



Lesbian and Gay HISTORICAL SOCIETY of San Diego

NEWSLETTER

"Preserving and Teaching Our History"

Strides in Pride on Both Sides of the Border

by Frank Sabatini, Jr.

Tijuana's 7th annual Pride parade last month received a glowing show of support from members of San Diego Lesbian and Gay Pride. Board and staff members joined about 10 other contingents for an hour-long march that traversed through the city's downtown streets on June 9th.

The midday procession, barely publicized in Tijuana's mainstream population, took thousands of weekend shoppers and tourists by surprise as roughly 200 marchers lumbered down Second Street and Revolution Avenue carrying rainbow balloon arrangements and placards calling for gay and lesbian equality.

It was easy to imagine the uncertain environment that surrounded our own Pride parades of yesteryear as we marched past spectators who displayed mixed emotions ranging from modest



From left to right, San Diego Pride board and staff members who marched in Tijuana's 7th Pride parade: Suanne Pauley; Judi Schaim; Debra Self; Terry Bishop; Andrea Villa; Cesar Portillo; Frank Sabatini Jr.; and Larry Ramey.

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Front Runners San Diego Celebrates 20 Years

by Dennis Fiordaliso

On Saturday, July 7, 2001, Front Runners San Diego celebrated its 20th Anniversary as a leading physical fitness and social gathering organization within the LGBT community.

Back in 1981, there were only a handful of people who volunteered to come together to share their common interest in being physically fit with other like-minded community members. Today, there are more than 200

active members of the Club, both males and females, plus people of all ages and athletic abilities.

In 1981, these athletic pioneers were inspired by the efforts of Carol Pierce and Jeff Wynne to form Front Runners San Diego. The organization followed the lead of clubs in a few other cities by naming the group after the ground-breaking novel *The Front Runner* by Patricia Nell Warren.

Today there are 100 Front Runner

Clubs located in most major metropolitan areas in the United States, Canada, Europe, Asia, and Australia. San Diego will play host this fall to the annual Front Runner Forum, which brings together many of these clubs for sharing new ideas as well as friendly running competition.

To recognize the achievements of Front Runners San Diego, City Councilmember Toni Atkins was on hand to read a Proclamation from the

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