



## Out & About

News and notes for LGBT-parented families

### Dads Gather in Bucks County for Potluck

On **Sunday, January 29**, Dads, Pops and prospective dads met up at the home of new Philadelphia Family Pride board member Bob Quintana in Yardley, PA for one of PFP's regular Dads Potlucks.

Over 25 people enjoyed the food and conversation. Kids ages ranged from five months to sixteen years old. There were two families who were first-timers at a PFP event and several prospective dads who asked lots of questions.



PFP also holds **potlucks by neighborhood** a couple of times a year - including coming up the weekend of March 10-11. [Check our web site for a location near you.](#)

Look for more PFP Dads Potlucks during the year. If you'd like to host or coordinate a Moms potluck group, or have suggestions for other groups, e-mail PFP Board Chair Marc Berman at [marc@phillyfamilypride.org](mailto:marc@phillyfamilypride.org).



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### PFP Hits the Ice at Philly's River Rink and Visits Aquarium

First, on **Saturday, January 21**, PFP members ignored the icy weather forecast and gathered in Camden at the **Adventure Aquarium**.

The group spread out to see the hippos, jellyfish, sea turtles and Mighty Mike (the 14 foot, 800 pound alligator), and then met in the cafe for lunch and socializing before calling it a day.

On **Saturday, February 4**, two dozen members of PFP - kids and parents alike - hit the ice at the scenic **River Rink** at Penn's Landing in Philadelphia for an afternoon of ice skating.



PFP supporter and seasoned figure skater **Melissa Hrinko** (pictured, right) provided free lessons for kids and adults alike - "hold your arms up and march" for beginners and how to stop and skate backwards for the more advanced among us. Thanks Melissa!

The rink has an indoor heated area complete with lockers, a huge screen simulcast of the rink, video games and a snack bar.

Outside, the parking lot is transformed into an Olympic-sized ice rink, complete with the latest pop hits on the speakers, lots of benches and viewing areas and breath-taking views of the Delaware River and Ben Franklin Bridge.



Look for more PFP events at the River Rink!



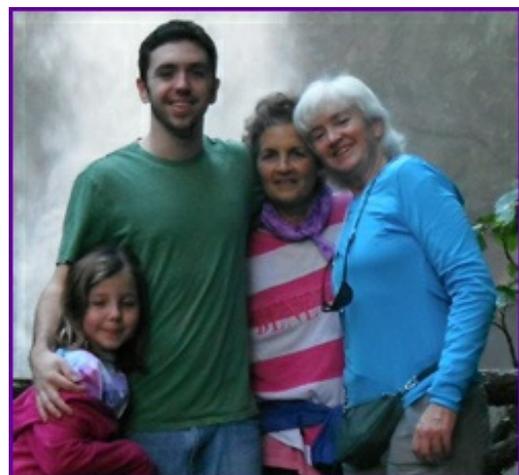
*PFP Group at the River Rink during the Zamboni break.*

## Member Milestones

♥ PFP founders Debra Brady and Marla Gold celebrated their 27th anniversary on February 5. Pictured here with their son and daughter.

♥ Board member Andrew Altman and partner Lee Chudzinski will celebrate their 22nd anniversary on February 25.

♥ Former PFP Board Member Kevin Howley is running for Oakland County Executive in Michigan. You can find out more about his campaign on his [Facebook page](#). Good luck Kevin!



*If you have a family milestone that you'd like included in an upcoming PFP newsletter, please e-mail [stephanie@phillyfamilypride.org](mailto:stephanie@phillyfamilypride.org).*



## Friendly reminder to renew your membership!

Thanks to all those families who have renewed your PFP membership for 2012.

For those of you who have yet to renew, please **renew your membership** for 2012. Either mail in the renewal you received in the mail, or pay through our [PayPal button](#) (marked DONATE) on our web site.

If you're not a member and would like to join for the first time, visit our web site's [membership page](#) for instructions and membership rates.



Our member's donations make our organization possible. In return, you have access to discounted and free events, and support our educational work in the LGBT community.

Thank you!

## Find the Neighborhood Potluck Near You

Back by popular demand, PFP will again be holding potlucks the weekend of March 10-11 by neighborhood. RSVP via e-mail for the address and directions with the number of adults and number and ages of kids. Bring an entree or side dish to serve 6-8 people.



