

TGIC NEWS - AUGUST 1992

Transgenderists Independence Club

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PRESIDENT'S COLUMN: - Winnie [REDACTED]

Here it is, the middle of Summer, and still little need for air-conditioning - the coldest July on record in Albany! This may be the reason for the unseasonably large turn-out at the Club Room last Thursday (July 23), about 20, though I'd like to think it's a resurgence of interest. Well, a number of things having a major impact on Club operations have happened since the last issue of *TGIC News / The Transgenderist*, nominally dated March/April (to get back on track, we'll simply skip May, June and July). This issue is largely devoted to Club business matters, and is being sent only to current members. So, here's the news, both good and bad:

- (1) Rent on our Club Room was increased from \$130 to \$180 per month, effective July 1.
- (2) Because of (1), dues have to be increased.
- (3) The editor of our publications resigned.
- (4) I am the new editor, and have devised a strategy to publish monthly and yet limit the cost increase.
- (5) Mother Eve's has closed, so we need a new place for social parties.
- (6) We have made plans to start monthly dinner parties at the Northway Inn, beginning in September.
- (7) I have appointed some new Officers and Directors, and filled out some of our Committees.
- (8) We lost two Key Club members at the end of May, but were lucky enough to find two replacements immediately.
- (9) Paul has prepared an Activity Survey to get your ideas for new and more exciting activities. It is the last sheet of this newsletter. Please help our revitalized Programs Committee by filling it out and return it to the Club immediately!

PUBLICATIONS STRATEGY: - Winnie Brant

With Jennifer [REDACTED]'s resignation as editor of *TGIC News / The Transgenderist*, the time has come to reassess the publications policy of TGIC. As she said in her last editorial (in the March/April issue, mailed at the end of June), Jennifer has tried to

produce an informative, serious publication with broad-ranging appeal for the gender community. She has had considerable success, and I think you will all want to join me in thanking her for devoting her valuable time to this effort. She has done most of the work herself, with limited financial resources provided by Club dues and not much help from other members in the nitty-gritty work needed to put out a magazine.

The major problem regarding help has been the fact that her computer is a "trusty old machine" running under the obsolete CP/M system, and no one else has a computer that can "talk" to it. I have a PC-DOS machine and have printed out my columns at the right width for her to "cut-and-paste". Now that I am producing the magazine, it is equally difficult for her to transfer information to me. For this reason, Jennifer is still keeping the membership records and printing the mailing labels.

Our previous publication frequency has been bi-monthly, with a printing of 200 copies distributed approximately as follows:

- 60 to paid-up members and subscribers.
- 3 free to former Club leaders (Life Members).
- 6 free to friends of the Club (helpful services).
- 21 free to helping professionals (counselors, doctors, etc.)
- 35 free exchange for other club newsletters or magazines.
- 75 free to prospective new members, information requests, etc.

While our mailing of free complimentary copies is vitally important for our outreach efforts and must be continued, it places a considerable burden on dues-paying members, whose numbers have declined since last year. In the last 12 months, our publication costs were \$1000, or \$1 per copy. In the near future, I intend to review the Club policy regarding complimentary copies.

I feel very strongly that it is even more vitally important to better serve our dues-paying members by changing to a monthly publication policy, with a firm schedule and a deadline for mailing, so that every issue is received before or during the first week of the nominal month. Therefore, the last Thursday of every month will feature an envelope-stuffing party at the Club room! The newsletter is presently the main means of communication between the members of the Club, and the only means for those who don't come to our Thursday night meetings or other parties.

The main reason for monthly publication is to give adequate notice of Club meetings and special events on our calendar. This includes regularly scheduled meetings (i.e. Thursdays) with a special guest or theme, as well as irregular meetings and outside events of interest to our people. Defining "adequate notice" as about one week, this means that each issue must contain a complete and final Calendar from the second week of the month through the first week of the next month. Allowing one week for preparation before mailing, any news item for this period must be delivered to the Editor (me!) by the third Thursday of the previous month. This means the bare minimum lead time for planning will vary from about 3 to 7 weeks. Advance announcement in the previous month's issue is highly desirable, and absolutely essential for any event requiring prior sign-up or prepayment - so add another month, or 7 to 11 weeks. Programs Committee, take note!

