



Lavender Notes



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P.O. Box 6044, Fremont, California, 94538

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Volunteer Services Program, 1395 Bancroft Ave., San Leandro, CA 94577, (510) 667-9655

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT NEEDED FOR VOLUNTEER SERVICES

A Job Opportunity..... Lavender Seniors Volunteer Services is seeking a part-time employee to help with office tasks. The job will be two half days. It would be an ideal job for a student or retired person.

Job responsibilities are listed: 1. Simple computer bookkeeping; 2. Database entry; 3. Route billings; 4. Route phone calls; 5. Maintain newsletter subscription list; 6. Administrative detail with Site Coordinator and Executive Director; 7. Maintain donor and fund raising information; 8. Maintain documentation on volunteers; 9. Word processing as needed. Qualifications: 1. High school graduate; 2. Knowledge of Microsoft Access 97; 3. Office experience desired as well as written and communication skills; 4. Interest in community services; 5. Local residency preferred

The employee will report to the Executive Director of the Senior Collaborative. The hours are 8 hours per week in two half days. Salary is \$12.00 per hour. The work will be at the program office located at the San Leandro Community Church, 1395 Bancroft St. San Leandro, Ca. 94577.

Please send resumes to : Dorothy Fowler at the Volunteer Services address above. Respond quickly. Interviews scheduled now.

HOWELL HONORED AT GLOBE EVENT IN APRIL

Join with GLOBE in the Celebration of the Retirement of GLOBE's Secretary, FRANK HOWELL, from 35 years as Hayward's Librarian. This potluck event will be held at CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH, 100 Hacienda in San Lorenzo. - Saturday, April 15, 2000 7 to 9 p.m. Non-members are cordially invited. (Elections of the Executive Board will also be held at this time.) For more information, call: Charlene Shores (510) 538-9722

ALL VOLUNTEERS

MEETING

THURSDAY, APRIL 20TH: 1:30 to 3:00 p.m. all lavender senior volunteers (friendly visitors, panelists, phoners, office staff, etc.) are invited to come together and enjoy learning new skills & info and sharing experiences. Refreshments served. At the San Leandro Community Church, 1395 Bancroft Ave., San Leandro. Any questions? Call the office at 667-9655.

Berkeley Rep Offers Discounts Tickets

For Theater Buffs: Lavender Seniors has a date set for May 11th for the performance, "Let My Enemy Live Long!" by Tanya Shaffer, directed by Amy Mueller. "A damn fine evening" says Jon Carroll, S.F. Chronicle. The story of a lone white women's trip up the Niger River brilliantly accompanied by percussion and string. A special senior group rate at \$15/per person. Deadline for a reservation is April 10. Call the Lavender Senior office at 667-9655 or 525-8540 (Carol Beth), leave your name and number stating your desire to attend this performance. Carol or Joyce will call you back with information for paying for reservations. A minimum of 15 reservations is required for the group rate -- a great evening outing!

April Program: Edd Dundas Presents a lively video called, Crimes Against Nature

The Gay Men's Theater Collective enlivened the Bay Area scene during the late 1960's and throughout the 1970's. The collective included ten gay men, both activists and actors. The episodic scenes unfold against a background of semi-autobiographical stories of the men and their individual struggles against homophobia and self doubt. The group played to packed houses. In 1976 Edd Dundas offered to tape the show and eventually turn the production into a motion picture. Unfortunately, these plans never materialized. However now Edd offers us a striking view of gay liberation in the 1970's that will hopefully inspire future generations. Edd is a noted bay area film maker.

Benefit Planned for Lavender Seniors

Save the Date!! "Swing in Leather," June 4th, 4 to 7 p.m. at the Bench and Bar Lounge in Oakland. There will be music from the big bands era plus other surprises. Polaroids, Dollar-a-dance boys and girls, a Raffle, and Auction. 85% of the proceeds will go directly to Lavender Seniors. Sponsored by the Alameda County Leather Corps of Oakland. There will be an auction of items from the 1940s and 1950s. (Pictures, dishes, memorabilia, etc.) Donations are needed for the auction. You have many old items collecting dust in the closets and basements. They were kept for this occasion.

