

The International Foundation for Gender Education's

5th Annual

'COMING TOGETHER - WORKING TOGETHER' CONVENTION

DENVER

April 8 - April 14, 1991

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"We are here to do our part to build a better world in which to live. It is less important how many of you are here to have your personal needs satisfied than it is how many of our brothers and sisters out there in the world will have their needs satisfied because you are here."

— Merissa Sherrill Lynn

"The tendency is to say, 'Hey, I'm not part of that community... that's not my concern.' But it is our concern, because...we can all hang together, but surely, we will hang alone if we don't unify and work together."

— Sister Mary Elizabeth SSE

"We are a community... a community of necessity, for it is only by our banding together any of us can hope to be free, to be who, how, and what we are by nature. The 'Coming Together' convention is one small step for the few of us involved in it, but one giant step for humankind."

— Jaye R.

"We are a fortunate group of people, for we are overcoming the stereotypes, and we are melding our souls into the oneness called humanity."

— Kerri Reeder

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'COMING TOGETHER - WORKING TOGETHER' 1991

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OPENING COMMENTS

by:

Merissa Sherrill Lynn, Convention Director

Welcome to I.F.G.E.'s 5th Annual 'Coming Together - Working Together' Convention.

One lovely April morning in 1985, in the corner of a sunlit Chicago Howard Johnson's motel room, I sat with a small group - devouring donuts. Half awake, with my mental fuel tank on empty, staring at the jimmies on my frosted donut, I (or someone) suggested we have a national convention. Unaware of the consequences of my (or someone else's) reckless suggestion, the group immediately agreed, and appointed me director. The rest is history. We can, with considerable justification, say our international convention, one of the most valuable and effective tools we have for the development of our community, was inspired by Dunkin' Donuts.

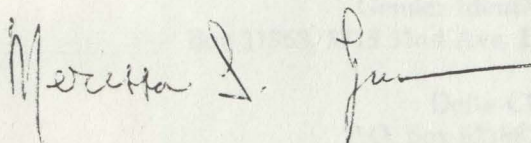
Being director has given me a little say-so as to how the convention is run. Being a philosopher has given me considerable say-so as to why and for what purpose. Since I consider the "why" more important than the "how", I would like to share with you a little bit of the philosophy behind the convention.

The crossdressing and transsexual phenomena have been with us as long as there have been people. However, the crossdressing/transsexual community is a very new phenomenon. Until very recently ours has been a tradition of indifference towards others like ourselves... a near religious devotion to a "to heck with you, what's in it for me" attitude. Over the past few years we have begun to realize that each and every one of us is in fact part of something greater than ourselves. Along with that came the realization that we are all members of just one world, and we have an obligation to care about each other, respect each other's differences, and put out some effort on each other's behalf.

Therein lies the primary objective of our convention: To bring together those members of our community who acknowledge that obligation, so we can work together to build a better world for us all. Let me repeat that. We are not here in Denver to simply have a good time, although we will most certainly have a good time. We are here to do our part to build a better world in which to live. Remember, it is far less important how many of us attend the convention to have our personal needs met than it is how many of our brothers and sisters out there in the world will have their needs met because we are here.

I am proud to be the director of this convention, and to be here with you wonderful people.

My love to you all,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Merissa S. Lynn". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the typed name.

» RULES & REGS «

ATTITUDE:

The theme is pride and dignity. We do not ask for respect, we expect it. If we do not get respect, that is not our problem. However, if we do not give respect, that is our problem. Therefore, we expect our participants to conduct themselves with pride and with dignity, and to respect the rights and feelings of other participants, the hotel staff, the hotel guests, and the general public.

CODE OF CONDUCT:

We expect all participants to exercise good manners, common sense, and to protect the security and peace of mind of all persons, including other participants, hotel staff, and the general public.

BATHROOMS / POOL:

The Regency's written policy is as follows: "Public restrooms will be available throughout the hotel. Persons will be asked to use the restrooms for which are gender identified and dressed."

We are grateful for the hotel's policy, which also applies to the pool. However, we do remind our participants of our code of conduct, especially the part about using common sense.

THE MEDIA:

The media is not allowed in the convention without written permission from either Merissa Sherrill Lynn or Bette Lee Johnson. However, that doesn't mean someone won't sneak through. DO NOT TALK TO THE MEDIA!!! We have trained media hostesses specifically for that purpose.

