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PFLAG Rag

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Jason Collins, See p. 2



Chapter Leaders for 2013-14 Selected

Officers and Board Members for the coming year were elected at the May board meeting:

President	Marguerite Felice
Vice President	Toni Schildcrout
Secretary	Sandy Driscoll
Treasurer	Steve Schildcrout
Board Members	Tom Copeland (Rag editor) Shavar Johnson Tre Little

We are grateful to these retiring board members for their faithful service to our chapter:

Marilyn Boggs
Bob Holmes

Help Hotline for LGBT

—Marguerite Felice

Help Hotline Crisis Center spent their Victims of Crime Awareness grant focusing on LGBT victims of crime. They partnered with PFLAG to present a series of radio and newspaper ads during National Victims of Crime Awareness Week, April 21-27. The message was "Hate crimes are down in the U.S. but on the rise for the LGBT population."

On May 20, Help Hotline also hosted a suicide prevention workshop, where Brian Wells of YSU spoke about suicide risk, YSU'S Safe Zone program, and the ways we can support

LGBT youth. He noted that risk factors include lack of family acceptance, higher incidence of substance abuse, and the prevalence of anti-gay slurs by peers and inaction by staff.

Marguerite reports
a 200% increase in
LGBT populations'
rate of smoking

Chapter Membership Record Tied

—Steve Schildcrout, Treasurer

With two recently paid memberships (welcome!), our chapter now has 20 memberships (households) for 2012-13, tying our record high for 2010-11. Let's see if we can beat that in September when we have our annual membership drive for both renewals and new members for the 2013-14 year. Watch for the announcement in the next issue of the *PFLAG Rag*.

Summer Movie Series

At our regular meetings in June, July, and August, PFLAG will be showing LGBT-themed films. Selections TBA. Join us the second Tuesday of the month, 6:30 p.m., at St. John's Episcopal Church., 323 Wick Ave. across from YSU in Youngstown. For more information visit us at Youngstown PFLAG on FB or email mfelice43058@live.com.

Care with Pride™

—Adapted by Toni Schildcrout (see <http://pflagvoice.blogspot.com/> for more)

PFLAG Youngstown is joining PFLAG National to partner with the Johnson & Johnson Family of Consumer Companies for a second year on the Care with Pride™ campaign. This year's program design will allow all participating chapters to financially benefit through an innovative Text to Donate program. This program allows anyone to make a \$5 donation to PFLAG via their cell phone, which Johnson & Johnson will match up to \$150,000.

As you likely remember, Care with Pride™ is a multi-pronged campaign created to support PFLAG including our important efforts to end bullying of all youth.

This year, the Care with Pride™ campaign will honor PFLAG founder Jeanne Manford, and we are thrilled that the campaign will celebrate and elevate Jeanne's—and PFLAG's—legacy. As you all know, forty years ago, her simple act of supporting her gay son by marching alongside him in New York's Pride Parade was the first step in starting PFLAG. In speaking up, her voice helped change the world and inspired others to act as well.

Last year's Care with Pride™ campaign—which included the marketing and communications expertise of a Fortune 50 company—was significant, raising the visibility of PFLAG in ways that we could not do alone. Once again, the campaign will reach hundreds of thousands of Pride goers. For year two, there will again be a marketing and awareness campaign that is expected to have more than 25,000,000 impressions through print and digital outlets with placement in *Family Circle*, *Curve*, *Details*, *Metrosource*, *AOL Huffington Post Gay Voices*, and various Pride magazines. This year, the anti-bullying campaign was chosen by J&J to be a *Healthy Essentials* coupon newspaper insert for of 44 million households on July 27.

Most exciting this year is the innovative

video created to help spread the word about the campaign and the Text-to-Donate support opportunity. The video is two-minute animation that weaves together a narrative about the negative impact of anti-LGBT bullying, the importance of creating safe schools, Jeanne Manford's (and PFLAG's) legacy, and how together we can all speak out and make a difference. There is no question that you will want to share this creative and inspiring video with everyone you know.

As mentioned, this year's added Text-to-Donate element will allow us to extend the Care with Pride™ campaign beyond a limited group of chapters who coordinate Pride presence in select cities; we truly hope that your chapter will financially and programmatically gain through your engagement.

Pride Parade & Festival

—Anita Davis

The Youngstown Gay Pride Parade steps off at noon on Saturday, June 8, at Woodland Avenue near downtown Youngstown. It will proceed to Market Street and cross the bridge to the center of town past the War Veterans Memorial, ending at the central square.

