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Thoughts From The Prez:

PFLAG Cincinnati, I hope all of you feel proud after Pride Month. The festivities were grand and well attended. And according to the Pride Committee, this year's events were the best ever!!!! Here are some of the highlights:

- ❖ Congratulations to our ten scholarship winners. They are the bright, shining stars of the future. I wish them well and may they have a successful year.
- ❖ Hats off to the ISQCCBE (Imperial Sovereign Queen City Court of the Buckeye Empire) and Roberta Bigg for planning "Meet The Parents" and "Meet The Parents II – Bigger and Better" shows. Thanks to the efforts of many volunteer performers (even some from PFLAG) our 2004 and 2005 scholarship funds are off to a great start. Everyone who attended these shows had great fun for a worthy cause.
- ❖ Thank you parents, family and friends for marching with us in this year's Pride Parade. This year, we had the largest number of participants ever. WOW!!!
- ❖ Cincinnati PFLAG was the proud recipient of the "Glammy" award for Outstanding Service Organization for 2004. It is fitting acknowledgement that our work has reached so many.
- ❖ PFLAG Night At the Know Theatre was also well attended. We began with dinner at Hamburger Mary's and then on to the show. Another outstanding performance by the cast of "Another American: Asking and Telling."
- ❖ Our Speaker's Bureau was also busy with a presentation to GEFS (GE Financial Services). All of the materials they brought with them were distributed to employees and our community service video, "Starting The Journey" was also shown.

As you can see from this list, June was a very busy month for us. And how wonderful, as your President, to see so many of you attend these events with pride. Thank you for your support.

Beginning with our July Meeting there will be some changes in our meeting format. See the accompanying article for details.

Just imagine the ripple effect our PFLAG Chapter is having on our community. Being present, visible, and supportive of our GLBT friends sends a powerful, positive message to the Greater Cincinnati Community that we are proud of our gay children and we are here to stay!!! Together, we can change the world, one person at a time.

Keep up the meaningful work.....and thank you!!!!

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**About the PFLAG Cincinnati Chapter:**

Our *regular* meetings are always held on the **second Tuesday of each month** at Mt. Auburn Presbyterian Church, 103 William Howard Taft Rd., from 7:30 – 9:30 P.M. Meetings are open to parents friends and family of gays, lesbians, bisexuals and transgender persons, as well as to gays, lesbians, bisexuals and transgender persons.

*Board* meetings are held on the same night as regular meetings, starting at 6:00 P.M. Please contact a Board Member for information about attending meetings.

**MISSION STATEMENT:** Parents, Families and Friends of Lesbians and Gays promotes the health and wellbeing of gay, lesbian, bisexual and trans-gender persons and their families and friends, through *support*, to cope with the adverse society, through *education*, to enlighten an ill-informed public, and through *advocacy*, to end discrimination and to secure civil rights. PFLAG provides an opportunity for confidential dialog about sexual orientation and gender identity, and acts to create a society that is healthy and respectful of human dignity. Meetings are open to all and are completely confidential.

**TIME FOR A CHANGE.....**

**All three parts of our PFLAG mission are important. Support is and has been an important part of our work for the past 30 years and we do it well!!!! We all need compassionate, non-judgmental listening, respectful sharing of deeply personal stories and feelings, understanding, and healing where growing is always present. This is the powerful, transforming stuff of PFLAG. Our support role remains central to the other key aspects of our mission, education and advocacy.**

**In case you haven't noticed, our meeting attendance has been increasing steadily and that means we are fulfilling our mission. We are both thrilled and excited about this growth for many reasons. And that is why we are going to meet on time and with a new meeting schedule. Beginning in July our meeting schedule will be as follows:**

**7:00 to 7:45 – Social time with refreshments (Take this time to welcome someone new or meet old friends.)**

**7:45 – 8:15 (or 8:30) – General meeting / announcements/ and/or program**

**8:30 – 9:30 – Small group meetings with facilitators**

**9:30 – Clean up**

**10:00 – Lights off and out of the meeting room.**

**It is our goal that with this new schedule and the use of facilitators, that our programs will be informative and educational, and our meetings will continue to run smoothly.**

**Be A Part Of It – Help Us Grow!!!!**

## From the membership committee

Please remember to check the mailing label on this issue of the newsletter. We have included the date of expiration on your mailing label to send a gentle reminder of when your PFLAG dues expire. The date will also include a letter indicating the type of membership dues you have paid. If a date does not appear on the label that either means that you are not yet a member or that our records do not show when you last paid your dues.

