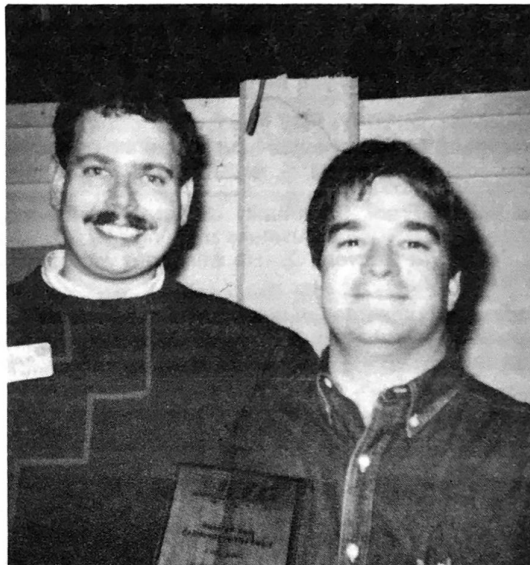


Allan Hurst Receives 1994 Richard P. Rudy Community Service Award

by Steve Weirauch

Allan Hurst, a long time HTG member and founder of the HTG/Outreach BBS, was awarded the 1994 Richard P. Rudy Community Service Award for his outstanding work with the BBS. The HTG/Outreach bulletin board system has been a service to thousands of gay, lesbian, transgender, bisexual, and other persons interested in the lavender community. The BBS provides a way for all people to discover, in a safe and comfortable environment what it is like to be gay, lesbian, bisexual, or transgender. Allan, aka "Saj" on the BBS, has worked hard to ensure access to the system for everyone. In fact, the HTG/Outreach BBS is now the only one of its kind in the country that does not require identification before a person is allowed access. This is very important for anyone who is just coming out, is afraid of being recognized, and has no other way to obtain information about the community.



Allan Hurst (left) receives the 1994 Richard P. Rudy Community Service award from HTG President, AJ. Alfieri.

Allan began working with a gay BBS back in 1978 with the Lambda Switchboard on MicroNet. This later became the CompuServe. Information Service. It wasn't easy going at first, as the files on the system would often "disappear" and need

to be reloaded almost daily. Allan persevered, and eventually the files stopped disappearing.

Allan started his own BBS in 1986, called the Lambda/Outreach. As the system began to grow, he had an ongoing dialogue with Rick Rudy, who was then president of HTG, about the need for HTG to go "on-line." He was finally able to convince Rick that it would work, and in 1988, the HTG/Outreach BBS was created. The BBS has grown tremendously, prompting the addition of many new lines, and numerous upgrades in hardware and software. Allan's

latest accomplishment with the BBS was connecting the system to the Internet worldwide network at the beginning of this year.

Congratulations, Allan, on this well-deserved award.

San Jose Police Captain Adonna Amoroso at April Meeting

by Gabrielle Antolovich

Introducing her was Paul Wysocki, Chairman of the Human Relations Commission, Chairman of the Police and Fire Retirement System, and Chairman of the Civil Service Commission. He's been in San Jose since 1969, and has seen the San Jose Police Department change from being quite homophobic to being lesbian- and gay-friendly. Paul over the years has conducted sensitivity trainings for the Department and recently went through their first civilian academy.

Captain Adonna Amoroso, in uniform and on-duty, addressed the High Tech Gays meeting about her experiences as a woman and lesbian with the San Jose Police Department. She was one of the pioneering women in the department, being the first

woman to work in the Robbery Unit, first woman supervisor in Narcotics, and first woman to be promoted to Lieutenant and Captain. She was the sixth woman to work on patrol and has worked in many different units throughout the Department.

Her coming out as a lesbian happened a couple of years ago at one of those "touchy, feely" human relations seminars police officers go through every two years. When asked if anyone in the room was gay or lesbian, she and another officer stepped forward to talk about being lesbians. It shocked the facilitator and the others because noone had done this before. At these seminars they usually reveal all kinds of other personal details, but not this one. She said, "A lot of them didn't know

what to do with themselves and were sure the whole police department would fall into a bottomless pit. And, oh gosh, had visions of becoming like San Francisco."

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Coming Attractions

By Pete Conroy

Activities Committee - Monday, April 25

This month's meeting will be at Steve and Phil's new home in Willow Glen. If you would like to attend, call Steve or Phil at (408) 448-8888 for directions. The meeting starts at 7:30 PM.

