



GIRL TALK

Powder Puffs of California — Serving the California Gender Community Since 1987

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

April Meeting? Yes! Daylight Savings Start Time - 8:00 pm

With all the excitement over California Dreamin 98 in San Francisco, some of us may forget that we will have a meeting this Saturday, April 18th.

This would be a nice opportunity to try out that new nail polish or different shade of lipstick prior to "going public" at California Dreamin. Note; Due to our shifting to Daylight SAVbings time, we will now be starting our meetings at 8:00 pm!!

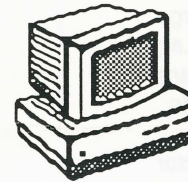
Date: Saturday, April 18, 1998
Time: 8:00 pm
Place: Placentia Holiday Inn, 118 E. Orangethorpe Ave, Placentia, CA. Take 57 Fwy to Orangethorpe exit. Head east.

Web Surfers Report

The surf's up at California Dreamin '98. Our own Diane Drake has been constantly uploading fresh material at the convention's website.

So, all you web surfers out there, check out www.flash.net/~dhome/cadreamin

This site has the absolute latest info. Even Joan Goodnight logs on to this site to find out what's going on!



Neutral Corner Update

San Diego, CA — Neutral Corner has announced that they have a new website. Those who cruise the information super highway should check out

<http://www.geocities.com/WestHollywood/Village/4718>

In addition, Neutral Corner has a new e-mail address:

neutral-corner@geocities.com

What is PPOC?

Powder Puffs of California is a not-for-profit social and outreach organization, and support group serving the transgendered community. We have been in existence for over ten years, having been formed in 1987 by a small group of concerned crossdressers. Since that time our little club has blossomed to well over 200 members.



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California Dreamin' 96?

California Dreamin' 96?
You mean California Dreamin' 98?
Actually, no.

In issue #17 of Transformation, a magazine published by Transformation/Spartacus Publishing Corp., Maylana Lacie wrote an article about our first convention in San Francisco with a pretty aerial picture of the Golden Gate Holiday Inn with the Bay in the background.

The nostalgic amongst us may wish to peer through magazine for a trip down memory lane. With Cal Dreamin 98 just around the corner, you may want to think about what kind of memories of California Dreamin' 98 you might want to have two year from now — in the year 2000!

We received the following in our e-mail box. Powder Puffs is printing the e-mail as a service and assumes no responsibility for ad content, nor does it endorse any particular business concern or product.

Hi,

I am Sarah Douglas, an attorney in Brentwood with a practice in transgender law. I, myself, am transsexual and in the midst of my own transition. I am writing to get out the word that I am available for legal services to the transgender community and for speaking engagements to gender organizations, civic groups, support groups and employers. I offer legal and speaking services to the entire gender community.

I am the only lawyer in SoCal with a specific transgender practice. My clients consist of cross-dressers, transgenders, transsexuals, mtf's, ftm's, spouses and S.O.'s, gays, lesbians and bisexuals, and my practice covers all areas of the law affecting the gender community including family, criminal, employment, civil rights, personal injury/defamation, and

workplace law. I am the Employment Law Moderator for the International Conference on Transgender Law and Employment Policy (I.C.T.L.E.P.) and a public speaker for the gender community, employers and civic groups.

My spouse and I have an interest in support for partners of transgendered persons, and can offer support and education to spouses and S.O.'s. In our own marriage we have been through cross-dressing and transsexual issues, as well as the challenges to the relationship that gender transition imposes. Our survival and success through the process has inspired us to offer support to others similarly situated.

Please pass this information on to your membership. Those with a need for understanding and expert legal support need to know that there is someone they can talk to. Additionally, if I can offer my services as a speaker on the legal issues relevant to the gender community, please let me know.

Thank you for your kind attention to this. There is a great need in our community and almost no one to fill it.

Yours,
Sarah Douglas (SarahTS JD@aol.com)

The following was picked up by Renaissance's News & Views from an ITNS press release.

Rutgers Includes Transgendered

After almost two years of difficult struggle over transgender and gender-variant inclusion in the Non-Discrimination Policy at Rutgers University, Executive Vice-President Joe Seneca released a memo which expanded discrimination protections at Rutgers University to include "people who have changed or are in the process of changing their sex." The change effectively expands the policy to cover transsexuality.