Your dues are our only source of revenue. Our only other fundraiser is the annual banquet and the proceeds from that event are earmarked for scholarships. We depend upon your generous support through your dues.

If it is time to renew your membership, please use the form included in this newsletter to do so. Thank you for your help!

*Tom Jenkins and the entire Membership Committee*

### GREATER CINCINNATI PFLAG MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

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| <input type="checkbox"/> New  | Individual Membership   | \$25.00    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Renewal  | Household Membership    | \$35.00    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Change of Address                                | Supporting Membership   | \$50.00    |
|   | Contributing Membership | \$100.00   |
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|   | Lifetime Membership     | \$1,000.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Please send all mailings blind label only        | Other Contribution      | \$_____    |

Make all checks payable to "PFLAG" and mail to P.O. Box 19634, Cincinnati, OH 45219-0634 (Your donation is tax deductible, ID #953750674. Thank you!

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### NEWS YOU CAN USE:

A June 2004 study released by the Gay, Lesbian and Straight Education Network (GLSEN) reported that harassment, bullying and physical abuse of LGBT students goes unabated at most schools across the country. The study covered all 50 states and the District of Columbia.

Forty-two states received failing grades in the report. States were ranked using six different categories including statewide laws, support for education on health and sexuality, policies, and anti-stigmatization laws. Ohio ranked 39<sup>th</sup>. For more information, see the article "Gay Students Give Schools Failing Grade" on the website:

[www.365gay.com/newscon04](http://www.365gay.com/newscon04).

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In June the U.S. Senate passed legislation adding gay and transgendered persons to the groups protected against hate crimes. Hailed as a major step forward by civil rights groups, the Local Law Enforcement Enhancement Act passed 65 to 33 on a bipartisan vote. It was moved as an amending to the Defense authorization bill.

(Source: Volume 4/Issue 4 PFLAG Dayton News)

**A GIFT FOR PFLAG CINCINNATI**

Recently, Kathy Laufman, long-time PFLAG supporter and GLSEN advocate, informed me that she has bequeathed \$4,000 to the Cincinnati Chapter of PFLAG in her Will.

According to Kathy, “I see it as a simple way everyone should plan ahead to support the organizations they care about. Just remember, this is down the road....I have to die before PFLAG gets the money.”

Dear Kathy, we wish you a long and happy life! Thank you for acknowledging PFLAG in such a wonderful, generous way.

And this is a reminder to all of you who don't have Wills – get one!!! And please remember that it is possible to make specific requests in your Will to PFLAG. We love you, Kathy.!!!

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**PFLAG IN THE KNOW**

On Thursday, June 17<sup>th</sup>, a group of PFLAGers met at Hamburger Mary's for supper and then headed to the Know Theater's production of "Another American, Asking and Telling." A moving performance depicting stories of gays and lesbians in the military and how the "don't ask, don't tell" policy affected their lives. A riveting, outstanding performance by a wonderful cast that left you breathless. If you have never attended a performance by the Know Theatre, it's time you did because you are missing something memorable. Join us next time – as PFLAG continues to support the Know Theatre Tribe.

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**YOU CAN'T VOTE IF YOU AREN'T REGISTERED. YOU  
HAVE UNTIL 30 DAYS BEFORE THE ELECTION TO  
REGISTER!!!!**

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**GLIMMERING GLAMMY AWARDED TO PFLAG**

In a surprise move....members of the Board of ISQCCBE (Imperial Sovereign Queen City Court of the Buckeye Empire) nominated PFLAG Cincinnati and other worthy organizations for the Outstanding Service Organization of 2004. The Court partnered with Shawn Atkins to put the Glimmering Glammy Show together. The “gay people” of Cincinnati then voted at their local bars and Voila’.....The PFLAG Chapter of Greater Cincinnati was chosen the winner.

We are now the proud owner of a Glammy Award as the Outstanding Service Organization of 2004. As one Court member said, “You should feel proud that your work in the Cincinnati community has reached so many.”

Accepting the award, in this surprise move and on behalf of PFLAG, was none other than PFLAG member Lynne Lefebvre. Lynne and her husband, Kent, happened to be attending the show with out of town guests. As Lynne puts it, “A huge thank you to the Court for their generosity of spirit and fun.”