These necessary lead times explain why it has been so difficult to plan, promote and hold special meetings, when the newsletter is published bi-monthly on an uncertain schedule. But, monthly publication will increase costs. To minimize the increase, I intend to take the following measures:

(1) Limit the weight of each issue to 1 oz., so postage is only 29c. This means five 8 1/2 X 11 sheets (10 pages) folded twice in a 9X4 envelope. A 9X6 envelope (one fold) increases the weight by 0.1 oz. and the postage by 23c. (I just went to the P.O. and tested it on their scale). Any extra pages or inserts (such as a membership form or flyer) also raises the postage to 52c, but we can then go up to 2 oz.

(2) Split our publication into two types, to appear in alternate months (so each will be a bi-monthly), one having a restricted distribution. These two new publications are:

TGIC News

Will be sent only to Full Members and prospective new members. It will contain Club business matters, local news of little interest outside of our membership, selected reprints (credited with permission, of course) from other CD publications that may not otherwise be seen by our members, and a few other outside items such as clippings and cartoons. In other words, TGIC News will concentrate on TGIC business and inreach from others. You are reading the first issue of the new TGIC News.

The Transgenderist

Will be sent to Full Members, Subscribers, prospective new members, friends, professionals, and exchange publications (the same as our previous mailing list). It will contain original articles written by our members, and local news of significant interest outside of our membership. Club business and other matters will be restricted to brief updates. In other words, The Transgenderist will concentrate on TGIC self-help and outreach to others. You should receive the first issue of the new Transgenderist in September.

Both publications will contain a Calendar for the month of issue and a preliminary Calendar for the next month, plus advance announcements for future events, so time-sensitive information will be updated monthly for Members. The proposed division of contents will be used only as guidelines by the Editor. The advertizing policy for the two publications is yet to be determined. If anyone can improve on the titles of either, please make suggestions.

Of course, two publications will require more material and more work; for this I must depend on more help from members. Some of you have submitted articles that have not yet been printed; do not be disheartened, we have not forgotten you, what we have is being prepared now for future use. By limiting the weight and employing larger print for better readability, the amount we need is less than doubled. If we can recruit more new members, hold present members and regain former members by improving our programs and putting out a monthly bulletin on time, then perhaps we can recombine our magazines and publish a single high-quality issue every month.

COMPUTER HELP WANTED!

I have a PC-DOS computer with a 20 MB hard disk and one 5.25 in. floppy drive, and a NEC Pinwriter

24-wire printer, which produced what you are reading. My word-processor is Lotus Manuscript, which has many capabilities but is difficult to use; I still have not mastered it, but it was the only WP that had a special feature I needed in business at the time I bought it. It can import ASCII, and I also have software that claims the ability to convert between many other WP formats, though I have not had the chance to test it. So, you can give me your articles on a 5.25 in. DOS floppy with files in ASCII or your own WP format (or both, to be safe).

However, we would greatly appreciate the help of anyone who owns or has access to computer equipment and can perform any of the following tasks:

- # Convert between 3.5 and 5.25 in. diskettes (dual drives needed).
- # Desk-top publishing (page layout).
- # High-quality (laser) printing.
- # Convert files between CP/M and DOS operating system disk formats.
- # Mailing list software & label printing (approval of Board required).
- # Scanner & software for graphics.
- # Scanner & software for converting hardcopy text.
- # Keyboarding of hand-written or typed text (eyes & fingers needed).

Those of you who have already volunteered help in any of these areas will find your name on the Publications Committee!

