

6th annual 'Coming Together - Working Together' Convention

REGISTRATION ROOM / IFGE BOOKSTORE Monterrey Room, 2nd Fl):

The registration room will become accessible on Sunday, 4/5. However, registration will not formally begin until Monday, 4/6. Unless otherwise posted, the registration room and IFGE bookstore will be open according to the following schedule:

Monday, 4/6:	9 am to 9 pm.
, Tuesday, 4/7:	9 am to 9 pm.
Wednesday, 4/8:	9 am to 6 pm.
Thursday, 4/9:	9 am to 9 pm.
Friday, 4/10:	9 am to 9 pm.
Saturday, 4/11:	9 am to 6 pm. (Registration for all
	convention functions end 6 pm.)
Sunday, 4/12:	(Bookstore will remain open until 1 pm.)

Banquet and Meeting Rooms



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FRIDAY, 4/3 through MONDAY, 4/3-6

This is tourista time. Check in early, check out the town. A bulletin board with signup sheets for things to do will be available when the registration room opens on Sunday.

Monday, 9:00 -: Registration & IFGE Bookstore [Monterrey Room] Refer to Registration Room schedule.

9:00 - Registration, coordination, set-up, preliminary panic.

1-3:00 Convention staff meeting. [Room: Salon A&B]

Anyone having anything to do with the convention needs to be there. A review of who is doing what, when and where it needs to be done, and how to do it.

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3 - 5:00 "Redefining the Crossdresser" [Room: Salon A&B] Presenter: Linda Buten

Examining the changing roles of "the endangered species," the North American crossdresser.

7 - 9:00 "Introductory Seminar" [Room: Salon A&B]

Coordinator: Eve Burchert, Chairman IFGE Educational Resources Committee This a free educational seminar, open to the general public.

The purpose of the seminar is to provide the people of Texas an opportunity to learn more about the crossdressing and transsexual phenomena, and to meet many of the CD/TS community's educators and leaders. It is intended to be an enjoyable as well as an educational evening.

8-12:00 "Leader's Reception" [Room: Rio Grande, 2nd Fl] Sponsors: IFGE Board of Directors

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This is a <u>"by invitation only"</u> party for members of the IFGE Congress of Representatives, IFGE officers and committee members, convention staff, and their guests.

The INTERNATIONAL FOUNDATION for GENDER EDUCATION

10-11:30: "Business Meeting, Session I" [Room: Salon A&B]

Presenters: Nancy Cole (IFGE Board of Directors), Wendi Pierce (Chrmn IFGE Board of Directors), Merissa Lynn (IFGE Executive Director), Linda Buten (Chrmn Programs), JoAnn Roberts (Vice-Chrmn Publications), Naomi Owen (Chrmn Legal), Ellen Summers (Chrmn Awards), Eve Burchert (Chrmn Educational Resources), Laura Smiley (Chrmn Board of Endowment Fund Trustees, Yvonne Cook (Chrmn Finance), Linda Phillips (Chrmn Congress of Representatives)

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Everyone at the convention is expected to attend this meeting!

Welcoming comments, what is expected of you, what we hope to accomplish for the rest of the convention, preparation for Session II.

12-2:00 Keynote Speaker's Luncheon [Room: Grand Ballroom] [Fee: \$15.00 participant, \$25.00 non-participant] Speaker: Nancy S. Ledins, PhD, CPE, LE

Dr. Ledins is the Chairman of the International Board of Electrologist Certification. She hold four doctorates, including a doctorate in psychology and another in theology. She has recently been appointed by President Bush to participate on a national task force.

2-5: \IFGE Finance Committee Meeting [Room: Board Room]

2-3:30: "Business Meeting, Session II" [Room: Salon A&B]

Getting involved in the action committees, brainstorming for the future.

3:30-5:00 "Business Meeting, Session III" [Room: Salon A&B]

An open forum discussing the vision and the work, and discussing the issues of our community.

7-12:00 "Trinity Awards Night" [Room: Grand Ballroom] [Fee: \$40.00 non-participant]

The Trinity Award is our community's "Nobel Prize." The recipients are carefully selected from a long list of deserving nominees, and are judged primarily on the basis of two criteria: 1) Extraordinary acts of courage, and 2) extraordinary acts of love. This year, come and help us honor:

Ms Eve Burchert

Dr. Richard F. Docter

Ms Wendi Pierce





9-12: Gongress of Representatives Committee Meeting [Room: Salon A] Linda Phillips, Chairman

9-12: Morning Transsexual Program [Room: Rio Grande, 2nd FI]

9:00 WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION

Presenter: Christina Young

9:15 WHO AM I?

