



GIRL TALK

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reminder

schedule for OZZ nights:

saturday, nov 5 & dec 7

6:30 pm to 7:30 pm - Happy Hour

7:30 pm to 9:00 pm - Dinner

9:00 pm to 1:00 am - Cabaret Show
with Rudy

9:00 pm to 2:00 am - Disco

Next Meeting — Kathy Helms

For our November meeting, we have arranged for Kathy Helms of Alpha Chapter to speak to us. The meeting will be at 7:30 pm at the Pioneer Best Western at Pioneer Blvd. and the 91 Fwy in Artesia. Please note that this will be our last meeting of the year. We will not be holding a December meeting due to the proximity to the Holidays.

However, we have been issued the following invitation:

*You are cordially invited
to attend the 2nd Annual
Southern California Holiday
Dinner to be held at 7:30 pm on
the fourteenth of December at the
Burbank Holiday Inn
Price: \$28.00 per person*

(Dinner will be held in the room off the Carousel Cafe). Reception and Party downstairs. Buffet dinner of chicken & beef. Tickets at our next meeting.

Halloween III Revisited

Well it's all over — even the clean-up. Powder Puffs have celebrated the Unofficial Transgender Holiday, Halloween, in style with its 3rd Monster Mash. My (unofficial) estimate was over 70 in attendance. While some attendees traveled all the way across the Pacific from Taiwan, others grumbled that

“Fullerton was just too far.”

Anyway, the whole community pitched in to help make Halloween III a success. A very big **Thank you** goes to our vendors for truly supporting us. The list includes:

- ☞ Nighty's and Naughty's - Two \$25 gift certificates
- ☞ Lydia's TV Fashions - Free Makeover
- ☞ Terry Davis - Mary Kay Makeup and Perfumes
- ☞ Genie LaLama- Cookie Lee Jewelry (Two sets of earrings & a Pin)
- ☞ Jeani Adams - Parklane Jewelry (Set of earrings & a Pin)
- ☞ Pathfinders - 4 Raffle Prizes (Note: They raised over \$100 for their group!)
- ☞ World of Wigs - \$10 Gift Certificates
- ☞ Powder Puffs of CA - \$25 TGI Friday Gift Certificates

Also, Powder Puffs would like to extend a **Special Thank you** to the following who did “just that much more” to make Halloween III a success:

- ♥ Diane D. - Ticket Sales & Wall decorations
- ♥ C.J.- Witch Table Decoration
- ♥ Pathfinders - Registration Table decorations
- ♥ Tommie S. - Photos
- ♥ Barbara & Joan G.- Registration
- ♥ Julie from Complete Music - DJ and sound equipment
- ♥ Ann Bringas & Staff - Fullerton Holiday Inn Sales & Catering.

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Halloween III Cosutme Winners!

Best Over All Costume

Loren W. - Playboy Bunny (Free Makeover From Lydia's)

Best Era Theme Costume

Betsi R. - Southern Belle (was there ever a doubt) (\$25 Gift Cert from Nighty's and Naughty's)

Best Halloween Theme Costume

Caroline C. - She-devil (\$25 Gift Cert from Nighty's and Naughty's)

Best Couples Costume

Biker Couple (\$25 TGI Friday Gift Cert from Powder Puffs of California)

Worst Costume

Christine (bless-her-heart) - Leopard Lady (????) (\$1.00 off coupon from the Rancho Santa Margarita Towne Center Car Wash)

Congratulations to all !!!

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THE BROKEN CAR

I had taken my staff (Cindy) to lunch about once a week since I hired her a year-and-a-half ago. She is my first full-time employee. Six weeks into going full time she still did not wish to be seen with me or even to go to lunch with me. Well, one day her car broke down a few blocks from the office. she walked back and asked if I would take her to her car and try to jump-start it. I drove her to her car and a nice young man came by.

"Do you ladies need help?" he asked.

Cindy explained the situation and he helped us jump-start the car.

"Have a nice day ladies!" he said as he left.

We drove a block or so the Montgomery Wards where we went in and stood in line to buy a battery. We waited 10 or 12 minutes in line.

"Who's next?"

"I am," Cindy responded. "And you're after me," she said to the man behind her.

"What about her?" he said nodding in my direction.

"Oh, I'm with her," I retorted.

Talk about your ice breaker!!!! Cindy was impressed and able to see that other people were seeing me as female. I then asked her to accompany me to lunch with a client who expressed concerns. I told her that if she joined us, it would help with the client. That lunch went very well.

