
Gay Archivist at July HTG Meeting

by *Don Nelson*

Bill Walker of the Gay and Lesbian Historical Society of Northern California (GLHS) was the guest speaker at the July HTG potluck meeting. Beginning with a short presentation explaining the organization, Bill followed up with a fascinating and sometimes provocative slide program of some of the Society's holdings.

Formed in 1985 to preserve and foster the understanding of the history of lesbians and gay men, GLHS collects and makes available material and information regarding the homosexual lifestyle of Northern California. Personal papers, journals, letters, pamphlets and periodicals of various types dating to the 1950's are included in the growing collection held by the Society. Audio/visual materials such as photographs and video tape are also included, although Bill explains they are a small part of the collection at this point.

The slide program Bill presented described the variety of the Society's holdings. There were letters from a seaman who was in the navy during WWII, which detailed the man's thoughts about being gay at that time. Other items included literature from a gay Nazi organization, photos of the first protest by the Berkeley Gay Students Union, and examples of AIDS prevention pamphlets.

In addition to holding public programs for organizations such as HTG, GLHS sponsors workshops and exhibits focusing on gay and lesbian history. To fund the Archives, GLHS relies on contributions, dues from the membership, and fundraising efforts from various events.

If you would like to help with the Archives by way of volunteering, making a monetary contribution, or donating items, call (415)626-0980. Bill explains that GLHS would like more photographs and items from the South Bay in particular.

Welcome to High Tech Gays

To those of you who signed up at the recent San Jose or San Francisco Gay and Lesbian Pride Celebrations, we would like to welcome you to the organization.

High Tech Gays, or HTG, is a non-partisan association of gays and lesbians in the high tech and supporting industries. We provide networking for jobs, socializing, and gay rights activism. Dues are \$25 a year and we offer a one-time \$20 piggyback membership to the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force.

As you can see from the Activities Calendar on page three, we offer a variety of opportunities from which to choose. Activities include skiing, hiking, theater parties, and game nights, just to name a few. It seems at times that you can do something with HTG every weekend of the month!

PABAC, which stands for Political And Business Action Committee, is involved with gay politics in many ways. Recently PABAC has begun a letter writing campaign to help persuade those in government to further gay rights. Other PABAC efforts involved lobbying local high tech companies to include sexual orientation in their non-discrimination policies.

Our monthly potluck meetings are held on the second Sunday of the month and typically draw between 100 and 150 women and men. With the exception of our August picnic meeting (details in the calendar), the meetings are held at the Billy DeFrank Lesbian and Gay Community Center at 1040 Park Ave. in San Jose and begin at 6:30. Each month we feature a guest speaker of interest to the gay community.

The HTG BBS (415)572-9594 offers job listings, AIDS news, technical assistance and a place to meet others. It operates 24 hours a day at 300, 1200 or 2400 bps and is free.

If you would like to sign up for an activity or want more information, call our Voicemail at (408)993-3830.

Support Harvey Gantt

by *Pete Conroy*

Good news from North Carolina! Recent polls show that former Charlotte mayor Harvey Gantt holds a slim lead over Jesse Helms, America's main apostle of hatred and ignorance, in the battle for a North Carolina Senate seat. Some political observers now feel that there is a real chance to evict the Senate's number one bigot in next November's election. Wouldn't that be delightful?

As everyone knows, political campaigns run on money, lots of money. If Gantt is to build his lead, he must raise the funds that he will need to match the media blitz that can be expected from the Helms campaign as the election draws near.

If you are as eager as I am to see Helms thrown out of our capitol and back to whatever garbage pit he came from, please send a donation to the Gantt campaign. As a matter of fact, why don't we put all of our individual donations together in an HTG envelope and send them with a cover letter reminding Mr. Gantt of the help he is getting from the gay community. Bring your checks, payable to Gantt for U.S. Senate, to the picnic. If you have any reason for not wanting to send a personal check, stop off at the post office and get a money order.

If you won't be at the picnic, or you would rather send your donation directly, the address is Gantt for U.S. Senate, 700 E. Stonewall St., Suite 655, Charlotte, N.C. 28202. (Don't you love the address?)



The Mid-Peninsula YWCA has started a program named Young and Educated about Safer Sex (YESS!). Owing to recent studies which found that 36% of young gay men aged 18 to 29 were practicing unsafe sex, YESS! was created to dispel the myths about HIV/AIDS, condoms, and safer sex. The free two hour workshops offer positive, safer alternatives and are held at a date and location of your choice. All you need to do is gather group of your friends together and decide.

