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Avoiding Violence

Helpful Tips from our April Speaker



Photo by Bill Weaver

Our April speaker was **Shirley Jones** from the **American Crime Prevention Institute**. She started her talk by asking us to try to identify the five top personal crimes in the US. Any idea? They were

- 1)Purse Snatching
- 2)Assault
- 3)Robbery
- 4)Sex crimes and
- 5)Car Jacking.

Any surprises? I know it surprised a lot of us as none of us were able to guess purse snatching was the number one personal crime and that it is generally much more violent than we had imagined. It seems that one of the common traits of a purse snatcher is to knock down and/or injure the victim. This draws attention to the victim and away from the purse snatcher allowing the snatcher to escape.

We did much better when it came to our awareness of where the most crimes occur. They were: 1)Parking Lots 2)Home Driveways 3)ATM Machines 4)Rest Rooms and 5)Cars. (And believe it or not, nobody guessed restrooms.) At this point she shifted into a sales pitch for a self-defense product that her company sells, demonstrating its effectiveness with a videotaped product demo as well as a limited live demonstration using our very own treasurer Cheri.

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I can't believe it myself - I'm "Prez".

"What am I going to do?" Why does it look like I've climbed into the cockpit of a plane spiraling towards a crash? Have I lost my mind? Perhaps. Will it crash? Maybe, maybe not.

I'm still asking myself "Why?" After a week of "WHY?" I have come to the following conclusion: HTG has served many roles including as an incubator to hatch other projects. We have, like many other groups at the moment, suffered a large drop in membership. In short, we are out of eggs to incubate. I'm not really ready to tear down the incubator, as it might be handy in the future. Perhaps, we should turn down the heat until we have something else to incubate.

I also have a sentimental streak. HTG has such a rich history, its sad to let it die. The potlucks seem to still be accomplishing something. If nothing else, it enables a certain amount of personal networking. Someday in the future a new need for HTG might arise and it would be nice if there were a small core left from which to reconstitute from.

I am desperate for ideas. Costs must be slashed immediately. Recurring sentiment is that we should become a subunit of the Defrank Center. I don't think we have a choice. I doubt we have finances at the moment to last out the summer at present costs. Does anyone have any ideas for future programs, especially those featuring technical speakers? Aside from May I have nothing planned. Perhaps we can also announce high tech job openings on a regular basis as well?

I would like to see if we could get enough people together to carry the HTG banner in the San Jose & San Francisco parades. Are Marin & Santa Cruz doable as well? I feel strongly about Santa Cruz since many folks from Santa Cruz supported HTG in the past.

Tell me what you think. I can serve better if I know what people want.

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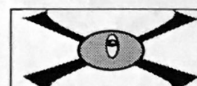
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NEW BOARD ELECTED!!!

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HTG will continue!! At our April 14th meeting we had two more people step up to the plate and run for office. Dean Denison, a member for many years has volunteered to be our next treasurer and "Texx" Woodward is now our newest HTG president. These two along with our new secretary Derek Benn gave us a full slate of elected officers and were elected by acclimation at the meeting. None of these three have ever served on our board before and thus represent just the sort of board unencumbered by the past that I think we need to take HTG into the next century and beyond. I ask everyone in this organization to work with our new board to make the possibly radical changes needed to insure the survival of HTG.

Also, not to be left out are the volunteers that make running this organization possible: John Bessire our membership committee chair, Bruce Hopkins our newsletter editor, Mike our wacky newsletter graphics designer, and Gene Smith our new activities committee chair.



Photo by Cheri

Left to right:

Texx Woodward, the new HTG President
Bill Weaver, the now ex-HTG President
Derek Benn, the new HTG secretary
Jim Dugan, the former HTG secretary
Dean Denison, the brand new HTG treasurer

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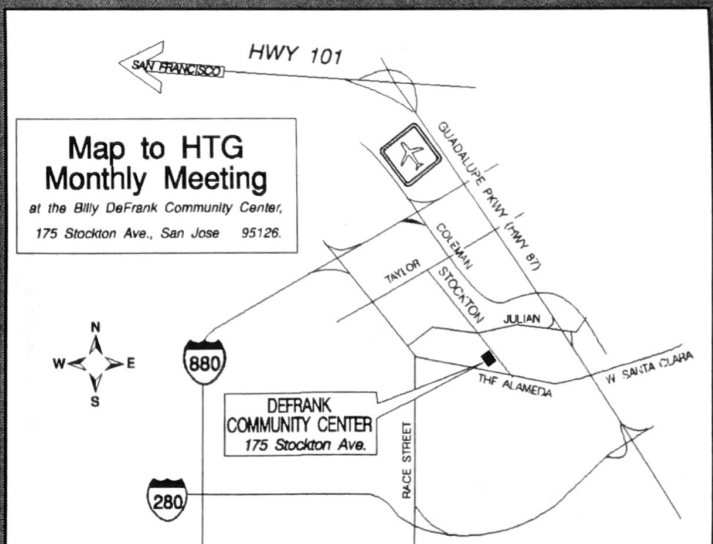


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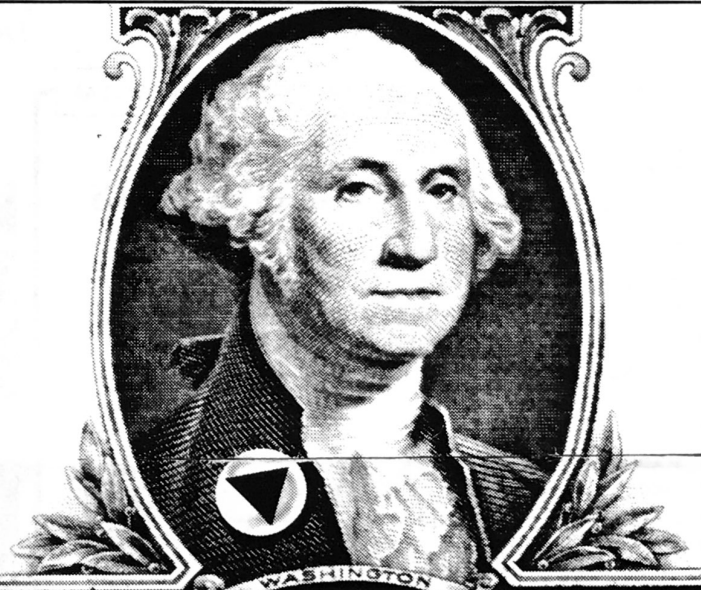
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