



Augusta Moore teaches the finer points of poise, posture and grace to Kate and other ETVC members. (See story on page 6)

Education Committee Formed

There are two reasons for forming an education committee: as a group have we grown too large to have all normal monthly functions scheduled and run by the social committee and because it will be necessary to show that we are an educational organization (as our name implies) to achieve non-profit status with both the State and Federal governments.

Our goal is to help educate the members of our organization, both on outside appearance (poise, hair, make-up, and voice) and internal well being (nurturing and self-acceptance). We have been busy setting up dates and times with professionals in different fields who are accepting of our lifestyles and respect us for being who and what we are. These are the instructors who will be at the education sessions. Many of us realize that we haven't the experience that women possess when it comes to appearing female and feminine. We should all be open for constructive criticism when it comes to our outer appearance, as these criticisms can and should be positive learning experiences. In our opinion, any assistance professionals offer us should be welcomed with open arms.

Some of the other functions of the education committee will be caring for the article library, book library, and video library and filling requests for articles. We are always looking for new information to enlarge the library. The tip-sheet is also our responsibility and we have been actively working on updating it. We will verify that each and every contact in our local area is still in business and that they are accepting of our lifestyle. Any new contacts that belong in this sheet should be forwarded to us via PO Box 6486 or can be given to us in person at almost any of the ETVC functions.

-Melanie and Sandra

Gay Pride Parade A Great Day for ETVC

The San Francisco Lesbian/Gay Freedom Parade & Celebration brought 275,000 people to town and we were there. I was us very early, dressed (black skirt, blouse, low heels) drove to SF and parked on 9th Street and walked over to the MUNI station. It was packed with people going to Castro Street, mostly marchers at that hour. My first time on public transit as Telzey was just like a crowded gay bar. At Van Ness most of the SF Gay Freedom Marching Band got on, tuba player last, with tuba. Finally, Castro Station and we exploded onto the platform. I quickly went to find the sign-in table, and most of the ETVC group was waiting for me. We were legal! Down 19th St. to the car. Barbie had a new red Corvette convertible with Susan and Kimberly Ann, Miss ETVCs '89 and '88, in the back, in long gowns and tiaras. Our Banner Girls would be Sandra and Kate, (both wore shorts), and the side monitors were Martina, Franchesca, Teri and Melanie. Kristyn and I took the rear, handing out club info.

As we waited the various groups sifted around us: the man wearing only blue paint, ACT UP (who did, constantly), Real Women, (in short skirts and heels, their purpose kept a mystery), The AIDS groups, bar groups, the Women's Contingent with a float and music behind us, and Cheek-to-Cheek, who ballroom danced the entire parade ahead of us.

At 11 a.m. the thunder of 500 Dykes on Bikes started the parade and precisely 1 p.m. ETVC crossed the start line, turning onto market. A slow affair but this is one of the longest parades in the country. All Market was lined with a deep crowd, windows were filled, people stood on roofs. At two places we topped rises, looking a mile down the street, half the parade ahead of us, 100,000 people. And they roared and screamed and cheered at us. I thought it was mostly for the girls in the car, but Sandra insisted the Banner Girls started the response. What a way to spend a Sunday afternoon.

Eventually we reached the Civic Center and our booth where ETVC was well represented by Maxine, Thalia, Vanessa, Evelyn and many others. I talked to the passing crowd for a while: a lot of women interested in transsexualism, men who had never met another cross-dresser, out-of-towners wanting local info. The parade and booth are a heavy budget item, well worth the effort for the exposure and goodwill generated. Let's have twice as many marching next year.

-Telzey

HOTLINE ONLINE!

The official ETVC TV/TS/TG Outreach Information and Support Hotline is now operating at 415-763-3959 with a 24-hour tape of info on ETVC and coming events. Volunteers will usually staff the line from 7 p.m. to 11 p.m. At other times callers can leave a message and will be called back.

THE TIME IS NOW!

Almost 200 of our 429 members from last year have renewed their memberships. Are you one of the majority who haven't. Help us remain the largest single chapter gender support group in the United States. For only \$20.00 per year you receive our newsletter, discount admission to our social events and an official membership card. A membership application is on the back of this newsletter for your convenience. Please do it now, before you buy that new dress!

Editor's Notes

Though I really didn't need proof that being stuck in the closet can be unhealthy, now I know for sure. I won't embarrass the folks who proved this to me, they've already done that in their letters of response to an inquiry about cross-dressing in the last newsletter.

Susan S., one of ETVC's new female friends, asked a number of very interesting and thought-provoking questions about cross-dressing in a letter that was published in the July-August newsletter. We did get some replies to her questions, but very few from people who actually go to ETVC events or go out in public which were the major questions in Susan's letter.

