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The Rap Sheet

Editor's note: Since we will be including a *California Dreamin'* brochure with our newsletter, I'll will be keeping the newsletter to 6 pages in order to maintain the postage to a single 32¢ stamp.

January Meeting Kathryn Robbins

In need of a makeover? Or just some makeup?

Thinking about a little electrology this year?

Or perhaps you may have made a resolution or two to improve your femme self?

With this in mind, Powder Puffs has asked our longtime friend, Kathryn Robbins, to speak to us. Kathryn operates a skin care clinic in Yorba Linda for both men and women, and counts many Powder Puff members among her clients.

Kathryn not only is an expert in cosmetics and carries a line of makeup, she is a medically trained electrologist. In additon, she carries a line of natural skincare products. For those in need of a little more help she does skin and body peels.

Not enough? She also does ear piercings, spider vein reductions, has hair & nail as well as lash & brow services. She is the answer to a lot of crossdressers prayers. And she is right here in our local area!

If you've stayed with me so far I suggest you read the letter sent to me by the spouse of one of Powder Puffs' members on Page 2. She will give you a genetic female's point-of-view.

Still not convinced? From Missouri?

Then be sure to come to our meeting and speak to Kathryn yourself. Bring your own questions and get your personalized answers. Be sure to introduce yourself to Kathryn in the friendly, pressure-free atmosphere of our meeting. Later in the year, you may need to have a few things done. Better to have made the introduction and have the information beforehand. Remember, the 7th annual California Dreamin' will be in San Francisco this year.

Date: Saturday, January 17, 1998 Time: 7:30 pm

Place: Placentia Holiday Inn, 118 E. Orangethorpe Ave, Placentia, CA. Take 57 Fwy to Orangethrope exit. Head east.

California Dreamin' 98

Golden Gateway Holiday Inn — Speaking of California Dreamin', the 7th annual California Dreamin' will take place April 3 — May 3, 1998 in beautiful (no Christine, not downtown Burbank) San Francisco. It will again be at the Golden Gateway Holiday Inn and is co-hosted by The Educational TV Channel (ETVC), The Diablo Valley Girls (DVG), The Rainbow Gender Association (RGA), and FtM International.

The people who are planning this shindig really have their work cut out for them to hold our interest indoors. Those who were in San Francisco last time will recall all the fun things they did

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Membership rates. \$30/yr, \$12/meeting; \$150 covers dues & meetings for entire year. A Renaissance Education Affiliate. Kathryn Robbins — A GG's Point of View by A. T.

I received the following letter in the mail from the spouse of one of our members. It is printed here for your interest. Powder Puffs assumes no responsibility for content, nor does it endorse any particular business concern or product.

A short while ago, PPOC hosted Vendors' Night at one of the regular meetings. I had an opportunity to meet one of the vendors and became interested in the services she offered. That vendor was Kathryn Robbins. Many of the PPOC members knew Kathryn, but this was my first introduction to the world of an esthetician operating a complete skincare clinic.

I decided to try Kathryn's talent and made an appointment for a face peel and lip definition. When I arrived at Kathryn's home/clinic, I found a warm and comfortable setting that provided complete privacy. While I was a bit anxious, it helped to know that Kathryn was medically trained. The procedures were done professionally with Kathryn adding her perfect "bedside manner." What a pleasant — one that is hard to find in today's fast pace.

Kathryn stands behind her work with a 100% guarantee. Since I am my own worst critic, I elected to have some touchup work done on both the facial and lip definition. Kathryn fulfilled her commitment and scheduled other sessions to fine tune the procedures to my level of satisfaction and her own. Not only am I a perfectionist, she is too!

Since that time, I have had four other procedures done and Kathryn continues to amaze me. Her talent is real and she has the personality to match.

So, I highly recommend Kathryn for any of the services she offers. She is a real pro, and a real friend to the CD community. I should know — I am a genetic female but my husband, "Jeri" has had a makeover and plans on a face peel, too. Jeri has also learned to appreciate Kathryn's world and the openness extended to a CD.

