The list of honored guests at the Oct. 22 celebration of the Historical Society’s 25th anniversary included many who were not inspirational. Twenty-five outstanding LGBT citizens were presented with the Harvey Milk Award at the 25th Anniversary of the Historical Society.

Attending (in alphabetical order) were: Roberta Ackerman, pioneering attorney affiliated with the Bay Area Lawyers for Individual Freedom, cofounder of the National Gay Rights Task Force; Tom Ammann, former supervisor,openly gay activist and exponent of the Gay Rights Movement; Louise Brinker: founder of Project Open Hand; Harry Bittet: former supervisor, author of SF domestic partnership legislation, colleague of Harvey Milk, cofounder of the Harvey Milk LGBT Democratic Club; and a leader of the No on 6 campaign; Willie L. Brown, former mayor, former Speaker-California State Assembly, led efforts to pass the Consenting Adults Bill, sponsored legislation to end sexual orientation-based discrimination and to obtain state funding to fight HIV/AIDS; Cecilia Chung; chair of the Harvey Milk Scholarship Fund; Crystal A. Davis: vice president of the Harvey Milk LGBT Democratic Club; and a leader of the No on 6 campaign; Billy Curtis: director of UC Berkeley’s Gender Equity Resource Center; Sean Dorsey: dancer, actor, and founder and director of Fresh Meat Productions - a trans-gender and queer organization for performance and media arts; Sally Miller Gearhart: feminist author and educator, member of the Council on Religion and the Homosexual; Steak Lewis: dancer, choreographer and actor; James C. Hooton and Michael R. Nguyen: activists and philanthropists (Hooton was the first openly LGBT person to become a U.S. ambassador); Clive Jones: founder of the NAMES Project, cofounder of the SF AIDS Memorial Quilt; Anju Mittal: national leader of South Asians on AIDS; Laura Benanti, member of the Association of Lesbian and Gay Asians and Asian Pacific Alliance; Allender couple, bob and dina, former owner of CB University and other clubs; David R. Kessler: helped lead efforts to overturn the American Psychiatric Association’s definition of homosexuality as a mental illness, and cofounder and first president of the Gay Men’s Health Crisis; Gerrie Kowalski: founding member of the San Francisco Bay Area Lawyers for Individual Freedom, cofounder of the Harvey Milk LGBT Democratic Club and a leader of the No on 6 campaign; Audrey Joseph: legendary LGBT event promoter, including International Mr. Leather; Tom Karem: executive and national president of the National Organization for Women (NOW) C.A.; Phyllis Lyon: cofounder of the Daughters of Bilitis, the first lesbian organization in the United States, and many other organizations, and her husband Del Martin, the first survivor of the case Martina v. Breckinridge giving the right to marry for the first five years; California: Ruth Mahaney: activist and pioneering LGBT educator, member of the California LGBT Hall of Fame. No solo: Hillel Sarnoff: giving the love of the next five years; San Francisco: Rosie Sarnoff: bird, a co-founder of the Golden Gate Business Association, president of Council on Religion and the Homosexual, and a leader of the Yes on 6 campaign; Lisa glass: former director of the San Francisco AIDS Memorial Quilt; John Miner: a former San Francisco Supervisor, and a member of the board of the Harvey Milk LGBT Democratic Club;Pilar Mejia: president of the San Francisco gay African American community; Zack Quintana: board member of the Harvey Milk Gay Business Association;, president of the Harvey Milk LGBT Democratic Club, and a leader of the No on 6 campaign; Willie L. Brown, former mayor, former Speaker-California State Assembly; and two David R. Kessler: helped lead efforts to overturn the American Psychiatric Association’s definition of homosexuality as a mental illness, and cofounder and first president of the Gay Men’s Health Crisis; Gerrie Kowalski: founding member of the San Francisco Bay Area Lawyers for Individual Freedom, cofounder of the Harvey Milk LGBT Democratic Club and a leader of the No on 6 campaign; Audrey Joseph: legendary LGBT event promoter, including International Mr. Leather; Tom Karem: executive and national president of the National Organization for Women (NOW) C.A.; Phyllis Lyon: cofounder of the Daughters of Bilitis, the first lesbian organization in the United States, and many other organizations, and her husband Del Martin, the first survivor of the case Martina v. Breckinridge giving the right to marry for the first five years.