



**Our roving photojournalist captured this scene at the annual ETVC Halloween Party in October.**

## **Showtime at the California Club!**

It's part beauty pageant, part talent show and all fun. It is the Seventh Annual Miss ETVC Cotillion *Saturday, January 12, 1991* at the California Club in San Francisco.

Our biggest event of the year, the featured entertainment is the competition for the title of Miss ETVC 1991. The crown will go to the person who is judged best overall after showing her stuff in the talent competition, the evening gown competition and a sportswear competition. All contestants also will have gone through personal interviews where judges look for ability to pass, femininity, and ability to represent the club.

The winner will succeed the lovely Tiffany, our current Miss ETVC.

The new Miss ETVC will win several valuable prizes and will be ETVC's official representative at the San Francisco Gay/Lesbian Freedom Day Parade.

No cotillion would be complete without a presentation of the debutantes. Anyone can take participate in this part of the evening (but only once in a lifetime), and we don't care if you're over 18 and your dad doesn't belong to the country club.

This is a FORMAL event. Yep, you cannot be overdressed for this event, a perfect time to finally wear that huge rhinestone necklace you've been saving.

All of this, except for drinks, is just \$18 per person in advance, \$25 at the door. Tickets are available at all ETVC events in San Francisco and at RGA functions in San Jose. They are also available anytime until noon on January 12 at the Chez Mollet, 527 Bryant Street, SF.

Volunteers are still needed to work backstage, waitress, bartend, check coats, handle at-the-door ticket sales, set up and clean up. Please contact Diane Richwine, Stephanie, Kristyn or Ginny about pitching in.

The California Club is located at 1750 Clay St., between Van Ness and Polk, in beautiful San Francisco. Parking is available at several nearby lots on Van Ness.

### **We Goofed...**

The invitations that we mailed for this year's Cotillion said that it would be held on Sunday, January 12.

The correct date is

***Saturday, January 12, 1991.***

## Editor's Notes

Can you do it without the dress? Thalia, our speakers bureau's tireless coordinator, tells me that this question has come up fairly regularly in her talks with students and might be one of the most thought-provoking questions she hears.

As I considered how I would answer this question, I found myself thinking that I would like to be able to say "Yes, I express my femininity when I am in my male role," but that wouldn't be totally true.

Femininity is a lot of things to me, but I think that a key characteristic is having genuine sensitivity for the needs and feelings of others. And really doing something about it. That's where I fall short.

See, it's easy to talk about being feminine and it really isn't that hard to look feminine. But it takes work to BE feminine. Nurturing children, helping and supporting your mate, sacrificing your own interests for others, one could think of any number of meaningful, concrete expressions of femininity. I wish I could say that I always do all these things, that I'm pleased to do all the mundane things expected of women (like doing the housework), but the truth is that I need to do a lot more.

So I started to wonder: what if TV's were known for their male femininity instead of their crossdressing. What if we were famed for our unusual sensitivity and kindness instead of for our appearance?

Maybe then we would get real respect and acceptance. And maybe then people wouldn't need to ask us if we can do it "without a dress."

And in other news...Air Force Col. Edward Modesto was sentenced to nine months in jail in October after he was found guilty of being a gay drag queen. You read that right.

Modesto, an oral surgeon with a perfect record, was also ordered to pay \$27,000 in fines. He was convicted of two charges of touching his gay lover in a bar, two charges of having gay sex, two charges of looking sexually provocative in photos and two charges of doing drag at a fund raiser. According to news accounts, the crossdressing in public was really the key to his incredibly harsh sentence as other gay soldiers who were connected to the "case" were simply discharged.

Modesto got virtually no support from most of Denver's gay community, though Latino gays did verbally back him in press accounts. However, as one unnamed gay organizer said in the SF Chronicle's October 18 account, "We're for allowing gay people in the military, but we don't want to be seen as defending the right of gay soldiers to go in drag." Very nice progressive attitude...

Speaking of the military, the armed forces may be home to a much higher proportion of transsexuals than the nation as a whole, according to an article by an Air Force psychiatrist that was recently posted on the Femenet BBS. Some transsexuals may go into the service to practice what an army psychiatrist called a "flight to hypermasculinity."

If this is true, it is very likely that the military is home to a much higher proportion of TV's than the general population too, for the same reason. I have no doubt at all that this is the case, considering the many military folks I've met in ETVC, including a former Miss ETVC.

I hear from a friend in Seattle's Emerald City that the group may be splitting up. There are more than 100 people in EC and it would be a shame for this wonderful independent, open organization to fly apart. Hope it isn't so.

In good news, the Powder Puffs of Orange County have decided not to change from an open organization to a closed, straights-only-no-transsexuals chapter of Tri-Ess.

Jim Bridges, perhaps the best known drag and crossdresser make-up artist in the country, has opened a boutique and cosmetic workshop at 12457 Ventura Blvd., Suite 207, in Studio City near LA (818)761-6650. Our business is welcomed and your newsletter would appreciate a review from any member who checks it out.

