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Oregon Central Coast Chapter

October 2013

Take Action!

Guido Barillo, chairman of the Italian pasta-maker Barilla, said, "I would never do [a commercial] with a homosexual couple.... Ours is a classic family where the woman plays a fundamental role. ... If [gays] don't like it, they can go eat another brand." Sounds like a good idea to me!

Two women married in Boston and living in Georgia want the same last name on their drivers' licenses. The DMV permitted the first woman to change but refused the second one the same consideration. The second woman has started a petition to ask the Georgia DMV to let her change her name. [https://
www.change.org/petitions/georgia-dmv-let-same-sex-married-
couples-change-our-last-names](https://www.change.org/petitions/georgia-dmv-let-same-sex-married-couples-change-our-last-names)

Out2Enroll (www.out2enroll.org) is a website to help members of the LGBT community navigate the Affordable Care Act that goes into effect on January 1, 2014. People can start enrolling for health coverage in Health Insurance Marketplaces on October 1.

Celebrate National Coming Out Day on October 11!

You're Invited!

October 26, 6:00 pm: Ineka Estabrook's annual Halloween/El Dia de Los Muertos party with a donation spot for the Oregon United for Marriage campaign. Wild Hogs in the Woods will play, and costumes are encouraged. Location: 634 NE 7th Street, Newport—next to Fairgrounds and Newport High School. Information at inekae@gmail.com

November 3, 2:00 pm: Enjoy desserts and conversation at a Oregon United for Marriage fundraiser overlooking the Yaquina Bay, hosted by Sue Hardesty and Nel Ward. RSVP for directions to nelcward@charter.net

OCC PFLAG Wins National Award

Thanks to the nomination from Kathy Reim, NW Regional PFLAG Director, our local chapter of PFLAG has received the national organization's Education Award. Three awards—one for each of PFLAG's mission areas of Support, Education, and Advocacy—will be presented on October 27 at the group's national convention in Washington, DC. According to Rein:

"This chapter's education project is an exemplary rural model for integrating school, community and PFLAG efforts to improve school and community climate and support for LGBT teens. It has displayed extraordinary energy and creativity that has served as an inspiration to rural chapters throughout the Northwest. It has one of the best newsletters—filled with a great combination of educational, supportive, and advocacy leadership.

"This project has dramatically increased the level of awareness and support for LGBT teens in Lincoln County. Every high school and Angell Job Corps now has a GSA chapter that meets with other rural GSA groups for education and support. The school board and administrators are familiar with state laws and mandates re Bully Prevention policy and programs, as well as PFLAG OCC's LGBT 101 community education program. LGBT teens are leaders in the county-wide Youth Leadership Academy and developed the first LGBT Curriculum Integration guide in Oregon. The school community was very supportive of the openly LGBT student who won the PFLAG scholarship.

"PFLAG OCC increased its visibility in the community and improved its credibility with school district board, administrators, teaching staff, students, parents and community members. School administrators now seek out PFLAG leaders for expertise in bully prevention and school climate improvement. The Newport Chamber of Commerce has requested LGBT 101 presentation to help the business community be more aware and supportive of the needs of LGBT teens and adults in the community. PFLAG OCC has been sought out to mentor two new PFLAG chapters in the last three months."

PFLAG Presents LGBT 101 at NOW Meeting: At the Sept. 16 meeting of the Oregon Coast Chapter of National Organization for Women (NOW), PFLAG members presented a short version of their LGBT 101 workshop along with a panel of LGBT members and parents. Panelists were able to demonstrate their differences on the Genderbread Person model of human sexuality in terms of gender identity, gender expression, sexual orientation. Participants used personal examples and stories to illustrate the differences and created a level of understanding that is rare. Students from Newport High School's GSA (Gay/Straight Alliance) chapter were included in the panel. LGBT historian and researcher Nel Ward, newsletter editor, provided important historical background and an excellent bibliography for understanding LGBT history as well as current issues.

Oregon PFLAG Council Meets in Newport on October 5: Leaders of the fifteen Oregon PFLAG chapters will again meet in Newport for their Fall 2013 quarterly meeting. President Becky Groves of Prineville will chair the meeting hosted by PFLAG OCC. Co-chair Jeanne St. John and Treasurer Debbie Spicer will present LGBT 101 to the visiting chapter leaders so they can be prepared to lead similar workshops in their own communities.

PFLAG Presents at Newport Chamber of Commerce on October 11: PFLAG Board members Brent Burford and Jeanne St. John (Co-Chairs), Deb Lyman (Secretary), and Debbie Spicer (Treasurer) will make a presentation to the Newport Chamber of Commerce on the progress of PFLAG OCC in its first five years. The Chamber will get a quick lesson on human sexuality with the Genderbread Person and will hear about support, education, and advocacy projects conducted by PFLAG OCC.

