

NEWS

April 2024

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Monthly Meetings: always on the 3rd Tuesday of the month

Invite your friends & neighbors to gather in support of our LGBTQIA+ community members on the 3rd Tuesday of the month at 6:30 pm in the Patrick Heath Public Library community room.

Next meeting
*Tuesday, April 16
*6:30 pm
*Patrick Heath Public Library
451 N. Main Street Boerne, TX 78006
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Celebrating 10 Years

Did you know PFLAG Boerne has been leading with love since April 2014? Kerry Kirtley and Billie Watts, after a happenstance conversation, discovered their mutual passion for organizing a chapter of PFLAG in Boerne. Since Billie was serving as associate

April 2014
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10 Years Strong

pastor at First Methodist Church of Boerne, she presented a letter to the FUMC Trustees on behalf of this hoped

for chapter about the possibility of using church space. Permission was granted and the PFLAG flag was planted. The Faith Conversations class (the Reconciling Ministry class of FUMC) was instrumental in supporting and even financing PFLAG's beginning in Boerne. Of course, support was not limited to this class as some of our current PFLAG members also were involved from the get-go. There were challenges along the way, but they inadvertently strengthened our resolve and determination to provide a space of acceptance, support, and celebration (as well

Kaleidoscope Hearts: always on the 4th Tuesday of the month

Our youth may seek Fun & Encouragement during these special evenings just for them. Help plan fun evenings with music, Apples to Apples, an occasional pizza & much more. Your energy is all that is needed to share with friends.

Our next meeting
*Tuesday, April 23
*6:30 pm
*Patrick Heath Public Library
451 N. Main Street
Boerne, TX 78006

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KALEIDOSCOPE HEARTS
boerne youth connections

as advocacy), for LGBTQIA+ persons and allies. PFLAG's presence in our community in 2014 and beyond 2024 is necessary for the survival and thriving of the entire Boerne community. We are grateful to all those who have supported our Boerne Pride Walks since 2018 and the continued efforts of many to make Boerne a place where all belong. We will continue to be an organization that "Leads with Love!"



Boerne Pride Walk - Saturday, June 8, 2024

Boerne Pride aims to promote equality, acceptance, and support for the LGBTQIA+ community in Boerne, Texas, and its surrounding areas. We strive to create a safe and inclusive environment for LGBTQIA+ individuals and their allies by providing resources, education, and community outreach programs. We will be collaborating and teaming up with other community organizations to plan and organize the Boerne Pride Walk.

Volunteers Needed

Beat the Monday, April 8 deadline! Follow this [Boerne Pride Walk Volunteer Teams SignupGenius](#) link to join a Pride committee today. Haven't met us yet? That's ok; we are still family & you will be welcomed with open arms.

Upcoming Events

Friday, April 12
GLSEN's Day of Silence
Everywhere love is found

Monday, April 15
Boerne ISD Board of Trustees
regular monthly meeting in
the BISSD Board Room
<https://www.boerneisd.net/site/default.aspx?PageID=2#calendar1/20231110/month>
*235 Johns Road
*6:10PM(sign in to speak)
*6:30PM meeting begins

Tuesday, April 16
PFLAG Meeting
*6:30pm

Tuesday, April 23
Kaleidoscope Hearts
*6:30pm

Saturday, June 8
Boerne Pride Walk
Patrick Heath Public Library
Amphitheater
451 N. Main Street Boerne,
TX 78006



Day of (No) Silence 2024: Rise Up. Take Action.

History of Day of (No) Silence: Started in the mid 90's by two college students, Day of Silence has expanded to reach hundreds of thousands of students each year. Every April, students would go through the school day without speaking, ending the day with Breaking the Silence rallies to bring attention to ways their schools and communities can become more inclusive.

2024 Day of (No) Silence: With more than 800 anti-LGBTQ+ bills introduced last year, we must Rise Up and Take Action. GLSEN's Day of NO Silence is a nationally-recognized student-led demonstration where LGBTQ+ students and allies all around the country—and the world—protest the harmful effects of harassment and discrimination of LGBTQ+ people in schools.

Love in Action

PFLAG National is currently serving as a plaintiff in three cases in the state of Texas, specifically to protect trans youth and their families. Be sure to follow PFLAG National for details on PFLAG v. Office of the Attorney General of Texas, PFLAG v. Abbott & Loe v. Texas.



Resources

If you have helpful links to share, contact info@pflagboerne.org

- ❖ **ACLU Texas**
- ❖ **AVEN: Asexual Visibility & Education Network**
- ❖ **Binders for Brothers**
- ❖ **Crisis Line For LGBT+ youth**
- ❖ **Equality Texas**
- ❖ **Fiesta Youth**
- ❖ **Healthy Futures of Texas**
- ❖ **Hill Country Family Services**
- ❖ **Lambda Legal**
- ❖ **League of Women Voters**
- ❖ **P-FLAG National**
- ❖ **#ReadWithLove Book Shelf**
- ❖ **TransAllies San Antonio**
- ❖ **Transgender Education Network of Texas**
- ❖ **Trans Lifeline**
- ❖ **YouTube:PFLAG National**

