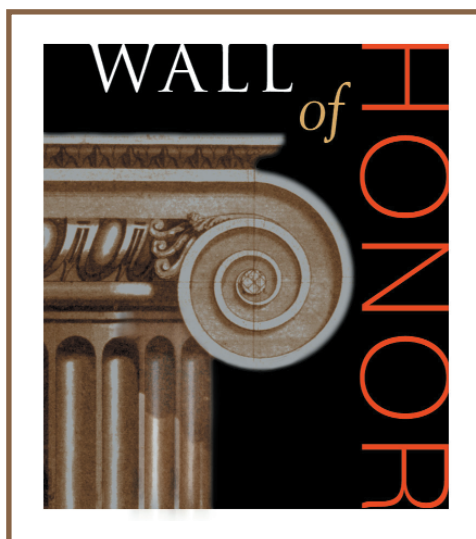


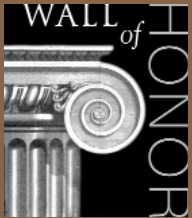
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without the past, there
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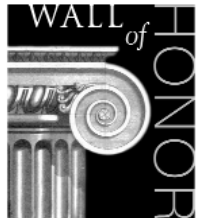
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THE SAN DIEGO LGBT COMMUNITY WALL OF HONOR

The San Diego LGBT Community Wall of Honor is the nation's only LGBT community memorial display dedicated to honoring and remembering important local LGBT community members. Located in The San Diego LGBT Community Center, The Community Wall of Honor was created in 2004 by Nicole Murray-Ramirez, The Imperial Court de San Diego and The Center. The Wall recognizes and celebrates those San Diego LGBT community members and LGBT community allies who have had a significant positive impact upon the San Diego LGBT community. The Community Wall of Honor is also intended to help educate community members, particularly our youth, about these significant historical persons, their contributions to the community, and their lives.

In the past our community was so busy fighting to survive that we had no time to record our history as it was happening. Today we are so focused on the future that we tend to let the past slip away from us. The Community Wall of Honor is about remembering, honoring and educating all of us about that history. It is a visible and lasting way of reminding our community of those whose efforts have brought us to where we are today.

This memorial display will enable us to honor, remember and commemorate members of our local community who have made significant contributions to our history. It is unique and special – to our knowledge no other LGBT community in the nation has taken the time to commemorate its local leaders. This unique Community History project is intended to be an evolving document recording the lives, challenges and victories of the San Diego LGBT community and is compiled with input and assistance from community members.





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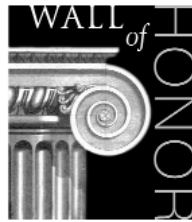
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MR. ALBERT BELL

Albert Bell was such an extraordinary man that he managed to be both an iconoclast and a pillar of his community, simultaneously. In his all too short life, Bell fought tirelessly for gays and lesbians in San Diego, working to promote dialogue on a variety of issues both in and outside of the LGBT community.

At an early age Bell came into politics and student activism. He founded the first Gay Liberation group in San Francisco in 1970 at the age of 20, a time in America when it was still considered a cultural anathema to be out of the closet. Later, he went on to found gay student unions at San Francisco City College and San Francisco State University. During this period in his life, he also worked on Harvey Milk's successful bid to become the city's first openly gay supervisor.

After his time as a student activist, Bell moved to San Diego. There, as one of the early directors of the Gay and Lesbian Community Center, he was instrumental to keeping it in the public eye and at the forefront of the political scene. He served on its board for seven years, working at the same time on some of the earliest Gay Pride events in the city.

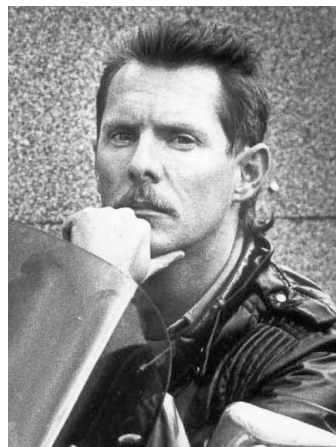
As a spokesman for the community, he was well aware of the power and potential of the media. On one notable television appearance, Bell confronted Channel 10 anchor Ed Quinn on the station's lack of coverage for the 1988 March on Washington. Quinn's cynical response drew a sharp, public condemnation from visiting ABC anchor Peter Jennings. Bell's thoughtful, televised evisceration of the local journalist's apathy led to a meeting with Jennings and the Channel 10 executives, resulting in a substantial change in the way gay issues were presented.

