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Upcoming General Meetings

Doors open at 8:00 p.m.; program starts at 9:00 p.m.

September 27, 1997

October 25, 1997

November 22, 1997

Newsletter Meeting

7:30 p.m.

October 10, 1997

November 14, 1997

SEPTEMBER 27TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

SPECIAL SPEAKER: ANGELA GARDNER

EDITOR, *RENAISSANCE NEWS AND VIEWS*

TOPIC: SEX AND THE TRANSGENDERED PERSON

Sex and the Single CD

Angela Gardner will bring her wit and wisdom to MOTG for the September Anniversary meeting. In what can be viewed as either a sexy look at the sensual options available for the single crossdresser, or the muddled remembrances of an old drag queen's sexual liaisons long past, **Sex and the Single CD** is a talk that will leave you entertained at the least, and hopefully make you think about some of the myths and fantasies concerning sex that crossdressing has produced over the ages.

MOTG will have a deli platter and anniversary cake. Members are asked to bring a special dish or snack. There will be music for your enjoyment, and the evening promises to be a good time for all members - old, new and in-between.

OTHER SUPPORT GROUPS OF INTEREST

Transit (TS-oriented support group)

2nd Wednesday of every month. 908-722-9884

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3rd Saturday of every month. 610-975-9119

New Jersey Support (Titusville)

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Imperial Queens and Kings of NY, LI, NJ

1st Friday of every month. 212-627-1969

Delaware Renaissance

2nd Saturday of every month. PO Box 5656, Wilmington, DE 19808

HIGH NOTES FROM MARYBETH

Thanks to Gloria, Elaine, Angela Gardner, Kay, and Terry for your contributions to the September issue of the MO News. If you have any "timely" information for the October newsletter, please be sure to adhere to the deadline of the 1st. A special thank you to Elaine for organizing our July meeting.

Please be sure to see pages 11, 12 and 13 for very important information about our upcoming elections!

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- October 2 - 5, 1997 Southern Comfort, Atlanta, GA. PO Box 77591, Atlanta, GA 30357. 404-633-6470
- October 5, 1997 Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, Transgender Arts Festival (See article, this page.)
- October 12, 1997 New Jersey Lesbian and Gay Coalition Town Hall Meeting (See advertisement, page 8.)
- October 19 - 26, 1997 Fantasia Fair, Provincetown, MA. PO Box 390861, Cambridge, MA 02139
- October 24 - 27, 1997 "Cruising in Drag" to Key West and the Bahamas. Starting at \$329.
For prices, information, and reservations, call Tony-1-800-958-6299 pin #388987 ext. 2233.
- October 25, 1997 The Great Ball of Fire Part IV (See advertisement, pages 7.)
- January 16 - 19, 1998 Dignity Cruise IX Special. On Royal Caribbean's "Sovereign of the Seas. \$329.
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- July 15 - 19, 1998 6th Annual SPICE Convention (for spouses and partners). Atlanta Airport Sheraton Inn.
Contact Dr. Peggy Rudd, PO Box 5304, Katy, TX 77491 (fax 281-347-8747).

HELP WANTED

As you know, I have typed and organized the MO News for at least years, almost from the beginning of MOTG's founding. My life has become very busy in the last few years; therefore, the time has come for me to move on and "pass the torch" to someone with more money, energy, time and software. The November/December 1997 issue will be my last issue.

The newsletter editor receives a small honorarium. If you are interested in taking over the job in 1998, please contact Marybeth via the PO Box.

GAY, LESBIAN, BISEXUAL, TRANSGENDER ARTS FESTIVAL

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 5, 1997

12 - 5 P.M.

by Terry

Put on your prettiest fall frock and join MOTG as we celebrate National Coming Out Day and Transgender Pride at the Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender Cultural Heritage Festival. The date is Sunday, October 5, 1997, and the location is the PNC Bank Arts Center on the Garden State Parkway, Holmdel, NJ, from noon to 5:00 p.m. Once again we will have an information table under one of the big tents. We encourage all MOTGers to join us for a fun day of music, entertainment and celebration!

VIEWS FROM GLORIA'S GALLERY...

(A column for spouses and partners)

This summer certainly is a time of new beginnings for me! My son has redone my computer (voila, it's now a pentium), I have switched to a new e-mail provider--see the new address below--and I have been spending more time on yoga, fitness exercises and a healthy diet. The trick is to keep up this good work in the cold, dark and busy wintertime.

As you probably know, a lot of work has been going on to find and arrange for a new meeting place. Hopefully, there will be good news on that score very soon.

Just about every or every other meeting, there are new spouses/partners coming down. As those of you who have come already know, Kay and I are there regularly and we usually go to a separate room for a meeting. We expect to have quite a few spouses/partners at our September anniversary meeting, which is always an extra-special event. I hope to see lots of new and old friends there.

As always, you are encouraged to write me at my NEW E-MAIL ADDRESS: Hoffman1@HOME.COM, or at the MOTG P.O. Box. If you wish to call, my phone number is: 732-389-2781.

