



The PFLAG Link

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Who's Watching the Watchdogs? A Conversation Vital to Citizenship, Sunday at PFLAG TriCities

We all take pride in the honor and integrity of our legal system. But the test of any government comes when pressure is high and times are tough. When “official business” includes harassment, minorities get the harshest treatment, making LGBT people feel like canaries in the coal mines. A **long-time friend** of PFLAG TriCities will join us on Sunday to share stories of how our Constitution’s guarantee of “innocent until proven guilty” are often merely optional and may not apply to everyone. We are citizens and must stay informed about actions and behavior of our Government – which, in America, we’re promised, acts in our name. Our July meeting will be Sunday, July 25 from 2 to 4:30 PM at Unitarian-Universalist Church of Midland, 6220 Jefferson (at Wackerly), Midland.

Garden Party – Our Moment of Beauty

Friends of PFLAG TriCities and Perceptions of Saginaw Valley enjoyed a beautiful evening at Lisiks’ Gardens near Hemlock this past Saturday. A 32-year-long personal and professional project of **Phil and Ginger Lisik’s**, the garden features beautiful views in all directions, and from all vantage points. No matter where you stand or where you look, there is almost heavenly beauty in sight both near and far. We shared a great time of relaxed conversation and tasty food and raised more than \$700 to be split between the two organizations! While the breezes blew gently, the sun cast long shadows – and participants met old friends and made new acquaintances. PFLAG and Perceptions extend warm thanks (punctuated by breaths of “Wow!” for the landscape) to Phil and Ginger. You may have missed the party, but the garden is available for anyone who calls to let the Lisik family know you’d like to see it. Most of the beauty is available for purchase (cash or check only.) **Call 989-642-5772** to set up a time to visit.

PFLAG TriCities meets in Saginaw in August

Join us in Saginaw as we try out a friendly new location. The August PFLAG Tri-Cities meeting will be held in Saginaw at **Our Savior Lutheran Church, 2525 Hemmeter Road, Saginaw** at our regular time of **2:00 to 4:30pm on the fourth Sunday of the month: August 22**. If you know of anyone in the Saginaw area who might be interested in trying PFLAG, please let them know of the change in the meeting site. We’re interested in knowing if a meeting closer to Saginaw will bring people who haven’t attended meetings in Midland. Our thanks to Our Savior Church for welcoming us with their meeting space. Our speaker will be **Ash Christians**, from the Sexual Assault Center of Saginaw. His topic will include bullying in schools, which continues to be an important issue for PFLAGer’s to be vocal and well-informed about.

Supporting AIDS care is as easy as walking! AIDS Walk Saturday, September 25 2010
Wenonah Park, downtown/eastside Bay City. Registration at 9:30 am; Rally at 10:30 am; Walk Time
11:00 am. (Walk as much as you want!) followed by another Rally giving prizes and announcing
amount raised. Sponsored by **Sacred Heart Rehabilitation Center** (formerly BASIS). Phone:
989.894.2991. Our chapter is a co-sponsor, so join us with a pledge to PFLAG, your own
pledge, attend the rallies, WALK! : To register or get more information, click on
aidswalkmichigan.org and find the “Bay City/Midland/Saginaw” link on the left.

Addressing and Preventing Bullying: Effective School-Based Strategies
Friday, August 27, 9 - 5 pm, Saginaw ISD Transitions Center, 3860 Fashion Square Center,
Saginaw, MI 48603. Fee: \$10. Registration Deadline: August 12
Contact: Ash Christians 989-790-7500 ext 226 or achristians@sac-saginaw.org

Las Vegas Night II at the Magic Bean!
Saturday, August 28, 7-10 pm, Magic Bean Cafe & Lounge, 5789 State St., Saginaw, MI - across
from Menards. Tickets cost \$20 includes hors d'oeuvres, gaming chips, and a raffle entry. Cash
bar, silent auction and raffle prizes. Tickets available at Sacred Heart 989-776-600 ext 7514 or
Magic Bean Cafe & Lounge 989-790-9495. Proceeds go to AIDS Walk Bay City/Midland/Saginaw.

It's Simpler – But Is It Better? You Decide

Our new format for the PFLAG Link is the result of an effort to continue to provide news of our
chapter's activities while preparing for a leadership transition coming this fall. As we've mentioned
in recent issues, Bob and Denise Malosh are leaving their posts as Chapter President and Secretary
beginning October 1. In addition, we will be seeking help with our newsletter and seeking a new
Treasurer beginning in January 2011. We believe the Chapter is “vital with vitality” – both healthy
due to its many committed members, and vital for the service it provides in Central Michigan. Call
the number below for more information, or to share your feelings about the changes in this month's
newsletter.

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