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Thank You, JD and Rosie!

Thanks from all of your transgendered friends for the wonderful party February 11th. It was a great event, and we are all very appreciative. Also thanks to Karen [REDACTED] for the initial contacts.

— *Nicky*

News Briefs

Lucent Technology is having its annual EQUAL! management development conference in New York City March 18 through March 20, 1999 to **support diversity** among its workers.

The **National Gay and Lesbian Task Force** said this is the **busiest start ever to the legislative year** with respect to gay-related and HIV/AIDS-related bills. This year 111 bills have been introduced, compared with 24 last year. As last year, the right wing has taken aim at gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgender couples. At the same time, there is greater momentum for hate crimes legislation than in years past. **New York's bill would prohibit discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation** in the areas of employment, housing, education, public accommodations, and credit.

In a **protest against the ban on same-sex marriage**, approximately 78 United Methodist pastors engaged in a union blessing of a lesbian couple in Sacramento, California on January 16.

Oregon currently faces a bill that would **exclude sex change operations** from coverage under the Oregon Health Plan.

The first **Argentina GLBT cable TV**

program aired on February 2, 1999.

Harry Benjamin Conference. The XVI symposium of the Harry Benjamin International Gender Dysphoria Association is to take place in London, England from the 17th to the 21st August at Imperial College, South Kensington.

Matthew Shepherd's parents talked to Katie Couric in an exclusive interview. When asked about the counter-demonstrators, Dennis Shepherd said, "They looked really silly out there. We were burying a son. We were not burying a murder victim. We were not burying, uh, a gay young man. We were burying our son. And they looked really asinine."

The American Boyz is very pleased to announce the launch of **ElderTG, a support and networking e-mail list for transsexual, transgender, and intersex persons (both MTF and FTM) aged 50 and older and SOFFAs (significant others, friends, family, and allies) of such persons.** Both long-time transgender persons and those new to transgender issues are welcome. Subscription requests should contain a short statement indicating why one is interested in subscribing and should be sent to ElderTG's moderator at <LoreeCD@aol.com>.

The 2nd International Association for the study of **Sexuality and Culture** in Society Conference: Beyond Boundaries will be on July 21st-24th, 1999 in Manchester Metropolitan University, Manchester, England.

The Progressive Organization of Gays in the **Philippines**, known as Progay, urgently seeks letters to support its fight against **recent anti-gay and transgender marriage legislative proposals.** In July and August 1998, Senators Marcelo B.

Fernan and Miriam Defensor Santiago submitted a series of four bills that bar recognition of marriage involving transgenders, contracted in the Philippines or abroad, and bar recognition of marriages or domestic partnership between two people of the same biological sex contracted in countries that legally recognize such relationships. Senate Bill No. 894 **seeks to limit this recognition of marriages outside the country to those specifically between a *biological* man and *biological* woman.**

A new mailing list for networking information about jobs available and transfriendly employers called TSJobs has now been formed. Anyone with an interest in this area is encouraged to join. It is our hope that we can exchange information about work and jobs for transgendered people and thus take some control of our employment back. If you are interested please contact krell@serve.com or go directly to <http://www.onelist.com> and sign up there.

Stranger than Fiction

JAPAN - Earlier this year, the dazed crew of a Japanese trawler were plucked out of the Sea of Japan clinging to the wreckage of their sunken ship. Their rescue, however, was followed by immediate imprisonment once authorities questioned the sailors on their ship's loss. They claimed that a cow, falling out of a clear blue sky, had struck the trawler amidships, shattering its hull and sinking the vessel within minutes. They remained in prison for several weeks, until the Russian Air Force reluctantly informed Japanese authorities that the crew of one of its cargo planes had apparently stolen a cow wandering at the edge of a Siberian airfield, forced the cow into the plane's hold and hastily taken off for home. Unprepared for live cargo, the Russian crew was ill equipped to manage a now rampaging cow within its hold. To save the aircraft and themselves, they shoved the animal out of the cargo hold as they crossed the Sea of Japan at an altitude of 30,000 feet.

Kids Wanted!

