



GIRL TALK

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schedule for OZZ nights:

saturday, jul 6 & aug 3

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

Decision '96

Our July meeting will feature our elections for the 96-97 Board (see President's Message, page 3). As usual the meeting will be held on the third Saturday, July 20, 1996 with meeting and dinner starting at 8:00 pm.

Whereas the elections will take up an important part of the meeting, Dee is planning on a speaker. Even though Pat Buchanan has promised a floor fight if he is not given a platform speaking time, Dee is planning on a speaker from PFLAG. Sounds like Dee is targeting the family values vote.

First Come, First Serve

As announced last month, on August 3rd PPOC will be going to the Fountain Theatre to see *Orpheus Descending*, a play by Tennessee Williams. Joan only has 30 tickets and they are available on a first come, first serve basis only. The ticket prices are \$15.

Before- or after-theater dinner reservation will not be necessary. Included in the ticket price will be a buffet and a chance to mingle and chat with the cast. For those interested, please see Joan at the July meeting. Exact change will be appreciated.

Within the Hearts of Gender II

She's back. Yes folk, just when you thought it was safe, she's here again. You all know who I'm talking about — the Transvestite Tornado herself, Christine Hochberg.

It seems Christine's fund raiser for the Hospice food banks has reached Super-Bowl like proportions. It must be so, she's numbering them with roman numerals. Thus, *Within the Hearts of Gender II* will take place on Saturday, February 1, 1997 at the Burbank Holiday Inn.

As with last time, the "sit down" dinner and beauty/talent contest will benefit the Hospice food banks throughout Southern California. In 1996, 92 tickets were sold and over \$1500 went to benefit Hospice!

This unique event provides those in the Gender Community an opportunity to break out the sequins, get all dolled up, and be together for a very worthy cause on a very special evening.

"How much?" you ask.

Two costs are involved with the program. The dinner and show is \$30 per person, while those wanting to participate in the show will pay a participation fee of \$20.

A full cocktail hour is planned at 9:00 PM with the dinner to follow. Showtime will be around 9:00 PM. Tickets will be available in July and can be obtained through most gender organizations as well as Lydia's TV Fashions, 13837 Ventura Blvd., Suite 2, Sherman Oaks, CA 91423.

For complete information contact Christine Hochberg, [REDACTED] [REDACTED] North Hollywood, CA 91607 or phone 818-[REDACTED].



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Crossdressers & the Police: Understanding Law Enforcement's Perspective By Melanie Yarborough, President, Neutral Corner Taken from *Reflections*, June, 1996

"If you could put yourself in our shoes, it would make our job a lot easier," says Officer Steve Johnson, recent guest speaker at *Born Free*, the Riverside County transgender support group. "The nature of our business dictates that not all contacts (with the police) will be positive." And, he admits, "There has not been a lot of training on (transgender issues) in the Police Academy . . . police officers are human. Some of us are

going to respond properly, some not." But a greater sensitivity on the part of crossdressers

to the difficult job police face can go a long way towards disarming a potentially tense situation.

Steve Johnson is the Public Information Officer of the Riverside Police Department and works directly for the Chief of Police. He goes to various groups as liaison for the Department as well as handling media relations. He admits that this is his first major contact with crossdresser support groups and he recognizes his need to learn more.

Many crossdressers' worst nightmare is a traffic stop or other detention by a law enforcement officer. Many feel they cannot tell the truth about their situation for fear of harassment or embarrassment. "But cops are the wrong people to lie to . . . The worst thing you can possibly do is lie," Officer Johnson stresses. Police are trained to look for "red flags when they stop an individual. For example, multiple ID cards are one. What activity would you be involved in that would necessitate changing your identity?

"The majority of transgendered people I come into contact with are transvestite prostitutes . . . Many police by instinct assume any crossdressed person is one of these . . ."

