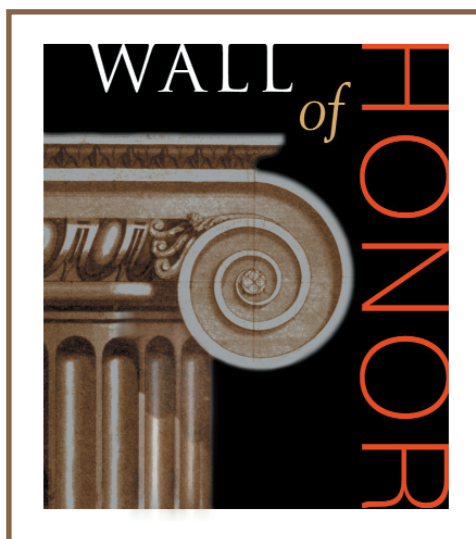


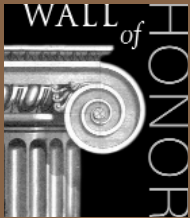
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THE 2006 SAN DIEGO LGBT COMMUNITY WALL OF HONOR

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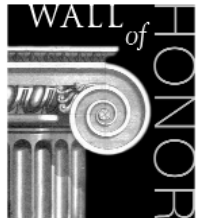
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# THE SAN DIEGO LGBT COMMUNITY WALL OF HONOR

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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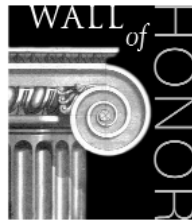
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## MS. MURIEL FISHER

**M**uriel Fisher, San Diego artist and activist, was born April 11, 1919 in New York and passed away at age 85 on February 26, 2005. Even in her eighties, she remained active in both artistic and political community events: just one week before she died, she had participated in an art show. Muriel was a founder of Many Hands Craft Gallery, San Diego's oldest artist cooperative, and a member there for nearly thirty years. In homage, Many Hands honored her work in April 2005 with a month-long tribute and celebration.

Muriel's artistic medium was collecting "found junk," then recycling it and creating beautifully crafted art pieces out of fabric, beads, yarn, feathers, buttons, and objects from nature. Muriel also included poems with her artwork.

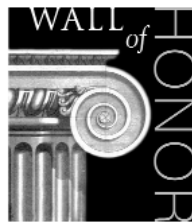
Her crowning achievement was a series of twelve dolls that she made with the help of a grant from the Thanks Be to Grandmother Winifred Foundation, a private foundation that encourages the creativity of women 54 and over to implement projects that empower and enrich aspects of adult women's well-being. Muriel portrayed twelve "Exceptional Women" in the arts: Georgia O'Keeffe, Anais Nin, Toni Morrison, May Sarton, Martha Graham, Frida Kahlo, Gertrude Stein, Virginia Woolf, Beatrice Wood, Louise Nevelson, Barbara MacDonald, and a self-portrait. There was even a video made of her progress on the dolls, which ran on PBS.

Part of her reason for developing the "Exceptional Women" show was to inspire older women to never give up their dreams. As she said: "This is my way of paying homage to exceptional women in the arts. . . I've found doll making extremely fascinating and a source of never-ending satisfaction because it utilizes or weaves together all of my past experiences in the arts of sculpting, painting, stitchery, weaving, and theatre." The dolls are permanently housed at the Women's History Museum in San Diego.

Muriel was also very active in founding and volunteering for local lesbian organizations, including the San Diego Lesbian Organization, San Diego Jewish Lesbian Chavarah, Slightly Older Lesbians, and Shirrtails Collective Coffee Houses, a monthly open-mic night. She also performed and created stage sets for the Beautiful Lesbian Thespians theatre group, even playing the King in an all-women production of "Cinderella" when she was in her sixties. Because of her extensive community involvement, Muriel was interviewed for the Lesbian History Project of the Lesbian and Gay Historical Society of San Diego/Lambda Archives. She also served as Grand Marshal in the San Diego Pride Parade.

Above all, Muriel is remembered for her vitality and creativity. When people would ask Muriel if she made a living with her artwork, she would respond "I don't make a living, I make a life."





## MR. HERB KING

**H**erb King, longtime activist and pillar of the San Diego LGBT community, died on September 25, 2001 of a heart attack. He was 83. Herb's legacy was marked by many organizations and publications, including *The Advocate*. The Servicemembers Legal Defense Network (SLDN) called him an "irreplaceable advocate," and a lengthy obituary in the *San Diego Union-Tribune* named him a "role model."