Are you the child of lesbian, gay, bisexual or transgender parents? If so, we'd like to talk to you about a new public TV documentary focusing on kids like you, made by the daughter of a lesbian mom. The SONS & DAUGHTERS documentary project seeks articulate and outgoing kids: *of lesbian, gay, bisexual or transgender parents, *adopted, donor inseminated, or whose parents came out after they were born, *in urban, suburban, and rural areas from all over the United States, *of all racial and ethnic backgrounds, *age 10-18. We're especially looking for families who: *include people of color, *live in Southern states and/or rural communities, and *have two or more children. Become a part of the SONS & DAUGHTERS project and help change the face of American families on television! Filming is scheduled for Spring, 1999 over several days to profile each family in-depth. For more information call 212-946-1033 or e-mail SDProj@aol.com. Check www.COLAGE.org for info & survey. This project is supported by COLAGE (Children of Lesbians and Gays Everywhere), GLSEN (Gay, Lesbian and Straight Education Network) and PFLAG (Parents, Family and Friends of Lesbians and Gays). Funding is provided by Independent Television Services (ITVS) and the Corporation for Public Broadcasting.

From Rob Bresny's Real Astrology: SAGITTARIUS (Nov 22-Dec 21) Week of February 4, 1999 Events this week will make a man out of you--if you're a woman. And they'll make a woman out of you if you're a man. The transsexual crossover I'm talking about will be happening in the deep dark closet of your psyche. Nevertheless, it won't be a mere abstraction. Your body will undergo actual chemical alterations. And woe be to you, by the way, if you think there's something bizarre about activating more of the qualities of the opposite sex. You now have a very sexy opportunity to become a more complete and attractive human being.

Falwell a Teletubby?

[Received from Mike Mills via glb-news. This is a wonderful farce--Vix.]

HOUSTON, Texas. -- Unnamed sources in the now-defunct Moral Majority organization have suggested that the Rev. Jerry Falwell, conservative Christian and televangelist, is a Teletubby. A spokesman for the National Liberty Journal (NLJ), a periodical edited and published by Falwell, denies these charges, claiming Falwell is nothing like the colorful characters featured in a popular childrens' television program. "While it is certainly true that Reverend Falwell appears ON television," Tim Felch said, "it is entirely untrue that a television screen is located ON Reverend Falwell. It's simply not the same thing." Teletubbies, actually played by actors wearing cherubic costumes, have television screens on their bellies.

An unidentified source inside the Moral Majority network called attention to 'disturbing similarities' between Falwell and Teletubbies, including a generally portly shape, incoherent babbling, and some sort of geometric pattern attached to his head. "It's a halo," said Felch, "and being a fat blowhard is a prerequisite for evangelist preaching. Last time I checked, being rotund and unintelligible wasn't an automatic indicator of being some sort of childish caricature." Don King was unavailable for comment.

A statement issued by former Moral Majority staffers contended that the similarities were 'intentional and unmistakable', and were inappropriate for a conservative Christian leader. "As Drones," the statement read, "we feel that role modeling the Teletubby lifestyle is damaging to the moral lives of Christians." Felch said the Moral Majority was attacking something "pointless yet annoying" to further their own pointless yet annoying agenda.

Bill Boghole, a spokesman for the Christian Coalition, agreed with everything anybody has ever said that was, in some sense, stupid.

Ma Vie en Rose

"Ma Vie En Rose" French with English subtitles. We watched the video of this film with several transgendered friends, and many of them were in tears by the time it was half over. "My Life In Pink", as the film's title translates to, is a 1997 French release with subtitles about a young boy who in convinced he is a girl. Ludovic, the quietly determined heroine, is constantly cross-dressing in his sisters' clothing despite parental disapproval and neighborhood horror. Ludovic's family has moved to a new upscale neighborhood, and when the locals discover that the new arrivals include an obviously gender-variant child, their reaction is swift and brutal, starting with spray-painted homophobic graffiti and ending with Ludovic's father's loss of job and eventual expulsion. Ludovic's parents go from tolerating their child's eccentricities to hysterically curbing every possibly gender-inappropriate move their "son" makes.

Through it all, Ludovic remains stubbornly convinced that "he" is a girl, and one scene where he explains to a classmate that "he's" really a "girl-boy" will ring a note of understanding in most TG folks. The ending - and a surprise appearance of Christina, a gender-variant girl who is very much Ludovic's opposite number and who takes a shine to him (and eventually forces his parents' hands) - will warm the hearts of anyone who manages to make it through the painful spots in the middle of the film. Like "Our Trans Loved Ones", this is a good piece for transgendered folk to include as part of their coming-out package. Ask for it your video stores.

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Diva Las Vegas

Diva Las Vegas is the name given to an informal get-together of members of the transgendered community, and their friends and guests, which happens in May. It began as an in-real-life meeting of those who had gotten to know each other on the Internet. As the name implies, this happens in Las Vegas, Nevada.

