

## September 1990

## HIGH TECH GAYS

P.O.Box 6777 San Jose, California 95150

## **HTG Activities Calendar**

#### Activities Committee Meeting Tuesday, September 4

This month's meeting is at Gene's up in Palo Alto. If you'd like to join us, call Voicemail and leave a message. We'll get back to you with directions.

#### HTG Monthly Meeting Sunday, September 9

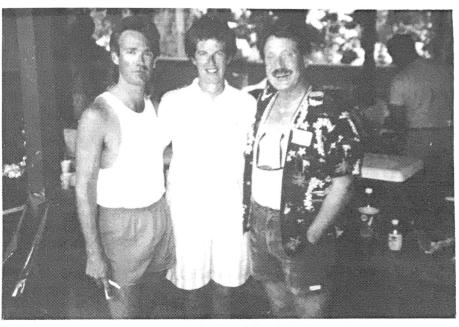
After a successful August picnic at Stevens Creek park, we return to the Billy DeFrank Community Center for our September HTG meeting. The center is located at 1040 Park Ave. in San Jose. Our potluck will begin at 6:30 pm. Please bring a dish to share. And, please remember to bring your food donation for the ARIS food basket. The business meeting will begin at 8:00. We enthusiastically welcome newcomers!!!

#### Anything Goes Palo Alto Players Wednesday, September 19

Cole Porter's shipboard farce plays at the Lucy Stern Theater in Palo Alto. Signups, with payment (\$13.00), must be made at the September 9th HTG meeting. Meet Gene outside the theater at 7:40 p.m. to pick up your tickets.

#### Mission Peak Day Hike Saturday, September 22

Members of the Fremont Men's Group will join us for a hike up this popular East Bay mountain. We'll meet at 9:30 a.m. in parking lot K at Ohlone College in Fremont. To reach the college, travel north and east on I-680 until you reach the second Mission Blvd. exit. Go south on Mission Blvd. about one-quarter mile to the college. Pack a lunch and bring water and a sunshade.



HTG Secretary Don Nelson (left) and HTG member Paul Wysocki with San Jose Councilwoman and mayoral candidate Susan Hammer at HTG Annual Picnic.

#### PABAC Committee Meeting Wednesday, September 26

The Political and Business Action Committee (PABAC) meets once each month, on the Wednesday two-and-one-half weeks before the next HTG monthly meeting. We review the drafts of the letters we will present to the membership at the next meeting and decide on the topic(s) for the meeting after that. The meetings are at Dave's home in Mountain View, beginning at 7:30 p.m. If you think you might like to get involved, talk to Dave or one of the other committee members at the monthly HTG meeting or call Voicemail and leave a message.

## Stairway Hike/Casto Street Fair Sunday, October 7

At last, I think I've got the date right! My sincere thanks to the dozens of people who were so kind as to tell me of my errors for the last two months. Donna will have lots of details at the September meeting.

#### Movie Night Friday, October 12

HTG continues its tradition of twin screens and outrageous double features at Phil and Steve's. Details will be forthcoming.

#### Steel Magnolias Theatreworks Friday, February 8, 1991

The eccentric Southern comedy that was the basis for the recent movie will be at the Burgess Theater, Menlo Park - \$20.00.

#### Cat on a Hot Tin Roof Palo Alto Players Friday, March 1, 1991

See Tennessee Williams' Maggie the Cat and Big Daddy at the Lucy Stern in Palo Alto - \$14.00.

Total Eclipse
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Start saving your pennies.

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#### HTG Activity Refund/Cancellation Policy

All HTG activities are self-supporting with no funds budgeted from the treasury. Many of the costs involved in organizing an activity are non-refundable to HTG, therefore unless specified otherwise, refunds cannot be given for cancellations. The only exception is if someone is found to fill the vacant slot.

#### Sign Up For HTG Activities

When signing up for an activity, please do *NOT* send the payment to the HTG PO box. Mail it directly to the person running the activity, or if their address is unknown, send it to:

HTG Activities c/o Steve Weirauch 3294 Mt. Logan Dr. San Jose, CA 95127

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#### **PABAC News**

by Dave Conger

The HTG Political Action Sub-Committee (PABAC) is devoted to raising the political awareness of HTG members. PABAC does this by writing letters to legislators and business people expressing an opinion which is representative of the HTG membership's consensus. The PABAC committee selects letter topics, writes the letters, has the Executive Committee approve them, and makes them available to the HTG membership for their signature. If you attend the HTG monthly potluck, you can select a letter which suits your style and simply fill in your return address, sign, address and seal the envelope. HTG will put the required postage on the letter. PABAC usually tries to have several different style letters available, so that each legislator doesn't get the same letter.

Some of our recent topics have been:

- Affirming Passage of the Americans with Disabilities Act
- Protesting American Airlines and C & H Sugar's gifts to Jesse Helms' Campaign
- Protesting the NEA funding restrictions (Helms Amendment)

The PABAC Committee members are all volunteers and meet at Dave Conger's house (415-965-4999) each month at 7:30 pm. The meeting dates for the rest of the year are:

- September 26th
- · October 24th
- November 14th

Anyone who wants to help is welcome. You can even submit letters from the privacy of your home using the HTG BBS! What could be simpler!