Politics on Our Side

Breaking News: Marriage equality is legal in New Jersey, according to state Superior Court Judge Mary Jacobson, because LGBT couples would be denied federal benefits if the state allowed only civil unions. State officials are to begin officiating same-sex marriages on October 21.

South Dakota: A transgender woman, Cori McCreery, received a \$50,000 settlement after she was fired from her job after she told her employer she planned to transition. The Equal Employment Opportunity Commission also requires a public notice on the EEOC website, public notice on the workplace bulletin board, a mandatory policy in the workplace on workplace protections, a yearly three-hour all-staff mandatory training on workplace protections, and a letter of apology and letter of recommendation for McCreery.

United States: The 9th Circuit Court of Appeals will determine whether a person's sexual orientation can be grounds for being exempted from a jury. In the anti-trust case regarding the allocation that Abbott Laboratories had unfairly increased the cost of the HIV-fighting drug Norvir by 400 percent in order to boost sales of its other HIV drug, Kaletra, a gay man was rejected as a potential juror.

United States: The *Washington Blade* has been selected to join the in-town pool rotation for the White House Press Corps. It is the first LGBT publication selected for this honor. A reporter from the *Blade* will monitor the president on a rotating basis to tell other press members about his activities in the capital.

United States: With at least eight counties now recognizing marriage equality in New Mexico, at least one Air Force base is also recognizing the marriages of same-sex couples wed in those counties. Thus far the state Supreme Court has not decided the status of same-sex marriage state-wide.

United States: U.S. District Judge David C. Norton refused to dismiss a lawsuit brought by the adoptive parents of an intersex child who underwent an unnecessary sex-assignment surgery when the child was an infant in state care. The child, known as M.C., is now eight years old and identifies as a boy, despite the surgery that gave him female genitalia and the fact that his parents initially raised him as a girl. The state ordered the surgery although it was not medically necessary and they had no official determination of whether the procedures was in the best interests of the child.

Finland: The only Scandinavian country without marriage equality will consider the issue after 162,000 supporters signed a petition in favor of same-sex marriage. The number is the largest in favor of any citizens' initiative in the country and far more than the required 50,000 signatures for the initiative. Polling shows that 58 percent of Finns support legalized marriage.

New Guidelines from U.S. Department of Labor for Businesses and LGBT Employees

In connection with employee benefit plans and beneficiaries, the terms "spouse" and "marriage" in Title I of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 and in related department regulations should be read to include "same-sex couples legally married in any state or foreign jurisdiction that recognizes such marriages, regardless of where they currently live." according to the Labor Department. The terms "spouse" and "marriage," however, do not include individuals in a formal relationship recognized by a state that is not considered a marriage under state law, such as a domestic partnership or a civil union.

More information about recent federal legal changes at Nel's New Day: <http://nelsnewday.wordpress.com/2013/09/18/why-we-need-federal-law-on-lgbt-marriage/>

Lipz Dances Close

October 12 will be the last Lipz Dance at Diablo's Downtown Lounge (959 Pearl Street, Eugene). This date will be an all LGBTQ event, 7:00 pm to closing.

Inaugural Bisexual Meeting

Thanks to the Boston-based Bisexual Resource Center and BiNet USA, the White House Office of Public Engagement had its first meeting about bisexual issues. The timing coincided with Bisexuality Day on September 23.

Rural LGBT People Happier

A study, "Does Place of Residence Matter? Rural-Urban Differences and the Wellbeing of Gay Men and Lesbians," released by the *Journal of Homosexuality* shows that LGBT people living in cities are not as happy for those in rural areas, more so for lesbians than for gays.

Another Legislator Evolves

Former South Carolina State Senator John Hawkins, who spearheaded the campaign to add a constitutional amendment to ban marriage equality, has changed his mind. He now regrets having been behind the 2006 law and fully supports marriage equality.

He now has "a deep dislike of any kind of bias or discrimination."

Social LGBT Oregon Coast Group:
<https://www.facebook.com/pages/Out-Oregon-Coast/194768480642314>

Newport High Receives Safe School Award

PFLAG OCC has nominated Newport High for a OSSCC (Oregon Safe Schools & Communities Coalition) Safe School Award which will be presented on Friday, October 4, at the Q Center in Portland. The nomination noted the accomplishments of Newport High:

- * First LCSD school to schedule PFLAG's Gay 101 workshop at a staff meeting;
- * First LCSD school to collaborate with PFLAG, School Based Health Center, and private therapist to provide a weekly support group for LGBT students;
- * School newspaper with Queer Studies column;
- * School described by LGBT students as welcoming and safe;
- * GLSEN Safe Space stickers on doors of school principal Jon Zagel's office and many classrooms;
- * School health curriculum with Genderbread Person to explain LGBT aspects of human sexuality;
- * Enthusiastic school community when its gay GSA president received PFLAG's Community Service Scholarship for his leadership in LGBT education and advocacy;
- * Very LGBT-friendly school-based health center trusted by students and families;
- * Displays of LGBT-friendly books and films in school library.