Remember, the media's job is to sell something, and many of them are unethical, and don't care who they hurt in the process... so please, once again, don't talk to the media. If you are approached by a member of the media, and they do not have authorization, we would be most grateful if you brought the incident to our attention. Also, the hotel security has been notified of the possibility of "gate crashers".

PHOTOS:

IFGE uses many photographers to document the convention. Selected photos will then be placed in the TV/TS Tapestry, and the convention photo album, and a few will be used to promote future conventions.

It is an impossible task to ask for photo releases from everyone at the convention, and even more impossible for the photographers to know who does or does not want their photo taken. Therefore, we ask that you take the responsibility of informing the photographer whether or not you want your photo taken.

The following persons are authorized to take photos on behalf of IFGE: **Renee Chevalier** (Coordinator), **Wendi Pierce**, **Mariette Pathy Allen**.

SECURITY:

The Regency Hotel has issued the following statement: "As discussed, we expect conference participants and all hotel staff to conduct themselves in a dignified and professional manner at all times. Should problems arise they will be dealt with as quickly as possible between conference organizers and hotel management staff."

COMMUNICATIONS:

DAILY NEWSLETTER:

The Daily Newsletter will be our primary means of communication. A table will be set up outside the Waterloo Station Room (registration).

There will be a collection box on the table for anyone wishing to place an announcement in the Newsletter. Also, when the Newsletter is printed (late evening), copies will be placed on that table. Copies will also be placed near the hotel's registration desk.

PROGRAM SCHEDULE:

A daily program schedule will be placed outside the Waterloo Station Room, so you can see at a glance what's happening today and tomorrow.

BULLETIN & SIGN-UP BOARD:

A bulletin board will also be placed outside the Waterloo Station Room. Any special announcements will be posted.

Sign-up sheets for special outside events (dining out, shopping trips, bar-hopping, etc.) will be posted.

PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Important announcements will also be made during each luncheon.

TRANSPORTATION:

The Regency Hotel has issued the following statement: "We will provide free shuttle service to and from the airport. We will also provide free shuttle service to and from our designated downtown shuttle stop based upon a prearranged schedule. Phones are available throughout the airport and clients will need to call the hotel at 458-0808 to request pickup."

We are also trying to arrange local transportation with our host organizations.

SKI TRIP, MONDAY 4/8/91:

The bus is costing us \$500+. We'll split that cost among the passengers. We are guessing the cost will be around \$15 a person, but it may be more if we don't fill the bus. We would like to make this a full day's outing, for those of us who want to ski, and for those who just want to look cute in their little bunny outfits, and for those who want to go see the pretty scenery. Therefore, we'd like to try and be out of the hotel by 7:00 a.m. (And the Patriots expect to win the Super Bowl, but hope springs eternal.)

Merissa, Kerri, and Donna will be on hand to help people improve their skills. However, we ask you keep in mind Merissa and Kerri are Eastern skiers and think hardpack snow is fun. They haven't learned how to ski in Western fluff, so indigo stained impressions may be left in the snow by the instructors as well as the students... so, fair warning, don't laugh!

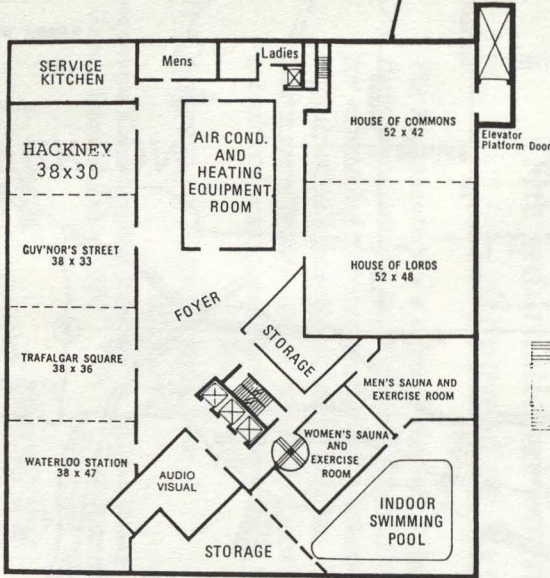
BEACH PARTY, THURSDAY NIGHT, 4/11/91:

The pool, the saunas, the exercise room, and the dressing rooms are all ours for the evening. This will be a laid-back affair, just for the fun of it. We'll have Beach Boy tapes, snacky stuff, a cash bar -- sorry, no boards or woodies, no beach for that matter, but it'll be fun... and you get to wear the bathing suit of choice.