Over the next weeks her fears slowly went away. She saw that the clients were accepting me, we weren't losing business, I wasn't embarrassing her, and other people were seeing me as female. Now Cindy is back to her happy self and life is business-as-usual in the office. She goes to lunch with me now and has even begun to refer to me as "she". On an electrolysis day (OK, I still have an occasional "boy day") she says that it is odd because She is now more comfortable to my female appearance!

Broken cars can be a good thing!

WAVE OF THE FUTURE

Fear is when a potential customer calls from the Yellow Pages looking specifically for a female accountant.

Whew! Made it!

They didn't have a clue. I now actually have five or six clients who don't know such a novel concept — especially since I have just completed telling everyone else! I suppose that will be the norm in the future, as it should. I am extremely happy that I did not wait until my busy season to attempt the transition at the same time. Now, when the busy stuff comes, my staff and I will be comfortable with each other. I made sure the two new part-timers I hired knew up front and were comfortable with me to start. I am becoming more and more comfortable with myself each day and extremely happy to be a she!

"Extreme hopes are born of extreme misery"

— Bertrand Russell



President's Message

by Dee Grady

People = Fun

It is Saturday Night (November 2nd), and I should be at OZZ. But I really needed a couple of weekends in DRAB to wind down after Halloween III.

So instead, I'm at home sitting at my desk in front of my computer banging out this column.

It has taken me a few days to figure out a topic for this month's message. But, finally, I finally decided that this was the one:

"It's not the place that creates the fun, it's the people."

Halloween III. Whew!

It (the Halloween III party) was the first time I've put my signature on a contract for this organization. Now that's scarier than Freddie Krueger and Jason combined. I was really stressed worrying about whether or not people would drive 50 or 60 miles to Fullerton. I chose the Holiday Inn there for twotwo main reasons: 1) It is more centralized than Burbank, and 2) The Orange County Imperial Court has held it's Coronation there for the last several years.

As our event got closer I heard "rumblings" from the LA and Valley areas that this event was just "too far" to go.

Oh well, they just missed a good time, didn't they?

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On December 14th, Alpha Chapter will be hosting their 2nd Annual Southern California Holiday Dinner.

"The place?" you ask.

Why, the Burbank Holiday Inn, you silly goose. (Do I hear more "rumblings" about the place? Or is that just the San Andreas Fault slipping).

All kidding aside, let us not lose perspective on just what Southern California Holiday Dinner is about. No, it is **NOT** about going to "Beautiful Downtown Burbank". It is about celebrating the Holidays and being together with our friends and loved ones in the Community in a warm and understanding environment. True, the place does contribute to the event; but the biggest contribution is YOU. Your attendance at the dinner.

Thus, Kathy Helms will not only be at our November meeting as our guest speaker, she will also be there to promote this new tradition in our Community! So please plan on attending the Holiday Dinner as well as our November meeting.

Note: We will not be having a regular meeting in December. So unless you are planning a trip to San Diego later in December, it will be a few weeks before the meeting returns to it's third Saturday schedule in 1997.

Oh, one more note. If it comes down to a question of paying dues (yes, it is that time of the year again) or paying for the Holiday Dinner, then please choose the Dinner. You can pay the dues at the January meeting. As of this writing, our bank accounts are in good shape. However, we will still need to keep up our enrollment in order to keep this organization afloat until we are accepted on the Streets of the World.

Hugs to all of you in the Community,

Dee

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possible. Typically in cases where an individual has been on hormones six months or longer, too much change has taken place to allow for complete reversal. In the case of MTF breast tissue, some but not all will recede. In the case of FTM voice change and hair growth, those changes are not reversible.

Should An Individual Tell Their Spouse When Starting Hormones?

Unless an individual is divorced or actually in the process of separating, in most circumstances the answer is, "Yes." An integral part of taking hormones is being able to accept the responsibility of self-identifying as a transgender individual. (No matter whether that individual had decided with absolute certainty if they are a transgenderist or a transsexual.) If an individual decides that using hormones is the right step for them, the spouse or significant other needs to know because this is a serious life-change that does not go without risks and consequences.

Can Using Hormones "Cure" Crossdressing Desires?

No, hormones (or anything else for that matter) cannot cure a transgender individual's crossdressing needs. Occasionally a physician or psychiatrist may prescribe very small dosages of hormones or anti-anxiety/anti-depressive medications, in combination with psychotherapy, to assist individuals who are having extreme difficulties with crossdressing-related anxiousness, obsessive-compulsiveness, or depression.