Get them "out of the closet" and bring them to the auction. Call John Ellefsen, (510)583-9638 for more information about donations. Pick-up services may be available



Spring is Here !!

VOLUNTEER SERVICES PROGRAM: Lavender Seniors provides a Volunteer Services Program to isolated gay and lesbian seniors. The program is coordinated by the Lesbian and Gay Senior Services Collaborative, a joint project with Gay and Lesbian Outreach to Elders in S.F. (GLOE), and Spectrum in Marin County. The collaborative is funded in part by the S.F. Foundation, Marin Community Foundation, East Bay Community Foundation, Horizons Foundation, Donor Circle for Queer Youth and Elders, Bay Area Physicians for Human Rights, Gateway Initiative, and Evelyn and Walter Haas, Jr. Fund.

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MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of Lavender Seniors of the East Bay is to improve the quality of life of older gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgendered residents of Alameda and Contra Costa Counties through community outreach, advocacy and education.

Founding Members

Carol Beth, Bill Baillie, Doreen Brand, Meg Bruynell, Marvin Burrows, Shirley Dennett, John Ellefsen, Dottie Fowler, Dorothy Hallinan, Beverly Hickock, Jerry Holmes, Frank Howell, Doris Fischer, Bobbie Jarvis, James Joslin, Barbara Jue, Barbara Konechy, Stella Lopez Armijo, Bonnie Jean MacKenzie, Donna Montgomery, Ina Mae Murri, Diane Nagy, Ray Robb, Camille Scontrino, Don Silva, Margaret Shepherd, Bill Swenor, and Natalie Zarchin

Board of Directors Officers

Dottie Fowler, President
 Frank Howell, Vice President
 John Ellefsen, Secretary
 Bobbie Jarvis, Treasurer

There are no membership dues. All persons over 55, their partners, and guests are welcome.

The cost of mail makes it necessary to request a donation of \$12 dollars per year to receive the newsletter. Visitors or persons interested in learning more about Lavenders Seniors may receive the newsletter for three months without charge. None will be turned away for lack of funds.

Lavender Notes is mailed on the first of each month. Entries must be received by the last Sunday of the previous month. Entries may be edited for space or clarity. Send entries to:

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SHORT NOTES by Sidney Pouffe

▲ For those of you in relationships; when filling out the US Census be sure to be counted. If you are in a live-in relationship, be sure to mark the category **UNMARRIED PARTNER**. This is how the census is recognizing GLBT households. Please be sure to make the notation and spread the word. The category has not received much press, so please pass this information on. **Knowledge is POWER!**

▲ There were these two middle aged couples, who were all long time friends, and who were always together doing something. They were sitting around one evening kind of bored and thinking of what to do, when one of the wives, suggested that they switch partners for the night. They talked about it, and everyone agreed. They split up and, off they went with their new partner for the night. Later that night, the wife who made the suggestion, sat up in bed, and > turned to her new partner and said, "My god! That was just wonderful, I had no idea! We should have thought of this looong ago! I wonder how the boys are doing? (Submitted by Kendick)

▲ **Marvin Burrows** reports, "Went to a board meeting of the "Lighthouse Community Center" tonight. It looks like we will have a center opening soon. If all goes well, we will open in May. If you have any furniture you can donate. We can use all the stuff you don't need. I have storage space. Check with any of your friends and other contacts to see if they have any donations for a non-profit Gay and Lesbian Center. It will be 1500 square feet in size. Located on "A" Street in Hayward. We have been searching since November.

▲ Two guys are in a locker room when one guy notices that his buddy has a cork up his butt. He laughs out loud and remarks, "How did you get a cork stuck up your butt?" His friends explains, "Well, you'll never guess... I was walking along the beach and I tripped over a lamp...There was a puff of smoke, and then a man in a turban appeared." He said, "I'm the genie and I'll grant you one wish" "And I said, 'No shit'"

(Please send your complaints to **BJ**, our beloved Board Treasurer for this one. I will not accept the blame this time.)

▲ **Natalie Zarchin's** new girlfriend returned to Arkansas. Is there a trip to Arkansas planned soon, Natalie?. Stay tuned.