The theme of the parade is “Embracing Diversity.”

This theme encourages showing appreciation and respect for the differences among people. Military personnel (active and veterans), private individuals, and representatives from local businesses and social agencies are invited to march in this year's parade.

The parade is the highlight of the 5th Annual Youngstown Gay Pride Festival **which starts on Friday, June 7, and concludes Saturday night**. In addition, entertainers are needed for both days of the festival. Clowns and other kid-friendly acts are welcome. Volunteers, marchers, and performers can visit “prideyoungstown.org” for more information and to pledge their support. Information can also be obtained by calling the Pride Youngstown office at (330) 799-1240.



Jason Collins, Gay Christian Athlete

—Leadership of Faithful America, “Chris Broussard and Jason Collins: It’s okay to be gay, and Christian,”
<http://www.washingtonpost.com/>

[When] Chris Broussard, a commentator on ESPN’s “Outside the Lines” . . . was asked for his personal opinion about Collins’ coming out[,] Broussard stated that he was a Christian, and as such, he was compelled to say that being gay was “open rebellion” against God. When asked about the fact that Jason Collins was also a Christian, Broussard stated that one cannot be gay and Christian at the same time.

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When Broussard uttered his words of condemnation, LGBT-supportive people of faith sprang into action. Faithful America has already gathered over 24,000 signatures, asking that the Bible not be used to bash gay athletes on EPSN. GLAAD is helping faith leaders like us formulate a challenge to the false claim that Christians must uniformly reject LGBT people and LGBT athletes. And thousands of people of faith are offering a prayer for thanksgiving for Jason Collins and the role model he is for thousands of LGBT athletic young people, including people of color.

Boy Scouts’ Founder Robert Baden-Powell Was Supposedly Gay

—Walter Brasch for Buzzflash at Truthout, 4/1/13

Most of the world’s finest military forces, including Israel and England, found out decades ago that soldiers and officers, no matter their sexual orientation, would serve honorably.

One of those allegedly gay officers, as discussed in the *New York Times*, was an English lieutenant general who was a much-decorated combat veteran. His name is Lord Robert Baden-Powell, founder of the worldwide Scouting movement.



Robert Baden-Powell

BSA’s New “Inclusive” Policy

—Liz Owen, *The PFLAG Voice*, May 31, 2013

Late last week, the Boy Scouts of America voted on, and passed, a new more inclusive policy. The policy did move closer to true inclusion by allowing gay youth to become members, but it didn’t go all the way to becoming fully inclusive of adult leaders or those youth still participating when they turn 18.

PFLAG National issued the following statement regarding that vote:

PFLAG National believes that, while the BSA has today taken a step in the right direction, the new policy is still, at its heart, discriminatory against our gay and lesbian loved ones.

Inclusion, by its very nature, cannot be selective: either you are a welcoming organization or you are not. In going halfway with this policy, the BSA suggests that their members are only capable of being trustworthy, loyal, helpful, courteous and kind until their 18th birthdays.

Once taught, do these traits diminish or disappear once a child comes of age? Shouldn’t being a scout serve as the best training to then lead other scouts in the future? And for same-sex parents who want to participate as leaders in their children’s troops, should the message be that their commitment to their child’s scouting activities is suspect?

At PFLAG National, we are troubled by the message this sends to ALL youth and adults about what it means to be a truly inclusive organization. We hope that the BSA will quickly realize that the organization is still on the wrong side of history, and take the necessary step to do the right thing by ALL of its members, denying no person membership or a position in the scouts based solely on their sexual orientation.



The World's Not Split over Gay Rights

—Doug Saunders, *The Globe and Mail*
Published Saturday, May 4, 2013

On one side of the great divide, the past few days have been revolutionary. France became the 14th country in the world to legalize same-sex marriage, 8 years after Canada did. Rhode Island became the 10th U.S. state to do so, in a fast-changing America where 6 out of 10 citizens, and more than 80% of those under 30, now believe that marriage should be open to all and that gays are fully equal. As if to symbolize this change, Americans, including their president, gave warm blessings to the coming out of a major-league basketball player.