Cross-Talk, the newsletter of the Valley Girls, reports that the company that markets the Epilady hair removal device has filed for bankruptcy. What happened? According to an LA Times account in Cross-Talk, the hype for the product was supposed to be aimed at women who wax their legs and are used to this kind of pain. Instead they went for the general market...tons of returns followed from consumers who found that they couldn't deal with the pain of having hundreds of hairs yanked out of their legs at once. Future of the product is unknown.

Philadelphia's Renaissance News reports that founding member Paula Sinclair has been appointed to the Philadelphia Mayor's Commission on Sexual Minorities. Congratulations to Paula and to Philly, one of my favorite cities.

Cindy R. Martin

## ETVC NEWSLETTER

ETVC is a non-sexual, membership based organization with the purpose of serving the educational, social, and recreational needs of gender-challenged people, their spouses, significant others, family members, friends, and professionals in the helping services.

For details about ETVC programs, membership, newsletter subscriptions, and classified ads, please write to: ETVC Secretary, PO Box 6486, San Francisco, CA 94101.

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### SECRETARY'S REPORT

Membership (as of 11/30/90)	337
1989 Membership	344
New members this year	44

### TREASURER'S REPORT

Balance on 10/1/90	\$5,843.00
October income	2,209.80
October expenses	2,020.77
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Balance on 10/31/90	6,032.03
November income	2,081.00
November expenses	2,367.45
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Balance on 11/30/90	5,745.58
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ETVC will accept personal ads from ETVC members at the rate of \$1 per 3 lines. We will not accept ads with a purely sexual objective.

Send ad copy and a check for the appropriate amount to: ETVC, PO Box 6486, San Francisco, CA 94101.

Ad deadlines are the first weekend of the month of publication (June, August, October, December, February and April).

**HOTLINE**

**415-763-3959**

## OUTREACH

Get out of the Chez Mollet and try your act at these local, regional and national events.

The ETVC Cotillion. Entertainment and an outstanding field of hopefuls try for Miss ETVC, January 12 at the California Club in SF. Tickets (\$18 in advance, \$25 at the door) are available at club events, from any officer or at the door. Evening dress, please.

3rd Annual Texas "T" Party, February 21-25. Over 250 attended in 1990 and they all claim to have had a wonderful time. Boulton and Park Society, PO Box 169562, San Antonio, TX 78280 (512)657-2540.

Coronation of the Emperor and Empress of San Francisco, February 23, probably at the Gift Center, 888 Brannan St. in SF, 7 p.m. The 25th Empress, Marlana, invites her fellow ETVC members to a truly incredible show put on by the charitable and fun loving court. We will definitely have our own table and those who wish will walk the runway and be presented to the court and the crowd. For places at our table, contact Ginny at socials, or call her at 415-664-1499.

Joanie Sheldon's Pajaro Dunes Weekend, late February or early March. Also in May and November and two weeks in August at Lake Tahoe. Running steadily since 1984, a chance to meet or make good friends in a rustic setting, always with great food and side trips to the surrounding vacation areas. Family members and day trippers especially welcome. Contact Joan Sheldon, c/o RGA, PO Box 700730, San Jose, CA 95170 for information.

IFGE "Coming Together, Working Together" convention in Denver, April 8-14. Write IFGE, PO Box 367, Wayland, MA 01778 or call 617-894-8340. Brochures are available at all of our social events. Seminars, workshops, lectures, hundreds of fascinating people, many of whom ignore all the work aspects and just enjoy a five-day party. Come early for an organized ski trip. Can you pass in a bunny suit?

California Dreamin' 91. Powder Puffs of Orange County and Cross- talk of LA invite all gender-benders, May 1-5 to beautiful Burbank for an event heavy on touring and entertainment with lectures, seminars, Fredericks of Hollywood, the Queen Mary (all 3 of them). Call or write: Powder Puffs of Orange County (PPOC), PO Box 9091, Anaheim, CA 92812. 714-779-9013. We have brochures available.

Esprit '91 returns to Port Angeles, WA, May 15-19, hosted by the Seattle, Portland and Vancouver groups. The theme is "unity." Cruise to Victoria for a proper High Tea at the stately Empress Hotel. Many other unique events are planned. Write the Emerald City, PO Box 31318, Seattle, WA 98103, or call 206-822-6953.

The 9th Annual "Be All You Want To Be" convenes in Cleveland this year, June 5-9. Generally 300 people rock the town. Write to Cleveland Paradise Club, PO Box 29564, Parma, OH 44129.

In honor of her new book, *Crossdressing with Dignity*, well-known author Peggy Rudd is sponsoring a Dignity Cruise to the Bahamas from July 22-26 on Royal Caribbean's Nordic Empress with crossdressing optional at all scheduled activities on board. Contact PM Publishers, PO Box 5304, Katy, TX 77491-5304 or call 713-347-6563.

Here are two interesting items from the IFGE. A survey of active TV/TS clubs reports a national membership (mailing list) base of about 9500 people with about 3000 active participants. That's a good beginning if involvement with social and support groups is a worthwhile goal. But it is an infinitesimal part of the population some claim to be interested in crossdressing.