Herb was born and raised in Boston, and graduated from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. He served in the United States military during World War II, where he achieved the rank of Major and Battalion Commander and helped to develop K-rations (the K stands for King!). His partner of 42 years, Stan Mahan, is also a WWII veteran. After the war, Herb worked as an industrial engineer in Boston and San Francisco. Herb lived in Vista for thirty years, and became well-known as a pioneering member of the queer movement as early as 1972.

That year, he co-founded the North County Gay Association. His involvement in LGBT organizations spanned categories: he was involved in athletic, musical, political, and military causes. In 1982, Herb founded Athletes in Motion, the local umbrella organization for gay sports teams, and also organized athletes for the second Gay Games. At the games, he played tennis and participated as a member of the America's Finest City Freedom Band. Herb also co-founded the San Diego Chapter of Gay, Lesbian, Straight Education Network (GLSEN).

Politically, Herb was a noted Democratic Party fundraiser and activist. He served as a delegate to the party's national convention in 1982, 1986, and 1990. The San Diego Democratic Club has named its lifetime achievement award after Herb in honor of his dedication. Herb also backed LGBT candidates across the nation through involvement with the Gay and Lesbian Victory Fund. He achieved notoriety for financing billboards in Hillcrest to get gays to vote. In 2000,

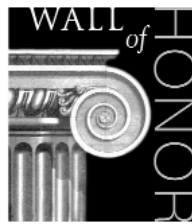
one at Robinson and Sixth Avenue read "Got Pride? Not if you don't vote."

Herb used his veteran status to fight for the rights of gay and lesbian servicemembers and military veterans. He was a member of SLDN and the Gay, Lesbian & Bisexual Veterans of America (GLBVA). Notably, he participated in a 1993 Campaign for Military Service "Tour of Duty" bus tour that took him and other gay veterans to over thirty cities across the country in five weeks. The tour advocated a repeal of the ban on gays in the military and ended at the National March on Washington.

Spreading the word was a strong part of Herb's approach to the fight for LGBT rights. He wrote for many queer publications, including *Zenger's*, where in 1995 he started "Mother's Milk," a monthly column encouraging readers to contribute to worthy causes. In 1997, the column moved to the *Gay & Lesbian Times*, where Herb continued it until his death.

Herb was honored, just after his death, with a lifetime achievement award presented by then-Assemblymember Christine Kehoe and James Hormel at an event hosted by the California LGBT group CAPE and GLBVA. He will be remembered for his dedication and commitment, but also for his sense of humor and spirit.





## MR. PATRICK McARRON

Patrick Terence McArron is a San Diego native who has served both our local LGBT community and on the national level. As an outspoken advocate for LGBT rights in the Catholic Church and beyond, Patrick has spent over three decades both educating the public on these issues and counseling LGBT Catholics struggling to reconcile their spirituality and sexuality.

Born March 7, 1947, Pat has lived in Coronado, Imperial Beach, Santee, La Mesa, Normal Heights, University City, and currently downtown San Diego. His roots in the Catholic church run deep: as a child, he attended Catholic schools and even helped his grandmother, a housekeeper for the Vicar General of the Catholic diocese at Sacred Heart Parish in Coronado, count Sunday Mass collections. He later served as a volunteer secretary to the San Diego State College Catholic Chaplain and was a seminary student. These connections to the church would prove fruitful, as he put them to use in educating church leaders about the struggles of LGBT Catholics and working for inclusion in the church.

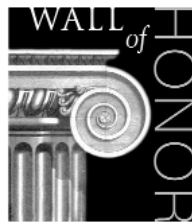
In 1970, Patrick married Judy Carton. After their annulment, they teamed up to speak on behalf of LGBT people. In 1972, Patrick co-founded (with Patrick McSweeney) the San Diego chapter of DignityUSA, the national organization working for “respect and justice for all gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgender persons in the Catholic Church and the world through education, advocacy and support.” Pat was elected first director of DignityUSA’s Pacific Region, and went on to serve as vice president and then president of the DignityUSA. He created and edited the *Hummingbird*, the local Dignity monthly newsletter, and created websites for the Pacific Region chapters of DignityUSA. Most recently, Pat has been working on the Dignity archives, and has served as the local chapter’s president.