I offer this recommendation from the bottom of my heart, without any freebies or benefits for myself. It is just so refreshing to find someone with talent and integrity.

(Signed) A. T.

P. S. Kathryn's phone number is 714-692-2747

DREAMIN'

Continued from Page 1 OUTSIDE of the convention. Many, many attendees took advantage of the Ross Dress-for-Less across the street and the California Street Cable Car (the route starts just around the corner, fares \$2 oneway, \$4 roundtrip, \$6 all-day). Some lunched at Pier 39. In fact, last time about 25 of us decked out in our dress-tokill Saturday-night gowns decided to finish off the evening with cocktails at the Top of the Mark.

However, the buzz from up North suggests that the planners do not anticipate any problem holding our attention as they are putting in place a killer program. The early word is that topics will include hormones, SRS, body shaping, voice modification, the law and your rights, hair, makeup, dating and the single CD, gender diversity as well as a separate GG track for spouses and SOs.

A special room rate of \$95 per night (single or double) has been negotiated. Reservations must be made prior to April 8th to receive this special rate. For more information contact PPOC/California Dreamin'. P. O. Box 1088, Yorba Linda, CA 92886, or call (714) 281-0271 (leave message), or e-mail PPOC@aol.com or Dreamin96@aol.com, or visit our e b i w S t e http://www/flash.net/~dhome/cadreamin

AEGIS Press Release

American Educational Gender Information Service, Inc. 29 December, 1997

For immediate release — During the December meeting of the board of AEGIS, Dallas Denny announced her intention to resign as Executive Director, effective at the beginning of April. The Board reluctantly accepted Ms. Denny's resignation. Applications for a new Executive Director are being accepted by Marisa Richmond, the Chair of the AEGIS Board (P.O. Box 92335, Nashville, TN 37209) and Gianna Israel, the Vice Chair of the AEGIS Board (P.O. Box 424447, San Francisco, CA 94142). Applicants are asked to submit a cover letter outlining professional and gender community accomplishments and interest in the position. The applicant should also submit a recent c.v. and at least one letter of recommendation. Applications need to be received by March 15, 1998.

Shopping for Panty Hose

Taken from Allure Magazine's Little Book of Beauty Secrets

Finding panty hose that fit well and feel good is a stretch. We asked Brenda Cooper, a TV (*that's* television! - ed.) fashion expert, how to get a leg up.

Q: Do designer brands hold up better than the less expensive ones?

A: Sheer hose have a tendency to run whether they're by *Donna Karan* or *L'eggs*. Comfort is the difference between the high- and low-end. The more expensive ones feel nicer, and there's a better color range.

Q: Which brands do you recommend?

A: Givenchy Body Smoothers. They don't get as many snags, and they return to their original form after you've worn them. Another good brand is Hanes Smooth Illusions.

Within the Hearts of Gender

What: Dinner and beauty/talent show to benefit AIDS Hospices

When: January 31, 1998

Place: Burbank Holiday Inn

Time: Cocktails 6 pm, Dinner 7 pm

Showtime: 9 pm

Cost: \$30 per person for dinner, and additional \$20 to participate in the talent show

For more info: contact Michael Hochberg, 5259 Corteen Place., Apt. 103, North Hollywood, CA 91607 or phone his pager at 818-327-3161

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The following is printed here for your interest. Powder Puffs assumes no responsibility for content, nor does it endorse any particular business concern or product. This report on lasers for hair removal is not intended to be encyclopedic in nature, but rather a sample of information.