The IFGE Educational Resources Committee announces a historical research project entitled "Tracking our past: An excursion into the history of TV/TS organizations and support groups." Its purpose is no less than creating a full history of

TV/TS groups from 1950 to the present. A long-term project and much work, the IFGE hopes it will result in a book interesting enough to be published for the general public by a major publisher. Anyone interested in becoming involved in this may write to the IFGE, or directly to the coordinator, Nancy Cole at N. Cole, PO Box 241, Leavenworth, KS 66048

Plan now for the IFGE "Coming Together 92", April 6-12, 1992 in San Antonio, TX hosted by four Texas groups.

—Telzey



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## Letter to the Editor

To ETVC Officers and the Editor:

Thank you for so much. You are my beacon as I sail a stormy sea. A mixture of joy, jealousy and emptiness fills my spirit as I read and reread the newsletter. The joy is knowing there is a group, a place, with which I can, if I ever gather the fortitude, connect in my deep felt female self. The jealousy, in wishing I could join with you, that I could walk bold and beautiful into an event, or a mall, or even just attend one of the many educational events even as a male. The emptiness, in not being a part, not contributing my share, not helping, supporting, not reaching out to others, like myself, to lift their spirits.

Mostly I dress in the confines of my home. Two years ago, I remarried and allowed my wife's concern to take precedence over my desire to connect with other TV's. My choice. No blame, just wistful dreams of going out and be accepted as I would be there at ETVC.

But my purpose was not to muse, but rather to express my deep felt thanks to you who are on the forefront, where I feel I should be, would be, hopefully, one day will be. Is there something we who are still in our shells can do to help? I would love to do something.

Again my deep felt thanks.

Sincerely, Jo Anne Owens

(Ed. note: Yes, Jo Anne, you can do something. Whenever you hear someone ridicule transvestites or say something unfair you can correct them. Whenever you see or read something that is hurtful to our community, write a letter; use your femme name if you must, and let the offender know that they cannot do that. Hang in there, dear, and good luck!)

# SPECIAL EVENTS

## An Evening at the Chez, The Sequel

If you haven't become an ETVC member yet, this is your chance to do it for 1/2 price! Guests at this event will be charged \$10, but you will become a member and get all the privileges attendant thereto, including notices of special events, discounted entry into our events and our fabulous newsletter. Take advantage of this deal and enjoy a night of music, fun and conversation. For this social, the member charge will be \$3, nonmember spouses and significant others of members will be charged \$5 and guests will be \$10. Thursday, January 31, 8 p.m. Chez Mollet, 527 Bryant St., SF

## Gender Dysphoria Expert

Judy Van Maasdam, M.A., coordinator of the Gender Dysphoria Program Inc., will visit and talk to us on Saturday, February 2 at 2 p.m. at the Chez Mollet. This nonprofit foundation provides services and sexual reassignment surgery and is the former Stanford University Gender Dysphoria Program. Ms. Van Maasdam has been coordinator of the program for 12 years. She is also the executive director of the Harry Benjamin Gender Dysphoria Association, Inc.

## A Discussion with Luanna Rodgers

On Wednesday, January 23, at 8 p.m. at the Chez, Luanna Rodgers will discuss successfully integrating crossgender needs into our lives. Topics will include: self-acceptance; disclosure to partner, family, and significant others; and modes of gender self-expression of TV, TS, and avenues in between. She will answer questions after her brief presentation.

Luanna has successfully provided individual, couples, family and group therapy with gender minority clients for ten years. For the past two years, she has conducted her private practice in San Francisco for TV, TS clients and their significant others. In early 1991, an additional office will open in the East Bay. Currently, she has held several support and discussion groups. She is also a partner of an ETVC crossdresser. Donation \$3.

## ETVC/RGA Rap Group

The most exciting rap group in the Bay Area meets on the 2nd Monday of each month at the New Community of Faith Church in San Jose. The address is 6350 Rainbow Drive in San Jose. The next two meetings will be on Monday, November 12 and Monday, December 10 from 8-10 pm. There are only two rules: no one dominates the discussion and no discussing the rap group outside the group. If you know the way to San Jose, join us. If not contact Kim (408) 243-3919 or Martina at (408) 984-5619 for more information.

## ETVC Fashion Fling

Wear your most chic outfit and be a model or just watch the fashion show at this fun event. Find out how much great clothes really cost and learn where the bargains really are. Our membership drive continues on this night and guests will again be charged \$10 and can become a member on the spot if they wish.

February 28, 8 p.m. Chez Mollet, 527 Bryant St., SF Members \$3, Nonmember Spouses and Significant Others of members \$5, Guests \$10.

## Makeup by Margie Boyle

Margie Boyle is District Sales Manager for Avon Products in the northwest Bay Area. She has 260 reps and conducts training classes and workshops. On Saturday, January 19, 1991, from 2 to 4 p.m., at the Chez Mollet, Margie will give a makeup demonstration on a model from ETVC and discuss skin care for an hour and a half and then answer individual questions for the rest of the session. Donation \$3.

## Bisexuality Talk

Andrew and Diedre, two well-known members of the Bay Area bisexual community, will give a talk on the subject at the Chez Mollet on Wednesday, February 20 at 8 p.m. at the Chez Mollet. Questions will be welcome.

