



## Finding Aid for the PFLAG San Francisco records (#2008-03)

**Collection Title:** PFLAG San Francisco records

**Dates:** Circa 1990-2014

**Collection Number:** 2008-03

**Creator:**

PFLAG San Francisco, organization  
Thoron, Sam, 1939-2018  
Thoron, Julia

**Extent:**

30 linear feet (18 cartons, 2 oversize boxes)

**Repository Information:**

GLBT Historical Society  
Dr. John P. De Cecco Archives and Special Collections  
989 Market St., Lower Level  
San Francisco, CA 94103

**Scope and Content:** The PFLAG San Francisco records date from circa 1990 to 2014. The collection includes project and administrative files from Sam and Julia Thoron, who were longtime leaders within PFLAG San Francisco and PFLAG National, photographs, cassette tapes and disks, board records, research materials, newsletters, ephemera, and conference materials, most notably from the 1994 PFLAG National Convention in San Francisco. Records are described at the carton-level.

**Language:** English

**Access Terms:** Collection is open for research.

**Acquisition Information:**

Gift of Julia Thoron on May 12, 2008.

Gift of Kenda Horst, August 2016.

**Preferred Citation:**

[Identification of item], PFLAG San Francisco records (#2008-03), Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, Transgender Historical Society.

**Indexing Terms:**

Parents and Children

Family

LGBTQ people

**Organizational and Biographical Information:**

The Parents, Families, and Friends of Lesbians and Gays (PFLAG) is known as one of the first and largest organization in the world that unites families and allies of the LGBTQ+ community, and was founded by Jeanne Manford in 1973. It is a national organization, operating with local chapters throughout the United States and other countries.

PFLAG's mission "promotes the health and well being of gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgendered persons, their families and friends through: support, to cope with an adverse society; education, to enlighten an ill-informed public; and advocacy, to end discrimination and to secure equal civil rights".

Sam Thoron (1939-2018) and Julia Thoron led the San Francisco, California chapter of PFLAG, and were also heavily involved with PFLAG national, with the two serving for a total of twenty-five years. Sam would serve as the San Francisco chapter's 8<sup>th</sup> president from 2002-2006 and continue as a board member for the national organization for ten years, along with Julia, until 2014. Sam and Julia were first introduced to PFLAG after their daughter Elizabeth came out to them as a lesbian, who then provided them with PFLAG literature. As they became more involved within the chapter and realized that PFLAG was one of the few accessible organizations that extended support for families of LGBT youth, they continued to build the chapter's presence. Their contribution to the organization was fruitful, and both Sam and Julia solidified relationships with their communities and extended their support for the LGBT community on a larger scale: Julia led the planning committee for the 1994 PFLAG national convention held in the city, and in 2008 both would be most remembered for their advocacy against Proposition 8, the ban on same-sex marriage, in California.

## Container List

**Physical Description:** 30 linear feet (18 cartons, 2 oversize boxes)

**Arrangement:** No arrangement.

Carton 1	Guides, programs, "In the Family" newsletter, Business files, 1992-1998
Carton 2	Guides, curriculum, and resources for schools
Carton 3	Guides, curriculum, and resources for schools PFLAG San Francisco 1994 convention
Carton 4	PFLAG San Francisco 1994 convention, research materials, ephemera, and evaluations
Carton 5	PFLAG San Francisco records, 1992-2005
Carton 6	"In the Family" magazines Conferences, newsletters, and business files, 1981-2005
Carton 7	Conferences, VHS and cassette tapes from various PFLAG events, 1995-1997
Carton 8	Conferences, 1999-2005
Carton 9	Conferences, 2004-2014
Carton 10	Business files, PFLAG San Francisco 1994 records
Carton 11	Business files, PFLAG San Francisco 1994 records, floppy disks

Carton 12	Business files, conferences, research material on same-sex marriage, ephemera, and photographs
Carton 13	Domestic Partnership in California, San Francisco PRIDE events, 2001-2013
Carton 14	Transgender, bisexual, intersex, and faith research materials
Carton 15	Policies and procedures, membership, board meetings and notes
Carton 16	Research and outreach materials, board meetings and notes
Carton 17	"In the Family" newsletters, transgender and history resources, PFLAG awards, financial records
Carton 18	Cassette tapes, CDs, and mini DVs on various PFLAG talks, PSAs, and oral histories, evaluations
Oversize Box 1	Banners, various
Oversize Box 2	Oversize mock-ups, negatives  Banners, various