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ETVC News

SPEAKING OF PASSING

By an overwhelming vote of 44-3, the proposed dues increase PASSED at the membership meeting on February 27th!

I wish I had a 94% pass rate!

The new annual rate will be \$10 beginning June 1st.

Significant Others Support Group

Hear! Hear!

SOS has changed its meeting night to the first TUESDAY of each month. SOS provides a vital service within our community, and every effort is being made to have the program be as convenient as possible. The meeting time continues to be 8-10 PM. Call 408-227-9490 for meeting place information.

Notice! Notice! Notice! Notice!

Beginning with the June 26th social, valid membership cards MUST be shown at all ETVC socials. Anyone without a membership card will be required to pay non-member rates for that event.

Sign-in will be by membership card number rather than name, so overall attendance patterns can be better understood.

> > > > More News on Page 5 . . .



The View From the Chair

KIM'S KORNER

"I ENJOY BEING A GIRL."

I'm a girl and by me that's only great.
I'm glad that my silhouette is curvy,
That I walk with a sweet and girlish gait,
With my hips kinda swively and swervy.
I enjoy being a girl.

These lyrics from the song "I Enjoy Being A Girl" express my feminine pride. As a TV, I need some help with the curvey, swively part, but the result is well worth it!

For me, I enjoy feeling like a girl and am proud to express it. After years of guilt about my feminine self, I have developed a real sense of TG (transgender) pride. When I express my female self, there is no doubt that my whole personality is enhanced.

In the past, I avoided wearing "feminine" colors such as pink; or styles such as flowered shirts, to my male-dominated job. But now I feel really good and have a sense of pride when I wear a pink or flowered shirt to work. Like the girls at work, I enjoy pretty flowers, feminine fashions, and communications without the macho bull.

To sum up, it's great to express ones feminine side and to feel good about it. I enjoy being a girl and I hope you do, too!

Now that you're feeling good about yourself, please think about the upcoming ETVC elections. I encourage all of you to run for an office and make ETVC even friendlier and more responsive to the transgender community.



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Parties, Meetings & Social Events

THE MOST IMPORTANT SOCIAL OF THE YEAR

Thursday, May 29th

Yep. It's time for the Annual Business Meeting and Election of Officers social.

Real sexy stuff here. Black garters and crotchless panties under the conservative pinstripe business suit. Phyllis Schaffly in heat. Is that Mayoress Di over there? That Reagan clone looks like Margaret Thatcher. Sweet and sour decadence.

Such shenanigans at ETVC? Well, what you see is what you get! For starters, we'll have a raffle, described as a "Ladies Choice Lottery." That means you get to pick your prize when your number gets called. Everyone who attends will get one FREE raffle ticket with their admission. Think about it: you could go home a winner without even being elected! Trust us-- there are some terrific prizes to be given away.

This is also the least expensive, I mean cheapest, social of the year-- two bucks for members, four for non-members.

Your polling place is the Chez Mollet Restaurant, 527 Bryant Street, San Francisco. The polls open at 8:00 PM and close at midnight. Food and beverages are available. Call 415-495-4527 for dinner reservations.

Come on out and welcome the new officers for the 1986-87 season, and have a shot at some great raffle prizes!

NEXT SOCIAL COMMITTEE MEETINGS WILL BE ON
TUESDAY, MAY 13, AND TUESDAY, JUNE 10--
BOTH AT VANESSA'S IN FOSTER CITY. COME!

HERE COME THE BRIDES!

Thursday, June 26th

OK, you've had this lifelong fantasy of showing up as the bride at your wedding: clad only in the de rigueur white veil, white satin merry widow, sheer white stockings, lace-trimmed panties, and strappy, white, high heels. Oh, yes. And a proper bouquet! A real (bleep) scene, right? (This is a family newsletter, folks!)

Now's your chance, honey! June is the favored month for weddings, so ours will be on Thursday, June 26th. And you're invited!

If you've ever wanted to be a bride, now's the time! If you've ever wanted to be a flower girl, this is it! If you've ever wanted to be the Maid of Honor, bridesmaid, mother-of-the-bride, or perhaps, a well-turned out guest, this evening is for you!