Moreover, "The majority of transgendered people I come into contact with are transvestite prostitutes on University Avenue, he candidly admits. "Many of them have drug habits and carry concealed weapons." Many police by instinct assume any crossdressed person is one of these. And, unfortunately, "It does you folks an injustice."

What should one do if stopped, say, for a traffic violation? Definitely, do not get out of the car first — that's a very big red flag. If possible, try to have your ID ready in hand. Remember, police are trained to assume that everyone they come into contact with has a weapon. Keep your hands on the steering wheel. Make no furtive movements, even to

reach for an ID. Also, listen carefully to what the police ask you. In an agitated state of

mind, it's easy to let one's mind wander. But being jittery and inattentive can lead police to suspect you're under the influence of alcohol or drugs. Stay focused. Do everything they tell you to do to the letter. And above all, don't lie!

Another difficult situation: what to do if stopped by store security in a ladies restroom or dressing room? It's best to offer to leave. Be soft-spoken, dignified, and express an apology. Unless you've broken a law, they have no legal right to detain you, and probably don't want a loud commotion anyway. However, if you take a stand and insist on a God-given right to express yourself, this could easily turn into a criminal offense: Disturbing the Peace.

It was suggested that Police Academy training include sensitivity training on transgender issues. But, Officer Johnson admits, "They go through such intense training, I don't know if they'd even give you a day." The P.O.S.T. system (Police

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President's Message

by Dee Grady

Choices

Isn't it nice to have a choice? Now, that we've all found our way into the TG Community, we don't have to sit home on a Saturday night all dressed up and no place to go. If you want, you can go to the Queen Mary (the bar), OZZ Supper Club, or any of the TG groups in Southern California. We have a great list of accepting vendors to shop. We have several conventions through out the year in different parts of the country.

Well, its July and its now time to make another choice. It's the time of the year which we need to choose new officers and board members for the 1996-1997 term. For the first time in a couple of years we have more than the minimum number of people running for our four board positions. We also have two people running for Vice President. (No, Dan Quayle ain't one of them).

There are over 100 people on our member list. Yet, barely 30 "dues-paying" members have attended our last two meetings. And, only 15 people showed up at our April meeting. This July if this low turn out keeps up, you could be letting only 30% or less of the membership choose who will be running the group and how the group should be running and what direction the organization should be going. A lot of people have made "comments" on how the group should do one thing or another. But, when it comes to "put up or shut up", no one does either.

Take a look at the list of people running for officer and board positions. Do all or any of these people meet with your approval? Most likely not. Maybe they do. But, don't let the rest of the membership make your choices for you. Show up and VOTE this July 20th.

We will also be celebrating our 9th Year Anniversary. So, come on and join in and lets make this a fun celebration.

Hugs to all of you in the Community

Dee

Decision 96: Sample Ballot

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California Dreamin '96: The Afterglow Continues

The enormous success of California Dreamin'96 is evidenced by the large number of articles appearing in other groups newsletters and personal letters expressing thanks and pointing out the achievements of the convention. The following are a few more typical comments:

"... everyone on the street was wearing jeans, shirts and running shoes, including the women . . . It was fun to walk down the street and show the locals how to dress like a lady.

... That (Friday) evening after dinner, we went to Kimos. They . . . had a sign out front welcoming the 'California Dreamin' Xdressers' to S. F. (Note: When we start being welcomed publicly on marquees . . . maybe the shock value of crossdressing is gone . . . Do you think?)

... The Saturday's night banquet found us dragging (no pun intended) out the sequins, beads, velvets, etc . . . After the banquet, we . . . went to the 'Top of the Mark' for cocktails. We were like a roving band of CD ambassadors . . . It was an elegant ending to an elegant night."

Alexis [REDACTED], Vice-President, CHIC, Excerpted from the CHIC Diary, June, 1996

"I just cannot let anymore time pass without thanking you and all the other supporting groups for the wonderful time I had at the 'California Dreamin' event in April. You all just made possible a wonderful experience for me and for many others . . ."

Arlene [REDACTED], Trenton, NJ



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QUEENSPEAK

by Joan Goodnight

What's In A Name?

