



HCSV History April 2012/March 2013

This is a brief history of activity in the HCSV since the last Installation Dinner, held on April 24, 2012, at Café Pro Bono in Palo Alto. Jon and Marie Stephens were honored with “HCSV Humanists of the Year” awards. The Board was recognized, with new members Martin Squibbs (Vice Pres.) and Peng Zhang.

On June 22-23, Bill Rausch represented the HCSV with a booth at the San Francisco Gay Pride Festival. He also had a booth at the San Jose Gay Pride festival in San Jose on August 19. Attendees at both events stopped by to visit and picked up brochures.

On June 7-10, 2012, Arthur Jackson, Alex and Sena Havasy, Paul Gilbert, Hilton Brown, Peter Bishop, Ed Yates, and Min Chang attended the 71st AHA Conference, in New Orleans.

On August 5, David Niose, immediate Past President of the AHA—and continuing Board member—spoke at the HCSV Forum about his book, Nonbeliever Nation. He stayed after lunch and signed several copies of the book, which were sold on-site by a representative from the Palo Alto Books, Inc. store.

On Nov. 25, twenty or so HCSV members attended the 3rd annual “Poetry Sunday”. About eight people read poems they’d written; some also read their favorite poems by other writers. One person read only a short rhyme by another author, not an original composition.

Three long-time members of our Community passed away in the year since the last Awards Dinner: George Martin, Burton Dupree, and Jon Stephens.

Feb. 25, 2013 – The Board election resulted in three returning members and two new members. Andrea Dorey, Marie Stephens, and Arthur Jackson remain on the Board, with Arthur and Marie being re-elected to their previous positions as President and Treasurer, respectively. Harriane Mills and Paul Gilbert were elected to the Board as new members. Continuing members Martin Squibbs and Helen Athey retained their positions in the officer election at the February Board meeting as Vice President and Recorder, respectively.