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# TRANSgenderist

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Monthly Magazine of the Transgender Independence Club

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## Winnie Brandt Update

Here are Winnie's own words about her recovery:

As reported in the January newsletter, I'm out of commission for a while and must resign from my TGIC offices. You may be wondering what happened to me. Well, one week before Xmas, I was getting ready to sit down and finish writing cards, when a UPS deliveryman dropped off a package and rang my doorbell. Now, Friday, December 18 was the first day we had ice in this area. Stepping out to retrieve the package, I slipped and fell on my own front step, breaking my left arm - the humerus where shank meets shoulder ball. Also got a sore fanny, but no break there. This and other health problems, including pneumonia and diabetes, sent me to the hospital for Xmas. I came home on New Year's Eve, and am now feeling much better, but it will be a couple of months before my arm heals. It's in a sling and I cannot drive, so must depend on my daughter for transport. At least, I'm right-handed. But, I'm under strict doctor's orders - no smoking, no drinking, no candy, no fun. And no dressing until my arm gets better. Melodie has agreed to act as courier so I can write checks and maintain membership records, print mailing labels etc., until someone else can transfer the data files to their computer. Hope to be back at meetings in the Spring.

Regards,  
Winnie [redacted]

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## Thank You

I want to express a personal thank you to members of the gender community for all of your kindness and support I received during my recent breakup with my girlfriend. I got an outpouring of sympathy in the form of e-mails, phone calls and friendly conversation when I met several of you. I especially want to thank Emma and Raechel for inviting me along on their movie night, a very "Mary" event. -hr

## The Club Goes On -- New Officers Elected

At the special meeting held 2 PM at TGIC on January 17th, a slate of people was found and accepted nomination, willing to take over the many duties that Winnie had. It was felt that the club would suffer great harm if the current leadership vacuum continued, and since there were a goodly number of club members present (around 10), we nominated and elected by acclamation the following slate of officers to fill the unexpired term of Winnie [redacted]

President: Tina [redacted] (was Vice President)  
Vice President: Raechel [redacted]  
Secretary: Karen [redacted]  
Treasurer: Cheryl [redacted]  
Den Mother: Denise (and thanks for cleaning today, people, spurred on by Denise)  
Newsletter Editress: Vicky E. [redacted] (continuing)

Winnie sent a list of duties and a proposal for dividing them up among the offices, and suggested (through Melodie) that if people could be found, that the situation should be stabilized as soon as possible. It should be noted that this is for the unexpired term, and this slate may be changed at the next election as club members choose.

I wish to congratulate the new officers and wish them well in their endeavors. I also want to sincerely thank them for all of us for volunteering and for taking over immediately so that our club may survive this transition and thrive. Already some very interesting ideas have come to light from this group which spans the



range of TV/TG/TS, ideas for revitalizing our club and our club room. One idea of having monthly weekend meetings and some sort of dinner arrangement deserves some discussion and ideas, and perhaps there is someone in the club [Leslie?] who would like to become chair person for that part. I'd love to post a date in March when we could try this, and details.

There is also interest in getting the web pages up and referred to by other T\* organizations.

One idea Cheryl and I hope to implement immediately is quarterly reporting on club finances so that all club members may understand and have input into the club's financial picture. We are not rich (there is perhaps a two-month financial "cushion" there), but we have a good balance of income and expenses, and people should know about that. You should know what your dues support.

I pledge the support of the newsletter, and feel free to call me at [REDACTED] (work) or [REDACTED] (home).

We'd also like to express our heart-felt appreciation for all the years of work that Winnie did in keeping TGIC together and functioning. I think it would be a great tribute to Winnie if each current and former TGIC member would write a get-well card and include their personal remembrances of Winnie and TGIC meetings, and then send it care of TGIC. We will get them to her. I also personally suggested that at the last Twenty Club meeting in Hartford.

Get well, Winnie, and that's from all of your sisters (and brother) in TGIC! We hope you can kick up your heels this Spring with us.

If you have further questions, please call me or e-mail me.

Love,

Vix

The Real Vicky [REDACTED]

## JD's to Host Another Party February 11th

Karen [REDACTED] reported on January 4th: Denise & I attended the New Year's Eve party at JD's, along with several other TGs (Monica, legendary Barbara, etc.); splendid time had by all, etc. Without warning, JD informed us that he & Rosie are holding a Valentine's Day Party for us (TGIC) on Thursday, Feb. 11 (1999)!