Pat’s work in this area has been groundbreaking. He created the Advance Weekends LGBT Retreat Service for LGBT Catholics, and also spearheaded a first-of-its-kind workshop on LGBT issues in the Catholic Church for the Catholic and Episcopal priests of the local dioceses. In 1979, he helped organize the first LGBT Catholic Convention in San Diego for DignityUSA. The event drew a crowd of 600 people from around the world and was featured on the front cover of the Catholic Diocesan newspaper

Of course, this was not the first nor the last time Pat utilized the media to gain visibility for the cause. He was among the early San Diego LGBT pioneers to “go public” in the press and in 1973, Pat helped establish and produce the *Pacific Coast Times* LGBT news magazine. During that decade, he was featured in mainstream newspapers and on television. More recently, he has been featured in the *National Catholic Reporter*, “These Days” on KPBS, and in a cover article of the *Gay and Lesbian Times*.

Pat met his life partner Glenn in 1972; they have been together now for over 34 years.





## MR. DOUG MOORE

The history of San Diego Pride cannot be told without Doug Moore, which is why it is fitting that he has dedicated his life not only to Pride but also to preserving its history.

While Doug was raised in Santa Ana, he has family roots in San Diego. He remembers falling asleep to the sounds of waves at Pacific Beach during summers at his grandmother's house. This history made Doug gravitate to San Diego in 1972.

Doug came out in 1974, having had a hard time reconciling his involvement in the Presbyterian Church and his sexuality. He was introduced to Howard Williams, then the minister of Oceanside Metropolitan Community Church (MCC). Howard took Doug to a meeting for the first San Diego Pride celebration at the first Center location on B Street, where Doug saw Nicole Murray-Ramirez speaking to 150 people sitting on the lawn. It was his first introduction to activism, and he was hooked.

Doug became involved with the Oceanside MCC. That first year, he attended Pride, but fear kept him on the side streets, hiding behind a tree and peeking out to watch the church's contingent. By the next year, Doug was marching himself, and the year after that he was an organizer. 2006 marks his 31st year working on Pride.

Pat Burke of *Update* once told Doug to "pick your turf and stay on it." Clearly, Pride is Doug's turf. He has been credited with helping to institutionalize Pride. Although he's been through some turbulent times with Pride, Doug has served in almost every capacity and has received two Lifetime Achievement Awards. Retired from the Board of Directors, Doug now serves as an emeritus member to provide background and advice. He reminds newer members of Pride's roots, from the early marches to the first festival, which featured just eight booths.

Doug has been a leader not only locally, but across the country and even internationally. He worked with an activist in Boston to create the National Association of Gay and Lesbian Pride, which first met in 1983 with six founding cities and went on to become InterPride, The International Association of

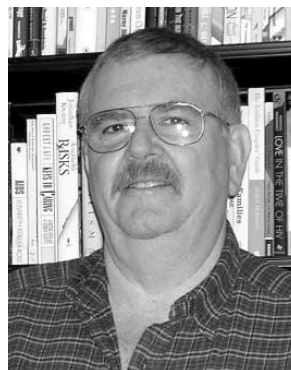
Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Pride Coordinators. Be-cause of Doug, San Diego has the distinction of being a founding city in these groups, as well as a groundbreaker in other areas, including being one of the first cities to hire an Executive Director for Pride.

Doug's work with Pride is also remarkable because of his commitment to recording history. He has compiled one of the largest collections of Pride materials in the world-including posters, buttons, t-shirts, programs, banners, photos, periodicals, and more. The Pride Collection got its start when some groups failed to show up for their booths at the 1983 festival. Doug brought in some framed Pride posters in order to fill the space, and festival attendees loved them. In 1987, he created a larger display, and it has grown to include over a thousand unique pieces occupying two storage units! Housed with the Lambda Archives, the collection is displayed at Pride on important anniversaries, and has been shown at events across the country and in Canada.

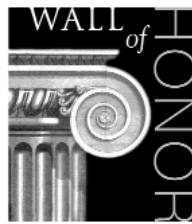
Because of his dedication to preserving history, Doug is the archivist for InterPride, and the current President of Lambda Archives (Doug gave many materials to help Jess Jessop found the archives). Doug has also impacted the San Diego community in other ways. He founded the North County Gay Association in 1978, holding meetings in his Escondido office. That year he also served as treasurer for the Save Our Teachers campaign, the group combating Anita Bryant. Doug has volunteered for the Center, and considers himself "a silent strong supporter." He was the secretary of SAGE at one point in the 1990s, but the

meetings conflicted with Pride, and so he returned to his roots.