Executive Committee - Tuesday, April 26

The Executive Committee meeting is at A.J.'s. If you would like to attend, leave a message on Voicemail and someone will get back to you with directions.

HTG Women's Caucus - Sunday, May 8

The Women's Caucus meets at 6:00 PM, one half hour before the general meeting.

Monthly Meeting - Sunday, May 8

Meetings are held at the Billy DeFrank Community Center. See the map on page 6 for directions. The potluck begins at 6:30; the business meeting at 7:30. Our guest speaker this month will be David Surben of Network Q. He will share with us what it's like to put together a national video magazine.

The Lambda Amateur Radio Club presentation has been rescheduled to July, and hopefully we should be getting some musical entertainment for the June meeting, to coincide with the Pride Day festivities in San Jose.

JoAnn Loulan - Saturday, May 14

HTG's Women's Caucus is sponsoring this performance by the wildly-popular lesbian comedian. See details in the ad elsewhere in this newsletter.

Picnic in Golden Gate Park - Sunday, May 15

We'll meet at 11:00 AM at the main Arboretum entrance (near 9th Ave. & MLK Dr.), enjoy a leisurely lunch, and then we can visit one of the many museums in the park. Bring something to share for a potluck picnic and a blanket to sit on. Signups at the May meeting.

Fiddler on the Roof - Wednesday, May 18

A reminder for our CLO season ticket holders.

Car Rally - Sunday, May 22

We will meet at 11:00 AM at 155 Moffett Park Drive, Sunnyvale (right at highway 237), where Gene and Kim will give us our clues and send us scurrying around the area. We expect the rally duration to be less than two hours. There will be a limit of no more than two persons per car, and Gene strongly recommends against trying it with only one. Bring along a clipboard and pen or pencil (and sharp eyes). As stated last month, the entry fee is a \$5.00 per person donation to the Aris Project, but we encourage everyone to make the donation \$10.00 or more. Make your checks payable to The Aris Project.

Camping at Samuel P. Taylor State Park - Friday - Monday, May 27 - 30

This is the right way to spend the Memorial Day weekend. For \$40.00 (\$45.00 for nonmembers) you'll have three nights of camping with all meals on Saturday, and Sunday, and breakfast on Monday. (Bring your own beverages and munchies.) For those times that you aren't eating or just loafing around the campground, it is a short drive to Point Reyes National Seashore, Muir Woods, and Mount Tamalpais, where you can hike through the dunes or redwoods or along the shore, visit the well-preserved lighthouse (warning: lots of stairs) or maybe even fly a kite. Sunbathing or swimming? Go just a few miles to Heart's Desire Beach, which has some of the warmest water along the North Coast. Call Steve at (408) 448-8888 if you're interested, or sign up at the May meeting.

Wheelin' in the Woods - Friday - Sunday, June 4 - 6

This time Paul will have us driving four-wheel all-terrain vehicles up the Rubicon Trail from Lake Tahoe to Rubicon Springs and back. The outfitters will provide the vehicles, safety helmets with built-in communicators (real Star Trek stuff here, folks), goggles, training in operation of the vehicles, a guide, two nights camping at Lake Tahoe, and all meals from Friday evening to Sunday lunch, all for \$199.00. Signup deadline is the May meeting.

Pt. Lobos Hike - Saturday, June 18

The Women's Caucus is organizing this, but all HTG members (and friends) are welcome. Details will be available at the May and June meetings.

Anderson Valley Wine Tour & Camping - Saturday - Sunday, June 25-26

Gene's been running these trips for years and he has them down to a science. We leave the San Jose area Saturday morning, drive up through S.F. and Marin, and then on to the Anderson Valley. Stops are planned at three of the valley's wineries with a picnic lunch at one of them. We will camp out Saturday night at one of the campgrounds in the area, where Gene organizes a wonderful dinner. On Sunday, we have a breakfast and then head back south, with stops at another three wineries. Gene will have more details and signups at the June (and maybe the May) meeting.

Future Events - Details of the following events will become available as they approach.

Cache Creek Rafting and Camping - Saturday - Sunday, July 2 - 3

Cirque de Soleil - August.

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1/4 page (3.75 x 5").....	\$40
1/2 page (7.5 x 5").....	\$70

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When signing up for Activities - Send payments directly to the person running the activity, or if the address is unknown, send it to: HTG Activities, c/o Dale Benjamin, 3589 S. Bascom #3; Campbell, CA 95008.