In 1980 he attended the first spiritual gathering of Radical Faeries in Boulder, Colorado. Eventually he became a leading figure of the tribe and a colleague of Harry Hay, one of the founding fathers of gay liberation in the United States. Albert developed a popular course titled "Homospiritual:

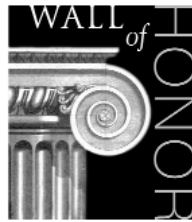
A Gay Journey to Self Esteem." This course ran for several years and was presented before hundreds of San Diego men.

At the height of the AIDS crisis in the mid 1980's, Albert once again assumed the role of community leader. He established "Our House," the first residential living facility for people with AIDS and helped create the AIDS Assistance Fund, and served on its board of directors. At the same time, he helped organize San Diego's first chapter of "ACT UP," bringing pressure on local agencies and government so that victims of the disease might get the help they needed. In addition to these projects, Albert also produced the "AIDS Walk for Life" and was an initial supporter of the "Blood Sisters" program with Cynthia Lawrence-Wallace and Peggy Heathers, in which lesbian women donated blood to the San Diego Blood Bank in solidarity with their gay brothers. Up until the very final years of his life, he worked for the county as an HIV health advisor, providing testing and education to those in need.

His reputation as an authority in local politics made him a natural choice as a delegate to the 1992 Democratic Convention in New York. As one of the few delegates with AIDS in attendance, Bell was able to take the issue of gay rights and AIDS to a national stage. He received the first Albert Bell Award for Community Service from the San Diego Democratic Club shortly before his death.



In a self-penned obituary, he listed his cause of death as a "criminal act" by the United States government, citing its failure to find a cure for his disease. Albert Bell died at home of AIDS in 1993 at the age of forty three, surrounded by his friends.



MR. JIM CUA

The long running war on the civil liberties of gays and lesbians found a ready opponent in Jim Mitsuo Cua, a loyal soldier to the cause of sexual, racial and gender equality. Jim furthered the cause of minority rights, founded a residential shelter for people with AIDS, served on the California board of the National Organization for Women and helped fight racism within the community by forming several racially based GLBT support organizations. His brief, yet undeniably intense, battle against inequality brought him to the forefront of the San Diego political scene. Even amongst the rare breed that is the San Diego activist, Jim stood out from the rest of the crowd, and his life took on the theme of a political wrecking ball, breaking down social and racial barriers.

Jim came from a mixed family; his mother, Mitsuko Sonomura was first generation Japanese while his father, Allejho Lopez Cua was a second generation Filipino. Born in Honolulu April 21, 1961, Jim realized he was gay at a young age and managed to escape from a repressive life of religious fundamentalism. At twenty three he started what would become an impressive resume of political involvement by joining the San Diego Democratic Club. Two years later when he was diagnosed with HIV, Jim became even more determined to right the wrongs he saw in everyday life. His involvement in the San Diego Democratic Party increased to an industrial scale, and soon he worked within the organization as the program director. It was during this time that he also helped found the Harvey Milk Democratic Club, an offshoot of the local party that dealt specifically with issues relating to GLBT culture.

With his background, Jim understood how dislocated a minority can feel even within the GLBT community. To counter this culture of isolationism, he led one of San Diego's first forums on racism among gays and lesbians. This discussion led to the formation of GLASS: Gay and Lesbian Asian

Social Support in 1988. In the following year he helped jump-start LAGADU; Lesbians and Gays of African Descent United. It was during this watershed period in his life that his political involvement skyrocketed; he became involved with and served on the California board of NOW, and at the same time he organized the first gay and lesbian contingent for the San Diego annual Martin Luther King Jr. Parade. In 1991, he was instrumental in setting up a gay and lesbian advisory board to San Diego school officials and served on former San Diego Mayor Maureen O'Connor's Asian Advisory Board.

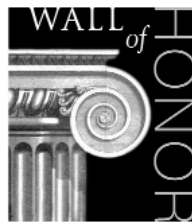
In addition to his untiring work for gays and lesbians, Jim also gave his support to the WomanCare Clinic in Hillcrest, offering his time as a security escort to women in need. This clinic provided women with family planning, counseling and medical services at a time when it was both politically and physically dangerous to do so.