It seems that our community has continually struggled with the identification problem over the past decade. Countless names have been offered as a means to identify the transgender phenomenon and still we struggle because we can't agree among ourselves over what we should be called. There are so many variables involved on the transgender spectrum that it defies categorization. Endless wars have erupted over this subject on the information superhighway. We all know the outcome of wars - casualties! Kym Richards of *Cross Talk* Newsmagazine has even vowed to quit publishing editorials in her magazine because no one seems to pay attention to her and the name game is one of her most revered subjects.

Well I believe that I've come up with the perfect solution to this conundrum for once and for all. And the solution is quite simple. We enlist the full power and might of the Federal Government through their official nomenclature procedure. Since IFGE is the communications media that the entire community uses I believe we should use their offices to request our federal government for an official nomenclature for the varied segments that make up our lifestyle.

The Government is the largest business in our nation and both the civilian and military sectors stockpile an enormous amount of goods and services. Naturally these items and services need some kind of a nomenclature and identifying numbers for inventory and use. The Government has branches staffed with people whose job is to assign names and stock numbers to the countless items the Government purchases.

Since I have had over thirty years experience in research and development, and pre-production programs funded under Government contracts, and know the proper forms and submission channels, I volunteer to take on this task for IFGE. It'll be a snap. All I have to do is identify the security classification, whether we're experimental/development, production/pre-production, a technical description, a functional description, similarities, differences, and interchangeabilities, complementary data (major parts and assemblies), and any other pertinent data and submit the forms.

Once an official nomenclature has been assigned then we can cease these stupid flame wars and get on with our lives.

In my next column I'll share what I've come up with. Stay tuned.

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ORPHEUS DESCENDING

We still have tickets left for the August 3, 1996 performance of *Orpheus Descending*. The Powder Puffs is inviting any of the other organizations in the transgender community to purchase these tickets for \$15.00 and join us at the play. The Fountain Theatre is located at 5060 Fountain Ave. in Hollywood. The Fountain Theatre's head honcho, Mr. Ben Bradley, has also arranged for an after-theatre reception consisting of munchies, soft drinks, wine, and beer, plus a post-play discussion with the cast. Tickets will be available at the July 20 Powder Puffs meeting, or you may purchase them by mail. Please indicate how many tickets you wish to purchase and send a check or money order to:

PPOC
Attn: Theatre Tickets
P.O. Box 1088
Yorba Linda, CA 92885

Don't forget to include a return address with your purchase request! The tickets will be doled out on a first-come, first-serve basis. (A self-addressed stamped envelope would be very helpful).

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DREAMIN

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"I just returned from California Dreamin '96 in San Francisco with my batteries fully charged with such an overwhelming load of positive feelings about myself and my sisters in kind that I just had to share with others. The conference was great, the hotel and staff were great, San Francisco was great . . . and most of all, the people I met were all absolutely wonderful. This was another opportunity for me to realize and appreciate just how fortunate it was for me to be born the way I am, how unique and special I am . . ."

Christina C. Seattle WA, *Excerpted from a submission to The Emerald City News*



From the Internet

G E N D E R A R T I C L E S --This regularly posted Internet column provides educational information regarding transgender living. (TS/TG/CD/SO) Each column has been written to inspire contemplation and dialogue. Authored by Gianna E. Israel, columns may be reprinted in any medium insofar as each article, its introduction and the author's contact information remains unaltered.

Telling Mom and Dad that you crossdress, have questions about your gender identity or that you are making a gender transition, each can be a difficult process. This article explores preparing for that process.

Before actually introducing the subject to your parents, there are many questions which are helpful to examine. What do you hope to gain from disclosing? Most persons disclose to their parents with the hope that at the very least their parents will acknowledge the issue exists, and perhaps be accepting or supportive. Gaining this type of acceptance in many circumstances is not always immediately possible, particularly when the parent responds with rejection, denial or indifference. Occasionally, when a person least expects it, a parent may give unconditional support. Whatever you feel your situation may be, before disclosing you should be prepared for a wide-variety of responses.

