

# NEWS

## November 2024

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#### Monthly Meetings: always on the 3rd Tuesday of the month

Invite your friends & neighbors to gather in support of our LGBTQIA+ community members on the 3rd Tuesday of the month at 6:30 pm in the Patrick Heath Public Library community room.

#### Next meeting

\*Tuesday, November 19 \*6:30 pm \*Patrick Heath Public Library 451 N. Main Street Boerne, TX 78006 pflagboerne@gmail.com



## **VOTE** 411

Register to vote, find your polling place, look up your ballot, and more at <u>VOTE411.org/pflag</u>

#### Do you know where to Vote in the National Election?

VOTE411.org/pflag provides nonpartisan voting resources like local poling locations. Let your values be heard. Step up to keep the future generations proud and safe. If you need support, just reach out.

Please Vote Tuesday, November 5!



#### Kaleidoscope Hearts: always on the 4th Tuesday of the month

Our youth may seek Fun & Encouragement during these special evenings just for them. Help plan fun evenings with music, Apples to Apples, an occasional pizza & much more. Your energy is all that is needed to share with friends.

Our next meeting \*Tuesday, November 26 \*6:30 pm \*Patrick Heath Public Library 451 N. Main Street Boerne, TX 78006

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#### **PFLAG Boerne Board Election Results**

Meet your new 2024/25 PFLAG Boerne Board. They are available to support the community.

**President (Sani)**: the spokesperson and voice of PFLAG, representing our community and serving as the link to PFLAG National.

**Vice-President (Crystal)**: Supports the President, manages program initiatives, and oversees social media efforts. **Secretary (Lynn)**: Records meeting minutes, creates the newsletter and email communications.

**Treasurer (Billie)**: Manages the budget and ensures timely submission of tax information.

**Membership Coordinator(Sean)**: Manages the PFLAG portal and handles membership dues.

### National Coming Out Day

Several supportive people celebrated the courage to live authentically by waving to passersby on Main Street. Each October 11th please remember those who have been able to *come out* and those who are still waiting for a safe opportunity.



#### **Upcoming Events**

Tuesday, November 5 General Election

Monday, November 18 Boerne ISD Board of Trustees regular monthly meeting in the BISD Board Room https://www.boerneisd.net//site/ default.aspx? PageID=2#calendar1/20240810/ month \*235 Johns Road \*6:10PM(sign in to speak) \*6:30PM

Tuesday, November 19 PFLAG Meeting \*6:30pm

Wednesday, November 20 Transgender Day of Remembrance Watch party *Woman on Fire* 6:30pm

Tuesday, November 26 Kaleidoscope Hearts \*6:30pm

#### Watch Party in Recognition of Transgender Day of Remembrance

You are invited to a watch party on Wednesday, November 20; 6:30pm. *Woman of Fire* is an Intriguing documentary of the unique experiences of Brook Guinan, the first openly transgender firefighter in New York. Join PFLAG Boerne to watch and learn and love. 6:30pm





Transgender Day of Remembrance Movie Night Join PFLAG Boerne and Boerne Pride to watch a special viewing of Woman On Fire in recognition of TDoR. \*Patrick Heath Public Library Community Room \*Wednesday, November 20, 2024 (6:30p) \*For more information: pflagboerne@gmail.com

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#### Why Transgender Day of Remembrance Each November 20?

Violence against trans people is widespread and fierce. It is urgent that we draw attention to this horror in order to educate the public. A transgender person is someone whose sex assigned at birth is different from who they know they are on the inside. This is true whether they medically transitioned or not. Valuing preferred names and pronouns is an important way of showing respect to the whole person. Remember to love & support our trans neighbors everyday of their lives.

Each November 20<sup>th</sup>, people around the world host TDoR events, both secular & religious, to honor and remember the hundreds of senseless violent deaths of our important community members. International reports of suicides & cases of violent deaths between Oct. 2023 & Sept. 2024 will be recorded.

Peace to you all; peace to those we have lost and to those left to bear witness.



Vanity Williams, a 34-year-old Black transgender woman was an Air Force veteran who had recently begun nursing school, with the goal of opening a med spa. Tragically, before she was able to realize this dream, she was shot and killed in Houston, Texas on August 3, 2024.



Reyna Hernandez, a 54-year-old transgender woman, and owner of Reyna's Hair Salon was shot and killed in Renton, Washington on February 26, 2024.



Pennsylvania authorities confirmed that dismembered human remains found in June are those of Pauly Likens, transgender teenager, 14. She had her whole life ahead of her.



Michelle Henry, a 25-year-old Black transgender woman, lived in San Francisco, where she had been a lifelong active member of the LGBTQ+ community, including attending the SF LGBT Center youth program. On May 15, 2024, she was stabbed and killed.

#### Resources

#### If you have helpful links to share, contact info@pflagboerne.org

- \* ACLU Texas
- \* AVEN: Asexual Visibility & Education Network
- \* Binders for Brothers
- \* Crisis Line For LGBT+ youth
- \* Equality Texas
- \* Fiesta Youth
- \* Healthy Futures of Texas
- \* Hill Country Family Services
- \* Lambada Legal
- \* League of Women Voters
- \* P-FLAG National
- \* #ReadWithLove Book Shelf
- \* TransAllies San Antonio
- \* Transgender Education Network of Texas
- \* Trans Lifeline
- \* Vote 411
- \* Vote Texas
- \* YouTube:PFLAG National

