



# GIRL TALK

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

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## Spare Hair Care

For November's meeting Powder Puffs has brought in C. Maria from *Ricardo M. Hair Salon*, in Los Angeles. Ms Marie will be our guest speaker and will be discussing wig care as well as the Wig Bank Program for LA area.

Powder Puffs will be conducting a Wig Drive for the November meeting. So if you have spare hair to spare, bring it in and donate it to the Wig Bank.

**Date:** November 15, 1997  
**Place:** Placentia Holiday Inn,  
118 E. Orangethorpe, Placentia,  
CA just east off the 57 freeway  
(exit Orangethorpe).

**Time:** 8:00 pm. *7:30 pm*

## Happy Birthday, Virginia

Please join us to celebrate the birthday of Virginia Prince on Saturday, November 22, 1997 at 7 p. m. in the Grand Salon of The Student Union at California State University, Northridge. Banquet tickets are \$20.00 per person. Please make checks payable to Richard Docter and mail to: Richard F. Docter, P. O. Box 280126, Northridge, CA 91328-0126 or call: 818- [REDACTED] or e-mail: [REDACTED]@aol.com

Parking and street directions are as follows: Take the 405 Freeway to the Nordhoff St. off-ramp. Proceed WEST on Nordhoff about 4 miles to ZELZAH. Turn RIGHT for three blocks to Plummer, then LEFT onto campus. See Parking Kiosk (\$3.00). If you need a map, please call or write the above phone number or address and you will receive one in the mail.

Please send your card or message to Virginia to the above P.O. Box PLEASE, no gifts other than sponsorship (see below). If you wish to be listed as a Sponsor in the banquet program please send your check to Richard Docter at the above address (checks payable to Richard Docter). Sponsorship (gift for Virginia):

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Virginia



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The Great Halloween Debate  
by Melanie Yarborough

Halloween '97 has come and gone. Many of us went to work dressed in traditional male Halloween attire such as a pirate or clown and are now thinking, "maybe I should have dressed as my femme self this year." Well, Melanie has offered us a few parting thoughts on this matter.

Every October, many transgendered people go through the same anguished dilemma: "Do I go to my workplace Halloween Party as . . . myself?"

On the surface, it seems like a perfect opportunity. A chance to show yourself as you truly are, but under the guise of a costume. To be able to talk and socialize with friends and co-workers as you'd really like to be year-round. The thrill of "getting away with it" at least one day a year. Who wouldn't jump at the chance?

But wait. It's not that simple.

Remember, there's always one person with too sharp an eye. Someone who can (and will!) put two and two together: The long hair. The long fingernails. The pierced ear. Or the time you defended someone who was gay or transgendered in a lunchroom conversation.

There's always someone who'll say to themselves — and soon enough to other people — "You know, this isn't the first time he's done this . . ." And surely in any large workplace there's at least one person who dislikes you enough to start a whispering campaign.

The problem is, transgendered people present *too* well. If we put together a half-done obvious burlesque of femininity, maybe it would be accepted as holiday drag. But we put care and attention to what we do. It would be degrading and even harmful to our own self-image to put on an underdone female image.

Each person has to make their own decision to attend their own office party *en femme*. And if one has the courage and ability to do so, go for it. But one should also be willing to take the responsibility if it leads to being outed.



Around the World

Taken from *Prima Donna* by Pamela Yatsko from *Far Eastern Economic Review* v160, n39 (Sept 25, 1997):136

Jin Xing is China's most widely-known transsexual. Her work at the forefront of modern dance combines with her sex change to make her a major focus of individual expression. The Chinese usually despise nonconformity. Jin grew up as a male and gained recognition for dancing skills, but undertook government-approved sex-change operations in Beijing during 1994 and 1995. She continued her career and choreography work after the operation, but critic Ou Jianping maintains that her dancing does not show its previous excellence, and her choreography skills have yet to mature.

## President's Message

by Dee Grady

Have you heard the one about the Crossdresser, Police, and the 91 Freeway? Usually when someone starts out a conversation like this, one expects to hear some kind of joke. Unfortunately, this is not a joke. If you haven't heard by now, a Crossdresser was in a police chase a few weeks ago. What happened was the CD's car had a minor "fix-it" infraction. But, the CD got nervous and tried to outrun the police, until enough of the femme clothing and makeup had been removed. The CD called 911 and tried to explain the situation to the operator, but it did not do any good. Had the CD simply pulled over, only a traffic situation would have been issued.

