

Channel 2

An Occasional Supplement to ETVC's Newsletter

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We Missed You At the Really Big Shew and the Parade. Did You Miss Something? You Don't Want to Miss Out On *Anything* This Month!

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3	4	5	6	7	8 Poker Soc. Lending Library	9 Bowling at Serra Bowl
10 ExCom @ 1:00	11	12	13 Mid-Month @ <i>Lilo Lounge</i>	14 S.O.s @ San Francisco	15	16 <i>Fetish Ball</i> (see inside)
17 OutCom 1:00 Dating & the New Woman @ 1:00	18	19 SocCom LibCom	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28 Dance at Kimo's	29	30 Alameda Co. Coronation
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Updates:

There is a time change for
DATING AND THE NEW WOMAN WITH LUANNA RODGERS!
It's Sunday, August 17 at 1:00-3:00 AT ***KIMO'S***.

There is a location change for the
SIGNIFICANT OTHERS GET TOGETHER.
It's in San Francisco not Palo Alto.

A Member Writes:

To ETVC Opinion:

July 2, 1997

In response to a proposed name change for ETVC I have decidedly mixed feelings. At the present time changing the name seems like window dressing considering the more pressing problems facing the group's viability. Currently with maybe only a 10% membership turnout for most monthly socials we have become more of an only *on paper* organization connected by a newsletter. Space, as indicated by the recent survey and expressed by several officers in the welcomed and informative new Channel 2 newsletter supplement, apparently is the primary concern. I would go so far as to suggest that space determines the kind of members a group like ETVC, and DVG also, pulls in. With both groups there has been a gradual growth in drabness, especially with DVG when their space changed to a non-dance dance club resulting in a more static conservative group of individuals. In a funny way, space influences skirt length.

To continue, I cannot understand how changing the name of ETVC will make this a better and more relevant group. But if some members feel the need for a change, then a word of caution: **LOGO**. For both those who remember and not, about two years ago there was an unpleasant period for some of us in ETVC of alienation and bruised egos in replacing the old *de facto* logo with a new one. Through a lengthy process, flawed in my opinion from the beginning, with limited input from the general membership and no overall consensus a new aesthetically lame design was selected and the old one discarded. In the end the new logo was never used, but the old one was gone, which maybe was what the real intent had been. I believe the lesson to learn from the logo debacle is that the old name should not be replaced until there is general agreement about a better name. And this should not come about until there is enough varied member input arriving at a majority consensus of the entire membership, rather than only a rubber stamp ExCom vote.

I agree to some extent with the several opinions expressed in the current July-August newsletter that the term TV (transvestite) is outmoded and suggests an undesirable image of us as crossdressers, and of all transgendered individuals. At the same time, I feel it is a mistake to attempt placating those inside and outside the TG community as if we are some kind of asexual neutered beings. We lose in this exchange the very sexual edge which makes gender illusion special. To adopt a new name which might be inoffensive to any one, thing or group we may suppress our own members' desire to use gender as an expression of self. With the majority of the membership being (I assume) crossdressers the term TV still makes a lot of sense. Yet I can understand the discomfort the rest might feel, especially any who identify as TS. Perhaps the time has come for a more inclusive name.

Changing the name to something like ETGC seems a logical choice, seemingly representing everyone and yet not offending anyone. Yet I feel this choice lacks a certain *zing* of uniqueness. My own suggestion for a new name would be to drop the "V" from ETVC, making the name **ETC**, meaning **EDUCATIONAL TRANS CLUB**. In this new name the commitment to education is retained. And identifying as club implies being social and having fun, which can be the best form of support. To me using the word "support" as part of the name says we are a talking heads group meeting in a back room like a closet away from home. But most of all the focus of this new name is on the "T" for TRANS, the operative prefix meaning crossing, passing or over that gender bridge we go either back and forth on or one way. Trans includes all of us. Trans is about the process. It's fluid and ever changing. And as an extra dividend the word ETC is an abbreviation for et cetera, meaning "and others, and the like, and the rest, and so forth." This becomes an umbrella term for all transgendered individuals and anyone different from the gender norms.