President's Page

by Dee Grady

I recently subscribed to *Bottom Line Personal*, semi-monthly periodical which gives its subscribers helpful hints on everything from personal health to tips on how to invest. I did not figure on it doing much to help with anything much more than that. But guess what? I found some articles which could help you when planning your trip to San Francisco for *California Dreamin' 1998*.

The first one is entitled Shrewder Shaving, by Neal Schultz, MD, a dermatologist in private practice in New York City.

- 1) If one uses razor blades, wait two minutes after applying shaving cream or gel to give the product more time to work into the beard.
- 2) To minimize irritation, shave no more than twice over any area. Shave with the grain first, then against the grain.
- 3) For sensitive skin, shave at the end of the shower while still in the shower and use a gel. Avoid shaving just before exercising. Perspiration irritates newly shaved skin.
- 4) Shave only once a day, if possible. If one shaves more than twice a day, then switch to an electric shaver to lower irritation. Some people get best results by alternating between an electric razor and wet shaving.

What about getting to San Francisco? Many of us will be flying. From *Friendlier Flying*, by Ed Perkins, editor of Consumer Reports Travel Letter, if you plan to fly coach, choose a plane with comfortable seats. Wide body planes like the 767 are more comfortable than the 747. For narrow body planes, choose the A-320 over the 737 or 757. Don't want any neighbors? Request a seat towards the back of the plane. . . Ask for a center section aisle seat on a 767 or 747. Usually middle seats often go unfilled.

From *Travel Holiday* magazine, once you get to the hotel, play it safe. Rooms safest from "uninvited guests" (and I'm not talking Christine bless-her-heart) are near elevators and open interior hallways - not outdoors. Avoid rooms on the first two floors or at the end of long hallways. Never leave the PLEASE MAKE UP THIS ROOM sign outside the door. The

housekeeping staff will make up the room anyway. The sign advertises you are out of the room. When going out, leave on a light and the TV or radio, and hand the DO NOT DISTURB sign on the door.

Ready to go out on the town? Michael Bauer of the *San Francisco Chronicle* gives his favorite places. Farallon 450 Post St, is a bit expensive, but is great for seafood. 42 Degrees 235 16th street in moderately price, has a grand dining room with floor to ceiling windows, and has live jazz music. Globe, 2090 Pacific Ave. is also expensive and is set in a turn-of-the-century livery stable. Jardiniere, 300 Grove St, has a spectacular dining room with brick walls. The chef/owner was named Rising Star Chef by the James Beard Foundation. PlumpJack Cafe, 3127 Fillmore St. is a stylish restaurant with Southern French and Northern Italian cuisines. Finally Zuni Cafe, 1658 Market St, is best for people watching. The dining room has an open, loft-like feel. The prices here are moderate.

Hope these ideas and hints help to make your Convention stay an enjoyable one.

See you at the next meeting.....and in San Francisco!

Dee

Received in Powder Puffs' E-mail Box

I don't know anything more than what is printed here. If you wish to participate you are on your own — Cyndi.

Dear Friends,

Assembly Member Sheila Kuehl has introduced a bill to prohibit hate crimes against transgendered people. The bill would also require local and state government in California to count and report on such crimes each year. Sheila thinks she can get people from San Francisco to testify in support of the bill, but needs people from other parts of the state to testify also. Would you be willing to do so? If so, please contact her staff person Jennifer Richard at (916) 445 4956 or by e-mail at:

RicharJL@Assembly.CA.Gov

The hearing on this bill will probably occur pretty soon, so please contact Jennifer as soon as possible.

Love,
 Boyce Hinman
 Lambda Letters



California Dreamin' 98 Workshop / Seminar Schedule

The following is a general schedule for *California Dreamin' 98*. Since the final schedule is yet-to-be-determined, search www.flash.net/~dhome/cadreamin for the most up-to-date schedule.

Thursday, April 30th

1. At leisure. Vans will be available from 9am to 4:30pm for excursions & tours of the San Francisco area; \$15 per person. Hosted by: The Educational TV Channel (ETVC), Rainbow Gender Association (RGA), and the Diablo Valley Girls (DVG). Vendor area in the Redwood Room open from 9:30am to 5:30pm.
2. Wine tasting with Alison Laing — 6:30 - 7:30pm
3. Reception in the Crystal Room at 7:30pm to 10:00pm. No host bar.