FUND-RAISER / HAIR-RAISER PARTY, FRIDAY NIGHT, 4/12/91:

The purpose is to raise some money for a local charity of the host organizations' choice and have a great time doing it. There's a rumor we'll be showing the Rocky Horror Picture Show at midnight, so come prepared. Music, dancing, cash bar, snacky stuff. Everybody's welcome! Let's party!!!

SECOND FLOOR CONVENTION AREA A



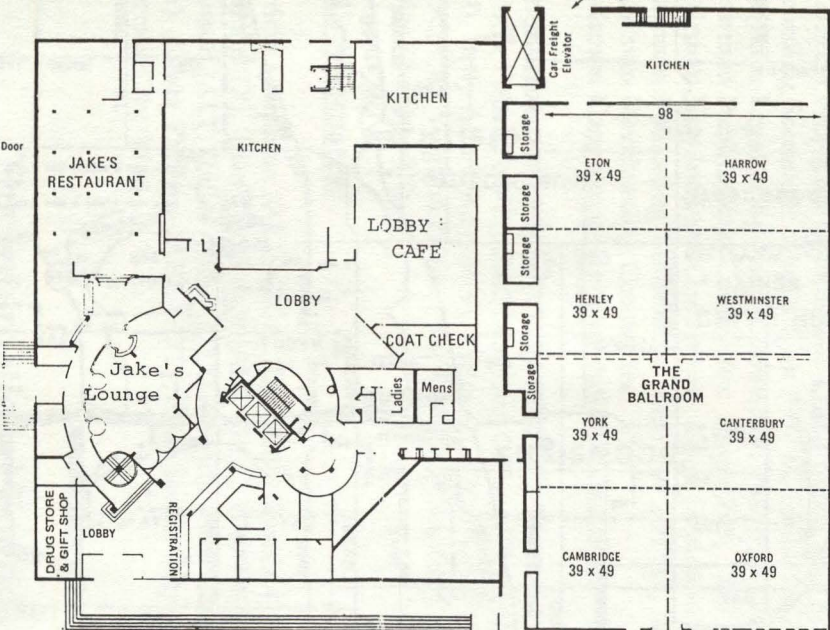
SECOND FLOOR CONVENTION AREA

	Capacity For Meetings	Capacity For Meals	Dimensions	Apprx. Area	Ceiling
House of Lords	280	200	52x48	2500	9'4"
House of Commons	200	150	52x42	2040	9'4"
COMBINED TOTAL	540	400	52x90	4540	9'4"
Hackney Road	100	90	38x28	1060	9'4"
Guv'nor's Street	120	100	38x33	1370	9'4"
Trafalgar Square	150	100	35x36	1250	9'4"
Waterloo Station	180	120	38x47	1780	9'4"
COMBINED TOTAL	750	500	38x144	5460	9'4"

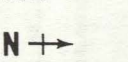
LOWER FLOOR SHOPS AND SERVICE AREA

	Capacity For Meetings	Capacity For Meals	Dimensions	Apprx. Area	Ceiling
Conference Room #1	30	25	16x22	450	8'6"
Conference Room #2	30	25	16x24	450	8'6"
Conference Room #3	45	40	24x22	450	8'6"
Conference Room #4	40	30	17x20	450	8'6"
Conference Room #5	45	40	24x22	450	8'6"
Conference Room #6	40	30	17x20	450	8'6"
Conference Room #7	45	40	26x19	450	8'6"
Conference Room #8	45	40	28x19	450	8'6"
Conference Room #9 & 10	35	24	24x20	450	8'6"

MAIN FLOOR CONVENTION AREA A&B



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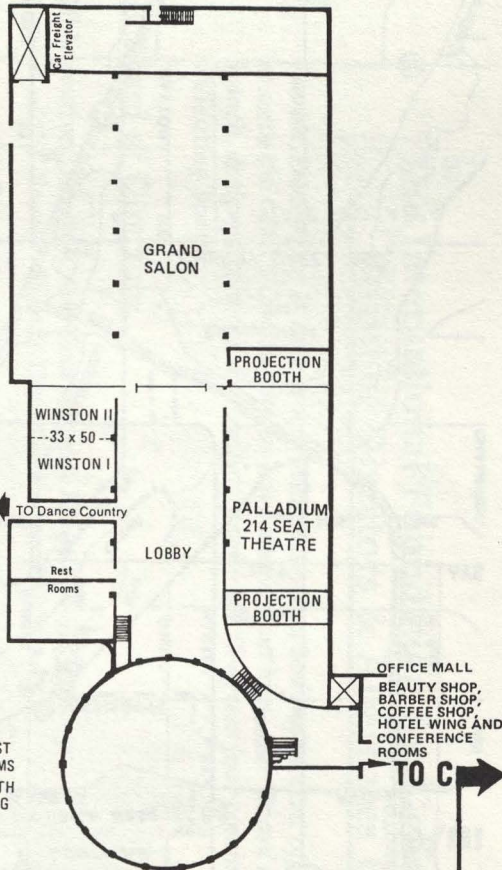


