



Out & About

News and notes for LGBT-parented families

PFP well-represented at Equality Forum

On Saturday, April 30, four members of PFP joined former pro baseball player and son of lesbian moms Joe Valentine (second from right) for the **National Families Panel** as part of this year's Equality Forum.



PFP member Dr. Steven Sokoll moderated the panel which also included members Deidre Ashton, LCSW; Tiffany Palmer, Esq.; and PFP Education Committee Chair Professor Marla McCulloch.

The group discussed both their professional work with the LGBT community - as a child development specialist, therapists and attorney - as well as their personal experience as parents.

The audience (and panelists) were surprised to learn that the first time 31 year-old Valentine met another person with two moms or two dads was when he first spoke to a group of [Mountain Meadow](#) campers five years ago soon after he "came out" about having lesbian parents.

Later that afternoon, PFP board members Marla McCulloch and Joe Ippolito presented a workshop entitled **TransPARENT: Pathways to Parenthood** with attorney Angela Giampolo and Dr. Jacqueline Gutmann from [RMA of Philadelphia](#).

We wrapped up the day with a happy hour at [Tabu Lounge](#) where participants could chat informally. Thanks to Tabu for donating the delicious snacks and 10% of the bar!

The **Family Zone** at SundayOUT! was a lot of fun again this year at the Piazza in the Northern Liberties section of Philadelphia.

Vice-Chair Wendy Forbes' son Dylan entertained passersby with karaoke (pictured), kids took a break in Hip Philly's super-cool dance club for kids, and decorated foam visors to take home.



[Hip Philly](#) (owned by PFP member Darrell Martin) also provided popcorn and cotton candy for the kids, free bags and prizes.

Final thanks goes to the owners of [Home Slice](#) for donating pizzas to the Family Zone.



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April fun at Dads Potluck and Great Wolf Lodge

Our **Great Wolf Lodge** trip the weekend of April 9 was a big hit with the 100 PFP kids and parents in attendance.

Though challenging to stay together in the water park, the group was able to sit together for meals. The kids especially enjoyed the magic wand treasure quest (pictured).



There are plans in the works already to make next year's trip to GWL even better!

About 30 dads and kids gathered in Huntingdon Valley on a very rainy Saturday afternoon on April 16 for the spring **Dads Potluck**.

Two of the families received a special welcome: each had joined PFP as prospective parents, and made this their first event as dads.

It was great to see these two very young babies, and prompted quite a bit of reminiscing from parents of older kids.

Special thanks to Rick for his hospitality, and to Matt for the terrific potato salad. Stay tuned for details of the next Dads' event in Center City.



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Member Milestones

♥ Rosanne DiGiovanni and Melissa Smith are expecting their first child in October (pictured).

♥ PFP Board Secretary Robin Matthews and her wife Marcia celebrated their fourth wedding anniversary on May 5.

♥ Ken Newton and Rod Finalle will celebrate the 17th anniversary of their commitment ceremony on May 24.



UPCOMING EVENTS

Saturday, May 7: PFP trip to the [Elmwood Park Zoo](#) in Norristown. Member price only \$5 person. Kids 2 and under are free.

Saturday, May 14: March with PFP in the [New Hope Pride Parade](#), kicking off at noon.

Sunday, May 15: Join the PFP team for this year's [Yoga on the Steps](#) to benefit Living Beyond Breast Cancer.

Saturday, May 21: Get the kids (and yourselves!) in the woods during our [Spring Hike](#) in the Wissahickon followed by a BYO picnic lunch.

Sunday, May 22: See the ["Wizard of Oz" at the Kimmel Center](#). Great discount, just a few tickets left!



Save these dates:

June 3: PFP-sponsored [Pool Party](#) at Trans-Health Conference

June 12: [Philly Pride Parade & Festival](#)

June 18: [Moms Potluck & Pool Party](#)

July 16: [PFP Summer Picnic](#) at Ridley Creek State Park

August 19-21: [Camping with Pride 4](#)



Trans-Health Conference celebrates 10th year

The [Philadelphia Trans-Health Conference](#) (PTHC) was founded in 2002 by a group of transgender activists, allies, and service providers. Now in its tenth year, PTHC proudly offers a space for transgender people and allies, families, and providers to come together to re-envision what health means for transgender people.

In 2006, PTHC officially became a program of [Mazzoni Center](#), Philadelphia's LGBT Health Center. Mazzoni Center has been a major supporter of PTHC since the first conference in 2002.



The focus of this unique conference is promoting transgender health and wellness in mind, body, spirit, and community. PTHC recognizes the interconnections among all aspects of well-being; including health, safety, education, employment, housing, and social support.

As much as possible, PTHC strives to ensure that the conference addresses the diverse needs of all transgender communities: transgender men, transgender women, gender-queer, and gender-variant people, as well as partners, families, and allies.

In addition, in an effort to increase the availability of quality, culturally-competent care for transgender communities, PTHC also provides a workshops for medical, mental health, and social service providers.

The organizers are committed to making the conference as inclusive and accessible as possible. Therefore, the Philadelphia Trans-Health Conference charges no registration fee.

Philadelphia Family Pride will have a table at the Trans-Health Conference, this year taking place from **June 2-4** at the Pennsylvania Convention Center. Contact Stephanie Haynes at stephanie@phillyfamilypride.org if you can work a shift at our table.

We are also cohosting the Friday night [pool party](#) at the Hampton Inn for PFP members and families attending the conference. Thanks to [Home Slice](#) for donating pizza for the party!



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