The better replies to that letter may or may not be printed if space becomes available in upcoming newsletters. But space or not, some of the responses will never be published.

Without mentioning the specifics of these letters, let me just say that they were clearly the work of people who need to cut the fantasy closet crap and start dealing directly with other people about their cross-dressing. A final word on this: ETVC provides plenty of healthy ways to give vent to crossdressing needs. Members who do not take advantage of these opportunities have only themselves and their paranoia to blame.

This is probably also a good time to reiterate a few editorial policies here at the ETVC newsletter. We welcome and invite contributions always, but that doesn't mean just anything gets into the newsletter. We're pretty easy but we expect a minimal level of literacy. Personal attacks, vulgarity, etc. are out. Boring stuff ain't gonna make it either, OK?

The newsletter also will not publish articles written by our advertisers or others seeking business with our members. Further, we wish to make it clear that the opinions of contributors to the newsletter do not necessarily reflect the views the editor or the ETVC Executive Committee.

In other media news:

Two currently released films feature TVs in apparently realistic ways, at least if the reviews are to be believed. "Miracle Mile," a story about love in the last hours before the nuclear holocaust includes a scene with an attractive transvestite and her companion. "A Sinful Life," a romantic comedy, has the leading woman seeking "sisterly advice from her towering transvestite chum, Teresa Tremain (Mark Rolston), who's having a fling with a macho Mexican. Decked out in a tight red sequined gown, Rolston, with his deep throaty bass, makes a sexy figure that Finocchio's would love."

By the way, did anyone else notice how sympathetically, albeit rather shallowly, drag queens were depicted in the recent Examiner series on Gays? That was nice, especially since our sisters were treated with some respect for a change.

And speaking of respect, Barbie, Susan and Thalia got it during their July 5 stint on the Alex Bennett show. That show was apparently heard by quite a few folks who hadn't been aware of ETVC before, judging by all the newcomers at the July social. Keep coming back ladies!

Letter to the Editor

I have been crossdressing for as long as I can remember. During the early days I know I just enjoyed the feel of the clothes, loose, airy and nylon. I never considered going out in public for the extreme fear of getting caught by the kids you ran around with.

Well times have changed. I now want to look and feel as pretty as I possibly can. I have no problem with going out in public dressed if I had a little help from a sister who is more experienced than myself. What a great joy it would be to have a "big sister" to guide you along on up-to-date clothing styles, makeup, and other things to help you to look your feminine best.

I can really relate to Thalia's comments (March-April Newsletter) about "blowout". I guess it has been a little over a year since I told my wife of 25 years about my TV desires. She tolerates my dressing to a point but not as much as I would hope she would. She is no help as far as dressing, makeup, etc. She only accepts the fact that I dress and will let me do it when she is home. She says no wig, no makeup and no jewelry, just the clothes.

About a month ago I found the address of Tri-Ess and Carol Beecroft. She sent me some material as well as your newsletter. I was beside myself with joy (blowout) to know I had a place to go and be Janette and be accepted...The excitement Janette feels just writing this is unreal. I just hope all of my sisters out there can stand one more "blowout." I ask you to think back to when you came out and how you felt when you found ETVC. Remember the first activity you attended and how you were about to explode inside and how you were ready to tell the whole world that Jim is sometimes Janette.

I guess what I am saying is please help those of us who are just coming out. We need a shoulder to lean on and advice on the finer parts of being feminine. I definitely need a "big sister."
Janette

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 7/31/89)	221
1988 Membership	194
New members this year	39

TREASURER'S REPORT

Balance on 6/1/89	\$948.68
June income	\$2,090.00
June expenses	\$1,323.81

Balance on 6/30/89	\$1,714.87
July income	\$1,570.85
July expenses	\$489.48

Balance on 7/31/89	\$2,796.24
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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.

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

HOTLINE 415-763-3959

SPECIAL EVENTS

Septemberfest Thursday, September 28

Achtung!

Travel to Bavaria...

...just by walking into the back room of the Chez.

There is no other experience quite like going to the Octoberfest in Munich (okay, so we're a little early).

A trivia quiz and a prize for the best theme outfit are just a few of the offerings that night.

*Prosit, alle!
(cheers).*

*8 p.m. Chez Mollet,
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*San Francisco,
Members \$3.00
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HALLOWEEN PARTY

Thursday, October 26th

This is the biggie, the magical night when anyone can be a queen for a night. Time to get wild and really dressed up, but get there early because this event will pack 'em in. We have a great contest, too, with three categories of prizes: most outrageous, best group and most original and then best overall. So don't miss the haunting. 8 p.m. Chez Mollet, 527 Bryant St., San Francisco.