This search for a new and up to date name has to do with acceptance. But we as a group of transvestites/crossdressers, transsexuals and all transgendered people should not forget about our singularity. Whatever the choice of a new name it should speak to this.

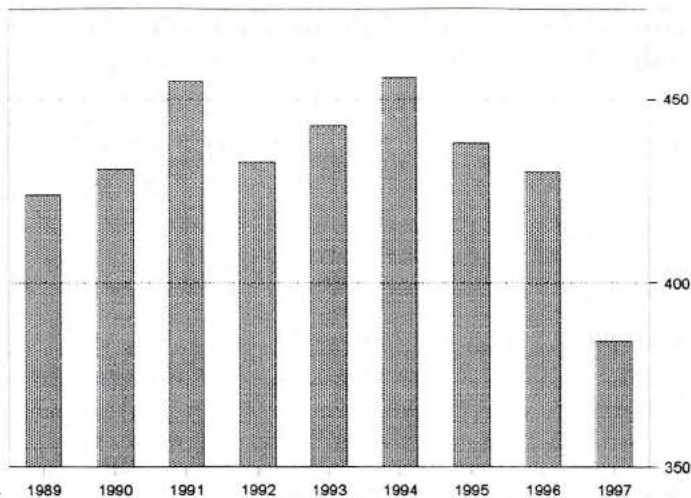
Sincerely,

Roxanna Rochette

A Note From Secretary Veronica

Venue, Revenue, Vitality

A constant theme in the surveys and in letters, as Roxanna Rochette mentions in her thoughtful missive, is the imperative need for ETVC to find a satisfactory home like we had at Chez Mollet. As you can see from the chart to the right, membership has dropped since we left the Chez. Attendance at socials has also dropped, but lately seems to be regaining somewhat (the last mid-month was down right crowded). The Chez offered a cozy bar, dependable cuisine and a large meeting room. *And every booth had mirrors!* We met there for parties, socials, seminars and even committee meetings. And the generous Lenny Mollet offered his establishment either free or almost free. The Chez, in fact, is still listed in the bylaws as the official meeting place for certain events. Social Chair Darcy Leopard has scoured the city trying to find just such a place. However, there are not that many places like the Chez anymore and the ones that do exist have owners who lack Lenny Mollet's generosity. The halls we use for Halloween and Cotillion cost between \$1,500 to \$2,000 a night with hefty deposits and other obligations. It has been suggested that we buy a place, but with the Home for ETVC Fund being only around \$2,000, I don't see that possibility in the near future unless there is a sudden flood of donations.



Former Treasurer Jano Bogg and others have suggested that ETVC seek corporate donations, but the kind of money we would need would require fundraising on a level heretofore not seen at ETVC. Vice President Leslie and Education Co-Chair Juana have started attending fund raising workshops for non-profit corporations. However, linked to seeking corporate donations is the question of our name. These stories change with who tells them, but as it was explained to me, our name was originally thought to be a sly, playful way to protect confidentiality. *Educational TV Channel* was supposed to be able to be mistaken with local PBS stations and at the same time coyly referred to transvestism. But, if we're seriously talking about raising funds to buy Bay Area real estate, I can't see how we can be *sly* or *coy* about who and what we are. Before we entreat corporations like Safeway, Levi-Strauss and Ford to sponsor a home for a transgendered support group, we better have a name that represents us honestly and completely. And even if it's assumed that most of ETVC's members are TVs, the present name does not represent all of us, some of whom represent our club most actively and consistently.

In the mean time, I think the important thing is to stay positive and actively support the group we have, continue outreach and education, and, last but not least, I think it's important to have fun. *And speaking of fun!* Our intrepid Social Chair has found a spot that may be just the ticket. And she's been very imaginative about how she's structured our first social there. Working with Education Co-Chairs Nancy Cupps and Juana Smith, on the Thursday that normally would have been our social, September 25, there will be an educational event at Kimo's. On Friday, there's Kimo's *En Drag* show. On September 27 is our social at Cyberworld Café. And there's the Folsom Street Fair on that Sunday. If you are from out of town, you can come Thursday through Sunday and you can attend something every day *en femme*. Why don't you plan to rent a room at the Leland Hotel on Polk Street or the Bay Bridge Inn on Harrison (two places we've stayed before) Thursday through Sunday and attend every event? Maybe do some shopping during the day? These are great days to have fun!