▲ Several people are complaining that they are not receiving the newsletter. Most of those people have not sent their renewal check when notified their subscription expired. **Come on, people!** It is only a 12-dollar or more donation. Nothing is free in this world.

▲ **New Board Members Needed** for Lavender Seniors. This would involve attending monthly meetings, fund raising, helping to conduct the monthly potluck meeting, and special projects. Those interested can contact Dottie Fowler at 525-3864.

▲ Special thanks to **Bert H**, computer consultant, who helped the office staff and volunteers fix the printer. It is working better than ever. Thanks Bert.

▲ The editor asked me to express his regrets for the errors on the **Coffee Connections** schedule on the back page. He has made a special effort to make a correct list this month. However, if you have questions, call the contact person named in the schedule to make sure the meeting is at the time and place announced.

▲ **Assembly member, Carole Migden** is requesting our help to implement California's New Domestic Partnership Law. For the first time, California law legally recognizes lesbian and gay couples as domestic partners. She is requesting our help to register 50,000 couples by the end of 2000. Call Eric Potashner for more information in Migden's District Office (415) 557-3000. Board Member, Marvin Burrows also has information. (510) 537-8731

▲ The monthly costs of Lavender Seniors is growing. More people getting the newsletter, More incidental office expenses not covered by grant funds, etc. Please consider increasing your donations to help us continue our work.

▲ **The Secret of Life** is honesty and fair dealing. If you can fake that you have it made.
 — Groucho Marx.

▲ **Dorothy Taylor**, member and volunteer of Lavender seniors is looking for someone to help her with light sorting and packing for a move in the near future. Fee is negotiable. Call: (510) 792-5449.

▲ **Ray Robb** writes that Eden I&R is looking for volunteer help in all departments. The volunteer must commit to 3-6 months. If interested, call 537-2710. However, remember

Lavender Seniors also wants volunteers. Try us first. Call the Lavender office and learn what you can contribute. Office help, telephone volunteers and friendly visitors are needed.



VOLUNTEER SERVICES OFFICE NEWS

▲ Joyce Pierson is back from Hawaii and busy as the site coordinator of the Volunteer services. She is meeting with volunteers and coordinating office operations.

▲ Joyce met with Clinical Psychology students at JFK University. She had a good reception. The questions showed a real interest in the Lavender Senior program.. Most students were in their 20s.

▲ The Senior Collaborative, (Lavender Seniors is included) is planning an event to honor over 100 volunteers in the three agencies cooperating in the volunteer services programs. The approximate number of Lavender Senior volunteers is 30. No date has been set for the event. More will be announced later.

▲ Lavender seniors is collaborating with GLOE beginning in April, the sponsorship of the East Bay Women's Support Group. The existing group has been meeting since 1996 at St. John's Presbyterian Church at 2727 College Ave., Berkeley on the 2nd and 4th Friday, every month. Meeting time is 1:15 - 3 p.m. Facilitated by Joyce Pierson. The group welcomes new members. Call (510) 667-9655, Lavender Seniors Office, A picnic

in the park is scheduled for April 28th.

▲ A Berkeley Rep theater group is forming for a senior group rate of \$15 per person. If you would like to attend with other Lavender Senior friends, Please call the office (510) 667-9655 or Carol Beth at (510) 525-8540 and have your name put on the list. Future performances reserved by Lavender Seniors will be announced in the newsletter. A minimum of 15 People is required to qualify for the discount. A great new Fall schedule is coming up so be sure to call if you want to be included.

(See a notice on page one of this edition for an announcement of a performance available now.)

▲ The Volunteer Services Office is receiving requests for emergency services. They cannot provide these services, but staff and volunteers need training to know where to refer these requests

All Friendly visitor volunteer - telephone Volunteers - community education Panel Volunteers will have a bi-monthly meeting on Thursday, April 20, 1:30 - 3 p.m.. San Leandro Community Church, 1395 Bancroft. Agenda includes elder abuse reporting and senior resources in Alameda County.

It's never too late to have a happy childhood!

Editorial

Thank you, Lavender Seniors

I will be leaving the job of editing the **Lavender Notes** after five years of effort. I will be moving to Palm Springs where I hope to continue to work with senior gays and lesbians in common efforts.