These are great social events and serve to bring together many of the extended TG community who are not necessarily regular TGIC attendees. I would urge you to support JD's for this very gracious activity, and mention to JD and Rosie your personal appreciation. Helping to build community is a very wonderful service.

Personally, as I have commented to a number of people, my own epiphany came at JD's pool table, in a particular game where Melodie and I played JD and a lesbian woman. And at that moment I thought, gee, we're all people! And that, my friends, is what life is all about, acceptance of each other and respect for each other's unique and wonderful gifts.

John Cleese was on American TV recently and was asked for the differences between English and American people. In reply he said that there were three differences...

1. We speak English and you don't.
2. When we hold a World Championship for a particular sport, we invite teams from other countries.
3. When you meet the head of state in England, you only have to go down on one knee.

1998 Bumper stickers: Horn broken, watch for finger. Keep honking, I'm reloading. Help wanted telepath: you know where to apply. I love cats ... they taste just like chicken. Forget about World Peace..... Visualize Using Your Turn Signal!



## Letter from Callan [REDACTED]

Albany NY: National Weather Service has announced a Winter Storm Watch Thursday to Friday.

Karen notes that with the inclement weather that is coming in Thursday to Friday, she expects that the vital TGIC meeting, where decisions are taken as to who will fill Winnie's pumps, will have to be delayed. It's very possible that no one will be there to open the clubroom on time.

It's important that these decisions are taken. Winnie has been performing key roles, including

- collecting dues, including notification
- keeping bank accounts in her name
- keeping phone account in her name
- paying rent, phone, PO box, Metroland, etc.
- opening up the clubroom
- receiving and answering club mail
- sending out and following up on information requests and new members
- maintaining member list, including labels
- relations with the landlord, financial statements and much more.

All of these jobs MUST get done for TGIC to continue functioning. The decisions as to what would happen were to be made at the Thursday, January 14 meeting, which now looks impossible. In addition, Karen informs me that she has scheduled a representative from CDGLCC's Capital Pride to attend the TGIC meeting on January 21 to discuss how TGIC can play a role in the Pride celebrations coming up this September. [Ed. note: on hold right now]

Your suggestions as to how TGIC can get this moving are welcomed. If these roles aren't taken, you won't have TGIC to kick around anymore. . . .

## Letter from Karen [REDACTED]

This brief missive is in response to Callan's earlier message about the need to effectively replace Winnie and the questionable status of tomorrow's (1/14) meeting wherein some preliminary decisions about this issue were to be made. Actually, I was going to post a very similar message to her's, but she went on-line before I had an appropriate opportunity. As Callan noted, Winnie performed a number of services that were essential to TGIC's maintenance; very simply, the club would no longer exist without her efforts. Since she is no longer able to function in her previous capacity, we need to replace her and with some dispatch. The meeting on the 14th was supposed to provide a starting point but, considering the weather, only a few may be able to attend. I currently am without wheels and am uncertain whether I will make it, but I'm going to try to be there. And, I urge everyone else to attend, if conditions are not too threatening. We do need to make a number of important decisions very soon, and we need to act on them. The timing of the current situation--the need to make these decisions complicated by extreme inclemency of weather--is indeed inopportune, but if something is not done soon, TGIC as we know it may cease to exist and it remains rather uncertain that a renewed club, with a better focused sense of priorities and mission, will replace it. It therefore seems critical that we make the appropriate transition soon, if the fourteen's meeting is called off, or if it is minimally attended. Doesn't TGIC offer so many of us too much to let it disintegrate because we lacked the commitment to keep the organization alive?

Peace & love,  
Karen [REDACTED]

[Karen is our new secretary.]



## Letter from Leslie J. [REDACTED]

Hello, I am just offering up a suggestion for the group. I really don't see too many other sisters coming forth with suggestions. If you want to criticize my suggestions, that is your prerogative. Just because something has been that way for a decade, doesn't mean change is bad. Things have to move forward as time progresses on.

I have a small two bedroom condo, small living room, dining area, I could accommodate maybe eight or ten people for a buffet or dinner. Would be glad to entertain that thought. If I had a larger home, I would more than be happy to entertain a large group for dinner or buffet meeting. As I said before, I am willing to help out as best as I can. Please let me know. Let's not be so critical of newcomers.

my best, Leslie J. [REDACTED]

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## Letter from Cheryl

What do we need for the club to function? The \$\$ must come and go, the club must be open for Thursdays, someone must answer the phone and answer the mail if we are going to get new people, we need the newsletter so we can keep in touch. What else??

