



Out & About

News and notes for LGBT-parented families



What Do the Supreme Court Decisions Mean?

As everyone by now has heard, the [U.S. Supreme Court issued two rulings regarding marriage equality](#) on Wednesday, June 26. [Watch PFP members Tracy and Mia Levesque's reaction on 6ABC.](#) (Pictured, right, at the rally on Wednesday. Photo by Robert Moran, courtesy of [Philly.com.](#))



But what does the "demise of DOMA" (the federal Defense of Marriage Act) mean for those of us in Pennsylvania, New Jersey and Delaware? [Read this article by Mazzone Center legal director David Rosenblum](#) for an overview.

PFP member and family law attorney Tiffany Palmer said, "The Supreme Court's ruling in striking down federal DOMA was an exciting victory for LGBT equality. However this is not the end of the road for same-sex couples in Pennsylvania: it is just the beginning of seeking full equality."

Tiffany added that "for couples who have same-sex marriages and reside in Pennsylvania, whether your marriage will be recognized for federal purposes will vary based upon the federal agency and the particular benefit."



She also suggests consulting these [helpful fact sheets](#) that go over some of the federal rights and benefits to consider if you've been married in another state or are considering doing so.

In addition, Monday night, July 1, attorney Angela Giampolo will lead a [discussion and Q&A at Giovanni's Room](#) from 7:00-8:30pm on "DOMA Deconstructed" for those wishing to learn more about what the Supreme Court decisions mean for us in PA and NJ.

Leading up to the decisions' announcement, there was a [statewide marriage equality rally](#) held in Harrisburg on June 22. There was also a rally held near Independence Hall on "Decision Day" - both attended by many PFP families and organized by The Summit.



The Summit is a group of LGBT leaders in the region and was founded by Philadelphia Family Pride's Vice-Chair Wendy Forbes and DVAU's Vice Chair Janice Rael (pictured, right, in a photo by Nicole Rosenberg courtesy of [GPhilly](#), with Rep. Brian Sims and Equality PA director Ted Martin.)

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Currently, the Summit is working on these issues: Marriage Equality, Repeal of DOMA (done!), passing the federal Employment Non-Discrimination Act (ENDA), Anti-Bullying and Transgender Awareness. [E-mail Wendy](#) to get involved.

Finally, here are a couple of petitions being circulated for those wanting to take action on this issue.

[To President Obama: Recognize All Legally Celebrated Marriages When Determining Benefits and Responsibilities Under Federal Law](#)

[From Equality Pennsylvania: Tell our legislators: Support the freedom to marry in Pennsylvania!](#)



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Moms Potluck and Philly Pride

PFP would like to highlight two events from June: Moms Potluck and Philly Pride.

Over 30 moms and kids came to the Mom's Potluck at Adrienne Lutz and Jodi Holmes on June 8. It was a beautiful sunny afternoon. Kids had fun playing in the two moon bounces supplied by Jodi and Adrienne and PFP Members Valerie Moyer and Amy Hanson. We welcomed new members Donna McCauley and Maggie Reilly with their beautiful 7 month-old baby girl Sarah.



The trolley was packed for Philly Pride again this year on Sunday, June 9. Families had a great time throwing candy to the record crowd in this, the 25th anniversary of pride celebrations in Philadelphia. Thanks to PFP Board Secretary Robin Matthews for leading the crew!

At Penn's Landing, families relaxed in the Family Zone while kids tried their hands at duct tape crafts. Thanks to Melissa Hrinko and several other PFP members for helping again at this year's Family Zone!



Member Milestone



PFP members Michael and Louis GrowMiller are happy to announce the adoption of their daughter Gabriella after two years of fostering her.

"We are one happy, official family," they said. They are pictured here with their parents at the courthouse in Media, PA. Congratulations!

If you'd like a family milestone included in an upcoming newsletter, please e-mail Stephanie Haynes at stephanie@phillyfamilypride.org.



UPCOMING EVENTS

Saturday, June 29: For a twist on the Dads Potlucks, we're having

a Dads and Singles Mixer Pool Party in South Philly, pictured. [More info.](#)

Saturday, July 13: Philly Family Pride's annual [Summer Picnic](#) will be held again this year at the Elmwood Park Zoo in Norristown, PA from 11am – 2pm. Thanks to [Jerner & Palmer](#) for sponsoring this year's picnic.



Saturday, July 27: Meetup with other PFP families at the [Smith Playground](#) in Philadelphia's Fairmount Park at 10am.

Saturday, July 27: Dinner at [Earth Bread + Brewery](#) in Mt. Airy at 7pm for single LGBT parents and prospective parents. Couples welcome if they bring a single friend! \$20/person plus drinks. RSVP to info@phillyfamilypride.org.

Sunday, August 4: For those PFP families visiting Provincetown for the annual Family Week, Marc and David Berman will be hosting an [ice cream social](#) from 1-3pm.

Save these dates:

Parents Night Out Dinner at the new Cedar Point Bar & Kitchen in Fishtown on September 7.

Camping with Pride trip will be the weekend of September 21 at nearby French Creek State Park.

PFP's Fourth Annual [Family Matters Conference](#) will take place on Saturday, October 19th at the William Way Center.

Stay tuned for more details.

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



QFest Film Festival Picks

It's that time of year, again: Philadelphia's annual LGBT film festival, [QFest](#), will take place from July 11-22, 2013.

We've sifted through the offerings at this year's festival, and found a few that have LGBT family-related themes or that we thought would be of interest to our families.

Click the title for show times and locations.

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Alice Walker: Beauty in Truth

Alice Walker: Beauty In Truth is a feature documentary which tells the compelling story of an extraordinary woman's journey from her birth in a paper-thin shack in cotton fields of Putnam County, Georgia to her recognition as a key writer of the 20th Century.



Before You Know It

Before You Know It is a powerful observational documentary that looks at a neglected segment of the LGBT community: its senior population. This film looks at three men in particular as they navigate the challenge of getting old in a youth culture.

Birthday Cake

Birthday Cake is a bitterly funny mocumentary about a gay male couple's frantic world after they adopt a baby.

Breaking Through

Riveting and triumphant, *Breaking Through* is a moving documentary that chronicles the many United States LGBT elected officials who courageously open up and tell their personal stories.



It Had To Be You

Following the intertwined stories of six different characters, local director Lary Campbell shines a spotlight on the Philly Gayborhood in this thoughtful and highly ambitious micro-budget drama.

Two Mothers

A deep and intimate character study, *Two Mothers* chronicles a fervent lesbian couple as they pursue unorthodox measures to start a family.

TWO: The Story of Roman & Nyro

A touching and sweeping look at a male couple and the family they create: from their two boys, their surrogate mother and the many relatives and friends who embrace them.



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