



Conversations with Nicole

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(r-l) National Gay & Lesbian Task Force executive director Matt Foreman, District Attorney Bonnie Dumanis, Councilmember Toni Atkins and Stonewall Citizens Patrol co-founder Bob Lehman

Wow, I'm finally in town for a weekend, and, boy, am I happy. Only when one is in other cities and states can they fully appreciate San Diego. We are lucky indeed to live in this beautiful and diverse city!

National Gay and Lesbian Task Force national board meeting

I attended the national board meeting of the nation's oldest and largest GLBT civil rights organization, the **National Gay and Lesbian Task Force** (NGLTF), which has headquarters in Washington, D.C. I am honored to have been elected to this board. The entire staff and my fellow board members are some of the most dedicated and committed GLBT leaders and activists in the country. A lot was accomplished at the meetings held in Los Angeles at the Hyatt Regency Century Plaza.

Additionally, businessperson Loren Ostrow hosted a reception for the event at his beautiful estate in the Hollywood Hills.

The 2007 Annual Los Angeles Leadership Awards were also held at the prestigious five-star Beverly Hills Hotel. The turn out for the awards brunch was great, with some of Southern California's biggest movers and shakers in attendance, including former NGLTF boardmember and city commissioner Bruce Abrams. This year's event honored my good friend Christine Chavez, who, as the granddaughter of civil rights and labor hero Cesar Chavez, has been a civil rights advocate since she was four years old. NGLTF also honored former Assemblymember Judy Chu, who currently serves as a member of the

California State Board of Equalization. It was awesome for the GLBT community to honor these two individuals who are straight allies in the Latino and Asian communities.

Top city officials attend patrol's first anniversary celebration

I was honored to be asked to emcee the first anniversary celebration of the Stonewall Citizens Patrol, which turned out to be a wonderful event that drew a big crowd – District Attorney Bonnie Dumanis, Police Chief William Lansdowne and City Attorney Mike Aguirre were all in attendance. Co-founders Bob Lehman and City Commissioner Tom Felkner received prolonged applause, and 40 volunteers were honored,... Councilmember Toni Atkins was also there and along with Mayor Jerry Sanders, proclaimed Oct. 1 as “Stonewall Citizens Patrol Day” throughout the City of San Diego..., the good people of San Diego LGBT Pride presented the Stonewall Citizens Patrol with a \$1,000 check.

The Stonewall Citizens Patrol, which has received national media attention and recognition, was also honored by Matt Foreman, the NGLTF executive director.