



[San Mateo County Pride Center](#) (click for website)

May & June 2023 Updates

Pride Center Special Events!

- **We are hiring! Seeking a Clinical Administrative Coordinator**
 - The Pride Center is hiring a Clinical Administrative Coordinator to help guide and support our talented clinical team. If you have an interest in systems management, a passion for supporting people in need, and knowledge of the LGBTQ+ community we are looking for you! To apply [click here](#).
- **Pride Center Re-opening: Hours of Operation**
 - Thank you to everyone who attended our Grand Reopening. What an amazing fun-filled event! As we recover from the party and put the final touches on the physical Pride Center, we're excited to announce that beginning April 4, our **official onsite hours of operation** will be:
 - Tuesday - Thursday, 11 am - 7 pm, except Tuesdays between 1 pm - 3 pm will be closed for our team meetings.
 - Our programs and services will remain virtual all 5 days/week 11 am - 7 pm or as scheduled with your clinician.
 - **The Pride Center is located at 1021 S. El Camino Real San Mateo, 94402. Our building is located at 11th and El Camino.**
 - **For accessibility information about the Pride Center, please click this link:** <https://sanmateopride.org/faq/#faq>

Trainings/Education

- **Community SOGIE 101- Tuesday June 13th from 5:30-7:30pm**
 - Ever wondered what's the difference between sex and gender? Want to learn about the difference between bisexual and pansexual? Continue your Pride Month with the San Mateo County Pride Center and ACS Outlet at our **Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity/Expression (SOGIE) 101** training! This training will take place VIRTUALLY on Tuesday, June 13th from 5:30-7:30 pm PST **FOR FREE!** Our goal is to work with **YOU** to understand how to create affirming environments for LGBTQ youth and adults through engaging and interactive

matching games, videos, and polls. **All who attend will be automatically entered into a prize drawing for a chance to win a gift from a local town of Colma business!**

- All are welcome! Bring your dinners and an open mind as we break down the latest LGBTQ terminology and work to build your strengths and grow as LGBTQ+ advocates and leaders. Register at <https://tinyurl.com/SMCPCSOIE2023>. For any questions about our training and educational services, please contact azisa.todd@sanmateopride.org

- **Rainbow Kids Training Webinars**

- Children form foundational concepts of gender, families, and love before the age of five This free webinar (in English) is returning for parents, caregivers, and anyone who wants a more expansive, welcoming world for young children. Using scenario practice and interactive games, this webinar will demonstrate how to support folks all across the rainbow. It will be facilitated by Azisa Todd (Lead Trainer for the San Mateo County Pride Center) and Nathanael Flynn (Early Childhood Educator and co-author of *Supporting Gender Diversity in Early Childhood Classrooms*). Closed captioning will be available.
 - Click below to register for one of four free webinars (each webinar contains the same content):
 - [June 21, 7:00 - 8:30 pm](#)
 - [September 7, 7:00 - 8:30 pm](#)
- Rainbow Kids is a project of Community Equity Collaborative in partnership with the San Mateo County Pride Center and with funding from the Silicon Valley Community Foundation. For more information, contact Jen Sheldon at jennifer@communityequitycollaborative.org.

- **Exploring Our Roots: Unpacking Bias in Order to Grow**

- Back by popular demand! It's human nature to make assumptions about people, identities, and communities. We move through the world with ongoing assumptions and belief systems unknowingly. Thus, the Pride Center is excited to relaunch our popular **FREE** training, **Exploring Our Roots: Unpacking Bias in Order to Grow**. As we prepare for June Pride 2023, this pre-SOGIE/LGBTQ+ 101 curriculum fosters a safe space to help bring awareness to our own implicit biases about the LGBTQ+ community.
- Supported by Kaiser Permanente, each training will create a carefully guided training allowing work to begin to unpack our own internalized myths we hold, ask ourselves where they come from, and examine the roots of their inheritance. By providing interactive activities, discussion time, and videos, the Pride Center will hold space for healing dialogue to help us all shift our assumptions and

biases toward truth. All trainings will be capped at a 50-person maximum to foster a safe and grounding experience for all. Register [HERE](https://tinyurl.com/SMCPCBias2) (<https://tinyurl.com/SMCPCBias2>) for one of the two VIRTUAL trainings dates **(each training contains the same content)**:

- Thursday, May 25th from 5:30-8:30pm
- For any questions regarding trainings/registration, please contact Azisa Todd at azisa.todd@sanmateopride.org.