## Significant Other Support Group

The Significant Other Support Group wants to invite all Significant Others to attend our SOS group meetings. Group members define Significant Others as wives, lovers, friends, children and others close to TV/TS persons but are themselves not TV/TS. We encourage you to ask the SO in your own life to come to these meetings, particularly if the SO feels they need support from their peers in dealing with their feelings about the TV/TS in their lives. It is important to emphasize that all meetings are kept STRICTLY CONFIDENTIAL. This is to help insure that a safe, supportive environment is created in which all attendees will feel secure enough too really be able to share and talk about their feelings. We are frequently assisted by a helping professional with a specialty in our area of concern.

The SOS group meets the second Thursday of each month from 8 to 10 p.m. Our next meetings are scheduled for January 10 and February 14. You are all welcome with open arms. For more information call Ginny at 664-1499.

## Date Change

The January event at the Foxy Lady Boutique in SF has been changed to January 8. The store is at 2644 Mission St. The Social begins at 7:30 p.m. Free parking at the Bayview Savings lot at 22nd St.

## Sacto Group

I.M.A.G.E., an acronym for "I'm making a gender expression" will hold a social at January 5 at 7:30 p.m. at Joseph's Town and Country Inn, 2060 Auburn Blvd., Sacramento. The group says that it has "standards of appearance and conduct." For more information, call Charla Clark at 916-755-1073.

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# TV/TS/TQ GROUPS AND ACTIVITIES

## A Calendar of Events for January & February



### JANUARY

2 Pac Ctr	TV/TS Rap	Meets 8-10 PM	Berkeley	(415) 841-6224
4 RGA	Social	Starts at 8 PM	San Jose	(408) 988-0790
5 ETVC	<b>Executive Committee</b>	<b>Starts at 8 PM</b>	<b>San Francisco</b>	<b>(415) 282-2803</b>
7 ETVC	<b>Outreach Committee</b>	<b>Starts at 8 PM</b>	<b>Berkeley</b>	<b>(415) 849-4112</b>
8 ....	Foxy Lady Social	7:30 - 9:30 PM	San Francisco	(415) 285-4980
9 ETVC	<b>Social Committee</b>	<b>Starts at 8 PM</b>	<b>Richmond</b>	<b>(415) 235-8509</b>
10 ETVC	<b>Significant Others Support</b>	<b>Meets 8-10 PM</b>	<b>TBA</b>	<b>(415) 664-1499</b>
11 ETVC	<b>Poker Social</b>	<b>Starts at 8 PM</b>	<b>San Francisco</b>	<b>(415) 664-1499</b>
12 ETVC	<b>Cotillion</b>	<b>Starts at 7 PM</b>	<b>California Club, SF</b>	<b>(415) 235-8509</b>
12 ETVC/RGA	<b>Daybreak</b>	<b>Starts at 8 PM</b>	<b>Mountain View</b>	<b>(408) 984-5619</b>
14 ETVC/RGA	<b>Rap Group</b>	<b>Meets 8-10 PM</b>	<b>San Jose</b>	<b>(408) 984-5619</b>
16 Pac Ctr	TV/TS Rap	Meets 8-10 PM	Berkeley	(415) 841-6224
18 RGA	Social	Starts at 8 PM	San Jose	(408) 988-0790
19 ETVC	<b>Education Committee</b>	<b>Meets at 12:30</b>	<b>Chez Mollet</b>	<b>(415) 731-5161</b>
19 ETVC	<b>Makeup by Margie Boyle</b>	<b>Starts at 2 PM</b>	<b>Chez Mollet</b>	<b>(415) 731-5161</b>
23 ETVC	<b>A Discussion with Luanna</b>	<b>Starts at 8 PM</b>	<b>Chez Mollet</b>	<b>(415) 641-8890</b>
24 ETVC	<b>Couples Social</b>	<b>Starts at 8 PM</b>	<b>TBA</b>	<b>(415) 664-1499</b>
25 Pac Ctr	Open Rap	Meets 8-10 PM	Berkeley	(415) 841-6224
26 SGA	Dinner/Social	Starts at 7 PM	Sacramento	(916) 441-8379
31 ETVC	<b>Evening at the Chez II</b>	<b>Starts at 8 PM</b>	<b>Chez Mollet</b>	<b>(415) 282-2803</b>