And because ETVC is an equal opportunity organization, there are even possibilities for grooms, best men, ring bearers, ushers, stoic fathers, and so on. (Come in drab!)

The rituals begin at 8:00 PM at the Chez Mollet Restaurant, 527 Bryant Street, San Francisco. Admission is \$5 for members; \$8 for non-members. As usual, meal service and no host cocktails are available. Call 415-495-4527 for dinner reservations.

So, come toss or catch a bouquet or garter. Top it off with a piece of wedding cake, almond candies, and rice throwing.

The ETVC Newsletter is published in February, April, June, August, October and December. ETVC is a membership-based organization with the purpose of serving the social, educational, and recreational needs of gender-challenged people of either sex. Membership is also open to spouses, significant others, family members, friends, practitioners in the helping professions, and serious researchers. For details about ETVC programs, membership, newsletter subscriptions and classifieds, please write: ETVC Secretary, PO Box 6486, San Francisco, CA 94101. Or call 408-227-9490. Send material for newsletter publication to: Karin Ulsted, ETVC Newsletter Editor, PO Box 53192, San Jose, CA 95153. We reserve the right to edit all submissions. Unsolicited material cannot be returned.



TV/TS/TG GROUPS & ACTIVITIES

A CALENDAR OF EVENTS



DATE	WHO	WHAT	WHERE	OTHER INFORMATION
APRIL				
26 >>>>	E T V C	Executive Committee	San Francisco	408-243-3919...Galleon from 8PM.
MAY				
1	GIA	TG Support	San Francisco	415-467-5285 or 415-431-1221 (days).
2	GGA	Social	San Jose	415-763-6185...Starts at 8 PM.
2	GGA	Social	Santa Rosa	707-575-0606 after 6PM.
2-5	- - - -	Pajaro Dunes Social	Watsonville	408-227-9490
6 >>>>	E T V C	Sig Others Support	Oakland	408-227-9490...Meets 8-10 PM.
6	Pac Ctr	TS Support	Berkeley	415-841-6224...Meets 7:30-10 PM.
7	Pac Ctr	Open Rap	Berkeley	415-841-6224...Meets 7:30-10 PM.
8	GIA	TG Support	San Francisco	415-467-5285 or 415-431-1221 (days).
9 >>>>	E T V C	Poker Social	San Francisco	408-227-9490...Starts at 8 PM.
9	- - - -	Christian Disc Grp	San Jose	Please See Calendar Notes.
10 >>>>	E T V C	Outreach Committee	San Francisco	415-665-5216...Starts at 12:30 PM.
10	GGA	Social	Sacramento	916-456-1885 or 916-371-8491.
10	- - - -	Closet Ball	San Francisco	Galleria...Starts at 8 PM.
13 >>>>	E T V C	Social Committee	Foster City	408-227-9490...Starts at 7:30 PM.
13	Pac Ctr	TS Support	Berkeley	415-841-6224...Meets 7:30-10 PM.
15 >>>>	E T V C	Couples Social	Oakland	408-227-9490...Meets 8-11 PM.
15	GIA	TG Support	San Francisco	415-467-5285 or 415-431-1221 (days).
16	GGA	Social	San Jose	415-763-6185...Starts at 8 PM.
16	GGA	Social	Santa Rosa	707-575-0606 after 6PM.
17 >>>>	E T V C	Social	Galleon/SF	408-227-9490...From 8PM...See Page 5.
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21	Pac Ctr	Open Rap	Berkeley	415-841-6224...Meets 7:30-10 PM.
22	GIA	TG Support	San Francisco	415-467-5285 or 415-431-1221 (days).
23	- - - -	Christian Disc Grp	San Jose	Please See Calendar Notes.
27	Pac Ctr	TS Support	Berkeley	415-841-6224...Meets 7:30-10 PM.
29 >>>>	E T V C	May Social	Chez Mollet/SF	408-227-9490...Meets 8-Midnite.
29	GIA	TG Support	San Francisco	415-467-5285 or 415-431-1221 (days).
30	Pac Ctr	Open Rap	Berkeley	415-841-6224...Meets 7:30-10 PM.