How can I thank the many people of Lavender Seniors of East Bay who have supported and helped me. It is not possible. I was forced to learn to use a computer, desk top publishing, and data processing. It was and is a fascinating new interest for me in retirement.

I will always remember the wonderful, challenging times with the coordinating committee in the first meetings of the organization. Now there is a Board of Directors who can look at their accomplishments with pride. We now have a volunteer program than was only a dream a short time ago. "We have come a long way baby".

We endeavored to create a newsletter that was entertaining as well as informative. We tried to avoid simply listing announcements which is common in other organizations. We tried to insert humor, controversy, and personal news about our members to make it fun to read. Our efforts were intended to build a family - a supportive sense of belonging that we lack in today's society. We regret that we sometimes hurt feelings. It was just my strange sense of humor trying to make sense of it all. We also regret all the typos and "senior moments" that were documented too often. The errors were an embarrassment. But, as Sydney Pouffe says, "Competence was never a requirement."

Frank Howell will become the new editor effective next month. We all know Frank and his wonderful book reviews that are featured in the newsletter. I know that he will work hard to serve the Lavender Seniors faithfully. He cannot fail if he gets the support I received.

Good luck to you all and to Lavender Seniors of East Bay.

Jim Joslin, Editor
Lavender Notes

We Get Mail

Thank you for your correspondence regarding Proposition 22. Please be assured that I have given your comments and suggestions serious consideration. As I made clear in my campaign, I have always opposed same-sex marriage. However, I have also made it clear that I oppose wedge-issue politics that have divided one Californian from another and made scapegoats of certain groups of our citizens. Proposition 22, in my opinion, is clearly in that category and I have announced my opposition to the initiative. I believe it is an unnecessary distraction because current California law already clearly and unequivocally limits marriage to a man and a woman. The placement of this kind of emotionally charged issue on the ballot serves mainly to stir up prejudices and hostility - sometimes with tragic consequences. As Governor, I will do everything within my power to honor the dignity, humanity and privacy of every Californian, regardless of their ethnicity, religion, national origin, gender or sexual orientation. I appreciate the time you took to write and express your views.

Sincerely, GRAY DAVIS, Governor of California

ANOTHER WAR STORY

An American soldier, serving in World War II, had just returned from several weeks of intense action on the German front lines. He had finally been granted R&R and was on a train bound for London.

The train was very crowded, so the soldier walked the length of the train, looking for an empty seat. The only unoccupied seat was directly adjacent to a well dressed middle aged lady and was being used by her little dog. The war weary soldier asked, "Please, ma'am, may I sit in that seat?"

The English woman looked down her nose at the soldier, sniffed and said, "You Americans. You are such a rude class of people. Can't you see my little Fifi is using that seat?"

The soldier walked away, determined to find a place to rest, but after another trip down to the end of the train, found himself again facing the woman with the dog. Again he asked, "Please, lady. May I sit there? I'm very tired." The English woman wrinkled her nose and snorted, "You Americans! Not only are you rude, you are also arrogant. Imagine!"

The soldier didn't say anything else. He leaned over, picked up the

The woman shrieked and demanded that someone defend her and chastise the soldier. An English gentleman sitting across the aisle spoke up, "You know, sir, you Americans do seem to have a penchant for doing the wrong thing. You eat holding the fork in the wrong hand. You drive your autos on the wrong side of the road. And now, sir, you've thrown the wrong bitch out of the window." *Submitted by BJ*

(Reprinted from Hayward Argus Newspaper, 3/1/2000)

HAYWARD LIBRARIAN CLOSES BOOK ON CAREER

By Karen Holzmeister, STAFF WRITER

HAYWARD : GAME SHOW HOST, Regis Philbin would face a real challenge quizzing Frank Howell on TV's "Who Wants To Be A Millionaire."

After all, in more than 35 years as a librarian, Howell has answered an estimated 350,000 questions at reference desks in Hayward's libraries.

The queries, Howell said Monday, have ranged from state history to sports trivia to the gestation period for an elephant. But the Answer Man's career is coming to a close. Today is his last day on the job.

"It is going to be impossible to replace Frank's knowledge of the community and special collections," said John Hebel, the library's adult services manager.

"His legacy will be with us a long time, from the file of pamphlets he has created to the history about which he is so knowledgeable."

