



ETVC

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New ETVC Officers (from left to right) - Susan, Martina, Nancy Ann, Kim and Thalia

ANNUAL MEETING

Who says "Business Meetings can't be fun"? Over 75 people attended our May Social to celebrate ETVC's 6th Anniversary, elect new officers, learn about breast forms from David Nurmi of NS Products in Glendale, Ca. and observe a lovely fashion show featuring our members in gorgeous custom made lingerie by Fantasy Fashions.

Trophies were awarded to members who have contributed their time and energy to ETVC over the past year, including Roxanne, Telzey, Lynn, Jennifer, Gloria, Kate, Lorraine, Vanessa, Lyn and Cara. The special Member of the Year trophy for outstanding contribution to ETVC for 1987-88 was awarded to Diane Richwine for her extraordinary work in the Social Committee and producing our Cotillion. Our sincere thanks to all of you for a job well done.

Since our Miss ETVC 1988, Sabrina, has been transferred to South Carolina, the crown was passed along to the beautiful Kimberly Ann, who will reign as our Miss ETVC 1988 for the remainder of the year. Our love and best wishes to you, Sabrina —your spirit and energy will be missed, but not forgotten. Congratulations to Kimberly who brings her own delightful excitement & personality to the role...the next 6 months will surely be lots of fun!

Finally, the results of the election bring forth the following new officers of ETVC: President - Kaye F., Treasurer - Nancy Ann, Social Co-Chairs - Susan & Martina, Outreach Co-Chairs - Thalia & Kim H. In a close vote, Nancy P. was elected Secretary, but she is unable to accept the office at this time. The Executive Committee was pleased to appoint Joyce Z. Secretary for the coming year.

Congratulations to these new leaders. With their commitment and your support, ETVC will continue to grow. Here's to another great year with ETVC!

Kaye's Kloset



Perhaps you've heard the expression, "Be careful of what you ask for...you just might get it!"

Earlier this year I made a remark to a few members of ETVC that I might be interested in running for Coordinator of ETVC. That passing comment turned into a ground-swell of encouragement and my subsequent nomination and election. It frightens me to think of what would have happened if I had been totally intent on becoming your new Coordinator.

Due to previous personal & professional time commitments, I unfortunately was not present at our April nominating meeting, nor was I able to attend the May election meeting. Nevertheless, your collective voice was heard and I was informed while in Washington, D.C. that I was the new Coordinator of ETVC.

Now then, Ladies...if you will be kind enough to refer to the above opening paragraph, I must remind you that the same philosophy is a two-way street.

As a member of ETVC since 1982, I have seen our group grow ten fold to over 300 members. I have seen our once-a-month meeting schedule grow into a calendar packed with various events and special interest groups occurring weekly and in some cases even more often. I have seen growth beyond most of our expectations.

Growth is important; but as is true in most cases, it must not compromise quality and good order. I sense there are some issues and questions about ETVC that need to be addressed at this point in time, which as Coordinator I fully intend to pursue.

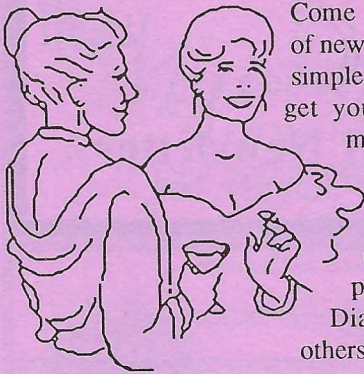
Please rest assured, I am also a true believer of the other famous saying, "If it's not broken...don't fix it!"

The title Coordinator means just that: Coordinate. It does not mean Dictate. The issues and questions I mentioned previously, are everyone's business and as such you are invited to offer your suggestions, criticisms and opinions for the well being of ETVC. I encourage you to submit your thoughts to me or any member of the Executive Committee. I also encourage you to participate in Executive Committee meetings.

Throughout my term as your Coordinator, you will be hearing of these ideas and proposals which could have significant impact on the future complexion of ETVC. Again, if you don't agree

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FRIENDSHIP NIGHT AT CHEZ MOLLET



Come introduce yourself to dozens of new friends. Play bingo and other simple games which are intended to get you acquainted with the other members of ETVC.

Take a look at the photos, scrapbooks, newsletters and outreach information as provided by Denise, Martina, Diahanna, Lauren, Ginny and others.

