



HIGH TECH GAYS

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Dear Denny,

Thank you for accepting the invitation to become a member of the committee to select the first annual Richard P. Rudy Community Service Award. Your participation in this process will involve the selection of an individual who most personifies the dedication and commitment Rick made to the gay and lesbian community in the South Bay.

First a brief review of Rick's accomplishments. Rick was president of High Tech Gays from its founding over 8 years ago to his death in August of 1990. He was a board member of the Bay Area Municipal Elections Committee (BAYMEC) and the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force (NGLTF). Rick was also a member of the Gilbert and Sullivan Society and wrote theatre reviews for the local gay newspapers. He and his lover, Steve Completo, had been together for 15 years prior to Rick's death.

Due to strong determination and will, Rick helped strengthen the gay and lesbian community in the South Bay. As president of HTG, he successfully advocated the organization's involvement in a lawsuit against the US government over the issue of gays and securities clearances. He stressed to companies in the Silicon Valley the importance of changing their Equal Employment Opportunity policies to include sexual orientation in the non-discrimination section. Exceptional communication and management skills made Rick a forthright and articulate spokesperson for the community.

Included in this packet are copies of the completed nomination forms for several worthy candidates and you as a member of the selection committee must decide among them. They are all exceptional members and contributors of the gay and lesbian community in the South Bay.

The meeting for the selection committee has been scheduled for Tuesday, March 26th, 1991 at 5:30 p.m. at the office of Supervisor Ron Gonzales' office at 70 W. Hedding Av., 10th floor. Included in this packet is a map to the county building. I realize this may not be the most opportune time for you but I do hope that you are able to arrange your schedule to accommodate. Given the small number of nominees, the selection process should not require a second meeting but the committee can decide the necessity of a second date as required.

Included as well are guidelines the executive council of High Tech Gays comprised to aid in the selection of the candidate. They are meant to clarify the process and define the intention of the award. Please note that the selection process must be completed by April 1, 1991 in order that we may make the appropriate arrangements for the HTG meeting on April 14th. The plaque to be presented must be engraved and the winner notified so that she or he may arrange to be present at the meeting for presentation of the award. Naturally the honor of your presence at the award ceremony will be greatly appreciated. Additionally, the award will be re-presented at the annual BAYMEC Spring Dinner dance on April 20th and you are encouraged to attend that affair as well.

Again, thank you for the time and effort you will contribute to the selection of the first annual Richard P. Rudy Community Service Award. Please do not hesitate to call me if you have any questions or concerns. As you know, this is the first year HTG will be giving this award and any suggestions on future administration will be much appreciated. I look forward to seeing you on the 26th.

Sincerely,



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