



GIRL TALK

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*June Meeting is
Canceled!*

June Gloom?

Well, looks like the best made plans of crossdressers can come unravelled. For those of you who have not heard the

JUNE MEETING IS CANCELED

Evidently, the hotel had already booked our room. See the Prez Page for details.

But the July meeting is still on. The Board will have to juggle the calendar, but the July meeting is still on!

Date: Sat, June 20 - **CANCELED**
Time: 8:00 pm PDT
Place: Placentia Holiday Inn, 118 E. Orangethorpe Ave, Placentia, CA. Take 57 Fwy to Orangethorpe exit. Head east.

Calendar of Events

- Jul 18 . Dr. Elias? Elections?
 - Aug 15 TBA*
 - Sep 19 Beauty Faire '98 *
 - Oct Halloween Party
 - Nov 21 TBA
 - Dec Christmas Party
- * Meeting begins at 8:00 pm

Did You Know ... ?

From the Internet
Forwarded by Gina Ann Glass

- 1. Did you know... If shop mannequins were real women **THEY'D BE TOO THIN TO MENSTRUATE**
- 2. There are 3 billion women who don't look like supermodels and **ONLY 8 WOMEN WHO DO.**
- 3. Marilyn Monroe wore a **SIZE 12.**
- 4. If Barbie were a real woman, she'd have to walk on all fours due to her proportions.
- 5. The average American woman weighs 144 lbs and wears between a size 12 & 14
- 6. One out of every 4 college aged women has an eating disorder.
- 7. The models in the magazines are airbrushed-- **THEY'RE NOT PERFECT!!**
- 8. A psychological study in 1995 found that 3 minutes spent looking at models in a fashion magazine caused 70% of women to feel depressed.
- 9. Models who twenty years ago weighed 8% less than the average woman, today weigh 23% less.

There is no sense in our generation of women and future generations of women killing themselves to look thin.

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The Next Generation

By Cyndi Silk

No, we're not talking about Star Trek, or the Borg. Rather, we are talking about we, ourselves, presenting crossdressing to our next generation of leaders rather than leaving it Jerry Springer.

Recently, two Powder Puffs members spoke before a psychology class at one of our local universities. The instructor wrote a thank-you note to these speakers and passed on the comments of some of the students to the speakers. I am printing some of the comments to illustrate that we can change the attitude of these students if done properly. The identities of these speakers are unimportant so I will use the names Ginger and Mary Ann after the Gilligan's Island castaways.

In the thank-you note, the instructor wrote, "you and Mary Ann made a real impact on the students and hopefully, decreased their misconceptions and negative biases towards cross-dressing and transgenderism."

The students were equally impressed as some of them wrote:

"Excellent presentation! I was very impressed at the beauty, confidence, comfortableness, and openness to any and all questions. Having guest speakers like we've had make such a big difference in understanding all types of personalities."

"I felt Ginger and Mary Ann's presentation was very informative. In the beginning I wasn't comfortable with how they were dressed, but as I listened to them and got to understand them more I noticed my comfort level increase."

"The presentation clarified a couple of misconceptions I had in regards to cross dressing. First, I assumed if you are a cross dresser, then you must be homosexual. Well, after today, I found out that this is not true."

"I have never considered how I really felt about cross dressing, but Ginger and Mary Ann made me realize that I don't mind. they are very "real" normal people."

"I think that this has been a very valuable presentation because it really helped to differentiate between cross dressing and drag queens. I think that the way Ginger and Mary Ann presented themselves was very tasteful and it cleared up many of the misconceptions you get from (television).

"The presentation changed my views greatly about their lifestyle, from questionable to respectful."

"Knowing that people cross dress for more than sexual reasons makes me feel more tolerant and understanding of cross dressers."

"I found my attitude completely reversed. When Ginger and Mary Ann came in, I felt slightly scornful, but after hearing them talk, I felt more accepting."