Friendship night is usually a very special night. We hope you'll be there with us. July 28th, 8:00 pm, at the Chez Mollet, 527 Bryant Street.

\$3.00 for members. \$5.00 for guests.

THE CURRENT PSYCHIATRIC VIEWS OF CROSSDRESSERS

Dr. Paul Walker will speak to us on the psychiatric profession's view of transvestism. We have the opportunity to get the answers to many of our questions from a prominent leader in the psychiatric profession. Dr. Walker is a previous president of the Harry S. Benjamin Society and was chairman of the committee that developed the Standards of Care.

Plan to be at the Chez Mollet at 8 pm on July 20th for this exciting presentation.

\$3.00 for members and guests.

DONNA'S DRESSING UP



Donna is changing the date and time that she will open her Oakland store for us. The Oakland store will now be open, exclusively to ETVC members, on the first Tuesday of each month from 7-9 p.m. You can shop at your leisure and comfort, and you'll find her clothing and jewelry wonderful. Let's lend our support to Donna and her store as she has given ETVC much support in the past.

The address and phone number is: Dressing Up, 3231 Grand Avenue, Oakland, CA. (415) 893-0123.

CAN WE TALK...

Are you looking for someone to talk to about your crossdressing? Do you have questions about the feminine persona that you want to express? Or, would you just like to chat about makeup and clothes? Come down to San Jose for the ETVC Rap Group. We meet the second Wednesday of each month from 7-9 pm at the Billy DeFrank Center, 1040 Park Avenue in San Jose. It's a great chance to talk one-on-one with your peers.

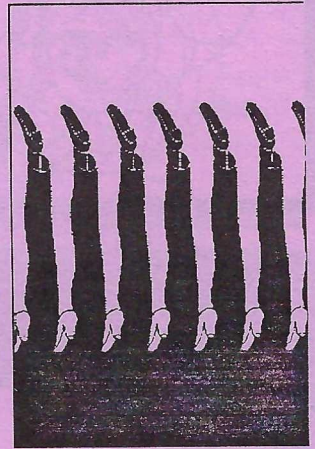
That's July 13th and August 10th at the Billy DeFrank Center. Please call Kim at (408)-243-3919 for more information. See you there.

FUN IN THE SUN FASHION SHOW AND LEGS CONTEST

Come prepared to model a swimsuit, sundress, top & shorts or any other wear for surf, beach or sun. Martina will have many items decorating the Chez, all of which may be modeled later in the event.

Earlier in the evening we will have a Legs Contest. We need people who are willing to display their legs in friendly fun and competition. Yes, the whole leg! You will be behind a curtain and only your gorgeous gams will show. Non-competitors will vote by number, and while the votes are being counted, we will be entertained by our Miss ETVC. The date is August 25th, 8:00 pm, at the Chez Mollet, 527 Byant Street.

\$5.00 for members. \$8.00 for guests.



COUPLES GROUP CELEBRATES THIRD YEAR

The couples group will celebrate it's third anniversary in July. Come join us for a wonderful evening with couples and singles at the next Couples Group, July 21st in Berkeley. For more information call 415-585-5204.

CARNIVAL & FASHION SHOWS: CONTRASTING SOCIALS

In April we celebrated Carnival and in May the theme was Lingerie. You never know what to expect at our monthly social at Chez Mollet. The Social Committee outdid themselves in decorating the Chez with colored xmas tree lights reminiscent of a night street scene during Carnival in Rio. The predominant balloon & streamer colors of purple, gold & blue added to the festive mood.

Many ladies had a chance to swing at the pinata and scramble for prizes & candy. A real live jester involved some of us in an enactment of "Winken, Blinken & Nod". SOS members Deborah, Julie and Diane awarded Nancy Ann a feather mask for wearing the best Carnival outfit. Martina was named Queen of Carnival and led us all in a conga line, shaking noisemakers and blowing horns.

In contrast to this rowdy April event, in May we were treated to a lingerie fashion show by our members Franchesca, Teri, Cheryl, Telzey, Lynne J., Roxanne, Renee and Vanessa. Cathy Carlson, owner of Fantasy Fashions, unfortunately could not attend, but several of her elegant evening fashions were modeled. Her partner, David Nurmi of NS Products demonstrated some of his product line. David is best known for his exquisitely made breast forms (which lucky Vanessa got to try on and model), and has an excellent reputation among cross-dressers for his quality products and service. We were pleased to have him with us.



