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The Sanctuary for Children

The Presentation at the June 9 HTG Meeting
by Dean Denison

Following the Pride Celebration, a small group of HTG members gathered at the DeFrank Center for a light supper and a discussion about the work of an organization called The Sanctuary for Children. The Sanctuary works with "throw away" teenagers that live on the streets of the south bay by providing food, clothing, shelter during bad weather, and friendship counseling. Friendship counseling is a non-judgmental mode of listening to a person and offering suggestions about how a situation can be improved without imposing directives. Building trust is very important because these kids have been so damaged by the adults (term loosely used in many cases) in their lives that they do not trust anyone. The particular interest these kids have for the gay community is that 30 to 40% of them are gay or inquiring about gay life. These kids are particularly vulnerable because society gives them a double whammy - forced to live on the streets by abusive or antagonistic family members and the stigma associated with being gay. These kids have a very low self image which frequently leads to suicide.

One of the most recent programs of the Sanctuary is the formation of a cooperative program with Dr. Seth Ammerman of the Stanford Medical School and the Packard Children's Hospital. This program will operate two medi-vans which are RVs fitted as a mobile medical clinic. In this way, the vans can go to where the kids are rather than making them visit a facility that might not be trusted to let them go as they wish. This program will allow treatment of the kid's medical conditions and permit collecting statistics on the medical problems of this difficult population group. Little or no information is available on the incidence rates of AIDS, hepatitis, or other communicable diseases.

The DeFrank Center is a congregating point for some of these kids and HTG's own Gabrielle Antolovich has written about them (OutNow, November 1995). This represents a change from the lack of interest status of the gay community toward these kids. Maybe it is a fear of society branding us as bunch of "chicken hawks" or just a level of uncaring. Either way, we are not responding to kids who need us as role models.

For information about how to volunteer or donate needed funds, contact Dean at (408) 978-2551.

what's up!

14 july - MEETING

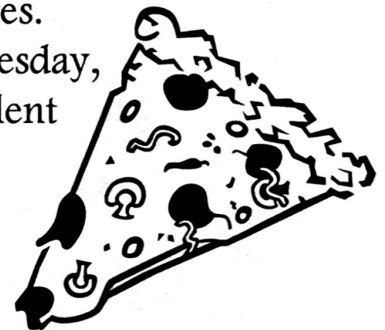
Come on down to our monthly potluck. Speaker to be announced. Bring a potluck dish of some sort. And bring a friend!

31 july - DINNER NIGHT

Frankie and Johnny and Luigi Too in Mountain View is well known as one of the best pizzerias on the Peninsula.

It also has a complete menu of other Italian favorites.

Our next HTG dinner night will be there on Wednesday, July 31. Plan to join us for this certain-to-be-excellent evening. Signups at the July meeting, or call Gene at (415) 857-9379.



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COUNTY DOMESTIC PARTNERSHIP REGISTRY STILL NEEDS SUPPORT!!!

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After a terrifically successful hearing on Tuesday, May 28th, the Santa Clara County Human Relations Commission voted 11 to 1 in favor of the proposed Domestic Partnership Registry. This success was the direct result of great support from our community. The Commission received hundreds of letters in favor of the Registry, and supporters attending the hearing outnumbered opponents by 8 to 1 or more (depending on who you ask). Many supporters spoke eloquently and very persuasively.

As one of the many local activists who worked hard to get letters to the Commission signed and delivered, to get supporters to show up for the hearing, and to testify, I got a real sense of satisfaction from seeing that work pay off. I had applied for a position on the Human Relations Commission as I learned more about it while working to support the Registry, and it was just plain luck that there were openings to be filled in May. As it turned out, the May 28th hearing was the first general meeting of the Commission that I attended as a commissioner. I was completely delighted, as I took my seat, to see a room full of people wearing pink signs proudly proclaiming their support for the registry.

The Registry now goes to the County Board of Supervisors, who can vote it into law or not. The Board seems to favor the Registry, but this does not mean we can rest on our laurels. The opposition is still lobbying hard. We've already shown what our community can do to support the Registry, and we've got to keep on doing it now!

