

ETVC

A California Non-Profit Corporation

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Dear Friend,

As I write this letter, we are getting ready for the first-ever California Dreamin' convention to be held right here in San Francisco (jointly presented by us with its originators, PPOC of Southern California, along with DVG and RGA). Hope to see you there!

It's also close to the beginning of a new membership year, which means it's time to renew your membership with ETVC. For the first time since 1989, we are raising our dues. Basic membership is now \$25.00. Family memberships are \$35.00. For the past several years, as we have expanded services, your Executive Committee has managed to find money from a number of successful fund-raising efforts. Unfortunately, inflation at last caught up with us, and as we drew up this year's budget we realized that a hike was unavoidable. Even with this modest increase, ETVC membership is a great bargain. Look at what you get:

- A free subscription to The Channel, our bi-monthly newsletter.
- The ETVC Cotillion--THE dress-up affair of the year.
- End-of-month socials at our new venue, Jelly's (EXCLUSIVELY ours for that evening).
- Mid-month socials at the Galleon...where you can Sing Along With Mitch.
- Poker socials: A chance to get out en femme in the warm setting of a private home.
- Annual Gender Faire: Get to meet vendors of wigs, corsets, lingerie; specialty clothing; health care and therapy providers...and much more--ALL under one roof.
- Education and TS Seminars.
- An extensive book, audio and video library, with 100's of titles.
- Freedom Day Parade participation, the AIDS Walk.

All of these marvelous activities--and more--are what you make possible as a member of ETVC. It's only \$25.00...and TAX DEDUCTIBLE!

Renew today. Support the club that supports you!

Sincerely,

Jamie Faye Fenton
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Secretary

A Call for Help from the North West Gender Alliance

Portland, OR, the City of Roses, has been a special place of peaceful tolerance for alternative lifestyles. This fun, safe place to crossdress and be yourself may be wiped away at the drop of a ballot if you don't help the NWGA defeat the infamous Measure 9 which was proposed by the Oregon Citizens' Alliance (OCA).

Ballot Measure 9 would amend the Oregon Constitution to declare that homosexuality is "abnormal, wrong, unnatural and perverse" and would, among other things, require that the public schools teach such antiquated, wrongheaded bigotry as fact. In requiring that the state and local government do nothing "to promote, encourage or facilitate homosexuality," there is no end to the mischief these hatemongers can commit. For instance, many expect that the Oregon Liquor Control Commission would be prohibited from issuing a license to a gay bar by this amendment. The list of legalized abuses would go on almost endlessly.

While this measure does not specifically mention crossdressing, the OCA's publications make it clear they do not make the distinction between heterosexual crossdressers and homosexuals. If Measure 9 passes, it would be difficult, if not impossible, to hold the 1994 IFGE Convention in Portland because no business would want to risk losing their business licensing for having served us. Even if the courts ultimately do make the distinction between crossdressing and homosexuality, there seems little question that crossdressers are next on the OCA's hit list. Whether or not legal sanctions are imposed against our hobby, Measure 9 can only feed the fires of intolerance that are burning in this nation and threaten the safety and dignity of 'all of us.

The North West Gender Alliance is treating this threat as an opportunity. An opportunity to strike a blow against ignorance, bigotry and intolerance. They have donated \$225 to the No on 9 Campaign. They also endorsed the campaign so NWGA's name will be listed in the State of Oregon Voter's Pamphlet as opposing Measure 9. In addition the members are volunteering their time to the campaign and donating their money.

The OCA is not just a lunatic fringe that will dry up and blow away. Already the OCA has met with national political leaders, including US Senator Phil Gramm, in Washington, DC. They have been steadily growing in numbers and power, but now is your chance to knock them back into the sewer they crawled out of. Now is your chance to keep them from moving into your state as well.

Recently, a number of prominent stars and directors from Hollywood, California sponsored a benefit to raise money and awareness against Measure 9. The NWGA is requesting you do likewise with a cash donation to the No on 9 Campaign. Your check should be sent to: No on 9 Campaign, c/o NWGA, PO Box 4928,

Portland, OR 97208 so NWGA can make the No on 9 Campaign aware of the aid they are receiving from the crossdressing community.

