

# Linda and Karen Michelle Schrader - Authors & Public Speakers

## **Topics**

- Diversity and Inclusiveness
- Respect v/s Tolerance
- Transgender / Transsexual / Lesbian / Gay / Bisexual
- Love, Marriage and Relationships

## **Affiliations / Collaborations**

GLSEN Equality Florida
PFLAG US Dept. of Justice.
Out and Equal F.B.I.

## Authors

"It's all about me, It's all about you, It's all about us."

"My Husband Karen"

#### **Testimonials**

"This was a moving lecture that gave students and staff an intimate look at the struggles and triumphs of this remarkable couple in their journey to find their true identities."

"I think Karen and Linda are very brave that what they do is so important. And I am glad that I was able to see this and take part in the lecture."

"Very educational. Great speakers."

"Having been to seminars similar to this before I knew that expect, but I have never heard such personal experiences. Touching upon the medical field, I now know how the LGBT community feels and I can make an even larger attempt to spread tolerance but more importantly acceptance."

"Incredible story of strength and finding yourself."

"I enjoyed the presentation it was very informational. I learned a lot about LGBT culture."

"This speech gave me insight on transgender life from an actual perspective."

"I learned to be better accepting of all people. I had no idea others were hurting."

"Didn't really understand transgender vs. transsexual but now I understand. I also didn't realize how severe hate issues were. A lot of interesting information.

- Political Policy
- Anti-Bullying
- Discrimination in credit, healthcare, housing, employment, public accommodations for transgender and gender variant persons

## **Certifications**

GLSEN Certified Trainers / Facilitators PFLAG Hernando President / Secretary Out and Equal Trained Facilitator Law Enforcement Officer Trainers with US Department of Justice

## **Past Audiences**

Pasco Hernando State College System

University of South Florida

University of Tampa

Hernando County School Board

Time Warner Co. Tampa

Pay it Forward Farm

Healthy Families Pasco-Hernando

Spring Hill United Church of Christ

GLSEN Tampa Bay

Orlando Youth Empowerment Summit

TransAction Florida

Newsome High School

Federal Bureau of Investigation

Florida Collegiate Pride Coalition

**Empower Tampa Youth Conference** 

South Eastern Medical College

Hernando County Florida: (Domestic Violence Task Force)

(Sexual Assault Response Team)

Tampa / Clearwater—Human Trafficking Task Force

Florida Department of Education and Office for Civil Rights

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Linda and Karen Schrader both are public speakers serving the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender and Questioning (LGBTQ) communities.

This wonderful duo met in 1973 at the age of 12, married in 1980 at the age of 19 and began a relationship that has now spanned 4 decades.

Karen transitioned in 2009 from male to female to be her true self and their relationship is stronger than it has ever been. They are truly a living example that "love conquers ALL"!

Together they teach tolerance and respect for ALL people, being supportive of others and appreciating all of the worlds wonderful diversity. They teach building self-esteem, selfacceptance and goal planning.

It is their honor to be a part of the lives of young and older alike helping to bring them a sense of self acceptance and letting them know they are not alone and that others do care.

When you hear their personal story you will walk with them through the years and will experience firsthand the love and commitment they have for one another and for all others.

They will move you to take action and you will want to join them on their journey to help others!