Safety and Efficacy of the Palomar Ruby Laser for Hair Removal

R. Rox Anderson, MD Harvard Medical School March, 1997 Ruby Lasers

The flashlamp-pumped, normal mode (free-running) ruby laser was the first laser ever invented, and was extensively tested in dermatology during the 1960's, notably by L. Goldman. He successfully treated hundreds of patients with a wide variety of lesions. In skin, the ruby laser output wavelength of 694 nm is very selectively absorbed by melanin, such that ruby laser pulses tend to affect the melanin-pigmented structures of the skin, i.e. epidermis and hair follicles. Certain tattoo inks also absorb ruby laser light. This is one of the best-known lasers in dermatology, and has been in clinical use for over 30 years. In Japan, the Toshiba normal-mode ruby has been widely used for over a decade to treat tattoos and pigmented lesions. It should be noted that the majority of patients there are Asians with greater pigmentation than most Europeans. There are apparently no case reports of significant complications with this laser. The Toshiba laser emits the same wavelength, similar pulse-widths, fluences, and spot size as the Palomar ruby laser for hair removal. Like the Palomar laser, light is delivered through a transparent handpiece held directly in contact with the skin.

Palomar Ruby Laser System

The Palomar system is a normal-mode ruby laser specifically designed to cause selective damage to hair follicles while minimizing injury — blisters, wholesale necrosis, removal, or vaporization of the entire epidermis occurs routinely in dermatology and with minor trauma, without scarring. The best example of this CO_2 laser "resurfacing", which leaves absolutely no epidermis remaining after the procedure. However, minimizing epidermal injury is useful to minimize pain and transient pigmentary changes. The Palomar system uses an actively-cooled sapphire handpiece to conduct heat away from the epidermis before, during and after each pulse. In my lab, I have shown this to reduce epidermal injury compared with free-beam

application. A U.S. patent was filed by my employer, Massachusetts General Hospital, regarding this handpiece. However, I have no personal financial interest in Palomar or any other laser company.

Hair Removal Techniques

Hair is most commonly removed by shaving or by mechanical epilation with wax or epilating devices. These methods are not without risk, and frequently cause irritation, folliculitis, and on rare occasions, scarring. There are presently two FDA-cleared treatments for hair removal. "Electrolysis" (a more correct term is electrothermolysis) is a technique in which resistive heating around an electrode placed deeply into a hair follicle causes complete or partial destruction. The treatment is painful, tedious, only moderately effective (50-85% of treated hairs regrow after each published data), and associated with significant risks of folliculitis, infection and on rare occasions, scarring.

Another FDA-cleared treatment (Thermolase technique) involves exposure to a Q-switched Nd:YAG laser designed for tattoo removal, following wax epilation and topical application of a suspension of amorphous carbon particles. This treatment is mildly painful. Despite aggressive marketing, its effectiveness appears to be minimal or nonexistent. Wax epilation alone can remove hair for 1 - 3 months. Data are not available on the hair loss, if any, caused by laser exposures during the Thermolase technique. In a study presented by D. Goldberg at the 1996 ASLMS meeting, there was complete regrowth of hair within 4 months after the last treatment in all subjects. The potential complications os this treatment are those of laser surgery in general (infection, sc scarring, pigmentary changes), plus the risk of inadvertent tattooing by introducing carbon into the dermis through ruptured follicles. However, these complications presumably occur at an acceptably low incidence.

Efficacy of the Palmar Ruby Laser System

In contrast to the Thermolase technique, there is no doubt that the Palomar ruby laser system causes hair removal, over and above that of shaving or wax epilation. At high fluences, there is also no doubt that permanent hair removal is possible. In a controlled quantitative study of 78 test-treatment area in 13 subjects with black or brown hair, there was statistically significant hair loss at one, three, and six months after treatment, compared with shaved or wax-epilated control skin sites. In addition, there was statistically significant hair loss at 12 months in sites which were shaved (not wax epilated) prior to exposure at the highest fluence tested of 60 J/cm². This indicates a significant dose-response effect. In this first study, 3/13 subjects have permanent, obvious hair loss after a single treatment. another study is in progress (C. Dierick, et al) now to compare single and multiple treatments and to broaden the anatomical sites treated. In this on-going study, efficacy is also obvious. At present, we have performed over 1000 treatments without a single case of scarring or permanent change in pigment. Treatment is painful but tolerable, and always causes erythema and edema similar to a sunburn. In about 25% of cases, there is transient hypo or hyperpigmentation, which resolves within three months.