Friday, May 1st

1. Workshops and seminars from 9:am to 4:30pm. Vendor area in the Redwood Room open from 9:00am until 5:30pm.
2. Luncheon 12 noon to 1:30pm. Keynote speaker: alison Laing.
3. Cocktail Party hosted by TGForum in the Oregon Room form 5:00pm to 6:15pm.
4. Pre-Dinner Cocktails 6:30pm to 7:30pm in the Crystal Room. No host bar.
5. Dinner 7:30 to 10:00pm in the Crystal Room.
6. Bar Hopping with the ETVC Happy Campers: 10:00pm until the bars close. Transportation \$10 per person.

Saturday, May 2nd

1. Workshops and seminars from 9:00am to 4:30pm. Vendor area in the Redwood Room open from 9:00am until 5:30pm.
2. Luncheon 12 noon to 1:30pm. Keynote speaker: Linda & Cynthia Phillips.

3. Pre-Dinner Cocktails 6:30pm to 7:30pm in the Crystal Room. No host bar.
4. Dinner 7:30 to 8:30pm in the Crystal Room.
5. Entertainment Gala hosted by ETVC 8:30 to 10:00pm in the Crystal Room.
6. Bar Hopping with the ETVC Happy Campers: 10:00pm until the bars close. Transportation \$10 per person.

Sunday, May 3rd

1. Brunch 8:30am to 11:00 in the Crystal Room.
2. Vendor area in the Redwood Room open from 9:00am to 12 noon.

A Need Being Meet

The following was received by PPOC via e-mail.

Dear PPOC:

I cannot express the joy I had at the last meeting; the only thing I regret is that I wished that it would have lasted a little bit longer! Any way, I am happy now that I know the experiences of others who share the same feelings as I do, it is comforting! Your organization is so vital to us. I commend you for your sense of decency and honest gathering. This I liked! It gives a good time to those of us who are interested in an honest way of gathering. I hope that I will be attending the next meeting next month!

P.S. Please, if you like to respond to me, my home address is hamlethart@earthlink.net

Yours truly,
SOAN!



Just a Thought or Two to Share with Friends

By Betsi R.

We finally made that long trip down to Placentia to visit with our neat friends at the PPOC meeting last Saturday night. We really enjoyed seeing everyone again, as always each member reached out and made us feel most welcome to their group.

We each were expecting to eat something but were delighted to be supplied our own personal lasagna. The food had been a last minute choice because the Country Harvest locally had closed their doors. Leaving Dee and Diane in a state of, "What do we do now?" I got the feeling they were as pleased as we were with their choice. The lasagna was not home made but very enjoyable and plenty of it, along with salads, garlic bread and a selection of cakes for dessert. One disaster turned to gold. We all need those wonderful unplanned golden moments to happen in our lives.

I have found working with what I call "OUR COMMUNITY" to be a very rewarding experience and I do not mean the type of reward PPOC presented to me at California Dreamin' last year. Although I could never really explain what I felt when I was told I was to be presented a plaque for Outstanding Service, I will say it was very exciting and ego building but very humbling. Why humbling because I was very aware that no one truly achieves with out others. God has blessed me with a love in my heart for people and a deep desire to help those that are hurting in our world the "NORM" considers unacceptable conduct. He guides me in what I can do to help others and the ability to accomplish those tasks. Everything I have accomplished in my life has been because other people have cared about me and given me a helping hand. But the success comes when I follow God specific directions for me. Do not misunderstand when I say God guides me, I am not saying I am always right, I am human. I make mistakes if I forget and try my methods instead of His. I could say, "so do others". But I have found that true happiness is not found in others mistakes. If I keep Him first in my sight and follow His path and NOT MINE, my life is 100% better and smoother. God does love Transgender People and wants the very best for His family. Being one of those who have leaned on PPOC for support when I came into this community I personally know how much having support means. I appreciate all the work each group does for our community. I may be just a wife and

have not suffered since child hood the pain most of you have experienced but I was deeply wounded because of the existence of cross-dressing. I am thankful that PPOC, Born Free and LKO have allowed me to experience a new way to look at life and to share my love for people and my God given abilities

