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Our Times Update



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PCCNCF - "What's Next?"

You are invited to a community meeting at 2:30 p.m. on June 7th at the community center, 3131 NW 13th St, Suite 62 in Gainesville.

PCCNCF was born from community meetings 15 years ago and we hope you will join us with your hopes and ideas for the center as we come together to decide where we go from here. The purpose of the meeting is to engage the entire community in planning for the future of the Pride Community Center of North Central Florida and the Pride Festival.



PCCNCF is at a critical turning point in its history and we need you, the LGBTQ community of this area, to help decide what direction we'll be taking in the near future. We know that the success of the center is contingent on the support and input from the entire community so we will have an open dialogue about the needs of the community and the role of the community center.

We're also looking for people who want to be involved in leadership and decision-making, who are willing to take on responsibility to determine what the center is going to look like next year and the years after that. We're hoping to expand our board of directors and discover folks who want to participate at all levels to keep PCCNCF a vibrant, relevant community organization in North Central Florida.

There's still work to do. We need you to join us for this important community meeting.

Upcoming Community Events:

June is Pride Month

- Jun 1, 7pm: Transgender Social Group
- Jun 4, 7pm: Special Screening of *The Committee*
- Jun 6, 2-5pm: Abby Goldsmith Celebration (at Gainesville Women's Club)
- Jun 7, 2:30pm: PCCNCF Community Meeting
- Jun 10, 6pm: Gainesville Equality Youth (at Gainesville Downtown Library)

- Jun 15, 7pm: Transgender Social Group Movie Night
- Jun 21, 4pm: Women's Sunday Movie
- Jun 24, 6pm: Gainesville Equality Youth (at Gainesville Downtown Library)
- Jun 26, 7:30pm: Gay Movie Night
- Jun 27: National HIV Testing Day
- Jun 28: Stonewall Riots Anniversary
- October 16-25: 2015 Pride Days

PCCNCF Board of Directors

- Terry Fleming
 - Linda Bassham
 - Lauren Hannahs
 - Manette Cheshareck
 - Robert Sandbach
 - Helen James-Storey
 - Shanti Cruz
 - Fred Pratt
- Board Members

Special Screening of *The Committee*

On Thursday, June 4th at 7pm there will be a special screening of the documentary *The Committee*, a film about State Senator Charley Johns and his secret legislative committee to expel Gay and Lesbian professors and students from the state public university system. Chuck Woods, Senator Bob Graham, and others are featured in the film.

The filmmakers are trying to raise money to get the film broadcast on Public Television. They have a

crowd-sourced funding campaign at <https://www.indiegogo.com/projects/the-committee-public-television-campaign>.



In order to prepare the film for national broadcasts, the filmmakers must pay for Errors and Omission Insurance, purchase broadcasting rights for imagines, sounds and music, and hire a company to produce FCC

required closed captioning, among other things. Once the filmmakers have completed these tasks, the film can broadcast on any PBS station around the country and can then be distributed for scheduling.

The Committee has screened in Film Festivals around the world and won numerous awards: Hampton Dunn Broadcasting Award, Broadcast Education Association Award for Mixed Video, Love Your Shorts Film Festival for Best Documentary, International Jury Award for Best Documentary, Durban Gay & Lesbian Film Festival, South Africa and a prestigious Suncoast Emmy Award for Best Historical Documentary. Many people have seen this film and have been moved. Now it is time to bring the story to a national audience on broadcast television. Come out to the event at the Pride Center and see the film. If you can, support the funding campaign. Most importantly, tell people about this project and what they can do to help. Find us on Facebook to know the latest news: <https://www.facebook.com/thecommittee>.

ABBY GOLDSMITH

Abby was a former board member, a longtime volunteer, and a great supporter of PCCNCF. She was a standard bearer for LGBT rights active in all area fights since the '90s. Join us as



we celebrate the life of our friend Abby, Saturday, June 6th, 2-5pm at the Gainesville Women's Club, 2809 West University Ave, Gainesville. Bring pictures, stories, and a dish or beverage to share if you wish.



Pride Days Womyn's Dance

The second annual Pride Days Womyn's Dance planning is underway! This year the theme is "Queen of Hearts" from Alice in Wonderland. If you're interested in helping plan this event, contact Helen at media@gainesvillepride.org.

This annual event includes ALL self-identified womyn (including and not limited to those who identify as dykes, transwomen, butches, bois, femmes, studs, lesbians, queer, gender non-conforming, gender queer) and celebrates Pride Days while raising money to support the Pride Community Center events, including future Pride Festivals.

The dance is set for Friday, October 23 (the night before the Pride Festival), in the Basement of the Hippodrome from 9pm-midnight.

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