DINING-OUT PARTIES: - Winnie [REDACTED]

I feel a strong need to revitalize our monthly social parties in the wider world outside of our safe, cozy meeting room. Rather than search for another gay bar in the area, I believe that a better atmosphere can be found in a restaurant setting - quieter, less smoke, good food, so much more conducive to friendly talk. Since everybody eats, this should attract those of us who have grown weary of the bar scene. Of course, there will be a bar in the restaurant, so anyone wishing to drink may still do so. Naturally, we expect all those attending these parties to dress appropriately for going out to dinner at a nice restaurant, and to observe any restrictions placed by management on our use of the restrooms. This type of outing has proven very successful for a number of other clubs, notably ETVC in San Francisco and the Tiffany Club in Boston, to my personal knowledge.

While most of us have overcome our fear of going out cross-dressed late at night to dark bars, some may still feel nervous about venturing forth in the early evening to a lighted restaurant full of ordinary people, especially in their home area. Others have done so, but only alone or in the company of a wife, girlfriend, or male escort, which improves their chances of "passing". However, when two or more cross-dressers are out together, in whatever company, they will almost certainly be "read" by many observers. It is necessary to face this fact and not be embarrassed, in order to develop full acceptance of one's self. The reaction of most people is far less negative than previously supposed by a paranoid imagination, and is often very friendly. They probably think: "I've seen them on TV talk shows before, now I've met some in person, and they're really quite nice people, despite their quirkiness". For this, we can thank those brave souls who have appeared on the talk shows and gone out before us.

I have positive feelings on this approach to expansion of our club activities, but am rather uncertain about the response of the general club membership. Initially, I would expect a relatively small group, growing in size as word gets around that it is really quite safe and enjoyable. As numbers increase, I hope to expand these dinner parties to include an after-dinner speaker, sales demonstration, or entertainment. First and foremost is a need to establish a good working relationship with the owner, managers and staff of a facility that will welcome our business, provide courteous service, and is able to be flexible in accommodating parties of different size, varying from month to month. I am envisioning the following types of party:

- # **Small party (6-12)**, in corner or alcove of main dining room, ordinary menu service, reservations and Dutch-treat billing; we can go to bar in-house or elsewhere after dinner.
- # **Medium party (12-20)**, in small banquet room, with after-dinner speaker or sales presentation; prior sign-up required, split the bill equally.
- # **Large party (20-50)**, in large banquet room, with speakers and private entertainment; advance sign-up and pre-payment required.
- # **Weekend party (Friday p.m. - Sunday a.m., 30-60 Saturday night)**, meeting room Saturday morning and afternoon for seminars, large banquet room for cocktails and dinner followed by entertainment on Saturday night, Dutch-treat dinner on Friday and breakfast on Sunday; advance sign-up and pre-

payment required. This is similar to events that TGIC has held in the past, at Days Inn and the Econolodge.

I hope that TGIC will be able to support a small or medium party every month, replaced by a large or weekend party once or twice a year. Other desirable features for our dining-out facility should be:

- # Easy-to-find location.
- # Ample parking space.
- # Separate ladies' room set aside for large parties.
- # Mainly adult clientele.
- # Associated motel, especially for weekend parties and out-of-town members.
- # Reasonable rates.
- # Rear or side entrance for "nervous Nellies".

Our Programs Committee investigated the Northway Inn, which meets these criteria, and talked with the Manager, Jim F. The staff has been familiar with serving cross-dressers for a number of years, many staying at the motel, eating in the dining room and frequenting the bar with no problems. Last Friday (July 24), Bill escorted Joan and Melodie to dinner; the menu is good and reasonably priced. So, we have decided to begin what we hope will be a monthly affair in September. I feel that a Saturday night will be best, allowing more time to make ourselves beautiful than on a weekday (but mark on the Activity Survey questionnaire if you would prefer another night).