Is disclosing to parents actually necessary? Not always. Persons who share their gender issues with others, in many circumstances are best served by only doing so when telling is going to increase the quality of the relationship. While most persons recognize this when it pertains to **friendships and co-workers**, they are not aware that sometimes telling parents about their gender issues may not be beneficial. This is particularly so if the person has no experience talking about gender issues with others or has no support system.

Most persons disclose their gender identity issues seeking some type of validation. This process can be a healthy part of defining one's sense of self, however it can also be misplaced depending on the circumstances. For example, if a person's primary motivation for sharing originates in a desire to share experiences and needs, than these are good things. However, if a person's motivation is designed solely to gain emotional support in a time of crisis, they may find the parent so shocked by the news that little support is gained. Additionally, disclosing during times of personal crisis may unnecessarily portray you as unstable. In most circumstances it is best to first seek validation as well as emotional support from persons familiar with gender issues. Generally, the more invested you are in incorporating cross-gender elements in your life the more essential it becomes to have a "support team." Utilize your support team to learn

about disclosure, talk about your feelings, hear about the experience of others, talk about your own and get feedback on your situation. Having done these things you will then be better prepared emotionally to disclose to your parents. For example, you will be able to relay the fact that exploring gender is a healthy part of self-development, and do so with confidence!

There are a number of other questions you may also ask. How validating have your parents been regarding you or your siblings needs? How well do they deal with hearing difficult news? Also, what views do they hold regarding matters of personal independence, and gender or sexual identity issues? Your answer to these questions can lend important insight into how your parents may respond to your disclosure. If your parents have not been supportive of your personal growth and needs in the past, that is a fair indication they may not be so regarding this issue. If your parents are relatively accepting of persons having different gender or sexual issues, then they may so with you. As you examine these questions, take time to find out how others have dealt with parents having similar attitudes.

When faced with the prospect of disclosure, many persons are uncertain how much information they should tell their parents. Choosing how much to disclose can depend on several factors. These factors include their ability to receive new or complex information without undermining relationships. Also, you need to take into consideration your own self-interests, including to what degree you believe gender issues affect your overall life.

Examples of this process include a variety of possibilities. For example, a person who only intends to crossdress privately on weekends may or may not disclose. Sometimes this depends on whether or not the person has concerns about being discovered. Occasionally in these circumstances it is better to **disclose on your own, rather than having your parents find out through another source.**

The transgenderist or transsexual who intends on living "in role" or making a permanent transition, obviously will need to do more disclosure. If you are convinced that living in role and having surgery are the right steps for you, be cautious how you portray these to persons not familiar with gender issues. In these situations it is best to inform others that living in role are steps of a "real life test" which will help you determine which permanent changes are right. Clearly this would include surgery. Disclosing information which portrays an interest in thoroughly thinking through changes shows good judgment.

As you prepare for coming out to your parents, remember that initially these issues can be difficult for others to understand. Do not give so much information that your mother or father ends up confused. Stick with the basics. Initially you might set the stage for discussion by simply stating you have been having questions about gender or that you currently are seeing a gender specialized counselor. Once you are prepared to come out, let

New Mascaras and Foundations: Reviews Mixed

By Paula Begoun

Taken from the *Press-Enterprise*, June 9, 1996

Dear Paula: There are some new mascaras I've seen advertized from Revlon and L'Oreal. Have you had a chance to review them? Are any of them worth trying? Also, L'Oreal has some new foundations; what do you think of those? — Rachel, Mobile, Ala.

Dear Rachel: There are a slew of new mascaras afoot, or should I say a-lash?

Revlon has added Colorstay Lashcolor (\$5.50) to its continually growing line of Colorstay products. Maybelline has added Great Lash Pro Vitamin (\$4.72). Not to be left out in the cold, L'Oreal has introduced Sensitique Hypoallergenic Mascara (\$3.99).