What was your first reaction when you heard this on the news? I'll tell you what mine was: This CD had never been to a support group meeting. Now, he is out to his family and co-workers in the worst conceivable way. He'll most likely lose his family and job because he hid the crossdressing. Had he been to a support group meeting, he'd most likely would have pulled over, been issued a citation of infraction and sent on his way.

I bring up this subject because we've been having poor attendance lately. Granted, two of our meetings were not on the third Saturday, but still other meetings have not been to greatly attended. Every time we don't have 25 paying people in attendance, the club loses money. It is also the time of year in which we start collecting dues for the next fiscal year. Very few people have renewed their memberships. The Halloween Party was another financial fiasco again this year. The 10th Anniversary Party also lost money because we over estimated the number of attendees.

Okay, so some of you can only make one or two meetings a month. If you attend Ladies Knight Out on the first Saturday, or Alpha, Born Free, or CHIC on the second Saturday, then by the time the third Saturday rolls around, you're tired of dressing or can't make the meeting because of other reasons. You've had your weekend out. But, what about that other person who has yet to attend any meeting? You know the guy. He is the one being chased by the Police. What has he got to go to, if our club no longer can afford to do a meeting?

There are a lot of people still out there who still need our

help. And by "our" I mean the entire Community. That first timer needs to see each and every one of us who have been attending these meetings. He needs to see how we dress, do our makeup, discuss our crossdressing with our families. He needs that safe place to go.

Lately, our attendance has been down. I am hearing the same complaints I heard when I took over as President over two years ago. I guess I let status quo be okay. I figured as long as I just keep on doing the best I could, everyone would still show up at the meetings. I guessed wrong. Well, I am going to keep on trying to bring in interesting speakers, affordable food, and maintain a safe place for the first timer.

Diane, Jeri, and I have redesigned our brochure. We are currently trying to distribute these to some of our vendors and to some new vendors. We want to try and rebuild our membership with new people. But this will take time. So, in the meantime, please, try and make a concerted effort to be at more of the meetings. And if you haven't renewed your membership, please do so. That first timer is still out there. Let's try to keep him from making more mistakes. We made mistakes. That doesn't mean the first timer has to make the same, just because we did.

See ya at the next meeting.

Dee

## What About the Wives?

Researchers Sallie Hunt and Terri L. Main recently conducted a phenomenological study of 4 women (2 wives of transvestites and 2 wives of transsexuals) to explore the extent, if any, that the wives may think they might be lesbian (sexual orientation confusion). Subjects (aged 35, 48, 36, and 38 years) were asked 40 open-ended questions in an interview with the experimenters. The researchers defined sexual orientation confusion as the Subject questioning her heterosexuality and evidenced by statements found within the text of the interview and identified as such by independent readers of the text. The investigators found that sexual orientation confusion occurred in the wives of transvestites following disclosure of the husband's cross-gendered behavior. However, this was not true of the wives of the transsexuals.

The work appeared in the *Journal of Psychology & Human Sexuality* (1997), v9 (n2):39-51.



**QUEENSPEAK**

by Joan Goodnight

## California Unity '97

The financial accounting for the joint IFGE/California Dreamin' convention has finally been completed and all of the accounts reconciled. In compiling information for the final profit/loss statement I inadvertently duplicated one major expense item which made it appear that the convention administrator, IFGE, owed PPOC a significant amount of money. The error has been corrected and the end result is that the IFGE does not owe PPOC any funds. I apologize for this error and for any misunderstandings that may have resulted.

## Wither Goest IFGE?

Just when we were getting used to, and comfortable with, Alison Laing as executive director of the International Foundation for Gender Education (IFGE) up pops another unexpected factor in the constantly changing equation of that organization. Alison has resigned her executive directorship but will remain on its board of directors and as a part-time volunteer with the titles of Director of Community Relations and Executive Director Emeritus.

