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H.T.G. CALENDAR

- SEPTEMBER 5** **RENAISSANCE PLEASURE FAIRE OUTING** on Labor Day (official GAY DAY at the Faire). Arrange your own carpool and meet us at the Faire in Novato off Hwy 101 in Marin County. Buy tickets at local agencies or at the gate; and come in costume!
- SEPTEMBER 11** **REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING** and pot luck supper at Brad Nemeth's house, 1486 Ormsby, Sunnyvale (see map attached) (408) 730-5030. Supper starts at 6:30 pm, please bring a dish to share. Brad has invited us to come over early and enjoy the sun and pool (don't forget a towel)!
- SEPTEMBER 23** **"COLE"** a delightful evening of the music and words of Cole Porter. Our own Steve Completo will be singing and dancing in the cast! We will meet at 7:00 pm at the Golden Mushroom Pizzeria, 18760 Cox Ave, Saratoga, just two minutes from the Saratoga Civic Theatre, for pre-show eats and drinks. Call Richard Diotteau for ticket reservations (all seats \$6.00) at (415) 961-8764.
- OCTOBER 9** **OCTOBER MONTHLY MEETING**
- OCTOBER 21** **"THE MOUSETRAP"** theatre party. Agatha Christie's famous murder mystery, featuring Rick Rudy as the suspicious Mr. Paravicini. Details in the next newsletter.

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MEMBERSHIP NOTES

* The number of paid up members is increasing! Are you among the elite? If not, please send in your \$25.00 and membership form so that we can continue to publish this newsletter and help HTG grow and support Silicon Valley gays. Call Denny at (408) 292-6475 for membership information.

* Enclosed you will find our beautiful new HTG business cards! These are intended for handing out to prospective members, or just displaying on your desk at work. We also hope to leave a small holder full at each of the local watering spots to help spread the word of our existence. Extra cards will be available at all HTG meetings and functions.

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BIG SUR CAMPING TRIP A GREAT SUCCESS

Along the banks of the murmuring Big Sur River, HTG members gathered for a weekend of camping, hiking, and other fun.

Four arrived on Friday night August 12 to secure the campsites and prepare the way for the fifteen additional campers who drove down on Saturday. Saturday was spent exploring Big Sur State Park and figuring out how to set up a tent. A barbeque dinner over an open fire, good conversation, joking, watching the falling stars ended a perfect day. Only occasional animal-like noises kept the campers awake during the night.

On Sunday six more hardy souls drove down the beautiful rocky coast for picnicing, hiking and frisbee tossing on the beach. The day was partly overcast, but the company was warm, and a great time was had by all! If you had to miss this outing, don't miss the next one!

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THE ROLMAN WAY

[This is the second article in an ongoing series meant to illuminate gay life in the Silicon Valley business community. If you have inputs or would like to contribute, please do so by calling Denny at (408)292-6475, or by dropping us a note to our P.O. Box.]

Several companies in the Silicon Valley have personnel policies that explicitly prohibit discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation. A prototype of such a company is Rolm, which deals mainly with telecommunications but has a tenth of its operations in military computers. Santa Clara Valley is the home for 3000 of its 7000 employees worldwide. Rusty Epps, a gay attorney at Rolm, indicates that Rolm is a young company, where 30 is the average age for an employee. This young workforce is relatively open to gays because they grew up in the questioning

supervisor flip-flopped and told his crew not to make any more gay jokes and to be considerate of gay people. Imagine the security of gays under his supervision!

It's helpful to assess our strengths in the valley. It will give us the strength and confidence we need in changing our workplaces into the hospitable ones that we deserve, where we can grow as people and not just as trained androids. Rolm is a beautiful model to follow, thanks in large part to gays and straights in high positions who have wielded their influence in such an enlightened way.

- Ben Sbarbaro

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