On the other side of the divide, it's grim. In Uganda, a notorious "anti-homosexuality" law, which includes harsh sentences for "aggravated" homosexuality, is working its way through parliament along with crackdowns that have resulted in the death of a protester. Ethiopia is facing strong pressure to introduce the death penalty for homosexuality. In Russia, a law banning "homosexual propaganda" appears poised to pass in the Duma. It's sufficiently vague, Russian activists and writers tell me, that it could (and certainly would) be used to silence, imprison or banish any dissident figures who happen to be gay or even tolerant. A similar law is in the works in Ukraine.

Viewed from this perspective, the world seems to be splitting in two. On one side, there's been a startlingly swift and uncontroversial shift of mainstream public opinion recognizing gays as being simply another legitimate category of being human (rather than an illness, an abomination or a "lifestyle choice"). A decade ago, this was a minority opinion in most Western countries; now it's held by strong majorities in North America and Europe—a cultural transformation even more rapid than the one that transformed mainstream opinions about women and racial minorities a generation earlier.

This has led us to jump to an easy conclusion about the other side of the divide: The less privileged countries of the global East and South are trapped in attitudes the West has escaped, and have yet to achieve enlightenment. Or, from another perspective: The notion of gay equality, along with feminism, is alien to these cultures and its appearance is a product of "Western liberalism," and advocates of these ideas within Asia and Africa are victims of imperialism or agents of Western influence. Russia's Vladimir Putin and Uganda's ethics and integrity minister, Simon Lokodo, have both expressed this view and their governments have used it as a rationale to expel organizations that endorse gay rights.

It sounds plausible: After all, haven't these countries been victims of Western meddling and outright colonialism in the past? But look again. The condemnation of homosexuals is not part of the cultural traditions of Russia, Uganda or most of the countries that have taken an anti-gay turn in recent years. Russia has had fairly robust gay-rights laws on its books in recent decades. The new anti-gay cultural movements haven't emerged from widespread public belief—rather, they've largely been imported by mainly U.S.-based Western conservative and Christian groups that have made it a mission to prevent same-sex equality in the developing world now that their efforts to do so in their own countries have failed.

Anger and fear of homosexuality are products of 19th-century Western thought—this is why the harshest penalties for homosexuality are found in Commonwealth nations. The adoption of these ideas by Muslim figures in Iran, Egypt, and Pakistan is a 20th-century product of cross-cultural influence.

In both Uganda and Russia, influential evangelical organizations have played the main role in spreading anti-gay ideas among politicians, churches, and media figures. In Uganda, it was one American pastor, Scott Lively, who almost single-handedly created the anti-homosexuality movement in 2009.

What's actually happening, in the wider world, is a near-simultaneous shift toward

acceptance of gays. The most recent World Values Survey, a massive multi-country poll, shows that those who believe homosexuality is “never tolerable” fell from 59 per cent in 1993 to 34 per cent in 2006. By no means was this just Western: In India during those years, anti-gay sentiment fell by a quarter; in China, by a third.

The world isn’t divided over gay rights. It’s merely threatened by those who’d like us to believe it is.

Pediatricians Support Gay Marriage and Adoptions

— Deborah Kotz, Globe Staff, Boston.com/Health, 3/21/13

As the US Supreme Court prepares to consider the legality of gay marriage next week, the American Academy of Pediatrics, which represents thousands of pediatricians, took a firm position Thursday in support of gay civil marriages in a policy statement drafted by two Boston doctors.

The group also came out in support of full adoption and foster care rights for all parents, regardless of sexual orientation; the pediatricians said states should not limit adoptions nor foster care placement by single parents to those who are heterosexuals.

“This has been in the process for four to five years,” said Dr. Ellen Perrin, co-author of the policy statement and director of research at the Center for Children with Special Needs, Floating Hospital for Children at Tufts Medical Center. But the release was timed to draw the attention of the Supreme Court justices, she added, and hopefully sway them to strike down the Defense of Marriage Act that defines marriage as the legal union between one man and one woman.

For the past decade, the pediatricians’ group has supported adoptions by second parents of children born to one gay parent as a way to ensure health benefits, financial security, and strong parental relationships in the event of a divorce.

The new policy supporting civil marriages for couples of the same gender is based on research showing health and economic disparities in children being raised by parents who aren’t married.

“In the absence of marriage, children don’t have the protections of divorce law, such as legal enforcement of custody decisions and legal access to both parents,” Perrin said. Employers can also refuse to provide health insurance to children in households with unwed parents, and the federal government can refuse to provide Social Security and disability payments, or food stamps, to an unwed partner.