MAIN FLOOR CONVENTION AREA

	Capacity For Meetings	Capacity For Meals	Dimensions	Area	Ceiling
Grand Ballroom	2200	1600	162x98	15876	21'
Eton	200	100	39x49	1911	21'
Harrow	200	100	39x49	1911	21'
Henley	200	100	39x49	1911	21'
Westminister	200	100	39x49	1911	21'
York	200	100	39x49	1911	21'
Canterbury	200	100	39x49	1911	21'
Cambridge	200	100	39x49	1911	21'
Oxford	200	100	39x49	1911	21'
Piccadilly Rotunda			71' dia.	4000	30'

All rooms open out and connect in multiples of two, three, four, six
 Piccadilly Rotunda: Exhibits, Registration, Reception Area, 71' dia. and seats 240 for meals.
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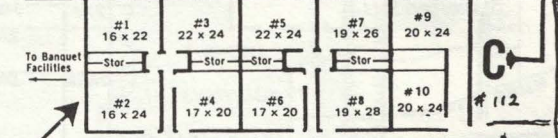
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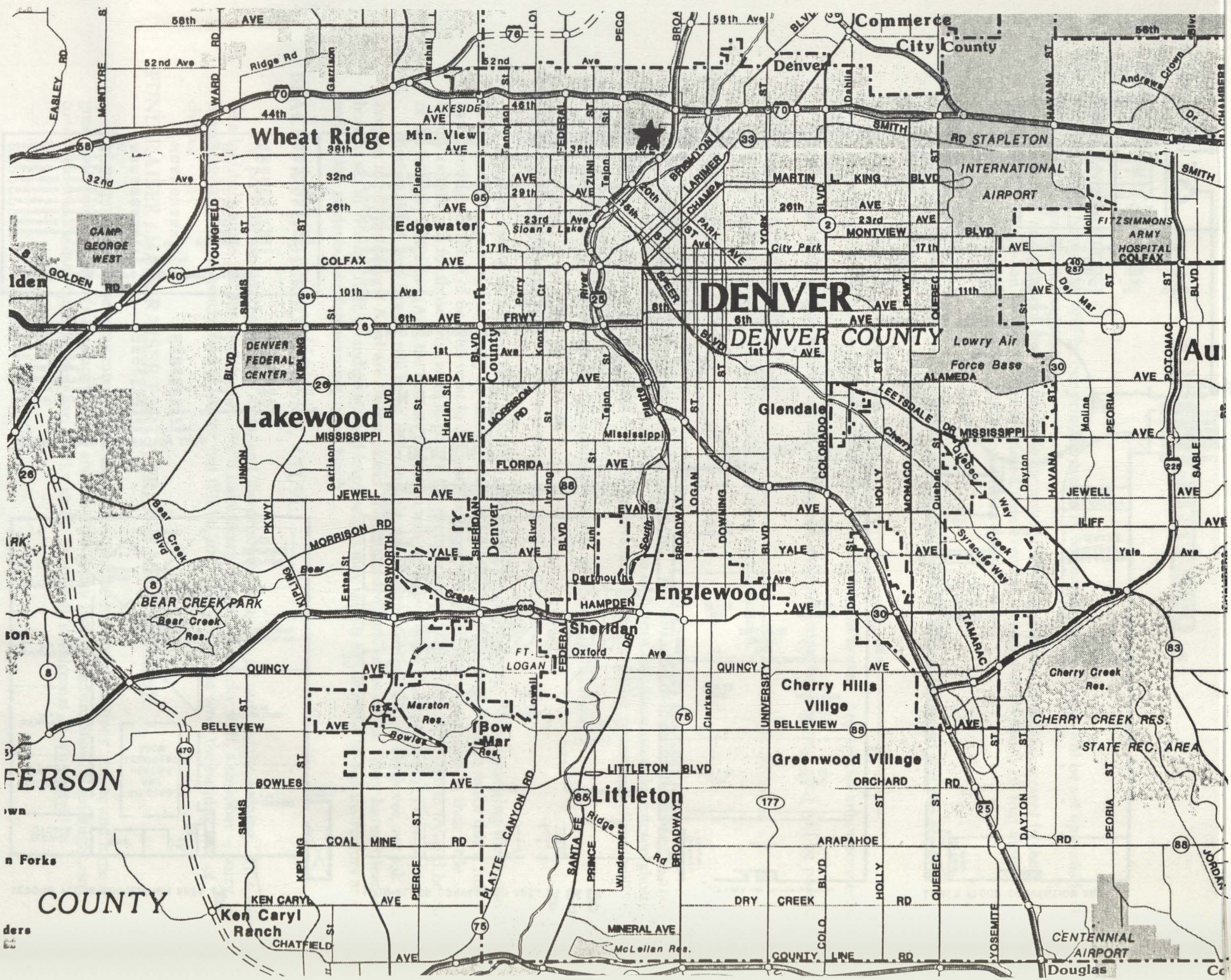
LOWER FLOOR CONVENTION AREA

