diversity and inclusion. Please go to their website and register to attend; even if you're not a runner, you can walk the course and enjoy the after-party, where there will be food and music. Even if you are neither a runner or walker, register to enjoy the before and after events. Thanks go to both of our newest partners for their continued support and generosity.

Finally, I'd like to thank everyone who recently voted for the Gay Appreciation Awards sponsored by Ambush. Our chapter received the award for "Advocate for Transgender Rights," which we are truly honored to receive. I would also like to commend all the other nominees for their great work and unwavering support of the Transgender community. Together, we can affect the positive change for a community through education and inclusiveness. Again, thank you to all those who voted.

Have a safe and fun filled Southern Decadence and Labor Day!



It's Time for Board Elections!

Thursday, August 8 @ 7:30 PM
Congregation Gates of Prayer
4000 West Esplanade
Metairie, LA 70002

Please park in the parking lot on Richland St. and enter building from the parking lot.

Call 504-862-5912 for more info.

The Support meeting will follow the election.

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info@pflagno.org.

[Click for the Community Calendar](#)

The votes are in! PFLAG New Orleans has won the GAA award for Advocate of Transgender Rights! [\[LIST\]](#) [ISSUE](#)

Join us for our monthly support group meeting to take advantage of this award-winning resource: Northshore meetings every 3rd Thursday; Southshore meetings every 2nd

Thursday.

FOR MORE INFO, [CLICK HERE.](#)



"FUN"draiser on August 18!

Your \$20 entry fee per person (21+yo) includes one raffle ticket for a chance to win FABULOUS door prizes, \$5 -\$6 house wines, special cocktail menu and delicious local food. **BONUS:** If you buy wine from The Pearl, all corkage fees are waived.

Join us at the American Can Company on Sunday, August 18!

[Register Here ASAP!](#)



Have you ever been to the PFLAG National Convention?

This year, you should go. It will be a life-changing, educational, and fun weekend.

We Are the Change: The 2019 PFLAG National Convention will provide major opportunities for networking, while offering workshops, panel discussions, and nationally renowned speakers to be motivated by and learn from.

You'll also enjoy our annual PFLAG National Awards ceremony during which we will honor those who are making a difference and from whose efforts we can learn--and mirror--in the coming year. In between sessions, you'll have free time to enjoy all that Kansas City has to offer, whether you're a foodie, a BBQ aficionado, a craft beer lover, a history buff, an art lover, or all of the above!

[Click for more Information.](#)



The inaugural New Orleans Pride Run & Walk is set to take place Saturday, August 31 just blocks from New Orleans' French Quarter at Crescent Park.

Members, friends and allies of the LGBTQ+ community are invited and encouraged to participate as runners or walkers in support of

PFLAG and their local scholarship program recognizing outstanding GLBT students in Louisiana.

Registration for the event is now open and all proceeds will benefit PFLAG New Orleans.

[Click for more.](#)

Trans Boxing Collective
TGNC Boxing Workshop
Saturday August 3rd
2:30pm - 4:30pm
2836 Conti St
Boxing Workshop For TGNC By TGNC
NO EXPERIENCE NECESSARY. Gloves provided.
\$15 Early Registration (Before 7/17)
\$20 Regular Registration (After 7/17)
To Register: 504-516-0296
36Chambers.NOBC@gmail.com
IG: @NOBC36
Scholarships Available For Those in Need

A boxing class exclusively for Trans/Gender Non-Conforming/Non-Binary people exclusively is taking place on August 3, 2:30-4:30pm@2836 Conti St.

Pre-Register because space is limited!

There are very few fitness classes for TGNC individuals in NO and this one is being held in a queer-owned/queer-affirming gym.

LGBT in the News

[Transgender Opera Singers Find their Voices \(from the NY Times\)](#)

[Readers chime in about the Transgender pronoun, "They"](#)

[LGBT and you are about to retire? Look at the best LGBT-Friendly cities to retire to. A surprise at #1.](#)



Remembering the PULSE shooting-
3 years later.

Tres años desde la masacre del
Club Nocturno Pulse

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article? Send your thoughts to:*

Info@pflagno.org.



PRIDE QUILT RAFFLE!