Given the high praise bestowed on these two speakers, I thought it would be helpful to find out what reasons they might give for such a successful presentation. I discussed their presentation with one of them (Mary Ann).

Mary Ann gave me four important points she keeps in mind during any presentation.

First, if you think it's come down to Us vs. Them, you've become one of Them.

If you ever find yourself in a discussion with a student who just can't accept cross dressing remember, just because you "beat" your student in an argument, it doesn't mean those who share that student's opinion will switch to your side.

She stated, "On any given issue, there is a percentage of people fixed on one side or the other, and a greater number in

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President's Page

by Dee Grady

Just got finished cleaning up the Golden Gateway Holiday Inn. What a chore that was!

We had an excellent turnout for the convention. For example, at Saturday night's banquet we had over 170 people. Everyone seemed to have had a good time. Shopping, sightseeing tours, pub crawls, club crawls, partying in one great international city. Entertainment at the banquet was the best we've ever had. Ready for the next one? Well, before we do the next one, we've got some other business to attend to about our group. The most important issue is OFFICER & BOARD Nominations!

Unfortunately we're going to have to hold off this annual meeting for one month. It seems the Placentia Holiday Inn has rented out the meeting room for the weekend to another group for the third and the fourth weekends in June. Joan even made an attempt to get the meeting room at the old Best Western. Guest what? When Joan mentioned PPOC . . . well, let's just say it seems the meeting room just was "all booked up" for the month of June. This kind of treatment just backups up my feelings that the old Best Western just did not want anything more to do with us, even though we were long time customers. We can just forget any idea of going back there.

So, life goes on. And, so do we. At our July meeting it will be time to nominate those who would like to help out. There will be another rare occurrence at our July meeting. For only the third time in almost seven years, I will not be able to attend the meeting. I'll be at a family reunion in Nevada. My children, grand children, and other family members will be basking in the lovely weather of Laughlin. Sorry, can't get out of this one! So, to that end, some of you will need to step forward and help plan the meeting.

Just to give you an idea of just what is needed, here is a list of things needed:

1. Guest Speaker
2. Food
3. Sodas & Coffee
4. Plates, napkins, forks, knives
5. Ice and Ice bucket
6. The meeting room & Changing room

Does not seem like a lot to worry about, but try doing it for three years.

Also, a few of you already now this, but I won't be running for a fourth term as your President. I will however like to stay on as a Board member. My work and career is taking on new directions. To that end, I need to cut back on my community involvement for the next two years. It is time to let someone

new take over and lead the group. You may think that no one can do as good a job, but give the new President your support and helping hands, and I think you'll be surprised that they can do just as good a job.

Thank you for letting me serve as your President !!!

Hugs,

Dee

Speakers

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between. I go for the people in between. These people often make their decision on who they trust, who seems reasonable, who is not trying to force them toward a certain position."

Second, frame your debate — or get framed. Shows like Jerry Springer thrive on outrageousness and confrontation — that's why they don't bolt the chairs down! Winning popular opinion does not come about by staking out positions on the margins. Mary Ann pointed out that while many anti-crossdressing arguments can be forcefully rebutted, she likes to pose her arguments more as an appeal to reason. She stresses how women have more freedom to dress in various clothes while men do not and how this might be unfair, or that being a "real man" has to do with a lot more than what you wear — in other words she frames her position in a way that resonates with most people.

Third, never let the students see you sweat, or to put in more feminine terms "glow." In other words, Mary Ann notes that it is important to appear likable and approachable. "Always smile," she said, "and dress impeccably. That means no jeans, T-shirts, and sneakers!" She stated that to be successful in winning over the great middle ground, one needs to come across as someone you could have at your home or backyard barbecue, Aunt Mildred for example. Even if your arguments are correct and points understandable, it is difficult for the students to relate if you sound angry or embittered.

Finally symbolize something or end up being a symbol. Mary Ann points out that with something like cross dressing, it is easy to be defined at the lowest level, in other words: "it's all about sex" or "it's some weird, uncontrollable fetish."

