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H.T.G. CALENDAR

JANUARY 8

REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING and potluck dinner at John and Vince's house, 3656 Lisbon Ct., San Jose (see map attached). Time: 6:30 pm. BRING A DISH TO SHARE. The fate of AB 1 will likely be a major topic of discussion.

JANUARY 28 & 29

TAHOE SKI TRIP ! ! ! is being organized by Richard Doitteau, or Social Activities Chairperson. Use \$20. and the attached form to hold a space. Call Rich at (415) 964-7335.

FEBRUARY 12

REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING and potluck dinner, 6:30 pm. Hold the date open.

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MEMBERSHIP NOTES

* We have started dropping from our monthly mailings those persons not paid up or recently seen at an HTG meeting. We don't really want to lose any of you who wish to keep informed of our activities, so stay active with us in some way! We're a fun and growing family!

* Our recent letter-to-the-Editor was published in The Advocate issue 383, Dec 22, 1983, and generated considerable interest and requests for membership information from as far away as Denver, Colorado! That may be too far to come for a potluck dinner, but having connections across the country is important for us politically, and could be useful for our members who might be travelling. See inside for the names and addresses of our "sister" organizations in other parts of the country.

GAY RIGHTS AFFIRMED IN N.Y.C.

The New York Times reports that a \$5 million contract to the Salvation Army for local services is in jeopardy because the Army fails to comply with the City's gay non-discrimination code.

In April, 1980, Mayor Koch issued Executive Order 50 which requires that all private concerns that contract with New York City must state that they will not discriminate against employees or job applicants because of "race, creed, color, national origin, sex, age, handicap, marital status, sexual orientation or affectional preference."

The Salvation Army said that because the organization subscribed to a "rather conservative interpretation of Scripture" against homosexuality, that it could not comply with the Order. The Army is only one of thousands of organizations which provide social services for the City, and none of the others refused to comply with the City's terms.

Douglas H. White, Director of the Bureau of Labor Services for N.Y.C. said that any contractor who does not include all of the categories, including the language on sexual orientation and affectional preference, will not and cannot do business with the City of New York.

Bravo, New York! Can the same be said of OUR cities?

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MINUTES OF THE HTG MEETING OF DEC 11

Thanks to Herb Zeman for providing the lovely surroundings and a good deal of the food.

Current finances are healthy: we have over \$600. in the bank from memberships to cover ongoing newsletter and other expenses.

Discussion on Democratic Party candidates for President, leaned towards Fritz Mondale, actively supported by Herb Zeman who hosted a "grass roots" fund raiser on Dec 10. "Mondale is the one candidate who actively supports gay rights AND has a good chance of winning," claimed his advocates. Others commented on the platforms of Anderson, Jackson, and Glenn. HTG has taken no official position. Should we become active?

Discussion also on HTG vis-a-vis AB 1. Voted to send a letter supporting AB 1 to our State Senator. Political sub committee set up consisting of Herb, Seth, Rick, John, Mike, & Myrna. Will try to get a speaker on AB 1 for the Jan 8 meeting. How best can we influence the passage of AB 1?

Talked about non-discrimination policies at our own companies. Corporate Policies needed. How to diminish individual bigotry. Is sexual orientation relevant on the job? Members asked to write something on their company, pro or con, for others' benefit and possible publication in the Newsletter.

Voted down purchase of an HTG phone line and recording machine. We will use Rick and Denny's phones and the Billy DeFrank Center number temporarily.

Upcoming Ski/Casino trip will be cash upfront for reservations. Only room for ten to twelve, so sign up right away.

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DIRECTORY OF OTHER HI-TECH GAY GROUPS

BAGLIS (Bay Area Gays and Lesbians in Science)
P.O. Box 15141
San Francisco, CA 94115

GATES (Gay Assoc of Techs, Engineers & Scientists)
P.O. Box 14138
Chicago, IL 60614

HAGLES (Houston Area Gay & Lesbians Engrs & Scientists)
P.O. Box 66631
Houston, TX 77006

LAGLS (Los Angeles Gays & Lesbian Scientists)
P.O. Box 39582
Los Angeles, CA 90039

GayTek / NYLGESTP (NY Lesbian & Gay Engrs, Sci & Tech People)
P.O. Box 1351
Rockefeller Center Station
New York, NY 10185

TAGS (Triangle Area Gay Scientists)
P.O. Box 1137
Chapel Hill, NC 27514

WAGALS (Washinton Area Gay & Lesbian Scientist)
P.O. Box 4614
Arlington, VA 22204

NOGLS (Nat'l Org of Gay & Lesbian Scientists)
P.O. Box 39582
Los Angeles, CA 90039

LGAES (Lesbian & Gay Assoc'd Engineers & Scientists)
P.O. Box 4247
San Francisco, CA 94101

AHA (Allgemeine Homosexuelle Arbeitsgemeinschaft)
Friedrichstrasse 12
D-1000 Berlin 61
West Germany

If these groups provide us with phone numbers and personal contacts, we will pass them on to you.

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OTHER NOTES OF INTEREST

* The Electronic Engineering Times of Monday, Nov. 21 carried a column entitled "Out of the Closet...Into the Courtroom" about Waheed "Larry" Ghilzai and his suit against SEEQ, INC.

Ed Sebesta of LGAES was extensively quoted, and HTG was prominently mentioned. No one expects, however, that the litigation will be settled any time soon.

* A new Directory of the Gay community called "The Gay Book" is being compiled and HTG expects to be listed in it. Each time we get publicity, we seem to reach lots of people who want to join us, but have never heard of us before. The more we grow, the more dynamic we become!

* Ed Sebesta has an opening at National Semiconductor for a photomask engineer on their 4-inch CMOS line. Call Ed at (408) 721-4391 or (415) 285-1589 if interested.

* I was in New York over Christmas and visited the offices of the National Gay Task Force. I picked up booklets on:

"The NGTF Corporate Survey"

"You and Your Job - A Gay Employer's Guide to Discrimination"

"Are There Gay People Working in My Business?"

"Who's Behind the Gay Rights Movement"

"Twenty Questions About Homosexuality"

"Gay Rights Protections in the United States and Canada"

"Professional Organization Directory"

These will be available at the January 8 meeting for you to look over. Additional copies are available from the NGTF.

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TAHOE SKI / CASINO TRIP

I want to join the HTG Tahoe Ski/Casino Trip on January 28,29, 1984. I am enclosing \$20. per person as a deposit.

NAME _____ No. in Party _____

ADDRESS _____

PHONE (Day) _____ (Evening) _____

Return to Richard Doitteau, 1259 Vicente Dr. #119, Sunnyvale 94086, (415) 964-7335.

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