Doug chose Pride to be his life's work because of a desire to prevent others from having to hide behind trees, as he did that first year of Pride, simply because of who they are.







## MS. MARIA PLASENCIA

When Maria Elena Plasencia died in late January 2005, San Diego lost a passionate advocate for social justice. Maria was only 46 when she died of insulin shock, related to her diabetes. Maria was “the activist’s activist,” building coalitions among the women’s movement, Democratic Party politics, and LGBT rights into a broader fight for diversity, change and equality.

Maria grew up in Crown Point, Indiana. Her father, a steel mill worker, had come from Mexico as a young man. Maria was the first member of her family to attend college; she graduated with a degree in accounting from the University of Dayton. At the time of her death, Maria had lived in San Diego for over a decade. She was employed professionally as an auditor for General Electric Commercial Finance, but certainly devoted enough time to various organizations for activism to count as a second full-time job!

Desiring solidarity between the women’s and LGBT movements, Maria worked as a volunteer leader for both causes. As a longtime feminist and supporter of reproductive rights, she was heavily involved in the National Organization for Women (NOW) at local, state and national levels. Following the example of some of her role models such as Shirley Chisholm, Bella Abzug, Gloria Steinem, Gracia Molina de Pick and Midge Costanza, Maria mentored women newer to social activism. She was a leader in forming the San Diego State University chapter of NOW, and in organizing the 500-member San Diego contingent to the 2004 March for Women’s Lives in Washington, DC. That year, she was elected to the national NOW board, and in fact was scheduled to attend a NOW board meeting the week she died.

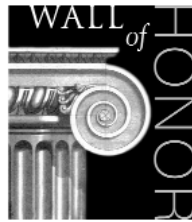
Maria was extremely involved in the LGBT political community. In 1998, she joined the San Diego Democratic Club, becoming the women’s caucus chair the following year and the executive vice president in 2001. Just before she died, she was

unanimously reelected to that post. She was elected as an alternate to the board of National Stonewall Democrats in 2003, and soon became known for attending more meetings than many standing board members.

As a member of the San Diego County Democratic Party Central Committee and representative at Democratic Party conventions, Maria was a strong advocate for progressive politics and grassroots organizing. Her direct electoral campaign experience began in San Diego with the Christine Kehoe for Congress campaign in 1998. She went on to volunteer both for Kehoe’s later campaigns and those of many others, including Susan Davis, Bob Filner, Donna Frye, Toni Atkins, Dwayne Crenshaw, Vince Hall, and Deborah Berger.

Maria will be remembered for her uncompromising beliefs, sense of humor, and willingness to commit herself fully to a cause. Fellow activist Gloria Johnson was quoted in Maria’s *Union-Tribune* obituary, saying that she “was one of the most energetic, passionate supporters of what she believed in that I’ve known.” In Maria’s own words, “[she] had the rare satisfaction of being able to say ‘I did everything I could.’”





## MR. RON UмбаUGH

**R**on Umbaugh was a community businessman known for his generosity and kindness. As the owner of the Crypt and several associated companies, Ron was active in many facets of San Diego's community and political life, including co-founding the local gay business association.

Ron grew up as an only child in Michigan and Ohio, and attended Kent State University. In 1970, he and Bob Clark moved to San Diego together-driving out from Michigan in a hearse! Ron had worked for the Kresge company in Michigan, and so he was able to obtain a position managing the Kmart in El Cajon. In a move that illustrates his commitment to loved ones, Ron left that position when his supervisors denied his request for leave to attend a family funeral.

In 1976, Ron met Virginia Umbaugh through her brother Dennis. Virginia had moved to San Diego from Ohio, and they became very good friends after Ron gave her a place to stay. They married in 1984, and Ron adopted Virginia's son Terry. They lived in the El Cajon/La Mesa area.