Yolanda Gonzales Announces a Support Group Geared Toward the Young

A group called the *Young TV Support Group* recently formed and meets every Friday from 8:00pm to 10:00pm at the Pacific Center, Room A2, in Berkeley. It is geared towards TVs 29 years old and younger. Young TV Support Group provides a *safe* place for the young transvestite to express himself/herself and to talk about TV issues that really need to be articulated. For those who show interest, small social gatherings will be organized. For additional information, please call the Pacific Center, 510/548-8283, e-mail me [REDACTED] or visit my homepage at www.geocities.com/sunsetstrip/alley/4655. Please drop by, and invite your friends!

Social Committee Update By Darcy Leopard

July's Mid-Month Social

I am happy to report that the July Mid-Month Social at The Lilo Lounge was a resounding success. At one point we had at least 25 people in attendance, setting a new Mid-Month record! We ended up pulling several tables together in the center of the lounge, forming a huge oval of sharply dressed folk, which almost took, over the joint!

Nonetheless, we were well received. Our waitress was very friendly, and some of us had a chance to do outreach with the other patrons. A few of us also had dinner at the adjoining Thai restaurant before the function.

For those of you who missed my previous "On the Town" article, The Lilo Lounge is a Tiki bar residing in the comfortable Potrero Hill neighborhood of San Francisco. It features a cozy, tropical décor and a special menu of tropical drinks with creatively festive names. Join us next time for the August Mid-Month social on Wednesday, August 13th at 8:30 PM. Free!

Upcoming September Social at CyberWorld Café

As I mentioned in September's edition of The Channel, CyberWorld Café will be the site of our End-of-the-Month Social in September. A few of us had a chance to visit CyberWorld on a recent Sunday afternoon, meeting the owners Edward and Robin. They were happy to see us in person for the first time, and gave us a tour of the facilities.

We were impressed with the abundance of space, and the impressive downtown views from the huge windows. A split-level layout provides several seating areas, the upper of which has cozy couches and interesting artwork on the walls. The lower level has a separate section in back, which we may be able to use for performance and theme functions. The main area downstairs provides the food and beverages. Computer terminals line the walls in all areas.

As we are holding this event on a Saturday, this is a great opportunity for long-distance members to attend. If you are a new member or just coming out, feel encouraged by the fact that we will have the place all to ourselves, and there is *tons* of parking surrounding the facility. Show up on the early side and it will probably be feasible for you to change in the restrooms if you are uncomfortable travelling en femme.

This is a great opportunity for our membership at large to check out a potential new venue that really has a lot going for it. See September's edition of The Channel for more details on this event. Don't miss the fun!

Juana's Fashion and Beauty Tips

Toe Tapping Fun

How's that saying go - from my head to my...oh yeah, toes. Sure I slather on face and body lotion, apply make-up, shave my underarms and legs, use UV protection, and manicure my fingernails. But only when I rip my panty hose with my toenail does it occur to me to do anything about my feet. And yet as Colleen Moriarty, writing in *Self*, July 1996, points out experts suggest a monthly pedicure is important to maintaining healthy feet.

Although it's a *drag* to practice this monthly ritual, I should at least know how to do an at-home pedicure. Following a few simple instructions, I can keep my feet beautiful and free of calluses and ingrown toenails - and also spare my favorite seamed stockings! Why don't you try the following also.

- * Soak feet in warm water for a few minutes. Epsom salts are a nice addition after a day on your feet.
- * To get rid of dead skin, massage an exfoliating lotion into your feet. Dr. Scholl's makes one that's pretty inexpensive and effective. If you like, you can apply the lotion to your legs and ankles, too.
- * After soaking your feet, use a pumice stone or foot scraper on any calluses. Check out the conveniently shaped one that Dr. Scholl's makes.
- * Apply cuticle cream and gently push cuticles back. Don't trim the cuticles, this can lead to bacterial infections.
- * Carefully trim the toenails (white part only). There is no set method as to what shape to use, but it's commonly recommended trimming them straight across.
- * If you want, gently file the nails. Begin on the outside and work in.
- * Massage your favorite lotion into your feet. Sometimes, if I'm going straight to bed, I apply Vaseline Petroleum Jelly and slip on some white socks. Try it, you'll be surprised by how soft your feet get with this inexpensive product.
- * You can finish off your pedicure by adding nail polish. Start by applying a thin layer of base coat (if you have problems with your toes coming too close together, use a separator like the one Dr. Scholl's makes). Add two coats of your favorite shade, allowing each coat to dry some before continuing. Finish off with a top coat.
- * My favorite way to finish off a pedicure is to prop up my feet and relax for 30 minutes while my nail polish completely dries.