It should be noted that while having a transgender identity or engaging in crossdressing in and of itself is not mentally disordered, there are a very small minority of individuals who become so excessively focused on their crossdressing concerns

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QUEENSPEAK

by Joan Goodnight

The Year in Review

1996 is almost history. Can you believe it? One more month and we'll be facing Christmas and all the activity that holiday entails. I'm not ready to even concede that summer has already come and gone, although Southern California did experience a measurable rainfall on Halloween eve, and I've planted my fall/winter tomato crop and other assorted vegetables in anticipation of a January harvest. With all that said and done let's move on to the Queen's business.

"What kind of year was 1996?"

From a Powder Puffs of California (PPOC) perspective it was a great year with a lot of interesting things happening to the organization.

1. PPOC is starting its second year as an affiliate of the Renaissance Educational Association
2. PPOC president, Dee Grady, has become one of the most active presidents in our short history.
3. *California Dreamin' '96* was a huge success by any stretch of the imagination. The involvement of ETVC, RGA, and DVG in the event process was the icing on the cake. It was an opportunity to show off the great Bay Area talent.
4. *The Man In The Red Velvet Dress* hit the major national bookstore chains and has been a big success for Justine Sahnjay. PPOC hasn't exactly done too shabbily either. There have been lots and lots of contacts as a result of the book's publication and dissemination.
5. The entire Southern California community is working hard on *California Unity '97*.

On a sadder note, there is still a tremendous amount of internecine warfare taking place throughout the community. A couple of the bigger names in the community have been engaged in open warfare over membership requirements in a focused organization, and definitions as to what constitutes a "heterosexual cross-dresser."

Now this war has escalated with the latest salvo being fired by the dowager empress of the subject focused organization against another segment of this diverse culture we call the Gender Community. This community has no limits when it comes to silliness. Now if these two parties will call a halt to all of this useless sniping and settle their differences in private then maybe, just maybe, we can all get somewhere.

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that they are unable to function from day-to-day without intervention. Generally most crossdressers do not need pharmacological intervention, but would be better served investing their time exploring healthy outlets for their needs, e.g., groups, private parties, learning disclosure skills and so forth.

Can Hormone Administration Be Used In An Individual Who Is Uncertain Whether They Are A Crossdresser, Transgenderist Or Transsexual?

Occasionally it is possible. However, specifically using hormones as an "assessment" or "gender-determination" tool is a step that should never be initiated without counseling support from a gender-specializing counselor or therapist. In most circumstances, individuals who are consistently interested in hormone administration already have a fair degree of certainty where their gender identity is established or destined. Hormones typically provide validation only in part for what an individual already knows about him or herself. The risk presented in using hormones as a "gender-determination" tool, is that they can present an unfocused and unrealistic perspective of what "being done with transition" is like, particularly for the individual who has not started living in role even part-time.

Does Hormone Usage Change A Person's Libido And Ability To Orgasm Or Ejaculate?

Yes, the degree to which these factors change is different for each individual depending on "what type," "how much" and for "how long" hormones have been used. Also, whether or not an individual has had gonadal or Genital Reassignment Surgery plays a role. Lastly, if an individual is in poor physical health, stressed out or depressed, depressed or taking (certain) medications, these also can change a person's libido and performance ability. Starting hormones is typically a unique and individualized experience. Some individuals might note a sharp rise in the libido but a decreased ability to orgasm or ejaculate. Others sometimes find themselves having little or no desire for sex. For most persons these changes are not instantaneous but rather are gradual.

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Transitioning on the Job

By Loren M. Wingert, C.P.A.

The Big Question

How much am I going to lose?

That was one of the many pressing questions on my mind in the months prior to going "full time" on the job. I am a Certified Public Accountant and have my own accounting office and employ three people. I have since discovered that being self-employed is a DEFINITE advantage for a gender change. It also makes for never-a--dull-moment in the work place, as clients slowly discover the "new image" one-by-one.

THE ANSWER

Time will tell . . .

My worst-case scenario was that if 15-20% of the business went "Bye Bye", I would still be OK (ouch). If it was worse, I could lay off staff and still be able to pay my bills. As it turns out, the support that I have gotten from my customer base has been truly amazing. It is working out so much better than I ever expected. I have about 50 business customers and 250 income tax customers. So far, two months into the "change", I have not lost ANY business accounts and I have even picked up three new business accounts in the past month. There are a handful of my business customers who are outright enthusiastic, my "fans". And there are a few who are uncomfortable, but are trying hard to accept it because they like my work. Some may end up leaving in the long run.