Denial of federal benefits also occurs in the nine states, including Massachusetts, where gay marriage has been legalized.

“The AAP believes there should be equal opportunity for every couple to access the economic stability and federal supports provided to married couples to raise children,” said Dr. Benjamin Siegel, a pediatrician at Boston Medical Center who was the other lead author of the policy statement. “On a social level, children in school can explain to their friends that they have two mommies or two daddies but that they’re married just like most of their friends’ parents.”

An Academy task force of pediatricians previously noted that married couples tend to be physically and emotionally healthier and are less likely to engage in risky behaviors than unmarried adults, and a number of studies have linked the quality of marital life with how well a family functions.

Whether parents love each other and are nurturing and supportive of their children largely predicts how well their children fare in the future, Siegel said, not their sexual orientation.

The American Academy of Family Physicians issued a statement in support of gay marriage last October, but Perrin said the pediatrics group has a unique position on the issue. “We speak with a different kind of voice that’s long been an advocate for children, while most other organizations speak for the adults,” Perrin said.

N. Carolina Church Stops Performing Straight Weddings until Gay Marriage Becomes Legal

— Katie McDonough, <http://www.salon.com/2013/03/18/>

A Winston-Salem-based United Methodist church has announced that it will stop performing straight weddings until same-sex marriage is legalized in North Carolina.

The Green Street United Methodist Church announced its decision in a powerful, deeply affirming statement asking the congregation's pastors to perform marital blessings in lieu of official marriage [rites]:

As an Anti-Racist, Reconciling Congregation, Green Street United Methodist Church seeks to be in faithful ministry with all people in the brokenness of our world. This statement is being adopted as a sign of our commitment to love and justice for all people.

The Marriage Covenant between two people is a ministry of the church. Couples making a commitment to one another need a supportive community of faith to sustain and uphold them so as to grow in faith and love. Weddings are the occasion for covenant making, a time to seek God's blessing on their commitment to one another. When a couple chooses to be married in the church, they should also be conscious that they are making a declaration of their relationship as a new ministry for the congregation and the world. At Green Street Church, we claim the committed same-sex relationships as no less sacred in their ministry to us and the community.

But sadly, at this time in the United Methodist Church, marriages, weddings,

and holy unions are limited to heterosexual couples. As our nation struggles to provide legal recognition to people in same-sex relationships and provide them the privileges allotted to opposite-sex married couples, our denomination struggles to overcome the sin of reserving these sacramental privileges for straight people only. We, the leaders of Green Street Church, see people in same-sex relationships as completely worthy of the Sacrament of Marriage. We reject any notion that they are second class citizens in the Kingdom of God.

BOOM.

As public support for same-sex unions grows (the latest polls put it at an all-time high), a parallel trend has taken hold in religious communities. New data from *ABC News* and the *Washington Post* shows that among non-evangelical white Protestants, 70% support gay marriage, while only 31% of self-described evangelicals do. The research also indicates that support for gay marriage is up by 19 points among Catholics, bringing it to an all-time high of 59%. (Put that in your Vatican chimney and smoke it, Pope Francis!)

More than just protesting their state's constitutional ban on same-sex marriage, the Green Street congregation is resisting the United Methodist Church's official book of laws and doctrines, which call homosexuality "incompatible with Christian teaching." In a vote of 61% to 39%, delegates voted against changing the *Book of Discipline*'s long-contested language at a 2012 annual convention.

But the ruling seems to be out of touch with the everyday values among its community, at least at Green Street.

"This is just part of who we are as a church," Katherine Skarbek, Green Street Leadership Council chair, told a local news outlet. "We're a welcoming community. One of our phrases we like to use on Sunday mornings is *all means all*. So whoever wants to come here and worship with us is welcome."

Pope Francis's Five Worst Quotes on Gay Rights

—Katie McDonough, <http://www.salon.com/2013/03/18/>

Pope Francis has been praised for his humility (he picks up his own luggage!), his acceptance of other faiths (he won't insult the Prophet Mohammed in public addresses!) and his "precedent shattering" name choice (more humility!).

But the pontiff who is being hailed as a "new direction" for the Catholic Church is the same-old brand of theological conservative who opposes the ordination of women, abortion, and the fundamental rights of gays and lesbians.

In fact, then-Cardinal Jose Bergoglio was a major force against the 2010 move to legalize same-sex marriage in his native Argentina. Though he ultimately failed, Bergoglio used the full weight of the church to crush the measure.