Members \$8.00 Guests \$12



Nurturing Ourselves

On Saturday, September 16, we will be working on our internal self-image with Joni Israel, the Administrative Director of the Gender Minority Program and an advertiser in our newsletter. Her session will be titled "Nurturing Ourselves." This meeting will be held at the Paradise Bar and Grill, a bar and restaurant that you can read about in Sandra's NIGHTLIFE column. This session will be followed by a barbecue put on by the Social Committee. Preregistration requested but not required. To preregister call (415) 481-1894, 2 p.m. Paradise Bar and Grill, 12th between Oak and Madison, Oakland. Admission \$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, September 11 and Monday, October 9 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) [redacted] or Martina at (408) [redacted] for more information.

**Looking for fun and excitement
in your crossdressed life?
Join the social committee!
Contact Francesca or Maxine at
(415) [redacted]**

Open Forum

Joni Israel returns to us on Saturday, October 14th, for an "Open Forum." during which any type of discussion is encouraged. Preregistration requested but not required. To preregister call (415) 481-1894, 2-3:30 p.m. Chez Mollet, 527 Bryant St., San Francisco. Admission \$3

Help Wanted for Cotillion

Volunteers are needed now for the 1990 Miss ETVC Cotillion. We need help for our advertising committee; hall set-up and audio; food, catering and bar, and production. For information call Barbie at [redacted]

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IN OUR BANQUET ROOM

In the course of the month being Outreach Chairperson, one comes across many reasons to feel proud about the "good" we accomplish in our organizational efforts. When a letter arrives at PO Box 6486, it is opened with anticipation. Who can we help, and to whom can we send info to about our varied activities and people in ETVC? Today there are literally dozens of ETVC members who first contacted us through our PO Box. Many of these writers were in a state of total isolation from others of their persuasion. Now we all celebrate the good atmosphere and times we have being "ourselves" at the Chez. This organization, and the opportunities it offers to those who wish to add to it, is a bright light in the sea of darkness. Never before had I been in any organization, least of all as one of its officers. ETVC is my new and accepting family of the future. I have a sense of growth and excitement whenever my mind centers on what ETVC is all about. Some of us may never have made any close and enduring friendships with other males, either TV or straight. Slowly as the days and months and contact with other males go on, we begin to let down our guard and for the first time view and relate to others from a position of confidence and security. They are no longer a threat and it is a relief to be relaxed. An example of what I mean by helping someone comes from a recently received letter. It comes from Gary in Burlingame.

To ETVC, I came across a card that reads "Introducing TV". I have got problems. I'm 31. For the last 9 or 10 months I had a girlfriend who I fell deeply in love with. However, she just recently broke it off clean with me and kicked me out of the house. So I have my own place now but I feel so hurt and in lots of ways guilty cuz her and I didn't make it together. I truly loved her. But since about the second month we were together, I told her about my "obsession" with wearing women's clothing. After that I'd always noticed a tension in her. So now I sit here with my socially unacceptable problem. I don't really want to stop crossdressing. I feel so good doing it, but I'm usually lonely and depressed. I have no one I can talk to, no friends, etc. I like to dress up and go outside, but usually people notice me as different and they call me names. I don't know what to do and it all seems unfair to have to stay cooped up, or, go out and feel good till someone says something hurtful. Do you have someone I can talk to?

Sincerely, Gary

Touches my heart, grabs me right here!! One major problem for us to contact Gary, he didn't include a last name and lives in an apartment complex, and he didn't put down his number. I will endeavor to go to his address and look up on the mailboxes any Gary, or G. ... and then send him an introducing ETVC flyer. Let's hope that by the time the next newsletter goes to bed in early October that we will have found Gary and brought him into some loving, caring and accepting life experiences with all of you wonderful "girls" in ETVC. We never quite know how what we do in the public eye will interact with others, nor how it may lead others to our door. Our efforts at the Gay Freedom Day Parade on June 25th were noted by the judges for our excellent booth at the Civic Center. It was while staffing this booth that your writer was asked if "she" would like to be interviewed for the next day's Chronicle newspaper. The answer was an affirmed YES. What follows is what appeared on page 6. "Eric Harlow, 55, a Mountain View accountant, credits the strides made by the gay and lesbian community for the freedom he enjoys as a crossdresser. With gays and lesbians coming out in greater numbers, society has become more accepting of people who are different in many ways," he said. "We're out here supporting the gay community because they support us," said Harlow, who represents a transvestite group. Harlow, who was using the name "Evelyn" for his day in drag yesterday, is straight. "Most crossdressers are", said Harlow, who is his group's liaison with the gay community. Harlow wore a pink windbreaker over a

turquoise blouse and multi pastel skirt. His naturally long gray hair was swept back in a bouffant. He is six foot one in flats. Harlow has been married to four women and has been with his latest wife for four years. "She did my hair today", Harlow said. "She wants Evelyn to be perfect when she goes out." Harlow's crossdressing was not always accepted. He has three grown children, two of whom have accepted his crossdressing. "My father never understood. But finally, last year, he accepted Evelyn for the first time." Because of this interview the following letter from Paul in San Francisco arrived at PO Box 6486:

Dear ETVC, With some hesitation and great difficulty I write this letter. I find myself a bit embarrassed. Embarrassed that I might be "found out". I am even too embarrassed to phone you in person. Sunday I saw your organization at the Parade, but resisted contacting you until I read your comments in the newspaper (Chronicle) Monday. I'm new to the area and in fact somewhat new to crossdressing. I've entertained the idea for over ten years, but never had the opportunity to explore it

much. I guess I'm unsure of myself. I'm curious about transvestism, but uncertain about my feelings (and certainly afraid about the ostracism that could result). I would like to belong to an organization where I may discuss my feelings openly, without fear of repression. To know others with similar feelings and to learn more about a rather unexplored facet of myself would be of great help. I've been wrestling with these feelings for a very long time. If I seem like the kind of person that could benefit from your group, and could return the favor, let me know. Even if I'm not, let me know as not to be left hanging. At the place I'm renting I would feel very uneasy if they found out. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely, Paul

Well, Paul, you certainly are welcome to become a member of our outstanding group of "ladies". We hope to see you soon at one of our socials at the Chez Mollet.

-Evelyn

Digressions

The ETVC Phone Tree has 34 people on it and while rarely used, it is a good way to spread word of sudden events, changed dates or cancellations. Mostly it has been used to announce television shows, given short notice. To get on the phone tree call the Hotline or sign up at a social.

Back copies of ETVC newsletters to Jan/Feb 85 are now available. Reprints of "A Rose News" interview with Dr. Stanley Biber, world renowned sexual reassignment surgeon are also available by contacting Telzey at socials or by writing to the ETVC PO Box for info. \$1 each.

There is no shortage of other publications that specialize in Gender topics. Among the better ones:

Tapestry - See their ad in this newsletter. It's all there as promised, great articles and a huge personals listing with many pictures.

Transvestian/Femarine - The Transvestian is a six-year old tabloid with good articles and columnists, hard-core fiction and personals. Femarine is a newer paper, published by the same company, that has dropped the porn. Transvestian is \$20 for 12 monthly issues, Femarine is \$30 for 12 issues. Tania Volen, 200 Main St., Tennant, NJ 07763. Hard to find, but available in some bookstores.

Ladylike - Published by JoAnn Roberts, who was interviewed in the July/August ETVC newsletter. Slick magazine with many color pages, articles, advice etc. In excellent taste throughout, Joanne put my photos in #4. 4 issues/\$24 Creative Design Services, PO Box 1263, King of Prussia, PA 19406.