PFLAG & Welcoming Churches at Oregon Coast Pride:

Church members from Lincoln City, Newport, Toledo, and Waldport joined PFLAG members from around the county to staff a shared booth at the Oregon Coast Pride Festival at Chinook Winds on September 7 and 8. Many Pride visitors came by the booth to chat, sign the Freedom to Marry petition, and pick up materials to share. [Above: Jeanne St. John, right, with Marion Rodenburg from LC Congregational Church.]

Town Benefits from Non-Discrimination

Since the town of Vicco (KY), population 330, elected an openly gay mayor and passed a non-discrimination act, things are looking up for the village.

It may become the setting for a reality-based television show, and people have sent letters of support, some of them including donations. A mother and son in California pledged to buy all the new playground equipment for a city park, at a cost that could reach \$90,000.

A private, out-of-state company encouraged the town to apply for an \$80,000 grant to rehab downtown buildings and sidewalks. A man running an out-of-state website company has offered to create a website for the town, and an Iraqi-born artist who lives in Louisville offered to paint a mural on an outside wall at Vicco city hall to showcase diversity.

The town is one of five Kentucky cities adopting ordinances to protect gays and lesbians from discrimination. Two others are discussing the issue, and almost a dozen other communities have grassroots efforts to follow Vicco's example. [Photo: Mayor Johnny Cummings, left, and police Chief Tony Vaughn]

In a neighboring state, Collegedale became the first place in Tennessee to offer family health insurance to all employees who are married, whether they're straight or LGBT.



Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg became the first Supreme Court member to conduct a same-sex marriage ceremony when she officiated at the Washington wedding of long-time friends Kennedy Center President Michael M. Kaiser and economist John Roberts. She said the ceremony would represent “one more statement that people who love each other and want to live together should be able to enjoy the blessings and the strife in the marriage relationship.” In another speech, she said that growing acceptance of gay marriage reflects the “genius” of the U.S. Constitution because equality is central to the document. Ginsburg presided at a second same-sex marriage last month.

2016 GOP Presidential Candidate Decision

Michael Steele, the first African American chairman of the Republican National Committee, believes it is likely his party's next candidate for President of the United States will be a same-sex marriage supporter but won't admit it until after he is chosen as the candidate.

Michigan Attempts to Control Residents' 'Sexual Relationships'

Attorneys for the state of Michigan have filed paperwork asserting that the state has the right to “regulate sexual relationships” in its continuing effort to deny same-sex couples the right to marry or adopt children. The state AG maintains: “One of the paramount purposes of marriage in Michigan ... is, and has always been, to regulate sexual relationships between men and women so that the unique procreative capacity of such relationships benefits rather than harms society.”

According to the argument, regulating sexual relationships is the paramount purpose of marriage in Michigan. In addition, attorneys claim that the state has the right to regulate procreation.

A ruling on the side of Michigan would open the possibility for the state's banning types of sexual activities as well as adultery and sex outside of marriage.

People Who Make a Difference

Transgender teen Cassidy Lynn Campbell was crowned homecoming queen at Marina High School in Huntington Beach (CA) in September. The school has been very supportive of her transition—much more so than some of the responses after the media released information about this. Thus far Campbell is only the second transgender student to be elected homecoming queen by her peers. In 2009, Jesse Vasold was named homecoming queen at Ailliam and Mary in Virginia. Kudos to these brave young women facing the bigotry in the country.

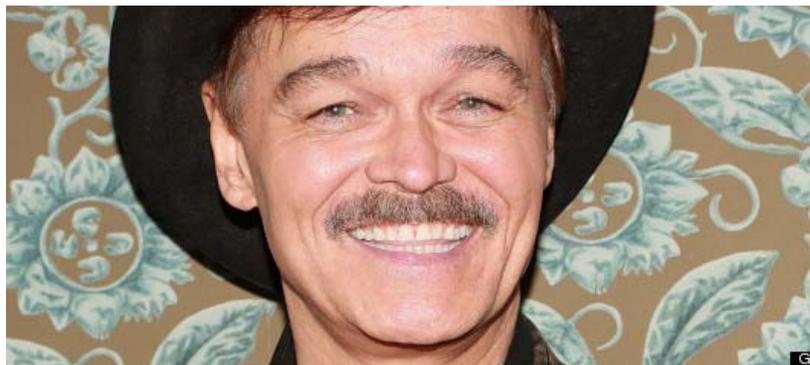


Openly lesbian Elaine Kaplan survived the U.S. Senate to be confirmed as a judge of the United States Court of Federal Claims by a vote of 64-35. The judgeship has a 15-year term; Kaplan will hear monetary claims against the federal government. In her current job as acting director of the U.S. Office of Personnel Management, she helped guide the process of extending marriage-related benefits to gay and lesbian federal employees and their spouses after the U.S. Supreme Court struck down Section 3 of the Defense of Marriage Act as unconstitutional.