Effective November 1, 1997, Nancy R. Nangeroni will assume the mantle of foundation executive director. The action to appoint Nancy to this position was taken by the IFGE board during a meeting at the recently completed Southern Comfort gender conference. Other than being a feature writer in Tapestry Magazine, and being awarded one of the foundations prize plum Trinity Awards at California Unity, not too much is known about Nancy out here in the western colonies. According to the bio provided by IFGE Nancy has her own radio talk show in the Boston area and is very active in local political advocacy.

Best wishes to Alison and Nancy on this transition in their careers.

What:: Dinner and beauty/talent show to benefit AIDS

Hospices

Place: Burbank Holiday Inn

Time: Cocktails 6 pm, Dinner 7 pm

Showtime: 9 pm

Cost: \$30 per person for dinner, and additional \$20 to participate in the talent show

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## L'Oréal Beauty FAQs

Taken from the Internet

**Q:** Dear L'Oréal:

How do you achieve a thicker lash look using my mascara? From Lesley E.

**A:** It's easy to be right in the thick of it! Move the mascara brush in a back-and-forth motion across your lashes — from the inner eye to the outer eye. Then simply shape lash by brushing up from the lash base to the tip as you normally would.

**Q:** Dear L'Oréal:

How do I make my lips look fuller? From Allison S.

**A:** Apply concealer (try L'Oréal Hydra Perfect Concealer) to lips, moving just outside of the natural lip line. Then, choose a natural tone lip pencil (L'Oréal Lip Precision The Nudes) and shape the mouth above the natural line. Finally, fill in entire lip area with lip pencil and apply a neutral shade of lipstick. Now you're kissing pretty! **Reason:** The concealer neutralizes your lip tone so that you can line just outside of your natural lip line to create a fuller effect. A fringe benefit is that the concealer provides a foundation so your lipstick lasts extra long! Try it... it works!



## Bowling! What About Our Poker Game?

by Rachel Mill

♥♠♦♣ Alan, Bill, Charlie and Dan love poker and started a club that played the first Friday of each month. Ed heard about the game and asked to join the club. He fit right in and they all had a great time at the next game. The following month Ed suggested that they go bowling instead. Everyone except Ed wanted to restrict the club's activities to poker. A rather intense discussion ensued and Ed was asked to leave the club. There was nothing wrong with bowling and if the club had been established to participate in varying forms of social events each month, bowling might have worked. But the purpose of the club was quite specific - to play poker -- and the members weren't interested in other types of events. They had a common interest in poker and formed the club to meet their specific purpose.

How does the poker club relate to Our Gender Family? One of our continuing issues is whether every gender organization ought to be required to have open membership for anyone who wishes to join or be allowed to restrict membership based on certain criteria. Before we end up passionately arguing about this subject only to discover that we interpreted a term differently, let's check Random House's Second Edition Unabridged Dictionary now to establish some common definitions.

**Association** - an organization of people with a common purpose and having a formal structure

**Club** - a group of persons organized for a social, literary, athletic, political or other purpose

**Organization** - a group of people organized for some end or work

**Purpose** - the reason for which something exists or is done, made or used.

The Speakers Lifetime Library lists an aphorism (a short saying that embodies a general truth or makes an astute observation) for clubs. "A club has to have more than one person and it also has to exclude more than one person. If everybody's a member, it is no longer a club. "Given those definitions and aphorism, the

question isn't whether a membership line should be drawn but where it should be drawn and for what purpose. Different types of organizations have unique membership criteria. Religious groups require adherence to certain spiritual beliefs or principles. Businesses or companies organize around certain common markets, products or distribution channels. Fraternal societies, men's and women's groups and singles clubs all have different common bonds and exclude those who don't fit their purpose.

A few simple illustrations make the point -- the Catholic Church does not accept a professed atheist as a member in good standing and most single groups strongly discourage or prohibit a married person from joining. Without such basic membership requirements the fundamental purpose of the organization would be subverted. One case where a membership requirement should not be tolerated is when it is based on discrimination. Requirements such as a golf club excluding Blacks or a business organization excluding women, deserve to be challenged.

How ought we approach membership inclusion and exclusion? The concept of a Gender Family that includes everyone who considers themselves part of either the gender or gay/lesbian communities is wonderful but doesn't mean that a single organization can create that unity. We have common goals but are also quite different in many ways. We share the objective of bending, shifting or breaking society's enforced link between birth sex and gender role. Yet, the goal of a male cross-dresser to PASS as a woman has precious little in common with the needs of a female-to-male (FTM) transsexual to learn to BE a man. Perhaps the best approach is embodied in the theme for the Gay, Lesbian & Transgendered parade in San Francisco this year -- "One Community, Many Faces" -- One gender family with many organizations reflecting our differing faces.