What do you do at Diva Las Vegas ? We eat, drink, and be Mary. <bf> Seriously, we spend a few days just being ourselves and take in the sights and activities of Las Vegas. There's shopping, dining, shows, clubs, sightseeing, socializing, and, of course, gaming. Read on for some examples of what you can expect.

What's the difference between Diva Las Vegas and other events such as Fantasia Fair, Fall Harvest, Southern Comfort, etc. ? Diva Las Vegas is a vacation, not a convention. Diva Las Vegas is more informal, far less structured, and more real-life. It's less of a convention, and more of an informal get-together to simply enjoy life and each other's company. (It's also far less expensive.) Diva Las Vegas has no formal organization or sponsorship.

When does this happen ? In 1999, it will happen the third weekend in May, an extended weekend of May 14 - 18, 1998. This is the weekend immediately following Network / Interop. Due to popular request, we're extending the event by one day this time, from Friday evening through Tuesday. If you are unable to make the entire weekend, you will be welcome to participate as much as you can.

Can I really go out dressed in Las Vegas ? Well, since Las Vegas has a law against public nudity, you have to. <bf> Seriously, everyone attending is free to dress according to their own desire, style, and comfort level. Some of the participants remain in one mode or the other throughout the affair. Some choose to be in one mode for some events, and the other for some. We ask that when you're with the group, you dress and act as a lady or gentleman, whichever you prefer at the time.

Is Las Vegas really that "T-Safe" ? Throughout the history of Diva Las Vegas, there have been absolutely no incidents of harassment, ridicule, refused service, inferior service, etc. Our participants have gone shopping in local malls and shops, gambling in various casinos, gone to various tourist attractions, attended production shows, etc., all with no hassle whatsoever.

The local T* group reports that they very seldom get a "no" when they ask any local business if they wish to do business with the transgendered community. The only casino where there has ever been a known incident was Circus-Circus. (But I've heard two versions of the story.) There are many bars, clubs, businesses, etc., that welcome T-business, and a list will be provided to all those attending.

Will there be any vendors there? Are there any shops in the area that cater to TV/CD types ? As far as we know, there are no shops in LV that cater exclusively to T's, but that's primarily because there's no need for them. Most of the main-line businesses in Las Vegas will welcome your business. A list of businesses known to be t-friendly will be given to those who attend.

As far as "vendors", there will be the entire Las Vegas business community! A list of recommended firms (including clothing, makeovers, wigs, opticians, photography, etc.) will be given to all who attend.

Who's speaking ? You are !!

How do I register and how much is the registration fee ? You "register" by simply sending an e-mail message to dlv99@geekbabe.com which states that you intend to join us. Please also include a statement that you are at least 21 years of age. Although this event is not sexually-oriented, we will be dealing with themes that are objectionable to many parents. Most hotels in Las Vegas will not rent rooms to those under 21 years of age, and 21 is the minimum age for drinking and gaming in Nevada.

Winter Intimacy Retreat for Gay and Bi-Sexual Men and Transgendered People

This will take place at the Deer Hill Conference Center in Wappingers Falls, New York from March 5-7, 1999. I've gone in drag for the past 2 years, and although they try to be inclusive, it's tough to get real acceptance in the world of gay men, but being gay, I want to be there.

Finally they have used the word transgender in their title (they say transgender men - because no bio-females are allowed). I hope more girls will attend this year. Our message needs hearing especially in our own community. Call Ken [redacted] at [redacted] for information.

ABC News Request

My name is Deanna Lee - I am a producer for ABC News currently working on an ABC-USA Networks co-produced hour-long documentary on transgender. At this early stage we're looking into a wide range of issues ranging from medical and workplace issues, to discrimination, to youth issues. Many of you may have already talked to me or my colleagues about various subjects we're researching; in this posting, however, I'm specifically reaching out to trans youth and the people in their lives.

What interests us about this is that so many people seem to think that "trans youth" is a contradiction in terms - that people do not "decide" on being trans until they are old enough to know whom they want to sleep with. By showing that the 7-year-old child in "Ma Vie En Rose" is not unrealistic in being a child with feelings about identity--we hope to teach our audience that transgender is just that...about identity, not sexual preference. This, of course, resounds as well with all the trans adults we are talking to, everyone who remembers their earliest childhood thoughts, confusing though they may have been, about gender.

By examining this very basic issue, we can change some of the biggest misconceptions

about transgender, and in the long run, I hope, make life easier on a day-to-day basis for many people--whether at home, in school, in social settings, or at work.