Jim saw an opportunity and from 1992 to 1994 he co-founded St. Martin de Porres, a residential shelter specifically for those living with the virus. In one of his final letters, Jim spoke of his work, urging others to follow on in his footsteps. "I have dedicated a decade of my life to the cause of social justice. As you have loved me, you have loved my causes. Please support our future. Please support this vital work."

In his honor, the James M. Cua Award for Gay and Lesbian



Rights was established by the San Diego Foundation for Change (formerly Liberty Hill-San Diego), where Jim had served as an energetic and respected board member for nearly six years. Jim died May 22, 1994 from AIDS related complications.



MS. JERI DILNO

Ms. Jeri Dilno was born in San Diego in 1936. She graduated from Point Loma High School in 1954 and attended San Diego State University. She left SDSU in 1958 and joined the Air Force, but received an undesirable discharge in 1961 as part of an investigation of eight individuals suspected of being gay. Ms. Dilno was the only one who fought the accusations and requested a hearing; her discharge was later changed to honorable, but the experience prompted a lifelong commitment to the advancement of LGBT people.

Living in Philadelphia in the early 1970s, Ms. Dilno participated in any cause that affected LGBT rights. If there was not an organization already established, she created one. She helped organize the city's first Pride march in 1972, and co-produced a groundbreaking slide show entitled "Gay People, Straight Health Care," which was presented at the annual American Nurses Association national convention in 1973.

Elements of covert humor pervade Ms. Dilno's political activism. Cofounder of the Philadelphia Gay Media Alliance in 1973, when a popular CBS television series planned to show an episode that misrepresented and stereotyped the LGBT community, Ms. Dilno joined other Philadelphia LGBT community leaders to protest its release. Presenting themselves as the rational element of the LGBT community willing to discuss changes to the episode that would make it less offensive, they warned CBS executives that if the episode aired, the radical elements of the LGBT community would riot in the streets. CBS reached an agreement with Ms. Dilno's group, never realizing that the rational activists and the radical activists were one and the same.

Ms. Dilno returned to San Diego in the mid-1970s, helping to found San Diego's first organized Pride march in 1975. She was the first female Executive Director of The Center, from 1975 to 1977, and attended the International Conference on

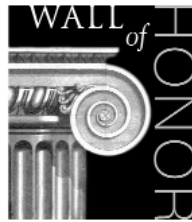
Women in 1977 as an openly lesbian delegate. She chaired The Center board from 1978 to 1980, and campaigned against the Briggs Initiative. Ms. Dilno was president of the San Diego Democratic Club from 1987 to 1991, co-chaired the LGBT State Democratic Caucus from 1989 to 1991 and was a delegate at the National Democratic Convention in 1988, 1992, and 2000.

Ms. Dilno was editor of the Gay and Lesbian Times from 1993 to 1995, at a point during the AIDS crisis when ACT UP and Queer Nation arranged loud protests that attracted hundreds of protesters. Though committed to objectivity as a journalist, Ms. Dilno participated occasionally. One time, she masqueraded with fellow activist Mel Merrill as a straight couple — bringing a pineapple upside-down cake to complete the disguise — to a conservative church meeting held to discuss the overturning of the Human Dignity Ordinance. If it meant gaining insight into important LGBT issues, the activist in Ms. Dilno could not be allayed.

Ms. Dilno has been the Fundraising Chair of the San Diego Democratic Club and served on numerous democratic and LGBT boards, including LGBT Pride, The Center and Voices for Justice. She was Grand Marshall of the 1989 San Diego LGBT Pride along with Jess Jessop, and has received, among others, Jeri Dilno Day recognition from Mayor Maureen



O'Connor, the Harvey Milk Award at the 1988 Nickys, the 1990 Jess Jessop Memorial Founders Award from The Center, and the Susan B. Anthony achievement award in 1992 from the San Diego chapter of NOW.



MR. DARL EDWARDS

Darl Edwards has been a successful San Diego businessman since 1959, and has bolstered the LGBT community through entertainment and business ventures, charity work and financial donations.

He co-founded the Imperial Court de San Diego in 1973 and produced the first Imperial Court Ball at the Royal Hotel the same year — the first LGBT public event held at a San Diego hotel. He was the first elected president of the Something Special AIDS Food Pantry, and has donated substantially to LGBT and AIDS organizations over the past four decades.