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PLEASE BE AS GENERAL OR SPECIFIC AS YOU WISH

RESOURCE SURVEY

Membership number _____

Occupation _____

Hobbies _____

Talents/Interests

(Musical Instruments, Singing, Decorating,
Design, Public Speaking, Photography, Video,
Computers, Dance, Production, Construction,
Athletics, Acting, Sewing, etc)

This list is meant to stir those creative juices of
yours.

Access to goods or services at reduced cost:

Items or services that could be donated to ETVC:

Would you be interested in investing funds for an ETVC facility
(i.e. office, changing facilities, social area etc.) Yes___ No___

ETVC survives Only because of the work of volunteers. All of us are very busy people, but we have an obligation to pitch in any way we can. This is your chance to get involved and have a wonderful time to boot. The following are a few of the activities for which we regularly need help. Please circle what interests you and pick as many as you like:

1. Make home available for small meetings (couples group, executive committee, etc. no more than once monthly).
2. Telephone hotline volunteer (phone calls forwarded to you 2-3x monthly; your number is NOT made available).
3. Public speaking engagements (daytime, flexible hours a plus, typically once a month, 2-4 hours, before student groups).
4. Help newsletter committee with mailing (once every 2 months, 2-3 hours, group activity).
5. Do page layouts for newsletter (experienced people only).
6. Decorate socials venue (group activity, last Wednesday every month, 2-3 hours).
7. Be a hostess at monthly socials, talk to newcomers (4-5 hours monthly).
8. Help verify accuracy of the new Tip Sheet (hours vary, work on your own).
9. Help setup and work at Gay Freedom Day Booth (one Sunday only at end of June, 4-8 hours, group activity).
10. Help stage Cotillion (many jobs, varying commitments, all fun, Major group activity).
11. Willing to be part of a "Phone Tree".

I would be willing to occasionally donate time to ETVC. YES___ NO___
I am interested in being more involved in the organization and would like someone to contact me. YES___ NO___

Preferred name for mail or phone contact. _____

If yes, method of contact: Mail_____

Phone_____ Number_____ (Best time to call)

At ETVC Social Meeting_____

Comments: _____

Thank You For Your Support!

Club Survey

ETVC is undertaking this survey to find out who our members are and to determine what direction they wish to take the organization. This is a very important moment in our community's history and your organization needs to know what you want it to be.

1. Your birth sex: 1. Male 2. Female
2. Are you a:
 1. Crossdresser/Transvestite
 2. Transgenderist
 3. Transsexual (pre or post-op)
 4. Spouse/Significant Other
3. Your age is: _____
4. You first joined ETVC: _____
5. If you are a transgender person, how often do you dress in clothing usually associated with the opposite sex?
_____ times per month
6. How did you first hear about ETVC?
 1. Advertisement
 2. Telephone directory
 3. News article/Radio/Television
 4. Friend
 5. Other _____
7. In January 1993 ETVC banned smoking at all social events. Do you:
 1. Approve the ban
 2. Disapprove, want to permit smoking
 3. Don't care
8. The ETVC newsletter is usually 16 pages, very large compared to most other major groups' newsletters, and comes out once every two months. The newsletter costs more than \$1000 to publish and mail each edition. Would you favor:
 1. Having a smaller, monthly newsletter, even if it meant dues would be increased to at least \$25 per year, up from \$20 now.
 2. No change, leave newsletter as is.
 3. Reduce newsletter to quarterly publication, cut dues \$5.
9. Please rate on a scale of 1 to 5, with 1 being best, these features in the ETVC Newsletter:
 - ___ Members' personal stories
 - ___ Therapists columns
 - ___ Roving Eye column
 - ___ Photos
 - ___ Significant Other's page
 - ___ News about other transgender groups
 - ___ News about ETVC events
 - ___ Regular columns (President, Editor, etc.)

- Personal improvement articles
- News about other local transgender events

10. Would you like to see anything in the newsletter that you do not see now? _____

11. There has been interest over the years in providing lockers and a changing area for ETVC members. Assuming such a facility existed, you would use it:

- 1. More than 4 times per month
- 2. Three - four times per month
- 3. Less than 3 times per month
- 4. Rarely
- 5. Never

12. Changing space would require rent, utilities and insurance. It would likely also need someone on site for security reasons. This could make it an expensive venture. What is the maximum you would you be willing to pay for regular use of such a facility as a charge separate from regular dues:

- 1. No more than \$20-30 per month, \$200-300 per year
- 2. No more than \$30-40 per month, \$300-400 per year
- 3. No more than \$40-50 per month, \$400-\$500 per year.
- 4. More than listed above.
- 5. No interest.

