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**News From Around PA**

**Cradle of Liberty Scout Council** (COLBSA), which formerly had its headquarters in a building they built in 1929 on property the 1928 Philly City Council had given them, has announced their decision to allow openly "gay" Scout leaders. Their director said, ". . . we're very appreciative of the efforts of (BSA president) Dr. (Robert) Gates and the national council to revisit the national membership standards for adults. If a local option is offered to accept gay adults serving within the group, yes, we will [accept gay adults]." NOTE: In 2013 COLBSA was evicted from their building by the City of Philadelphia because of their ban on homosexual members and leaders. Philly has an "anti-discrimination" ordinance with "sexual orientation"

language in it. Passage of HB 300 or SB 300 in Harrisburg would create the same type problems for faith-based groups renting government facilities.

The PA **Department of Insurance** has applied to the federal government to set up a State-based Obamacare Marketplace.

**Governor Wolf** is advocating for more pre-K funding saying such programs boost high school graduation, and reduces the number of people in prison. All studies indicating any advantage of pre-K are and inconclusive!

**Allegheny County Democrat Matt Smith** is leaving the State Senate to take a job as president of the Greater Pittsburgh Chamber of Commerce.

Philly raised the **Transgender Pride Flag** over City Hall June 4th. It will remain there until the end of the Philadelphia Trans-Health Conference on the 6th

**News From National Scene**

**Pew Research Center** recently issued the results of its 2014 Religious Landscape Study. It found that those Americans who identify as lesbian, gay and bisexual are

far more likely (41 percent) to be atheist or unaffiliated than the rest of America.

**Occupational Safety and Health Administration**

(OSHA) has issued a new memo "Guide to Restroom Access for Transgenders" noting that "Restricting employees to using only restrooms that are not consistent with their gender identity, or segregating them from other workers by requiring them to use gender-neutral or other specific restrooms, singles those employees out and may make them fear for their physical safety." The memo also notes that no type of proof was required to use the bathroom of your choice.

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