Presenters: Barbara Jo Mayo, Sister Mary Elizabeth, Christina Young

The first question is not "What sex am I?", but rather, "Who am I?" The value of knowing one's self. "Know who you are. It's all you have." - John Denver

10:00 GENDER PERCEPTION

Presenters: Yvonne Cook-Riley, Wendi Pierce

How "gender" impacts us. A multi-faceted process. What are the gender signals? can physical characteristics be overcome? How does your subconscious communicate?

11:00 TRANSITION

Presenters: Dr. Nancy Ledins, Christina Young

Is this trip necessary? A journey of discovery, of growth, of rehabilitation. Where will the road end?

10-11:30: Legal & By-Laws Committee Meeting [Room: Board Room] Naomi Owen, Chairman

9-10: "How To," Public Speaking [Room: Salon B]

Presenter: Jheri Lee Summers

What to do when someone stands you in front of an audience or hands you a microphone and says, "Speak!" Tips, traps, techniques.

10-11:30: The Mariette Pathy Allen Traveling Slide Show

[Room: Salon B]

Presenter: Mariette Pathy Allen

Mariette, a professional photographer and author of <u>Iransformations</u>, has amassed an impressive library of photos that show the diversity, beauty, and poignancy of our community. She will share with us not only those images, but the stories about the people behind the photographs.

10-11:30: Role Playing & Finding a Balance in Your life [Room: Cozume]]

Presenter: Nancy Cole

In each of our lives, we find ourselves playing many roles. We will look at how each of us can define our roles in an effort to better understand ourselves and work toward achieving a balance in our lives.

12-2: Keynote Speaker's Luncheon [Room: Grand Ballroom] [Fees: \$15.00 participant, \$25.00 non-participant]

Representative Robert H. Doyle

Representative Doyle has served four terms in the Ohio House of Representatives, each time being elected by wide margins. During his terms he sponsored over 20 bills, and cosponsored over 200 others. Among these bills were many that introduced legislation of alternative lifestyles.

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2-5: Afternoon Transsexual Program [Room: Rio Grande, 2nd FI]

2:00 BUILDING YOUR TEAM

Presenters: Dr. Sheila Kirk, Dr. Nancy Ledins

An exploration of the questions: Who do I need on my team? Why is therapy needed? What are the available sources of therapy? How do I select a team?

3:00 DEALING WITH OTHERS

Presenters: Taylor McGowan, Renee Chevalier, Wendi Pierce

How do I deal with family, friends, children, and significant others? What are the problems? How do I handle rejection?

4:00 SOCIALIZATION

Presenters: Barbara Jo Mayo, Christina Young

2-3:30: IFGE Educational Resources Committee Meeting [Room: Board Room] Eve Burchert, Chairman

2-3:30: "How To," The College Speakers Bureau [Room: Salon A&B] Presenters: JoAnn Roberts, Alison Laing

A discussion on the operation of a speakers bureau, handouts with speaking guidelines, and a training session where you get to tell your story to a mock class. Sharpen your presentation skills with this interesting workshop.

2-3:30: Personal Goals; Goal Oriented and Non-Goal

Approaches to Life [Room: Cozumel]

Presenters: Nancy Cole, Chris Howey

A personal development workshop discussing two ways of viewing goals, one a dynamic process to set and evaluate short and long range goals, and the other building on experiences to avoid creating and living by a rigid goal oriented program.

3:30-5: IFGE Publications Committee Meeting [Room: Board Room] Roger Peo, Chairman

3:30-5: "How To," Regional Organizations, the MAGGIE Way [Room: Salon A&B]

Presenters: Jennifer Richards, MAGGIE REPS

MAGGIE (Mid-America Gender Group Information Exchange) discusses how to share resources, exchange information, and establish cooperative action amongst local support groups within a region without threatening the independence and identity of the local support groups.

3:30-5: Speaking As A Woman [Room: Cozumel]

Presenter: Alison Laing

The author of <u>Speaking As A Woman</u> will share with us observations on the language of gender as well as some practical tips on how each of us can improve our feminine speaking voice and use of language.

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7 -: Party, party, party!

Sponsors: the Texas Host Organizations

A get-together at the 'Missouri Street Station', a cabaret in the Montrose area of Houston. We own the cabaret for the night. (It is the nicest cabaret of its type in Houston.) A Mexican buffet and entertainment. A shuttle bus will be running to and from the hotel. This promises to be a great night. Wonderful lifetime memories are made from nights like this.

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9-12: Morning Transsexual Programs [Room: Rio Grande]

9:00 LEGAL ISSUES

Presenters: Phyllis Randolph Frye, Sister Mary Elizabeth

A look at the process by which one legally establishes identification and the changing of vital records. Rights in the workplace.

10:00 HORMONES (Male to Female)

Presenter: Dr. Sheila Kirk

The benefits and dangers.