	Capacity For Meetings	Capacity For Meals	Dimensions	Area	Ceiling
Grand Salon	1420	1000	100x110	11000	11'8"
Winston I & II	170	130	33x50	1220	11'8"
Churchill	130	100	26x37	962	
Palladium	Permanent auditorium front and rear projection 214 people				

CONFERENCE ROOMS



Room 108
 Room 112



Wheat Ridge

Edgewater

Lakewood

DENVER
DENVER COUNTY

Englewood

Littleton

FERSON

COUNTY

Ken Caryl Ranch

Cherry Hills Village

Greenwood Village

CENTENNIAL AIRPORT

CAMP GEORGE WEST

BEAR CREEK PARK

Bowler Res.

Sheridan

Cherry Creek Res.

Cherry Creek Res.

STATE REC. AREA

McLellan Res.

Commerce City

INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT

Lowry Air Force Base

FITZSIMMONS ARMY HOSPITAL

CENTENNIAL AIRPORT

The International Foundation for Gender Education Board of Directors & Alternates for 1991

The IFGE Board of Directors and Alternates is a body of elected officers whose responsibility is to serve the CD/TS Community as a whole without bias. The Board is our community's executive branch, designed to work cooperatively with the Congress (our community) and the Academy (our validating body).

1991 Board of Directors:

IFGE Executive Director: Merissa Sherrill Lynn ('90-'92, NH)

Chairman of the Board: Wendi Danielle Pierce ('90-'92, AZ)

Chairman Educational Resources Committee: Eve Burchert ('89-'91, Chi Chapter, IL)

Chairman Finance Committee: Yvonne Cook ('91-'93, IXE, IN)

Chairman Programs Committee: Linda Buten ('90-'92, CrossPort, OH)

Recording Secretary: Sheila Kirk ('91-'93, TransPitt, PA)

Chairman Legal & By-Laws Committee: Naomi Owen ('90-'92, Chi Chapter, IL)

Chairman Publications Committee: Roger Peo, PhD ('90-'92, NY)

Chairman Nominations Committee: Ellen Summers ('91-'93, NWGA, OR)

Chairman Marketing Committee: Jane Fee ('91 Alt, CLCC, MN)

Chairman Membership Committee: TBA

Chairman Congress of Representatives Committee: TBA

Karen Ann Baumgardner ('89-'91, CGS, IL), Ren'ee Chevalier ('91-'93, PPOC, CA), Holly Devor ('91-'93, CAN)

Patricia Fisher ('89-'91, FACT-Quebec, CAN), Diane Ingram ('89-'91, AZ), Shirley Kay ('91-'93, Fiesta Chapter,

NM) Betty Ann Lind ('89-'91, Outreach, VA), Nancy Ann Martine ('90-'92, ETVc, CA), Wendy Parker ('91-'93,

PPOC, CA) Virginia Prince ('90-'92, Alpha Chapter, CA) Maureen Taylor ('89-'91, NY) Samantha Walls ('89-'91,

Dallas Chapter, TX)

1991 Alternates:

Patricia Chapman (ALT, CIGA, IL) Holly Cross (ALT, Tiffany Club, MA), Jane Ellen Fairfax (ALT, Tau Chi