-Telzey

TV/TS/TG GROUPS AND ACTIVITIES

A Calendar of Events for September & October



DATE	WHO	WHAT	TIME	WHERE	FOR INFORMATION
SEPTEMBER					
1	RGA	Social	Starts at 8 PM	San Jose	(408) 988-0790
2	ETVC	Executive Committee	Starts at 8 PM	San Leandro	(415) 481-1894
5	ETVC	Outreach Committee	Starts at 8 PM	Mountain View	(415) 964-3655
6	Pac Ctr	TV/TS Rap	Meets 8-10 PM	Berkeley	(415) 841-6224
8	ETVC	Poker Social	Starts at 8 PM	San Francisco	(415) 664-1499
11	ETVC/RGA	Rap Group	Meets 8-10 PM	San Jose	(408) 243-3919
12	ETVC	Social Committee	Starts at 7:30 PM	San Leandro	(415) 483-9090
14	ETVC	Significant Others Support	Meets 8-10 PM	Pleasant Hill	(415) 664-1499
15	RGA	Social	Starts at 8 PM	San Jose	(408) 988-0790
16	ETVC	Self-Image	Starts at 2 PM	Chez Mollet	(415) 481-1894
20	Pac Ctr	TV/TS Rap	Meets 8-10 PM	Berkeley	(415) 841-6224
21	ETVC	Couples Social	Starts at 8 PM	Berkeley	(415) 664-1499
23	SGA	Dinner/Social	Starts at 7 PM	Sacramento	(916) 362-8131
28	ETVC	Septemberfest	Starts at 8 PM	Chez Mollet	(415) 483-9090
29	Pac Ctr	Open Rap	Meets 8-10 PM	Berkeley	(415) 841-6224
OCTOBER					
2	ETVC	Outreach Committee	Starts at 8 PM	Berkeley	(415) 849-4112
4	Pac Ctr	TV/TS Rap	Meets 8-10 PM	Berkeley	(415) 841-6224
6	RGA	Social	Starts at 8 PM	San Jose	(408) 988-0790
7	ETVC	Executive Committee	Starts at 8 PM	San Leandro	(415) 483-9090
9	ETVC/RGA	Rap Group	Meets 8-10 PM	San Jose	(408) 243-3919
10	ETVC	Social Committee	Starts at 7:30 PM	San Leandro	(415) 483-9090
12	ETVC	Significant Others Support	Meets 8-10 PM	San Francisco	(415) 664-1499
13	ETVC	Poker Social	Starts at 8 PM	San Francisco	(415) 664-1499
14	ETVC	Open Rap	Starts at 2 PM	Chez Mollet	(415) 481-1894
18	Pac Ctr	TV/TS Rap	Meets 8-10 PM	Berkeley	(415) 841-6224
19	ETVC	Couples Social	Starts at 8 PM	Foster City	(415) 664-1499
20	RGA	Social	Starts at 8 PM	San Jose	(408) 988-0790
26	ETVC	Halloween	Starts at 8 PM	Chez Mollet	(415) 483-9090
27	Pac Ctr	Open Rap	Meets 8-10 PM	Berkeley	(415) 841-6224
28	SGA	Dinner/Social	Starts at 7 PM	Sacramento	(916) 362-8131

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.

FRANCESCA'S SOCIAL CENTER

I would like to take the time to let you know of a new column, mine. I will be writing about the Imperial Courts around the Bay Area. They hold many functions and events that raise money for AIDS charities. We will start with the Imperial Star Empire, Inc. of Alameda County. What is I.S.E.? They are a non-profit charity club that raises money for AIDS charity groups. I will be listing a calendar of events so that you may attend and help those who are not able to help themselves. Many events are drag shows with raffles, games and auctions. All events are a lot of fun and you may walk out of there with some good prizes. If you wish to dress up for these shows, feel free to do so. You will find it a most enjoyable time. We work with this group closely to help each other and to understand each other. When I say we, I mean Maxine and me. We help with lights, sound and sometimes perform. This is the best way we are able to help. I will also in the next newsletter list the other Courts around the Bay Area and their functions.

I.S.E. CALENDAR

September

- 8 Appreciation Party for the Court, Bills The Eagle, 16024 East 14th Street (cross street Ashland) in San Leandro, at 9 p.m. Free.
- 17 Kick-off party for the Coronation candidates, call Franchesca for info.
- 28 In Town Show for the Coronation, free, Big Mama's, Hayward
- 29 Out of Town Show at the Hyatt, Oakland, 9 p.m.
- 30 Coronation, Hyatt, Oakland, doors open 6 p.m., show 7 p.m., \$20 at the door.

October

- 21 "Investiture" - Party for the incoming Imperial Family at the Spoiled Brat, Hayward at 6:00 PM; \$10.00 suggested donation

If you wish more information for these dates or have any questions about any of the above, please call me at (415) [REDACTED] -The Party Girl



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"If you don't believe it, no one else will." Those of us in the gender community would do well to take those words to heart, explained Augusta Moore, a great friend of ETVC, who makes a living teaching the finer points of poise and posture.

A professional modelling instructor, Augusta spent more than three hours on July 24 showing 34 members of ETVC how to make a more convincing feminine presentation with a delightful combination of wit and detailed explanations of proper body motions.

Moore was wonderful in pointing out the minor carriage mistakes that we all make while walking, sitting and standing. Her bubbly personality and her amusing over-dramatizations and language allowed us to instantly feel at ease with what could have been an uncomfortable and self-critical situation.

Besides giving nuts-and-bolts tips on things like the most attractive and feminine position for legs while standing, Augusta also discussed the mental aspects of a solid presentation. The key to looking feminine is self-confidence, she said.

Augusta is offering more in-depth sessions that she would like to limit to 5 to 8 people per session. If you are interested in partaking in these sessions, please feel free to contact Melanie or Sandra at (415) [REDACTED]

Couples Group

Did you know that you don't need two people to attend the couples social. We realize that everyone doesn't have a significant other, so all are welcome. It is a dressed event and proper decorum is preferred. The conversation is always good and smoking is usually kept outside.