10:00 ISSUES UNIQUE TO THE FEMALE TO MALE (Female to Male) [Room: San Miguel]

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Presenters: Taylor McGowan, Jason Cromwell, Holly Devor

How to avoid the "Hey, kid," correct body language, methods and material to use for breast binding, speaking in a more masculine manner (pre-hormone).

9-10: Adult Children of Alcoholics [Room: Cozumel]

Presenter: Jennifer Brown

We will explore the possible relationship between parental alcoholism and gender dysphoria in an effort to gain insight into the possible similarities between common behavior patterns of adult children of alcoholics and those of community members.

10-11:30: Morning Wives Program [Room: Maztalan]

Coordinator: Cynthia Phillips

COPING IN CLOSE QUARTERS. How to deal with living with a "woman" when you are out of town, as in hotel rooms, etc.

10-11:30: JFGE Nominations Committee Meeting

[Room: Board Room]

Ellen Summers, Chairman

10-11:30: Lighting & Staging in Photography Room: Salon B]

Presenter: Mariette Pathy Allen

Maniette will share with us some of her expertise in how to use lighting and staging to give us the best from our cameras during both formal photo shots and casual shots.

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10-11:30: Estate Planning, Wills, Trusts, Charitable Giving [Room: Salon A]

Presenter: Laura Smiley, JD

A discussion on personal finances and information on how to help the community through charitable giving.

12-2: Keynote Speaker's Luncheon [Room: Grand Ballroom] [Fees: \$15.00 registrant, \$25.00 non-registrant]

Speaker: Naomi Owen

Naomi is the 1992 recipient for the Virginia Prince Lifetime Contribution Award.

2-5: Afternoon Transsexual Programs [Room: Rio Grande]

2:00 EMPLOYMENT

Presenters: Taylor McGowan, Barbara Jo Mayo, Renee Chevalier, Dr. Nancy Ledins Related issues of re-entering the workplace and actually getting that job. Do I transition on my present job? How do I get a new job?

3:00 HOSPITALIZATION INSURANCE

Presenters: Sister Mary Elizabeth, Phyllis Randolph Frye

- 3:45 SPEAKING IN A MORE FEMININE MANNER (Male to Female) Presenter: Wendy Parker
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COMMUNICATION - The problem of communication between the CD and his SO. How to go about it.

2-3:30:/IFGE Marketing Committee Meeting [Room: Board Room] Jane Fee, Chairman

2-3:30: "How To" Community Outreach [Room: Cozumel]

Presenters: JoAnn Roberts, Laura Smiley, Molly Kennedy, Telzay Adams

Come and listen to a panel of experienced people who have led the transgender community under the bright lights of public scrutiny. Learn what your group can do to improve its public image. Find out how to connect with the media, academia, and other minority communities.

2-3:30: Picking Your Professionals; A Consumers Guide [Room: Salon A&B]

Presenters: Richard Docter PhD, Georgia Green MSW, Sheila Kirk MD

When it comes time to seek professional help from medical or mental health professionals, many of us find ourselves at the mercy of random luck. Richard, Sheila and Georgia will offer some practical advise and answer questions on how to go about selecting and evaluating medical and mental health professionals.

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2:30-5: IFGE Programs Committee [Room: Board Room] Linda Buten, Chairman

3:30-5: "How To" Creating A Group Newsletter [Room: Cozumel] Presenter: JoAnn Roberts

Your group's newsletter is probably the single most important outreach tool you have. With relatively inexpensive computers and software, it's simple to create a good looking newsletter. Join JoAnn as she takes you through a step-by-step plan for creating a professional looking newsletter. Bring samples of your current newsletter for a make-over.

3:30-5: Coming Out; Telling Your Wife, Children, Family, Et Al Room: Salon A&B

Presenters: Jane Ellen Fairfax, Linda & Cynthia Phillips, Linda Buten, Nancy Cole

A panel of people who have faced this question, and have helped others do so, will provide observations and insights into this difficult and controversial subject, after which questions from the audience will be entertained.

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Sponsor: The Texas Host Organizations

This party is intended to be a fund raiser to benefit a local charity. Details will be available during the convention.

9-12: Morning Transsexual Program [Room: Rio Grande]

9:00 OPTIONS (Male to Female)

Presenters: Eve Burchert, Yvonne Cook-Riley, Barbara Jo Mayo, Renee Chevalier What are the alternate lifestyles? Can I find a place for me? An area of comfort? Do I need to take the next step?

9:00 SURGERY (Female to Male) [Room: San Miguel]

Presenters: Taylor McGowan, Jason Cromwell, Trevor Alexander The first step, the various operations required.

10:30 ELECTROLYSIS

Presenter: Linda DeFruscio

Various methods of electrolysis, as well as some practical advice on what to look for when selecting an electrolysis operator.