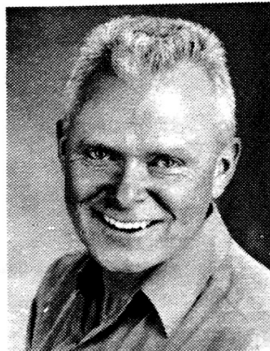
There are four things you can do to help the Domestic Partnership Registry get passed into law. First, write a letter expressing your support for the Registry and asking the Board to vote it into law. Address your letters to Chairperson Dianne McKenna and Supervisors, 70 W. Hedding St., 10th Floor East Wing, San Jose CA 95110. Second, attend the Board's public hearing on the Registry, now scheduled for the evening of Tuesday, August 13th. The hearing will be held in Board of Supervisors' chambers on the first floor the County Administration Building, at 70 W. Hedding Street, near First Street. Third, consider speaking in favor of the Registry at the hearing. Prepared remarks will work best, because each speaker will probably be limited to two minutes. Last, but definitely not least, put your email address or fax number on the EQUALITY grapevine. EQUALITY will then keep you up to date on any changes of schedules or strategy. Just send an email to EqualitySJ@aol.com.

A big "THANK YOU" to everyone who's shown support for the Registry so far! Let's do it again! - Jim Dugan

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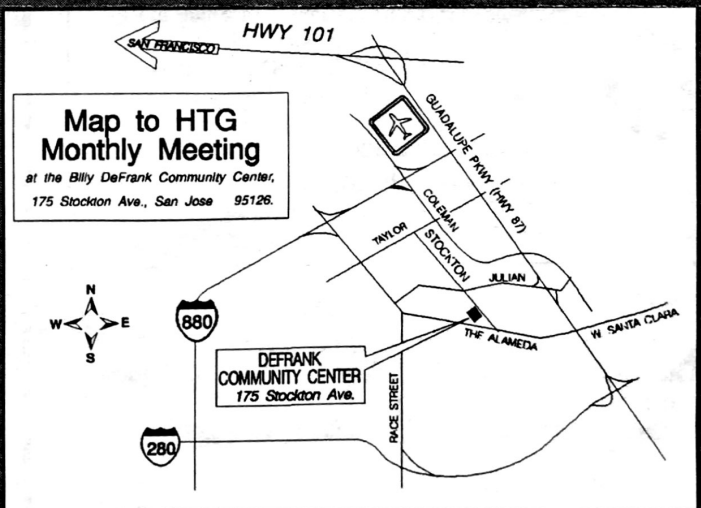


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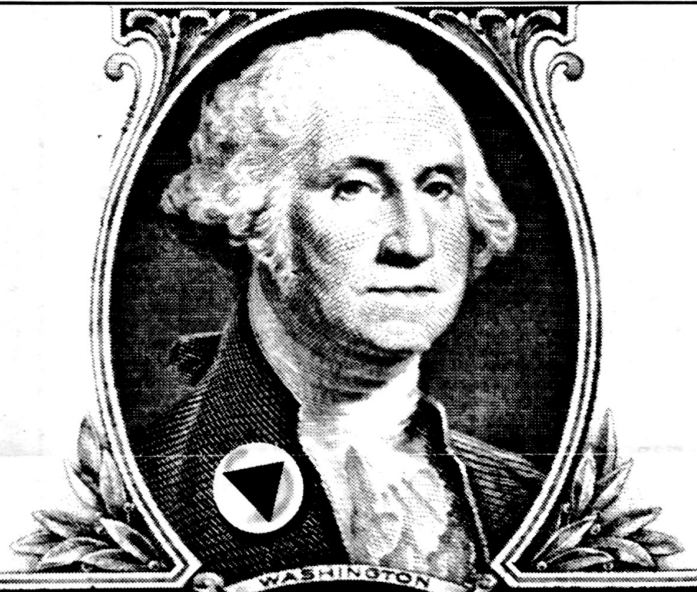
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