DATE	WHO	WHAT	WHERE	OTHER INFORMATION
JUNE				
3 >>>>	E T V C	Sig Others Support	TBD	408-227-9490...Meets 8-10 PM.
3	Pac Ctr	TS Support	Berkeley	415-841-6224...Meets 7:30-10 PM.
4	Pac Ctr	Open Rap	Berkeley	415-841-6224...Meets 7:30-10 PM.
5	GIA	TG Support	San Francisco	415-467-5285 or 415-431-1221 (days).
6	GGA	Social	San Jose	415-763-6185...Starts at 8 PM.
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20	GGA	Social	San Jose	415-763-6185...Starts at 8 PM.
20	GGA	Social	Santa Rosa	707-575-0606 after 6PM.
24	Pac Ctr	TS Support	Berkeley	415-841-6224...Meets 7:30-10 PM.
26 >>>>	E T V C	June Social	Chez Mollet/SF	408-227-9490...Meets 8-Midnite.
26	GIA	TG Support	San Francisco	415-467-5285 or 415-431-1221 (days).
27	Pac Ctr	Open Rap	Berkeley	415-841-6224...Meets 7:30-10 PM.
27	- - - -	Christian Disc Grp	San Jose	Please See Calendar Notes.
29	- - - -	Gay Freedom Day Parade	San Francisco	408-243-3919

A CALENDAR OF EVENTS

CALENDAR NOTES

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A monthly meeting/social is held on the last Thursday of each month at the Chez Mollet Restaurant, 527 Bryant Street (between 3rd and 4th), San Francisco. While there is usually a "theme," participation is optional, as there is no particular dress code. See page 2 for details about upcoming socials. No host cocktails and dining facilities are available. Dinners are served until 10 PM. If you plan to have dinner, please phone Chez Mollet at 415-495-4527 for table reservations.

Several committees and special interest groups serve the needs of members and provide opportunities for your active participation in ETVC. A five-person Executive Board sets the major direction for ETVC. The Outreach Committee promotes gender awareness in the public community. The Social Committee develops themes and manages the logistics of social events. And the Hostess Committee provides new members with an orientation to ETVC. Anyone who is in a relationship with a gender-challenged person will find support in an active Significant Others Support (SOS) Group, and a Couples Social Group. Both meet monthly. A Poker Social meets on the second Friday of each month.

See the calendar of events for meeting information. If you need more information, please use the phone numbers listed on the calendar, or make inquiries at any ETVC social.

Other Gender Support Groups

ETVC provides the following information solely as a service to the gender community. Since we are dependent on these organizations to keep us up to date, the accuracy of the information is not guaranteed. Current known schedules and phone numbers are listed on the calendar page.

The GGA (Gateway Gender Alliance) is a national gender support organization with San Jose, Santa Rosa, and Sacramento chapters. In addition to the listed phone numbers on the calendar page, you may also write: GGA, 484 Lake Park Avenue #427, Oakland, CA 94610.

Gender Identity Anonymous (GIA) is a recently formed transgender support group. GIA meets in the Science of Mind Room at 3255 Balboa Street (near 34th Avenue), San Francisco.

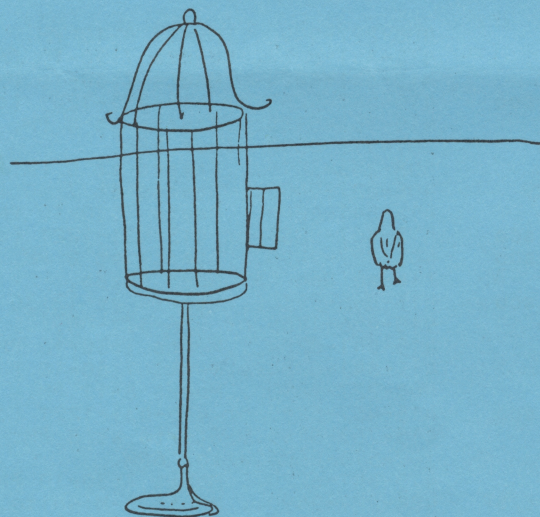
The Pacific Center for Human Growth is a counseling-oriented growth center that sponsors drop-in gender support groups as a part of their diverse human services program. The center is located at 2712 Telegraph Avenue, Berkeley, CA 94705.