TV/TS/TG GROUPS AND ACTIVITIES



A CALENDAR OF EVENTS

DATE	WHO	WHAT	WHERE	OTHER INFORMATION
JUNE 1988				
30	ETVC	Bridal Reception Party	Chez Mollet	415-585-5204 Starts at 8 PM
JULY 1988				
1	RGA	Social	San Jose	408-988-0790 Starts at 8 PM
5	ETVC	Rap Group	Willits	707-459-9228 Meets 7 - 9 PM
5	Dressing Up	Oakland	415-893-0123 7 - 9 PM
5	Pac Ctr	TS Support	Berkeley	415-841-6224 Meets 8 - 10 PM
7	ETVC	Significant Others Support	San Jose	415-585-5204 Meets 8 - 10 PM
8	ETVC	Poker Social	San Francisco	415-585-5204 Starts at 8 PM
9	ETVC	Executive Committee	Oakland	415-585-5204 Starts at 8 PM
11	ETVC	Outreach Committee	Oakland	415-465-5701 Starts at 8 PM
12	ETVC	Social Committee	Oakland	408-984-5619 Starts at 7:30 PM
12	Pac Ctr	TS Support	Berkeley	415-841-6224 Meets 8 - 10 PM
13	ETVC	Rap Group	San Jose	408-243-3919 Meets 8 - 10 PM
13	Pac Ctr	Open Rap	Berkeley	415-841-6224 Meets 8 - 10 PM
15	RGA	Social	San Jose	408-988-0790 Starts at 8 PM
19	Pac Ctr	TS Support	Berkeley	415-841-6224 Meets 8 - 10 PM
20	ETVC	Dr. Paul Walker	Chez Mollet	415-585-5204 Starts at 8 PM
21	ETVC	Couples Social	Berkeley	415-585-5204 Starts at 8 PM
22	Pac Ctr	TV/TS Rap	Berkeley	415-841-6224 Meets 8 - 10 PM
23	ETVC	IFGE Convention Committee	San Francisco	415-585-5204 Meets 1 - 4 PM
23	SGA	Social	Sacramento	916-362-8131 Starts at 8 PM
26	Pac Ctr	TS Support	Berkeley	415-841-6224 Meets 8 - 10 PM
28	ETVC	Friendship Social	Chez Mollet	415-585-5204 Starts at 8 PM
29	Pac Ctr	Open Rap	Berkeley	415-841-6224 Meets 8 - 10 PM
AUGUST 1988				
1	ETVC	Outreach Committee	San Jose	408-243-3919 Starts at 8 PM
1	ETVC	Rap Group	Willits	707-459-9228 Meets 7 - 9 PM
2	Dressing Up	Oakland	415-893-0123 7 - 9 PM
2	Pac Ctr	TS Support	Berkeley	415-841-6224 Meets 8 - 10 PM
5	RGA	Social	San Jose	408-988-0790 Starts at 8 PM
6	ETVC	Executive Committee	Corte Madera	415-585-5204 Starts at 8 PM
7	Pac Ctr	TS Support	Berkeley	415-841-6224 Meets 8 - 10 PM
9	ETVC	Social Committee	Oakland	408-984-5619 Starts at 7:30 PM
10	ETVC	Rap Group	San Jose	408-243-3919 Meets 8 - 10 PM
10	Pac Ctr	Open Rap	Berkeley	415-841-6224 Meets 8 - 10 PM
11	ETVC	Significant Others Support	Berkeley	415-5540-7938 Meets 8 - 10 PM
12	ETVC	Poker Social	San Francisco	415-585-5204 Starts at 8 PM
16	Pac Ctr	TS Support	Berkeley	415-841-6224 Meets 8 - 10 PM
18	ETVC	Couples Social	San Francisco	415-585-5204 Starts at 8 PM
19	RGA	Social	San Jose	408-988-0790 Starts at 8 PM
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HELLO, WE MUST BE GOING!

Martina and I must be going now. Our year of co-chairing the Outreach Committee has been fun and rewarding. Of course, Martina and I will still be active members of the Outreach Committee. We would like to thank all of the people who helped us this year. We have two new videos: Geraldo Rivera, "Transsexuals and their Families" and Good Morning Bay Area with Sister Mary Elizabeth (a TS who is a sister in a religious order) and her father (with appearances by ETVC members Roxanne, Martina and Kathleen).