. To the extent of my knowledge, the Palomar ruby laser is the only laser-based treatment presently known to produce significant hair loss.

Safety of the Palomar Ruby Laser System

The Palomar laser system poses an acceptably low risk of complications when properly used. In over 1000 test-treatment sites in about 100 subjects, we have not observed any significant complications from use of the Palomar laser system. Further support of safety comes form Japan. The Toshiba laser, after a decade of use in pigmented Asian patients including children and adults, strongly supports the safety of the Palomar ruby laser.

Transient inflammatory reactions (erythema, edema) and pigmentary changes (hypopigmentation, hyperpigmentation) are routine and expected whenever a laser is used to injure some component of the skin. Compared with pulsed dye, Q-switched and other lasers used for cosmetic procedures, the Palomar laser produces similar skin injury followed by rapid healing requiring minimal wound care. Compared with electrolysis, in which bacteria are repeatedly introduced into follicles from the skin surface by a needle-like electrode, the Palomar system may cause less folliculitis. However, a side-by-side comparison with electrolysis has yet to be studied.

In summary, the Palomar ruby laser system is a safe and effective tool for both temporary and permanent hair removal. In view of the need for hair removal from skin grafts used for reconstructive surgery, and the limited options available for cosmetic hair removal. This laser system is major step forward.

The above was taken from the internet http://www.epitique.com/orient.html

Laser vs. Needle

Posted by Ted Molczan on June 25, 1997 In reply to: laser vs. needle posted by Karen A. on June 25, 1997

Karen,

I have been conducting an independent investigation into laser hair removal, and sharing my findings with the public, as well as the hair removal industry. I am not employed in the hair removal industry, nor do I have an interest in a hair removal business or product.

I will deal with the most important issue first. The FDA doses not allow any of the four laser hair removal systems it has cleared to market to claim "permanent", "long term", or "painless" in their advertising.

The most that any of them have ever been able to demonstrate to FDA is that they can reduce hair for up to three months, i.e. temporary removal, so that is all that they may legally claim.

You can verify this by phoning the FDA's Office of Consumer Affairs, at 800-532-4440 or 301-594-2062.

Unfortunately, manufacturers and especially clinics offering laser treatment, frequently make false and misleading claims, that may confuse consumers into believing that permanent results are at least possible, if not probable. Since most of the clinics are operated by doctors, the public may give more credence to their claims than it might otherwise.

I have phoned half a dozen different laser clinics here in Canada, some more than once, and all have always misrepresented the efficacy using one or more bogus arguments.

The fact is that laser results are little better than waxing, yet cost 10 to 20 times more! If you want temporary hair removal, consider waxing; if you want permanence, needle-electrolysis is your only choice.

Training requirements vary, but in at least half of the states, only a physician may operate a hair removal laser.

Finally, you mentioned transdermal. The base unit of that system, the TE-629, did manage to obtain FDA clearance to claim a permanence; however, the decision has been a controversial one. I explained my belief that the FDA was incorrect, in a message in this form (sic) several weeks ago. It has since been replaced by newer messages; however, I will be pleased to e-mail it to you, or repost it.

The above was taken from The Electrolysis Referral Directory Forum http://www.bworks.com/elec/forum/messages/1220.html

I have printed this opposing article for balance. It is rather short, so next month I will print a more complete rebuttal. Can't wait? Then come to January's meeting and talk to Kathryn Robbins.

Happy New Year

Powder Puffs Rap Sheet

Community Events and Other Happenings — "All Work and No Play Makes Jill a Dull Girl"

On the Local Scene

Places to go, Jhings to do, People to see.

First Tuesdays

Pathfinders, monthly support group for genetic females involved in the gender community. Hotline 24 hrs/day 714-325-2938. Write Pathfinders, P. O. Box 2973, Corona, CA 91718-2973

Come Taste the Night at Marlayna's T- Party. Tommy Tang's, 7313 Melrose Ave., West Hollywood. Reservations: 213-937-5733.