Edwards was born in 1930 in Decatur, Illinois, where he attended high school. He joined the Marine Corps after graduating and served at Camp Pendleton, deciding to stay in San Diego after his discharge.

A natural businessman who loves to entertain, Edwards quickly became successful in the San Diego restaurant and adult entertainment businesses. He owned a restaurant called Dee's, several private men's clubs, and the Las Flores Hotel. After relocating to Hawaii for a year, where he managed a private men's club in Honolulu, Edwards returned to San Diego and continued his entrepreneurial pursuits.

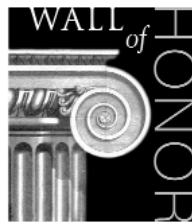
Recognizing a need in the local LGBT community for a sense of public acknowledgment and celebration, Edwards founded the first local LGBT awards ceremony, called "The Sandies," in 1972 with a business partner, Don Lavigne. In 1973, they decided to spice up the Sandies by combining them with a fierce election for what was then called the "Royal Court de San Diego." The competition featured 10 candidates for Emperor and 15 candidates for Empress. In that election, 900 people voted and the event was so popular that it became an annual gala, renamed the Imperial Court de San Diego. The fundraising organization is now a non-profit California

Public Benefit Corporation and has raised money for LGBT, AIDS and recovery organizations including Mama's Kitchen, AIDS Foundation San Diego, Citizen's Patrol and Auntie Helen's Fluff and Fold. The Imperial Court is also the trustee of the Harvey Milk/Tom Homann Gay and Lesbian Student Scholarship Fund, founded in 1979.

Though a prominent member of the LGBT and San Diego business communities, Edwards has never been a public figure, preferring to support LGBT and civil rights causes with private, frequently anonymous donations. However, when Dr. Brad Truax appealed to the San Diego Board of Supervisors to shut down San Diego's private men's clubs in 1988, Edwards, civil rights attorney Tom Homann and several other local business owners went down to City Hall and protested the decision. Edwards has also supported campaigns against Anita Bryant, the Briggs Initiative, Lyndon LaRouche and others who have threatened LGBT civil rights.

Independently of the Imperial Court, Edwards has contributed to numerous civil rights and LGBT campaigns, and has helped fund community organizations such as The Center and Something Special AIDS Food Pantry. He is currently the owner of Club San Diego.





REV. DAVID FARRELL

The Reverend David Farrell served the San Diego LGBT community as Senior Pastor of the Metropolitan Community Church of San Diego for 20 years, providing a safe, caring environment where people could come for support in the early days of the LGBT civil rights movement and throughout the AIDS crisis.

Rev. Farrell, a San Diego native, graduated from St. Augustine Roman Catholic High School. He attended the University of San Diego's Roman Catholic seminary, but lost his direction from the ministry, due to alcoholism for a number of years. In 1970, he began attending MCCSD, where he started an LGBT Alcoholics Anonymous group called Alcoholics Together, and sang in the church choir. After a year of sobriety, he felt his calling to the ministry return. He spent four more years serving as a lay minister and studying Protestantism at Samaritan College before being selected as MCCSD's third pastor in 1975, following the Rev. John Paul Stevens, who was the first pastor, and Rev. Elder "Papa" John Hose, who was the second.

It was not unusual during the mid 1980s in San Diego's LGBT community to know dozens of people afflicted with the AIDS virus. From a pastor's perspective, the AIDS epidemic seemed like wartime; in Rev. Farrell's 300-member flock, he buried an average of fifteen young men a year who had died of the disease. There was an increasing demand for MCCSD's counseling and support services; a severe lack of government attention and medical funding caused members of the LGBT community to rely heavily on the church as a physical and emotional care center, which Rev. Farrell encouraged.

In 1985, frustrated with the absence of broad community response to the AIDS crisis, Rev. Farrell invited various community groups to participate on December 1st in a 50-hour prayer vigil and series of workshops with members of MCCSD. In 1986, the MCC denomination asked Rev.

Farrell to lead an international campaign to sponsor similar events in other Metropolitan Community Churches, as well as in mainline denominations. In that first event, more than 5,000 churches around the world held these 50-hour vigils. In 1988, the United Nations and the World Health Organization proclaimed December 1 of each year to be World AIDS Day.