Winnie was both president and treasurer, right?? If I could help by being interim treasurer, without attending many Thursday meetings, we (my wife and I) could do it. She is the treasurer of Sunshine Club, and she said she would help me out.

[Cheryl is our new treasurer. Thank you, Cheryl!]

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If it's tourist season why can't we shoot them?

Why do they sterilize the needles for lethal injection?

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## Satire? You Decide

### Transgendered sea anemone denounced as abomination by clergy.

HUNTSVILLE, AL--A coalition of Baptist clergymen spoke out Monday against the *Telia felina*, a transgendered sea anemone they are decrying as "base and depraved." "This filthy anemone, which exhibits both male and female characteristics, is turning our oceans' intertidal zones into dens of sin and perversion," said Rev. William Chester, spokesman for the Save Our Seas Coalition, a Huntsville-based activist group dedicated to "the preservation of aquatic decency and morality." "For God knows how long, this twisted sea creature has been running rampant in our oceans, spreading its unnatural, bisexual lifestyle. And it's high time somebody took a stand."

The controversial anemone, common to warm-water reefs and basins worldwide, has been practicing its alternative sexual lifestyle at least as far back as 1859, when Charles Darwin first catalogued its phylum and species. Since then, over 40 subspecies of *Telia felina* have been identified as dually gendered.

The Baptist group also strongly denounced the anemone's reproductive habits and family structure. "Unlike so many respectable, God-fearing creatures, the *Telia felina* reproduces asexually, openly mocking traditional family values by giving birth to and raising its young in a single-parent setting," Chester said. "This anti-Christian anemone, which has the audacity to think that a child can grow up properly without the benefit of two loving parents, is truly the Murphy Brown of the deep."

Added Chester: "If you still doubt the pain and suffering wrought by this undersea abomination, just look into the eyes of a young anemone child forced to grow up wondering why Mommy and Daddy live in the same body. This, my friends, is not natural."

As part of its campaign against the invertebrate, Save Our Seas is calling upon



Greenpeace and other environmental groups to cease their defense of endangered species and regions that fail to uphold high moral standards. The group is also threatening a boycott of aquariums that display the Telia felina or any other creature of questionable character. "Is this the kind of marine invertebrate we want our children to see on their school field trips to the aquarium?" Chester asked. "By putting this sort of filth on display in our nation's aquariums--aquariums that are often federally funded with your tax dollars--we send our children the message that the transsexual lifestyle is not merely to be accepted, but encouraged."

"It is truly sad to see what could have been an upstanding Christian creature cross over to a life of depravity and abasement," Pastor Kenneth Boyle, director of the Loaves And Fishes Academy Of Christian Marine Biology, said of the Telia felina. "Just look at its flamboyant bright green and gold coloration. And its hundreds of effeminate tentacles, which sway back and forth temptingly in an effort to lure the spiritually weak. The Bible says that on the fifth day, God filled the oceans with living creatures, but surely this is not what He intended."

(The Onion is a paper/web site which specializes in satire and parody. Discretionary reader participation is required.)

The Onion <http://www.theonion.com/>

One-liners: Kids in the back seat cause accidents, and accidents in the back seat cause kids. Sex on television can't hurt unless you fall off. Friends help you move, real friends help you move bodies. A day without sunshine is like night. Why is the alphabet in that order, is it because of that song? When you ship Styrofoam to someone, what do you pack it in? Why do kamikaze pilots wear helmets? If you choke a Smurf what color does it turn? If you throw a cat out the car window, is it kitty litter? Why is abbreviation such a long word?

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## News Briefs

**Positive Press: Willow Arune**, a transsexual woman in British Columbia and e-mail friend of Vicky [REDACTED], was the subject of a very positive newspaper article in her local Kelowna paper, extremely supportive. Willow is a published author and former television personality.

**Salvation Army Donation?** A letter was seen urging GLBT people to consider carefully whether or not to donate to the Salvation Army. They have recently opposed domestic partnership laws in San Francisco and Minnesota because of "Christian Values." A similar letter was received regarding the Vatican's refusal to recognize the human rights of people in domestic partnerships.

**Deputy Mayor Announced:** Susan Kimberly, a former St. Paul City Council president who has been in and around city government for a quarter of a century, will be the city's next deputy mayor. Susan is a transsexual woman.

**Harassment Alleged:** Alyssa Williams, a recently transitioned music teacher, is evidently being harassed by a group called the American Center for Law and Justice, a legal entity set up by broadcaster Pat Robertson.