Since the first Saturday in September is Labor Day weekend, and the next two conflict with the Poconos events (see below), I have selected September 26 at 8 p.m. for our inaugural bash. For those who cannot dress at home, I will open the Club Room at 6 p.m. that evening; bring a suitcase. Or, rent a room at the motel, act as escort for a ladyfriend, but please do come if you possibly can; let's get our socials back on track. As usual, wives and friends are always welcome at TGIC events.

Realistically, I'm expecting the first affair to be a "small party", as defined above, but I'd love to have you prove me wrong! However, I'm asking everyone to sign-up by Thursday, September 24 at the latest; we'll have to make reservations. Please drop a note to the club PO box or call the club any Thursday evening (8-10 pm). Do remember, we want to make a good impression, so put your best foot forward (in high heels), dress as though you expect to "pass", and you'll be treated as a lady.

FALL IN THE POCONOS: - Winnie [REDACTED]

In my column written in February for the March/April TGIC News, I suggested that a group of us could attend one of the Spring events in the Poconos. Unfortunately, due to the long delay in publication, the events were over by the time it appeared. So, let's try again for the Fall! By the miracle of computer editing, I have updated what I wrote then:

Many of our currently active people are new to the club and have not experienced the camaraderie and joy that interaction with a large number of like-minded crossdressers for a period of several days can bring. I recognize that few of us can afford the cost, time and travel to a major event like the IFGE Convention or Fantasia Fair, but there are smaller but equally enjoyable "get-away" affairs held annually in both Spring and Fall in the Poconos, within easy driving distance.

For the two Fall events this year, the dates and addresses to contact are:

"Pocono Fantasy Festival" September 10 - 13
Fem Fashions
9 West 31st St., Suite 7R
New York, NY 10001
(212) 629-5750

"Paradise in the Poconos" September 17 - 20
Creative Design Services
Box 1263
King of Prussia, PA 19406
(215) 640-9449

I attended a couple of similar affairs a number of years ago, and can recommend them highly, especially for newcomers. The location is a typical "resort" in the Poconos, consisting of a main lodge, restaurant, bar, patio, pool, etc., with motel-type or cabin accommodations and some recreational area. Prices range between about \$225-\$325 per person. Meals are included, and parties are scheduled in the evening. Vendors are available during the day, but there is much free time for relaxing and chatting with others. The setting allows for longer, more personal one-on-one discussions, or in small groups; no one need feel left out. In other words, this is a great opportunity to make new friends, or to renew old friendships.

To those in the club who are getting bored, suffering from the Summer Doldrums, or want to get out and develop their personalities, I encourage you to sign up for one of these events (the time is now!). Some may want a room-mate, or the companionship of another member of our club. So, please drop a note to the club PO box or call the club on a Thursday evening (8-10 pm), let us know which one you plan to attend, and we will try to get a group together. Rose tells me that she is planning to go to both affairs, so we have one sign-up already!

TGIC Officers & Directors:

President	Winnie B.
Vice President	Julie M.
Secretary	Joyce W.
Treasurer (acting)	Winnie B.
Director	Joan H.
Director	Ed H.
Director	Paul K.
Director	Sue M.

Working Committees:

Publications	Winnie B. (Ch) Ed H. Paul K. Theodora M. Jennifer W.
Membership Records	Jennifer W.
IFGE Representative	Winnie B. Sharon Ann S.
Programs	Joyce W. (Ch) Joan H. Melodie W.
Big Sister Outreach	Tina A. (Ch) Melissa K.
Shopping Guide	Elizabeth B.
Rap Groups	Open

MORE HELP WANTED!

If you are not on a committee, please volunteer for one! We need more Big Sisters to answer letters of inquiry, meet and interview prospective new members, and "hold hands" with less experienced members. Several of you besides Elizabeth have indicated an interest in updating the shopping guide, but I forget your names. We need a Chairlady with a computer to collect and keyboard the information on stores and services where we are welcome, but all

of you can contribute with your recent experiences on shopping excursions - ask for a business card and note any special caveats.