She always points out the work our community does in areas that affect women, in particular. She stresses the good work that PPOC and many other clubs do with wigs for cancer victims and battered-women's shelters. She claims that this tends to uplift the activity (cross dressing) so that it symbolizes something bigger and more sweeping and leads to a greater understanding of women's issues.

In the end she offered one last piece of advice, "Remember to relax. I know, it's not always easy to do when you're dressed in women's clothes in front of hundreds of students.

"Also, always be yourself and above all be absolutely, 100% truthful. The students can spot a fake clear across campus. Remember, you may be talking with hundreds of students — but you are talking to them one at a time."



QUEENSPEAK
by Joan Goodnight

California Dreamin' 1998

Chalk up another one for the record books. The eighth California Dreamin' event is now history and it went by so quickly that I have no idea where the time went. One moment my spouse and I are getting ready to make the journey up to San Francisco and it seemed that before I could count to three we're back home again.

I have to say one thing about our bay area co-hosts. They really know how to throw a party. Juana Smith put together an outstanding selection of workshops with real cutting-edge information for the transgender community. Leslie Bailey pulled out all the stops with the Saturday Night Entertainment package. All of the entertainers including Leslie, ETVC prez Erin Souza, and the instrumentalists were terrific, but the show stopper was the performance of The Andrew Sisters. These three performers sang from a repertoire of the original Andrews Sisters songs which brought back fond memories of when I saw them perform at a defense plant during World War II. Becky Redsing from DVG and former ETVC prez Jane Bolig put together the wonderful tour packages. Chief Pub Crawler Darcy Leopard kept the gals busy Friday and Saturday nights with excursions to the Loongbar at Ghiardelli Square, the Crown Room at the Fairmont Hotel, the Mother Lode in the Tenderloin, the Cafe in the Castro district, and the GirlSpot somewhere South Of Market St. Thanks are also extended to our guest speakers for the event which included Dr. JoAnn Roberts, Alison Laing, Nancy Nanageroni, and Linda and Cynthia Phillips who did double duty by honchoing the couples seminars.

LOS ANGELES PRIDE DAY PARADE
From: Suzan Cooke

**You don't have to be a Menace
in this year's
Los Angeles Pride Day Parade**

**Transsexual, Transgendered,
Intersexed, Heterosexual Cross
Dresser, Drag Queen, Drag King,
Androgyne**

**Pre-Op, Post-Op, No- Op
F2M, M2F, F2F, M2M**

**Parents & Children, Brothers &
Sisters**

Friends, Lovers & Significant Others

**On June 28th at 10am we will meet on
Santa Monica Blvd between Fairfax
and Crescent Heights for the annual
Pride March**

**This year we will be meeting as
TransPride SoCal and are open to all
who wish to march with us.**

**To locate us ask one of the monitors
with a clip board**

**For further information contact Suzan
Cooke (scooke@pacbell.net)**

Ma'am, May I See Your License, Please?

By Carolyn Joy Clark

Reprinted from *Neutral Corner's Reflections*, May 1998

When I go to clubs I like to dress sexy. It's not beneath me to wear a short skirt or dress. I do my makeup a little more daring. I like my hair big and my heels high. I don't know if it's because of the attention I get from men who see me dressed this way, but deep inside I am a very conservative girl with a high moral sense about her.

Four years ago I took a trip to the Queen Mary (the boat) in Studio City for a night of fun. My ensemble was a very short black velvet dress, black

stockings and my biggest red hair. I applied my makeup as I do when I am going to the clubs. Dark eye shadow, bright red lipstick and plenty of mascara and blush . . . watch out Cindy Crawford! Black velvet pumps with four-inch stiletto heels and matching black velvet purse did nicely to accessorize my look. A few gold chains and rings added to my motif and I was soon out the door and headed for LA.