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Text of TransInclusion Resolution

Passed at

NOW National Conference - 1997

OPPRESSION OF TRANSGENDERED PEOPLE

WHEREAS,

the National Organization for Women (NOW) has worked for the elimination of all forms of oppression in our society targeted at groups who are systematically mistreated; and

WHEREAS,

the transgendered and transsexual communities confront oppression daily and are systematically mistreated because of artificial gender constructs in our society; and

WHEREAS,

there is a lack of understanding and information on issues affecting transgendered and transsexual people; and

WHEREAS,

one of NOW's goals is to eliminate all sex stereotypes including so-called gender roles; and

WHEREAS,

NOW affirms and honors the right of people to self-identify

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,

that NOW and its sub-units encourage education and dialogue within NOW and other organizations on gender and sex stereotypes including those who are transgendered and transsexual people.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,

that NOW reaffirm its commitment to end all sex and gender stereotypes.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED,

that we acknowledge that gender is a patriarchal social construct used to oppress women.

Enclosed is my contribution of \$25.00 to GenderPAC, c/o IFGE, P.O. Box 229, Wallham, MA 02254-0229.
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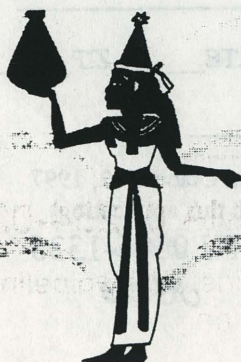
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1:00PM-5:00PM

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(Changed from Sunday, October 19, 1997 at Raritan Valley Community College)

- Registration/Coalition Members (Groups/Individuals): FREE Admission
- Advance Registration/Non-Members: \$3.00
- Door Registration/Non-Members: \$5.00

Community Meeting Topics of Discussion to include

- *Legislative Update
- *NJ Elections '97
- *Same-Gender Marriage
- *Domestic Partnership
- *NJLGC’s Goals & Objectives

CONFIRMED KEYNOTE SPEAKERS

Rebecca Isaacs, Political Director of National Gay and Lesbian Task Force
Rich Tafel, Executive Director of National Log Cabin Republicans

INVITED GUEST SPEAKERS

Governor Christine Todd Whitman
Candidate Jim McGreevey

For additional information, call 908-828-6772

NAME _____ ORGANIZATION _____

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Please reserve _____ seats for me to the Coalition’s Town Hall Meeting on October 12, 1997
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INFORMATION ABOUT THE ELECTION OF OFFICERS

On pages 12 and 13 you will find:

Descriptions of the Positions and Duties and the Elected Board of Directors

A Self-Nomination Form

The Nomination Form must be received in the MOTG P.O. Box by October 17th. Nominations will also be accepted at the October 25th meeting.

Voting requirements:

You must be a full member, joint member, student/senior member to vote. Your dues must be up-to-date in order to vote.

Ballots will be sent out in a special mailing in early November. You will be able to vote by absentee ballot or at the November 22nd meeting. Absentee ballots will have to be received at the P.O. Box no later than Friday, November 21st, in the special envelope, which will be sent out with the ballots and the candidates' information sheets.

POSITIONS AND DUTIES OF THE ELECTED BOARD OF DIRECTORS

PRESIDENT:

The President is the chief administrator of MOTG, and is the one person ultimately responsible for maintaining the operational integrity of MOTG. Duties include: (a) chairing the Board meeting, (b) conducting business affairs at membership meetings, (c) ensuring communication among the officers of MOTG, (d) serving, as appropriate, as the liaison for MOTG with the Board of Trustees and with other organizations, (e) planning and conducting activities at membership meetings, (f) preparing Newsletter descriptions of the planned and accomplished meeting activities, and (g) forming Ad Hoc committees to meet the needs of the membership programs.

VICE-PRESIDENT:

The Vice-President is responsible for (a) supporting and assisting the President in carrying-out the President's duties, especially programming, as needed, and in the absence of the President, the assumption of these duties, and (b) logistics for the meetings, overseeing the room set-up, refreshments, clean-up, etc.

MEMBERSHIP DIRECTOR:

The Membership Director is responsible for (a) devising and implementing ways of obtaining new members and retaining existing members, and (b) conducting orientation meeting for new members.

SECRETARY:

The Secretary is responsible for (a) preparing minutes of each Board of Directors meeting, minutes of each membership meeting, and other records deemed necessary for the Board, (b) arranging for writing a summary of the previous meeting for the Newsletter, and (c) informing the members of the Board of Directors of the date, time and place of all Board of Directors meetings.

TREASURER:

The Treasurer is responsible for (a) maintaining funds, paying bills of, and collecting monies for MOTG, (b) preparing and presenting at the Annual Meeting a financial report for the fiscal year and a proposed budget for the coming year, (c) preparing at the end of each month and presenting a report to the Board describing income and expenses incurred and assets, debits and net worth at the end of the month, and (d) overseeing and accounting for the collection of funds at meetings, i.e., door, 50/50, etc.

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