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NEWSLETTER - MAY 1984

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H.T.G. CALENDAR

- MAY 6 REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING and potluck supper at Max and Norman's house 1436 Norman Ave, San Jose (408) 267-7085. Potluck at 6:30 pm, please bring a dish to share; business meeting at approx. 8:00 pm. This will be the time to make your plans to sign up for all the below activities!
- MAY 18-20 CAMPING TRIP TO BIG SUR STATE PARK see story inside.
- JUNE 10 REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING and potluck supper; location to be announced. We will be making final arrangements for the San Jose and San Francisco Gay Pride Rallies, so don't miss this meeting!
- JUNE 17 SAN JOSE GAY PRIDE RALLY. HTG will have a booth to sign up new members and spread the word about our activities. Join the fun!
- JUNE 24 SAN FRANCISCO GAY PRIDE PARADE. HTG will be marching with our own banner and custom T-shirts. An important event for all! See story inside.
- JULY 8 REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING and potluck supper.
- JULY 20-23 GAY RODEO IN RENO. See more inside.
- OCTOBER TWO WEEK GAY TRIP TO EUROPE is being organized by The Silver Fox (your friendly place to drink in Cupertino). Call Steve Completo for more info (408) 255-6128 (days) or (408) 725-9662 (eves at Silver Fox).

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HTG OFFICERS ELECTED

At the April 8 business meeting Rick Rudy was re-elected as President of HTG and Denny Carroll was re-elected Secretary, both unanimously. Pat Mello was elected Treasurer. All three offices are for one year terms. Outgoing Treasurer Eric Lipanovich was voted hearty thanks for his hard work and dedication to HTG over the past year.

MEMBERSHIP NOTES

1. Due to the concern over our HTG logo, Rick Rudy appointed a Logo Committee to solicit suggestions and make recommendations to the membership. Denny Carroll is Chairperson, Members are Raven, Eric, Brad, Pat, and Rick. Others are very welcome to participate: call Denny at (408) 292-6475.

2. Some memberships have expired. We very much want your continued support and renewal forms are enclosed where appropriate. If you are not currently a member, a membership application form is enclosed. Please join!!!

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PARADE CALL! PARADE CALL!

We need you! to show your support by marching in the San Francisco Gay Freedom Day Parade on June 24. Let's all get together to help show a little pride up in San Francisco!

To join the March, sign up with Andy at the next meeting (May 6) or call Andy at (408) 984-1021. All the details will be given out as soon as they are made available from the Parade Committee.

- Andy Gatto, S.F. Parade Coordinator

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BIG SUR CAMPING TRIP

HTG has reserved three camping sites at Pfeiffer Big Sur State Park for May 18, 19, 20 for 30 (or more) of you great outdoorspersons. Call Denny at (408) 292-6475 for reservations. If you can't make it for Friday night, come on down for Saturday night.

You will need to bring a tent, sleeping bag, food, utensils, etc. The facilities at the campground are excellent: private bathrooms, showers, and a store nearby. Some of us plan to enjoy Big Sur's fine restaurants on Friday evening after setting up camp. On Saturday night we plan a potluck around the campfire, so bring enough food for yourself plus a little more. (Remember there are no microwaves in the forest, so bring something that can be cooked over a bar-b-que.) HTG will furnish all the charcoal, paper plates, etc. Don't forget you will also need to bring food for Sat Sun breakfasts.

See the enclosed map for directions. You will have to pay a small car fee upon entering the Park. Go to the campground reservations (a small drive up booth) and ask for the campsites of Denny Carroll. If no one is manning the booth, just drive on in and look for the "HTG" signs at the three sites.

AMMENDMENTS TO THE HTG BYLAWS

A motion was passed at the April 8 business meeting to mail out a ballot with ammendments to the HTG Bylaws. A mail ballot is necessary to secure the two-thirds vote of the membership, as required.

The first proposal recognizes the growth and strength of HTG as an independent group, not a subset of any other. Consequently we propose dropping the references to HTG as "a chapter of LGAES (Lesbian and Gay Associated Engineers ans Scientists)". This is not intended to demean our birth from LGAES, but simply to assert our equal status with the other national high tech gay groups.

The second proposal is to set the election of Officers of HTG for the April business meeting of each year. The bylaws currently call for elections in January, but due to the holidays and other conflicts they were postponed to April. This proposal seeks to make this change permanent.

Please fill out the enclosed ballot and bring it to the May meeting or mail it to HTG, P.O. Box 6777, San Jose, CA 95150.

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MINUTES OF APRIL 8 MEETING

A new record was set with 75 attendees at Brad's house for our potluck and meeting. Thanks to Brad for his hospitality!

Peter Fowler, Member of the Board of Directors of the National Gay Task Force (NGTF), addressed the meeting, giving the history of NGTF and its current direction. NGTF is working to establish a new image of gays in the media, to work through a Gay Rights Lobbyist to affect federal legislation, to work on eliminating the various State sodomy laws, and to add Gay rights to the other civil rights protected by law.

A sometimes heated discussion followed, putting Mr. Fowler's legal training to the test. He offered to supply HTG with NGTF literature on how to approach our employers to change their Policies to include "sexual orientation" and expressed a desire to man a booth for NGTF at the San Jose Rally on June 17.

A motion was passed to put an ad in the 10th anniversary program of the Fund For Human Dignity. \$50.00.

A motion was passed to sign HTG up for a booth at the June 17 San Jose Gay Pride Rally. \$35.00.

A motion was defeated to have a booth at the San Francisco Rally; but one was passed to have HTG participate by marching in the S.F. Parade on June 24. \$25.00.

Treasurer Eric Lipanovich reported that HTG's income for FY 1983 was \$2215 and expenses \$1068, leaving \$1147 in our checking account!

A motion to put off election of officers until May, and simply nominate candidates at this meeting was defeated. The new Officers elected are: Rick Rudy, President; Denny Carroll, Secretary; Pat Mello, Treasurer. The new Board will review election procedures and make recommendations for next year.

- Denny Carroll, Secretary

A SMALL BUT SATISFYING SUCCESS STORY

LASERSCOPE, a small start-up company in the photosurgical laser business printed their "equal employment opportunity" statement at the bottom of their application for employment. It did not include "sexual orientation."

As a relatively new employee (1 month) I asked for "sexual orientation" to be added, because after the veto of AB 1, I thought it especially important.

The Employee Relations person said she thought it sounded reasonable, and two weeks later when the form was reprinted, Voila! "sexual orientation" had been added to Laserscope's policy! Sometimes it's just as simple as that! Sometimes all that is necessary is for some one to point out the issue and it gets solved. Try it where you work!

- Rick Rudy

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