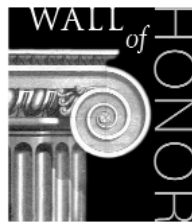
At a time when many San Diego LGBT community members were in denial about the social decimation AIDS was wreaking on the community, Rev. Farrell and the MCCSD were criticized for dedicating so much time and funding to AIDS assistance. Asserting that he did not want a congregation "anesthetized behind stained-glass windows," Rev. Farrell started having Fireside chats in the sanctuary of MCCSD in 1989, encouraging people with HIV/AIDS, their spouses, family, friends and caregivers to attend. These meetings were a way to assess how the community was doing, and to offer whatever support or service was necessary to meet their needs.

As Senior Pastor, Rev. Farrell also helped unify the LGBT community into a political force. He was involved in raising awareness and gathering support in California for the fight against Anita Bryant and the Briggs Initiative. When he stepped down as Senior Pastor in 1995, the San Diego City Council declared December 3 to be "Reverend David Farrell Day" in San Diego for his twenty years of service to the MCC and to the citizens of San Diego.

After retirement, he became the manager of Internet



Resources and Outreach Ministry at MCC denominational headquarters in West Hollywood, CA. He now resides in the Palm Springs, CA area with his partner of 30 years, Gil Caldwell.



MS. CYNTHIA LAWRENCE-WALLACE

Dr. Cynthia Lawrence-Wallace describes herself as a feminist woman of African descent, who is a humanist. With her lifemate, Peggy Heathers, she was a member of the original planning committee for The Center in the early 70's. Among their other activities and in the company of other women, Cynthia and Peggy organized the first women's program at The Center.

Dr. Lawrence-Wallace is the founder and first director of the San Diego Women's Chorus (SDWC) in 1987. Created to sing music written by, for and about women, SDWC sang music that inspired social change and cultural inclusion and addressed human rights. The chorus is still active and is a member of Sister Singers as well as GALA, the Gay and Lesbian Association of Choruses.

During her childhood in Andover, MA Cynthia's family (she is one of 15 children) was one of the few African American families in the area. As a woman, as a woman of color, and as a lesbian, she constantly experienced the oppression dealt a person who is different from the norm. However, those experiences strengthened her determination to undertake social and political change and to fight hatred, injustice and prejudice throughout her life.

Dr. Lawrence-Wallace came to San Diego in 1960, after graduating from Boston State Teacher's College. Because she was told that Andover, MA was, "not ready to integrate their teaching staff," Cynthia accepted a teaching position with San Diego City Schools. It was there that she began her professional life in education, a passion which continues to this day.

Cynthia continues her commitment to social change and the elimination of racism, especially in the educational system. She has developed materials for the State of California, written curricula and attended and taught at a variety of conferences, seminars and teacher trainings focused on eliminating discrimination and racism in education. She

is currently one of the Council of Elders of Fanno Academy — an African-centered charter school designed to eliminate the achievement gap. In 1991, Dr. Lawrence-Wallace was appointed as a commissioner of the County of San Diego Race Human Relations Commission until it was disbanded.

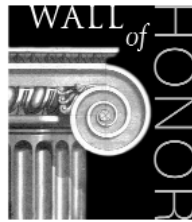
She holds a Ph.D. in Higher Education and Social Change from Western Institute for Social Research in Berkeley, CA, where she continues to work with graduate students. She is retired from University of California, San Diego where she taught for thirty years in the teacher education program.

Cynthia has been on the board of GALA and is a founding member of LAGADU (Lesbians and Gays of African Descent United). She was honored to be the 1990 Grand Marshall of San Diego's LGBT Pride parade and has received the Susan B. Anthony Award from the San Diego Chapter of the National Organization for Women for her work in the community and her representation of women in teaching.

Cynthia wishes to share this honor with her lifemate, Peggy Heathers. The work they have done in the community has always been a joint effort. Cynthia supported Peggy's work as a founder of The Center before becoming an active part of the committee herself. While Cynthia directed SDWC, Peggy managed the chorus and set up the premiere performance



at the Seattle GALA conference. Cynthia also supported Peggy in organizing the San Diego Democratic Club's "Blood Sister's" drive. Cynthia notes that Peggy has never been "the woman behind the women, but the woman beside the woman."



MR. DOUG SCOTT

Jon Douglas Scott was born on July 1, 1948 in Kansas City. His earliest political activities reflected his conservative Midwestern beginnings. As a high school student, his activities included his first political campaign, Goldwater for President, and a stint with the “Up With People” singing group.