Howell, now second in seniority among library's 65 employees -

doesn't plan to spend his retirement seeking fast fame or fortune via popular quiz shows. Instead, the Hayward resident, 62, will be working to help and promote programs for gays and lesbians.

Howell is a leader of GLOBE, Gays and Lesbians Organized for Betterment and Equality, as well as of the Lavender Seniors, a group of gay senior citizens, and a committee looking for a location for a Hayward gay and lesbian community center.

Times have changed for gay people such as Howell.

When he joined the library staff in July 1964, Howell recalled, "I had to measure every word. In the 1960s and '70s, I couldn't afford to be outspoken (about being gay). Gays were unheard of here. There was a sense of fear."

For years, Howell has prepared a yearly "banned books exhibit" to inform library patrons about past censorship issues.

In 1980, he organized an exhibit of gay and lesbian literature and materials at the main library. The exhibit caused an uproar, with opponents demanding - and receiving - permission to display family oriented materials in the succeeding exhibit.

For a long time, Howell and John Wise, his partner of 25 years who died two years ago, had to visit San Francisco to participate in a gay community. They attended religious and social activities through the Metropolitan Community Church. Then, in the mid-1980s, gay and lesbian organizations formed locally. Gay and lesbian bars also opened in Hayward and San Leandro.

Howell, a native of Red Bluff who obtained his degrees from California State University, Chico and San Jose State University, said he's enjoyed his life and work in Hayward.

CAPE RIDES CREST OF A VICTORIOUS LAVENDER WAVE FROM KNIGHT INITIATIVE BATTLE

Sacramento, CA (March 8, 2000) - "On Tuesday, March 7, 2000, California voters passed the anti-gay Knight Initiative and also voted for a "Lavender Wave" of gay and lesbian candidates to represent them in the State Capitol," stated Jean Harris, CAPE's Executive Director.

The Lavender Wave is the enormous success of openly gay or lesbian candidates who won their primary elections in California. Every openly gay or lesbian candidate in a state legislative race won over 50% of the vote in the primary election.

"California will be making history with the largest Lesbian and Gay Caucus in the nation with me in the State Senate and THREE out lesbians in the State Assembly!" said Assembly member Sheila Kuehl who is favored to win her November election and become California's first openly gay or lesbian State Senator.

Gay and lesbian candidates won all over California in the March primary elections. (The successes of other elections statewide for openly gay or lesbian candidates' success are listed on the next page.)

"This is what a statewide effort can do," stated Harris. "When we as a community come together to fight the attacks from the right wing, we are winners. We now have the potential to elect the largest gay and lesbian presence in the State Capitol just one year after the only statewide Domestic Partner Registry in the nation was signed into law in California."

During the campaign, Prop. 22 proponents were forced to go on record supporting recognition of our families. "With the passage of Prop. 22, CAPE's work to ensure gay and lesbian relationships are afforded the same protections under the law is even more crucial. We invite everyone, opponents and supporters of Prop. 22 who believe California's gay and lesbian families deserve the same legal protections as all married couples to support our three CAPE sponsored domestic partnership bills that will afford gay and lesbian families the same rights as other families."

The California Alliance for Pride & Equality (CAPE) is a nonprofit, grassroots-based statewide advocacy organization whose mission is to ensure the dignity, safety, equality and civil rights of all lesbian, gay,

bisexual and transgendered Californians.

California LGBT Candidates Primary Election Results

-- In L.A.'s 23rd State Senate District, Assembly member Sheila Kuehl received 63.6% of the Democratic vote (and 50.5% of the total vote), and will sail into the Senate as the first openly LGBT state senator.

-- In San Francisco's 13th Assembly District, Carole Migden received 78.5% of the total vote cast, and is on her way to cruising into another term. Pro-LGBT Republican Bob Lane defeated his homophobic opponent, Gail Neira, for the Republican nomination by almost 3-1.

-- In Los Angeles' 45th Assembly District, L.A. City Council member Jackie Goldberg received 60.1% of the vote.

-- In San Diego's 76th Assembly District, San Diego City Council member Christine Kehoe (who was uncontested for the Democratic nomination) received 55.6% of the total vote.

