

PROGRAM SCHEDULE for Atlanta Action '95

(Watch your daily newsletter and the bulletin board in the Sherwood Room for program changes.)

MONDAY, 3/13:

9am-9pm: Registration Begins, IFGE Bookstore Opens (Sherwood Room)

TUESDAY, 3/14

1-3: Orientation (Ansley Room)

Time to find out who's who, what's happening, how it's happening, and how to get involved.
Atlanta '95 Staff

8-Midnight: Reception for Participants (Crown Room)

The first social event of the convention. Time to meet the other participants and the transgender community's organizers, scholars, writers, and thinkers in a delightfully sophisticated social atmosphere. Come and party with us.

Coordinators: Convention Staff, IFGE Board of Directors

WEDNESDAY, 3/15

8am: Convention staff meeting (Fulton Room)

8:15-8:45: Nonsectarian Worship/Meditation Period (Highlands Room)

Coordinators: Lynn Elizabeth Walker & Kim Lee Brown

8:45-5:15: All Day Boot Camp for Public Speaking and Educational Presentations (Piedmont Room)

An intense all day workshop for persons interested in improving their skills and confidence when speaking in public, or presenting a workshop. Certificates of Completion.

Coordinator: Eve Burchert

8:45-5:15: Transgender Community Meeting (Ansley Room)

The theme for this meeting is "Transgender Community Building." There are many projects that are being developed to build a stronger community, and to make our lives better. These projects in-

clude, but are certainly not limited to, the development of regional alliances such as the Magnolia Gender Alliance, new conferences such as the female-to-male conference, new projects such as the Transgender Alliance for Community (TAC) and the National Transgender Educational Action Coalition (NTEAC). These projects and many others will be presented and discussed in what will be a high energy, interesting and important session.

Coordinators: Lynn Walker, Monica Pedone

Noon-2pm: Lunch (Keynote Speaker: Martine Rothblatt) (Habersham Room)

7-Midnight: Trinity Awards, Reception/Bufferet/Social (Crown Room)

This is a very special evening, for tonight we, as a community, honor six of our most notable heroes. It is a night of empowerment, of pride, of love, and of respect.

Menu: Dinner Buffet

Coordinator: IFGE Awards Committee

THURSDAY, 3/16

8am: Convention staff meeting (Fulton Room)

8:15-8:45: Nonsectarian Worship/Meditation Period (Highlands Room)

Coordinators: Lynn Elizabeth Walker & Kim Lee Brown

8:45-10:15: Becoming Proactive in States Gender Rights Issues and Legislation (Ansley Room)

Instruction and sharing of experience to bring leaders in the transgender community nationwide to be able to work effectively for gender related civil rights. Learn to effectively lobby for gender related civil rights.

Presenters: Judy Osborne, Andrea Daniels

8:45-10:15: Davis House - A Retreat for Transgendered Women, a Minnesota Success Story (Morningside Room)

Will discuss the creation of Davis House, from its origin to actual creation, all of the heartaches,

roadblocks, trials and tribulations, to a functioning transition house for transgendered people.

Presenter: Debbie Davis, M.S.

8:45-10:15: Advocacy for Androgyny (Piedmont Room)

This talk will integrate ideas from Pearson (author of *Awakening the Heroes Within*), Carl Jung, and others into a presentation why androgyny should be embraced. Androgyny is a reality, an "in your face" reality that gives society a message -- that we are real people. The part-time illusion and fantasy aspects of crossdressing have made understanding by other full-time minorities difficult.

Presenter: Maryann Kirkland

10:30-Noon: Educational Outreach to the Academic Classroom (Ansley Room)

This workshop will identify methods and skills of negotiating and delivering effective classroom presentations and programs. Assess the need, design your presentation, select presenters, techniques that work, pitfalls, how to be effective, conduct evaluations, train peers, tough questions, interact with students, body language, resources.

Presenters: Sandra Cole, Ph.D., Debbie Davis, M.S.

10:30-Noon: Operation of and Participation in an Anti-Defamation Program (Piedmont Room)

Usefulness and methodologies for conducting an anti-defamation program.