One other little thing I want to share with each of you is how delighted I was with all the compliments on my ensemble Saturday night and I also know (because Chrissy told me) that she also appreciated all the compliments she received. So I wanted to share a thought or two I had when I read the article about Jim Bridges' catalog in PPOC's Feb. newsletter. I've know Jim only since the first Cal Dreamin' I attended with Arlene. Shelley, Brenna, Arlene and I had a wonderful experience not only learning about new make-up techniques. We also enjoyed several evenings in the bar with Jim and his friend telling jokes and sharing experiences. Jim went to great length to help Shelley and I to feel comfortable during a very uncomfortable time. I do not mean others were unfriendly but many were busy working on the event, others were learning to be the best they could be and many were either to scared or shy to be bothered with two scared first timer wives. The old timers (I am guilty of this now so I am not pointing a finger) were enjoying seeing old friends, being together and having fun. A couple of people whom appeared to be in charge or leaders in the group who must have been very unhappy with their lives and wanted others to be as unhappy as they were rude and hurtful. Jim in his fun loving way help me see beyond them to the other wonderful people in attendance. Jim is a nice guy, not a close friend since he lives to far away, but someone I consider to be a friend that is enjoyable to be around. He is just like all the rest of us he just wants to be accepted for who he is and he has reached out to many helping them to overcome terrible and unacceptable lives. True he is making money off of our community but so are a WHOLE LOT OF US from body forms, jewelry, hair removal, wig suppliers, etc. WHATEVER people can think of to help make a living. Making a profit is a necessity of life. I can not personally say how much Jim has made but neither can I say how much he has helped those in need. I see him at many convention and giving many seminars. Jim does not make his complete living off us Crossdressing connected people. He does have others customers who walk a different walk but still unacceptable to the so-called "NORMAL" world. I am appreciative of Jim's place because it is available to us couples to go and feel comfortable in learning together. Now, providing safe shopping for clothes and place to try them on. YES I know many of you go right into

Nordstrom, Penney or, Macys and try the clothes on. But how many of you have your wives willing to go with you and chance running into someone from work, family, church or wherever. Not much chance at Jim's. We go to Jim's shop in groups and take over the shop trying on clothes and having a ball. Jim does not get upset if we just play and don't always buy.

Why do I feel an important tug at my heart to share this information: First, the dresses that so many complimented Chrissy and I on Saturday night were purchased from Jim Bridges. Also, I felt there were some comments in the article in your newsletter that pointed out that even though many of you have portrayed the part of a woman for a long time. There is a chance you still have missed some things in life that we GG's know to be factual and should be pointed out. If you are a petite or a large person you know you have to pay extra at the specialty shops designed for our special size bodies. The reason for clothing cost being higher at the petite store is not because it takes more material to make the clothes. So the cute remarks about, "what do you expect at the larger women's stores, it takes more material" doesn't hold water. The cost of their clothes at both types of stores is higher because they are special, made to specifications to fit a special need. One of the stores I have to shop is Petite Sophisticate their clothing is more expensive versus less quality compared to other regular sized clothes. I can shop both Macys' petite department and women's department and find the same exact style blouse, suit or dress made by the same manufacturer in both departments. You would expect they would be equal in price but you are wrong a petite 6 is usually \$10.00 or more than sizes 6-18 in the regular sizes. Fair NO! But they are meeting a SPECIAL need. Same with Jim, if you try his clothes on you will find the sleeves much longer and the shoulders much wider — Meeting a special need — bigger shoulders and longer arms that men have a hard time getting covered. He also has designs made with long sleeves and high necklines to hide the areas that many do not dare shave. Meeting a need most women do not have. Last but not least if any of you have ever shopped a Penney catalog or Sears old catalog you pay \$5.00 and receive a \$5.00 discount off your first order. I was upset when they started charging for their catalog but they have been able to upgrade the quality of their clothing by cutting their losses giving away thousands of unused catalogs. If you buy Jim's catalog you get a certificate for \$10.00 off your first order. Jim mailed some freebies to people he thought were friends. Of course he did not include a \$10.00 off certificate with the freebies. ALL businesses try to cut their cost, this is not taking advantage of people, and it is just good business. Since we received so many

compliments Saturday night about our clothes I feel all of you were not lying about how nice the clothes looked. So there must be good quality clothes, clothes that you will feel are in good taste and available to wear to work, to church or play in Jim's new line. There are also clothes for those who want that special look that many wives would prefer our husbands stay away from. Like the too short -- too low -- too tight -- little black nothing Arlene wore Saturday night. But, that was a Macys' Get Got dress. I truly feel it is not were you buy the clothes, are how much you pay, its what you do with them and the way you fit it, plus what accessories you use with the clothes. The clothes could be from Nordstrom, Wal-Mart or Jim Bridges. Each business is meeting a need. I prefer to just leave your choice of stores to each of you.

