



# The PFLAG Link

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Meeting This Month  
Sunday, Feb. 28 2-4:30 PM  
Unitarian/Universalist Fellowship  
6220 Jefferson at Wackerly, Midland

## Even Doctors Agree: There's Nothing Like Chocolate

The annual PFLAG-Perceptions Chocolate Party is coming up on March 13 from 6 to 9 PM. Location will be in the same beautiful house as last year: 1000 Hoyt Ave in Saginaw. Everyone is welcome to enjoy this incredible selection of indulgent culinary delights - and leave no crumbs! An annual fundraising event for both organizations, a donation is requested.

## Out & Proud Dance

The Alliance is sponsoring an Out & Proud LGBT and Ally Dance on Sat., April 10th from 7 to 11 PM. Advance tickets are only \$3 single or \$5 per couple. The event will be held at the Unitarian-Universalist Church Hall, 2474 S. Ballenger Hwy, Flint. Tickets at the door will be \$10 single or \$15 per couple. Tickets can be purchased at Good Beans Cafe or by calling the Genesee County PFLAG Helpline at 810-496-8302.

## PFLAG Michigan Statewide Meeting in Jackson

The Jackson PFLAG Chapter invites you to this year's Statewide Meeting, titled "Chapter Tune-Up: Keeping PFLAG Running and Relevant." Join us Sat., April 17 at the Bella Notte Ristorante Ballroom, 137 W Michigan Ave., Jackson, 9 AM to 4 PM. Cost is \$30/individual, \$55/couple, and \$20 for students, including breakfast and lunch. (Reduced fees or assistance available.) Speakers include **Andy Wolber** of NPower Michigan on "Leveraging Technology;" **Dr. Julie Nemecek** of Michigan Equality on "Forefront of Transgender Equality;" plus **Mike Neubecker**, Regional Director **Dan Tepfer**, **Brooke Smith**, and more. See <http://PerceptionsSV.org/PFLAG2010.pdf> or contact Lorraine Hampton at 517-750-3045.

## This month: The Honorable Stephen L. Borrello and the Constitution

*February's guest explains how judges protect our nation's foundational document*

We all must maintain a citizen's involvement in our society - and that means we should be familiar with both its culture and its laws. This month, PFLAG TriCities welcomes as our guest Judge **Stephen L. Borrello**, a native Michiganian who will share his perspective on "The Role of the Judiciary as Guardians of the Constitution."

Born in Saginaw, Judge Borrello received his B.A. from Albion College in 1981, and his J.D. from the Detroit College of Law in 1984. Judge Borrello also attended Michigan State University where he was a graduate assistant and lecturer in the Department of History, working on post graduate degrees in American Intellectual History.

Prior to his appointment to the **Milk's Dustin Lance Black to speak in Detroit March 10.**

*The ACLU of Michigan presents a Legacy Lecture on March 10.*

The Academy Award-winning writer of the screenplay for the film **Milk**, **Dustin Lance Black**, discusses *Activism and the Creative Class: The Art of Building Inclusive Communities* on March 10 at the Museum of Contemporary Art Detroit (MOCAD), 4454 Woodward, Detroit, at 7:30 PM. Black, 36,

Michigan Court of Appeals, Judge Borrello was an assistant prosecuting attorney in Saginaw County before becoming a shareholder in the law firm of Gilbert, Smith & Borrello, P.C. As a private practitioner, Judge Borrello specialized in labor law serving as general counsel to numerous labor and governmental organizations. During this time, Judge Borrello authored numerous articles and two books on construction labor law issues. Judge Borrello was also a member of the Michigan Board of Canvassers, and a member of the 1996 Electoral College.

Judge Borrello was **Governor Granholm's** first appointment to the Michigan Court of Appeals on June 9, 2003 and he

was elected to that position in November of 2004 and re-elected in November of 2006. He is a frequent lecturer on issues of jurisprudence and trial and appellate court advocacy at the Michigan State University School of Law, Thomas M. Cooley School of Law, and The Walter and Mary Reuther UAW compound at Black Lake. Judge Borrello is currently an adjunct faculty member in the Department of Criminal Justice at Saginaw Valley State University, where he teaches Criminal Procedure and Evidence. Judge Borrello and his wife Nancy reside on a small farm in Thomas Township, assuming the role of primary caregivers for a vast array of animals.

will share his personal experiences as an artist who has become a strong advocate for LGBT rights. The gay son of devout Mormon parents who grew up in Texas, Black, inspired by the example of Harvey Milk, dared to come out, be himself and pursue his dreams. Admission is \$15 for

students (includes ACLU student membership); \$30 for ACLU members; \$40 for non-members, and \$100 VIP, which includes premium seating and VIP Reception (starts at 6 PM.) Strolling Reception begins at 6:30. Sponsored by ACLU of Michigan.

## A Special Message from the Chapter Board

*New Leadership Vital to PFLAG TriCities*

**Bob and Denise Malosh** have decided to step down as president and secretary of PFLAG Tri-Cities after their terms are finished at the end of September 2010. Denise has been secretary for the last 5 years while Bob has been president for 4 years after 1 year as vice-president. The Board is unanimous in its heartfelt appreciation of Bob and Denise

for their unwavering dedication; the chapter has enjoyed superb leadership under Bob and Denise.

The leadership of PFLAG Tri-Cities has always been based on a team approach, and the Board is committed to giving its personal support to members who are willing to step up to help the Chapter move forward. If you have an interest in joining

the leadership team of PFLAG Tri-Cities please contact us at [pflag@pflag-mbs.org](mailto:pflag@pflag-mbs.org), **Bob Malosh** at [malosh@chartermi.net](mailto:malosh@chartermi.net) or **Brian Baker** at [lineweaver1080@chartermi.net](mailto:lineweaver1080@chartermi.net).

Please consider volunteering to help lead PFLAG Tri-Cities in 2010-2011. Thank you, PFLAG TriCities Board of Directors