Because it is so important to show that this does not have to do with sexual orientation, I'm particularly interested in talking with pre-pubescent youth (or as close as possible to early teens) and those close to them. Please understand I have no interest in disclosing identities of youth (this is something we can easily work around). At this point, I am happy to speak with you off-the-record, as any and all conversations will be helpful, even on a background level, for my own understanding of the issues.

You can e-mail me at LEED@ABC.COM, or phone 1-800-221-7386 (1-1032-# for my extension) Thank you!

Performer Wanted

Any performers interested? Local to New York is needed. Contact Eileen Chang via email at eileenchang@usa.net

Hi, I'm a student at Bard College, in upstate New York. This is somewhat of a shot in the dark, but I am looking for someone to help provide me with information on how to make contact with performance artists that play with gender. I am putting together a performance / installation that has an interrogation of gender and beauty as its centerpiece. I am trying to locate a "professional" transvestite, someone who is comfortable performing in a piece in front of a small group (40-50 people). The role involves coming into a room that is a simulated boudoir and enacting a full visual transformation from "male" to "female". Mirrors, makeup and clothing are all provided in the room. I don't have too much money, but I could hopefully cover transportation (from NYC) and food and perhaps a nominal fee.

English?

- Did you know that "verb" is a noun?
- How can you look up words in a dictionary if you can't spell them?
- If a word is misspelled in a dictionary, how would we ever know?
- If two mouses are mice and two louses are lice, why aren't two houses hice?
- If Webster wrote the first dictionary, where did he find the words?
- If you wrote a letter, perhaps you bote your tongue?
- If you've read a book, you can reread it. But wouldn't this also mean that you would have to "member" somebody in order to remember them?
- In Chinese, why are the words for crisis and opportunity the same?
- Is it a coincidence that the only 15 letter word that can be spelled without repeating a letter is uncopyrightable?
- Is there another word for a synonym?
- Shouldn't there be a shorter word for "monosyllabic"?
- What is another word for "thesaurus"?
- Where do swear words come from?
- Why can't you make another word using all the letters in "anagram"?
- Why do fat chance and slim chance mean the same thing?
- Why do overlook and oversee mean opposite things?
- Why do people use the word "irregardless"?
- Why do some people type "cool" as "kewl"?
- Why do we say something is out of whack? What is a whack?
- Why do we say something's out of order when its broken but we never say in of order when it works?
- Why does "cleave" mean both split apart and stick together?
- Why does "slow down" and "slow up" mean the same thing?
- Why does flammable and inflammable mean the same thing?

- Why does the Chinese ideogram for trouble symbolize two women living under one roof?
- Why does X stand for a kiss and O stand for a hug?
- Why doesn't "onomatopoeia" sound like what it is?
- Why don't we say "why" instead of "how come"?
- Why is "crazy man" an insult, while to insert a comma and say "Crazy, man!" is a compliment?
- Why are a wise man and wise guy opposites?
- Why is abbreviation such a long word?
- Why is dyslexic so hard to spell?
- Why is it so hard to remember how to spell MNEMONIC?
- Why is it that no word in the English language rhymes with month, orange, silver, or purple?
- Why is it that the word "gullible" isn't in the dictionary?
- Why is it that we recite at a play and play at a recital?
- Why is it that writers write but fingers don't fing, grocers don't groce and hammers don't ham?
- Why is the alphabet in that order? Is it because of that song?
- Why is the plural of goose-geese, and not the plural of moose-meese?
- Why isn't "palindrome" spelled the same way backwards?
- Why isn't phonetic spelled the way it sounds?

Like the jokes and "stuff?" This is a preview for the great April Fool's edition of the TGist, when seriousness is forgotten for a month Arriving at your mailbox around the great April 1st holiday!

My dad remarried on April 1st. And that is not a joke!