**Transvestite Assaulted:** Two teenagers were charged December 18 with a hate crime in the November 27 assault of a transvestite leaving a gay bar in **Providence, Rhode Island**. Police say David E. Shelton, 19, of East Providence and Taylor Gernier, 18, of Warren initiated the attack by yelling anti-gay slurs at Diana Obidowski.

**OUT AT WORK premiered on HBO:** The first-ever documentary about lesbian and gay workplace discrimination premiered on HBO on January 6, 1999, as part of the documentary series "America Undercover." [It is WELL WORTH SEEING, and very chilling. --ves]

**SRS is far from commonplace** in many cultures, even highly civilized ones.



In May 1998 a Japanese medical school approved the country's first legal sex-change operation, agreeing to turn a 30 year-old woman into a man, and in October it was done.

**BBC Transsexuals make their mark:** Both BBC channels are now featuring at least one regular transsexual character.

**"TSParents", a private email list for transsexuals with children, is proud to announce the formation of 'DialUp', a private email list for children with a transsexual parent.** Although we welcome the parent to participate in "TSParents", by NO means is it a requirement for the child to be able to sign up for "DialUp". For more information concerning "DialUp" and details on signing up, contact Julie Gilkey <julieg@AMNIX.COM>, list mom. [Vicky Steele is active on TSParents and is also a long-time e-mail friend of Julie.]

Wendy, a three-year transitioned transsexual, writes a very interesting article about trying to live stealth: **"In my opinion, one is never done with this process."**

**TransGendered Murder in Texas:** [Austin, TX: 14 Jan 99] THE BODY OF DONALD FULLER, 18, also known as Lauryn Paige, was found murdered January 8th in a wooded area of southeast Austin. Two men in a white van were seen earlier that morning near the spot where the victim's body was found.

**'The Brandon Teena Story'** is beginning to have limited distribution, mostly in the midwest. This is the story of the FTM who was murdered in Nebraska, and of his girlfriend and his killers. [A MUST SEE, IMHO! --ves]

**Tawney Sheridan**, a transsexual woman in Canada, won a \$2000 court decision against a gay bar for refusing her appropriate use of the women's room.

**Unspecified Cross Dresser Sues Air Force:** At Elgin Air Force Base, Florida, a civilian employee who wears earrings, a blouse and a bra in the normal course of business and always has been ordered to wear "only male attire." He has sued the Air Force for the removal of the reprimand, an apology and \$580,000 in damages.

The movie **Shakespeare in Love** has been recommended to me for its aspect of cross dressing and gender roles.

**Belgian Court Orders Transsexual to Divorce:** A male-to-female transsexual and the wife who has remained with her through her gender reassignment process are fighting a Belgian court order that they divorce because the country's laws do not recognize same-sex marriages. Priscilla (nee Rony) and Jeannine Van Sandt appeared on January 13 in the Antwerp Court of Appeals to contest the order.

**JaLea Lamont**, a transgendered youth, was assaulted by New York City Police in November, 1998, her mother charged.

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## Events of Interest

**Saratoga Gay and Lesbian Issues Forum:** The Unitarian-Universalist Congregation of Saratoga Springs is sponsoring a Gay & Lesbian Issues forum. **Sunday, February 7:** Chris Colarusso, CSW on **gay & lesbian relationships**, focusing on being a couple, relationships with extended family & parenting. **Sunday, February 21,** Jason Kurchner, certified financial planner and Mary Withington, Attorney, speak on **financial and legal issues gay "families" face.** **Sunday, February 28,** a group of local ministers discuss the **religious and spiritual needs of LGBT people**, focusing on pastoral needs like commitment ceremonies, child blessings and funerals. All sessions are held from 7:30 to 9:00 at Temple Sinai, 509 Broadway in Saratoga. More information is available at 518-583-4353 or [www.saratoga-uu.org](http://www.saratoga-uu.org).

**SUNYA GLBT Conference:** SUNY Albany's Office of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual Issues (LGBI) and the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual Alliance (LGBA) will be hosting the **Eastern US LGBT Conference the weekend of April 16-18, 1999.** They expect hundreds to attend to hear keynote speakers Kevin Jennings of Gay Lesbian Straight Education Network (GLSEN) and Candace Gingrich, flack for the National Gay & Lesbian Task Force (NGLTF).