11:15 COSMETIC SURGERY

Presenters: Nancy Cole, Christina Young

Various types, breast augmentation, voice modification, tracheal shave, etc.

9-10: Hair Removal; A to Z [Room: Cozumel] Presenter: Linda DeFruscio, RE, REI

A discussion of all hair removal techniques currently available, and the pros and cons of each of them. Included in this discussion will be shaving, epilators, cream hair removers, plucking, and the various methods of electrolysis as well as some practical advice on what to look for when selecting an electrolysis operator.

10-11:30: Morning Wives Program [Room: Maztalan]

Coordinator: Cynthia Phillips

THE BURDEN OF ACCEPTANCE, AND ACCEPTANCE LEVEL - This will deal with the burden of the "secret" being passed on to the S/O.

10-11:30: Through the Shutter [Room: Cozumel]

Presenters: Mariette Pathy Allen & Georgia Green

Mariette, Georgia, and two of Mariette's photo subjects, will share with the audience a series of photos, during which they will express how they find the feelings and emotions of the subjects as they appear in the image, and how they actually felt at the time when the photo was taken.

10-11:30: Native American Traditions [Room: Salon A&B]

Presenter: Rena Swifthawk

The Native American culture views the phenomena of gender expression and gender identity in an entirely different light than the societies founded on Judeo-Christian culture. Rena, a Native American berdache and Kiowa/Chiricahua Shamaness, will share with us some of the views held by her ancestors and perpetuated as part of her culture.

12-2: Keynote Speaker's Luncheon [Room: Grand Ballroom] [Fees: \$15.00 participant, \$25.00 non-participant]

Speaker: Marjorie Garber

Ms Garber is Professor of English and Director of the Center for Literary and Cultural Studies at Harvard. She is also the author of <u>Vested Interests</u>.

2-5: Afternoon Transsexual Programs [Room: Rio Grande]

2:00 RELIGION (open session. See 'Religion & Our Community')

3:30 SURGERY (Continuation from morning session) (Female to Male) [Room: San Miguel]

3:30 SEX REASSIGNMENT SURGERY (Male to Female)

Presenters: Wendi Pierce, Sister Mary Elizabeth

A thorough discussion of the subject of SRS, from the "Standards of Care" requirements, pre-op care, the operation, post-op care and recovery. 5:00 WHAT NEXT?

Presenters: Wendi Pierce, Christina Young

Where do I go from here? Is there a post-op high? Is there a post-op blues? The signs to look for and the dangers.

2-5: Afternoon Wives Programs [Room: Maztalan]

Coordinator: Cynthia Phillips

THE BEDROOM - What goes on "behind closed doors," and how we deal with it. QUESTION & ANSWER – Speaking your mind to a real "live" transgendered person.

2-3:30: "How To" Planning & Carrying Out An Annual Program [Room: Cozumel]

Presenter: Alison Laing

The ins and outs of how to take the goals of our local and support group and translate them into an effective and executable annual program.

2-3:30: Religion & Our Community [Room: Salon A&B]

Presenter: Sister Mary Elizabeth

Sister Mary Elizabeth will address the views of the transgender community held by organized religion and how we, as individuals, can find a way to deal with our faith and our community.

3:30-5: "How To" Finding & Keeping Members [Room: Cozumel]

Presenter: JoAnn Roberts

So, you want to start a support group? Great! Where do your members come from? Once you've found them, how do you keep them? Come and listen to JoAnn Roberts tell of her experience in the building of Renaissance, one of the largest membership-based support groups in the country. Learn what you can do to energize your group's membership outreach program.

3:30-5: Living As A Woman; The Dream & The Reality [Room: Salon A&B]

Presenters: Eve Burchert, Chris Howey, & Renee Chevalier

There is, all too often, a gap between the dream and the reality of living full time as a woman. It is not unusual for members of our community to jump into "full time" living before they are ready or have carefully considered the costs. Several people who have faced this decision and have had to deal with it will present their views and observations on the dream and reality of living as a woman.

7-8: Reception and Cocktail Party [Room: Grand 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 and sisters. A lovely way to begin your evening.

8-12: Formal Banquet & 'VP Award' Presentation

[Room: Grand Ballroom]

IFGE's annual formal banquet followed by the presentation of the 1991 'Virginia Prince Lifetime Contribution Award.' This year we will be honoring Ms Naomi Owen.



8:30-10: Non-Denominational Religious Service [Room: Salon A&B]

10-11:30: 1st Session IFGE Board of Directors [Board Room]

10-1: Wind-Down Brunch [Grand Ballroom]

Featuring the celebrated passing of the IFGE football from the Houston '92 host committee to the Philadelphia '93 host committee.

1-: 2nd Session IFGE Board of Directors [Board Room]

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