Over 30 attended the June social in Berkeley. We had two guests from out of the area, Heather from Cincinnati and Jackie from Los Angeles. Jackie had such a good time that she joined ETVC less than a week later.

In July, 18 celebrated the group's fourth anniversary at Kate's lovely home in Santa Clara. The September social will be on the 21st in Berkeley and the October event will be on the 19th in Foster City. Be sure to bring something for the buffet table. For more information, call Ginny at [REDACTED] — Donna

T.G. NEEDS HOUSING

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NIGHTLIFE

Believe it or not, there is life on the opposite side of the Bay Bridge after leaving the Chez, or for that matter, any other time.

The Paradise Bar and Grill, located just south of the Oakland Courthouse on 12th Street between Oak and Madison is a mixed bar and everyone is welcome. Usually there is parking available on the street (parking meters), but if not, there is a small parking lot on the southwest corner of 12th and Oak.

The owner, Mama Chuckles, is involved with the I.S.E. (see Franchesca's Corner) and the Paradise hosts many functions for them. Chuckles also holds a zodiac birthday party the last Sunday of every month. Connected to the bar there is a large fenced back yard with chairs and tables that has among other things a stage, wet bar and a barbecue. During the birthday party the food is free, the price of drinks reasonable and there is always some kind of live entertainment. Connected to the bar is a restaurant that is priced very reasonably. Also, for those of you who just don't go home after last call, the Paradise stays open between 2:00 AM and 4:00 AM for after-hours breakfasts.

After you leave the cities and get into the suburbs, there are still lots of places to go. Bill's The Eagle is also a mixed bar, but that shouldn't stop any of us open-minded girls and guys from stopping in and having a drink with Wanda and Tootie, two of the most wonderful women you will ever meet. If you want food there, they have a large selection of chips, pretzels and pork rinds (what I'm trying to say is, don't go there hungry). The bar is also a host for some of the I.S.E. functions and you will find the patrons of the bar to be very friendly and accepting. Bill's The Eagle is located at 16024 East 14th Street (cross street Ashland) in San Leandro.

Tri-Ess is coming to town for another "Holiday en Femme". They have asked us, ETVC, to join them in a joint venture on Saturday, the 18th of November. The theme will be Las Vegas Casino Night and there will be gambling and a raffle. We are working on getting Mister Sister to perform that night. The site has yet to be announced, but with all likelihood it will be at the California Club. All proceeds from this joint venture will be split equally between the ETVC, Tri-Ess and a charity of our choice.

On Thursday night, Nov. 16 at 8:00 PM the La Cage au Folles will be host to the members of Tri-Ess participating in this "Weekend" and any other people (like all of you) who want to join in on the fun of one of the better F! shows to hit the stage. The price has not yet been negotiated, but it should be quite reasonable.

The specific details for these events will not have been worked out by the time this newsletter goes to print, but I promise that if you all make notes on your social calendars for these two dates, I will have all the information by the time the November-December newsletter arrives in your mailbox (about November 1). Also, anyone who wants to give us assistance on Saturday night can either call me at (415) [REDACTED] or see me at any of the major E!VC functions. —Sandra

Significant Others

The Significant Others Support (SOS) Group meets September 14 in Pleasant Hill and on October 12 in San Francisco. For details and directions call Ginny at (415) [REDACTED]. We look forward to seeing you there!

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 a 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 to really be able to share and talk about their feelings.

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Dear Renee,

My goal is to be able to talk on the phone and not be called Sir. What's the secret? Missy

Dear Missy,

Changing clothes comes easier to most than changing pitch and it requires another leap of faith just like the one that lets us go out in public for the first time. A toddler needs to fall down again and again before she's able to walk, no less run. If you don't want to go see a speech therapist such as Carol Friedenberg, be patient and think on the following:

- Reduce volume and intensity as well as raising pitch - Use conjunctions, be tentative, use a questioning tone - Use filler words and pauses to soften impact - Listen to how women think and then speak that way - Focus on the other person, avoid "I" and seek agreement - Be ready to sound gay/effeminate in your own ears.

Dear Renee,

Cost is no object, I just have to get rid of my beard, should I do the Blend or straight Thermolysis, and how do I avoid the quacks who'd scar me for life?

Bearded Bev

Dear Bev, Lovely skin is one of a woman's greatest assets, so don't take chances with this irreplaceable treasure!

Call you local electrologist and ask what organizations they belong to, their philosophy and experience with males. Find one who seems gentle and competent and have a 15 minute trial session.

The Blend uses both heat and a galvanic chemical reaction to zap hairs, and is much more effective than Thermolysis. However, not everyone reacts well to the former, so if welts develop the next day, stick to the slow but sure route of Thermolysis.