PFLAG love to all The Court and On behalf of Cincinnati PFLAG –We are honored to Accept this award—Be Proud PFLAG!!!!

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**THANK YOU ISQCCBE AND ROBERTA BIGG.....**

On Sunday, March 14<sup>th</sup>, a group of enthusiastic PFLAGERS found their way to The Dock for the “Meet The Parents” show. The ISQCCBE (Imperial Sovereign Queen City Court of the Buckeye Empire) put on a high energy drag show to benefit our 2004 scholarship fund.

PFLAGers cheered mightily for the bejeweled performers clad in ravishing gowns as they boomed out numbers such as, “New York, New York,” Suspicious Minds” and “I Am What I am,” says Lynne Lefebvre.

The evening’s performances raised \$1,104.00 for our 2004 scholarship fund and helped to support our ten scholarship winners this year. The check was presented to President Marti Kwiatkowski by Imperial Crown Princess XII Roberta Bigg, Emperor Jay Rickles, Empress XII Ginger Snap, and Imperial Crown Prince I Tom Wherry.

But that’s not all.....

Roberta Bigg announced shortly after the successful “Meet The Parents” show that there would definitely be a “Meet The Parents II Show – Bigger and Better.” This show, said Roberta, was going to be really big(g). And she was right.

Numerous performers participated and graced the runway on Sunday, June 27th, including our own PFLAG member, Lynne Lefebvre singing “Big Spender,” and Former PFLAG President, Marian Weage. Particularly moving were the performances by Jay Rickles and Tom Wherry, using music written by Paul Delph from the CD “A God That Can Dance”, and for whom the show was dedicated.

Paul Delph, the son of Harold and June Delph, and sister of past PFLAG President, Linda Arnest, died of AIDS in 1996.

This fabulous show earned \$1,276.00 for the 2005 Scholarship Fund, for a total of \$2,380.00. Thank you to The Court, The Board of Directors, Imperial Crown Princess Roberta Bigg, Reigning Empress Truly Scrumptious, Reigning Emperor Jay Rickles, Empress XII Ginger Snap, and Imperial Crown Prince I Tom Wherry, and all the volunteer performers for a truly unforgettable evening.

President Marti Kwiatkowski, said, "It has been such a meaningful experience to find ourselves under the wing of the ISQCCBE. This partnership has opened doors, opened hearts and built bridges. We are very grateful to everyone who had a part in these shows.

But that's not all.....at the end of the evening Imperial Crown Princess Roberta Bigg announced a final show. "Meet The Parents – Final Chapter" date coming soon. Get ready because believe me, you won't want to miss this one!!!!

***FEEL YOU HERE***

***Your music fills the Air  
Friends and Family all together  
Holding Close with Hands  
You are more than Near***

***The Flowered Table with Your Face  
A room filled with Sunlight  
All In a Special Place  
To Share time to Embrace***

***Voices full of Love and Peace  
Each Person Reaching Out  
Together We Join Hearts  
Your Spirit Glistening About***

***We can Feel you Here  
Through Love's Radiant Way  
A Day with Beauty and Grace  
More than Words can ever Say.  
By R. Maria Sulcer***

## Scholarships Awarded

The Parents, Families and Friends of Lesbians and Gays (PFLAG) chapter here has awarded a record-setting ten scholarships for college or graduate school. Recipients were: Doug Meredith, Mindy Chen, Breean Walas, Will Brandstetter, Michael May, Chris Gutjahr, Emily Roth, Kristen Neumeier, Kurt Hummel and Hannah Stamp.

PFLAG selected the scholarship recipients based on their high schools academic records, activities, future goals, and references, --with special emphasis on students whose activities helped to fulfill PFLAG's missions of support, education and advocacy for young people.

The awards' purpose is to:

- recognize outstanding gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgendered, intersex and straight supportive students in the local community,
- encourage continuing education for individuals involved with the GLBT community,
- foster a positive image of these young people in society.

To be eligible for an award, applicants must

- be a resident of or attending college in the Greater Cincinnati area, which includes northern Kentucky and SE Indiana,
- be a student 17 years of age as of April 17, 2005
- have a proven record of positive involvement with the GLBT community,
- not been a prior winner of this award,
- submit an application with required supporting materials.

Cash awards are paid to the college or university of admission. The award is valid only for one academic year (fall 2005 through summer 2006).