13. ETVC has initiated the nation's first formal anti-defamation program to respond to depictions of transgender people in the media. How important is this to you:

- 1. Top priority
- 2. Very important
- 3. Not too important
- 4. No interest at all

14. What are you priorities for ETVC over the next five years? Rank each of these items from 1 to 5, with 1 being the highest priority.

- _____ More Social activities for members
- _____ Increased educational activities for members
- _____ More outreach efforts to reach closeted individuals
- _____ Anti-Defamation work
- _____ Lobbying for laws to end discrimination
- _____ More charitable giving

15. How many ETVC sponsored events you been to in the past year?

Monthly Socials	0	1	2	3	4	5	6 or more	___
Educational Seminars	0	1	2	3	4	5	6 or more	___
Wednesday Hang out night	0	1	2	3	4	5	6 or more	___
Poker socials	0	1	2	3	4	5	6 or more	___
Couples socials	0	1	2	3	4	5	6 or more	___

16. Rate the following ETVC-sponsored events according to your likes or dislikes.

	Great		OK		Poor	Know	Don't
Monthly Socials	1	2	3	4	5	6	
Educational Seminar	1	2	3	4	5	6	
Wednesday Hang out	1	2	3	4	5	6	
Poker Socials	1	2	3	4	5	6	
Couples socials	1	2	3	4	5	6	

17. Rate the items that you like or dislike about the MONTHLY socials.

	Like		OK		Hate	Know	Don't
	Best						
Meeting & talking	1	2	3	4	5	6	
Fashion shows	1	2	3	4	5	6	
Door Prize drawings	1	2	3	4	5	6	
Decor of back room	1	2	3	4	5	6	
Dancing	1	2	3	4	5	6	
Birthday Girl prize	1	2	3	4	5	6	
Going out after	1	2	3	4	5	6	
Contests	1	2	3	4	5	6	
Location	1	2	3	4	5	6	
Time/Date held	1	2	3	4	5	6	

18. If you could change/improve anything about the monthly socials, what would you do? _____

19. What type of Education Seminars do you like/hate?

	Like		OK		Hate	Don't	Know
	Best						
Makeup Demos	1	2	3	4	5	6	
Fashion discussion	1	2	3	4	5	6	
Self-Improvement	1	2	3	4	5	6	
Gender Therapists	1	2	3	4	5	6	
Location	1	2	3	4	5	6	
Time/Date held	1	2	3	4	5	6	
Hands on demos	1	2	3	4	5	6	

20. If you could change/improve anything about the educational seminars, what would you do? _____

21. Is your wife/husband/Significant Other:
- | | |
|------------------|-------------------|
| 1. Supportive | 3. Non-accepting |
| 2. Tolerant | 4. Does not know |
| 3. Non-accepting | 5. Does not apply |

22. What do you think would help to increase the role of the SO's within the Club?

	Helpful	Some	No	Don't		
	1	2	3	4		
		Help	help	Know		
Change meeting time and dates	1	2	3	4	5	6
Provide special membership	1	2	3	4	5	6
Provide own space/room at socials	1	2	3	4	5	6
Night out as man and wife social	1	2	3	4	5	6
Have more therapists/discussions	1	2	3	4	5	6

23. What is the reason your wife/s.o. doesn't attend ETVC monthly socials at the Chez Mollet?:

1. Intimidated
2. Overwhelmed
3. Doesn't like bar environment
4. Too busy
4. Generally not supportive
5. Other explain

24. Are you and your wife/so aware of ETVC's couples group?
Yes / No

25. Are you and your wife/so aware of the Significant Other Support Group meeting
Yes / No?

If you would like a specific information on either of these meetings please leave a message on the ETVC hotline 510-549-2665

26. What do you see as ETVC's greatest weakness/problem?

27. What do you see as ETVC's greatest strength?