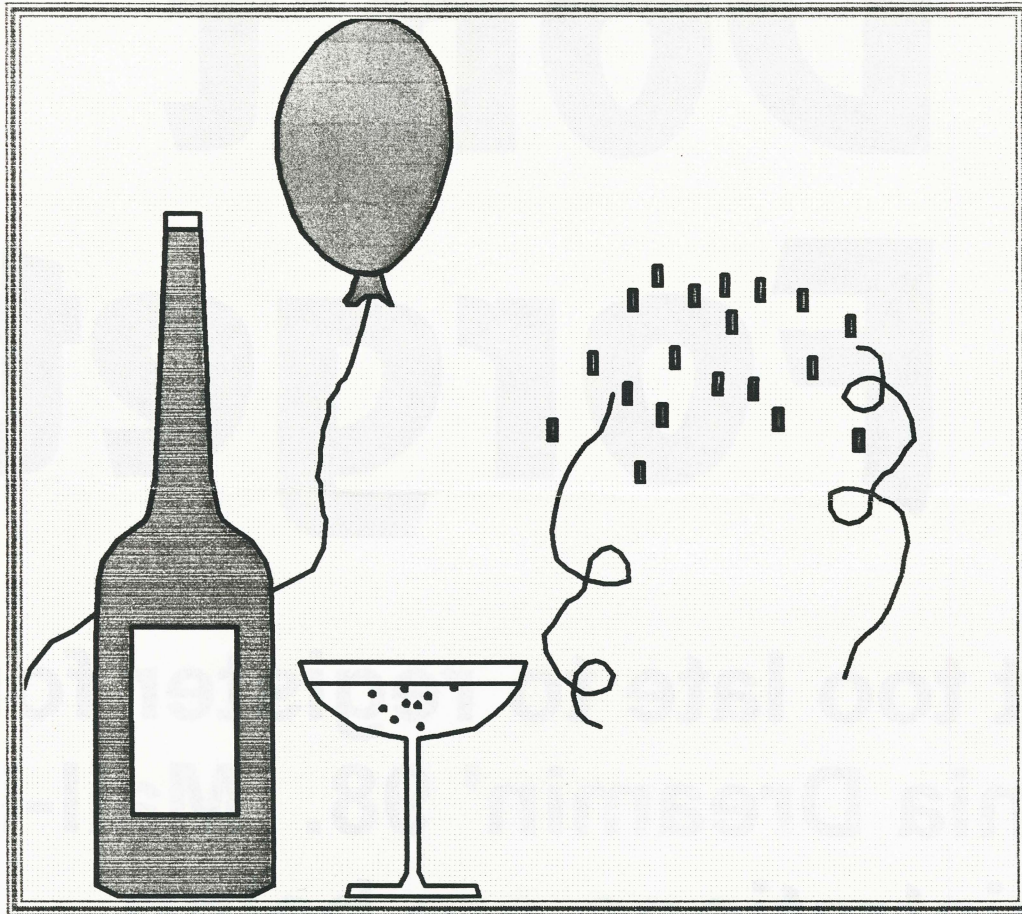
Thank you for allowing me to share my view with you. It is my opinion and each of us have the right to our own opinion but after being hurt so many times and being chased away from one of the most important things in my life by someone's opinion in this community. I have a hard time understanding why when there are so many more people falling into that "NORMAL WORLD" against us, we can't just encourage one another instead of discourage in order to work together to build a stronger better world for our community. You know those famous words "Why can't we just get along?" I personally live for that day

Editor's Note: Clearly having a friendly shop where both the crossdresser & wife/SO can safely shop together is a valuable resource. This is a viewpoint that I hadn't thought of and haven't heard expressed. Thank you Besti for sharing your insight and thoughts with us. And thank you also to all the wives/SO at last March's meeting that choose to share their experiences with their partner's coming out. Their is still a lot for us to learn — *Cyndi*

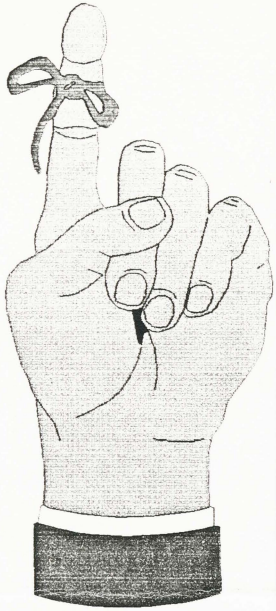
California Dreamin'

San Francisco

April 30 — May 3



Wine Tasting
Thursday Evening
4/30/98 - 6:15 pm
Crystal Ballroom
Limited Number of Tickets
For Sale, \$10 Each



Don't Forget

It's not too late to register for California Dreamin' 98. Mail-in registrations are being accepted up until April 27th. After that you can still register at the door beginning on the morning of April 30th. Don't miss out on this years event.