Funds for the scholarships were raised through the Twelfth Annual PFLAG Banquet held March 6, 2004. Contributions from many folk helped the Scholarship Committee award more scholarships than ever before. PFLAG looks forward to continuing success in supporting deserving students.

## 2004 Scholarship Winners Announced

For the 12<sup>th</sup> year, PFLAG has offered financial support for high school and college students through the Scholarship Award program. Seventy-two deserving students have received over \$61,000 in scholarship awards since the program's inception.

The Scholarship Program aims to encourage and reward gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgendered and intersex students as well as their straight supporters, especially those who strive to foster understanding and acceptance in the community.

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On June 8<sup>th</sup>, at Mount Auburn Presbyterian Church, the 2004 PFLAG Scholarship winners were announced. The winners were Michael May, Christine Gutjahr, Will Brandstetter, Kurt Hummel, Emily Roth, Kristen Neumeier, Mindy Chen, Breean Walas, Hannah Stampe, and Doug Meredith.



The experiences and community involvement were rather interesting and proves that students from Cincinnati or going to school in Cincinnati are tomorrow's advocates. Community involvement and activism is extremely personal and dear to each of the recipients. Please allow me to highlight the candidates.

Michael May is a recent graduate of Lakota East High School, where he was extremely involved with music, acting, clubs and organizations and peer activities. It was stated in a recommendation letter that Michael has changed the climate of Lakota East High School. He has the special charisma and warmth that allows him to be open about controversial topics without offending. As an openly gay male, he has taken a stand and shown exceptional bravery in a setting that is not particularly diverse or tolerant. As a result of this and his other activities, Michael was selected as a 2004 PFLAG scholarship recipient.

Doug Meredith is a full time student at Northern Kentucky University and still finds time to get involved. He is committed to Common Ground, NKU's Gay Straight Alliance, served as the Director of Public Relations on the board of GLSEN Cincinnati, and is currently the Co-Chair of GLSEN Cincinnati. Quite the accomplishment for a 20 year old student. Oh, and if that's not enough, he also writes an outstanding bi-monthly column in the Greater Cincinnati GLBT News. Yet another example of the quality of recipients.

Hannah Stampe is a recent graduate of Walnut Hills High School. She is interested in social justice issues including anti-racism work, education and prison reform, feminism and GLBT rights. She is able to address these injustices by being involved in the Walnut Hills Gay Straight Alliance, Bethany House Services, Young Religious Unitarian Universalists, Citizens to Restore Fairness, and the GLBT Youth Summit. Still undecided about what to study in college, with her experiences thus far, I think we'll see her name in the papers a few times. Congrats Hannah!

Breean Walas is another political advocate and a current UC Law student. Breean is actively involved in the campaign to repeal Article XII, working to increase awareness on the part of her colleagues of discrimination against gays, lesbians, bisexuals, and transgendered persons. Her work in this regard, according to one of her recommendations is particularly notable, given the generally conservative nature of UC law students. The committee wants to say to Breean....Keep up the good work!

Mindy Chen is a current UC student studying graphic design. Not only is she a conscientious student who carefully selected UC and the city of Cincinnati to pursue her higher education only after seeking information regarding the GLBT community. I guess we passed the test and now can welcome Mindy to the community and her devotion to GLBT students to UC. She is currently the Director of LGBT Advocacy on the Student Government Association, a member of the LGBT Alliance and is involved in many other volunteer activities. All this and maintaining an impressive grade point average. Congrats!

Kristen Neumeier has the privilege of being our first straight ally to be awarded a scholarship. She has done amazing things that reflect her commitment and support of the gay community. The highlight of her application and community involvement actually took place far from Cincinnati. Kris has had a vision for what she wanted to do with her life. She has taken interesting steps to get there, but each one has made her into the person she is today. After graduating from Xavier University, Kris went to Africa with the Peace Corps to work with individuals in Africa. In collaboration with various non governmental organizations and the United Nations, she produced an educational booklet about HIV and Aids. The booklet was later mass produced and adopted into the health education curriculum on the national level. Thanks Kris.

Emily Roth is a home grown Cincinnati that has taken her talents to Indianapolis. After reading her application and recommendations, it is clear that Emily has displayed a high degree of integrity, responsibility and ambition. In addition to her accomplishments with the National Women's Festival, she has proven her leadership ability by organizing a Women's Feminist

Group in Indianapolis Indiana. Indywomyn provides a forum for mobilizing young women in the Indy area for activism, art and community. Congrats Emily.