Events

- **SMC PRIDE: FREE TO BE ME IN 2023**
 - **SMC Pride Celebration 2023- *Free to Be Me in 2023*** is hosted by San Mateo County (SMC) Pride Initiative in collaboration with SMC LGBTQ Commission, SMC Pride Center, Office of Diversity and Equity, San Mateo County Pride Day at the Fair, Outlet- Adolescents Counseling Services and CoastPride LGBTQ Center. We are celebrating our 11th YEAR Pride celebration on the Peninsula!! We are planning on an "in-person" event, but we will gather in community no matter what! Whether in-person, virtual, or both: **We are worth celebrating!**
 - *Interested in supporting and planning SMC Pride 2023? Please email Dana Johnson (they/them) at theractivist@gmail.com for the details.*
 - **Check out the SMC Pride Celebration official website for updates and details www.smcpridecelebration.com . Also check out our new social media page- [smcpridecelebration](#) that's located on Instagram and Facebook.**

Peer Support Groups

- **[Peer Support Groups](#)- Upcoming meeting dates**
 - **Please note: all groups are meeting on Zoom, stay tuned for updates**
 - LGBTQ Parent Group- Monthly on the 1st Tuesday from 7:30-8:30 PM PST
 - 5/2 & 6/6
 - Pre-registration link: <https://tinyurl.com/smcpc-parentsgroup>
 - LGBTQ Book Club (18+) - Monthly on the 1st Wednesday from 4:30-6pm PST
 - Pre-registration link: <https://tinyurl.com/smcpc-bookclub>
 - Polyamory Peer Power (18+)- Monthly on the 1st Wednesday fr. 7-8:30pm PST
 - Pre-registration link: <https://tinyurl.com/smcpc-polyampower>
 - Gay Men's Group (18+)- Monthly on the 3rd Tuesday from 6-7pm PST
 - Pre-registration link: <https://tinyurl.com/SMCPC-gaymensgroup>
 - Queer Women's Social Group (18+)- Monthly on the 4th Friday from 6-7:30pm PST
 - Pre-registration link: <https://tinyurl.com/smcpc-queerwomensgroup>



San Mateo County PRIDE Initiative Report

- **From: Dana Johnson (they/ them/ theirs)- PRIDE Initiative co-chair**
- **LGBTQ Commission Meeting- Tuesday, May 16, 2023 @ 6:00pm**

- ❖ **About the PRIDE Initiative:** The PRIDE Initiative is committed to creating welcoming and inclusive environments grounded in equality and parity for LGBTQ+ community members living and working in San Mateo County. By adopting an interdisciplinary and inclusive approach to collaborating, the PRIDE Initiative looks to partner with individuals, organizations, and providers that work to ensure that services are sensitive and respectful of LGBTQ+ issues.
- ❖ *SMC Pride 2023 has been confirmed for Saturday June 10, 2023 from 11am-5pm*
 - **San Mateo County Pride Celebration website**
smcpridecelebration.com
 - **We will be having a SMC Pride Planning meeting on Friday May 19, 2023 from 12-1pm. Join us as we plan for SMC Pride 2023 (for Pride Planning Zoom link reach out to Dana)**
 - SMC Pride Celebration Parade information **went out.**
 - **Interested in signing up as a contingent please fill out the link below:**
 - **The 1st Annual SMC Pride Parade will be Saturday June 10th from 10am-11am!**
 - **Registration to the Pride Parade is currently OPEN!! Register Your contingent today using the link below!!**
 - <https://forms.gle/Nfe8wghLqn5LcRbJ7>
 - **Join us at the next Pride Initiative meeting (via virtual) on Wednesday, June 14, 2023 from 4:30-6pm.**
 - PRIDE Initiative and local LGBTQIA+ updates
 - To join the virtual Pride Initiative Meeting please see the Zoom Conference Information below

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81510844451>

Meeting ID: 815 1084 4451

Passcode: PRIDEBHRS **PLEASE NOTE: Password is now required to join**



CoastPride Report

LGBTQ Commission Meeting- Tuesday, May 16, 2023 @6:00pm

From CoastPride Board Member: Dana “TherActivist” Johnson (they/ them)

- **About CoastPride**

- **Our Vision**

A welcoming and safe Coastside where all LGBTQ and gender-expansive individuals, their families, and allies thrive.