VISA/MASTERCARD ACCEPTED

California Dreamin'

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The response to our event has exceeded our expectations and the Golden Gateway Holiday Inn has almost sold out the block of rooms reserved by the event organizers. There are a few rooms left for Saturday, 5/2/98 only. There are no more hotel rooms available during the other days of our event (April 29, 30, and May 1). There are, however, a number of other rooming accommodations available in the immediate vicinity to the Holiday Inn. Some room rates are even less than the Holiday Inn. The following listing was compiled for your convenience in selecting room arrangements. All the hotels/motels provided are listed in the American Automobile Association (AAA) California Tour Book and offer some priviledges to members, so if you are a Triple-A member make that known when you inquire about reservations. All the hotels are listed as accepting major credit cards for room reservations. Sorry, but the California Dreamin' organizers cannot guarantee the room rates and any availabiltiy quoted in the Tour Book.

1. Richelieu Hotel - 1050 Van Ness Ave., (Van Ness @ Geary) \$65-\$89 per night
Reservations - 415/673-4711
2. Quality Hotel - Cathedral Hill - 1101 Van Ness Ave.,(Van Ness @ Geary) \$105 -\$170 per night
Reservations - 415/776-8200
3. Nob Hill Motel - 1630 Pacific Ave. (0.5 blk off Van Ness @ Pacific) \$65 - \$75 per night
Reservations - 415/775-8160
4. Castle Inn - 1565 Broadway (0.5 blk off Van Ness @ Broadway) \$65 - \$70 per night
Reservations - 415/441-1155
5. Broadway Manor Inn - 2201 Van Ness Ave. (Broadway & Van Ness) \$75 per night
Reservations - 415/776-7900
6. Comfort Inn By The Bay - 2775 Van Ness Ave. (Van Ness @ Lombard) \$99 - \$159 per night
Reservations - 415/928-5000
7. Cathedral Hill Hotel
Reservations and Information - 415/776-8200

We're sorry about any inconvenience this may cause, but nevertheless, we encourage you to attend California Dreamin' '98 for a wonderful gender experience.

REGISTRATION FORM FOR CALIFORNIA DREAMIN' '98

MAILING NAME: _____
 MAILING ADDRESS: _____
 CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____
 TELEPHONE: _____
 (OPTIONAL)
 BADGE NAME _____
 PARTNER' BADGE NAME _____

EVENT RATE SCHEDULE
 (PLEASE CIRCLE YOUR CHOICE)

Schedule	Singles Rate If rec'd before 3/6/98	Couples Rate If rec'd before 3/6/98	Singles Rate If rec'd after 3/6/98	Couples Rate If rec'd after 3/6/98
Full Event (Thursday thru Sunday)	\$220.00	\$410.00	\$235.00	\$440.00
Friday thru Sunday	\$200.00	\$370.00	\$215.00	\$400.00
Saturday & Sunday	\$180.00	\$335.00	\$190.00	\$360.00
Saturday only	\$140.00	\$260.00	\$160.00	\$290.00
Saturday banquet and show only	\$50.00	\$90.00	\$55.00	\$100.00
Per diem (workshops/seminars only)	\$30 per day, or \$50 for two days	\$30 per day, or \$50 for two days	\$30 per day, or \$50 for two days	\$30 per day, or \$50 for two days

Payment Method:
 Personal Check Money Order

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Card Number: _____

Expiration Date: __ / __

Signature: _____
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 P.O. BOX 1088
 YORBA LINDA, CA 92886

TELEPHONE REGISTRATION NO.: (714) 281-0271
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Hotel Accommodations

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

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

IMPORTANT HOTEL RESERVATION INFORMATION AND DEADLINE

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

REGISTRATION NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

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PPOC
 PROUDLY PRESENTS
 THE 8TH ANNUAL

CALIFORNIA DREAMIN'
 APRIL 30 - MAY 3, 1998

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 In Beautiful
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WELCOME TO THE CITY BY THE BAY

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

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

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

[Partial List of Presenters]