By far the most impressive is Maybelline Great Lash Pro Vitamin. The vitamin B in it won't do anything for your lashes, but this is an excellent lengthening and thickening mascara that doesn't clump or smear.

Colorstay Lashcolor does go on quickly and definitely lengthens, but it tends to clump and separates the lashes poorly. It isn't a bad mascara, but compared with the really good mascaras, it doesn't belong on anyone's list.

Sensitique Hypoallergenic is merely a cheaper version of Lancome's Tendercils Sensitive Eyes Mascara (\$17.50). Did Lancome think no one would notice that its parent company L'Oreal had come out with an identical product? Tendercils is an OK mascara, but little about it guarantees you won't be allergic to it. The same is true for Sensitique. Sensitique goes on well, building long lashes without clumping, it doesn't smear, and it doesn't have the odor problem the Tendercils mascara has. You may or may not be allergic to the Sensitique, but it is a good mascara in general.

L'Oreal has been advertising that it has revamped its Visuelle (\$7.98) line of foundations. However, the ingredient list reads the same, and I can't tell any difference in texture. And the colors are just appalling. Except for Soft Ivory and Buff, they are either too peach or too pink (and I mean really peach and pink) for most skin tones.

L'Oreal has also launched Feel Perfect Foundation with SPF 15 (\$7.86). The SPF 15 is nice, but the amount of silicone oil in this product makes it slippery and difficult to blend evenly, and the colors are ghastly. Except for Buff, all the shades are extremely peach and pink. How disappointing!

Maybe L'Oreal should run next door and take a look at Lancome's selection of foundation shades: Lancome has nary a pink or peach in the lot. L'Oreal must think women who shop in drugstores want peach or pink skin. Maybe they're right, but they shouldn't be.

PARENTS

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them know how these changes will effect you and them. Invite questions. If you are uncertain what the future holds, confidently state so and let them know you will keep them informed of developments.

If your parents are important to you then disclosing in person is preferable, doing so by telephone is good when physical proximity doesn't allow face-to-face contact. You may prepare for the occasion by writing out your thoughts in a letter. Write out your thoughts, edit and pass your letter past several informed persons you trust. Try to avoid overemphasizing how anguish you have suffered or how desperately you fear losing them. Be confident. Try to save the more unsettling details for a conversation after your parents have heard the basics.

In my practice I regularly provided consultations to parents seeking information about gender issues from an objective, specialized source. You can do the same by providing your parents third-party literature that they can read about the issues you are facing. Examples of literature include: *Coping with Crossdressing* (JoAnn Roberts, Ph.D.); *The Uninvited Dilemma* (Kim Stuart) or *Information for the Female to Male* (Lou Sullivan).

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How to Pick an Outfit's Sole-Mate

Scripps Howard News Service

Taken from the *Press-Enterprise*, June 16, 1996

While true shoeaholics buy their footwear and then figure out what to wear with it, most women select suits, dresses and pantsuits first.

Here are some suggestions on putting it together:

- With skinny pants, wear thongs, slides, ballerina flats or loafers.
- Suits and dresses look great with pumps with squared-off toes and blocky heels or feminine pumps with a slender heel and bow, buckle or other ornamentation.
- Spectators, slingbacks and T-straps are other options.
- With retro styles from the '60s or '70s, try thongs, jellies, sandals with wide straps and block heels.
- For evening, try ankle straps, T-straps and higher heels.

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Jessica's Bridal & Formals, Dress making & alterations, Call Maria, 310-862-4437.

My Secret Place, "A Specialty Consignment Store for Size 14+ Women Only," 188662 Beach Blvd., #116, Huntington Beach, CA 92646 (between Ellis & Garfield), 714-963-4743.

Albert's Hosiery Stores, Full-fashioned stockings — special occasion hosiery, 6336 Hollywood Blvd. (Hollywood & Vine) Hollywood, CA 90028, 213-465-2834, mail orders accepted.