Chapter, TX), Joan Goodnight (ALT, PPOC, CA) Dorothy Ann Finch (ALT, Cornbury Society, CAN), Bette Lee

Johnson (ALT, Dallas Chapter, TX), Glenda Rene Jones (ALT, Fiesta, NM), Michelle Lee (ALT, Emerald City,

WA) Linda Phillips (ALT, HTTV, TX) Janice Rupard (ALT, Boulton & Park, TX) Janice Van Cleve (ALT,

Emerald City, WA)

The International Foundation for Gender Education Congress of Representatives for 1991

The Representative's primary responsibility is to serve as the communications conduit between their organization and the rest of the CD/TS Community. The Representatives are responsible for expressing their organization's points of view, voting on its behalf, and presenting their organization's questions and proposals. The Congress represents the bulk of our community's active membership, and is designed to work cooperatively with the IFGE Board of Directors (our executive branch) and the IFGE Academy (our validating branch).

1991 Congress of Representatives:

Albuquerque Crossdressers Support
Group: Dana Adriane Todd

Alpha Omega Chapter Tri-Ess:
Jennifer Higgins

Alpha Rho Provesta Chapter Tri-Ess:
Mary Ann Lewis

Alpha Zeta Chapter Tri-Ess: Diane Ingram
Atlanta Educational Gender Information Service: Dallas Denny
Baltimore/DC Alliance: Roberta Lewis
Berdache Society: Kyndel Fay Mercedes
Beta Chi Chapter Tri-Ess: Lee Frances Heller
Boulton & Park Society: Janice Rupard
Butterfly of Arizona: Brenda
Capitol City: Laurie Ann
Carrousel Club of South Australia: Lana Allen
Central Florida Sisters: Dale Larson
Central Illinois Gender Association: Jo Ann Fraser
Chi Chapter Tri-Ess: Naomi Owen
Chi Delta Mu Chapter Tri-Ess: Hollis Kellogg
CHIC: Linda McKim
Chicago Gender Society: Rachel Richards
City of Lakes Crossgender Club: Jane Fee
Connecticut Outreach Society: Michelle Kay
Cornbury Society: Dorothy Finch
Cross-Dressers International: Daphne Prescott
Cross-Port: Linda Buten
Crossroads: Melissa Phar
Crossroads Buffalo: Nicole Tedesco
Crystal Club: Susan Pierce
Delta Chapter Tri-Ess: Laura Smiley

Delta Chi Educational Association: Barbara McClorey
Delta Omega Chapter Tri-Ess: Suzanne Parker
Educational TV Channel: Telzey Adams
Emerald City: Janice Van Cleve
Entre Femme Quebec: Mme Viviane Belanger
Expressing Our Nature: Angela Sheedy
FACT-Quebec: Mrs. Patricia Fisher
Fantasia: Sabrina Marcus
Feminine Image: Alicia Lichy
Fiesta: Jessa Bryan
FPE-NE Norway: Turid Vang
F₂M: Dan Riley
Gender Alternate League: Ms Cynthia Howard
Gender Community Advocates: Tauria Linala
Gender Dysphoria Support: Anne Ogborn
Gender Identity Center: Dianna L. Cicotello

Gender Transient Affinity: JoAnn Roberts
Girls' Night Out: Elena Lewis
Harriet Lane's TV Set: Harriet Lane

Hawaii Transgendered Outreach: Tracy Ryan
Heart of Texas TV: Cecilia Wilson
IME of W. Michigan: Katheryn Ann Baliki
Indiana Crossdressers Society: Emily Singleton
J2CP: Sr. Mary Elizabeth SSE
Kappa Beta Chapter Tri-Ess: Bobbi Renee Long
Long Island Femme Expression: JoAnn Marino
Minnesota Freedom of Gender Expression: LeeAnn Landsteiner

The Minorities Trust of New Zealand: Leone Neil
MORE: Josephine Williamson
My Choice: Shana Roberts
Neutral corner: Jo & Kathy Robinson

New TransEssex England: Stacy Novak
Northern Concord: Jenny Baker
Northwest Gender Alliance: Ellen Summers
Outreach Institute: Betty Ann Lind
Paradise Club: Susan D.
Philadelphia Transsexual Support: JoAnna Sylvester
Phoenix Society South Africa: Thelma Pine
Phoenix TG Support: Jessica Britton