If you have any questions or would like something specifically addressed, write to me in care of Juana's Fashion and Beauty Tips, PO Box 2663, San Francisco, CA 94126. If I don't have an answer, I'll pass your questions on to one of our image consultants.





Another dreamy night of being all dressed up in front of the Computer? Virtually visiting your sisters on the www?

Well, Come on down to the Cyberworld Café on Saturday, September 27. It's on Folsom Street, between First and Second. And there's lots of easy parking! There's plenty of food and drink, too.



That way, you can be all dressed up, in front of the computer, virtually visiting your friends on the net and at the same time you visit with your non-virtual friends in a sensational space.

For more details see Darcy's article in the September-October issue of The Channel.

Announcements:

We're glad to report that our friend Bill Jones, one of our favorite make-up artists, is recovering from his operation and doing well. We'd also like to extend our best wishes to Jodie Rice, one of our members, who has been very ill this last year. She has made partial recovery and we sincerely hope she will be able to return to our events sometime in the future.

The Fetish Ball

By Veronica Smith

Kristi, a friend I see mainly at conventions in Atlanta or San Antonio, came to town and wanted to go out. Now, thousands of miles from home, it's easy for me to *act* relaxed about dressing since I'm with three hundred other TGs. But at home, I'm not so daring. I don't go out much in SF other than ETVc events and there were none scheduled for that particular Saturday. All I could come up with was a dinner at Mayes Oyster House on Polk and then the *En Drag* show at Kimo's would fill the bill. And if we still wanted to be adventuresome, we could go to the Mother Lode. For me, that looked like a pretty daring evening.

But when I met Kristi at her hotel, she had done some planning of her own. She wanted to go to something called the Fetish Ball at the Power Exchange, a place about which I had only heard vague references of it being a gay sex club. I was uncertain and didn't really know what to expect. I envisioned grim-faced, muscular men seriously engaged in long, profound rituals with other men who sweat and writhe in their restraints. Flashing through my mind were images of stern, leather clad masters disciplining their servants. I was scared, but then I thought "What the heck," and said okay. I suggested we try the Blue Muse restaurant, on Gough near Hayes. It might as well be a night of firsts.

At the Blue Muse we were treated very nicely even though we were both dressed in black leather and lace and had enough make-up to qualify for being KISS band members. After some tasty pasta, chicken and a lot of wine, we were off to the Fetish Ball. It was about 10 p.m. We found parking on the other side of Otis Street. We changed flats for heels and hurried across three or four lanes, presenting I'm sure an interesting image to any tired motorist on his way home. When we stood in line, I was pleasantly surprised by a very mixed crowd. There were a lot of women in exotic fetish gear (but because I'm happily married I didn't look at them). I began to understand the difference between the Fetish Ball-the Event and Power Exchange-the Club. The Fetish Ball is held at the Power Exchange about four times a year. The Fetish Ball caters to gay, straight, bi, and transgendered folks. The night I was there, men had to pay \$25, while women and TGs paid \$10. A portion of all proceeds went to a children's charity.