**Shameless Troy Boosting:** from Metroland, January 14, p.34, the new OPUS at the Italia, 24 fourth street, troy - 273-8773 - foosball - pool table - darts - still great live bands on Fridays. **Wed: Ladies Night, No Cover - \$1 drinks for Ladies or Guys Dressed Like Ladies.**

**Weekend in the Woods:** A number of TG folks asked Carol to get another winter break weekend going at the **Woodlands Resort in Wilkes-Barre, Pa.** which features a big indoor pool, jacuzzi and health club. For the last 2 winters we all have enjoyed Live music and dancing and excellent food in the restaurant and a gender friendly staff! Oh my, yes, skiing and winter sports if you are into that! We have booked the weekend of **Feb. 19-21.** Rooms are \$105 per nite. E mail me, or [Babtrot@aol.com](mailto:Babtrot@aol.com) for further info!

**Staten Island Deb Ball:** Crossdressers International Presents The Annual Debutante Ball, 8 PM, **February 20th, 1999,** At the Home of Freddie Gorski, Former female Impersonator and Stripper, 198 Fingerboard Road, Staten Island, New York, 718-816-8235 Or call CDI, 212-570-7389 tape, 212-564-4847 live any Wednesday for carpool info or further directions. \$20.00 per includes: Roast Turkey, Roast Pork, Baked Ziti, Salads, Cheeses, Crackers and Soft Drinks. Wine, Beer and Hard Drinks will be available. Dancing, Music, Entertainment Plus Makeup tips from a pro, Wig and makeup demo, and Bust demo & fashion show.

See Freddie's 24 room, 125 year old Victorian. Bed and breakfast is available to those wishing to stay overnight.

[Http://members.tripod.com/~CDINYC/deball99.htm](http://members.tripod.com/~CDINYC/deball99.htm)

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## A few words from the visionary Steven Wright

Black holes are where God divided by zero. All those who believe in psychokinesis raise my hand. Early bird gets the worm, but the second mouse gets the cheese. I almost had a psychic girlfriend but she left me before we met. OK, so what's the speed of dark? How do you tell when you run out of invisible ink? If everything seems to be going well, you have obviously overlooked something. Support bacteria - they're the only culture some people have. Depression is merely anger without enthusiasm. When everything's coming your way, you're in the wrong lane.

Ambition is a poor excuse for not having enough sense to be lazy. Hard work pays off in the future, laziness pays off now. Everyone has a photographic memory; some don't have film. Shin: a device for finding furniture in the dark. Many people quit looking for work when they find a job. I intend to live forever-so far, so good. Join the Army, meet interesting people, kill them.

If Barbie is so popular, how come you have to buy her friends? Eagles may soar, but weasels don't get sucked into jet engines. If I worked as much as others, I would do as little as they. 24 hours in a day ... 24 beers in a case ... coincidence? Dancing is a perpendicular expression of a horizontal desire. When I'm not in my right mind, my left mind gets pretty crowded. Who is General Failure and why is he reading my hard disk?

What happens if you get scared half to death twice? I used to have an open mind but my brains kept falling out. I couldn't repair your brakes, so I made your horn louder. Why do psychics have to ask you for your name? If at first you don't succeed, destroy all evidence that you tried. If at first you don't succeed, then skydiving definitely isn't for you.



# Ultimate Competition; Ultimate Inspiration

**T**HE MIT WOMEN'S ULTIMATE FRISBEE TEAM WAS A FIRST-time competitor at the National College Ultimate Championships in Blaine, MN, in June. The three-year-old team qualified for nationals by placing third at the Northeast Regional Championships. The top 12 women's and men's college teams qualify to play in the national tournament. The MIT team had extra incentive: Coach James Sarvis '93 promised in a pre-game pep talk for the regional competition that, should the team make nationals, he'd wear a dress. That's right: Sarvis, a current course VI graduate student who volunteers his time for the team, went in drag. Apparently, such inspiration helps. The team played well, earning a 2-3 record at nationals, including a dramatic win over Yale—who were previously undefeated in their battles with MIT. Olivera Kesler, team captain and course III graduate student, said, "MIT was inspired by [Sarvis'] show of solidarity in helping the team strike a symbolic blow against patri-



The team poses with its coach (in the promised dress) at the national tournament.

archy by wearing a dress while coaching." MIT finished in ninth place overall at nationals and finished their spring season with a solid 24-10 record. More information about the team can be found on the Web at [web.mit.edu/womens-ult/www/](http://web.mit.edu/womens-ult/www/).