Dear Renee,

Sometimes I just wish I could forget the whole thing and so I go and dump all the clothes, make-up and guilt, and try to live a normal life. But no matter what I do, the urge to dress returns and I kick myself for throwing away all that good stuff. Can I purge purging?

Dumpster Dana

Dear Dana,

If you really want to dump your self-doubt and come to terms with your thwarted womanhood, you'll have to become more womanly, either as a more androgynous man, or a part- or full-time crossdresser. You'll do well to get some professional help there.

If all you want is to save yourself some money and embarrassment during the otherwise inevitable purges, just bundle

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Neutral Corner - San Diego TV Club

Organized in 1984, San Diego's Neutral Corner was one of the earliest TV groups to incorporate as a nonprofit organization. Neutral Corner has 85 members and like ETVC is nonsexual. ETVC members who wish to visit and contact this group should call 619-236-1586. Membership is \$25 for full members and \$15 for associate members.

Jackie, an outreach person for the group recently discussed the club and it's origins with the ETVC Newsletter.

ETVC: San Diego has a reputation as a beautiful, but very conservative place. How does an organization like Neutral Corner get along in such a place?

Jackie: We're a pretty conservative group as well. Our members dress and demeanor tends to fit in pretty well with this area. But if you're wondering about acceptance, well we find when we're out in public that most other people are worried about their own problems, not us.

ETVC: What does Neutral Corner do for social get-togethers? Do you have a certain place you use or what?

Jackie: We float around and go to various restaurants or hotels that have large rooms...If our social person finds a nice room she will approach the management in male attire and ask about their policies, if any... basically, we find that money talks and we are welcome guests most places

ETVC: How many people do you usually draw to your socials?

Jackie: Anywhere from 30 to 40, but we have had more than 50 for our big events.

ETVC: How did Neutral Corner get started?

Jackie: That was back in 1984 when some of our founders like Susan Thomas and Pam G. took the advice of a psychologist named Vince Huntington who suggested we form a group... originally we had about 17 members but we kept growing and growing.

ETVC: ETVC is thinking about getting nonprofit corporation status like Neutral Corner. Why did you folks do it?

Jackie: We incorporated in the summer of 1987 mostly to give us greater respectability... there were also the tax benefits, but it was mostly to increase our respectability in the community.

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It was a merciless sun that was making life short for a recent snowfall as I pulled out of South Lake Tahoe and over Echo Summit on my way back to the Bay Area. I must have looked like Lazarus as bandages covered my face from a round of cosmetic surgery done the previous day. The bright sun reflected off the snow and made driving difficult. My mind was on what was happening back home. Today was the day that all of my co-workers would learn that I am a transsexual. When I returned to work, I would be in a female role.

As I pulled into my driveway I was concerned about two things: How were these people taking this bizarre news and what did my face look like under these bandages. I called the office and spoke with my manager. In her staccato way of speaking she said, "Jennifer, I've told the first line managers and they are fine with it." Actually most of them already knew because I had selectively made them aware of what I intended to do. It was a show of confidence from these managers that convinced me that I would stay, that it would be OK. Consequently, most were fairly knowledgeable about what it meant to be a transsexual and what the treatment encompassed. When she asked them to inform their staff they could do it with sensitivity and intelligence.

In the next two days it was like elections returns coming in. People were taking it well. My manager told them that Jennifer had kept her sense of humor. True, but could she keep it when they laughed AT her and not WITH her. One woman said, "I am really relieved to hear this news because I sat across from 'him' at a meeting recently...I looked across at him and thought, 'Is there something wrong with me that men are starting to look like women?' Maybe I needed a longer vacation." One of the managers wanted my old suits.

So the foundation was there. All I had to do was show up to work the following Wednesday in a skirt, that was one relief. But what about my face? When I show up for work, what will I look like? How bad is the bruising and swelling? After a lifetime of longing, am I going to look a mess? I could not stand the suspense. I took the bandages off. My second fear was relieved as the swelling was minimal and my face looked fine. I threw the bandages away.

On Wednesday, February 8, 1989 I was surprisingly calm as I applied my makeup, brushed my hair and dressed. The admonishment don't wear too much makeup rang in my ears. This wasn't the ETVC Cotillion.

I stayed pretty calm as I rode up the elevator with my co-workers starting their day. I was cross-living. I would never have to go back and live as a male again. I was relieved more than anything.

At first it was not easy doing this. I felt very conspicuous at my initial meetings. My new soft voice didn't carry. However, I began to realize that most people working there did not know me and I seem to be just another female worker. I did not become this notorious person I was worried I might become. As

time passed I became more and more comfortable with myself. Most people treated me the way I wanted to be treated.