For a club to achieve its reason for being, it needs to focus on meeting the needs of its constituents. Experts on poker can help poker players and experts on bowling can help bowlers. But poker players and bowlers have little in common. Drawing a seven to fill an inside straight and picking up a 3-10 split appeal to two very different audiences. At the same time, bowlers can support poker players' rights and poker players can support bowlers' rights. If the club is large enough and

has sufficient resources it may have alternative programs for poker players and bowlers. If critical resources are unavailable, the founding poker players clearly have precedence.

The difficulty of meeting divergent needs became clear to me at the July S.P.I.C.E. conference. Some wives were experiencing high stress levels in dealing with their husband's cross-dressing. Cross-dressing wasn't allowed at the event but these women didn't even want the men to be present. Many steps were taken to increase their comfort level. No publicity was allowed, confidentiality pledges were required, special program tracks were developed, one-on-one counseling was readily available and provisions were made for women-only meals. Every reasonable concession was made to accommodate their needs.

While S.P.I.C.E. has the needs of women as its primary focus, they recognize that their ultimate goal is to help couples find ways to integrate cross-dressing into their relationship. That goal makes it necessary to work with men, so other program tracks were designed for men and for couples. Fortunately the organization has adequate resources to properly support the entire program. Given the magnitude of the trauma already in existence, imagine what would have happened if FTM transsexuals who had relationships with lesbian women had been invited as well. The wives who couldn't handle cross-dressing husbands would have been totally unable to deal with that situation. Furthermore, S.P.I.C.E. doesn't have the expertise to deal with transsexual issues. The result of such an inclusive action would have been the destruction of an effective support group for the wives of cross-dressers without establishing anything effective for transsexuals. Where is the value?

Suppose for a moment that we were to require an open membership policy for all gender and gay/lesbian groups. Who would be in charge of setting and enforcing the rules? Do we want a universally recognized umbrella group that can dictate policy to all groups? If open membership became a requirement, what would prevent "straight" members of society, say the religious right, from joining gender and gay groups and turning them into poker and bowling leagues? Where would we draw that line and what would make it any more valid than existing lines?

As a practical matter we don't have to choose either open membership or restricted membership -- we already have both. Some organizations choose to be totally open. Others impose varying degrees of restrictions. As long as no one engages in discriminatory behavior, multiple choices provide the maximum value to all of our family members. We need to avoid internal struggles that drain energy and direct our attention away from relevant issues. Territorial disputes dilute our ability to function as an effective group. I for one don't want to end up as a fulfillment of Groucho Marx's words - "I don't care to belong to a club that accepts people like me as members."

Taken from Rachel Mill, Our Gender Family #8 - November, 1997

## From the Internet

Dear Friend: While doing an automated search for people interested in transgender issues, your (PPOC) e-mail address was found. If you don't have an interest in this area, my apology, and please disregard this note. I'd like to let you know about an interesting new article at our web site, the Nu-Woman Transgender Cabaret ([www.nu-woman.com](http://www.nu-woman.com)). It's called Gender Expressions, and is written by Dr. Carl Bushong of the Tampa Gender Identity Program.

Gender Expressions is about transitioning (amongst other related issues) for CD's and TG's as well as TS's...Transition is more than a physical/superficial journey, although transition can involve physical change, too. And transition should include a rebirth of the individual that has long been buried under the layers of society's imposed expectations. Gender Expressions will help you to begin or continue your transition with added insight, as well as ways to put you on track for success. I hope you have a chance to drop by the Cabaret and look at Gender Expressions, as well as other great articles, our selection of transgender videos, and cosmetics and wigs.