NGLTF/FTR Fund-raiser a Success

by AJ Alfieri

Thanks to everyone with their help on filling out my table at the National Gay & Lesbian Task Force/Fight the Right (NGLTF/FTR) fund-raising event. It was for a good cause, and a great time. The only way to win against the lies of the Right Wing is with the truth. The NGLTF/FTR committee helps train and organize people to do that with strategic skill.

Thanks again for your support.

Lesbian/Gay Labor Alliance Fund-raiser

On May 12, 1994, the Lesbian/Gay Labor Alliance (L/GLA) is hosting a reception to raise funds for two historic events:

On Friday, June 24, L/GLA will convene "Pride at Work," a national lesbian, gay, and bisexual labor conference in New York. The aim of the conference is to establish a national organization for mutual support between our community and the labor movement.

Then, on Sunday, June 26, they will join well over a million others in the International March on the United Nations to Affirm the Human Rights of Lesbian and Gay people. This immense gathering, as you may well know, marks the 25th

anniversary of the Stonewall riots, and the launching of the modern lesbian and gay movement.

HTG is a patron of this conference, and HTG members are encouraged to attend the reception on May 12, from 5:00 to 7:30 PM at the International Labor Workers Union (ILWU) Local 34 Hall, located at 4 Berry Street in San Francisco. Everyone is welcome. The donation at the door is \$25, more is always welcome, of course.

The reception will feature great refreshments, entertainment, and a chance to be part of an interesting mix of labor and community activists. For more info, call Gladys Mendelson at (415) 359-6940.

Same-Sex Marriage - Will it Happen?

On Saturday, May 14, from 5:00 to 6:30 PM, Jennifer Brown, a visiting professor from Emory University in Atlanta, will discuss her paper on why states should support same-sex marriages. She is looking for "grass-roots" input from the community that is affected. With her will be

one of her students Jo-Ann Adams to give us an update on the status of getting married in Hawaii. Don't miss this special event. After this, go grab a bite to eat and join us at the Joann Loulan Concert. Make Saturday, May 14, an HTG day!

Apple Lambda & HTG Reception

Watch for Apple Lambda and HTG to host a little get together again for all the gay, lesbian, and bisexual attendees at the Apple World Wide Developer Conference in San Jose again this year.

Lambda Legal Defense Annual Spring Reception

Lambda Legal Defense & Education Fund will have its annual spring cocktail reception at the San Francisco City Club, 155 Sansome St. (at Bush) on Monday, May 23, from 5:30 to 8:00 PM. Tim Gill, the founder and Chairman of Quark, will be the guest speaker. His company provided crucial financial support to the victory against Amendment 2 in Colorado. Also speaking will be Lambda's Staff Attorney Amelia Craig, Executive Director Kevin Cathcart, and new board member Alvin Baum, L.C.S.W., plus the national Board of Directors.

Reception Sponsorship is \$70.

Lambda works nationally to defend and extend the rights of gay men and lesbians through test-case litigation and public education programs. For further information, please call (415) 567-6114.

HTG Activity Refund Policy

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

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San Jose State University

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Sisterspirit Bookstore, San Jose	(408) 293-9372
Billy DeFrank Lesbian and Gay Community Center, San Jose	(408) 293-AGAY

Tickets By Mail: Send checks, made out to HTG, by April 15 (Put "JoAnn" in memo section of check.) Mail to: HTG, P.O. Box 6777, San Jose CA 95150
More information: Gabrielle Antolovich, (408) 293-3040

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Write to Willie

Several pieces of AIDS legislation are in the state legislature which could be dangerous to all Californians if passed. Please take a moment to sign and send the enclosed letter to Willie Brown!

HTG President Named Captain for San Jose Police District S

... That is, Captain for the Great San Jose City-Wide Paint-Out. AJ has been appointed the captain of District S for this campaign. The goal of the Graffiti Paint-out is to mobilize community members for a massive one day city-wide anti graffiti campaign and paint out.

The date of the Paint-Out is Saturday,

May 14 from 9:00 AM until 12:00 noon. For more information, leave a message with AJ at (408) 275-0990. All help is welcome.

Let's see, paint the town in the morning, find out about getting married in the afternoon, and then laugh with JoAnn Loulan in the evening. What a day!

Thank You, Kit!

A special thank you to Kit, who has volunteered to see that HTG is registered and organized for the upcoming pride celebrations in June. If you would like to help Kit, and he will need help, to staff the booths and make things happen, please leave a message on Voicemail at (408) 993-3830.