Martina and I would like to welcome the new co-chairs Kim and Thalia. Kim has been an ETVC Co-ordinator and very active in our group. Thalia is new to ETVC and is already getting involved. That's great. Please give them your support by attending the next Outreach Committee Meeting.

Thanks, Lauren and Martina

OUTREACH PLANS

Greetings from the new Outreach chairpeople, Kim and Thalia. We hope that together, with your help, we can keep ETVC one of the leading groups in the gender community in the coming year. We have the substantial work of Lauren and Martina to build on as well as live up to.

While outreach is perhaps a bit less visible to many active members, I'm sure many of you have found the article library (Thanks, Martina!) and the video library (Thanks, Lauren!) informative, useful and fun. Many of you, too, found the club via one of the outreach activities. Outreach is our connection to our own community and getting our message out to the public at large. From sharing information with sister organizations through television talk show appearances we are reaching out.

Some of our ideas and concerns for this year may be new and some are continuations of successful efforts in the past. Media appearances by ETVC members in the past have educated the general public and brought new members to ETVC. The outreach survey showed us that many find their way to us through media mention. To help this along, we would like to organize our speakers resources. By drawing on the talents we already have, (you know who you are) training more members to give good presentations and publicizing our availability, we can reach more people—TV's, TS's, helping professionals, service groups, educators, law enforcement people, and others. Besides our own experienced speakers, we have Virginia Prince's guide to presentations and our video library as resources. From these we would like to put together an ideal presentation video. This could be an aid in training speakers and might evolve into a stand-alone presentation or teaser for our in-person presentations.

A public relations package that tells our story the way we want it

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told would help us prepare people for our presentations or pique their interest. It should include some history of our group—I know not everyone has had the opportunity to sit down and get the stories straight from the founders of ETVC—we were not always 300 strong. A summary of our accomplishments as an organization—some of the most widely read TV and TS material originated with ETVC—and our future—hosting the IFGE Convention should be the major focus. This would be our "press kit" to inform the media of our existence and get it out positively.

New ETVC "pink cards" (formerly green cards) will be available. These business card sized cards are an introduction to ETVC and have as many uses as you can think up. Distribute them so that people can find us. Place them in TV/TS oriented literature in libraries. Leave them with sympathetic store salespeople to pass on to other customers. Post them. When we get them printed pick up a handful and get inventive.

Within our community there's plenty to do. We get newsletters from over 30 TV/TS organizations around the world. There are more to contact. We need to keep up our correspondence to get their information and give out ours. It would be great to know what kinds of activities have worked for them—from fund raising to increasing membership. (I for one, would like to know if any group has ever gotten a public service announcement on television.) And there are personnel issues. I read in an Australian newsletter that one of their members had visited the U.S. on vacation and had very little success meeting other TV's even though she had written to some organizations they corresponded with. If we had been in contact with them I'm sure someone here would have loved to have made San Francisco the highlight of her tour.

Ongoing projects need attention too. What about more information for our Tip Sheets? Okay, so you have all your favorite sources for everything. How about sharing a good hairdresser, nail salon, great nightspot or helpful therapist with all of us—especially neophytes who are less adventurous.

Similarly, we would like to raise the idea put forward of a skills bank. It would be a way to give our business to our own community members or share abilities within our group. Is anyone interested?

Well, most of this requires a committee, not just two crazed co-chairs. I like to think that a little help from many members would do just as much or more than three or four people staggering under a huge burden. To help doesn't mean signing on for major tasks—contributing a little time and a few thoughts now and then. If anything here has inspired you in any way please call either of us, see us at a social or come to one of the Outreach Committee meetings.

Thanks, Thalia and Kim

For a listing of our Article Library (\$1), Video Library (Free), or our International Support Group Directory (\$2) please write to: ETVC - Outreach Committee, Box 6486, San Francisco, CA 94101.

Next Outreach Meetings: July 11th—Oakland & August 1st—San Jose
Call Thalia—415-465-5701 or Kim—408-243-3919 for more information.

The "Wearwolf" of London by Renee

London in January? I expected drab on drab, starched collars under umbrellas. Paris had been glorious, if scary, but why dilute that experience with fog? I had called up the TV/TS Support Group in London months before and been so taken with their upbeat attitude that I couldn't resist investigating.