-- In Long Beach's 38th Congressional District, Gerrie Schipske received 31.8% of the Democratic vote (15.1% of the total vote) to beat three other Democratic candidates in the primary.

-- In Oakland, Green party challenger Rebecca Kaplan received 26.1% of the vote and forced a run-off against incumbent Councilmember Henry Chang (44.0%) for the at-large city council seat. Kaplan has been involved in the group created to work with the Oakland police to address LGBT-related hate crimes.

-- In San Jose, Community College Board member Ken Yeager received 38% of the vote to come in first and heads for a November run-off in San Jose's 6th City Council District. Compiled by Vicky Kolakowski - CAPE East Bay, Eric-Joseph C. Astacaan CAPE Legislative Advocate P.O. Box 2464, Sacramento CA 95812-2464 Phone: 916-929-6331, Fax: 916-646-1569

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BOOK REVIEW

by Frank Howell

Witness: Gay and Lesbian Clergy Report From The Front

By Dann Hazel

Westminster Press-John Knox Press - Paperback

The battle between fundamentalists and gay Christians threatens to drag on endlessly. Each year we are confronted with new eruptions between ministers and their congregations. Dann Hazel a free-lance observer from Charleston, South Carolina, has traveled about the country taking the temperature of this feverish disease called homophobia with "love" sprinkled on top.

The right wing takes no prisoners, even in church. Rev. Bob Kuyper, founder of a Methodist movement called Transforming Congregations, feels gays can change even when homosexual impulses are biologically rooted.

When gay ministers are forced to confront the over dramatic and stark thought processes of authoritarian rule certain congregations are in constant uproar.

Some conservatives exaggerate the so called dangers from the presence of gays. Jay Alan Skulow, an attorney for right wing causes refers to the runaway train of homosexuality.... "The traditional family will be left in ruins and moral constraints will be cast aside."

Hazel finds many ministers shivering in their closets or they are forced to flee to the safety of more liberal climates. Three religious organizations now emerge as providing such safe havens-

the Unitarians, the United Church of Christ, and Metropolitan Community Church. But there are only so many liberal church positions to go around.

Hazel also investigates the ex-gay movement and finds the usual confusion and contradictions. Some gays claim there has been a high suicide rate among those who are "cured." Others observe that such ex-gay programs are strictly amateur affairs run by well meaning folks who lack any sort of psychiatric training.

The typical horror stories abound. One teenager asked his father about how to approach the subject of finding out you are gay. Reply: "Put a gun in your mouth and pull the trigger." Some observers predict a major split among the different denominations over this volatile issue.

Last year a Methodist blessing of a gay holy union between two lesbians was held in Sacramento. 363 ministers sent an open letter of support to their bishop. 1200 people attended. Hazel feels this controversy will sizzle for a long while. Remember slavery and the civil war?

Witness belongs on your reading list if you wish to remain abreast of this never ending issue.

LAMBDA YOUTH HOLDS ANNUAL DANCE - DECADANCE

The Lambda Youth Project, will have their annual Gay Prom at Centennial Hall in Hayward in June. The theme for this year's prom is "Decadance! We've Been Here Through the Decades!"

Part of the theme involves the Decades Project, a community art project with groups and individuals "sponsoring a decade" and decorating a 30" x 40" foam board with pictures, images, text, and other memorabilia related to a particular decade.

Lavender Seniors has volunteered to sponsor the 1940s decade. So anyone with pictures, posters, and any creative ideas about presenting the 1940s as it relates to gay and lesbian history and experiences is invited to call John Ellefsen at 510-583-9638.

Some of you may remember the potluck in November 1998, when the director and several young people from Lambda spoke to us. We are planning to have them return sometime in the coming months. But meanwhile we've invited Lambda's new director, Christina Cappelletti, to speak very briefly to us at our April potluck to tell us a bit more about the "Decades Project."