Here, a collection of his very worst quotes on the issue.

1. A Senate vote on gay marriage is a destructive pretension against the plan of God.

From a letter to the Carmelite Sisters of Buenos Aires on the perils of marriage equality:

"Let's not be naïve, we're not talking about a simple political battle; it is a destructive pretension against the plan of God. We are not talking about a mere bill, but rather a machination of the Father of Lies that seeks to confuse and deceive the children of God."

2. Gay marriage will destroy the family.

"The Argentine people will face a situation whose outcome can seriously harm the family... At stake is the identity and survival of the family: father, mother, and children.

3. Gay parenting is a rejection of God's law engraved in our hearts.

"At stake are the lives of many children who will be discriminated against in advance, and deprived of their human development given by a father and a mother and willed by God. At stake is the total rejection of God's law engraved in our

7 hearts."

4. The political struggle against marriage equality is war.

"The bill will be discussed in the Senate after July 13. Look at San Jose, Maria, Child and ask them [to] fervently defend Argentina's family at this time. [Be reminded] what God told his people in a time of great anguish: 'This war is not yours but God's.' May they succor, defend, and join God in this war."

5. Gay adoption is discrimination against children.

According to the National Catholic Reporter, Francis called gay adoption a form of "discrimination against children," a comment that resulted in a public rebuke from Argentine President Cristina Fernández de Kirchner, who said that Francis' remarks suggested "medieval times and the Inquisition."

Calendar

June 7-8: Youngstown Pride Festival

June 11: PFLAG meeting, 6:30

June 29 : Cleveland Pride 2013, 12:00 - 8:00 p.m.
Voinovich Park, Behind Rock & Roll Hall of Fame

June 30: "8" by Dustin Lance Black, A Staged Reading, 5:00 p.m., Allen Theatre, 1407 Euclid Avenue, Cleveland. All proceeds benefit the American Foundation for Equal Rights and the Cleveland chapter of PFLAG. (Using actual court transcripts and one-on-one interviews, "8" demystifies the facts of the Prop. 8 trial in California and lets audiences examine the facts for themselves. Black wrote the screenplay for *Milk*.)

July 9: PFLAG meeting, 6:30

August 13: PFLAG meeting, 6:30

August 18-19: Hispanic Heritage Festival

October 23-27: National PFLAG Convention

Mineshaft Will Be Open for BYOB Parties

6/2; 6/7 8 pm, 6/8 5 pm; 6/9 5 pm; 6/16; 6/23; 6/30;
7/7; 7/14; 7/21; 7/28

Hillary Clinton Supports Same-Sex Marriage

—Kevin Robillare, 3/18/13 <http://www.politico.com/story/2013/03/hillary-clinton-gay-marriage-support-88988.html#ixzz2NuTI4mWo>

In a move that could have implications for a 2016 White House campaign, former Secretary of State Hillary Clinton endorsed gay marriage on Monday, saying she supports it “personally, and as a matter of policy and law.”

“LGBT Americans are our colleagues, our teachers, our soldiers, our friends, our loved ones,” Clinton says, speaking directly to the camera, in a nearly 6-minute video released by the Human Rights Campaign, a leading gay rights group. “And they are full and equal citizens and deserve the rights of citizenship. That includes marriage. . . . I support it personally, and as matter of policy and law.”

Clinton’s endorsement was expected after her husband, Bill, and daughter, Chelsea, endorsed

8 same-sex marriage while Hillary Clinton was serving in President Barack Obama’s Cabinet. When she was campaigning for president in 2008, Clinton had opposed gay marriage and backed civil unions instead. Since then, support for gay marriage has become a cornerstone of the Democratic Party. . . . By releasing her announcement in a video, Clinton also avoided questions about the Defense of Marriage Act, which her husband had backed but said recently should be struck down. Hillary Clinton didn’t address DOMA in the video, even as the law is up for review by the Supreme Court.

“Like so many others, my personal views have been shaped over time by people I have known and loved, by my experience representing our nation on the world stage, my devotion to law and human rights and the guiding principles of my faith,” Clinton says. “Marriage, after all, is a fundamental building block of our society. A great joy, and yes, a great responsibility.”

“A few years ago, Bill and I celebrated as our own daughter married the love of her life,”

Clinton continued. “I wish every parent that same joy. To deny the opportunity to our own daughters and sons solely on the basis of who they are and who they love is to deny them the chance to live up to their own God-given potential.”