Traffic was light and I knew I would make good time getting to the Queen. I had just purchased a Ford Probe sports car and this was its initiation. I like to drive fast, but always keep within established parameters for the road. I had been through the border checkpoint at San Onofre dozens of times as Caroline, so I wasn't worried. However, this night, one of the officers motioned for me to pull over to the side of the highway. I was beginning to worry.

I was directed to a parking stall. "Ma'am, I'll need to see your license and vehicle registration, plus your proof of insurance. Also, would you please open your trunk?" I handed him the papers and my keys through my open window. "Ma'am, you'll have to get out of the car and open the trunk, please."

There were four or five boys sitting on the curb making wolf whistles at me as I got out of my car. One of the boys yelled, "Hoochie momma, hows abouta date?" The officer was not pleased.

"You boys let this lady alone. I don't want to hear

another thing from you or you'll have more than a speeding ticket to contend with." The officer was firm and reassured me that would not happen again.

When the trunk was open, all that was there was a black gym bag.

"Ma'am, what's in the bag?"

"A change of clothes, officer. Would you like me to open it?"

"That won't be necessary, ma'am. thank you. You can close your trunk now."

The officer had me get back in my car as he talked on

his walkie-talkie. He returned and was smiling. That really put me at ease.

"Ma'am, here's your license and papers. The reason we pulled you over was that we had a report

of a stolen vehicle matching your car's description. You checked out fine and are free to go."

I breathed a sigh of relief. I had visions of spending the night in some North County jail and becoming some overweight man's girlfriend. All this would happen as I waited for my father to come and take me home. At the time he had no idea I was transgendered.

"Thank you, officer," was all I could say. He smiled. I got in my car and resumed my journey.

The officer didn't say a thing about the way I was dressed. I still wonder why he didn't. At the time my license still said "M" and picture was male. Nothing matched. I'd often been told that I look entirely different as Caroline. Perhaps I wasn't the first transgendered person that officer had encountered. I figured I was lucky that he was so polite.

If you are ever pulled over at the border checkpoint, my advice to you is to remain calm. Even if you have a swarm of butterflies bombarding your tummy, don't appear nervous. Don't volunteer information not asked for by the officer. Don't do anything to put yourself in jeopardy. And most importantly . . . smile, *even if you don't feel like it*. Present a good image of yourself and things will most likely work out for the good. Remember that you are the transgendered community's best representative to a world which may not look so kindly upon us . . . officers and civilians alike.

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. . . Mom, I Need to Be a Girl

By Carolyn Clark

Reprinted from Neutral Corner's *Reflections*, April 1998

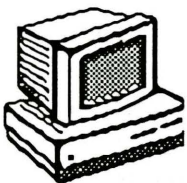
Have I got a treat for you! It is Evelyn's new book, ". . . mom, I need to be a girl." It is about her experiences in dealing with her very young transsexual child, Danielle. The uniqueness of this book is that it is the first of its kind. Books have been written about transsexuals, but never about teenaged ones. Evelyn has provided us with a gem!

Robyn Serven, PFLAG-TSON's Heartland Regional Director had this to say, ". . . mom, I need to be a girl is, in my honest opinion, essential reading for any parent whose child is transsexual. The book is a testament to unconditional love for one's child. Rare would be the transperson who doesn't get a bit wistful and misty-eyed reading Evelyn's account of her child's trials and tribulations and her own unfailing support of her child."

Lorne Flemming adds: "This is a story about a mother's love. A mother and her son coped with the transformation of the man-child, a cruel prank of nature, into a vibrant, stunningly pretty young lady."

I have read the book and agree with Robyn and Lorne. I was laughing and crying, very often at the very same passage! The book chronicles the roadblocks constructed by greedy counselors out for the money. It highlights the rejection by Danielle's father and other discouragements. But throughout the book we see everything countered by the victories and joy of Danielle finding herself. Experience the road from anguish to the joy of a teenage transsexual who has the support and love of her mother and two brothers. This is a must-read book!

