



Out & About

News and notes for LGBT-parented families



PFP Winter Fun!

Philadelphia Family Pride families didn't let a little snow stop them from enjoying three events this year already!

Our annual trip to the **Adventure Aquarium** in Camden, NJ took place on Saturday, January 29.

Families visited the shark tunnel, hippo exhibit, and penguin area, as well as touched sea stars and sting rays.



After exploring the aquarium, the group met up for lunch in the cafe (pictured) and got a chance to catch up.

On Saturday, February 9, families met at the **Smith Playhouse** in Philadelphia's Fairmount Park for some fun for the under 5 set.

The Junior League of Philadelphia was hosting a Valentine's Day party, so kids and grownups alike got to try their hand at some heart-shaped crafts, as well as listen to their own hearts with stethoscopes.



Finally, on Saturday, February 16, PFP families met up at the River Rink at Penn's Landing for free **ice skating** lessons with PFP friend Melissa Hrinko.

It was a great day to skate - not too cold or crowded. The kids and adults with skating experience helped the first-timers. A couple of kids were naturals - just let go of the wall and took off!

Thanks to everyone who made it out to an event this year so far!

We have lots more events planned - see our **Upcoming Events** listing below for dates for Color Me Mine, Dads Potluck and more.

If you have any suggestions for events we could hold in 2013, please e-mail Community Coordinator Stephanie Haynes at stephanie@phillyfamilypride.org.





LGBT Family Camp at Club Getaway
Kent, CT - June 25-28, 2013

Wonder Valley Ranch Resort
Sanger, CA - August 18-23, 2013

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Helping Hands Committee Forming Now

As a community of supportive friends, PFP has instituted a "Helping Hands" committee in order to provide meals (home-cooked or ordered in/delivered) to other members who might be in need.

When a member needs support (whether due to illness, injury, new baby/kid arrival, or death in the immediate family) our Helping Hands Coordinator, Board Secretary Robin Matthews, will send an e-mail to members who have agreed to be on the volunteer list and a schedule of meal delivery will be put into action.

If other specific help is needed, such as child care or donation of goods, that can be discussed on a case-by-case basis. Look for an e-mail shortly looking for volunteers for the list of participants, and, in the meantime, if your family finds itself in need of this service, please email Robin at robin@phillyfamilypride.org.

Member Milestones

♥ The Kilzer-Whisman household celebrated Etta's 4th birthday on February 9th and Joey's 1st birthday on February 14th. Happy Birthday Etta and Joey! (pictured, left)

♥ Jim Muldoon and Ray Johnson finalized the adoption of daughter Elizabeth on February 13, six months to the day of when they brought her home. Congrats!

♥ Maggie Devine and Marie Zengel will celebrate the sixth anniversary of their "legal wedding" on February 27th. They had their Civil Union on that date in 2007 when it became legal in New Jersey, but their first wedding was on Herring Cove Beach in Provincetown 20 years ago. Happy Anniversary!

♥ The Corraggio family welcomed Atreyu Ashain (pictured, below) at 6:39pm on January 22. He was 8 lb 4 oz and 20.5." Congratulations!





UPCOMING EVENTS

Saturday, February 23: Join the Dads and Pops at PFP Chair Marc Berman's home in Montgomery County for another [Dads' Potluck](#). Prospective parents also welcome.



Sunday, February 24: Meet other PFP families at the [Color Me Mine](#) in Glen Mills (pictured) for an afternoon of painting pottery. Great for all ages.

Sunday, March 10: Nest in Center City has donated a play date to PFP for the infant and toddler crowd. [More info.](#)

Saturday, March 16: Another weekend of Neighborhood Potlucks is being planned. Stay tuned for details!

Saturday, April 20: Travel up to the Poconos for a fun weekend at [Great Wolf Lodge](#). We've arranged a great discount for members, and there are only a few rooms left!

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



New Board Member Profile: Kelly Durand

PFP member Kelly Durand (pictured second from left) lives in Wyncote, just outside of Philadelphia. She and her partner Shira have two daughters, Karis (11) and Sosie (9). They are all very active in a range of activities, including softball, basketball, soccer, running, and art/pottery classes.



In addition to supporting the girls' interests, Kelly enjoys coaching several of their teams, as well as serving as the Director of Softball for Cheltenham Little League. When they find opportunities to relax, they love to watch movies and read.

Kelly works for the People's Emergency Center - a social service agency providing housing to homeless women and their children. Shira does research for Moss Rehabilitation Research Institute at Einstein Hospital.

Kelly and Shira found out about PFP in 2009. Their first event was the New Year's Day Brunch which they loved.

"We've been active members ever since, have made great friends, and look forward to continuing our involvement," said Kelly.

"We like PFP because of the wonderful events and camaraderie that we feel with other families like ours. The annual Family Matters Conference has been a highlight for us, both to help plan and attend," she added.

As part of the PFP board, Kelly hopes to bring new ideas to the events that raise money for PFP each year.

"The more revenue we are able to generate, the better our services and events will be. I am eager to help make that possible," Kelly said.



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