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# From the 'Whatever Happened To' Department

by Don Nelson

We thought you might be interested in some of the individuals who have been guest speakers at past potluck meetings who have made the news recently.

Mille Jessen and Susan Pavlik, who jointly adopted a 3year-old boy with AIDS, are currently having difficulties enrolling him in preschool because of his condition. The two women brought Eric to last November meeting to discuss the ordeal of joint adoption by two lesbians.

Though currently free of any symptoms, of the 20 to 40 schools the couple contacted, only three would accept enrollment over the phone. The others either said no immediately or opted to turn the matter over to a superior for authorization.

The two women have contacted the Alameda County HIV-AIDS Service Division who in turn sent out letters to preschools in southern Alameda County stating that discrimination against persons with AIDS is in violation of state, local and federal law and subject to penalties for violation.

Guest speaker at the July 1989 meeting, Robert Stipicevich, openly gay school board president of the Fremont school district, has decided not to run again after his current term expires.

Despite a failed recall attempt by a homophobic group, Stipicevich did not want to commit to another four year term and cites a desire to return to college and perhaps move out of the Bay Area as the main reasons.

With Stipicevich not running, local attorney, Jim Fallon, who spoke at the September 1989 meeting, has decided to run for Fremont school board member. Fallon, who ran his campaign as openly gay, lost a bid for Fremont City Council last year.

Emphasizing that he does not want to replace Stipicevich as the gay candidate for trustee and also stating that he would oppose his re-election if he were to run, Fallon believes teachers aren't paid enough.

## **ARIS Food Basket**

Very slim pickin's last month. Few people thought to bring something because of the picnic. Let's make up for it in September.

## **Free Condoms Program**

Beginning in September the county's gay bars will be providing free condoms to bar patrons in a program coordinated by the Health and Hospitality Council. The Council's goal is to integrate the total community by providing education, sharing resources, and serving as a model coalition.

In recognition of bar owner's interest in and commitment to the health of their patrons, the Council has invited all licensees to participate in a plan to distribute 40,000 condoms free of charge in each of the county's gay bars. This would be a significant collective effort to reduce the incidence of HIV infection within the community.

This program is a significant joint effort by bar owners and the Santa Clara County Health Department AIDS Program to provide information and education to influence the thinking and behavior of bar patrons - including attitudes on sexual behavior.

## Gay group starting at Lockheed

Several members of High Tech Gays have stated an interest in starting a gay employees group at Lockheed in Sunnyvale. Establishing a social network will be the initial focus of the group but with intention of investigating the possibility of changing the company's official attitude toward gays. Several members of other corporate gay groups have volunteered support and assistance in helping form the Lockheed group. If you would like more information, call the HTG Voicemail number or watch for more details in the HTG newsletter.



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## **HTG Letters**

Harvey Gantt for U.S. Senate 700 E. Stonewall St., Suite 655 Charlotte, NC 28202

Dear Mr. Gantt,

We are pleased to enclose nine checks totalling \$765.00 in support of your campaign to unseat Senator Jesse Helms in next November's election. These checks are individual contributions from members of High Tech Gays of San Jose, California.

HTG is a primarily social organization whose 500 + membership is comprised of lesbian and gay professionals in the high tech industry. Although it is the policy of HTG not to make contributions to political candidates as an organization, we urged our fellow members to support you in your effort.

Unfortunately, Senator Helms has the backing of several large corporations whose well-being depends on his re-election. But it is time to halt Helms' continued harassment of the NEA, his efforts to block adequate funding for AIDS relief and his political attacks on minorities and women.

Please accept these contributions with our best wishes. Sincerely,

Donald L. Nelson Secretary, High Tech Gays Pete Conroy Political and Business Action Committee

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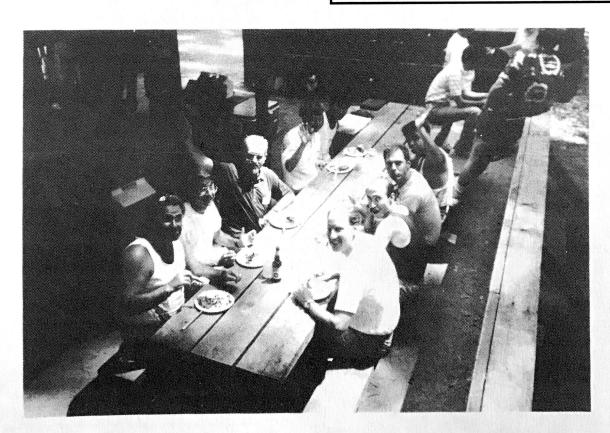
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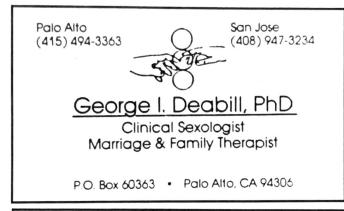
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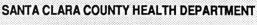




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## Some Dates to Remember

The following dates are for some HTG meetings and activities that help keep the organization going. Give us a call if you are interested in details about any of the meetings listed here. The general meeting is our monthly potluck at the DeFrank Center.

Executive Committeel Tuesday 09/04/90

General Meeting Sunday 09/09/90 Newsletter Deadline Thursday 09/20/90 Mailing Party Thursday 09/27/90