Doug received his teaching degree, with emphasis on history, from Central Missouri State University in 1970. After graduation, he worked as a social studies teacher and later entered the business world. At the same time, he was a member of the Kansas National Guard.

Doug’s political perspective changed as the war in Vietnam moved him to support George McGovern for president in 1972. In 1976, Doug was active in local presidential political campaigns working in support of Mo Udall and Jimmy Carter.

In 1978, Doug was angered by the homophobic campaign of Anita Bryant and took it upon himself to raise money for the fight against her bigotry. He shocked his friends by setting up a table outside a gay bar to collect donations. He was on this was to turning his political activism to LGBT causes. Later than year, he sold his Kansas City home, used the profits to start an antique business and moved to San Diego.

He attended his first Democratic Club meeting in 1979. He served as membership chair in his first Club position. He encouraged the executive board to include opposite gender co-chairs, ensuring a strong female presence in the Club which continues to this day. It was his commitment to women’s issues that earned him one of his most honored rewards, the designation by his friends at the Club’s Women’s Caucus as an honorary lesbian.

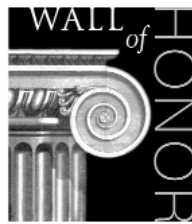
Doug’s fascination with the political system took him to New York for the 1980 Democratic National Convention, where he was an observer. Doug also became involved in State and County Democratic Party politics, serving on the central committees of each, and forming friendships with state legislators such as Lucy Killea.

In 1985 and 1986, Doug took the helm of the Democratic Club as its president. During these years, Doug continued his commitment to grassroots activism, encouraging the Club to computerize its “Gay Vote” mailing list and raising money for the equipment to do so. In 1987, SDDC recognized Doug’s long history of activity on behalf of LGBT rights with its highest honor, the Human Rights Award.

Toward the end of his second term, Doug was forced to reduce his political involvements because AIDS was sapping his energy. He never stopped seeing opportunities, however, and he began speaking in public about the disease in the hope that knowledge would overcome fear.

Doug died at 9:00AM on Friday, February 24, 1989 at UCSD Medical Center of complications related to AIDS. Services were held February 25th at the First Unitarian Church in Hillcrest.





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MR. THOMAS "THOM" CAREY was a principal founder of the Gay Center for Social Services and a lifelong civil rights activist. A tireless promoter of the Center, Mr. Carey attended every meeting

and participated in every project. He also contributed artwork and helped construct leaflets for fundraising, then distributed them — all at the risk of losing his job if his employer discovered he was gay.



MS. BARBARA CRUSBERG dedicated her life to human rights and to strengthening the LGBT community through business and community organizations. She was one of the San Diego LGBT

community's most beloved activists, with an impressive history of fundraising, volunteering, strong opinions, leadership and relentless work.



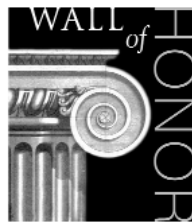
MR. JOHN CIACCIO became one of the first people to speak publicly about the AIDS epidemic, helping to put a face on the disease after his diagnosis in 1985. Already outspoken and influential

in the LGBT community, Mr. Ciaccio challenged the government to confront the spread of AIDS and meaningfully participate in its prevention.

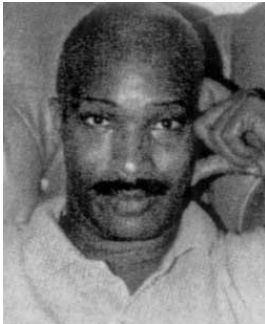


MR. JOHN EBERLY was a founding member of The Center in 1971 and an active member of the Metropolitan Community Church of San Diego (MCCSD). He served on The Center's Legal

Committee and the Board of Directors in 1973, helping develop The Center from a small charity organization whose funds had to be funneled through Episcopal Community Services to an independent, nonprofit social welfare agency. Mr. Eberly was devoted to The Center; he organized meetings and facilitated discussion groups, tirelessly promoting the importance of The Center for the San Diego LGBT community.

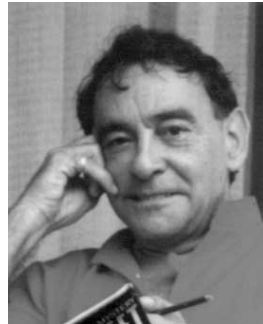


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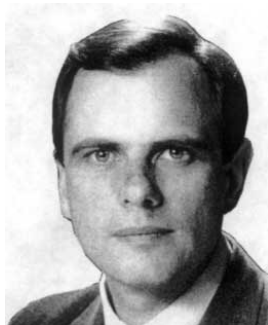
MR. DON EDMUNDSON was one of San Diego's premier female impersonators. The first African-American Empress of the Imperial Court system, crowned Empress I Tawny Tann, Mr. Edmundson was

well known throughout California as a performer and popular emcee for charity fundraisers.



