



HIGH TECH GAYS

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* * FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE * *

High Tech Gays, of San Jose, CA, announces with pleasure that its president, Richard P. Rudy, has been elected to serve as a Director on the Board of the National Gay Task Force.

The NGTF is a gay civil rights and public education organization. Its purpose is to educate the public about same-sex relationships, to work for equality of opportunity and equal rights in the areas of employment, housing, and public accommodations; to combat all forms of discrimination based on sexual orientation. NGTF has a nationwide membership, and also serves as an information clearinghouse for more than 3000 lesbian and gay organizations around the country.

Since its founding in 1973, NGTF has:

- ...Worked successfully to convince the American Psychiatric Association to remove homosexuality from its list of "mental disorders".

- ...Helped introduce the first gay rights bill in Congress.

- ...Persuaded the FCC to require broadcasters to address gay concerns.

- ...Opened a dialog with the major TV networks concerning the portrayal of gay people.

- ...Been a major force in working with Congress for adequate AIDS funding.

Richard P. ("Rick") Rudy has been president of High Tech Gays, an association of gay persons in the high tech industries of the Santa Clara Valley, since its founding in 1983. HTG has over 300 members and a mailing list of nearly 700.

Rudy also serves as a Member of the Board of Directors of BAYMEC, the Bay Area Municipal Elections Committee, a political action committee (PAC) to support local politicians who are supportive of gay and human rights issues.

He is also on the Board of the Arts Council of Gay and Lesbian San Jose, writes a regular theatre review column in Our Paper, San Jose's gay community newspaper, and is part owner of "Silver Fox", a friendly place to drink in Cupertino.

Rudy works for Laserscope in Santa Clara in the position of Quality Assurance Manager. Laserscope manufactures a multi-specialty surgical laser system.

The NGTF, headquartered in New York City, strove in the current election to add to its Board from locations other than the activist strongholds of New York City, Los Angeles and San Francisco. Board members take an active role in shaping the Task Force and in carrying out its social, political and fundraising purposes.

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