### FEBRUARY

1 RGA	Social	Starts at 8 PM	San Jose	(408) 988-0790
2 ETVC	<b>Education Committee</b>	<b>Meets at 12:30</b>	<b>Chez Mollet</b>	<b>(415) 731-5161</b>
2 ETVC	<b>SRS Discussion</b>	<b>Starts at 2 PM</b>	<b>Chez Mollet</b>	<b>(415) 731-5161</b>
4 ETVC	<b>Outreach Committee</b>	<b>Starts at 8 PM</b>	<b>San Lorenzo</b>	<b>(415) 849-4112</b>
5 ....	Foxy Lady Social	7:30 - 9:30 PM	San Francisco	(415) 285-4980
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9 ETVC	<b>Executive Committee</b>	<b>Starts at 8 PM</b>	<b>Foster City</b>	<b>(408) 984-5619</b>
9 ETVC/RGA	<b>Daybreak</b>	<b>Starts at 8 PM</b>	<b>Mountain View</b>	<b>(408) 984-5619</b>
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20 Pac Ctr	TV/TS Rap	Meets 8-10 PM	Berkeley	(415) 841-6224
21 ETVC	<b>Couples Social</b>	<b>Starts at 8 PM</b>	<b>TBA</b>	<b>(415) 664-1499</b>
22 Pac Ctr	Open Rap	Meets 8-10 PM	Berkeley	(415) 841-6224
23 Coronation	Empress/Emperor Coronation	Starts at 7 PM	Gift Center, SF	(415) 664-1499
23 SGA	Dinner/Social	Starts at 7 PM	Sacramento	(916) 441-8379
28 ETVC	<b>Fashion Fling</b>	<b>Starts at 8 PM</b>	<b>Chez Mollet</b>	<b>(415) 282-2803</b>

### OTHER GROUPS

**Pacific Center for Human Growth**, a counseling-oriented growth center, sponsors all-inclusive gender support groups 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. Call (415) 841-6224 for more information.

**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.

**Sacramento Gender Association (SGA)** meets at 7PM on the fourth Saturday of each month upstairs at the Town & Country Inn's restaurant 2060 Auburn Blvd. Sacramento; call (916) 441-8379 for directions. Write Jennifer Richards, PO Box 417701, Sacramento, CA 95841 for more information.

**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.

Edited by Ronda Schneider

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(Ed. note: The following is the first of a series of excerpts from a remarkable talk given by Lin Fraser, a well-known Bay Area therapist. Fraser, who has specialized in working with transgendered people since 1972, gave the presentation to ETVC in August 1990.)

## **ANIMA: CENTRAL TO CROSSDRESSING BEHAVIOR?**

What happens to your crossdressing when you fall in love? If it goes away, which it does with a lot of people, then you can develop an understanding of what we call in Jungian theory the "anima." The anima, in the biological male, is the image of the feminine, or the woman within the man. Every man has that, and Jung writes a lot about this, but never with respect to crossdressers.

When the non-crossdressing heterosexual male falls in love, he projects his own anima out. With the crossdresser, when he falls in love, sometimes he projects his own anima out and stops crossdressing, but other times what he is doing is having a relationship with his own anima. So he has a blissful, sometimes an almost in love relationship with an internal image of the feminine that he needs to make concrete, he needs to put into the world and have a relationship with.

As a Jungian, I assess the archetypal patterns in each gender identity. What I find with the crossdresser is a sort of Apollonian identity in the male and a sort of Aphrodite in the female.

## **WHO ARE CROSSDRESSERS?**

A lot of people in the paraculture talk about feeling like two different people. The guy is usually rational and concrete; you might say he's kind of boring. The female is spontaneous and blissful and in the moment.

This what the male side usually looks like: He's the thinking type. He might have a little obsessive-compulsive behavior going on. He's introverted and quiet. He may have been shy and inhibited growing up. He's rational. He's future-oriented, which Jungians describe as living in Kronos time. He's serious and responsible. He's professional and somewhat conservative. Logos is what he's involved in, that's thinking. Things are concrete to him. He could be clinically prone to depression. He's independent; it's difficult for him to ask for help. And he's a heterosexual.

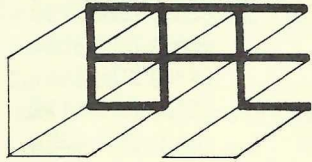
What is his female side like? That's the anima. That's the soul, by the way, in every man; the anima is the soul. Here we have the Aphrodite archetype, a lot of bliss; it's a highly aroused state. The world is now in colors rather than black and white. Here's where the feeling is, and sensation. In the moment—there is no future and no past, what is called Kairos time. It feels good, it's highly pleasurable. He can focus on the details of the moment.

He has a desire, or maybe I should say she, has a desire to connect with others, a desire for relationships out in the world. She wants to go out to connect. And there is a recognition of dependence needs in this state and a feeling of safety, security, and tranquility, as well as excitement and risk and a sense of spontaneity. This is Eros instead of Logos. The sexuality is towards the female image of self. That's why mirrors are important.

For some crossdressers, the female archetype is more Persephone, who is childlike and spontaneous and fun, and also in the moment.

Crossdressers are very narcissistic when they are crossdressed. "How do I look! Tell me about what I'm wearing. Look at my nails." But once you get beyond that, there can be more recognition of who you really are.

It's easy to understand, I think, just looking at those two sides of the psyche, why the feminine is so appealing. A lot of the fun is there; a lot of the pleasure is there.



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## Education

### Let's Talk

The last several Educational Seminars were a mixed bag indeed. October marked the beginning of the two-per-month seminar experiment. This double responsibility was taken because we saw a need to get as much information and ideas to as many interests and needs as possible.

The Wednesday evening "Hassle-free Transformation" was anything but, as the scheduled hostess failed to show. But the audience turned the situation for the better by sharing make-up tips.