The San Francisco Sex Information Switchboard (SFSI) offers factual, high-quality, non-judgemental sex information to any caller. The switchboard operates Monday through Friday, 3:00 PM to 9:00 PM. The telephone number is 415-665-7300. All conversations are confidential and the service is free.

A gender-positive Christian Discussion Group meets on the second and fourth Friday of the month at the New Community of Faith Church, 6350 Rainbow Drive, San Jose, at 8:00 PM. A phone number or other information is currently unavailable for this non-affiliated group. Have faith-- show up!

THIS IS THE KEY TO YOUR PUZZLE

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New Social Events Planned

Arrangements have been made for ETVC to hold two dinner socials at the Galleon Restaurant in San Francisco.

Both will be on Saturday evenings beginning at 8:00 PM. They will be on April 26th and May 17th. Mark your calendar!

There are no "themes" for these dinners-- just a chance to get all prettied up and come out for a good time!

With the exception of your food and drinks, these are "no-charge-members-only" events. The Galleon is located at 718 14th Street, near Church, in San Francisco. Call them at 415-431-0253 for table reservations.

The April 26th dinner will also include the May Executive Committee meeting. Of course, your ETVC membership entitles you to attend ExComm meetings.

ETVC Library

Members are invited and encouraged to use our growing library resources. You may check out books, get copies of articles, or do research on a wide variety of gender-related topics.

Library Catalogs are now available. You can get one at the monthly social, or send a request with a SASE to: ETVC Librarian, PO Box 6486, San Francisco, CA 94101. Or call Miki at 415-467-5285.

The library is also interested in receiving gender-related books or articles that you may wish to donate. Also, money donations are sought, as the library must be self-supporting.

Please make your check payable to ETVC, with a note that the funds are for the Library, and send it to: ETVC, PO Box 6486, San Francisco, CA 94101.

A DEFINITION

Transfestite: One who celebrates the festival of another.

The Rest of the News is Here

Raffle Items Needed

The raffle being planned for the May 29th social will be a real dynamite event. But it needs your support!

Several very classy items have already been donated, including a handmade cape and a set of pink satin boudoir pillows.

Cathy suggests donations of one-size-fits-all fashion jewelry, gift certificates, cosmetics, body lotions, and so on.

Call Cathy at 415-367-0986 TODAY and tell her what you will send to the raffle.

Outreach Committee

In the course of its work, the Outreach Committee distributes many handouts, pamphlets, and other printed material. Our presentations and material are well-received. However, the effort is expensive, and cannot be continued without your financial support. (Like the library, we do not use membership dues as a money source.)

We ask your support for Outreach by making direct financial donations. This is a good way to do Outreach, especially if you are reluctant to be personally involved.

Please make your check payable to ETVC, with a note that the funds are for Outreach, and send it to: ETVC, POB 6486, SF, 94101.

Two Quickies for the Price of One

One. Another "fun-in-the-sun-dress" weekend is on tap for May 2-5 at posh Pajaro Dunes. If you haven't done this one yet, give it a try. Great folks, great food, great fun. Call Karin at 408-227-9490 for info.

Two. ETVC will have a booth at the Gay/Lesbian Freedom Day Parade, Sunday, June 29th. We need people to "woman" it. If you're man enough, give Kim a call at 408-243-3919 and volunteer. This years parade promises to be the best yet!

ETVC Member Noted in "Omni" Magazine

When computer scientist David Hall arrives at Stanford Research Institute to do consulting work, his colleagues there are no longer shocked to see him wearing a skirt. Several years ago while attending a yoga conference in India, Hall tried on a skirt-like wrap called a "lungi." He's been hooked ever since.

Hall now finds wearing trousers to be illogical, restrictive, and unintelligent. It is his goal to persuade more men to switch to skirts, especially since women now have society's sanction to wear pants.