Once inside, one could either go down a corridor or enter a large hall in which an auction was getting under way. Everyone had to buy phony money to use when bidding on the various volunteered services. The first bids were low and garnered only small amounts. Since I was not in the market for anything, I asked Kristi if she wanted to look around. Maybe my perception was a little clouded from the wine, but I seem to recall that tracer lights lit the corridor. The place had three floors and it was difficult to determine exactly how many people were there. Hallways led to doorways which opened onto spaces with disorienting (at least for me) lighting. It was easy to lose one's sense of direction. Again, if memory serves me right, in one place I found myself in a forest, with a campground and pup tents. Another space had teepees in a sandy desert with panorama and cow skulls. Every area seemed to be set up for play: a workout room, an industrial-style bathroom, and an office area, *etc.* There was continual movement as everyone took in the sights. Rather than feeling as if I was in an oppressively serious sex club, I felt more as if I was in a carnival fun house for adults. However, other than a few occupied tents, I didn't see anyone actually doing anything. As I said, since I was only looking, and was not in the market for anything, I did not feel threatened. Actually, I started to feel quite daring and self-satisfied.

Kristi and I browsed around for a while, then headed back upstairs where the auction had heated up. One particular beauty was being bid on for a night's service (doing what, I have no idea). She was dressed in a black leather and steel ensemble. Trim and well toned, with short brown hair and strikingly made up, she smiled with each bid. But we didn't stay to see the outcome. I was tired and dragged the reluctant Kristi away.

As an officer of a non-sexual organization, I, of course, hesitate recommending any of our membership visit what could be construed as a sex club. However, cross dressing opportunities in our society are so limited that I feel impelled to report on a safe place in which one can express her gender identity without discrimination or disparaging comment. The next Fetish Ball is on August 16. The numbers are (415) 974-1460 and 487-9944 for information.

The Minutes of the Executive Committee May and June meetings

The monthly meeting of ETVC's **Executive Committee** was at Leslie Bailey's home, **May 18, 1997** at 3:00. In attendance were President Erin Souza, Vice President Leslie Bailey, Secretary Veronica Smith, Social Co-Chairs Darcy Leopard and Evette RoqueLaurie, Outreach Co-Chairs Sandra Brewer and Telzey Adams, Education Co-Chairs Nancy Cupp and Juana Smith and Treasurer Candidate Lisa Ronald and Volunteer Sara Warren.

At 4:00 p.m. **Leslie called the meeting to order** because Erin, Darcy and Evette were apparently held up in traffic. The **Vice President reported** that the Parade application was in, but she was waiting to hear where ETVC participants were to meet, what ETVC's position was and where the information booth would be. Sandra and Andrea will man the booth. Leslie is creating a phone tree and looking into renting a booth. Leslie wanted included in Veronica's mailing that the Cotillion's date was still undecided. Ms. Ronald asked how often Veronica's mailing would be, but the Secretary wanted to be sure the VP was finished before moving on to her business. The VP affirmed her report was over.

Secretary Veronica said she wanted to mail something to the membership every month that *The Channel* was not mailed. She showed a rough draft, which included a shortened version of the minutes. Leslie and Nancy thought that the minutes could be shortened merely to proposals, decisions and rejections. But Veronica argued that it was important for the members to understand the process by which decisions were made and why things were the way they were. Leslie said the ExCom should allow the Secretary a try to see how it goes but that Veronica should be flexible if it didn't work out. Veronica agreed and reported that membership was 384, of which 94 were new.

At this time **President Erin**, Darcy and Evette arrived. **Communications and Announcements and President's Report were combined.** Because ETVC did not contribute to the Pat Montclair fundraiser, Ginny had asked for that money to be donated to the Breast Cancer fundraiser she was organizing with the Imperial Court on May 31. As to other communications: Ginny had declined the offered retirement dinner. Also, Ginny had complained that there was confusion over the Asilomar bill. But that greatly surprised Juana who had organized the retreat. She explained that some people wrote checks directly to Asilomar and others wrote checks to ETVC, which then paid their bill. Juana would look into it. Leslie insisted that no club money should be used. Erin said that she would make photocopies of the bill so that the attendees could look it over. Erin also relayed the information that SPICE had asked ETVC to support their convention by money or scholarship. Veronica immediately suggested sending them Juana to squelch any future requests. But the opinion of the Board was that diluting the ad policy for charity would set bad precedent. Veronica said she would have to talk to Elizabeth Walters first.