After going through customs in Dover, I boarded the train and transformed in the filthy, lurching bathroom. When I returned to my seat, the French student I'd been speaking with raised his eyebrows but seemed to adjust just fine. No one else seemed to notice, or, to care. Again and again in London I had this uncanny, unfamiliar feeling, that no one was really looking at anyone else, or if they did, they were certainly not looking very carefully, or they just didn't care what anyone else was doing. What a liberation for Passing Angst! I was invisible - almost!

The taxi driver, the hotel receptionist, shopgirls, waitresses, all either were, or pretended to be, oblivious to my flagrant taboo trespass, and treated me like just another human being, not a freak. I was so grateful I started to forget I was doing anything unusual. I haunted the clothing shops on Oxford Street every day for a week, pouncing on discounted woolen items like fuzzy sweaters, knee sox, hats and tailored suits. At Marks and Spencer, C&A, Selfridge's, everything was reduced and delectable. Best of all though, was a chain of shops called Richard's, where, believe it or not, they had everything in my size, coordinated, reasonably priced and even blouses with the endless sleeves my lank requires! Imagine!

The TV/TS Center was easy to find from the Underground, and I felt right at home there; exchanging stories with other girls, meeting some really fascinating people, much like the relaxed atmosphere at the Chez. I heard a great deal about Yvonne Sinclair, Coordinator of the group, apparently quite a dynamic, dedicated but controversial figure. At any rate, I was impressed by what she and her friends had accomplished - a lovely, safe place to be and a growing membership of over 1000!

I agreed to meet Sarah and Monica on each of the next two nights. Sarah, an airplane pilot, was so tall I felt petite myself. We ate in a pub near the British Museum, went to the movies, then out for a snack. We probably were a spectacle, but so what? My last evening I spent with Monica, a genuine girl, who has written a book about a passionate affair she once had with a transvestite. We dined in an elegant Indian restaurant overlooking the Thames near her home in Chelsea, and she invited me to contribute to another book she was editing. My head swelled up so big I hardly fit through the door!

Walking back alone to the train station, somewhat dazed by Monica's unexpected offer, some teenage boys hissed at me, "Queer, Faggot". If I weren't so surprised, I probably would have snarled something back at them, I had become so comfortable out in public. This was the only unpleasant experience I had all week. Otherwise, things couldn't have gone better!

The next morning at the airport, dressed to match my passport identity, I asked the lady at Customs, would there have been any problem if I had been cross-dressed? She thought I was joking, realized I wasn't, turned red, thought about it and then said, "I suppose it wouldn't really matter, now would it?" No, it doesn't, especially in London!

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with any of them, please speak up. We can all be very proud to be a part of such a fine organization, perhaps one of the best of its kind in the world. With that thought in mind, we will make sure that ETVC continues to be fun, interesting and caring. We will continue to be there for those who need us. We will be there to educate society.

I want to thank you all for allowing me the privilege to serve as your Coordinator for the next year. I appreciate your trust in my leadership ability and your confidence in my professional skills and judgement.

Lastly, I want to say thank you to Gloria for her dedication and for the numerous contributions she has made to ETVC throughout her term as Coordinator. Her personal commitment of thought, time and energy will serve us all as a personal challenge and inspiration to sustain the high level of achievement left behind as her legacy to ETVC. Thank you.



Remember, "Don't leave home without it."

ETVC Membership.

Renew today!

IFGE CALL FOR BOARD MEMBER NOMINATION

The International Foundation for Gender Education is seeking nominations for persons who are interested in serving as members on their Board of Directors. The term on the Board is three years. Participation is mostly by phone or mail, however one must be in a position to attend the annual IFGE convention.

At the present time no one from ETVC is serving as a IFGE Board Member. Considering the fact that ETVC has well over 300 members we are indeed a significant organization on a national scale. In addition, ETVC is serving as hostess to the IFGE convention next April and is expected to lend considerable support to make the convention a success.

It's about time for ETVC to have a voice on the IFGE Board. In order to do so we must identify and nominate a quality person(s) capable of presenting the views and feelings of ETVC membership in respect to IFGE policy making and its governing process.

Ellen Summers, our sister in Portland is the chairwoman of the IFGE nominating committee. Ellen tells us that nominations must be received no later than September 1, 1988. So, let's come up with names of ETVC members that you feel would duly represent this great club.

I will be soliciting nominations at our June, July and August meetings. Names can be submitted to me or any other of the ETVC executive committee, for forwarding to Ellen.