Here are the locations to choose from:

**Philadelphia / Queen Village: Saturday, March 10th 11am-1 pm**

The home of Mia and Tracy. RSVP to [potluckcentercity@phillyfamilypride.org](mailto:potluckcentercity@phillyfamilypride.org)

**Delaware County: Saturday, March 10th 12 -3 pm**

The home of Roland and Steve. RSVP to [potluckdelco@phillyfamilypride.org](mailto:potluckdelco@phillyfamilypride.org)

**Montgomery County: Saturday, March 10th 3 - 5pm**

The home of Marc and David. RSVP to [potluckmontco@phillyfamilypride.org](mailto:potluckmontco@phillyfamilypride.org)

**Berks/Chester County: Saturday, March 10th, 4 - 7 pm**

The home of Doug and Brian. RSVP to [potluckberks@phillyfamilypride.org](mailto:potluckberks@phillyfamilypride.org)

**Philadelphia / West Philly: Sunday, March 11th 11am - 2 pm**

The home of Staci and Kristina. RSVP to [potluckwestphilly@phillyfamilypride.org](mailto:potluckwestphilly@phillyfamilypride.org)

**Bucks County: Sunday, March 11th 11am - 2pm**

The home of Bob and Bob. RSVP to [potluckbucks@phillyfamilypride.org](mailto:potluckbucks@phillyfamilypride.org)

**Philadelphia / Mt Airy: Sunday, March 11th 11am - 2pm**

The home of Maria and Marcy. RSVP to [potluckmtairy@phillyfamilypride.org](mailto:potluckmtairy@phillyfamilypride.org)



# UPCOMING EVENTS

**Saturday, February 11:** Join PFP at the [William Way Center](#) for a Family Day from 9am - noon. This is a FREE event and will have activities for all ages of kids.

**Saturday, February 11:** Meet up with other PFP parents at the always- fun [Baby Loves Disco](#) at Shampoo nightclub between 1-4pm.

**Saturday, February 25:** Meet up in Chinatown for [Dim Sum](#) at New Harmony. [RSVP](#) to hold your spots.



**Saturday and Sunday, March 10-11:** Another fun weekend of [Neighborhood Potlucks](#). Find one near you and RSVP today!

**Saturday, March 31:** PFP is proud to cosponsor the [LGBT Adoption Cafe](#), being held in Collingswood, NJ. Learn about adoption options during this informative half day session.

## **Save these dates:**

**April 21-22:** PFP returns again to the [Great Wolf Lodge](#) in the Poconos. Stay tuned for more details on how to register and our discounted rate.

**April 22:** Spring Hike in the Wissahickon on Earth Day

**May 20:** Yoga on the Steps fundraiser for Living Beyond Breast Cancer

**July 20-22:** Save the weekend for PFP's annual Camping with Pride trip, this year at [Mauch Chunk Lake Park](#) near Jim Thorpe, PA.

Keep an eye on your e-mail and our [Facebook page](#) and [Twitter feed](#) for more upcoming events.



## **Member Family Profile: Sandra Telep and jb Burgan**

Sandra Telep and jb Burgan are parents to Leo (20 months) and are expecting their second child in June. They live in West Philadelphia and can often be spotted at political protests and actions around the city.



Leo is a precocious toddler who loves singing “Twinkle, Twinkle”, playing with playdough, coloring, and is really looking forward to being a big brother. jb works for a local non-profit and enjoys baking and playing pick-up soccer on the weekends. Sandra stays home with Leo, but also does some freelance writing and blogs at [www.westphillymama.com](http://www.westphillymama.com).



Sandra and jb met eleven years ago in college. Since then they have worked at political organizations in DC, owned a vegetarian café in Pittsburgh and moved to Philadelphia in 2010. They created their family via a known donor and are really happy with that decision. (You can read more about that here: <http://www.westphillymama.com/2011/04/known-donor.html>)

“We first moved to Philly when Leo was only three months old. We didn’t know anyone in the city and were really anxious to meet other queer people with kids, so Philadelphia Family Pride was a great fit for us,” said Sandra. “Now, a couple years later, some of our closest friendships began at PFP events. We are so grateful for those first events we attended that introduced us to families like ours right in our new neighborhood.”

“We really enjoy the outdoor activities, like the Spring and Fall hikes,” jb said. “We also appreciate the events that help us get to know the city a little better – like the trip to the Aquarium and Smith Play Place.”

They are also avid campers and are really looking forward to attending one of the yearly camping trips, but won’t be able to make it this year because if all goes well they will be cuddling a newborn at home!



Suggestions for what else we should include in our newsletter? Want to sponsor our next issue?

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