**FINANCIAL REPORT June 91 - June 92
Winnie Brant**

This report is made on a modified cash-flow basis, intended to illustrate the Club's non-profit status and aid in producing a projected budget for the next 12 months.

Club Room Expenses	\$
Rent @ \$130/mo.	1560.
Power	420.
Telephone	202.
Total	2182.

Newsletter Expenses	\$
(for 5 issues)	
Copying	529.
Postage	432.
Office supplies	37.
Total	998.

Other Expenses	\$
Metroland Ad.	234.
Autumn Accord support	150.
Soda	119.
Bank service charges	56.
PO Box rent	49.
Book purchases	43.
Club room supplies	37.
Total	688.

Total Expenses \$3868.

Income	\$
Key Club	1845.
Membership Dues	1570.
Soda & phone kitties	257.
Donations	77.
Book sales	41.
Party fees	15.
Total Income	\$3805.

Net cash outflow	63.
Bank balance 6/30/92	850.

MEMBERSHIP (paid-up, June 92)

Regular	39
Key Club	5
Couples	3
Newsletter only	12
	—
Total	59

PROPOSED BUDGET Aug. 92 - Aug. 93
Winnie [REDACTED]

Club Room Expenses	\$
Rent @ \$180/mo.	2160.
Power	420.
Telephone	200.
	—
Total	2780.

TGIC News Expenses	
(for 6 issues @ 100 copies)	
Copying	385.
Postage	174.
Office supplies	21.
	—
Total	580.

Transgenderist Expenses	
(for 6 issues @ 200 copies)	
Copying	578.
Postage	348.
Office supplies	24.
	—
Total	950.

Other Expenses	\$
Metroland Ad.	250.
Soda	120.
Bank service charges	75.
PO Box rent	49.
Club room supplies	41.
	—
Total	535.

Total Expenses \$4845.

Income	\$
Key Club (5)	2280.
Membership Dues (55)	2200.
Soda & phone kitties	250.
Donations, etc.	115.
	—
Total Income	\$4845.

Hey! A balanced budget! That's better than another President we know. But, I'm glad I didn't say "Read my lips" about not raising dues. Besides the \$600 annual rent increase and general inflation, other cost increases have nibbled away at our income since the last dues adjustment:

Postage increase from 25c to 29c (about \$50 p.a.)

P.O. box rent increase from \$39 to \$49 p.a.

Bank service charges imposed, about \$75 p.a.

Also, party fees at Mother Eve's have been eliminated, reducing our income.

In revising the dues structure, I have attempted to maintain the same division of costs between key club members and general members: the key club pays the rent and about half of the utilities, and other members pay the rest. The key club rate increase can be kept at \$5/month if all five closets are taken.

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP DUES
Effective August 1, 1992

General Member	\$40
Couples	\$45
(spouse has voting rights and officer/director eligibility)	
Key Club with large closet (4)	\$480 (\$40/mo)
Key Club with small closet (1)	\$360 (\$30/mo)
Key Club with attic storage	\$180 (\$15/mo)

All the above rate categories include a one-year subscription to both **TGIC News** and **The Transgenderist**. The annual period runs from January-December or July-June, depending on the time of joining. If a new Key Club member has not previously paid general dues for their period, then \$40 plus one month's fee will be payable in advance.

Subscription to **The Transgenderist** only, 6 issues: \$25

Current members in the Newsletter Only category are urged to become full members and receive both publications for the remainder of their period by paying the difference at the previous rates:

$$\$35 - \$20 = \$15.$$

>>> You are in this category if the number at the top right of your mailing label is preceded by the letter "N". Otherwise, this is the only issue of the new **TGIC News** you will receive, but you will

still get **The Transgenderist** until your subscription expires. By written application, you may elect to receive **TGIC News** only instead.