PFLAG New Orleans' very own Aimee Tamplain and her company, [Little Leaf Quilting](#), have created and donated a Quilted Masterpiece, which **will be raffled at the Support Meeting** on September 12.

Tickets may be purchased until then at the support meeting or through the online option, which will be available soon.

Proceeds will be donated directly to PFLAG New Orleans.

PRIDE PROM 2019

On May 10, the Human Rights Campaign & Hyatt Regency New Orleans along with HyPride, **PFLAG New Orleans**, CrescentCare, and Jewish Pride NOLA (a program of the Jewish Federation of GNO) invited LGBTQ youth ages 16-20 to Pride Prom 2019 featuring a special performance by New Orleans LGBTQ advocate and bounce music star, BIG FREEDIA!





Resident Radio Celebrity, Author, and Activist Sally Jackson brings wit, wisdom, and occasional sense in this entertaining column.

A Little Piece of Radio History

By Sally Michelle Jackson

On December 1, 2014, the Low Power radio station designated as WHIV LP, 102.3 FM began broadcasting in New Orleans. The nonprofit behind WHIV is NOSIDA – New Orleans Society for Infectious Diseases Awareness and the station is headed by Dr. Mark Alain Dery. They reached out to the groups working for social justice and human rights--PFLAG New Orleans responded. We donated to the station to help them purchase equipment and began a discussion of having a program on the station. The board decided to try a talk show, it was set up as a thirty minute, once-a-week experiment for six months. One of the board members was Josh Carcabasis, who volunteered to be one of the co-hosts and Julie Thompson (then PFLAG New Orleans Co-President) reached out to me to be

the other half of the team.

It was on July 23, 2015, in an upstairs studio over a single car garage, at 8 AM that Josh Carcabasis and I signed on to the first live show of PFLAG New Orleans – Expanding the Rainbow. It was a bit daunting at first but when the show ended with a call-in guests saying, “I’ve got to go up to the Hill, they’re signing the Marriage Equality Act,” I felt like this was really happening! We fell into the routine of getting up early and making it through traffic to the studio and started really enjoying the process of meeting new people and discussing new topics in front of a radio audience.

The show has had a few changes over this time period; we went from thirty minutes to a full hour in January of 2016 and moved to a new studio during that year. We have been on the air with a new program every week, with very few exceptions--. when the station is shut down. Julie Thompson, Joe Melcher, Jake Armato, Josh Carcabasis and myself would meet to line up guest for about three months at a time. After Julie and Joe retired from the co-presidency of the board of PFLAG New Orleans, we got a new show running team by replacing Julie and Joe with Shelley Farrell. Her work transferred her to Houston, so she was replaced by another board member, Misti Gaither, who is now our current show-runner. Listeners will have noticed that over time the show has remained focused on issues affecting the LGBTQ+ and events in the community but we have settled into a comfortable format for our guests, just a conversation like you would have at a coffee shop – if coffee shops had multiple microphones, headphones, a station ID every fifteen minutes and required you to bring your

own coffee. They will also have noticed that Josh has been absent recently, we are hoping that he will be able to come back soon. A couple of weeks ago we added a new voice to the show to help increase our balance in the community. Josh supplied the perspective of a young Gay man, I covered the aspects of being an older Transwoman and now Tyra Ellis can add a better perspective for the people of color. I am looking forward to having all three of us in the booth at the same time – I don't mind the over-crowding or sharing a mic--certainly not with good friends.

We are proudly approaching two hundred live shows and it is still a new experience every morning. This is due to the amazing guests that take the time out of their day to come talk to us - and, by us, I mean our Community. Most of the people who come on our show are volunteers for the organizations that they represent; most have other jobs but they put social justice and human rights first. The show would never have made it past its six-month trial if not for the amazing people of our community and their support.

Thank all of you have have been listening and coming on the show as guests and-- to everyone who hasn't heard the show--listen live at WHIV LP 102.3 FM or stream us at whivfm.org. We also have begun an On-Demand section on the website. Human Rights and Social Justice are current issues but they are paving the way for the next generations. I hope to keep this program on the air for a long time, long enough that someone younger will step in to take my place.



PFLAG New Orleans is looking for your feedback, articles, and story ideas. Please send your comments to info@pflagno.org



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