Kurt Hummel is our world traveler. A current student at Miami University, Kurt is spending time out of the country this summer. He has demonstrated many academic achievements. He has maintained an above average GPA and plans to graduate with majors in Economics, and International Studies with minors in Japanese and East Asian art. Kurt is a member of Spectrum, Miami's Gay Straight Alliance, where he started out as the Communications Chair but that experience has just paved the way for Kurt to work on some key projects to promote a positive image of GLBT students at Miami. Kurt, keep up the contributions and being a positive role model for all you meet.

Will Brandstetter is a recent graduate of Clark Montessori and a Post Secondary Student at Xavier University. Will has worked to insure that a wider acceptance of gays and lesbians remain at Clark even after he graduates. He has worked to establish a gay straight alliance at Clark. He has been one of 12 students selected to attend Baldwin Wallace College in the Musical Theatre program. He has also been very involved in dance and theatre outside of school. He states on his application that these outlets allow him to be free and express his emotions. The committee thanks him for sharing.

Christine Gutjahr is not only employed but a college student as well. She is the co-founder and past president of the Cincinnati State Rainbow Alliance. She has participated in panel discussions regarding the medical treatment of GLBT patients. She has also campaigned in support of Cincinnati's inclusive human rights ordinance in the 90's. She has also participated in diversity training on GLBT issues for UC medical students. Chris has sung with MUSE and she and her long term partner are active non members of Clifton United Methodist Church. Congrats to Chris!



(Photo by Harold Byers)

Left to right

Doug Meredith, Mindy Chen, Breean Walas, Will Brandstetter

Not pictured

The other winners were Michael May, Chris Gutjahr, Emily Roth, Kristen Neumeier, Kurt Hummel and Hannah Stamp

**"Is My Son Going to Wear a Dress?" Gender, Gender Identity, and Sexual Orientation**  
by Stephen M. White, Psy.D.

When parents first learn that a child is gay, one of the most confusing issues can be understanding the concepts of gender, gender identity, and sexual orientation. This brief article will describe the difference between these terms and discuss how they are related to each other.

The term "gender" indicates whether someone behaves in a masculine or feminine manner, while sexual orientation refers to whether one is attracted to people of the same sex or the opposite sex. Putting these concepts together, a man may be masculine (gender) and heterosexual (sexual orientation), masculine and gay, feminine and heterosexual, or feminine and gay. Similarly, women may possess any combination of these qualities: feminine and heterosexual, feminine and lesbian, masculine and heterosexual, or masculine and gay.

Media stereotypes of gay people often portray them as gender atypical: gay men are depicted as feminine, and lesbians are shown to be masculine. This may lead some parents to wonder whether their young children are gay if they see their son acting in feminine ways or consider their girl to be a tomboy. There is some truth to this stereotype. Research on childhood behavior indicates that children who display atypical gender roles often are gay when they grow up. The catch is that this pattern is not seen in all people: not all gay adults showed cross-gender behavior as children, and some children who act in gender atypical ways grow up to be heterosexual. This same pattern holds for adults: some gay men and women act in gender atypical ways and some don't, although in general gay people are often more comfortable crossing gender lines than heterosexuals are.

Speaking of crossing lines, one of the most worrisome and confusing behaviors that parents wonder about is whether their child may wear clothes ordinarily worn by the opposite sex, referred to as "cross-dressing" or dressing "in drag." Parents of gay sons in particular may wonder whether their son is going to start wearing a dress now that he is openly gay. While some gay men and women do dress in "drag" at times, this is usually done on particular occasions for social commentary or entertainment. Gay communities may hold "drag balls," some of which are depicted in the film *Paris is Burning*, in which gay men (and occasionally women) engage in an elaborate competition for best appearance and performance. In everyday life gay men usually do not wear highly feminine clothing. It is much more common for lesbians to dress in traditionally male clothes, just as it is more common for heterosexual women to dress in men's clothes than vice versa.

While "cross-dressing" is sometimes used to mean any form of dressing in clothing worn by the opposite sex, the term more specifically refers to people who cross-dress for enjoyment or excitement, a group formerly referred to as "transvestites." Interestingly, research on these individuals indicates that most cross-dressers are heterosexual men.