Some suggestions: mixing red (lipstick) or yellow in the beard cover helps neutralize the blue in the beard. Blending techniques were also explained.

For the Saturday seminar, Jane Bentley gave a presentation on the concepts of Closets, Keys and Goals. Closets can be harmful when they keep us from our goals. But they can also serve to protect us from harm. We can find the keys to get out but we need a direction and goal and be willing to take reasonable risks when setting out.

Jane's encouragement of a shy newcomer in the back corner to come forward and join the group with greater confidence was for me the highlight of the afternoon. That's what these seminars are all about.

In November, illness kept the famed Doris Fish from visiting with us, but Jacqui Jewels of the Royal Court filled in admirably. She explained how the courts system works and also gave ideas on make-up, the use of padding to create an effective feminine look and showed some of her beautiful hand-made jewelry. Jacqui, you will make a good Grand Duchess. Good luck in your next attempt.

The premiere Foxy Social at the Foxy Lady boutique in the Mission district was a fabulous success with 20 to 30 coming to enjoy the event. Watch our calendar for more of these continuing events.

### A SPECIAL THANKS

A committee is only as good as those who help give support. So I want to thank a few of those who have contributed to ours. To Alison, who has with great diligence cared for the article library. To Ginny, who for many years has assembled the photo library. To Jane and Jim, who together hold our book library. To Lauren, the video librarian for these many years. To Margo, our official secretary and who helps with the book and article libraries. To Mary Bernice, for her help with the tip Sheet. To Monika, who has assembled the book library list. To Ralph, who has volunteered to give a presentation on Drag in the Cinema. To Ronda, who has greatly helped with the seminars, and with updating the article library. To Zia, who holds the newspaper article library and helped on the tip sheet. And to Madame President Martina, who has helped greatly on many things, in particular the article library and who kept the committee afloat during its formative stages. Thanks to all of you.

Would you like to join our team or help with the Social or Outreach Committees? We can use your help. Call 731-5161. Let's Talk.  
—Jessica, Education Committee Co-Chair

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### Speech Talk

Although the speech therapist, Yvonne Gordon, was unable to attend November 14 because of a death in the family, we had a lively, informative discussion between ourselves about speaking like a woman. Many people were surprisingly knowledgeable. The most important hint was agreed by all to be getting the resonance of the sound up in the head and as little as possible in the chest or throat. Choice of words is significant: women often use more qualifiers, are marvelously more emphatic, more expressive, and tend to turn the conversation toward the response of the listener, don't you think? Talking with the hands is important, with arms and hands pulled inward and nonaggressive. Women use more variation in pitch and speech pattern, as well as in choice of words. Confidence is important, and being non-defensive and open to and interested in the other person.

One thing I learned, although I'm not sure I know how to do it, is to relax the back, upper part of your mouth. When I first tried to talk in a high pitch, I tensed up all my parts, and tended to sound like Mickey Mouse. Although I'm not sure how to go about relaxing the back of my mouth, it is something I am now trying to work on, and might never have heard about it if we were not all sharing our knowledge.  
—Ronda

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This also indicates that it is time to consider running for office. What! Do you think it's too early? Look again! Nominations will be finalized less than one month after the next newsletter comes out. This allows time for the candidates to get information and campaigns in for publication with the ballot and May newsletter (deadline for which is the March social). To help you determine your qualifications, let me show you an article that was published in the Rancho La Mesa newsletter in November.

### THE ANATOMY OF A PRESIDENT

She must be agile as a monkey

because she spends so much time out on a limb;

She needs a big chin

so she can lead with it;

And a thick skin

so she can ward off the stings of insult and ingratitude;

She has to have strong legs

so she can stand on her own two feet

and still be limber enough to kneel at bedtime;

She has to have a big mouth

so she won't choke when she puts her foot in it;

And a good appetite

so she can swallow her pride

and eat her words;

She needs a deaf ear for flattery, a good ear for criticism,

and judgment enough to distinguish between the two;

But most of all she needs a rubber neck so she can

turn the other cheek

face reality

look back at history and forward to the future

confront the issues, and

face the music.

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She works under more pressure than a deep sea diver,

Gets more criticism than a poor man with an ambitious mother-in-law,

Suffers more temptation than a shoplifter in a mint,

And is expected to be everywhere at once like a chaperone at a high school prom.

If you feel you qualify on half the above, you are more qualified than I. If you feel you qualify on a quarter of the lines, RUN FOR OFFICE; we will help you choose. Contact me at 408-984-5619 or call anyone listed in the calendar and leave your name (whom to ask for) and a phone number.

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### My Wife Wears My Clothes

I can't stand it anymore.

Ok, I'll admit that a time long ago I snuck into my wife's things. A lot. But I didn't have any of my own. What else could I do? Even so, hey, I always folded them neatly—even more neatly than she did—and put them back exactly where they belonged. If there was time, heck, I'd even wash and dry them—fluff dry! I was so considerate that for years she never knew.

Anyway, I never wore her things very long. Sometimes it was just minutes. And I never deprived her of their use—forgetting the time the time I ripped a hole in her fishnet pantyhose and threw them away, because I made full restitution.