Presenter: Cindy Martin

10:30-Noon: Traditions and Future Trends of Transgenderism (Morningside Room)

Will survey our past, a fascinating history of transgendered people and institutions throughout all cultures around the globe. An open discussion to speculate on our newly emerging future.

Presenter: Holly Boswell

Noon-2: Lunch (Habersham Room)

Presentation of Winslow Street Fund Grants by the IFGE Winslow Street Endowment Fund Board of Trustees. Special grant to be presented in memory of Ellen Summers (the 8th recipient of the Virginia Prince Outstanding Service Award).

2-3:30: Creating Programs for Mental Health Professionals (Ansley Room)

(Program description unavailable at this time.)

Presenter: Maxwell Anderson

2-3:30: Women and Men in Conversation: How We Interact With Each Other (Morningside Room)

Explores the two perception models used by mainstream women and men. Miscommunication, perceptual models, participation in meetings, how leaders use both modes of communication.

Presenter: Celeste Richard

2-3:30: New Faces of the Gender Community (Piedmont Room)

Slide show and discussion.

Presenter: Mariette Pathy Allen

3:45-5:15: Congress of Transgendered Organizations Annual Meeting, 1st Session (Ansley Room)

Agenda to be determined. All convention participants are welcome to attend.

Coordinator: Anne Johnson, Chair CTO

Evening: Annual Transsexual Pizza Party (IFGE's Suite)

For transsexually identified people and their friends who would rather eat cheaply, share good company, and laugh a lot.

Coordinator: Merissa, and whoever else she can con into helping.

FRIDAY, 3/17

8am: Convention staff meeting (Fulton Room)

8:15-8:45: Nonsectarian Worship/Meditation Period (Highlands Room)

Coordinators: Lynn Elizabeth Walker & Kim Lee Brown

9-5: IFGE Board of Directors Meeting (Fulton Room)

Coordinator: Linda Buten, Chair

8:45-10:15: Starting a new Support Group (Morningside Room)

Focuses on how we can best identify these needs (from closet through integration), achieve outreach, organize and network, provide effective support.

Presenter: Holly Boswell

8:45-10:15: Consensus as a Group Goal (Ansley Room)

Non-hierarchical systems of group governance, alternatives to Robert's Rules of Order. Avoid the tyranny of the majority, or the tyranny of a despot.

Based on the experience of the Metropolitan Gender Network, the Transsexual Menace, the Religious Society of Friends, Asian spiritual traditions, and the works of M. Scott Peck.

Presenter: Lynn Walker

8:45-10:15: Successful Leadership for Social and Support Groups for Wives and Partners (Piedmont Room)

Methodology, resources, skills and techniques used to provide optimum outreach to wives and partners of transgendered persons. Listening skills, avoid burnout, successful formats, interesting topics for diverse members, techniques that work, things to avoid, when to make referrals, development of guidelines and recommendations.

Sandra S. Cole, Ph.D., Linda Peacock

10:30-Noon: The Open Door/NYC (Morningside Room)

The birth and evolution of an interdenominational transsexual spirituality and church.

Presenter: Lynn Walker

10:30-Noon: Significant Others Symposium, Session I (Piedmont Room)

Frank and open presentation and discussion of wives and female partners issues, with call for action.

Coordinator: IFGE Wives and Partners Committee

Noon-2pm: Lunch (Keynote Speaker Holly Boswell) (Habersham Room)

2-3:30: Gender Dynamics, Life Cycles (Morningside Room)

Action and understanding as one way of looking at masculine and feminine roles. The process of visioning what is possible and willfully making that vision into a reality. The process of experiencing, feeling the world around you, and allowing those experiences and emotions to affect your knowing of the world. Discussions and exercises.

Presenter: Anne Johnson

2-5:15: Female-to-Male Symposium, Session I (Piedmont Room)

Frank and open presentation and discussion of female-to-male issues, with call for action.

Coordinator: IFGE FTM Committee

3:45-5:15: Producing an Effective Newsletter (Ansley Room)

The entire process, considering your readership and publishing goals, technical formats, printing strategies, encouraging contributors, editorial policies, budgeting, mailing.

