

December 1990

HIGH TECH GAYS

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Richard P. Rudy Gay and Lesbian Community Service Award

At the September potluck meeting HTG members voted \$1000 to be donated in the name of High Tech Gays president, Rick Rudy, who died of AIDS on August 26th 1990. With the purpose of giving all members an opportunity to make suggestions, no beneficiaries were named at the time.

Since then, many suggestions have been made and the executive council decided to divide the donation in three ways. The National Gay and Lesbian Task Force, on which Rick was a board member and strongly supported, will receive \$250. This is an organization that is fighting for gay and lesbian rights on the national level.

There was a strong sentiment to keep the money in the community so \$500 will be donated to the Billy DeFrank Gay and Lesbian Community Center. Rick was always very particular about how the money HTG donated to the Center will be used,

always preferring to know the money went for something that would benefit our organization as well.

Also, a suggestion made was to use the money to help build a stage at the Center for the proposed performance hall which would be dedicated to Rick, something we felt he would appreciate given his love for the theater. We will be working with the Center to find out what the particular needs are and how the donation would best fit.

Lastly, \$250 will be set aside to fund an annual service award in salute to Rick's commitment to the gay community. This award will go to the person or organization whose efforts have benefited the gay and lesbian community, particularly in the South Bay. It will comprise of a plaque engraved with the recipients name to permanently hang at the Billy DeFrank Center or wherever HTG continues to meet. Additionally, the recipient will receive a plaque

or scroll to keep. The executive council has begun to draw up the charter for the administration of the award.

The goal was to create an award that commemorates the dedication and commitment Rick made to the gay community in the South Bay and encourage others to strive for similar goals.

HTG v. CIA Update

The lawsuit to be brought against the CIA to require the agency to state its policy of discrimination against gays and lesbians, if in fact it has one, is continuing. Matt Coles of the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU), which is representing HTG, is still looking for more members who have been turned down for a clearance or would decline to attempt one because they are gay. He may be reached at the ACLU at (415)621-2493.

Much of the HTG vs CIA case hinges on the developments of the Dubbs v. CIA case which is being represented by HTG member, Dick Gayer. According to Dick, the government has hinted that it would consider settling the case (re-reviewing Julie Dubbs' application for a clearance) but he does not hold much credence in their offer and has given them a time limit to respond.

Congress Reforms U.S. Immigration Policy; Restrictions Against Gays and People With AIDS Eased

The U.S. Congress on October 27 gave final approval to landmark legislation that removes gays and lesbians from the nation's list of immigration exclusions and paves the way for removal HIV and AIDS from the policy.

Recently passed legislation contained sweeping provisions for allowing immigrants and visitors to enter the country and reforms McCarthy-era restrictions that prevented many people -- gays and lesbians included -- from visiting the U.S. During committee negotiations lawmakers added a clause that gives the Department of Health and Human Services

(HHS) the power to delete AIDS and HIV from the list of restricted diseases.

The National Gay and Lesbian Task Force (NGLTF), which has lobbied for immigration reform, praised the move and called for the President to sign the law immediately and remove HIV and AIDS from the HHS list of exclusions.

The reforms are a result of lobbying efforts by the NGLTF and were a response to the boycott of the 6th International Conference on AIDS. HTG and many organizations around the world supported the boycott and called for reforms of the immigration policy.



Photo from HTG Halloween party

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:

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Susan
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Program for December Potluck Meeting

In keeping with past tradition, the program for the December holiday meeting will be light, trading the more structured for something fun. That promises to be the case when Mothertongue Feminist Theater Collective performs their reading titled "Did You Come or Fake It?" This irreverent and frank look at sexuality promises to entertain all. In January: Executive producer Linda Speraw will bring her unlikely titled video, "The Last Laugh", about 9 PWA's who were taught stand-up comedy by several top-billed local comedians and then given the opportunity to perform at a recent benefit. PBS calls the film "a uniquely affecting film - one memorable for its vivid personal portraits, and for its skillful blending of emotion and well-crafted humor."

We'll Provide the Bird

As in holiday meetings past, HTG will provide the turkeys for the December potluck so just bring side dishes and desserts appropriate for the feast. See you there.

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HTG Activities Calendar

Activities Committee Meeting Tuesday, December 4

As of now, we don't seem to have chosen a location for next month's meeting. I'm sure someone will figure it out and let us all know. If you'd like to join us (and lord knows, you're bound to be at least as organized as we are) leave a message on Voicemail and Steve, or Bill, or somebody will call and let you know where.