Then the following week our speakers' panel will speak at the Lambda Youth weekly meeting. The more different segments of the GLBTQ community can reach out to each other, the stronger we'll become. It's especially important for elders to connect with our youth-for we seniors have indeed been here through the decades, and the youth are our future

HISTORY ON DISPLAY

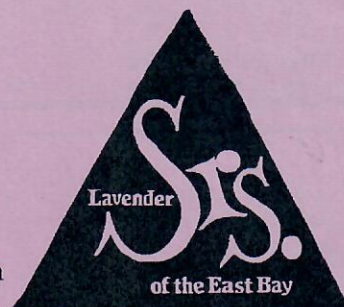
Dot Hallinan, Carol Beth and John Ellefsen attended a forum on March 20 at the GLBT Historical Society office in San Francisco regarding the "Making a Case for History" project described in the March Newsletter. Also attending were representatives from the Native American, Bisexual, Youth, Sex Workers, and the San Francisco Women's Building

Communities, who along with the Sisters of Perpetual Indulgence and the GLBT Jewish community will be designing and building the eight exhibit cases that will go on display at the

San Francisco Main Library in late May. They will be at the fair in the Civic Center Plaza at the end of the parade on Gay Pride Sunday, June 25.

Lavender Senior, along with, GLOE and Spectrum, we'll be doing the "Elder Case." This is a terrific opportunity to tell some of our past and present stories to thousands of people. If you are interested in helping out on this project in any way, with ideas, creative designs, grunt work, memorabilia, pictures, etc., please contact Dot or John at the office.

CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES



April 4 - Tuesday - 6:30 p.m. - Board of Directors

ALL WELCOME !! Meeting at Harry's Hof Brau at 14th and Hesperian Blvd., San Leandro, (Across from Bay Fair) Meets monthly the Tuesday before the potluck meetings.

April 8 - Saturday - 12 Noon - MONTHLY MEETING

Crimes Against Nature

A Video Presentation

Meeting at

San Leandro Community Church, 1395 Bancroft Ave., San Leandro

If your name begins with the letters

A through H - Bring a Salad

I through P- Bring a Dessert

Q through Z- Bring a Main Dish

San Leandro BART station shuttle is available. Call (510) 667-9655 to arrange pickup.

April 10 - Deadline for ordering discount tickets for Berkeley Rep. (See page 1)

April 15 - GLOBE Meeting and Celebration of Frank Howell's retirement.

April 20 - All Volunteer Meeting (See page 1)

COFFEE CONNECTIONS SOCIALS

April 5 - TRI-CITIES AREA - Fremont, Newark & Union City -. First Wednesday every month 10 - 11:30 am. Location: Call Donna at (510) 651-7305 for directions - No meeting in May

April 20 - BERKELEY, ALBANY, EL CERRITO, NORTH OAKLAND Area ; Changed to 3rd Thursday, every month; 10 - 11:30 AM Location: Call Doreen for directions (510) 524-6206

April 13 & 27 - CONTRA COSTA COUNTY; 2ND and 4TH Thursday 1:30 TO 3:00 p.m.; Rainbow Community Center; Location: Call Dot for information (925) 829-7379

April 24 - SAN LEANDRO AREA; 4th Monday every month; 10 - 11:30 a.m. San Leandro Community Church, 1386 Bancroft; Public Transit: Bus stop at Bancroft & Callan

April 19 - HAYWARD AREA: 1:30 p.m. Hayward Senior Center, 22325 N. 3rd St., Hayward, Call John Ellefsen for information (510) 583-9638

SECOND SUNDAY - 6 P.M. - FELLOWS OF EAST BAY

NEW LOCATION AND TIME

Social Club for mature men and their admirers. Monthly Potluck dinner and social held the second Sunday of every month at the Oak Center Towers, 1515 Market, Oakland. Bring \$3 door charge and food or drink to share.

VARIOUS DATES - WOMEN OVER FIFTY AND FRIENDS

WOFF, a social club for lesbians, has an active social schedule. Monthly potluck/planning meeting the first Saturday of each month at 6 p.m. For information, contact Barbara Konecny or Barbara Jue, 508 Broadmore, San Leandro, (510) 633-0398.

Happy

Birthday

Doris Fischer 4/16

John Ellefsen 4/24

Julia Craig 4/14

Marilyn Shatlen 4/1

Ray Rob 4/12

Tracy O'Kates 4/13

June 4 - Sunday - 4 to 7 p.m. Benefit for Lavender Seniors at Bench and Bar in Oakland.