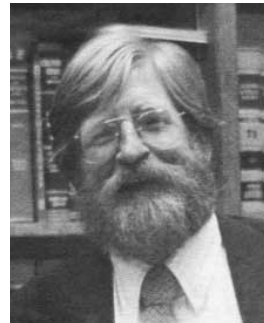
MR. DON HAUCK was a cofounder of Update, the first LGBT newspaper in San Diego. He dedicated much of his later professional life to helping create and sustain a stable, positive, cohesive and

inclusive LGBT community.



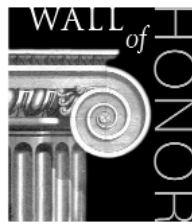
MR. NEIL GOOD ran for the San Diego City Council in 1987, becoming the second openly gay candidate to run for political office in San Diego history. He finished third in the primary for the

8th Council District, proving that sexual orientation was not a deterrent to political success. His mainstream campaign earned him the unbiased respect of civic and district leaders.

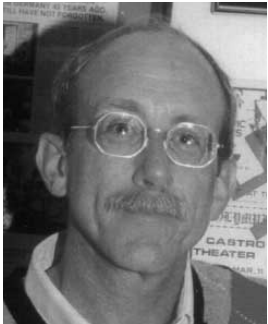


MR. TOM HOMANN was a civil rights attorney who fought for First Amendment and LGBT rights for almost twenty years in San Diego. Proclaiming a desire to resist authority as much as possible,

Mr. Homann decided early on to make his career "fun and interesting" by litigating constitutional issues.



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MR. ROBERT "JESS" JESSOP was one of the original founders of the San Diego LGBT Center and the Lesbian and Gay Historical Society of San Diego. A visionary and an activist, he recognized the

needs of the people around him and created ways to provide for them. Frequently signing his letters "Yours In The Struggle," Mr. Jessop is remembered for his political organization and community devotion.



MS. CORRINE "MARTIE" MACKEY was an activist and a writer. An African-American lesbian, Ms. Mackey was particularly aware of minority oppression; she focused throughout her life on

unifying the individual oppressed communities she embodied, often getting up at four o'clock in the morning to write about it.



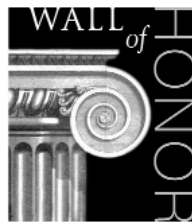
MR. CLINT JOHNSON was a successful San Diego nightclub owner, entertainer, fundraiser and community activist. A popular local personality, he was Emperor XIV of the Imperial Court

of San Diego and was able in that role to raise desperately needed funds for many AIDS causes and LGBT organizations.



MR. GARY REES was a prominent San Diego businessman and a dedicated community member. He was a founding member of The Center during his time in the Navy and helped

establish the Military Counseling Program at the Gay Center. Upon his discharge as an officer in 1974, Mr. Rees became The Center's Executive Director until 1975.

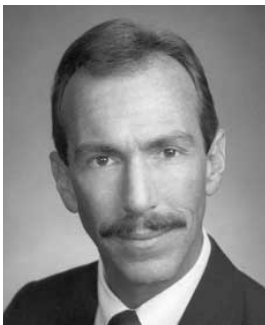


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MR. ROBERT "ROB" SHEPARD was the fifth executive director of The Center and a founder of the Gay Veterans Association. Active in LGBT community building until the end of his life, Mr. Shepherd is also remembered for his work

as a local psychotherapist, offering counseling to LGBT couples throughout the community.



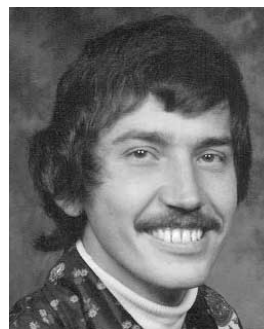
DR. A. BRAD TRUAX was a San Diego physician who dedicated his life to political issues and human rights, particularly involving the AIDS epidemic. A longtime President of the San Diego

Democratic Club, Brad used his political connections and reputation as a doctor to draw attention to AIDS as a worldwide public health issue, and worked to obtain better funding and laws to support people with AIDS.