Marla Krolikowskii, a transgender Catholic high school teacher whose 32-year employment was allegedly terminated for “insubordination,” won her case against St. Francis Preparatory School in Queens (NY). A judge rejected the school's motion to have the case thrown out and strongly suggested that the opposing parties settle the lawsuit. He also rejected a separate motion by St. Francis Preparatory School that claimed Krolikowski was essentially a minister, which would give the school the agency to hire and fire employees disregarding legal interference.

The Village People's resident cowboy, Randy Jones, went from "Macho Man" to married man when he wed his partner of 30 years, Will Grega, on September 12. Grega is a Wall Street software developer. In 1996, they published a book called *Out Sounds: The Gay and Lesbian Music Alternative*.



Coming Out Parties, Etc.

Oregon Central Coast PFLAG (Parents, Family & Friends of Lesbians and Gays) will hold its monthly Lincoln City meeting at 6:00 pm on Wednesday, October 2, at St. James Church in Lincoln City and its Newport meeting at 6:00 pm on Wednesday, October 9, at St. Stephen's Church.

Participants will share experiences of coming out to family, friends, and co-workers as LGBT, and as straight family and friends--what we've learned, wished we had known, and will never forget.

PFLAG meetings also include time for support groups as well as refreshments and conversation.

October 11 is National Coming Out Day, an acknowledgment of the difficult and life-changing decision of some LGBT (Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual & Transgender) to tell the true story of their lives. It's even hard for some people to speak comfortably and supportively about their LGBT children, grandchildren, and friends. Coming Out is not just for those who are LGBT--it's an opportunity for the community to affirm the essential value and equality of all its members--and to honor and encourage those who have been the target of bullying, discrimination, and alienation.



Lori Duron will hold a personal visit with parents of gender nonconforming children who sign up from 6:00-6:30 pm on October 8, prior to her talk at the public library in Corvallis.

[See calendar.]

Interested parties should contact Robin Fosdick at robin.fosdick@corvallisoregon.gov

In an interactive workshop led by Soromundi, LGBT people of all ages will connect and share stories, insights, similarities, and differences across generations. The event is on October 20; see the calendar.

OCC PFLAG Calendar

October 2, 6:00-7:30 pm: PFLAG in Lincoln City, St. James Episcopal Church, 2490 NE Highway 101, Lincoln City

October 3, 7:00 pm: Marriage and More: The Future of the LGBT Rights Movement—175 Knight Law Center, 1515 Agate St., Eugene

October 5, 1:00-5:00 pm: OR PFLAG Council, St. Stephen's, 9th & Hurburt, Newport

October 5-6, 10:am-5:00 pm: Freedom to Marry Petition Gathering, Lincoln County

October 8, 7:00 pm: Speaker, Lori Duron, author of *Raising My Rainbow: Adventures in Raising a Fabulous, Gender Creative Son*—Corvallis-Benton County Public Library, Main Meeting Room, 645 NW Monroe Ave, Corvallis

October 9, 6:00-7:30 pm: PFLAG Meeting—St. Stephen's, 9th & Hurbert, Newport

October 12: Table, Newport Saturday Market

October 20, 2:00 p.m.: "LGBT Seniors, Teens, and Inbetweens," Campbell Community Center, 155 High Street, Eugene

October 26, 6:00 pm: Party—See page 1.

October 30: 11:00 am-Noonish: Just the Girls Coffee Hour—Café Mundo, NW 3rd and Coast Streets, Newport

November 3, 2:00 pm: Fundraiser—See page 1.

November 6, 6:00-7:30 pm: PFLAG in Lincoln City, St. James Episcopal Church, 2490 NE Highway 101, Lincoln City

November 13, 6:00-7:30 pm: PFLAG Meeting—St. Stephen's, 9th & Hurbert, Newport

The Coastal AIDS Network* monthly activities:

Second Tuesday, 7:00 pm: "Activity Night" (call for information (541)994-5597)

Third Tuesday, 7:00 pm: "Pizza Night" (Newport Abbey's Pizza)

Fourth Tuesday, 7:00 pm: "Men's Pot Luck" (Locations vary! Call (541)994-5597 or email coastalaidnetwork@gmail.com for information)

We also try to have pizza in Tillamook or Pacific City. Email Dan, coastalaidnetwork@gmail.com or leave a message for him at (541)994-5597.

*CAN activities are open to everyone, regardless of HIV status or sexual orientation except for "Men's Pot Luck." Occasionally we bend that rule for special events.

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