Regards,  
 Kimberly Westwood  
 Nu-Woman Transgender Cabaret  
<http://www.nu-woman.com>

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

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

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**OZZ Supperclub**, Restaurant, Hi-tech Danceclub, Cabaret Lounge, 6231 Manchester Blvd, Buena Park CA, 714-522-1542

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# Powder Puffs Rap Sheet

*Community Events and Other Happenings — "All Work and No Play Makes Jill a Dull Girl"*

## On the Local Scene

*Places to go, Things to do, People to see.*

### First Tuesdays

*Pathfinders*, monthly support group for genetic females involved in the gender community. Hotline 24 hrs/day 714-325-2938. Write Pathfinders, P. O. Box 2973, Corona, CA 91718-2973

*Come Taste the Night* at Marlayna's T- Party. Tommy Tang's, 7313 Melrose Ave., West Hollywood. Reservations: 213-937-5733.

### First Fridays

*Peal* — TS support group, 12832 Garden Grove Blvd., Garden Grove, 7:30 pm. Call 714-534-0862

### First Saturdays

*Ladies Knight Out* (Heterosexual couples in a committed relationship only) for information write to: LKO, P.O. Box 19608-0179, Irvine, CA 92713

### Second Saturdays

*Alpha Chapter of Tri-Ess*: Meets at Burbank Holiday Inn. Contact Kathy Helms, 818-████████ or Virginia Prince, 213-████████ for information and requirements.

*Born Free*: University Room of Hampton Inn, 1590 University Ave., Riverside. 8:00 pm. Contact Born Free, P.O. Box 52829, Riverside, CA 92517, or call 909-875-2687 for info.

*CHIC*: CHIC emphasizes strict security. Meetings are closed except to members and invited guests. Write to CHIC, P.O. Box 8487, Long Beach, CA 90808 for information and requirements.

### Second & Fourth Saturdays

*"On the Scene Night" and "Fetish Night,"* presented by Marlayna at the Queen Mary Show/Lounge, 12449 Ventura Blvd., Studio City. 818-606-5619.

### Third Saturdays

*Powder Puffs of California*, Placentia Holiday Inn, Placentia, CA. 8 pm. Contact P.O. Box 1088 Yorba Linda, CA 92885. 714-779-9013.

### Fourth Saturdays

*Neutral Corner*, meets at King's Inn, Hotel Circle, 7:30 pm. Contact P. O. Box 12581, San Diego, CA 92112. Contact 619-685-3696

### Second Sundays

*The Los Angeles Gender Center*, monthly support & informational group meeting for the transsexual (FTM & MTF), transgender communities. The Women's Center, 1512 S. Robertson Blvd., LA. Contact The Los Angeles Gender Center, 310-475-8880.

### Tuesdays & Wednesdays

*Androgyny*, meetings Tuesday nights from 8:30 pm-9:30 pm in Santa Monica, CA; Wednesday nights from 8:00 pm-9:30pm in Riverside, CA. Contact Androgyny, P.O. Box 480740, Los Angeles, CA 90048. Call between 9:00 am-9:00 pm, mention your call is concerning Androgyny, 213-████████ (ask for Shirley or Sheila) or 909-████████ (ask for Paula)

## On the National Scene

*From Sea to Shining Sea*

**Aug 9-11,1997**, Third Annual FTM International Conference. Boston, MA 5337 College Ave., #142, Oakland, CA. Call 617-683-1095

**Sep 10-13,1997**, 15th Harry Benjamin International Symposium Gender Dysphoria, Vancouver B.C., Vancouver Health Sciences Center, Center for Sexuality, Gender Identity, Echelon Bldg., 2nd floor, 856 W. 12th Ave., Vancouver B.C., Canada, V5Z-1C6. Call HBIGDA 415-322-2335, FAX 415-322-3260

**Sep 18-21,1997**, Paradise in the Poconos, P.O. Box 61263, King of Prussia, PA 19406-1263. Call 610-640-9449

**Oct 2-5,1997**, Southern Comfort, Atlanta, GA. P.O. Box 77591, Atlanta, CA 30357. Call 404-633-6470, e-mail SCCAtl@aol.com, <http://members.aol.com/sccatl>

**Oct 16-19,1997**, Rainbow Spirit Convergence, Dixon Mountain, NC. Call 704-253-9882

**Oct 19-26,1997**, Fantasia Fair, Provincetown, MA, P.O. Box 2734, Boston, MA 02208

**Oct 30-Nov 1,1997**, Fall Harvest '97, Omaha, NE, P.O. Box 24408, Omaha, NE 68124, e-mail ██████████@geocities.com, <http://www.transgender.org/tg/maggie/rcga/FH97/index.html>