First Fridays

Peal — TS support group, 12832 Garden Grove Blvd., Garden Grove, 7:30 pm. Call 714-534-0862

First Saturdays

Ladies Knight Out (Heterosexual couples in a committed relationship only) for information write to: LKO, P.O. Box 19608-0179, Irvine, CA 92713

Second Saturdays

Alpha Chapter of Tri-Ess: Meets at Burbank Holiday Inn. Contact Kathy Helms, 818-352-9448 or Virginia Prince, 213-876-6141 for information and requirements.

Born Free: University Room of Hampton Inn, 1590 University Ave., Riverside. 8:00 pm. Contact Born Free, P.O. Box 52829, Riverside, CA 92517, or call 909-875-2687 for info.

CHIC: CHIC emphasizes strict security. Meetings are closed except to members and invited guests. Write to CHIC, P.O. Box 8487, Long Beach, CA 90808 for information and requirements.

Second & Fourth Saturdays

"On the Scene Night" and "Fetish Night," presented by Marlayna at the Queen Mary Show/Lounge, 12449 Ventura Blvd., Studio City. 818-606-5619.

Third Saturdays

Powder Puffs of California, Placentia Holiday Inn, Placentia, CA. 8 pm. Contact P.O. Box 1088 Yorba Linda, CA 92885. 714-779-9013.

Fourth Saturdays

Neutral Corner, meets at King's Inn, Hotel Circle, 7:30 pm. Contact P. O. Box 12581, San Diego, CA 92112. Contact 619-685-3696

Second Sundays

The Los Angeles Gender Center, monthly support & informational group meeting for the transsexual (FTM & MTF), transgender communities. The Women's Center, 1512 S. Robertson Blvd., LA. Contact The Los Angeles Gender Center, 310-475-8880.

Tuesdays & Wednesdays

Androgyny, meetings Tuesday nights from 8:30 pm-9:30 pm in Santa Monica, CA; Wednesday nights from 8:00 pm-9:30pm in Riverside, CA. Contact Androgyny, P.O. Box 480740, Los Angeles, CA 90048. Call between 9:00 am-9:00 pm, mention your call is concerning Androgyny, 213-467-8317 (ask for Shirley or Sheila) or 909-360-5584 (ask for Paula)

On the National Scene

From Sea to Shining Sea

Jan15-19, Holiday at Sea! Round trip from Miami to CocoCay and Nassau, Bahama. Contact Brenda Cyrus, 5111 Rogers Avenue #551, Fort Smith, AR 72903. Call 1-800-247-7021

Feb 20-22, True Spirit Conference '98, Best Western-Maryland Inn, Laurel MD, The American Boyz/True Spirit Conference '98 P.O. Box 1118, Elkton, MD 21922-1118 transman@netgsi.com

Feb 20-22, "Across the Fruited Plain" The 1998 Midwest Bisexual Lesbian Gay Transgender College Conference MBLGTCC-98 Program Committee OGLBC (M/C 369) 1007 West Harrison St 4078 BSB, Chicago, IL 60607-714, Fax: 312-996-4688. e-mail: mblgcc98@uic.edu

Mar 24-29, Crossing Borders, Toronto, IFGE, P.O. Box 229 Waltham, MA 0224-0229.Call 781-899-2212, ifge@world.std.com

Apr 3-5, Society for the Scientific Study of Sexuality 1998 Eastern Region, Twenty-first Annual Meeting, "The Future of Sexual Health: Education, Counseling, and Health Care: A Call to Action," Boston, MA. Contact Jean Levitan, Ph.D. Dept. of Community Health, or Wm. Paterson, U. of NJ, Wayne, NJ 07470. Call 973-720-2216, FAX 973-721-2215, levitanj@nebula.wilpaterson.edu

Apr 30- May 2, California Dreamin' 98, Co-sponsored by The Powder Puffs of Orange County and ETVC, RGA, and the Diablo Valley Girls, Golden Gateway Holiday Inn, 1500 Van Ness Ave., San Francisco.

