

PFLAG Detroit
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Join us

Sunday, November 13th

Susan Flinders, Ph. D

Susan Flinders Ph. D is a Fully Licensed Clinical Psychologist in Michigan and Board certified as a Psychoanalyst by the American Psychoanalytic Association and the American Board of Psychoanalysis. She has been treating patients in Michigan for over 30 years in various venues. Dr. Flinders has had private practices for most of that time. She is retired from the State of Michigan as a Prison Psychologist and has worked in nursing homes and has participated in research through Wayne State University. Dr. Flinders has also published Professional Journal articles on various topics. She is also Chair of the Practice Building Today Committee of the American Psychoanalytic Association and current President of the Michigan Psychoanalytic Society. Dr. Flinders has been active over the years in the LGBTQ community locally and nationally and personally.

Years ago (in the 1990's) she trained as a group facilitator at Affirmations in Ferndale and conducted a workshop there on Internalized homophobia. She also presented a paper at the Michigan Psychoanalytic Institute and in New York at the Meetings of the American Psychoanalytic Association (APSAA) in the mid 2000's regarding the trauma of the gay marriage debate. Nationally she belonged to the Committee on Gay and Lesbian issues of APSAA around the same time and presented a paper regarding working with Bisexuality. It was also around the same decade she presented at the U of M Michigan League for the Rainbow Coalition to Gay and Lesbian parents on how to talk to their children about the issues that affect them especially the trauma of the gay marriage debate that had been all over the news. For about thirty years she attended a study group, headed by Don Spivak, M.D., in Michigan, on Gender and sexuality. Currently, due the recent sad death of Dr. Spivak, Dr. Flinders is heading up an online study group on gender and sexuality. Transgender issues and Misogyny have been recent topics in that group.

Personally, Dr. Flinders was married for 20 years to a man and has two wonderful daughters and 6 fantastic grandchildren. Dr. Flinders realized there was a broader spectrum to marriage and is currently in a committed relationship with a woman. Also, she has a gay daughter and a gay nephew. Both are married. Her daughter and her wife have three children. Dr. Flinders typically identifies as gay/lesbian but in more recent years has seen herself more specifically as a demisexual (we can talk about what that means when we meet).

PFLAG is the extended family of the LGBTQ community. We're made up of LGBTQ individuals, family members and allies. Because together, we're stronger.

Where We Meet ...

Lutheran Church of the Master
3333 Coolidge Hwy,
Troy, MI 48084

(Behind Somerset Mall)

Second Sunday of each month
(excluding Mother's Day, Easter, PRIDE and Christmas)

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OUR MEETINGS...

As always, we welcome everyone, whether member or non-member and all GLBTQ folks, family, friends and allies.

Our meeting will begin promptly at 2:00 p.m. with introductions, speaker, and followed by support groups. (Support Groups: New Parents, Parents of Transgender, Transgender, and General Support)

Due to the importance of the stories being told by persons in the group discussion, interruptions can be very distracting. We ask that you arrive on time to be able to enter into these groups. Any persons arriving late, after 2:15 p.m., may be asked to form their own group with a PFLAG greeter or Board Member. We appreciate your understanding in this matter.

Our speaker will present at 2:00 p.m. after brief announcements.



As we celebrate our 35th year, est. April 1987, we invite you join us once again with a renewal of your membership. Those of you who are current members, we thank you for your contribution and support.

Your contribution, at whatever level, will help us continue to offer support, education, and advocacy to LGBT persons, their families, and friends. What does joining the chapter or renewing your membership do for you? It makes you a vital part of PFLAG's continuing effort to provide support to, education about, and advocacy on behalf of LGBT individuals, their families, and friends.

What does your dues payment do for the chapter? It helps us maintain a stable financial base so that the board of directors can focus on responding to community needs, it pays the bills for the helpline, publications, program costs, and much more. The larger our membership, the more credibility PFLAG has in the community and the more able the chapter is to take on additional projects.

Does all your membership payment stay with this chapter? Most of it does however, \$15 is sent annually to PFLAG National to support their organizing and educational efforts on a nationwide scale. (If you asked us NOT to send annual dues to PFLAG National previously, WE WILL NOT) As a national member, you receive their quarterly publication, The PFLAGpole. You can also sign up to receive e-News and get more frequent updates about matters of importance to PFLAG and the LGBT community.

Is your membership donation tax-deductible? Yes! Once you donate, we will provide you documentation necessary for your IRS returns. Make checks payable to **PFLAG Detroit** and mail your membership to PFLAG Detroit, PO Box 1169, Royal Oak, MI 48068-1169

Support can take many forms. In addition to financial support, we have volunteer opportunities that you could consider. For more information on our volunteer needs, please contact me by e-mail at

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We look forward to hearing from you.

Best regards,

Larry Jack, President

	\$35.00 Individual
	\$45.00 Household
	\$55.00 Supporting
	\$105.00 Contributing
	\$1000.00 Lifetime
	Donation of Support