"Flowers! For me? How thoughtful, but why?"

"Just...ohh—just because..."

"Oh! You adorable man."

I always treated her lady things like a gentleman. So it isn't fair that now that I have a wardrobe, bureau, and trunk of my own lady things she takes whatever she wants whenever she wants without asking and without putting them back.

Imagine yourself in my place. Let's say that one morning you open your dresser drawer looking for your Vanity Fair all nylon lace bikinis, but all you find are old boxer shorts. You search the usual places: the hamper, under the bed, way back in the closet, through the stack of clothes and papers atop your dresser. Nothing. Damn!

Now the bathroom door opens. Amidst clouds of steam your wife materializes like Aphrodite in terrycloth. She smiles brightly. You frown.

"Hi! S'matter?"

"I can't find my—"

The robe, untethered crumples at her feet.

"—my underpants! Y-you're wearing them!"

"Aren't they cute?"

"Yeah, they are. That's why I bought 'em, dammit. What the matter with those cotton Jockey things you say are so great."

"They're dirty."

"So go borrow a pair of Winifred's."

"I'd stretch 'em. Our daughter may be grown this way," she says, raising her hand, "but not here." She pats your hips.

"And I am?"

"That's why I like yours. They're so roomy."

"You're bigger in the hips than I am."

"I am?"

Soooo, that day you wear the damn boxer shorts. That evening you do the laundry.

Days later, preparing for an evening en femme, you choose a sheer skirt, which demands that pink half slip you picked up at the RGA clothing swap. When it turns up missing you know right where to look; and it's there, of course, in your wife's top drawer.

"Babe," you say, "I don't mind if you borrow my stuff, but I'd appreciate if you'd ask first and put it back when you're through."

"Of course," she says, "sorry." But she says it so breezily you're not sure she got your point.

"Hey," you fire back, "I don't go around taking your stuff"—she gives you that look—"er, anymore. Why do you just take mine?"

"But I share. What about the pearl necklace?"

"I thought you gave it to me."

"See?"

"By the way, I can't find that, either."

"Winifred needed it."

"But—so do I!" you gasp, suddenly gripped with overpowering nostalgia for the good old days when you were deep in the closet and didn't have to share it with anybody.

"Oh, you poor baby," she coos, "I was just teasing before giving you this." She opens the real closet to reveal a huge box, gift-wrapped in pink ribbon.

"W-what is it?"

"Everything you ever dreamed of."

And so it is.



## Coming Out

### Part 2

**RELIEVE STRESS BY REVEALING.** Just about now, our imaginary character is starting to sweat a little...like many great communicators, he found that by telling Karen he was feeling a little nervous, but he had put Karen in an empathetic mood. Feeling comfortable, he can now move on.

**SHARE THE FACTS.** "Karen, I'm a crossdresser and even have thought of having a sex change." There, Dan did it! He continued to reveal the facts he knew about himself, gender issues...all the time respectfully answering Karen's questions. He also referred questions he couldn't answer to a future discussion.

**AFFIRMING THE OTHER PERSON'S BELIEFS AND FEELINGS...**can be our most empowering step. It is at this point that we may not "hear what we want." Dan followed this by listening while Karen expressed reservations about his crossdressing around their children. He told Karen he would talk to his therapist to see if crossdressing around children was harmful.

**SEALING THE COMMUNICATION.** Like any good communication it is important to have a proper closing. Karen had stated, "I'm not very happy about this, and there is a lot I don't understand, although I am willing to learn more without passing judgment." In closing, Dan thanked Karen for being there for him, while restating that he valued his relationship with her and then gave her a warm hug.

Communicating individual needs, like gender and sexuality, won't always be this easy. However, you have just reviewed some powerful tools that you may include in your communications repertoire. With practice, as you increase your communication skills, you will find an increased sense of empowerment and satisfaction. Do remember, after sharing something as stressful as "coming out," that you may be well served by spending time alone, positively reflecting on your personal success...and if you wish, rewarding yourself in a special way.

Joni Eveling Israel

Joni Eveling Israel is the founding director of the Gender and Self Acceptance Program.

## Free Workshops for Singles

Being transgendered does not mean having to be alone, without friends, partners or companions. Recognizing and exploring the needs of transgendered singles will be the focus of two free workshops being facilitated by therapist Joni Eveling Israel on Saturday, February 9 and Saturday, February 23 from 1-4:30 p.m. For info call 415-558-8058.

## Crossdressing within a Relationship

### Part 2

**WHY DO I WANT TO TELL MY PARTNER NOW?** If you are in a new relationship, just beginning to know one another, this question may have a very simple answer: "I want to let this new and increasingly important person in my life know all about myself and find out if we are compatible." The initial phase of a relationship involves exploring values, secrets, and revealing ourselves for who we really are. The expression of your feminine side (or whatever your crossdressing means to you) is an appropriate part of yourself to share in the early phase of a relationship.