Erin reported that there was no **Finance Report**. Ginny was still doing the figures. Lisa is working with her to create an electronic system by July 1 so as to facilitate accounting. Leslie suggested Lisa talk to Sandy Kasten who does the club's taxes. Sandra offered to make the membership database available. Sara joked that Veronica was hot to cook up statistical pie charts. "All that is fine," Leslie said, "but first we've got to get a hold of our finances." As for finances, it was decided that if Ginny had something by May 23 or 29, Erin would schedule meetings to plan the Budget. Several worried that the Board was violating the Bylaws by not having a Budget. Darcy wanted the figures mailed to the officers so that they could develop tentative budgets before having yet *another* meeting.

Education: Nancy Cupps reported: Thursday, May 22, 8:00 p.m., *Walk This Way* with Augusta Moore. Sunday, June 8, *Finding Your Own Voice* with Carole Flemming. Thursday, June 19, *Color Me Beautiful* with Kimberly Blake, Linda Koch and Jim Sturgeon. Juana is going to a fund raising workshop in San Francisco. Juana reported: July 17, W. Beins will work with a psychologist, who will speak for an hour on attitude. The time may change to 7:30. August 17 seminar with Millie Brown, questions and answer on transsexualism.

Outreach: KQED's pledge night is scheduled for June 25, the Wednesday before the Really Big Shew. Sandra is doing a separate mailing for persons who have shown interest. Sandra will mention the name change in *The Channel*. Speaking at schools is winding down with the scholastic year. Leslie had just spoken at Berkeley High.

At this point, there was a conversation about Ginny's retirement and the disbursement of her duties among the officers. It was determined that Erin had the key to the post office box and that she would distribute the mail.

Social: May's social will be a lingerie show and awards, Darcy asked for volunteers. *The Really Big Shew* was confirmed at Kimo's for June 26, the Thursday before the Parade. Birdie Bob Watt will be director, Lulu will assist. *You've Come a Long Way Baby* is the theme. There will be a meeting on June 2 at Lulu's. Darcy will do another venue search on June 5 and perhaps June 12. Darcy had wanted to take a break from having a theme at a social, but Erin said that July's traditional theme had always been Friendship Bingo, which she said was usually successful. That was okay with Darcy. Access code has been settled to the storage facility.

Old Business: Sara asked if the officers were going to write about survey and Asilomar results. Nancy and Juana felt that they should continue what they were doing since the survey results were pretty favorable for the Education Seminars. Sandra is addressing Outreach's response in her column. Veronica is trying to create a supplement for the members (if they want it) so as to keep all avenues of communication open. One thing she thought should be addressed by the ExCom was smoking; although it didn't bother her much, she saw that nearly 60 of the 80 respondents complained about the smoke at Kimo's. It seemed to her that such a widely held feeling could not be ignored. Darcy definitely saw that as an important aspect to incorporate in her venue search, but since ETVC meets at a bar, smoking was not easy to ban.

New Business: AIDS Walk 97.

Adjournment: At 6:30, Erin asked for a motion to adjourn. It was made, seconded and passed.

The monthly meeting of ETVC's **Executive Committee** was at Charlotte Homer's home, **June 14, 1997** at 6:00. In attendance were President Erin Souza, Vice President Leslie Bailey, Secretary Veronica Smith, Social Co-Chairs Darcy Leopard and Evette RoqueLaurie, Outreach Co-Chairs Sandra Brewer and Telzey Adams, Education Co-Chairs Nancy Cupps and Juana Smith and Volunteer Jacquelyn Burke. Treasurer Lisa Ronald was absent.

The Meeting was called to order at 6:30. Communications and Announcements: The Goodnights will be in town July 19-20, and will have a meeting at the Holiday Inn at 2:00 p.m.

The Minutes: May and April's minutes were approved (April had been overlooked last time).

