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High Tech Gays announces a special program, a panel discussion on "AIDS Support in Silicon Valley", for its November 10 meeting, to be held in the Campbell Community Center, at 6:30 pm.

On the panel will be: John Hester, Director of the ARIS Project; Yolanda Perez, Imperial AIDS Foundation; David Burgess, S.C. County Health Dept.; and Wiggys Sivertsen, S.C. County AIDS Foundation.

Each panelist will speak on his/her program and will then answer questions from the audience. This is not intended to be a fund-raiser for any of the groups represented, but a chance for the high tech community to learn about the various AIDS support activities, and hopefully generate enthusiasm for more high tech involvement.

HTG welcomes non-members as well as members to this evening which will begin with a pot luck supper in Bldg M, Room 80 of the Campbell Community Center, Campbell Ave just off Winchester. All attendees are requested to bring a dish to share. For more information call the HTG Voicemail line (408) 993-3830.

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NGTF's Fowler to address High Tech Gays

Mr. Peter Fowler, member of the Board of Directors of the National Gay Task Force will speak and answer questions at the April 8 meeting of High Tech Gays.

High Tech Gays is a professional organization of gays in the high tech businesses in the Santa Clara Valley. The group meets monthly for social and business functions and has invited Mr. Fowler to address their Sunday, April 8 meeting at 6:30 PM.

Mr Fowler is one of three members of the NGTF Board resident in the Bay area. He is currently completing work on his Law Degree from Golden Gate University, and is co-chair of the gay students group at the University.

Fowler has been a member of the Alice B. Toklas Club, active in Lawyers for Individual Freedom, and serves on the Board of the National Educational Foundation for Individual Rights based in San Francisco.

The High Tech Gays meeting will be held at 1486 Ormsby in Sunnyvale (off of Cheyenne near Hollenbeck) and is open to any and all interested persons. Non-members may join at the meeting; all are encouraged to bring something for the pot luck supper at 6:30 pm preceeding Mr. Fowler's talk. For information on High Tech Gays call Rick Rudy, President, at (408) 255-6128 or write H.T.G., P.O. Box 6777, San Jose, CA 95150.