Read more: <http://www.politico.com/story/2013/03/hillary-clinton-gay-marriage-support-88988.html#ixzz2NwbyO0Di>
<http://www.politico.com/story/2013/03/hillary-clinton-gay-marriage-support-88988.html#ixzz2Nwc2EyYY>

Proposed Immigration Bill Leaves Out LGBT

—Don Rowinsky

The proposed bill to reform immigration laws in the US does not allow for LGBT married citizens to move to the U.S. Please contact your U.S. Senator to say, “Don’t leave the gays out of comprehensive immigration reform!” Call toll-free 866-563-5608.

Exemptions for Sincere Bullies?

—Waymon Hudson, http://www.huffingtonpost.com/waymon-hudson/michigan-bullying-bill_b_1081708.html

Michigan Senate Republicans have taken what could have been a useful, and much-needed, anti-bullying bill and turned it into what amounts to a license to bully. Senate Bill 137, which passed 26 to 11 with zero Democratic votes, was meant to protect all students from bullying and harassment. Yet the bill, already weakened by the lack of enumerated classes to be protected, was further gutted by conservatives in the Senate, who slipped in dangerous “exemptions” that give bullies free rein to harass other students.

In the mind of some GOP Michigan lawmakers, there are exemptions, and thereby logical excuses, for bullying. Those purposely vague exemptions give bullies, whether it be fellow students,



Matt Epling, for Whom the Bill Is Named

Matt committed suicide as a result of bullying. His father, Kevin, says, “I am ashamed that this could be Michigan’s bill on anti-bullying, when in fact it is a “bullying is OK in Michigan” law. This is just unconscionable. This is government-sanctioned bigotry.”

teachers, school employees, or other parents, a legal out if their act of harassment on another young person was done because of “deep moral conviction” or “religious belief.”

That’s right: if a bully says they believe their harassment is “morally” valid, this bill agrees with them, and they are free to continue their behavior without consequence.

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SB 137 now moves to the Republican-controlled House, where there are signs that the national attention and outrage over the “License to Bully” Bill seems to be pushing some of the Republicans in power to try to change the Senate bill. The spokesperson for Michigan Speaker of the House Jase Bolger (R-Marshall) says the bill passed by the state senate is “not what the final law will look like.” Pushed further over the weekend, the spokesperson said the the Speaker opposes the religious exemption contained in SB 137 and that House Republicans are working to develop a “consensus” bill that would address many concerns the Senate bill has raised to be taken up as soon as this week.

John Paulk Recants

Evan Hurst, Associate Director of Truth Wins Out (whose name echoes “Love Won Out,” John Paulk’s “ex-gay” ministry founded in 1998 under the auspices of Focus on the Family), reports that Paulk has renounced all claim to being a recovering homosexual: “Until recently, I have struggled all my life in feeling unloved and unaccepted,” Paulk said. “I have been on a journey during the last few years in trying to



Paulk Now Runs a Catering Service Staffed by Attractive Gay Men.

understand God, myself, and how I can best relate to others. During this journey I have made many mistakes and I have hurt many people including people who are close to me. I have also found a large number of people who accept me for who I am regardless of my past, any labels, or what I do.

“I no longer support the ex-gay movement or efforts to . . . change individuals—especially teens who already feel insecure and alienated. I feel great sorrow over the pain that has been caused when my words were misconstrued [sic]. I have worked at giving generously to the gay

community in Portland, where I work and live. I am working hard to be authentic and genuine in all of my relationships” (see April 18 at <http://www.truthwinsout.org>)

Hurst points out with venom that “I’m sorry” simply isn’t enough and also that Paulk’s estranged wife, Anne, continues to peddle the lie, spreading hope of redemption.

Membership Form

When you join Youngstown PFLAG you are supporting families in the Mahoning Valley as well as the work of national PFLAG which provides us with many resources.

PFLAG National’s fiscal year begins October 1. If you have not yet paid your dues for the current year in our fall membership drive, you can still do so. If you are just now joining us, please send the whole amount; we do not prorate membership dues. From your \$25 dues, we must send \$15 to National, and our chapter keeps the remaining \$10. There is no extra charge to receive our quarterly newsletter by email. Your additional tax deductible donation helps our chapter provide funds for our programs, brochures, supplies, meeting expenses, and dues to Help Hotline. Please print this form and mail it with your check to the address below. We need your continuing support. Thank you!

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