There is another group of people who often dress in the clothes of the opposite sex: transsexuals. Transsexuals are people whose gender identity, or personal sense of being male or female, does not match their biological sex. While gay people may dress in drag to make a political statement, and cross-dressers do so for excitement, transsexuals dress in the clothes of the opposite sex simply because they are more comfortable that

way. In fact, transsexuals would not consider this dressing as the opposite sex, but rather as dressing as their true sex.

So what can you expect from your child's behavior? Most likely many of the same behaviors you have seen already. If your child was feminine before, he or she will continue to be so. If your daughter was a tomboy growing up, she will probably retain some masculine traits as an adult. If your child's clothing has always been consistent with his or her biological sex, this is unlikely to suddenly change. Though it can be a shock to learn that your child is gay or transsexual, it is important for you to remember that many aspects of your child's life and personality are the same as you have always known.

*Stephen M. White recently received his doctorate in psychology. He can be reached through his website, [The-Rainbow-Connection.org](http://The-Rainbow-Connection.org).*

## **PFLAG at GE Financial during Pride Month!**

Mark Netherly of GE Financial invited PFLAG Cincinnati to participate in their Pride Month activities. The invitation was sponsored by GE's GlobalAge, an affinity group for GE GLBT communities. GlobalAge seeks to serve as a resource for employees and businesses to establish better understanding between gay and straight employees and support a vision of a diversified and inclusive workforce.

On June 10 Steve and Dolores Bebko and Dorothy Byers took turns at a resource table loaded with PFLAG literature and free cookies! The video played continuously throughout the afternoon. The table was strategically located in a lobby at the intersection of two busy corridors.

Many people, enticed by the free cookies, stopped to look over the info available and watch portions of the video. For part of the afternoon, Dan --Dorothy Byers

Tepper, President of the PFLAG Chapter in Dayton, was also present to speak with people. Dan is a former employee of GE and also designed the PFLAG Cincinnati website!

By the end of the day, the literature table was well-depleted and many people had expressed interest in the literature as well as PFLAG activities. Both Mark Netherly and the Communications Manager, Rosa, were quite impressed with the professionalism and the information presented by the video. They will keep this in their file.

Marian Weage and Tom and Marie Jenkins represented PFLAG at a repeat event at GE Financial on June 24. GE seems pleased with PFLAG's participation, and it was a good opportunity for PFLAG to meet people and talk about our missions.

## **PRIDE 2004 JUNE 13, 2004**

The week of June 6 – 13 2004 Cincinnati Pride Committee and several GLBT organizations from the Greater Cincinnati Area hosted several events in Celebration of Gay Pride. These events included the Drag Races, Cincinnati Men's Chorus, PFLAG's Scholarship Winners Announced, Know Theatre Tribe presents "Another American: Asking and Telling", Cincinnati Youth Group Pride Pancake Breakfast, Cincinnati Pride Rally Cincinnati, Pride Parade, and the Cincinnati Pride Music Festival to name a few of the events. The Pride Parade was a great event PFLAG had a strong showing of marchers this year. The festivities began with the Pride Rally in Clifton's Burnet Woods park. The

Rally, had MC's Michael Chanak and Doreen Cudnik and was interpreted for the Deaf by Chris Owens, began at noon.

Ken Colegrove read the Mayor's Proclamation. Other Rally speakers will include: Bruce Beisner, from *Greater Cincinnati GLBT News*; Harold Keutzer, from the Gay & Lesbian Community Center of Cincinnati; Dr. John Kelly, a long-time GLBT advocate; Dianna Brewer, co-founder of the Unity House World Peace Center; and Patti Herrmann, active supporter of the Cincinnati GLBT Community

Immediately following the Rally, the Pride Parade stepped off at 1pm from Burnet Woods. The Parade went from Burnett Woods to Northside, ending at Chase Elementary School. GLSEN (Gay Lesbian and Straight Education Network) co-chair Kathy Laufman (Kathy is also a member of PFLAG) was the 2004 Pride Parade Grand Marshall. Kathy being straight ally and her work on behalf of GLBT youth made her the perfect choice as the Grand Marshall of the parade this year.



PFLAG members gather for the parade



Marti and Tim watching Rally



Serpent "Repeal of Article 12" float



The Rally



Tim and Roxanne watching the Rally



The Flag that lead the Parade through Clifton To Northside



The Crowd in Northside



Our Friends from GLSEN



PFLAGers Relaxing after the parade

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