As part of his campaign, the scientist has worked out a computer program, which includes a "Boolean Truth Table" and a binary classification of all forms of leg clothing that he claims shows the logic of his dress code. "I based my program on three basic assumptions," he says. "We are all born naked, and clothing is a form of manmade technology. Men and women have two legs, and anatomic differences (at least when it comes to skirts) are minor, and the laws of morphology (the study of the form and structure of living organisms) can prove that when it comes to clothing there is no anatomical reason why men should wear pants only."

Author's Query

Wanted: Personal Stories
About Social Change

I am putting together a book of personal stories by people who are acting alone or in small, non-structured groups to effect social change. I would like to hear from anyone who is personally taking an active stand in the area of nuclear weapons, hunger, environmental issues (eco-saboteurs, especially), and rights for women, minorities, gays, and workers. Stories are welcome on other social issues as well, and can describe the efforts of someone other than yourself whose story you feel should be told.

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The main thesis of the book is that confrontational politics on a small scale is the path to real social change, that individual acts of courage are the proper and necessary response to a political system that no longer represents people's needs. My feeling is that thousands of these acts of courage are occurring every day.

Donald Currie
4006 25th Street
San Francisco, CA 94114

Editor's Note: This query appeared in the March-April, 1986, issue of "The Futurist." It is unknown whether Mr. Currie is in contact with anyone in the "gender" community.

A Book Review by Suzanne

BOYS WILL BE GIRLS: THE HIDDEN WORLD OF
THE HETEROSEXUAL MALE TRANSVESTITE

by John Talamini

This slim volume, which appears to be an expanded college term paper, is divided into five short chapters: 1) the historical and cultural aspects of cross-dressing; 2) the concept of the second self; 3) tranvestites and marriage; 4) the transvestite subculture; and 5) androgyny and transvestism.

Unfortunately, Talamini's survey of these themes is cursory and superficial. Nonetheless, the book is not without its virtues. His description of the purposes of transvestite organizations seems accurate. And his application of the "minority" concept to TV's is of interest. On this point Talamini suggests that while psychiatry continues to define transvestism as social deviance, TV's are redefining themselves as a minority group which is oppressed by a male dominant society.

Is the book worth reading? If you are willing to accept a shallow and superficial treatment of the topic, and your tolerance for typographical errors and word misuses is high, you might find some value in this small volume. The book is NOT "must" reading, as its shortcomings and flaws outweigh its few desirable attributes.

Who's Driving Whom

Ever notice that when a man and woman are riding in a car, that the man is usually driving? One Sunday, as my wife and I drove (with me driving!!!) from San Jose to San Francisco on Highway 280, we took a survey.

In a sample of 57, we found that in 85% of the cases where a man and woman were riding together, the man was driving.

When a woman was driving, the car was of a foreign brand 80% of the time, compared to 53% when a man was driving.

Regardless of who was driving whom, both sexes chose the fast lane about 40% of the time, the middle lane about half the time, and the slow lane only about 10% of the time.

We were unable to validate that the gender appearance was, in fact, correlated to the actual sex of the persons in the vehicles.

The curious paradox is that when I accept myself just as I am, then I can change.

--Carl Rogers



THE LAW in Joliet, Ill., decrees that any woman who tries on more than six dresses in a store can be jailed.

I Am Me

I am me
And always will be
Hard as a ballbearing outside,
Soft and nutty inside.

Which part you get will depend
If you try to crush me
Or be my friend.

--Sonja

MEMBERSHIP IN ETVC

Membership in ETVC entitles you to:

- o a membership card for positive ETVC identification;
- o reduced admission to ETVC events;
- o a free subscription to the ETVC Newsletter;
- o reduced rates for other ETVC publications and services;
- o participation rights as a candidate and/or voter in ETVC elections;
- o participation rights in ETVC Executive Committee meetings;
- o the support and strength of the best gender community on the West Coast!

Membership records are held in strict confidence by ETVC. Membership cards must be shown upon entry at ETVC socials, or non-member admissions will be applied.

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The road leading to a goal does not separate you from the destination; it is essentially a part of it.

--Gypsy saying

Once upon a time there was a kitten. Someone took her to see a tiger, fifty times her own size. The kitten said: "Anyone who appears so large can have little real value. If he had anything in him, he wouldn't have to be so big."

--A Sufi tale

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