



Out & About

News and notes for LGBT-parented families

PFPers enjoy Neighborhood Potlucks and Dim Sum

On Saturday, February 25, four PFP families met in Philadelphia's Chinatown for **Dim Sum** at New Harmony Vegetarian Restaurant. The tofu was a big hit, as were the turnip cakes and sticky buns.

Look for more small group restaurant meetups in the future - and feel free to suggest your favorite place to Community Coordinator [Stephanie Haynes](#).

This past weekend, PFP families gathered in member's homes around the region for our semi-annual **Neighborhood Potlucks**.

There was a big crowd at Tracy & Mia's in Queen Village, including a few families who were attending a PFP event for the first time.

Vicky's vegan banana waffles were a big hit in Queen Village on Saturday and at Sunday's West Philly potluck (pictured) at the home of Staci and Kristina.

PFPers from both sides of the Delaware gathered at the home of Bob and Bob in Bucks County.

In Mt. Airy, Yoel's homemade chocolate bark was a hit with kids and adults. The hosts' dog had fun following around the toddlers hoping for some scraps, while the prospective parents in attendance quizzed the parents.



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Thank You!

Thank you to the dozens of you who responded to our survey last month. The information and suggestions will be very useful in guiding the PFP Board as we plan the rest of 2012. Congrats to gift card winners Steve and

Member Milestones

♥ Congrats to Nicole & Ginny Perrine-Wilson who welcomed daughter Macy to the world on Sunday, February 26 at 10:35am. She weighed 7lbs, 10oz.

♥ Former PFP Board Member Kevin Howley is running for Oakland County Executive in Michigan. You can find out more about his campaign on his new web site: www.howleyforexecutive.com.

If you have a family milestone that you'd like included in an upcoming PFP newsletter, please e-mail stephanie@phillyfamilypride.org.



2012's Camping with Pride has something for everyone!

This year, PFP's Camping with Pride trip will have something everyone - tent camping, cabins, B&Bs, and is close enough for a day trip, too!

We'll be at [Mauch Chunk Lake Park](#) near Jim Thorpe, PA the week of July 20-22. **Tent camping** is free for members or \$25 for non-members. E-mail trip organizer Thom Radke to RSVP and hold your spot at camping@phillyfamilypride.org.

The park also has nice **cottages** near the group tent area if you'd rather not sleep on the ground. The cottages sleep up to six people and have electricity, but no running water. They are \$68/night, and you must reserve for both Friday and Saturday nights. [More info on the cottages](#) and how to reserve yours.

The nearby town of Jim Thorpe has many [Bed & Breakfast options](#) for those who would rather stay in town. If you aren't staying at the park, it is \$5/adult and \$3/adult for children daily to enter the park for swimming, boating, hiking, fishing, etc..

We will also be organizing a few other side trips for the weekend, including a whitewater rafting trip. Stay tuned for more details.



UPCOMING EVENTS

Saturday, March 31: PFP is proud to cosponsor the [LGBT Adoption Cafe](#), being held in Collingswood, NJ. Learn about adoption options during this informative half day session.

Saturday, April 14: Meetup with other PFP families at the [Smith Playground](#) in Philadelphia's Fairmount Park. Look for parents wearing a PFP logo sticker or t-shirt.



April 21-22: PFP returns again to the Great Wolf Lodge in the Poconos. Deadline for reservations is March 21. [More details.](#)

April 22-29: PFP is happy to help celebrate [Philadelphia Black Gay Pride](#). We'll have a vendor table at two events, and PFP board member Deidre Ashton is leading a workshop on creating families as part of this year's PBGP.

April 29: Get outside at our Spring Hike in the Wissahickon at 1pm. Appropriate for all ages.

Save these dates:

May 5: [Equality Forum](#) Workshops and Prospective Parent Happy Hour

May 6: SundayOUT! at the Piazza

Saturday, May 19: [New Hope Pride Parade](#)

Sunday, May 20: [Yoga on the Steps](#) fundraiser for Living Beyond Breast Cancer



May 31-June 2: [Philadelphia Trans Health Conference](#)

Sunday, June 10: [Philly Pride Parade and Festival](#)

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



Member Family Profile: Robyn Crawford and Lisa Hintelmann

PFP members Lisa and Robyn and their twins Gillian and Jeremy live in an old farmhouse in Stockton, New Jersey. Gillian and Jeremy will celebrate their third birthday March 31. They created their family through open adoption.



Lisa is a magazine entertainment editor. After a long career in music and sports, Robyn is enjoying being a stay at home mom - at least until the kids begin preschool.

Jeremy is the man of the house. He is a lover of books, sprinting, burritos, oranges and oversized pieces of machinery.

Gillian (aka "Miss G") is all up in everything. She enjoys painting, coloring, apples with almond butter, peppers, singing and dancing. The twins are also fond of baking, specializing in carrot muffins and banana bread.

Their family enjoys travel, cooking, hiking, exploratory road trips, t-ball and frisbee, and experiencing new things together.

When asked why they joined PFP, Lisa said, "because we wanted our kids to make friends with other kids whose families look like ours. And we hoped to make new friends ourselves - which happily, we already have done!"

"Our first PFP event, and our introduction to the organization, was marching in the New Hope Pride parade when Gillian and Jeremy were one. We thank Lauren Weil for inviting us!" added Robyn.

So far, the couple said their favorite event has been the Family Matters Conference, which was "enlightening, inspiring, and impressively organized." They also enjoyed the January trip to the Adventure Aquarium in Camden.

"We're looking forward to meeting other families, building a network and having new adventures together," they said.



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