Much of this information was provided by the American Educational Gender Information Service (AEGIS)

WELCOME TO THE CITY BY THE BAY

California Dreamin' is pleased to offer its eighth conference serving the transgender community. Please join us for our weekend of seminars and activities. The ladies and gentlemen of ETVC, RGA, DVG, and FtM International are delighted to have you as their guests. Check in early and enjoy the sights, sounds, and tastes of San Francisco. Most of the great city attractions are within a five or ten minute taxi ride, plus the California Street Cable Car starts its journey to Nob Hill and other destinations only a few feet from the hotel.

Our Bay Area hosts have pulled out all the stops to make sure that you get the fullest enjoyment and fulfillment for your convention dollar.

Experience workshops on improving your femininity or personal fulfillment. There are seminars for spouses and partners plus workshops for couples issues. All programs are staffed by caring and knowledgeable members of our community along with working professionals sensitive to the needs of the gender community.

> [Partial List of Presenters] (Subject to Change)

Alison Laing, James Green, JoAnn Roberts, Ph.D, Linda and Cynthia Phillips, Kathy Swarthout, M.S., Melinda Whiteway, Jane Bolig, Mildred Brown, Ph.D, J. J. Allen, Linda & Cynthia Phillips, Jeani Adams, Dr. Toby Meltzer, Dr. Ann Lawrence, Dr. Joy Schafer, Wilhemina Beins, Joan Rowe, Juana Smith, Yosenio Lewis, Ann Grogan, Melanie Yarborough, Lin Fraser, Bill Jones, Leslie Bailey, Nancy Cupps, Veronica Smith, Francine Lougandice and the Empress Norton, and others.

CALIFORNIA DREAMIN' '98 WILL FEATURE:

- Special Friday and Saturday luncheon keynote speakers Linda & Cynthia Phillips and Alison Laing speaking on "Trends and the future of the TG movement."
- Three different tracks for you to choose from: Cross Dresser, Transsexual (MtF and FtM), and Couples Issues.
- Vendor Mall for everything from makeovers, wigs, nails, jewelry, clothing and accessories.
- Sightseeing/Shopping tours of the magnificent San Francisco city.
- Optional Wine Tasting reception hosted by world renowned gourmand Alison Laing featuring the fine wines of California
- Thursday Reception aboard one of the boats of the Blue and Gold Fleet with a cruise of San Francisco Bay.
- An Educational and Resource Center offering the greatest selection of information concerning the transgender community.

TOPICS, TOPICS, TOPICS

- Steps towards living full-time.
- TS Profiles
- Voice
- Feminization
- Sexuality
- Benjamin Standards: Discussion of Revisions
- Hormones
- The Law and Your Rights
- Becoming One: Blending the Feminine and Masculine
- Dating and the Single CD
- Make-up, Hair
- Gender Diversity
- Women Together: How GGs interact with each other
- Religion and the Question of Transgenderism
- Information and Networking for the FtM Transgendered
- SRS
- Body Shaping





REGISTRATION FEES INCLUDE:

Full Registration: Thursday reception social, Friday luncheon, Friday dinner, Saturday luncheon, Saturday banquet & show, Sunday brunch. All workshops and seminars.

Friday - Sunday: Friday luncheon, Friday dinner, Saturday luncheon, Saturday banquet & show, Sunday brunch. All workshops and seminars.

Saturday - Sunday: Saturday luncheon, Saturday banquet & show, Sunday brunch. All workshops and seminars.

Saturday only: Saturday luncheon, Saturday banquet & show. All workshops and seminars.

REGISTRATION FEES DO NOT INCLUDE HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS OR ANY OTHER MEALS NOT SPECIFIED ABOVE, OPTIONAL EVENTS, OR EXCURSIONS.

SCHDLARSHIPS: California Dreamin' maintains a policy of not turning away any person in need of information and support. Anyone facing financial difficulty issues is enccuraged to contact California Dreamin' to make suitable arrangements. California Dreamin' regrets that we cannot provide assistance with transportation, housing, or meals.