Presenter: Holly Boswell

3:45-5:15: Leading In A Healing Way (Morningside Room)

An experiential workshop. Spiritual retreats and healing circles are becoming more prevalent in the transgender community. Learn why and how these activities work. Three step healing process: Methodology technique, beneficial use of song, dance, ritual.

Presenter: Angela Bright Feather Sheedy

5:15-6: Memorial Service

(Details pending)

Coordinator: Lynn Walker

SATURDAY, 3/18:

8am: Convention staff meeting (Fulton Room)

8:15am-8:45am: Nonsectarian Worship/Meditation Period (Highlands Room)

Coordinators: Lynn Elizabeth Walker & Kim Lee Brown

8:45-5: Transgender Political Caucus (Fulton Room)

8:45-10:15: Successful Peer Advocacy (Ansley Room)

How the transgendered peer support person can do more to educate, assist and positively influence professional caregivers as they work with clients and partners in the transgender community. Connecting with professionals, credible and effective outreach, locate capable caregivers, make resources, be responsive to clients and caregivers.

Presenters: Sandra Cole, Ph.D., Holly Boswell

8:45-Noon: Significant Others Symposium, Session II (Piedmont Room)

Frank and open presentation and discussion of wives and female partners issues, with call for action.

Coordinator: IFGE Wives and Partners Committee

8:45-10:15: Emerging From Secrecy (Morningside Room)

Personal growth is the key concept in this talk. The painful "coming out" process will be viewed as the necessity for exchanging value systems. This is continual emerging and growth in a transgendered person. The rate of this change determines somewhat who our leaders will be.

Presenter: Maryann Kirkland

10:30-Noon: Effective Programming for the Local Group (Ansley Room)

Education, socialization, integration, personal skills and interests, and recreation. Participative workshop.

Presenter: Alison Laing

10:30-Noon: Visible Leadership (Morningside Room)

This workshop will emphasize not only leading within the transgender community, but also on acting as ambassadors to the general public. There will be a review of the benefits and drawbacks of both individual visibility and invisibility, and a discussion on how to minimize drawbacks and maximize benefits of individual visibility.

Presenter: Nancy Nangeroni

Noon-2pm: Lunch (South Ballroom)

2-5:15: Female-to-Male Symposium, Session II (Piedmont Room)

Frank and open presentation and discussion of female-to-male issues, with call for action.

Coordinator: IFGE FTM Committee

2-3:30: Bridging the Gap with other Gender and Sexual Minorities (Ansley Room)

Why's, wherefore's, and how's of becoming involved with other gender/sexual minority groups. Will include a panel discussion with local members of these groups.

Presenter: Dallas Denny, M.A.

2-3:30: Transgender Alternatives (Morningside Room)

Beyond traditional notions of sex role stereotyping is a potential rainbow of gender expression. Explore the full implications of gender liberation. Slide presentation and discussion.

Presenter: Holly Boswell

3:45-5:15: Congress of Transgendered Organizations Annual Meeting, 2nd Session (Ansley Room)

Agenda to be determined. All convention participants are welcome to attend.

Coordinator: Anne Johnson, Chair CTO

7-8: Reception and cocktail Party (South Ballroom)

A reception line consisting of our awards recipients and our community's most prominent leaders will greet you, followed by a cash bar and the warm company of your brothers, sisters, and friends. A lovely way to begin your evening.

8-Midnight: Formal Banquet and 9th Annual Dr. Virginia Prince Lifetime Contribution Award Presentation (South Ballroom)

Honoring: Yvonne Cook-Riley

Annual formal banquet followed by the presentation of the 1995 Virginia Prince Lifetime Contribution Award. This night the transgender community will honor the one person who has made the greatest lifetime contribution in service to that community. The evening will conclude with entertainment, music and dancing.

SUNDAY, 3/19:

9-10: Non-denominational Religious Services (Ansley Room)

10-1: Wind-Down Brunch, Passing the IFGE Football (Habersham Room)

Traditional end of the convention, ceremonial passing of responsibilities from the Atlanta '95 Host Committee to the Minneapolis '96 Host Committee.