You may obtain your copy of this wonderful book. . . . *mom, I need to be a girl.*, by sending a check or money order for \$10.00 (which includes tax, shipping and handling) to: Just Evelyn, 3707 Fifth Avenue #413, San Diego, CA 92103. Internet orders are also welcome at Evelyn's web site: www.justevelyn.com



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/>

This is a case sensitive address. Please capitalize appropriate letters.

In addition, Neutral Corner has a new e-mail address:
neutral-corer@geocities.com

TG Hate Crimes Bill passes CA Assembly

From the Internet

AB 1999 (Kuehl), the transgender hate crimes bill, passed the California Assembly 52-15 yesterday (May 27, 1998). It now goes on to the State Senate. Although it underwent some minor amendments late last week, it appears to be substantively intact. This is actually the most opposition yet to the bill, which passed through the Public Safety Committee 7-0 and Appropriations Committee 15-1. Nevertheless, prospects for the bill look very good. The bill has the support of the conservative presumptive Republican gubernatorial candidate Attorney General Dan Lungren, and many law enforcement organizations. Most insiders didn't expect us to get this far, but I think this may pass, notwithstanding the collapse of the LIFE Lobby a month ago. Without all of the hard work that Ellen McCormick (formerly of the LIFE Lobby) put in, this would never have gotten off the ground. (I'd also plug Jennifer Richard of Assembly Member Sheila Kuehl's office and Boyce Hinman of the Lambda Letters for their leadership). The Assembly vote yesterday was a major victory for the TG community of California, no matter what happens in the Senate. — Vicky Kolakowski

(Editor's note: According to the legislative counsel's digest "gender" in this bill is defined "to mean a person's actual or perceived sex, and includes a person's identity or appearance, whether or not that identity or appearance is different from that traditionally associated with that person's sex at birth." — Cyndi)

International Foundation for Gender Education Receives Gill Foundation Grant

The International Foundation for Gender Education, IFGE, recently received a grant for \$11,000 from the Gill Foundation, a private foundation based in Colorado Springs. The direct grant will be used by IFGE to assist with general operating expenses. This is the first time IFGE has received a grant from Gill Foundation. According to IFGE Executive Director Nancy Nangeroni, "We are very pleased to receive this grant from the Gill Foundation. The grant comes at an important time in this organization, as we are responding to the monumental changes in the transgender community - including our emergence as part of a significant new social movement -- by revitalizing our organization with renewed focus and energy. We see this grant as an indication that we are on the right track in our commitment to providing advocacy and education.

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My Secret Place, "A Specialty Consignment Store for Size 14+ Women Only," 188662 Beach Blvd., #116, Huntington Beach, CA 92646 (between Ellis & Garfield), 714-963-4743.

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MEDICAL SERVICES

Shirely Lampert, M.A., MFC. Professor of Human Sexuality, Psychotherapist, ASSECT AND AMERICAN BOARD OF SEXOLOGY. Certified Sex Therapist. Specializing in working with the TS & TV community. (714) 833-7810, 1151 Dove St., Ste 105, Newport Beach, CA 92660

Brad Taylor, M.A., MFCC, 360 N. Bedford Drive, Suite 215, Beverly Hills, CA 90212, sliding scale. (310) 247-9955

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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Viktor/Viktoria's, 1305 So. Pacific Coast Hwy Laguna Beach, CA 92651 714-376-8809

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, 818-352-9448 or Virginia Prince, 213-876-6141 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 19008, San Diego, CA 92159. Contact 619-685-3696. WEBSITE: <http://www.geocities.com/WestHollywood?Village/4718/> (This is a case sensitive address! Please capitalize.) E-Mail: neutral-corner@geocities.com

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, 213-467-8317 (ask for Shirley or Sheila) or 909-360-5584 (ask for Paula)

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Aug 6-9 World Pornography Conference Universal City, CA Dr. James Elias Center for Sex Research California State University, Northridge 18111 Nordoff Street Northridge, CA 91330-8318 818-677-3844 818-677-2059 FAX james.elias@csun.edu

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