CODE OF CONDUCT: Dress and act responsibly. The event is catered for the benefit and enjoyment of registered participants only. Casual observers in the banquet areas and workshops/seminars are not welcome.

ROCM MATES: Sorry, but California Dreamin' does not offer a roommate matching service. We will, however, maintain a listing at the event registration desk of those people wishing to share a room.

REFUND POLICY: Full refunds, less a \$25 handling fee, will be made to those who cancel their reservations via letter postmarked on or before 2/16/85. Cancellations after 2/16/85 will have refunds based on a formula determined by the California Dreamin Organizing Committee with each case reviewed on its individual circumstances. Because the meal counts must be presented to the hotel staff each day of the event, no refunds will be issued for at-the-door registrations. Refunds will be processed and mailed in May 1995.

REGISTRATION FORM FOR CALIFORNIA DREAMIN'

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MAILING NAME:		
MAILING ADDRESS:		
CITY	STATEZIP	
(OPTIONAL)		

BADGE NAME

PARTNER' BADGE NAME

EVENT RATE SCHEDULE (PLEASE CIRCLE YOUR CHOICE)

Schedule	Singles Rate H rec'd before 3/6/98	Couples Rate If rec'd before 3/6/88	Singles Rate If rec'd after 3/6/98	Couples Rate If rec'd after 3/6/98
Full Event (Thursday thru Sunday	\$220.00	\$410.00	\$235.00	\$440.00
Friday thru Sunday	\$200.00	\$370.00	\$215.00	\$400.00
Saturday & Sunday	\$180.00	\$330.00	\$190.00	\$360.00
Saturday only	\$140.00	\$250.00	\$160.00	\$290.00
Saturday banquet and show only	\$50.00	\$90.00	\$55.00	\$100.00
Per diem (workshops/ seminars <i>only</i>)	\$30 per day, or \$50 for two days	\$30 per day, or \$50 for two days	\$30 per day, or \$60 for two days	\$30 per day, or \$60 for two days

Payment Method:

[] Personal Check [] Money Order

[] Visa [] Master Card

Card Number:

Expiration Date: _ / _ _

Signature: _____ (Required)

PLEASE MAIL THE COMPLETED FORM TO:

PPOC/CALIFORNIA DREAMIN" P.O. BOX 1088 YORBA LINDA, CA 92886

TELEPHONE REGISTRATION NO.: (714) 281-0271 FAX REGISTRATION NO.: (714) 281-0371

Hotel Accommodations

Attendees are responsible for securing and paying for their hotel rooms. The Golden Gateway Holiday Inn is offering California Dreamin' participants the special room rate of \$95.00 per night (single or double). In order to receive the special room rate you must tell them you are part of California Dreamin' '98. Room rates do not include applicable state and local taxes.

Accommodations are held until 6:00 pm on arrival date unless guaranteed by a major credit card or deposit for the first nights lodging.

IMPORTANT HOTEL RESERVATION INFORMATION AND DEADLINE

The Golden Gateway Holiday Inn has allocated a block of rooms for California Dreamin', however, rooms not reserved by participants prior to April 8, 1998 will be released to the general public on April 9th. Accommodations will then be on a space available basis at regular room rates.

REGISTRATION NAME:

ADDRESS:

CITY: _____ STATE: ____ ZIP: _____

Payment Method:

[] Personal Check [] Money Order

| | Visa | | Master Card | | American Express | | Discover

Card Number:

Expiration Date: _ _ / _ _

Signature:

(Required)

PLEASE MAIL THE COMPLETED FORM TO:

GOLDEN GATEWAY HOLIDAY INN 1500 VAN NESS AVENUE SAN FRANCISCO, CA 94109

TELEPHONE REGISTRATION NO.: (415) 441-4000 FAX: (415) 776-7155

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Golden Gateway

PPOC PROUDLY PRESENTS THE 8TH ANNUAL

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