Powderpuffs of Orange County: Joan Goodnight
Rainbow Gender Alliance: Rebecca Redsing
Renaissance Education Association: Alison Laing
Renaissance-Lower Susquehanna: Brenda Davidson
Renaissance-Philadelphia: Maryann Kirkland
Renaissance-Reading: Susan Marshall

Renaissance-South Jersey: Emily Sheldon
River City: Judy Adams
Rochester CD-Network: Terri Clark, Diana Renee Lynn
A Rose: Loretta Laub
Sacramento Gender Association: Kim Cornett
St. Louis Gender Foundation: Jennifer Richards
Salmacis: Sally Ann Douglas

Seahorse of Queensland: Jayne Halstaad
Serenity: Cassie Bee
Sigma Epsilon-Alabama: Joan Ann Ottland
Sigma Epsilon-Florida: Linda Peacock
Sigma Epsilon-Georgia: Heather Lynn Johnson
Sigma Epsilon-Tennessee: Robin Kieffer
SO Support of CT: Karin Wuhrer
Society for the Second Self: Marlene L.
The Southern Belles: Michelle Kaufman
Street Outreach Services Canada: Dianne S. Garrels
Tau Chi Chapter Tri-Ess: Jane Ellen Fairfax
Tenderloin Self Help Center: Christine Tayleur
Tiffany Club of New England: Kerri Reeder
Transgenderists Independence Club: Winnie Brant
TransPitt: Anjela Sue Paine
Transupport: Wendi Kaiser
Tri Delta Chi Chapter Tri-Ess: Lee or Denise
Valley Girls: Kymberleigh Richards
Wichita Transgender Support: Diane Burke
Women Associated with Transvestites Support: Cynthia Phillips
XX Club: Vicki Renee Folts

▷ THE VIRGINIA PRINCE AWARD ◁

The 'Virginia Prince' Award is our community's highest award. Named in honor of the Award's first recipient, it is to honor the one member of our community who has given the greatest lifetime contribution to Our Community. It is to honor our leaders, founders, and pioneers... the ones who fought the battles, led the troops, and provided the effort as well as the inspiration over a period of years. It is to honor our sisters and brothers who created our community's history.

VIRGINIA PRINCE: Recipient, 1987

Virginia has been working on behalf of our community for over 30 years. In the very early 60's she founded FPE (the predecessor of Tri Ess). She conducted one of the first valid research projects designed to help us better understand the nature of the crossdressing phenomena. (The results of that research are still being quoted.) She has written many books (including the classic 'Understanding Crossdressing', 'The Transvestite and His Wife', and 'How To Be A Woman Though Male'), educational publications (such as 'The Public Speaker's Handbook'), and journals (for instance, over 100 issues of 'Transvestia'). She was and continues to be a lecturer, an author, and a researcher.

Virtually every organization and service worldwide in existence today can thank Virginia for their existence.

MERISSA SHERRILL LYNN: Recipient, 1988

Merissa began working with our community in 1976 when she joined Ariadne Kane's Fantasia Fair staff and took a leadership role in the Cherrystone group in Boston. In 1978 she developed a long-range battle plan with the intent to build an international service network that would be of actual and effective service to our community.

Merissa founded the Tiffany Club (one of the largest support organizations in the world) and was its director for the first nine years. She founded NACD Inc. (an investment corporation in service to our community) and was responsible for acquiring our community's first group housing and retreat. She founded (and is the current Managing Director and Editor-In-Chief) of the TV/TS Tapestry Journal and Tapestry Publications ('Transsexualism', 'Wives and Significant Others', 'Transvestism and Religion', and 'Hormones'). She founded (and is the current Executive Director) of the International Foundation for Gender Education. She founded (and is the current Director) of the 'Coming Together - Working Together' convention.

Merissa has been lecturing publicly for 15 years, has appeared many times on television and radio, and has written many educational articles (including 'The Directory of Terms', a standard booklet for the Educational Resources Committee).

ARIADNE KANE: Recipient, 1989

Ariadne has been working on behalf of our community since 1973. In 1975 she founded the Human Outreach And Achievement Institute (the Outreach Institute), an organization dedicated to public education and to working with the health professionals who serve our community. She also founded Fantasia Fair, a 9-day "personal growth experience" which for the last 14 years has been the finest and most comprehensive event of its kind in the world. She also founded the Outreach Professional Evaluation and Referral Network (OPERN).

