



Out & About

News and notes for LGBT-parented families

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PFP Families Tour the State Capitol

Philadelphia Family Pride families had a special tour of the state capitol in Harrisburg on Monday, April 14 led by openly gay Philadelphia State Representative Brian Sims.

Since the legislature wasn't in session, we had the place to ourselves. Rep. Sims showed us around the place, pointed out the various art and Civil War artifacts and even showed off his arm tattoo of a Ben Franklin quote from Franklin's first words as a state legislator.

We also were able to visit the House chamber floor (photo below), heard how they pick who sits where and learned that the legislature in Afghanistan has a higher percentage of women than ours in Pennsylvania.

Rep. Sims also showed us his office, including his campaign button collection, and gave us a legislative update on various LGBT-related bills, including his prediction that HB 300, the statewide non-discrimination bill, will pass this year.

Each participant got a folder full of information on how Pennsylvania state government works, as well as coloring books and other kid-friendly materials.

Thanks again to Rep. Sims and his staff for hosting PFP on this special day!



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"Out with the Philadelphia Soul"

Join PFP and the rest of the LGBT community in Philadelphia at a very special, first-of-its-kind LGBT night at a professional football game. The champion Philadelphia Soul arena football team is holding this event to help raise awareness and show support for the LGBT community.



The awareness event is scheduled for Saturday, May 10 at the Wells Fargo Center during the Soul's game vs. the New Orleans VooDoo. Kickoff is set for 6 p.m. The game will be nationally televised on CBS Sports!

Rally towels distributed throughout the seating bowl will display **rainbow colors**, Soul players' and coaches' uniforms will prominently display the LGBT rainbow colors, the **Philadelphia Gay Men's Chorus** will perform the national anthem, the **Greater Philadelphia Flag Football League** will play an exhibition game on the Soul field during pregame and more.



Tickets range from \$17 to \$25 per person. There's also a family four pack that includes four tickets, four hot dogs, four sodas, four popcorns and four pre-game passes for \$88. E-mail Community Coordinator [Stephanie Haynes](#) for more information and tickets.

Member Milestone

♥ On Saturday, April 5, Marla Gold and Debra Brady held a marriage ceremony at the Valley Green Inn in the Wissahickon in front of their two children, friends and family. Marla and Deb were founding members and leaders of PFP 20 years ago and were married in New Jersey earlier this year. Congratulations and many thanks to Marla and

Deb for suggesting guests donate to PFP in lieu of gifts.



UPCOMING EVENTS

Saturday, April 26: Meet up with other families at the [Jenks School Playground](#) in Chestnut Hill from 11am-1pm.

Saturday, May 3: PFP will host a program as part of this year's [Equality Forum](#) on "Adoption Options" for LGBT parents and prospective parents.

Sunday, May 4: Volunteer to help staff PFP's table at [SundayOUT](#).

Friday, May 9: Great Wolf Lodge Trip in the Poconos. Rooms sold out!

Saturday, May 10: Be a part of history with the Philadelphia Soul when they become the first professional football team to have an LGBT Night. Family four packs and other discounted tickets available in the LGBT section. [More info.](#)

Saturday, May 17:

- March with the PFP group in the annual [New Hope Pride Parade](#), this year starting in Lambertville to symbolize bringing marriage equality to Pennsylvania.

- Other PFP families will also meet up that day at the [playground in](#)



[Narberth](#) next to the library.

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



2014 Philly Pride Season Calendar

Philly has lots of chances to show your LGBT pride this year. Check the calendar below for events around the region.

PFP is sponsoring, attending or tabling at most of these, so please let Community Coordinator [Stephanie Haynes](#) know if you can help spread the word about Philly Family Pride at one or more of these events. Thanks!

April 20-27: [Philly Black Gay Pride](#) is happening now and is celebrating their 15th year with tons of events.

April 26, May 24, June 28: LGBT Latinos are holding a queer Latin Party "[Candela Sabados](#)" on the 4th Saturday of each month at Tabu Lounge.

May 1-4: Billed as the "Global LGBT Summit," [Equality Forum](#) consists of dinners, panels, workshops and more, culminating in SundayOUT on May 4 at the Piazza. Canada is this year's featured nation.

Saturday, May 10: LGBT Awareness Night at the [Philadelphia Soul](#) Arena Football Game vs. the New Orleans Voo Doo.



May 16-17: [New Hope Celebrates!](#) is an action and pride-packed two days of parties, performances and parade. RSVP to [Bryan Berchok](#) to march with PFP.

Sunday, June 1: [Jersey Pride](#) in Asbury Park, NJ.

June 6: Philly Pride Weekend [Kick-off Block Party](#) on 12th street between Walnut and Spruce from 6-11pm.

June 7: [Philly Dyke March](#), meet at 3pm at Kahn Park in Center City and then march!

June 8: [Philly Pride Parade and Festival](#). Ride the trolley with PFP in the front of the parade! RSVP to Board Chair [Robin Matthews](#) to save your seat! PFP will have a family zone at Penn's Landing all afternoon.

June 12-14: [Philly Trans-Health Conference](#) will take place at the Philadelphia Convention Center. This is a free conference with over 3,000 attendees from all around the country and the world.



July 20: [Pride Festival](#) for those in Reading and Berks county.

July 26: [Central PA Pride Festival](#) will take place at Riverfront Park in Harrisburg.

August 2: [Delaware Pride Festival](#) in Dover, DE.

August 5: 12th Annual [Gay Community Night at the Philadelphia Phillies](#) Game vs. the Houston Astros.

August 17: [Pride in the Park](#) in Allentown, PA.

September 14: [South Jersey Pride Celebration](#)

October 12: [OutFEST](#) block party in the Gayborhood

If you know of other events to add to this calendar, please let Stephanie know in an e-mail to stephanie@phillyfamilypride.org.



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