Subscription to **TGIC News** only, 6 issues: \$25
This may be desired by some, such as those eligible to receive free copies of **The Transgenderist**.

The Albany Bar Scene: A quick update
Paul K., 7/20/92

Gone:

Rage: Closed. Rumor is that it will be a straight bar called **Sweats**.

Private I's: Closed. Reopened as a black bar, **Rennissance**.

Playhouse: Closed. Reopened as a straight bar, Club 519.

Mother Eve's/Club 145: Closed.

Still Here:

Waterworks/Starrs: Doing well, still the prime gay cruising bar.

Club Cabaret: The pool table is gone, replaced by disco lighting, but still a neighborhood-style bar.

State Street Pub: Still open, still gay.

New:

Deceptions: The old "On The Rocks," now the best gay/mixed disco. 7 days a week, seems to be a bit older crowd than **Rage**.

Hot Spots: Across from **Deceptions**, the old Wall Street Cafe, feels like **Private I's**. Wed-Sun.

*** All of these places are comfortable with cross-dressers, as are the Albany Police.

Quote of the Day:

"So today, if you see a person who looks like your teenage fantasy walking down the street, it's probably not your fantasy, but someone who had the same fantasy as you and decided instead of getting it or being it, to look like it and so he went to the store and bought the look that you both like. So forget it." — Andy Warhol.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

TS SUPPORT GROUP

To meet each month, hopefully starting in September. Location, date and time to be determined. Contact the Albany Gender Project, Jennifer [redacted] (coordinator). (518) 432-7092.

ROOM WANTED

Sister in need of a room to rent, while attending school in the Albany area this Fall and Winter. Very neat and clean. [redacted], after 7 pm is best.

ROOM WANTED

Furnished or unfurnished studio or 1-B.R. in Albany area. Please leave message for Vanessa at Club room or call Club phone. [redacted].

STUDY GROUP

Anyone interested in forming a study group based on the 12-step AA program, please contact Vanessa, as above.

Created Equal Nail Salon,

1314 Central Ave., Colonie NY (next to Stellum Computers).

Looking to serve crossdressers with assistance for nails, makeup, and large size lingerie. Liz, the owner, is also looking for a "maid", and is planning house parties. Phone [redacted].

Note: Phone number has changed since last Newsletter. If anyone has visited her, please send us your comments.

Places to shop in Pittsfield:

Elaine's Specialty Shop, 792 Tyler St.;
sizes 14-24, low price range.

Penny Pincher Consignment Shop, 729 Tyler St.

IFGE has moved!

The International Foundation for Gender Education has moved to much larger quarters at:

123 Moody Street
Waltham, MA 02154

Only bulk shipments should be sent to this address. Regular correspondence should still be mailed to the same box:

IFGE
P.O. Box 367
Wayland, MA 01778

Phone number is unchanged: (617) 899-2212

This is a big step for IFGE, combining considerable economic risk and opportunity. We wish them all success and urge club members to give them support.

AEGIS has gone national!

AEGIS is now The American Educational Gender Information Service, Inc. and is a nonprofit corporation. Their address is still:

P.O. Box 33724
Decatur, GA 30033-0724

Phone number is: (404) 939-0244.

CALENDAR

Regular Meetings are held every Thursday evening at the TGIC Club Room on Central Avenue in Albany, 8 - 10 p.m. Some come earlier and stay later, but it is wise call if you are not a Keyholder or if it is your first visit. Come dressed either way, meet and talk with friends. Many continue to socialize at one of the Central Ave. night spots after the meetings.

AUGUST 1992

- Aug. 6 Thursday Meeting
- Aug. 13 Thursday Meeting
- Aug. 20 Thursday Meeting - Sep. News deadline.
- Aug. 27 Thursday Meeting - envelope stuffing.