Inspired by a similar leather store in Los Angeles, and having learned from past businesses in San Diego that didn't fare well, Ron built the Crypt into a thriving local boutique. He created his own companies, DYN American and Cryptotechnology Corporation, that handled both manufacturing and retail. Although Ron and Virginia sold the businesses before he died, the buyer was unsuccessful, and Virginia took the companies back. Forced to file bankruptcy, Virginia credits Ron's strong reputation within the community with helping the businesses rebound quickly. She felt as though Ron was on her shoulder, guiding her along the way. Given a strong foundation by Ron, the Crypt is still flourishing, including two locations in San Diego, two in Denver, one in Long Beach, and one in Seattle.

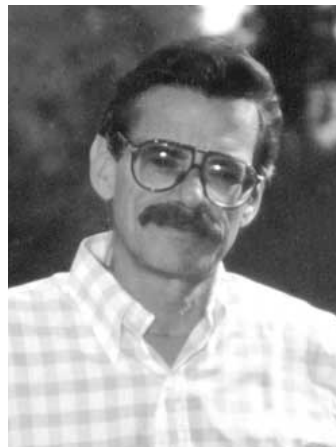
In May of 1979, Ron founded the Greater San Diego Business Association (GSDBA) with other local businesspeople.

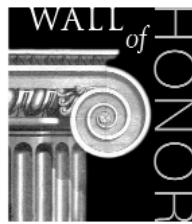
The GSDBA, San Diego's lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and community-supportive Chamber of Commerce, began with 21 members and now has more than 750. It has grown to become one of the largest specialty chambers in the county and the second-largest gay, lesbian and supportive chamber in the nation.

Ron's involvement with GSDBA was symptomatic of his broader orientation to life. He believed that it was his responsibility to be involved in and give back to the community. Ron had a strong sense of values and ethical behavior, and was renowned for his kindness. He inspired others as well to be more generous and less judgmental.

Ron was "a free spirit" who believed strongly in fundamental rights and freedom, which led him to be active in politics. Ron also loved to read and to travel. His philosophy was that people should work hard but also play hard, and so he traveled as a respite from work. Journeying often to Mexico and Hawaii, Ron had also been around the world. He always advised others not to wait to do anything, but to take action today.

Ron developed AIDS in the early years of the epidemic, and died in June 1990. Nicole Murray-Ramirez remembers Ron as "a great man with a beautiful, caring heart," and his legacies remain part of the San Diego community.





## MS. BRIDGET WILSON

**B**ridget J. Wilson has a lifelong history in activism, from Democratic Party work as a child to later fights in the women's and LGBT movements. She is known for her longtime commitment to achieving equal rights, and for standing up to be counted even when it may be unpopular.

Raised in Iowa and Nebraska, Bridget broke barriers from an early age. In high school, she was the first girl selected for the then boy's rifle team-leading some schools to refuse to compete against her. Graduating from Creighton University in 1971, Bridget went on to serve in the United States Army Reserve from 1977-1980, with an honorable discharge and several commendations. She trained as a nurse and worked in that capacity until 1987 (including serving as a staff nurse for Dr. Brad Truax, who was previously named to the Wall of Honor). Bridget then entered the legal field, graduating from the University of San Diego School of Law. During her time there, she was a founding member of the Gay and Lesbian Law Student Association. Afterward, she opened her own practice, and then in 1997 formed her current law firm. At Rosenstein, Wilson and Dean, P.L.C., Bridget focuses on military, civil litigation, business, employment, and personal injury law.

Bridget has been a pioneer in both San Diego and national LGBT communities. She marched in the earliest gay pride parades at a time when some wore paper bags over their heads to prevent identification. She was on the original volunteer staff for The Center in 1973, and served on the planning committee for the Lesbian and Gay Pride Parade from 1974-1979. In the 1980s, Bridget served on the executive board of the San Diego Democratic Club, and was co-chair of United SD Elections Committee, a bi-partisan political action committee for the LGBT community. She was also on the board of the AIDS Foundation in 1986-87 and for several years volunteered in the organization's legal clinic.

Bridget has put her legal expertise to work for the LGBT community in countless ways. She has been part of several

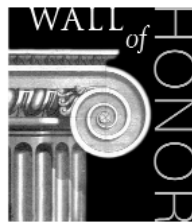
national networks of LGBT lawyers, including the National Lesbian and Gay Law Association and Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund, as well as working on behalf of the local ACLU. She was active in the creation of San Diego's LGBT bar association, the Tom Homann Law Association, and served as co-president in 1996-97. She has also advised the San Diego Police.

Bridget may be best known for her tireless efforts on behalf of LGBT service members and veterans. She is a charter member of both the San Diego Veteran's Association and American Veterans for Equal Rights. In 1982-83, Bridget was co-coordinator of the Dixon Defense Group coalition organized to defend seven Navy women witch-hunted for lesbianism, in a case that received national publicity. She has given countless presentations on issues relating to gays in the military, including being invited by former U.S. Surgeon General Dr. David Satcher to participate in a 2005 roundtable. Bridget has been consulting counsel to the Servicemembers Legal Defense Network (SLDN) since 1993.

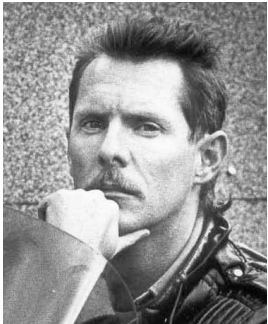
In gratitude for this impressive work, Bridget has been honored with awards from the San Diego Democratic Club, the San Diego AIDS Project and AIDS Assistance Fund, the Military Law Task Force, and SLDN. In 1986, she was named Grand Marshall for San Diego Lesbian and Gay Pride. Most recently she was elected to the Dignity of San Diego community council.



In addition to this span of more than 30 years of activism, since 1999 Ms. Wilson has served in the Judge Advocate corps of the California State Military Reserve. In that role, she is called "Major Wilson" and has won the California Medal of Merit, among other awards.



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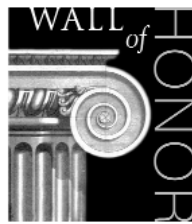
ALBERT BELL came into politics and student activism at an early age. He founded the first Gay Liberation group in San Francisco in 1970 at the age of 20 and founded Gay Student Unions at

San Francisco City College and San Francisco State University. In San Diego, he served as a board member of The Center and the AIDS Assistance Fund, and helped plan some of the earliest Gay Pride events in the city. In addition to these roles, Albert was a Radical Faerie, co-chairman of the California Gay and Lesbian Caucus, a member of the San Diego Democratic Club, a founding member of ACT UP and a delegate to the 1992 Democratic National Convention, appearing on national television as an openly HIV+ individual. Albert Bell died at home of AIDS in 1993 at the age of forty three, surrounded by his friends.



JIM CUA's brief yet undeniably intense battle against inequality brought him to the forefront of the San Diego political scene. 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 by forming several LGBT support organizations for communities of color. Following his death from AIDS-related complications in 1994, 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.



## 2005 HONOREES



San Diego native JERI DILNO has a long history of activism, beginning when she fought and successfully overturned her 'undesirable discharge' from the US Air Force in 1961. Jeri has been Editor of

the *Gay & Lesbian Times*, 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.



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

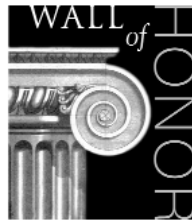
financial donations. A founder of the Imperial Court de San Diego, Darl has served as Chair of the Board of Something Special Food Pantry. Independent of the Imperial Court, Darl has contributed to numerous

civil rights and LGBT campaigns, and has helped fund community organizations such as Stepping Stone, The Center, Something Special AIDS Food Pantry, Mama's Kitchen, AIDS Foundation San Diego, Citizen's Patrol and Auntie Helen's.



The Reverend DAVID FARRELL served the San Diego LGBT community as Senior Pastor of the Metropolitan Community Church of San Diego for 20 years. On December 1, 1985,

frustrated with the absence of broad community response to the AIDS crisis, Rev. Farrell led 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 vigils. In 1988, the United Nations and the World Health Organization proclaimed December 1 of each year to be World AIDS Day. 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. He now resides in the Palm Springs, CA area.



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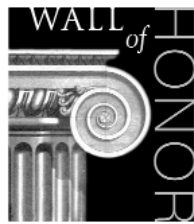
CYNTHIA LAWRENCE-WALLACE, a well-known community activist, was a member of the original planning committee for The Center in the early 70's with her lifemate, Peggy Heathers.

Cynthia and Peggy helped organize the first women's program at The Center. Later Cynthia established the San Diego Women's Chorus, which Peggy also managed. That first group was made up of 14 members who rehearsed in Cynthia and Peggy's living room. Cynthia taught for thirty years at UCSD, is a former commissioner of the County of San Diego Human Relations Commission and, among other honors, 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.