I have gotten nice cards and letters from approximately a dozen tax customers who took the time to write. There has only been only one unsigned "gripe" letter. But even the religious and the elderly are expressing support. Amazing! Maybe Geraldo has done some good after all.

People's #1 comment is that I am a good accountant and they like my work. Hopefully, the ratio of people writing notes (twelve good to one bad) will be representative of the sentiments of all the rest of the tax clients. The answer won't be truly apparent until I see how many tax clients return next tax time.

HOW I DID IT

I had always had a typical conservative CPA boring male image. I decided in the Summer of '95 that the "long-hair look" would be a good "image shattering" prelude to the big news. So I began to grow my hair out in October and by April it was nearly touching my shoulders. That alone was quite an hysterical experience. Every tax customer except for 3 or 4 pointed at my hair and said "look at your hair!" I broke the ice with the others that did not comment (I figured they wanted to comment but were just being polite!) and asked "So what do you think of the long-hair look?"

My therapist, Jayne Thomas, strongly suggested that news of

this nature is best conveyed in person. So where I had the time or a "good feeling" about the client, I ended up telling about 100 of the 250 tax clients in person after preparing their tax returns for the year. The rest would have to be told later by letter as my clients only see me once a year. I was hoping that the monthly contact with my business accounts would serve to make them closer to me and less likely to leave.

THE MESS I MADE

After having my ears pierced and hair colored on April 16th (the accountants national holiday), I began coming to work dressed in May and June on Fridays "just for fun". This was OK at first as it was easy to book appointments around one day. I commenced telling my business clients on a need-to-know basis and started with the clients that had a tendency to pop by to drop-off or pick-up their work. The people in the other suites in my building were keeping an eye on me and were quite entertained, interested, and in some cases, uncomfortable.

By the end of July, my "girl days" had increased to 2-3 days per week. Now it became clear what a mess I created. Some clients knew — some didn't. My employee was scared and confused. She was worried about my embarrassing her and our losing business. And "which boss" would show up tomorrow? How should she book appointments? Which clients knew and which didn't? There were some days where she was bothered and would not even make eye contact with me all day! I decided for my staff sake that it needed to be stopped, or made consistent by going to a full-time scenario. (Me stop? Yeah, right, sure.)

UNDOING THE MESS

My first move was to explain to my employee that, yes, I was making a mess of things. Going full time was my solution of choice. I felt that dressing consistently it would be easier both on her and my customers. I also asked her that if she could not handle it to look for a new job now to give the courtesy of training someone in the slow season. The inordinate amount of attention it was now getting would only get worse during tax time. I informed her I needed someone who was going to be comfortable and to help the clients feel comfortable. Translation: Mellow out or get out!

I went full time on August 15, 1996 and told all of the business customers. I worried about the reaction of the older, more conservative-type customers and took many to lunch to tell them in person (which they all said they really appreciated). I told staff that I would like her to refer to me as "she" after the letter to all my clients went out. I did the "big news" letter on September 15, 1996. The people in my office building seemed used to it by that time and were MUCH friendlier now that they knew I was serious and it was not just a lark.

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GENDER ARTICLES

This educational column authored by Gianna E. Israel is regularly featured on the 3rd Monday of each month in Tg-Forum, the Internet's most up-to-date Transgender Magazine. <Http://www.tgforum.com> Several weeks later each article is forwarded to Usenet and AOL. Each column has been written to inspire contemplation and dialogue. Columns may be reprinted in any medium insofar as each article, its introduction, and the author's contact information remains unaltered.

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Many individuals who seek gender-specialized counseling arrive with questions and some uncertainty whether taking hormones is appropriate for their situation. Others arrive with the feeling that they are ready to begin hormones or even have the expectation they will receive instant "approval" and a referral letter. Lastly, some individuals to avoid hassles or for a lack of resources circumvent counseling before starting hormone administration. This article is designed to help my readers be aware of some of the concerns and questions I routinely encounter when interacting with clients and other transgender individuals interested in hormone administration.

The most common situation I encounter is that individuals seeking or using hormones typically are not fully aware of the benefits or risks associated with hormone usage. For example some persons may start hormones believing that they are fast acting and will immediately improve a person's presentation. On the other hand, there are many others who are acting out of desperation to resolve gender conflicted feelings will view obtaining hormones as their only salvation. Such persons frequently abandon all common sense by purchasing hormones on the black-market, using prescriptions that belong to others, taking hormones without their spouse's knowledge. The majority also risk their own health by failing to inform their physician of this important medical change.