- **Our Mission**

Creating a Coastside that supports and celebrates people of all sexual orientations and gender identities.

- CoastPride Events/ Trainings:
- For events and to learn about what’s going on at CoastPride see the CoastPride newsletter.
- Center Hours
 - Drop-in—all are welcome
 - Mondays, 10am–2pm (ring the black doorbell when you arrive. Closed on federal holidays)
 - Tuesdays and Thursdays, 2–6 pm
 - Saturdays, 12–4 pm

Upcoming Event

For more details regarding events on the Coast, please reach out to Dana “TherActivist” Johnson.

Pride Celebrations on the Coast

May 31 | Pescadero Pride - youth march and flag raising

June 3 | Pacifica Pride - food, dancing, entertainment, parade, youth activities

June 11 | HMB Pride - food, dancing, entertainment, parade, youth activities

To: LGBTQ Commission of San Mateo County
From: Tanya Beat, Director
Date: May 16, 2023
Subject: Pride Month!

Retreat Debrief Results – see doc included in meeting materials

Thanks to Chloe Chan and Valeria Chavez for working with us this year! Please join them for the Youth Commission Showcase on Tuesday, May 23, 6-8pm at County Center

County Pride

- LGBTQ Commission Annual Report Presentation and Acceptance of Pride Proclamation at Tuesday, May 23 Board Meeting, 9:00am. Lalo and Chris will both be presenting. 400 County Center, BOS Chambers, Redwood City or Zoom.
- Progress Pride Flag-raising at County Center, Thursday, June 1, 10:00am, flagpole in the courtyard. Lalo and Chris will both be sharing remarks.

Pride Visibility Project

- All Cities in San Mateo County have been invited to issue Proclamation and Raise Flag.
- Some of you are participating in these activities. Please see the [2023 Spreadsheet](#) to learn about cities who have shared their information or invited us to participate.

Pride Celebration – LGBTQ Commission Representation

- Krystle is coordinating shifts for the LGBTQ Commission table
- Saturday, June 10, 11am-5pm. Set up at 10:00am. Break down at 5:00pm
- Proposed goal is to ask people to take survey. If they complete it at the table, they receive free rainbow sunglasses with Commission logo.
- “Belonging” decal will be available as a give-away.

Pride Celebration Website: [Home | San Mateo Pride 2023 \(smcpridecelebration.com\)](#)

- All information about Pride on June 10
- Calendar of all Pride activities around the County of San Mateo
- Promotional materials: flyers, images – please promote!
- First County Parade!!

How satisfied were you with the event?	I was able to find the venue easily.	I could see and hear the presentation clearly.	There was something for me to eat.	How did you like the format of the retreat?	The facilitator understood what the Commission	What were your key take aways from this event?	Any overall feedback for the event?
4	Yes	5	Yes	4	5	What the commission does	Good start
5	Yes	5	Yes	5	5	The activities facilitated idea sharing and movement	Looked forward to the next one.
5	No	5	Yes	5	5	I'm thinking about how to create tangible goals that are rooted in the community I serve	I would've loved the chance to talk with everyone instead of more 1-1 group format
4	Yes	5	Yes	5	4	Excitement for new commissioners and new ideas.	Handouts are so wordy and difficult to read.
5	Yes	5	Yes	5	5	New language, understanding role of commission as advisory to B.S.	This was a well thought out event, good planning, good facilitator, time was too short with the break-out group.
5	Yes	5	Yes	5	5	Rethinking who we are and what our main goals will be	Excellent facilitation, great planning by leaders, well executed and so glad to be working with everyone
4	Yes	5	Yes	3	5	This is a very creative commission there is a lot of work to do	I wish we had a series of these to get the planning work knocked out, solidified and a plan of implementation.
4	Yes	3	Yes	4	5	We need to update our commission name and rework our mission, we need to focus on the most underrepresented identities	Empower the facilitator to keep commissioners on task
5	Yes	5	Yes	5	5	We need to revisit the vision and mission of the commission.	I appreciated the facilitators energy and the space that was allowed to talk about issues and priorities.
5	Yes	5	Yes	5	5	The event was well coordinated and the energy in the room was great. I have a clearer understanding of what the commission wants to work on and good discussion around framing this on what we can actually accomplish	I appreciate the care that went into coordinating the event, including selecting snacks least likely to trigger allergies and that are lower impact on the environment.

