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WHERE WE'RE AT RIGHT NOW

by Dean Dennison

Next Meeting

At the November HTG meeting (Nov. 10), we will have the pleasure of hearing from Bennet Marks (Apple Computer) and Kim Harris (Hewlett Packard), who will discuss their experiences in forming gay employee support networks and securing domestic partnership benefits at their companies. They can give others some guidance in forming employee networks in other companies. Learn how you can make a difference, becoming an advocate for lesbian and gay issues and equality right where you work. How do you start? Who do you approach for company support? How do you assure the straight employees that this is non-threatening to them? The meeting, as usual, starts with a social period at 6:30, potluck dinner at 7:00, and program at 8:00. Bring something to share at dinner and participate in what should be a stimulating discussion.

Recent Meetings

The political question and answer sessions that had been scheduled for September and October did not come off as planned. However, the Green Party responded with a presentation that should make some people interested in learning more. (see Oct. Newsletter) The October meeting was not a total bust, though, because of the good food, the congenial company, and interesting conversation. The talk ranged from politics (mostly comments and inquiries about the Libertarians) to sharing of travel experiences.

Membership and Events

As of this date, there are approximately 100 dues paying members of HTG with 15 to 20 interested enough to attend the monthly get togethers. It is this persons opinion that the other 80 are missing out on something really great. In addition to the monthly potluck (who can contest the fact that us gay types are *GREAT* cooks), Gene Smith has presented a continuing opportunity for groups of us to enjoy entertainment and other activities together that we might be reluctant to do by ourselves. As this issue goes to press, for example, we are looking forward to attending Cabaret this week, while in November we'll be holding a gala dinner at Eugene's Polish Restaurant. You can't go wrong getting involved.

And On The Horizon

Join us in December for our traditional social dinner meeting. Of course we'll need a volunteer to roast the turkey - any takers? Anyhow, see you there.



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what's up!



6 november - HTG board meeting

7:30 at the Center in the Lavendar Liquids area. Come on out and haaang!

10 november - HTG meeting / potluck

6:30 at the DeFrank Center. This month's speakers are Bennet Marks (Apple Computer) and Kim Harris (Hewlett Packard) discussing their experiences in forming gay employee support networks and securing Domestic Partnership benefits at their companies. (Bring a potluck dish along.)



16 november - torie osborn speaks at the center

17 November - women's health fair at the center

20 november - dinner at eugene's polish restaurant

One of our most popular dinner restaurants has been Eugene's Polish Restaurant at 420 S. San Antonio in Los Altos. (No, it's not Gene's unfortunately - he's Scotch-Irish) Good food, good ambience. Signups at the November meeting, or call Gene at (415) 857-9379 by November 15.

21 november - newsletter collating

Well, Hell-o! Party time! Come on down to the DeFrank Center and help fold, lick and stuff (newsletters, that is...). 6:30 sharp, or you've missed the boat, and girl, let's just not *play* that, okay. We've all got enough drama in our lives as it is, no?



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Torie Osborn at the DeFrank Center

by Gabrielle Antolovich

Saturday, November 16th, 3pm

Don't miss Torie Osborn! She is a long-time community activist and a brilliant fund-raiser. As the former executive director of the Los Angeles Lesbian and Gay Community Services Center, she was able to turn a large center into the largest in the nation today. Her advocacy of lesbian and gay issues and her passion for politics drew her to play a major role in coordinating the historic meeting of gay and lesbian leaders with President Clinton.

Her book, *COMING HOME TO AMERICA: A Roadmap to Gay and Lesbian Empowerment*, is a practical guide to activism. It gives anecdotes of what has and has not worked, and a vision of hope for our future. As a leader she has suffered from the leader-bashing that goes on in the lesbian/gay communities. Her comments will give you, the budding leaders, the courage to step forward.

Osborn believes that each person that comes out of the closet is creating social change, and that the most effective long-term changes come from community building through lesbian and gay community centers.

This is your chance to ask questions, have your book signed and be inspired into or back into lesbian and gay political activism.

Decline to Sign Update

by Vicki Guidici

The Decline to Sign Campaign worked to keep the Domestic Partners registry off the ballot. Opponents of the registry had 30 working days to collect the signatures of 45,000 registered voters in favor of putting it up for referendum on the next available ballot.

The Registrar of Voters tells us that the final results of the 3% audit won't be available until October 31st, due to the large number of voter registration forms, as well as other signature counts. If the 3% audit results are more than 7% over of the approx. 45,000 votes needed, the referendum goes on the June, 1998 ballot and the registry is suspended until that time; if the audit results are less than 7% under, then their effort failed and the registry goes into effect. If the count is *between* 7% under and 7% over the 45,000 votes, than the registrar **may** schedule a 100% audit. They would take another 30 working days to do this, delaying the results until mid-December.

The Decline to Sign Campaign is proud of the work of all the volunteers involved and remains hopeful that the registry will go into effect.

HTC

Women's Health Fair

Sunday, November 17th, 1-6pm

at the Billy DeFrank Lesbian and Gay Community Center,
175 Stockton Ave., San Jose, (408) 293-2429



- * 1pm - Lesbians and Breast Cancer Panel and Workshops
- * Choices of Workshops at 2:45-4pm and 4:15-5:30pm

including the Stonewall Women's Recovery Group, workshops on fitness, movement, spirituality, sexuality, physical health issues, massage, chiropractic health, card readings, and more.

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- * 3pm: From Wedded Wife to Lesbian Life: Deborah Abbott
Book Reading/Signing at SISTERSPIRIT BOOKSTORE

* Lavendar Liquids will be open, serving food and non-alcoholic beverages

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* The Women's Health Fair is Coordinated by the Addiction Outreach Program with added funds from the South Bay Leather Community, and the Breast Cancer Early Detection Partnership.

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 Community Center

Xenathon
 bring your favourite
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Open House
Thursday, 28th November
12-7pm

AA meetings at 1pm, 5pm
2pm - Community Luncheon

Pot luck
Lavendar Liquids will be open. Lots of fun and games.
Join us. Bring food, drinks, and yourself.

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