SEPTEMBER 1992

- Sep. 3 Thursday Meeting
- Sep. 10 Thursday Meeting
- Sep. 10 - 13 Pocono Fantasy Festival*
- Sep. 17 Thursday Meeting - Oct. News deadline.
- Sep. 17 - 20 Paradise in the Poconos*
- Sep. 24 Thursday Meeting - envelope stuffing.
- Sep. 26 Saturday, 8 p.m.
Inaugural Dining-Out Party,
Northway Inn, (518) 869-0277
1517 Central Ave. (Rt. 5)
I-87 Exit 2W (to Schenectady)

* Not TGIC-sponsored, but let us know if you are going.

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TGIC ACTIVITY SURVEY

Please fill out and return ASAP

This survey is designed to help us determine what kind of activities we should plan. All TGIC activities are planned by members, so there is no guarantee that the activities you want will happen unless you help to plan them.

This survey is completely anonymous.

What to do? Rate these activities:

	Definitely attend		Maybe		Not For Me
Makeup Class	5	4	3	2	1
Karaoke Sing-along	5	4	3	2	1
Dinner at a Restaurant	5	4	3	2	1
Boat Cruise	5	4	3	2	1
Outdoor Picnic	5	4	3	2	1
Poise/Deportment Class	5	4	3	2	1
Pot Luck Dinner	5	4	3	2	1
Lingerie Sale Party	5	4	3	2	1
Dance Class	5	4	3	2	1
Night at Comedy Works	5	4	3	2	1
Bus Trip to NYC	5	4	3	2	1
Night at Starlite Theatre	5	4	3	2	1
Wig/Hair Styling Class	5	4	3	2	1
Night at Berkshire Theatre	5	4	3	2	1
Limo/Bar Cruise	5	4	3	2	1
Volunteer Work(stuff env, etc)	5	4	3	2	1
50's - 60's Party	5	4	3	2	1
Sewing/Alterations Class	5	4	3	2	1
Voice Lessons	5	4	3	2	1
Victorian Party	5	4	3	2	1
Charity Fashion Show	5	4	3	2	1
Photography Session	5	4	3	2	1
Makeover Party	5	4	3	2	1
Jazz Concert	5	4	3	2	1
Swing Dance Party	5	4	3	2	1
Night at Proctor's	5	4	3	2	1
Gourmet Restaurant Dinner	5	4	3	2	1

When

(1) What day of the week do you prefer to go out?

Please rate them in order, 1 for best day, 2 for second best, etc.

- ___ Monday
- ___ Tuesday
- ___ Wednesday
- ___ Thursday
- ___ Friday
- ___ Saturday
- ___ Sunday

(2) What is the best time to schedule an evening event?
(e.g. 6 - 10 p.m., 8 p.m. - 1 a.m.)

(3) About how often would you like to go out during the fall/winter?
(Choose one)

- Twice a week or more
- Once a week
- Bi-weekly
- Once a month
- Once every couple of months
- Less often

Fees

While we all want to keep expenses down, we know that activities cost money. We know that less is better and that the amount will vary with your interest in the event, but how much becomes a burden for you?

What would you feel comfortable paying for a class taught by a professional?

- \$75
- \$50
- \$35
- \$25
- \$20
- \$10
- \$5

What would you feel comfortable paying for a party?

- \$75
- \$50
- \$35
- \$25
- \$20
- \$10
- \$5

What would you feel comfortable paying for a restaurant dinner?

- \$75
- \$50
- \$35
- \$25
- \$20
- \$10
- \$5

What would you feel comfortable paying for an entertainment event? This includes concerts, comedy shows, plays, musicals, etc.

- \$75
- \$50
- \$35
- \$25
- \$20
- \$10
- \$5

Where

Where would you prefer to go, or not to go, while dressed?

Choose one answer. Leave blank if you don't care.

- | Yes | No | |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Albany, Central Avenue |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Schenectady |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Saratoga |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Downtown Troy |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Glens Falls |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Pittsfield |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Kingston |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Amsterdam |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Clifton Park |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Guilderland |

Comments: