

# connections

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## **Mission Statement:**

*The Central California Alliance is a non-profit organization dedicated to promoting positive change, equal rights, social and networking opportunities for gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender people through programs of community service and philanthropy.*

## **Purpose & Objectives:**

- To provide quality social events and educational activities for the lesbian/gay community and to promote the positive images and aspects of lesbian/gay culture throughout Central California.
- To provide a resourceful arena for professional and business networking within the lesbian/gay community.
- To provide and promote programs for community education, for all persons of Central California, which will project positive, healthy and inclusive images of lesbian and gay life.
- To provide a forum for social and political advocacy which shall assure full civil rights, access and equal opportunity.

## CELEBRATE VALENTINE'S DAY FEB. 14TH!



*Clockwise: Ellen Bush, Chairperson of CCA Awards Committee; Dennis Potts, Master of Ceremonies; Dancers Josh & Kat; and Ray Hitchcock, Awards Committee Member.*

[Photographs by Ray Fagundes]

## **CCA Talent Night Attracts 150 Guests and CCA Awards \$4,200 in Annual Awards!**

CCA recently awarded six community organizations grants for programs supporting gay and lesbian youth, the arts and health.

"We are delighted to see a variety of programs and the range of people who will benefit from these projects," reported Ellen Bush, Chairperson of the CCA Award Committee.

This year \$4,200, or \$700 each, was distributed to the following groups:

- AIDS Programs at Saint Agnes: for translation services for clients and their families.
- California Transplant Donor Network: to develop informational materials about organ and tissue transplants which address the specific concerns of gays and lesbians.
- GSA Network [Gay Straight Alliance]: to support a valley-wide conference for young adults.
- PFAG [Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays]: for educational materials and ongoing support of their work with area schools and businesses.
- Planned Parenthood Mar Monte: for ongoing support of "Destination Out... of Harm's Way," an HIV prevention program for young people.
- Roosevelt School of the Arts: to underwrite transportation costs for their Middle School Enrichment Program.

Since 1993, CCA has awarded nearly \$50,000 dollars to support programs of positive change and philanthropy throughout the region.

**About CCA:**

Founded in 1993, the Central California Alliance [CCA] is a Fresno-based community-service organization supported through membership dues, as well as fundraising events. CCA is registered as a 501[c]4 non-profit organization with the IRS.



Diana Bohn, GSA Network



AIDS Program at St. Agnes



Roosevelt School of the Arts

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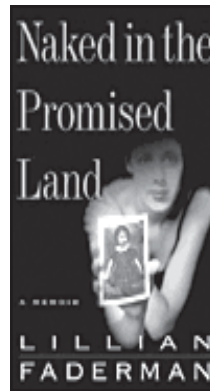
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Celebrating 10 Years of Pride & Service  
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**"Naked in the Promised Land"**

CCA Member and Author  
Lillian Faderman's new release

Booksigning:  
Saturday, February 8th  
1 - 3 PM  
Fig Garden Bookstore  
Fig Garden Village, Fresno  
Details: [559] 226-1845



*Steve Pepper and Charles Rabb*



*Josh and Tracy*



*Tracy Jones*



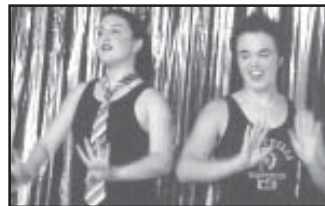
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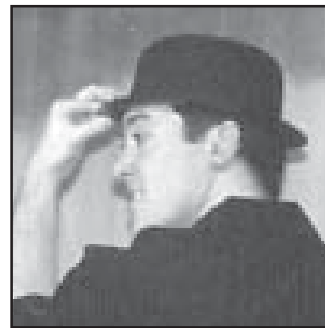
*Kat and Josh*



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