



PFLAG-Lima

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*****NEXT MEETING JANUARY 19*****

Our new president will share his ideas about the coming year and where he would like to see the PFLAG-Lima go in the coming year. He and the rest of the officers would love to see you there and hear your input.

2008 OFFICERS

It was great to see so many people at our annual potluck meal in December. There were new folks and some we hadn't seen in a while. There was plenty of good food and fellowship. Our 2008 officers are Forrest--President, Don--Treasurer, and Dale--Secretary.

THANKS TO ALL THE ELVES

The PFLAG Christmas elves were busy. Because of members' donations at the December meeting Kerry and Marquis delivered cases of green beans, baked beans, mixed vegetables, soups, tuna, macaroni, shampoo and conditioner, bars of soap, tooth paste, tooth brushes, toilet paper, paper towels, napkins, beef stew, hearty soups, and canned fruits to the ARC office. It all goes to help people in the area who are dealing with HIV/Aids. Marquis and Kerry also donated other furniture and kitchen items. Those items were given to an ARC client who just moved into an apartment after living in a shelter. She had very little furniture.

Robert also secured gift card donations from Ray's and Wal-Mart. Robert's neighbor helped out by getting her church to donate gift bags of food and personal items. It's amazing what can happen when you just ask!

Thanks go to everyone who donated, delivered, made it possible for others to donate, and educated us about the need.

OUR BRAND NEW SCHOLARSHIPS

In case you haven't heard, PFLAG-Lima now is offering two \$300 scholarships to students who are LGBT and straight allies. Area schools now have the information. Students can pick up the information in their high school guidance counselor's office or college/university financial aid office. The deadline for applications is March 15. You can also go to our website and download the information and forms. The address is www.geocities.com/pflag_lima. Please help spread the word.

CONNIE'S STORY PUBLISHED

A few years ago, Equality Ohio created a book called *Our Stories* with stories from GLBT individuals in Ohio and presented it to Ohio's lawmakers. Last year, the group created another *Our Stories* book to present to lawmakers--this time featuring the stories of straight family members and friends of GLBT individuals

Our very own straight ally and friend, Connie Niemeyer, wrote her story of how helping one young man got her involved and why she continues to be so supportive. It was selected and published on page 27 of the book!! You can read Connie's story and see her picture along with the other stories on line at <http://www.equalityohio.org/>.

Congratulations, and thank you for being a positive witness to your family, to our chapter, and to the GLBT community. We are proud of you and truly appreciate all your support and advocacy for GLBT people.

New PFLAG Chapter in Findlay

Dave and Michael attended the first meeting of the Findlay PFLAG chapter on Saturday, January 5. Lauri Ritter, president of the chapter, and her partner Cathy Logan are very enthusiastic about starting the chapter in Findlay and have many ideas for the future. At the present time the chapter meets in their home, but they hope to have a new location (possibly the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship in Findlay) in the future. Dave and Michael enjoyed the meeting and getting to know the members. We wish the Findlay PFLAG chapter success and hope that Lima PFLAG and Findlay PFLAG can work together in the future. To find out more about Findlay PFLAG, email Lauri at pflagfindlay@yahoo.com.

COMING EVENTS

(Contact Dave at davbro65@yahoo.com for more info)

Friday January 19: PFLAG Lima meeting, 7:30

Friday, February 1: ONU Drag Show sponsored by the Open Doors group. The show will be in the activities room of the McIntosh building at 7:00pm.

Saturday, April 19: Statewide Ohio PFLAG conference hosted by Youngstown PFLAG. The meeting will be near Warren Ohio.

Wednesday, May 14: Lobby Day in Columbus sponsored by Equality Ohio.

STAY INFORMED

Websites:

National PFLAG www.pflag.org

Human Rights Campaign www.hrc.org

Equality Ohio www.equalityohio.org

For GLBT Issues and Headlines in the News:

www.pflag.org www.planetout.com

www.advocate.com

www.365gay.com