President's Report: The Asilomar bill required an additional \$5 per officer. Veronica wanted it on record that she felt that this being the first time the Board did anything like this, mistakes were bound to happen. However, she felt as if she still got a good deal. Education Co-Chair Juana had spent a lot of time and effort contacting and negotiating with motels, hotels, colleges and universities near San Francisco, Monterey, and Mendocino. Most facilities charge extra for conference rooms (e.g., SFSU charges \$250 for a room just for the hours 9-5) and few include meals with the room rate. But Asilomar included a conference room with unlimited hours and three meals a day (so no time was lost looking for places to eat). Veronica felt very positive about the Asilomar experience and if an extra \$5 was necessary, so be it. Leslie seconded these feelings and the rest of the Board agreed. But there was debate about whether the officers should pay the \$46 that was charged when a previously committed person (who is on a fixed income) had dropped out. Erin thought that \$46 out of a \$1,330 bill didn't really look as if the ExCom was misappropriating club funds, but no decision was made at this point. Ginny will host mailings but not NewsCom meetings nor work the advertising.

Vice President Leslie just received the Parade information that week. The Band is lined up; Jamie is handling the sound system; insurance is taken care of. Leslie needs monitors.

Secretary Veronica: Membership is 139 of which 15 are new. Next mailing is on June 18 at Ginny's. *Channel 2* had received good feedback. Cost was \$173.92. Veronica said she learned a lot and expected her *help* (whom she will refer to only as her *wife*) would get better.

Finance Report: Discussed in Pres' Report.

Social: *The Really Big Shew* is shaping up. Venues: Cyberworld Café is open for special groups and a New Member Social is scheduled there for September. There will be a notice in *The Channel*. Darcy had also checked out Thirsty Bear, which she thought was great, but Telzey worried about parking. July-August mid-months will be at the Lilo Lounge. Halloween has hit a snag: The Dunfey is closed for remodeling. Darcy has been checking hotels near the airport and they're running around \$1,700 per night.

Education: Sunday, June 8, *Finding Your Own Voice* with Carole Flemming. Thursday, June 19, *Color Me Beautiful* with Kimberly Blake, Linda Koch and Jim Sturgeon. Nancy could use help setting up. Juana went to a fund raising workshop in San Francisco. Juana reported July 17, W. Beins will work with a psychologist, who will speak for an hour on attitude. So the time may change to 7:30. The August 17 seminar will be L. Rodgers.

Outreach: KQED pledge night is June 25, the Wednesday night before the Really Big Shew. Sandra finalized the Speaker and Honorarium forms. SGA will have a representative at our booth for Gay Pride Day. Sandra reported one Seattle member was coming to Pledge night because of the notice in *Channel 2*. Perry is replacing Ginny on the Hotline. Fall semester speaking engagements are set.

Old Business: Just six weeks after Asilomar, Brenda presented her revised bylaws; she would like feedback from the officers. There will be several mentions in *The Channel* about the proposed name change. The timing of the name change was questioned. Veronica proposed at the New Year.

Adjournment: At 9:30, Erin asked for a motion to adjourn. It was made, seconded and passed.

National Gender Community Events

Telzey Adams reporting from an exotic location

With autumn comes a rush of events all over the country. Kids are in school, the relatives have gone home. Treat yourself to a business trip to one of these:

Colorado Cold Rush, Denver, CO, Sept. 24-28. "Come for the beauty, leave with something of value." Sponsored by GIC, Gender Identity Center (host of the 1991 IFGE Convention), PO Box 480085, Denver, CO 80248-0085. Call 303-443-6409 or e-mail GICofColo@aol.com.

Southern Comfort Conference, Atlanta, GA, Oct. 1-5. "Join your transgender family in the cosmopolitan capital of the South for four days of exploration, celebration and discovery." A very ambitious program at this 7th annual event. Southern Comfort, PO Box 77591, Atlanta, GA, 30357-1591. Call 404-633-6470 or e-mail sccAtl@aol.com.

Fantasia Fair '97, Provincetown, MA, Oct. 19-26. The big one, turning men into women for 23 years. "Where Dreams Become Reality." An intense 8 days, bring money. Fan Fair '97, PO Box 2734, Boston, MA 02208. Fax 610-688-1762 or e-mail fanfair@lng.com.

Fall Harvest '97, Omaha, NB, Oct. 30-Nov. 2. "A Glorious Affair, A Touch of Class" and probably the most fun of this bunch, if you can get to Nebraska. Sponsored by M.A.G.G.I.G. and the Riverside City Gender Alliance. Fall Harvest '97, PO Box 24408, Omaha, NB 68124.

We have flyers for most of these events at our "end of the month" socials.