DOUG SCOTT's career in political activism started in high school and continued until his death in 1989. In 1978 Doug, angered by the homophobic campaign of Anita Bryant, began raising

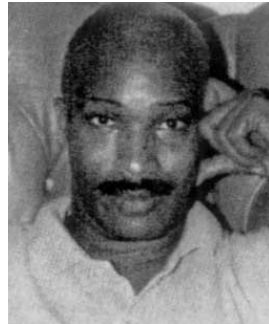
money to fight the campaign. Later that year he moved to San Diego and began working in earnest for LGBT civil rights. In 1985 and 1986, Doug took the helm of the San Diego Democratic Club (SDDC) as its president. During these years, Doug continued his commitment to grass-roots activism, focused on the "Gay Vote" mailing list and received one of his most honored awards, the designation by his friends at the Club's Women's Caucus as an honorary Lesbian. In 1987, SDDC recognized Doug's long history of activity on behalf of LGBT rights with its highest honor, the Human Rights Award.



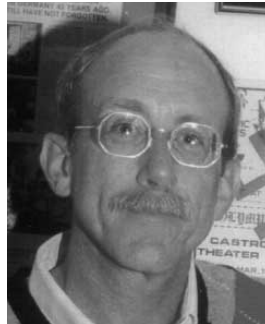
## 2004 HONOREES



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*Don Edmundson*



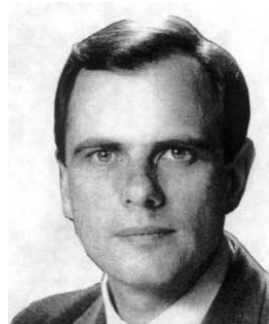
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*Robert "Rob" Shepard*



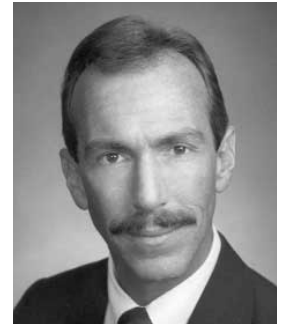
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*Neil Good*



*Clint Johnson*



*Dr. A. Brad Truax*



*Barbara Crusberg*



*Don Hauck*



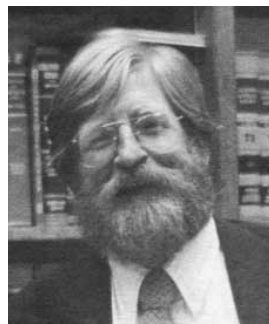
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*Robert Walsh*



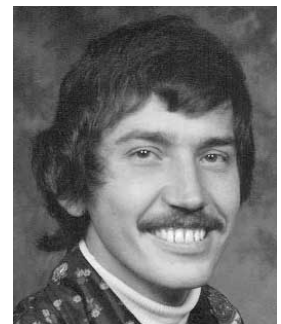
*John Eberly*



*Tom Homann*



*Gary Rees*



*Jerry White*

# 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 those who 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.

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 one month prior to the dedication and induction ceremony held annually each summer.

### 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, 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.

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

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

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Address \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

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Email \_\_\_\_\_

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Relationship to nominee \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship to nominee \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship to nominee \_\_\_\_\_

**COMMITTEE USE ONLY** Information complete

Date nomination received \_\_\_\_\_

Committee member responsible for nomination packet \_\_\_\_\_

Date community member nominating was contacted to acknowledge receipt \_\_\_\_\_

# YES I WANT TO SUPPORT OUR COMMUNITY AND OUR CENTER!

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- \$10 per month (\$120 annually)
- \$15 per month (\$180 annually)
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- \$25 per month (\$300 annually)

Other Amount  1 Time Gift \_\_\_\_\_  Monthly \_\_\_\_\_  
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## Please increase my level For "I BELONG"!

I am currently giving \$\_\_\_\_\_ per month  
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The Center's "I Belong" program allows community members and businesses to split their annual gifts into convenient monthly credit card payments. This innovative program allows many community members to more easily plan for and track their community commitments and support.

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## I WOULD LIKE TO SUPPORT:

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- Youth Housing Project
- The Marriage Project
- The Women's Resource Center
- Senior Services
- Latino/a Services
- The LGBT Community Coalition Breakfasts
- AIDS Walk 2006
- Public Policy Department
- David Bohnett Cyber Center
- The General Fund: *All 50 projects and services*

### PLEASE SEND COMPLETED FORM TO:

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