

***PFLAG Detroit***

March  
2018

*Sunday, March 11th*

*We welcome our March speaker...*

***Dr. Antonia Caretto***



I came out as gay at age 17 in 1979 and began working with the LGBT community and Jim Toy minutes after arriving on the U-M campus in 1981. I lived in Chicago for a year in the mid 80's and did volunteer work there at what is now The Center on Halsted. I then lived in Oakland California for 7 years while in grad school before returning to Michigan in 1992. My dissertation was on sexual orientation and gender non-conformity in women.

In 1995 I became affiliated with U-M Comprehensive Gender Services Program and began seeing transgender adults. In 2004 I attended a conference on Trans Youth put on by NHS in London and drafted a proposal for U-M to develop services for minors (which didn't happen until recently). In the meantime, in 2011 I started a support group for Parents of Trans Kids which I ran for years until other support became more available. I still (anonymously) run an international Facebook page for Parents of Trans Kids.

I have been with my wife Linda for 25 years (the reason I moved back to Michigan) and we believe we were the first gay couple married by Mayor O'Reilly in Dearborn after the Supreme Court Decision in 2015. No kids, no pets, lots of plants.

We travel a lot. Linda is a master Gardner and avid reader. I enjoy photography and am a runner who also has a history of trying some pretty extreme things like competing as a body builder and learning to drive my car on the racetrack in Waterford.

English is my first language but I also speak some Italian which I learned as an adult.



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 and Christmas)

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## ***OUR MEETINGS...***

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

Our meeting will begin promptly at 2:00 p.m. with Support Groups meeting after the introductions. (Support Groups: New Parents, Parents of Transgender, Transgender, Young Adults 15 to 25 years old 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.

Social half hour with refreshments will begin at 3:30 p.m.

Our speaker will present at 4:00 p.m. after brief announcements.



**Dear PFLAG Detroit Members,**

**Please note our election slate for the term 2018-2020.**

**Pam Hazlett – Board Member 2-year term**

**Aaron Crowton (Web Master)– Board Member 2-year term**

**Hayley Witzke – Board Member 2-year term**

**Vacant – Board Member 2-year term**

**2018-2019 (Officers\*)**

**Larry Jack – Board President 1-year term**

**Vacant - Vice President / Co-president**

**Mike Hazlett – Treasurer 1-year term**

**Vacant - Secretary**

**Members of PFLAG Detroit will be voting on this slate at our March 11th meeting. If there are other members that wish to be nominated for the PFLAG Detroit Board, please submit name via our website [pflagdetroit.org](http://pflagdetroit.org) or [pflagdetroit@outlook.com](mailto:pflagdetroit@outlook.com)**

**Please remember that PFLAG Detroit members only are eligible to vote at the annual general meeting. So, if you are not a paid member, please join, get involved and vote.**

**\*Officers shall enter their duty on the first (1) day of April each year and serve for a term of one (1) year.**

**Thank you,**

**PFLAG Detroit Board of Directors**

## ***Future PFLAG speakers...***

**April 8th— Ms. Cara Mitrano—PFLAG scholarship recipient .**

**May 20th (NOT second Sunday!) - Mr. Curtis Lipscomb— social and political activist.**