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PABAC Meeting Schedule

The PABAC Committee has established the following meeting schedule for the rest of this year. All meetings are on Wednesday evenings at 7:30.

August 22
 September 26
 October 24
 November 14

There will be no meeting in December.

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HTG Activities Calendar

Activities Committee Meeting Tuesday, August 7

If you'd like to join us, see one of us at the monthly meeting or call Voicemail and leave a message. We'll get back to you with directions to the meeting.

Executive Committee Thursday, August 9

Call Voicemail if you would like to attend.

HTG Annual Picnic Sunday, August 12

Instead of a meeting this month, HTG holds its annual picnic at Stevens Creek Park in Cupertino. Things will get under way at 12:00 noon at the Sycamore picnic area. We'll have a charcoal fire going most of the day, so bring something to barbecue along with a little something to share. We urge you to carpool, since parking space is limited at the picnic area and the local police strictly enforce the no parking restriction on the main roadway. A map showing how to get to the park appears elsewhere in the newsletter.

Rancho Cicada Camping August 17 - 19

The all-meals-included format wins hands-down. Everybody agreed it was much less hassle and, believe me, no one went home hungry. The price is again \$50 for HTG members, \$60 for guests. If you can't get to the picnic to sign up, send your check to Steve Weirauch at 3294 Mt. Logan Dr., San Jose, CA 95127.

PABAC Committee Meeting Wednesday, August 22

The Political and Business Action Committee (PABAC) is now getting into a regular meeting schedule. The meetings will continue to be held at Dave's home in Mountain View, beginning at 7:30 p.m. If you think you might like to get involved, talk to Dave or

one of the other committee members at the monthly HTG meeting, or call Voicemail and leave a message.

San Jose Civic Light Opera October to May

Again this year, we are buying ten season tickets for San Jose's hugely popular Civic Light Opera (they have the largest subscription base of any theater in the country). The tickets will go to the first ten members who get their \$36.00 checks to us. This buys you \$80.00 worth of tickets to *Evita*, *Me & My Girl*, *The Wizard of Oz*, and *Pacific Overtures*. We are going to Wednesday evening performances this year.

Stairway Hike/Castro Street Fair Sunday, October 17

Two years ago we planned a stairway hike for this day without realizing it was the day of the fair. Now it's getting to be a tradition. There are lots of great hikes up on the hills above the Castro and then a visit to the fair is a great way to finish up the day. There will be plenty of details in coming months.

Total Eclipse Baja California July 11, 1991

Start saving your pennies.

Future Ideas

Here are some of the ideas for future activities that have been suggested. Whether we do any or all of them may depend on whether we get some new help on the activities committee.

Evening at Finocchio's

Evening at Big Lil's

Horseback riding

Tours: NUMMI, TV studio, Sunday pot-luck brunch and coffee tasting, Dreyer's ice cream plant.

ARIS Food Basket

The donation picked up quite a bit last month - congratulations! Even though we're having a picnic instead of a meeting this month, don't forget your contribution.

HTG Activity Refund/Cancellation Policy

All HTG activities are self-supporting with no funds budgeted from the treasury. Many of the costs involved in organizing an activity are non-refundable to HTG, therefore unless specified otherwise, refunds cannot be given for cancellations. The only exception is if someone is found to fill the vacant slot.

Sign Up For HTG Activities

When signing up for an activity, please do *NOT* send the payment to the HTG PO box. Mail it directly to the person running the activity, or if their address is unknown, send it to:

HTG Activities c/o Steve Weirauch
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Gay/Lesbian Sports Day on Angel Island

Sunday, September 16

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Some Dates to Remember

The following dates are for some HTG meetings and activities that help keep the organization going. Give us a call if you are interested in details about any of the meetings listed here. The general meeting is our monthly potluck at the DeFrank Center.

Executive Committee
Tuesday 08/09/90

General Meeting
Sunday 08/12/90

Newsletter Deadline
Thursday 08/16/90

Mailing Party
Thursday 08/23/90

Directions to the HTG Annual Picnic, Sunday August 12th beginning at 12:00 PM

Traveling north or southbound take Freeway 280 to the Foothill Expressway exit. Go south (towards the hills) for about 4 miles. Foothill Expressway becomes Stevens Canyon Road. Drive all the way past the reservoir, then turn left to enter the Sycamore group picnic area.

Carpool if possible as parking is limited and there is no parking allowed along the road. In past years, the parking rules have been strictly enforced!