In contemplating disclosure within a marriage or relationship of many years, the question of intent is crucial. Why do I want to tell my partner now after all these years? If your desire is to improve your relationship and you are tired of feeling isolated, distant and cut off from your partner, chances are this might be a good time to disclose. If, however, you are frustrated or angry with your partner and the relationship is already in turmoil over other issues, it might be best to deal with these feelings first and separately. Don't utilize disclosure to hurt, establish how much you have sacrificed for the marriage, or make your partner feel guilty. Disclosure in that spirit is likely to be met with dismay, resistance or hostility.

**WILL MY INNER STRENGTHS AND SUPPORT SYSTEM SEE ME THROUGH** this potentially stressful disclosure and enable me to be open and supportive toward my partner. In other words, are you in an emotionally safe place to take a risk? If the initial response of your loved one is less than enthusiastic will you feel despondent? Do you have supportive people, who know of your situation, with whom you can talk: friends, gender club members, family, a therapist? Will you be able to keep your positive sense of yourself intact and remain open to sharing when your partner experiences a range of emotions in response to your disclosure?

A caring, careful disclosure to a loved one, made when you are ready and after you have achieved a level of self acceptance, can enhance your relationship, lessen your tension and then diminish the distance between your both. Sharing is the essence of relationship. A sense of positive self-worth and a good support system can provide you with the cushion you need to be open and sensitive to your partner's fears and concerns and attentive to their needs. Patience and much loving communication will be needed following disclosure. Since you are challenging your partner's image of you with new information, your partner will need your love and support and will need to know that your feelings about the importance of your life together remain unchanged.

Luanna Rodgers

Luanna Rodgers is a San Francisco therapist specializing in work with the gender community.



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## Jennie's TS Corner

My friend Ruthie told me the other day, "Jennie, I think you have managed to exchange one set of problems for another. Was all of this worth it?" she asked.

"Why do you ask that?" I wanted to know.

"Well, before, you were convinced that you were a girl in a boy's body and you felt you could not live that way. Now you have the same problems other women have: boyfriend problems, less recognition, discrimination, too much concern with the way you look, mood swings. Is this real progress?"

"I know," I said, "but I think these problems are more me. I like these problems better. Besides it's a relief not to have to crossdress anymore. And also my chin was not holding up under the shaving strain. I had one maybe two years of crossdressing left on my chin."

"Are you really happier now?" she asked.

"I think most of the time I am happier, but you must remember it's really easy to forget the pain. How would you like to wear those four inch heels every time you went out? And I was never sure all that foam was fireproof. And all that makeup. And it had to ALL come off. Heaven help you if you left a trace of lipstick. Now it's, 'How come you are not wearing any makeup?' Things that were once forbidden have now become necessities. I was always embarrassed playing tennis because my legs were often shaved. Now when I play tennis it could be 'Jennie, your legs need shaving.' Though I was playing doubles with this guy the other day and when he missed a shot he said he was sorry for missing the shot but he could not keep his eyes off my legs. You learn that men are really full of it."

"I have two ex-husbands to prove that," Ruthie replied.

"Also life was more dangerous," I said. "The people I used to hang out with spent far too much time in the Tenderloin. Sitting in the Black Rose one night I thought to myself: Has my life really come down to this?"

"Well, I'm glad I didn't know you then," she said. "I don't think I could handle the Black Rose. You have come a long way since then. You are doing better at work now than before your change," she said. "You have lots of friends. You must have something to do every night of the week. You have become a jockette with all your softball, tennis dancing and aerobics."

"Thanks, I keep pretty active. I tend to take it all for granted now. It has been hard for me not to take myself at face value with respect to biological women. It's like a person who has never walked, and now walks, but also expects to run a marathon without problems. It may be possible but one must face the challenge with a proper perspective of the place from where he or she has come.

At least I'm all real now. No more foam or breast prostheses. After I grew breasts, when I would take off my bra, I expected the breasts to come off with it. The prostheses along with the foam are now in some forgotten drawer."

"Well," Ruthie replied, "It's hard to relate as I have been only a girl and never had any desire to change. Certainly what you have done is incredible. If you had been born a girl, you would have saved a lot of money though."

"Maybe not. As a woman I may not have had the opportunity to earn the money I spent. Either way I'm out the money."

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A member of ETVC, John moved to San Francisco in 1978. He worked first in film and later in the printing industry. He was also active in and a generous contributor to the National Task Force for AIDS Prevention.

Last July, he established the John Ribinski Acupuncture Foundation, to be administered by Visiting Nurses and Hospice of San Francisco, under the Pacific Presbyterian Foundation, to provide acupuncture service to people with HIV diseases.

Memorial services were held in San Francisco on November 12.

## French TV Leader Murdered

A high ranking police officer is being tried for the murder of Pasteur Joseph Douce, the founder of France's largest TV/TS group, who was last seen being taken away from the group's Paris headquarters by two police officers on July 17, 1990.

Douce's body was found three months later in a field south of Paris and after an investigation police arrested Jean-Marc Dufourg, head of the Renseignements Generaux, a special police intelligence agency.

Friends had suspected that Douce, who was gay, may have been killed by a homophobe. Dufourg, according to news accounts was "blatantly anti-gay."

Douce was the founder of the Center of the Liberating Christ or CCL where he helped TV's, TS's, gays, lesbians and other sexual minorities.

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