Silicon Valley Gay Men's Chorus Saturday, December 8, 8:00 PM

The chorus holds its holiday concert at Christ the Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, 1550 Meridian Avenue (just north of Hamilton). Nine current members of the chorus are also HTG members.

HTG Monthly Meeting Sunday, December 9

Our annual holiday meeting features the internationally famous and universally popular "Mother Tongue Feminist Theater Collective." Don tells us all about them elsewhere in the newsletter. Leading up to this exciting event will be turkey (from four loyal, devoted volunteers) and all the "fixins" from our loyal, devoted members (you). So knock it off with the KFC and pasta this month and bring salads, veggies, etc. As always, any dessert (but especially chocolate) will be most welcome.

PABAC Committee

No meeting until January - probably the 23rd, but check the January newsletter.

APLA at DISNEYLAND Friday, November 30

AIDS Project Los Angeles is sponsoring a Holiday Party at Disneyland to benefit their own activities and the AIDS Service Foundation of Orange County. They are taking over the entire park from 8:00 p.m. until 1:00 a.m. - the general public will not be admitted. Admission is \$35.00, of which \$20.00 is a tax-deductible donation to APLA. About 35 HTG members

and friends are going - if you get down there on your own, look for us.

Me and My Girl Civic Light Opera 2 Wednesday, January 16

Games Night Friday, January 18

Bring your favorite board game, some munchies, and liquid refreshments and get over to Phil and Steve's for an evening of fun. There'll be details and maps at the January HTG meeting. (If you were at the movie night in October, you know the way - except maybe that second left turn - or was it a right turn?)

Dinner Night at Chef Chu's Wednesday, January 23

We'll get together at one of the area's best-known Chinese restaurants. Gene will have signups and details at the January meeting.

North Tahoe Ski Weekend January 25 - 27

We have cabins reserved to accommodate 20 people in the Donner Pass-Truckee area near the North Shore of Lake Tahoe. The cost for lodging Friday and Saturday nights, with continental breakfasts, is \$55 for HTG members, \$65 for nonmembers. The cabins have fully equipped kitchens for those who want to get together and cook dinner and there are a variety of restaurants in Truckee. We've chosen this weekend for quite a few years for one of our ski trips because we've found that Super Bowl mania leaves the ski slopes much less crowded than normal.

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. Signups will be taken at the January HTG meeting.

Dessert Orgy II Saturday, February 16

This was such a success about five years ago, we don't know why we haven't done it again before this. We'll figure out a Valentine's Day theme -- does anyone know how to make red chocolate?

Bear Valley Ski Weekend February 22 - 24

No details yet - watch for announcements from Jim at the December HTG meeting.

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.

Iron Mountain Ski Weekend March 15 - 17

Last year's trip to this smaller, inexpensive area near Kirkwood was a great success. Bill will have details at the January HTG meeting.

Wizard of Oz Civic Light Opera 3 Wednesday, March 20

Pacific Overtures Civic Light Opera 4 Wednesday, May 22

Total Solar Eclipse Baja California July 11, 1991

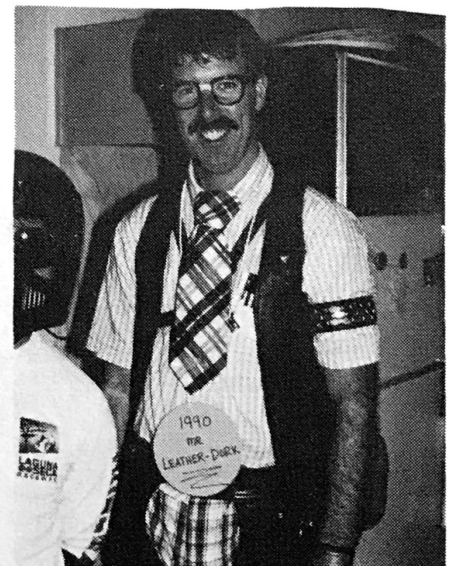


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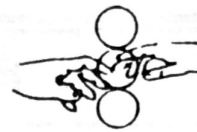


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Some Dates to Remember

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 Committee
Wednesday 12/5/90

General Meeting
Sunday 12/9/90

Newsletter Deadline
Thursday 12/13/90

Mailing Party
Thursday 12/20/90

Next Month's Meeting

Map to the next HTG meeting at the Billy DeFrank Community Center at 175 Stockton St. in San Jose.

HTG will provide the turkey. Please bring an appropriate side dish to share for the pot luck which begins at 6:30 pm.

Also, please bring a food donation for the ARIS Food Basket!

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