FREE TO BE ME! IN 2023

San Mateo County Pride Celebration

Resource & Vendor Booths • Food Trucks • Live DJ • Family Friendly

FREE
ENTRY

SAT JUNE 10, 2023
11 AM - 5 PM

SOBER
EVENT

LOCATION: SAN MATEO CENTRAL PARK

www.smcpridecelebration.com

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JOIN US FOR THE

1ST SAN MATEO COUNTY PRIDE PARADE



COME SHOW YOUR PRIDE WITH
MEMBERS OF THE SMC COMMUNITY!



Saturday, June 10th | 10:00 am-11:00 am



Parade Start: 2nd & B Street

Parade End: San Mateo Central Park



For more information please visit:
(<https://www.smcpridecelebration.com/parade>)

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Pride **BINGO**

*Older adults are invited for an
afternoon of LGBTQ+ Bingo fun
with Jackie Layshun!!*

JUNE 9

**SAN MATEO SENIOR CENTER
2645 ALAMEDA DE LAS
PULGAS, SAN MATEO**

2-4PM

**CREATE AN ACCOUNT
& REGISTER HERE**

sanmateorec.org

*Or at the Senior Center front
desk. Must have an 1)
account and then 2) register.*





Meet Bettina Aptheker Author of *Communists in Closets*

Saturday, June 10th

San Mateo County PRIDE Celebration

San Mateo Central Park

50 E. 5th Ave, San Mateo, CA 94401



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In this special LGBTQ+ themed author talk, we are excited to talk with famed author, activist and Distinguished Professor Emerita Bettina Aptheker!

Bettina's new book is *Communists in Closets, Queering the History 1930s-1990s*. The book explores the history of gay, lesbian, and non-heterosexual people in the Communist Party in the United States. The Communist Party banned lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender people from membership beginning in 1938 when it cast them off as "degenerates." It persisted in this policy until 1991. Bettina's book tells the stories of those who were forced to live in this very segmented "closet."

Subjects include Harry Hay and the creation of Mattachine, Lorraine Hansberry and the Broadway production of Raisin In The Sun, Alix Dobkin and the creation of lesbian separatism and women's music, The founding of Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays, and Angela Davis's role in and influence by the Communist Party.

A limited number of copies of *Communists in Closets: Queering the History 1930s-1990s* will be available for purchase at the event. The first 20 people to register and attend the event will receive a book, provided by Peninsula Family Service.

Scan the QR code to register.



San Mateo County PRIDE Initiative & YANovCon presents:

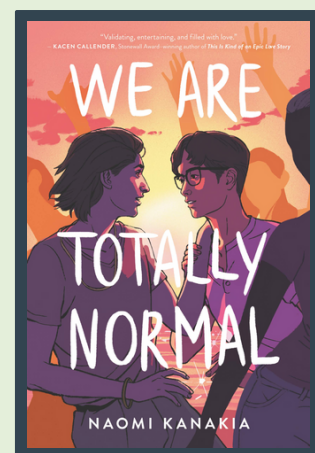
The Queer Author's Guide to Young Adult Publishing

Saturday, June 10th | 12-2 PM | San Mateo Central Park - Recreation Center Activity Room A

Join us for an author event as *Naomi Kanakia* shares valuable tips on what it takes to get published as a debut author.

Naomi Kanakia is the author of two YA contemporary novels, including "*We Are Totally Normal*."

Registration required:
bit.ly/smcpride2023



Visit smcpridecelebration.com for more information about **2023 San Mateo County Pride Celebration: Free To Be Me**



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