



Greater Palm Springs Pride

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## Greater Palm Springs Pride® Announces 2015 Pride Honors Awards

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**July 31, 2015, Palm Springs, CA** -- Greater Palm Springs Pride announced the recipients of its 2015 Pride Honors Awards. The prestigious Pride Honors are presented annually to individuals in order to recognize their efforts in raising awareness and furthering the causes of lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender individuals and their allies. The awards will be presented at a ceremony on **October 9, 2015, at the Hyatt Palm Springs**.

Lifetime Achievement Awards will be presented to the renowned photographer **Michael Childers** and human rights activists **Melinda Tremaglio**. Recognized for supporting the community for thirty-two years, the 2015 Organization of the Year is **Great Autos of Yesteryear**. Community leader and volunteer **Lisa Middleton** will be recognized with the Spirit of Stonewall Community Service Award.

**Brian Wanzeck** (better known as entertainment personality, Bella da Ball) will be honored as the Volunteer of the Year, and **Janet Malachowsky** will be recognized with the Spirit of Pride Award for advancing equality, promoting diversity and celebrating the strength and talent of the LGBT community. The 2015 Friend of Pride Award will be presented to the director of the Tolerance Education Center, **Melisse Banwer**, and Director Emeritus of the UCLA LGBT Center and celebrated author **Dr. Ronni Sanlo** will be the 2015 Spirit of Stonewall Special Guest.

Grand Marshals for the 2015 Pride Parade were previously announced and include **Evan Wolfson**, as the National Grand Marshal, Grand Marshals **Randy Johnson and Paul Campion** and Community Grand Marshals **Mark Seymour, Jennifer Seymour and Patrick Volkert**. Wolfson is widely credited as the mastermind behind the legal strategy that won marriage equality for all and Johnson and Campion are two plaintiffs in the historic Supreme Court case who were married in Palm Springs in 2008. The Seymour's and Volkert are recognized for their positive impact in the region through

many years of supporting community organizations and fundraising efforts large and small.

### **PRIDE HONORS AWARDS October 9, 2015 (6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.)**

The prestigious **Palm Springs Pride Honors Awards** are presented annually to individuals to honor the work they have put into furthering the causes of lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender individuals and their allies. The awards reception will take place October 9, 2015, 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm at the **Hyatt Palm** Springs located at 285 N. Palm Canyon Drive, Palm Springs. Tickets are available online at <http://bit.ly/pshonors15>. Proceeds from the reception will support the Pride organization's efforts to foster Pride in and respect for the region's LGBT communities.

### **ABOUT GREATER PALM SPRINGS PRIDE**

Greater Palm Springs Pride ([pspride.org](http://pspride.org)) is a 501(c)3 non-profit community enhancement organization founded to promote the public education and public awareness of individual rights and civil liberties of the lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender community and to promote the history, diversity and future prosperity of the Greater Palm Springs LGBT community.

For more information about Greater Palm Springs Pride, visit [www.pspride.org](http://www.pspride.org). Follow us on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/palmsprings.pride](http://www.facebook.com/palmsprings.pride). The 2015 Palm Springs Pride Celebration is scheduled for November 6-8, 2015.

### **ABOUT GREATER PALM SPRINGS PRIDE HONOREES**

For photos of each honoree visit <http://bit.ly/ps2015photos>. \_\_\_\_\_

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