(Subject to Change)

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

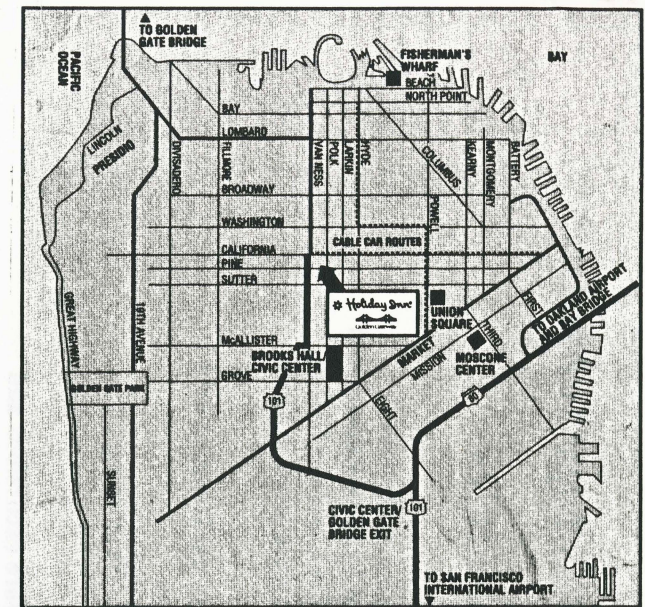
CALIFORNIA DREAMIN' '98 WILL FEATURE:

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

TOPICS, TOPICS, TOPICS

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

AREA MAP



REGISTRATION FEES INCLUDE:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

REFUND POLICY: Full refunds, less a \$25 handling fee, will be made to those who cancel their reservations via letter postmarked on or before 2/16/98. Cancellations after 2/16/98 will have refunds based on a formula determined by the California Dreamin' Organizing Committee with each case reviewed on its individual circumstances. Because the meal counts must be presented to the hotel staff each day of the event, no refunds will be issued for at-the-door registrations. Refunds will be processed and mailed in May 1998.

California Dreamin' '98 Workshop/Seminars

Activities and Meal Schedules

Thursday, April 30th

1. **At Leisure.** Vans will be available from 9am to 4:30pm for excursions & tours of the San Francisco area; \$15 per person. Hosted by: The Educational TV Channel (ETVC), Rainbow Gender Association (RGA), and the Diablo Valley Girls (DVG) Vendor area in the Redwood Room open from 9:30 am to 5:30 pm.
2. **Wine Tasting** featuring the wines of California in the Crystal Room at 6:15 pm to 7:30 pm. Hosted by Alison Laing. \$10 per person
3. **Reception in the Crystal Room at 7:30 pm to 10:00 pm. No host bar.**

Friday, May 1st

1. **Workshops and seminars from 9:00 am to 4:30 pm. More excursions and tours of the San Francisco area; \$15 per person. Vendor area in the Redwood Room open from 9:00 am until 5:30 pm**
2. **Luncheon 12:00 pm to 1:30 pm in the Goldrush A Room. Keynote speaker: Alison Laing.**
3. **Cocktail Party hosted by TGForum in the Oregon Room from 5:00 pm to 6:15 pm.**
4. **Pre-Dinner Cocktails 6:30 pm to 7:30 pm in the Goldrush A Room. No host bar.**
5. **Dinner 7:30 to 10:00 pm in the Goldrush A Room.**
6. **Bar Hopping with the ETVC Happy Campers: 10:00 pm until the bars close. Transportation \$10 per person.**

Saturday, May 2nd

1. **Workshops and seminars from 9:00 am to 4:30 pm. Vendor area in the Redwood Room open from 9:00 am until 5:30 pm.**
2. **Luncheon 12:00 pm to 1:30 pm in the Emerald Ballroom. Keynote speaker: Linda & Cynthia Phillips.**
3. **Pre-Dinner Cocktails 6:30 pm to 7:30 pm in the Crystal Room. No host bar.**
4. **Dinner 7:30 to 8:30 pm in the Crystal Room.**
5. **Entertainment Gala hosted by ETVC 8:30 to 10:00 pm in the Crystal Room.**
6. **Bar Hopping with the ETVC Happy Campers: 10:00 pm until the bars close. Transportation \$10 per person.**

Sunday, May 3rd

1. **Brunch 8:30 am to 11:00 am in the Emerald Room.**
2. **Vendor area in the Redwood Room open from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm.**