

Today, it is displayed at pride events around the world as a sign of solidarity and visibility.



Transgender pride is closely connected to broader LGBTQ+ advocacy and milestones such as the 1969 Stonewall riots in New York City, which marked a turning point in the fight for equality.

Activists like Marsha P. Johnson and Sylvia Rivera helped pave the way for greater awareness and rights, reminding us that progress is driven by brave individuals willing to stand up against injustice.

Pride is not only about history; it is about everyday life. It is about transgender people thriving in schools, workplaces, families, and communities. It is about amplifying voices, challenging discrimination, and promoting understanding through education and compassion. Ultimately, transgender pride is a declaration that transgender people exist, that their identities are valid, and that their lives are worthy of celebration. By embracing diversity and standing together, society moves closer to a world where everyone can live openly, safely, and proudly.

Members Linda and Mike Molony hosted an LGBTQ-themed version of their game Trivia-Bingo for the club at our February meeting. It was a fun-filled evening, and three lucky winners walked away with prizes.

If you are interested in joining the club, visit our website at [lgbtq-sca.com](http://lgbtq-sca.com).

## LGBTQ+



**International Transgender Day of Visibility** occurs annually on March 31. Transgender pride is a celebration of authenticity, resilience, and the fundamental right to live openly as one's true self. At its heart is the belief that everyone deserves dignity, respect, and the

freedom to express their gender identity without fear. For many, transgender pride is both a personal journey and a collective movement—one that honors the struggles of the past while building hope for the future.

The Human Rights Campaign website describes transgender as an umbrella term for people whose gender identity or expression is different from cultural expectations based on the sex they were assigned at birth. Being transgender does not imply any specific sexual orientation; therefore, transgender people may identify as straight, gay, lesbian, or bisexual.

A powerful symbol of this pride is the transgender flag, created by Monica Helms in 1999. With its light blue, pink, and white stripes, the flag represents transgender men, transgender women, and those who are nonbinary or in the process of transitioning.