Get your cards in the club room - support your club. - JG

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Sayings That Should Be On Buttons

1. Well, this day was a total waste of makeup. 2. Make yourself at home! Clean my kitchen. 3. Who are these kids and why are they calling me Mom? 5. Don't bother me. I'm living happily ever after. 7. This isn't an office. It's Hell with fluorescent lighting. 8. I pretend to work. They pretend to pay me. 10. I've found Jesus. He was behind the sofa the whole time. 11. If I throw a stick, will you leave? 13. Therapy is expensive, poppin' bubble wrap is cheap! You choose. 14. Practice random acts of intelligence & senseless acts of self-control. 15. Bottomless pit of needs & wants. 16. I like cats, too. Let's exchange recipes. 17. Friendly checkout clerk. Thanks for keeping me that way! 18. If I want to hear the pitta patter of little feet, I'll put shoes on my cat. 19. Does your train of thought have a caboose? 20. The Bible was written by the same people who said the Earth was flat. 22. Errors have been made. Others will be blamed. 23. God was my copilot, but we crashed into the mountains and I had to eat him. 24. Let me show you how the guards used to do it. 26. And your crybaby whiny-assed opinion would be...? 27. I'm not crazy, I've just been in a very bad mood for 30 years. 28. If only you'd use your powers for good instead of evil... 29. See no evil, hear no evil, date no evil. 30. A PBS mind in an MTV world. 32. Allow me to introduce my selves. 33. Sarcasm is just one more service we offer. 34. Whisper my favorite words: "I'll buy it for you." 35. Better living through denial. 36. Whatever kind of look you were going for, you missed. 37. Suburbia: where they tear out the trees, then name streets after them. 38. Adult child of alien invaders. 39. Do they ever shut up on your planet? 40. I'm just working here till a good fast-food job opens up. 42. I'm not your type. I'm not inflatable. 43. I'm trying to imagine you with a personality. 44. A cubicle is just a padded cell without a door. 45. Stress is when you wake up screaming & you realize you

haven't fallen asleep yet. 48. Here I am! Now what are your other two wishes? 49. Back off! You're standing in my aura. 50. I can't remember if I'm the good twin or the evil one. 51. Don't worry. I forgot your name, too! 52. Adults are just kids who owe money. 54. How many times do I have to flush before you go away? 56. I just want revenge. Is that so wrong? 58. I work 40 hours a week to be this poor. 59. You say I'm a bitch like it's a bad thing. 60. Can I trade this job for what's behind door #2? 62. Macho Law prohibits me from admitting I'm wrong. 63. Nice perfume. Must you marinate in it? 65. Too may freaks, not enough circuses. 66. Chaos, panic, & disorder -- my work here is done. 67. A woman's favorite position is CEO. 68. Ambivalent? Well, yes and no. 70. Everyone thinks I'm psychotic, except for my friends deep inside the earth. 71. Earth is full. Go home. 72. Is it time for your medication or mine? 74. Did I mention the kick in the groin you'll be receiving if you touch me? 75. I plead contemporary insanity. 76. And which dwarf are you? 77. I refuse to star in your psychodrama. 78. I thought I wanted a career, turns out I just wanted paychecks. 79. How do I set a laser printer to stun? 81. Meandering to a different drummer. 82. I'm not tense, just terribly, terribly alert. 83. I majored in liberal arts. Will that be for here or to go?

You might be from Upstate New York if: 1. You define summer as three months of bad sledding. 2. You think that people from Pennsylvania have an accent. 3. Your idea of a seven-course meal is a six pack of Genny and a bucket of Buffalo wings. 4. You believe that "down south" means Maryland. 5. You bake with soda and drink pop. 6. You define candy on a stick as sucker and a hopeless individual as a moron. 7. Halloween is snowed out with great regularity. 8. You have experienced frostbite and sunburn in the same week. 9. You know that Buffalo not only exists, but that it isn't far from Hell. 10. Your favorite holidays are Christmas, Thanksgiving, and the opening of deer season.

"How Bad Do You Want It?"

[Offered for your thoughts.] First-never posted here, never thought I would. But after reading the entire "First Kiss" thread with all its permutations, I just have to throw in some general thoughts on this whole thing. But before that, a bit about me- I transitioned a few years ago (three I think), I have had some cosmetic surgery, and had srs last year in Montreal. I work in designer fashion as a sales associate; my employer does not know about my past. I am constantly in contact with women in various states of undress- and they obviously do not know either.

I wear extremely expensive clothes (work around \$1000 dresses and you get over the sticker shock), am constantly complimented on my figure, and am liked and appreciated by my female co-workers. My friends are all genetic females; I have little or nothing to do with the gendered community. So I've arrived, I'm done, it's all over. NOT! In my opinion, one is never done with this process. We are saddled with a basic insecurity, and a past we often dare not discuss. The question "Do they know?" is never far from the front of my mind, although I know that is foolishness on my part. I had a date the other night with a guy who once hitched a ride on a submarine when he was in the Navy, and he proceeded to tell me all about it. I spent three years on the damn things, and found myself biting my tongue on more than one occasion. My point is that you simply must change. Normal life is an evolving process, so change is nothing new to anyone alive.