As a final thought... ETVC members are being asked by IFGE for assistance; monetary and otherwise. Without a voice on their board it somehow smacks of "taxation without representation". You would think that people from the Boston area would be very sensitive to that sort of a situation! Anyone for tea???

Kaye Fisher, ETVC Coordinator

RENEE'S FIRST ANNUAL PICNIC

by Becky

It may seem premature to refer to something as annual on the basis of the first successful event, but for those charter participants at Renee's ranch on May 7th and 8th, there is no doubt that this kind of outing should be at least an annual affair.

After attending the RGA meeting in San Jose on Friday evening, I spent the night in Oakland to reduce the remaining journey to Willits on Saturday morning to about 100 miles. Anticipating a warm day I wore a tank top and light skirt for the two-hour drive through the picturesque northern California countryside. But as I passed through Willits and turned off onto the back road toward Renee's, it began to rain. As the road narrowed to one lane and then to two slippery tire tracks I was glad that Renee had marked the trail with balloons. Finally a house came into view and then some familiar faces on the patio deck.

I was greeted by Renee and Deborah, along with others who had arrived before me. Renee's rustic house is warm and inviting by its very nature; she designed and built it herself. The first room one enters in her hosefeet (no outside heels allowed inside), is a living area with many pillows under a large window which overlooks the patio deck and a pond at the edge of a forest of madrone and fir trees. From this room the kitchen area is visible which is separated by a large window from a sewing room. Deborah showed us the sewing room and a couple of dresses she was creating by assembling different open lace designs. The feminine beauty and delicacy of the dresses would strike envy within the most casual TV.

After the rain stopped Renee invited us on a hike of her twenty-acre ranch and suggested that this might be an appropriate time to change into something more conducive to walking in the wilderness. To the city dweller the first thing that hits you is the fresh, brisk air. As we hiked around an irrigation pond, Renee pointed out her vegetable garden, a rather extensive vineyard and various kinds of berry bushes. She also had to guide us around an occasional poison oak plant.

Although small compared to the popular concept of a ranch, Renee's ranch is quite self-sufficient. A natural spring provides household and drinking water in addition to replenishing the ponds that provide irrigation water for the garden and vineyard. Household water is heated by solar panels. And solar arrays recharge the storage batteries that supply electric lighting power. For heavy loads (hairdryer, etc.) a generator has to be brought on line.

By the time we got back to the house almost everyone had arrived including about eight local area residents that Renee had invited. They were quite comfortable with our group, and Mike, who lives nearby, volunteered to act as chef for the barbecue. Matthew went out to buy the meat which was supplemented by the salads and items that everyone had brought. Mike did a masterful job on the charbroiled hamburgers and hot dogs. Altogether we were able to satisfy about thirty ravenous appetites. When the evening chill set in we snuggled around the fire and roasted marshmallows. I could not help but notice in this little group such significant others as wives, mothers, girlfriends, neighbors and children. The only concern was to keep one's marshmallow from dropping into the fire.

As the fire died down we migrated inside for cookies and coffee, chat by the warmth of the small wood stove, while others danced. No one seemed to be keeping track of the time, but eventually a few found their way to the Brooktrail Lodge near Willits, some to vans outside, and the rest of us would settle in on a sofa or a sleeping bag on the floor.

Fortunately, it took most of the morning for everyone to rise, which helped to not overload the single bathroom. Because of the nature of the utilities Renee had to post written procedures for using the bathroom facilities. After all, not many of us were accustomed to flushing the toilet by throwing a cup of sawdust down the stool.

A late morning brunch was enjoyed in an informal and relaxed manner as we contemplated an afternoon departure for home. We are all so appreciative of the warm hospitality extended by Renee and Deborah and also wish to thank Martina for all the help she provided.

This will no doubt become one of ETVC's more popular annual events. Already there has been considerable interest expressed in next year's picnic, including many more of the local area residents. It may be more than just a picnic; perhaps it should be called Renee's Ranch Rendezvous.

Because of such widespread crossdressing interest in Northern California, Renee is planning to host a rap group for ETVC on the first Monday of each month. If you are interested call Renee at (707) 459-9228.



ETVC IS 5 YEARS OLD

ETVC is proud to announce that it has finished its 5th year with 329 members. That compares with 263 last year and we hope to grow even larger in our 6th year together. Our Treasury closed its fiscal year with \$1050.18. Thanks for your support.

RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP

As we begin our 6th year it's time again to renew your membership in ETVC. For only \$10 per year you receive our bi-monthly newsletter as well as discount admission to our monthly social events. If you haven't already renewed, please send the membership form (on page 7) and a check or money order for \$10.00 to ETVC, PO Box 6486, San Francisco, CA. You may also pay your membership fees at any ETVC function. Let's make this our biggest year!

SIGNIFICANT OTHERS SUPPORT GROUP SPECIAL DATES

The Significant Others Support Group has announced the July meeting will be on the first Thursday, July 7th in San Jose. The group will be meeting again on Thursday, August 11th in Berkeley. Please tell your wives and partners of this change and encourage them to attend these interesting, helpful sessions. The group will be meeting July 7th (first Thursday) in XXXXX and August 11th in Berkeley. Call 415/585-5204 for info.

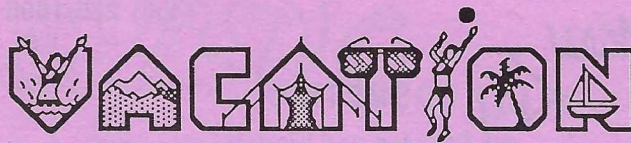
IFGE CONVENTION COMMITTEE

On April 4-9, 1989, San Francisco and ETVC will host the 3rd Annual IFGE Convention, to be held in the San Franciscan Hotel. ETVC's IFGE Convention Committee is in place and working toward an exciting week with other cross-dressers from around the country. We need more volunteers to help during that week with tours and registration.

If anyone is interested in helping us plan activities or in being a part of the Convention, please call Nancy Ann or Ginny at (415) 585-5204. We will be holding monthly meetings to update arrangements & requirements for this event. Check the calendar for dates & times. With your help, we will have an outstanding convention & lots of fun too!



LAKE TAHOE



Joan Sheldon is sponsoring a Pajaro at Tahoe August 5th-15th. She's found a four bedroom/three bath house at Incline Village. It has a gorgeous view of the lake and is near the Hyatt. Enjoy the sun, the lake, and the gambling fun. Spend a weekend or week en femme at one of California's most beautiful places. This is sure to be a wonderful time that you won't want to miss. Make your reservations today as space is limited. For more information and prices write Joanie a note and mail it to Joan Sheldon, c/o ETVC, PO Box 6386, San Francisco, CA 94101.

MARRIETTE PATHY ALLEN vs NY POST

Marriette Pathy Allen has agreed to an out of court settlement in her suit against the New York Post. The New York State Council on the Arts, chaired by Kitty Carlisle Hart, defended its grants and will continue to fund appropriate works of art, even when controversial.

Although it was started to support Marriette, T.I.G.E.R. has collected over \$300 in a legal defense fund to be used by members of our community in supporting our rights and freedom. Please continue to send your donations to: T.I.G.E.R., PO Box 17442, Denver, CO 80217.

It's great to see that our community has begun to pull together and stand up for our rights and dignity.

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Certified checks or Money Orders should be made payable to J2CP Information Services. Please specify whether you are male-to-female, female-to-male, or transvestite when writing. If transsexual, please provide your place of birth.

Other San Francisco Bay Area Gender Support Groups

The Pacific Center for Human Growth, a counseling-oriented growth center, sponsors drop-in support groups for transsexuals each Tuesday at 8:00 PM. All-inclusive gender support groups meet on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays, and last Friday of the month at 8:00 PM. The Center is located at 2712 Telegraph Avenue, Berkeley.

The Rainbow Gender Association (RGA) meets on the 1st and 3rd Friday of the month at 8:00 PM at the New Community of Faith Church, 6350 Rainbow Drive, San Jose. RGA can be contacted by writing: Rainbow Gender Association, PO Box 700730, San Jose, CA 95170.

The Sacramento Gender Association (SGA) meets the 4th Saturday of each month at Lambda Community Center, 1931 L Street, Sacramento, CA. Correspondence should be sent to: Sacramento Gender Association, c/o Stephanie Moellman, 10424 Joel Lane, Rancho Cordova, CA 95670. Call 916-362-8131 for more information about meeting times.

The Tenderloin Self Help Centre meets every Wednesday from 4-6 PM at 191 Golden Gate (at Leavenworth), San Francisco, CA. This is a project of the Central City Community Hospitality House funded by the Community Mental Health Services. Call 415-554-0518 for details.

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