Last Friday night at a company party, I was sitting next to two women with whom I work. They said when I first changed over one of them was going to punch me in the stomach. "Why, for heavens sake, would you do that," I asked.

"We felt that it was unfair that you do not have to suffer through monthly periods. And then you have slim hips and thighs with no cellulite. The monthly punch would substitute for cramps." I didn't bother telling them that we have our own share of curses.

I tend to be very hard on myself. I expect a lot and can be upset when things are not perfect. However, I have learned to stop and reflect on how far I have come and on how much I have accomplished. It's good advice.

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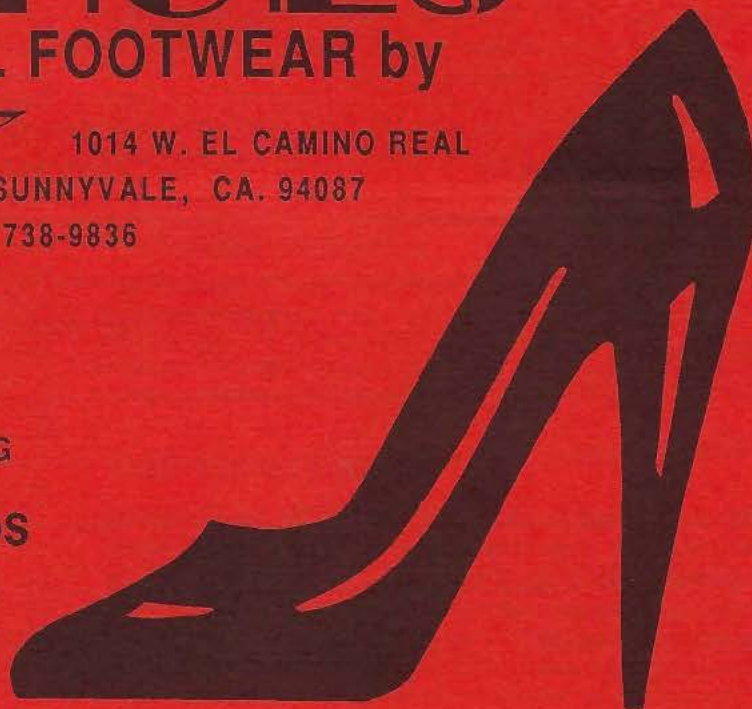
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Willits Weekend

(On July 29-30 ETVC member, Renee, and her wife, Deborah, opened their Willits home to our members for a weekend get together that drew more than 20 people. This is one account of that weekend-Ed.)

At work I can't get the thought of the upcoming weekend out of my mind. About 2 p.m. I am on the road headed north. My mind was going 1000 mph: should I continue to Willits or turn around and go home? I decided to go on, but once I got there I became even more nervous. Still the girl deep within me kept me headed for Renee's place.

When I arrived, Renee walked down from the house and introduced herself. My boyself became more nervous and nearly decided to go home, but my girlself relaxed and was becoming more confident. My boyself has almost never won a dispute with my girlself.

After getting set up, I changed into a beautiful outfit my wife had purchased for me and Janette came alive that Friday evening. I dressed, put on my makeup, nails and the finishing touches on my wig. It was time to make the presentation of Janette to all who were there.

You see, this was the first time Janette had appeared with a group of people who knew who and what she was. Oh, she had gone out on her own a few times. Walks, car rides and one successful shopping trip, but never around any one who knew.

As I left my trailer and walked toward Renee's house my confidence was coming and going as fast as my heart was beating. After spending a short time talking with Renee and several very welcome compliments, my confidence returned. The rest of the evening was pure bliss and the rest of the weekend was still to come.

Saturday was really fun socializing with all who came. Saturday night was one to remember and Barbie decided it might be fun to

go to the Brooktrails Lodge. Instantly, my boyself said, "Are you nuts?" Not only was the Brooktrails management very nice but they invited us back any time.

This just shows me that the girl within needs to live and her confidence is absolutely amazing. Janette is usually a shy, reserved girl, but with the help of all the friends she has met at ETVC outings, she is becoming a fun-loving, outgoing woman.
-Janette

Our Secretary, Donna, also reported that at the Willits Weekend the group threw a surprise wedding shower for the host couple. Several games were played, gifts were opened and a lovely cake was demolished. It was the first shower to which most of us have ever been invited. A brunch was the main activity on Sunday, after which most of us headed for home. This will probably be the last Willits Weekend, as Deborah and Renee are moving closer to their friends in the Bay Area, but ETVC will definitely consider continuing the event in some fashion in the future.
-Ed.

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