The primary goal of transgender (or opposite sex) hormone administration is to allow sex hormones to reach target secondary sex tissues so that desired-upon cosmetic changes can be accomplished without jeopardizing other body systems. Individuals need to be aware that while cosmetic changes are not instantaneous hormones still are powerful chemical agents. They can play a contributing role in heart disease, high blood pressure, clotting disorders, liver dysfunction, weight gain and other disabling medical conditions. An individual can significantly reduce the chances of developing one of these conditions, as well as prevent complicating pre-existing health issues, when hormone administration is regularly monitored by a physician providing laboratory testing of blood chemistry.

Monitoring hormone levels also has aesthetic and emotional benefits. In the world of chemistry, more is not always better. Excessive estrogen in MTF individuals converts to testosterone

and proves counterproductive to feminizing goals, often causing the individual to have a hardened appearance. Excessive testosterone in FTM individuals causes roid rages or excessive moodiness, and exacerbates dermatological problems. For both populations drastic changes in blood hormone levels can also seriously exacerbate depression.

Because regular physical check-ups and routine blood chemistry testing are essential for successful, safe hormone administration, all individuals are advised to maintain contact with their physician even if they are obtaining hormones through alternative sources.

Using hormones is a serious choice and involves taking responsibility for one's actions. Typically asking the question, "are hormones the right choice for me," should be the beginning of an in-depth self-examination process. Frequently questions regarding hormone usage can be complex and confusing. Therefore, individuals are encouraged to discuss their concerns with a gender-specializing therapist or physician familiar with the benefits and consequences of hormone administration. Lastly, no one should depend entirely on the "advice" they receive from friends or which they read about in "I just started hormones" stories. All too frequently these well-meaning accounts rarely emphasize that successful hormone administration needs to be individually tailored to each person's goals and body chemistry. The following are questions briefly addressing some of the more specialized concerns individuals can have about hormone administration:

Does An Individual Need To Be Living "In Role" Full-Time To Be Considered An Appropriate Candidate For Hormone Administration?

Not necessarily. Hormone administration can be appropriate for individuals who consistently have a history of living in role at least part-time and who have consistently been interested in the changes hormones produce.. Furthermore, a variety of individuals frequently need the cosmetic benefits of hormones before actually living "in-role" full-time. No individual however should start hormones without giving this important step serious consideration, particularly since regular usage causes physical changes. These changes over time will become obvious to others. Persons who are unprepared to disclose their transgender identity to others or have it brought to their attention (usually at inconvenient times) should seek out non-permanent cosmetic solutions for their transgender needs.

Are The Effects Of Hormones Reversible?

Generally for long-term usage, "no." If an individual tries hormones for a period of one to three months, generally most physical changes will reverse. However the longer an individual uses hormones the longer a "reversal" process will take, if at all

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Brad Taylor, M.A., MFCC, 462 Linden Drive, Suite 230, Beverly Hills, CA 90212, sliding scale, free initial consultation. (310) 576-5455

Transgender Counseling & Research Center, 4545 Park Blvd., Ste. 207, San Diego, CA 92116, 619-929-2721, Jan Eder, Psy. D., Educator & Research Director.

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NIGHT SPOTS

OZZ Supperclub, Restaurant, Hi-tech Danceclub, Cabaret Lounge, 6231 Manchester Blvd, Buena Park CA, 714-522-1542

Viktor/Viktoria's, 1305 So. Pacific Coast Hwy Laguna Beach, CA 92651 714-376-8809

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, Things to do, People to see.

First Tuesdays

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

Powder Puffs Night at the Ozz — 6321 Manchester Blvd., Buena Park 714-522-1542. Time: 6:30pm-2:00am.

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 3822, Riverside, CA 92519-3822, 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 & Melissa at the Queen Mary Show/Lounge, 12449 Ventura Blvd., Studio City. 818-606-5619.

Third Saturdays

Powder Puffs of California, Pioneer Room of the Pioneer Best Western Inn, Artesia, CA. 8 pm. Contact P.O. Box 1088 Yorba Linda, CA 92885. 714-779-9013.

Club Cherchez La Femme, "Suite Saturday Dance Party" by Marlayna & Tasha at the Executive Suite, 10 pm, 3428 E. Pacific Coast Hwy., Long Beach 310-597-3884.

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)

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Feb 1, 1997

Within the Hearts of Gender

Cocktails 6-7pm, Dinner 7 PM

Showtime 9-10 PM

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