Second Time Around, "Distinctive Consignment Apparel for the Upscale Shopper," Jonella Tescone 298 E. 17th St., #B, Costa Mesa, CA 92627, 714-642-4700.

De 'An Drew Designs, Stockings & Pantyhose, 8884 Warner Ave., Suite 172, Fountain Valley, CA 92708.

Showoff Misses & Junior Apparel 3394 S. Bristol Santa Ana, CA 92704 714-444-1376

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MEDICAL SERVICES

Shirely Lampert, M.A., MFC. Professor of Human Sexuality, Psychotherapist, ASSECT AND AMERICAN BOARD OF SEXOLOGY. Certified Sex Therapist. Specializing in working with the TS & TV community. (714) 833-7810, 1151 Dove St., Ste 105, Newport Beach, CA 92660

Brad Taylor, M.A., MFCC, 462 Linden Drive, Suite 230, Beverly Hills, CA 90212, sliding scale, free initial consultation

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

Patricia Wojdowski, M.S.W. Licensed Clinical Social Worker, 4926 La Cuenta Drive, Ste. 200, San Diego, CA 92124, 619-292-0492 (by appointment).

Dr. Richard F. Docter, Ph.D., 17162 Sunburst St, Northridge CA 91325, 818-349-9709

Regal Opticians, 2402 W. 6th Street, Los Angeles, CA 90057, 231-382-7606.

ELECTROLYSIS & SKIN CARE

Kathryn Robbins Electrolysis & Skin Care, located in Yorba Linda, 714-692-2747.

Beach Electrolysis by Gwen & Judy, 350 N. Sepulveda, Manhattan Beach, 310-318-9747.

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Fantastic Hair & Nail Design, 11851 Gilbert St., #105, Garden Grove, CA 92641 (corner of Gilbert & Costco St.), 714-539-8020, Nancy Rodriguez is available on Wednesdays & Saturdays only.

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NIGHT SPOTS

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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- [REDACTED] or Virginia Prince, 213- [REDACTED] 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 92686. 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- [REDACTED] (ask for Shirley or Sheila) or 909- [REDACTED] (ask for Paula)

On the National Scene

From Sea to Shining Sea

Jul 3-7, 1996, "Transgen '96: Transgender Independence Weekend", Houston, TX, International Conference on Transgender Law and Employment Policy, ICTLEP, PO Drawer 35477, Houston, TX 77235-5477, e-mail ictlep@aol.com or phone (713) 777-8452 or fax (713) 777-0909

Jul 24-28, 1996, S.P.I.C.E., Philadelphia, PA. Contact Dr. Peggy Rudd, P.O. Box 5303, Katy TX 77491. call (909) [REDACTED] ask for Besti, FAX (713) 347-8747.

Sep 1-8, 1996, Dignity Cruise 7. Contact CRUISE INC., 5111 Rogers Ave., Suite 551, Fort Smith, AR 72903. Call 1-800-247-7021, ask for Brenda.

Sep 19-26, 1996, "Paradise in the Poconos", Canadensis, PA, CDS, PO Box 19206, King of Prussia, PA 19406, e-mail poco@cdspub.com or phone (610) 640-9449.

Sep 26-29, 1996, Southern Comfort, P.O. Box 77591, Atlanta, GA 30357-1591. Call (404) 633-6470.

E-mail to: phillida@atl.mindspring.com

Web page: <http://www.mindspring.com/~phillida/scctop.html>

Nov 6-9, 1996, 7th Annual "Fall Harvest", St. Louis, MO sponsored by Mid America Gender Group Information Exchange (MAGGIE) and hosted by Iowa Artistry. Contact P O Box 75, Cedar Rapids, IA 52406-0075, Call (309) 755-2310

Nov 6-10, 1996, Tri-Ess "Holiday en Femmes", Chicago, IL. Contact Chi Chapter, P O Box 40, Wood Dale, IL 60191-0040. Call (708) 262-8707