I cannot overemphasize the point that has been brought up time and again- this is an inside job. It isn't so much what you look like (though that cannot be dismissed) it's who you are, who you think yourself to be. Simone de Beauvoir, in her landmark work The Second Sex says "One is not born, but rather becomes, a woman. No biological, psychological, or economic fate determines the figure that the human female presents in society; it is civilization as a whole

that produces this creature, intermediate between male and eunuch, which is described as feminine." She goes on to state "Woman is a female to the extent that she feels herself as such...It is not nature that defines woman, it is she that defines herself by dealing with nature on her own account in her emotional life." Perhaps it is incumbent on those who have grave doubts about their situation to ask themselves "Who am I really?"

I ask myself that question constantly- I have only recently seen myself as female in my dreams. I am getting comfortable with my appearance, although I would like to do more to improve it- but then wouldn't a lot of genetic females do that given the chance? I am confident and self assured on the surface, but I am aware that I am standing on a house of cards of sorts- one "That's a guy!" and I would be devastated- but I would get over it. I really don't have an alternative. I have redefined myself, and that has had as much impact on my passability as any surgeon's knife.

I am very hung up on the passability thing, perhaps to the point of neurosis, but then I need a monster under my bed- keeps me on my toes! (grin) There are indeed some physical hurdles that are difficult to overcome, but I think that with total determination and focus- not to mention a lot of money- these limitations can be overcome. You simply have to want this more than anything else. Got a situation in your life that obstructs you, like an uncooperative spouse? Leave. You really have no choice. Everyone knows you in your small town? Move. Be prepared to lose your friends, livelihood, and family, for this process may indeed cost you all that. How bad do you want it? --Wendy

"If you're a 45-year-old man and you're an airline pilot and you have an ex-wife and three adolescent kids, you better get on Thorazine or Zoloft or Prozac or get locked up or do whatever it takes to keep you from being allowed to do something like this."

- Dr. Renee Richards, on the subject of her SRS, Tennis Magazine, March 1999

TGIC

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Transgenderist's Independence Club (TGIC) is a nonprofit, educational, non-sexual social support group for persons wishing to explore beyond the conventional boundaries of gender, including crossdressers, transsexuals and their friends.

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Readers are invited to submit articles relevant to the Transgendered Community for consideration. You may bring or mail typed pages for publication to the TGIC clubroom. Format should follow that shown in the current newsletter. You may also e-mail the articles to [REDACTED]. The article should be part of the body of the e-mail.

Regular Meetings are held every Thursday at the TGIC Club Room on Central Avenue in Albany, 7:30 PM to 10 PM. Some come earlier and stay later, but it is wise to 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 local night spots after the meetings.

BECOME AN IFGE MEMBER

The International Foundation for Gender Education is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization. Basic membership is \$25 per year. Subscriptions to Transgender Tapestry are \$40. Brochures and forms are available in the TGIC Club Room. Call or write to:
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TGIC On-Line

All transgendered people are invited to join TGIC On-Line, an informal e-mail network sponsored by Transgenderist Independence Club (TGIC). Messages exchanged on TGIC On-Line focus on events of interest to transgendered people in a region from Lake Placid to Newburg. If you are interested in joining the network, or want more information about TGIC, send an e mail message to: TGIC-request@hartebeest.com with any subject line and in the message body, the text:

JOIN TGIC
STOP

(Please note: JOIN TGIC must be on line 1. STOP must be on line 2) You will receive an automated acknowledgment (Journal) of your request, which must be approved with the list moderator.

Calendar and Events

TGIC meetings are held Thursdays at 7:30 in the clubhouse. * See explanation in this issue.

Events of Note

- March 5-7 Winter Intimacy Retreat for Gay and Bi-Sexual Men and Transgendered People, Wappingers Falls, NY *
- March 13 Twenty Club, TS Support Hartford, CT
- March 17-21, IFGE, Louisville (See 12/98 TGist)
- March 21 Equality Begins at Home Grassroots GLBT lobby
- March 27 Twenty Club, TS Support
- April 16-18 SUNYA hosts Eastern US LGBT Conference (see 2/99 TGist)
- April 23-25 Full Circle of Women Essex, MA
- April 29-May 2 "Queer Youth," conference Binghamton, NY
- May 14-18 Diva Las Vegas *
- May 22-25 California Dreamin 99, Yorba Linda, CA No information yet
- June 2-6 17th Annual Be-All, Cleveland, OH No information yet



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