MR. ROBERT WALSH spent his life fighting for LGBT rights and fighting to improve the lives of those in LGBT communities across the nation. Mr. Walsh started an informal chapter of the MCC in

Lafayette, Louisiana, and started a newspaper to get information out to the small congregation, which quickly turned into Lafayette's first gay newspaper. He helped found the Louisiana Gay Political Action Caucus, and held the first Stonewall Pride celebration in 1982. After moving to San Diego, he started an LGBT self-defense group in 1988 called the Lavender Angels that encouraged members of the community to speak out about LGBT hate crimes.



MR. JERRY WHITE was an activist in the San Diego LGBT community while still a student in college in the early 1970s. He served on the Founder's Committee of The Center in his spare time,

helping Bernie Michels, Jess Jessop and the other members hold fundraisers at local bars and develop the various services the organization would provide. He also served as a group facilitator and peer counselor on the Men's Self-Development Committee.

THE SAN DIEGO LGBT COMMUNITY WALL OF HONOR

Nomination Form and Instructions

INSTRUCTIONS

Nominations for the San Diego LGBT Community Wall of Honor are a community-wide activity open for participation by all community members. Community members who have made significant lifetime contributions to the San Diego LGBT Community and who meet The Wall's specific criteria can be nominated by any member of San Diego's LGBT community.

Nominations are to be accompanied by a completed Nomination Form, a brief biography of the nominee, contact information for community members that are able to offer further background information on the nominee, and at least one black and white photograph of the nominee.

Completed materials should be mailed to The San Diego LGBT Community Wall of Honor Committee, c/o The Center, P.O. Box 3357, San Diego, CA 92163

THE SELECTION PROCESS

Initial inductees to The Wall were researched, nominated, and elected by a committee of community members representing many of San Diego's LGBT community organizations: The Community Wall of Honor Committee. The Community Wall of Honor Committee consists of a minimum of six members, including: representatives of The Center, the Imperial Court de San Diego, the Lambda Archives, San Diego Human Dignity Foundation, San Diego LGBT Pride, and two at-large community members. The role of the committee is to disseminate and collect nomination forms, ensure that timely and appropriate background research is conducted, select final inductees, and to organize and produce the annual induction ceremony and Community History Book.

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Nominations are accepted by the Wall of Honor Committee throughout the year until September 30th of each year. On September 30th nominations for the coming year's induction are closed and the committee begins to collect the research that will allow brief biographies to be written for each potential honoree. Nominations received after September 30th will be considered in the subsequent year.

Following the compilation of the nominations and background research, in January of each year the San Diego LGBT Community Wall of Honor Committee meets to select the year's inductees. Each nomination is examined to make certain that the criteria for inclusion are met. Selection is made by majority vote of the committee. Honorees are announced in May, one month prior to the dedication and induction ceremony held annually in June.

SAN DIEGO LGBT COMMUNITY WALL OF HONOR CRITERIA

The San Diego LGBT Community Wall of Honor is intended to recognize persons who, while residing in San Diego County:

1. Have made a notable contribution toward the advancement of LGBT equal rights/hate crime protections or towards raising community consciousness of those issues. (Dr. Martin Luther King/Cesar Chavez Rule)
2. Have played a significant role in establishing/leading/enhancing organizations, non-profits, businesses, professional offices, movements, committees, clubs and/or individual efforts that have benefited the LGBT community. The role may include monetary contributions but may not be exclusively financial in nature. (Florence Nightingale Rule)
3. Have by design or circumstance fulfilled a role of historic significance in promoting or calling attention to the need for equal rights/hate crime protections for the LGBT community. (Rosa Parks Rule)
4. Have as a person living openly LGBT, by their singular talent, courage, conviction, industry, dedication and/or sacrifice benefited/inspired humanity and by doing so served as an exceptional role model for all citizens to emulate and/or admire. (Mother Teresa Rule)

Briefly describe the ways you believe the activities and community contributions made by the nominee meet these criteria.

Please describe anything else about the activities and contributions of this nominee that you believe should be considered.

Contact information for others who can provide background information on the nominee

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Email _____

Relationship to nominee _____

Name _____

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Information complete

Date nomination received _____

Committee member responsible for nomination packet

Date community member nominating was contacted to
acknowledge receipt _____

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