*Thanks, Evan!*

## TGIC MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL 1999

*At this time, all members please check your mailing label.* In the top right corner is a summary of your membership status. The meanings of the code letters are:  
**MG** - Member, General individual  
**MC** - Member, Couple  
**MA, MK, LF** - Member, special status  
**K0** - Key Club, no closet  
**K1-K5** - Key Club, closet #1 - #5  
**SS** - Sample Subscription to new prospects.

Following your membership code letters, the date through which your dues are paid is indicated in year/month order. You may pay dues in advance at any time; when received, the date will be incremented by one year. We allow a four-month grace period. For the last issue, "LAST" will be printed on the mailing label in place of the date. Then, if dues are not received before the next newsletter is mailed, you will be dropped. Dues remain at \$40 per year in 1999 (\$45 for couples). For those who may be short of cash at the time, we can offer a 6-month extension for \$20, or a 3-month extension for \$10.

**NOTE:** For **KEY CLUB** members, the date indicates the month through which your rent has been paid. Please keep monthly payments up to date.

We will soon update the **TGIC Membership Directory**, which is sent to members only. Inclusion on the list is optional. If you joined TGIC in 1998, you will be added under the category (include name, address and/or phone or not) that you gave on your membership application form if you filled one out. If you wish to be added, deleted, or change your category for this revision, please inform us immediately.



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Readers are invited to submit articles relevant to the Transgendered Community for consideration. You may bring or mail typed pages for publication to the TGIC clubroom. Format should follow that shown in the current newsletter. You may also e-mail the articles to vicky\_s@juno.com. The article should be part of the body of the e-mail.

Regular Meetings are held every Thursday at the TGIC Club Room on Central Avenue in Albany, 7:30 PM to 10 PM. Some come earlier and stay later, but it is wise to call if you are not a Keyholder or if it is your first visit. Come dressed either way, meet and talk with friends. Many continue to socialize at one of the local night spots after the meetings.

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## BECOME AN IFGE MEMBER

The International Foundation for Gender Education is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization. Basic membership is \$25 per year. Subscriptions to Transgender Tapestry are \$40. Brochures and forms are available in the TGIC Club Room. Call or write to:  
IFGE (617) 899-2212  
PO Box 229  
Waltham, MA 02154-0229

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## ANONYMOUS HIV ANTIBODY TESTING

Your regional HIV Counseling and Testing Program provides free HIV counseling and antibody testing, support and referral. No names will be asked.

(NYS Health Department)

Call: (518) 486-1595 or 1-800-962-5065.

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## TGIC On-Line

All transgendered people are invited to join TGIC On-Line, an informal e-mail network sponsored by Transgenderist Independence Club (TGIC). Messages exchanged on TGIC On-Line focus on events of interest to transgendered people in a region from Lake Placid to Newburg. If you are interested in joining the network, or want more information about TGIC, send an e mail message to: TGIC-request@hartebeest.com with any subject line and in the message body, the text:

JOIN TGIC  
STOP

(Please note: JOIN TGIC must be on line 1. STOP must be on line 2) You will receive an automated acknowledgment (Journal) of your request, which must be approved with the list moderator.

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## Calendar and Events

TGIC meetings are held Thursdays at 7:30 in the clubhouse. \* See explanation in this issue.

### Events of Note

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| February 5-7   | Bisexual Conference, NJ   |
| February 7     | Gay and Lesbian Issues,<br>Saratoga *                           |
| February 11    | JD Valentine's Day Party *                                      |
| February 13    | Twenty Club, Hartford<br>Transsexual Support Group              |
| February 19-21 | Weekend in the Woods,<br>Wilkes-Barre, PA *                     |
| February 20    | Starlight Ball, Hartford, CT<br>(See 1/99 TGist)                |
| February 20    | Staten Island Deb Ball *  |
| February 21    | Gay and Lesbian Issues,<br>Saratoga *                           |
| February 27    | Twenty Club, Hartford   |
| February 28    | Gay and Lesbian Issues,<br>Saratoga *                           |
| March 17-21,   | IFGE, Louisville<br>(See 12/98 TGist)                           |
| March 21       | Equality Begins at Home<br>Grassroots GLBT lobby                |
| April 16-18    | SUNYA hosts Eastern US<br>LGBT Conference *                     |
| May 22-25      | California Dreamin 99,<br>Yorba Linda, CA<br>No information yet |
| June 2-6       | 17th Annual Be-All,<br>Cleveland, OH<br>No information yet      |

Josefina Speckert of Pittsfield has asked that her name be removed from our list of gender service providers due to her ill health. We hope she will get better and will place her name on our list once again.

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