Employment Wanted

Mechanical Engineer, recently graduated from Rochester Institute of Technology. Looking for an engineering position. Two years engineering experience with two Fortune 500 companies. Specialties include Manufacturing Engineering and R&D. Am willing to relocate. (716) 723-6591 (answering service), Mr. Grant Senn, P.O. Box 92536, Rochester, NY 14692.

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Amoroso doesn't believe she's the real hero in this story because, as a Lieutenant she had less to lose than the officer. She explained how officers on the street are extremely vulnerable to danger, and if their fellow officers don't respond to calls for extra support or help, the officer on patrol can get hurt.

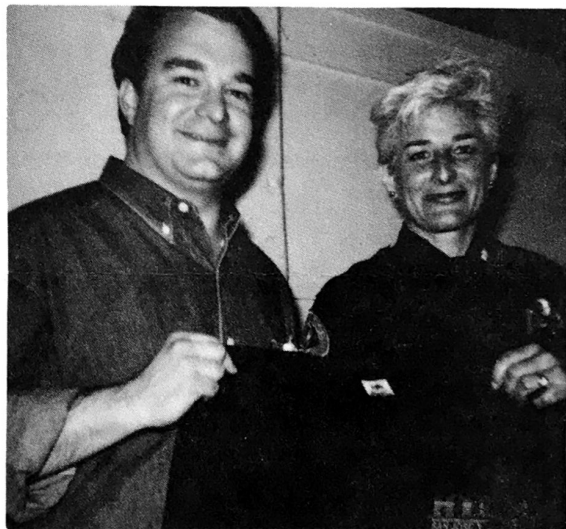
Since their coming out, many more women officers have come out. The men, on the other hand, haven't. Amoroso feels heterosexual male police officers are much more threatened by knowing they are sharing a locker room with gay men. They know they are out there, but are more comfortable not knowing for sure. This is probably why the gay male officers have not yet come out.

When Lou Cobarruviaz became Chief, he openly announced he wanted to recruit lesbians and gays to the police force at the Gay Pride festival. The reaction was volatile throughout the Department. He felt it was no different from recruiting Hispanics at Cinco De Mayo and African Americans at Juneteenth. Cobarruviaz visited the officers on shift changes to tell them he was not backing down on his stance on recruiting lesbians and gays. The reason why the whole issue of lesbians

and gays has been effectively handled is because the directive and attitude role modeling came from the top of the ranks all the way down. Amoroso also mentioned that Cobarruviaz is only going to be with the Department another two years and they don't yet know who will step into his position.

Amoroso also talked about Hate Crimes. The number of reported Hate Crimes has dropped over the years. This is not so much because there are less Hate Crimes, but the public has been better educated about the meaning of Hate Crime. A Hate Crime basically occurs when the sole motive of the crime against a person is prejudice against that person's gender, race, ethnicity, religion, sexual orientation, etc.

When asked if anyone gave her disrespect because she's an "out"-lesbian, she gave one of those looks that would stop an elephant in its tracks, and replied in an 'I don't think so' attitude.



Captain Adonna Amoroso (right) receives HTG T-shirt from AJ after speaking at the April meeting.

Captain Adonna Amoroso gave us all a warm insight into the difficulties and the joys of being a lesbian on the police force.

As Grand Marshal in this year's Gay Pride Parade, we will be cheering the the woman in uniform.

April 21, 1994

The Honorable Willie Brown
Speaker of the Assembly
State Capitol, Room 219
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Mr. Speaker,

It is with great concern that I write to you today concerning the pending AIDS legislation in the state legislature. As I'm sure you are aware there are several HIV/AIDS testing and reporting bills in committee at the present time. These bills are all punitive, discriminatory, and dangerous to all Californians. They will make confidential testing a thing of the past. CDC prevention money would be in jeopardy. Additionally, these bills, if passed would surpass funding in the Health budget, costing millions of dollars to an already financially strapped state.

It is outrageous that the hard work and sacrifices of AIDS advocates/activists in the last decade of the pandemic will be lost and forgotten if any of this legislation passes. Purely and simply these bills will make living with HIV/AIDS a crime in the state of California. Haven't people with AIDS suffered enough?

Some of the impending bills going through the Assembly are: AB 2815, AB 3003, AB 3047, AB 3207, ABX 56, AB 109X, SB 1239, SB 1864, and SB 2025.

As one of your constituents from the Bay Area, I urge you to help block passage of these malicious bills.

Thank you.

Sincerely,