Ariadne has coordinated numerous conferences, and has conducted countless workshops and seminars. She has presented at top institutions including Harvard and Berkeley, and for professional organizations such as AASECT and SSSS. She has appeared on countless television and radio programs, and with the possible exceptions of Virginia Prince and Sr Mary Elizabeth has logged more miles in service to our community than anyone.

SR. MARY ELIZABETH, SSE: Recipient, 1990

Formerly known as Joanna Michelle Clark, Sr. Mary Elizabeth is the author of 'Legal Aspects of Transsexualism', a landmark contribution to the gender community, and has published dozens of articles on the subject. In addition, Sr. Mary has written numerous articles on the subject of religion.

In 1976 Sr. Mary joined Renaissance Gender Identity Services, and headed up their Legal Research Division through 1980. The same year she helped to found the Gender Dysphoria Program of Orange County, Inc., and has been heavily involved in helping the gender-conflicted community since. She served as founding chairperson of the American Civil Liberties Union's Transsexual Rights Committee from 1980 to 1983, and was responsible for the enactment of California's transgender birth certification legislation and the defeat of SB-2200, which would have prohibited medicaid funds from being used for sex reassignment surgery.

In 1986 she took over the JANUS Information Facility's worldwide information referral service, which has since become known as J2CP Information Services, one of the leading information/referral services for gender dysphorics and helping professionals in North America.

Listed as Joanna Clark, Sr. Mary is listed in the 16th edition of "Who's Who in California," also in the 21st and 22nd editions of "Who's Who in the West," and the first edition of "2,000 Most Notable Women in America," and in the "International Leaders in Achievement".

In December 1987 she co-founded the Sisters of St. Elizabeth of Hungary, and at a candlelight service at St. Clement's By-The-Sea Episcopal Church in San Clemente, California, Sr. Mary Elizabeth took the veil and vows of poverty, chastity, and obedience.

BETTY ANN LIND: Recipient, 1991

Betty Ann joins us from the ranks of the professional entertainer, having performed mostly in Colorado and California. She began serving our community in the late '60's by forming a local support organization in the Washington DC area. That organization continues as the 'Delta Chi Educational Association'.

In 1976 Betty Ann joined Fantasia Fair and the Outreach Institute. She has been a member of the Fair's staff since 1976, serving in varying capacities including the coordinator of the enormously popular Fan/Fair Follies for 10 years, and Fair coordinator for 5 years. She has served the Outreach Institute as a member of the Board of Directors for 11 years. As a side note, Betty Ann was responsible for the "World Famous Longest Running PJ Party In P-town" (beginning in 1976), and in 1981 coordinating the first 'Winslow Street' meeting. That meeting was the first attempt to get our community's leaders together in one place, and was responsible for laying the framework for the future development of IFGE and the TV/TS Tapestry.

From the mid-70's to mid-80's Betty Ann was a pioneer and leader in the development of the Mid-Atlantic region. She first worked with Tri-Ess, and then with the Gateway Gender Alliance. Besides her own Delta Chi, she helped form such groups as the PI and PGH Chapters of Pittsburgh (now TransPitt), the Phi Chapter (now Renaissance), the NU Chapter of Northern NJ, and the Capital Chapter (now the Baltimore/Washington Alliance). During that time she also worked closely with the Academy Awards organization of Washington.

Betty Ann was founder of, and continues to publish 'Our Sorority', and is the founder of 'Reluctant Press' publications.

In spite of failing health, Betty Ann continues to serve our community as a pioneer, a leader, an advisor, a publisher, a mentor, and a friend.

▷ THE TRINITY AWARD ◁

The 'Trinity' is Our Community's second highest award. While the 'VP' Award is to honor our leaders, the 'Trinity' is to honor our heroes and heroines. It is also to acknowledge extraordinary achievements, contributions, and acts of love and courage -- with an emphasis on love and courage.

The 'Trinity' recipients for 1991 are:

MARIETTE PATHY ALLEN:

Mariette's selection was based on her contributions to our community that go far beyond her role as a professional photographer. She has proven herself to be a true friend and supporter, and has earned the love and respect of our entire community.

STANLEY BIBER, MD:

Dr. Biber's selection was based on his caring for his patients, a caring that goes far beyond any surgeon/patient responsibilities. Over the years he has helped thousands of our sisters and brothers live happier and more harmonious lives. We consider him to be an outstanding medical caretaker, an extraordinary human being, and a friend.

BOULTON & PARK SOCIETY:

Boulton & Park's selection was based on its sponsorship of the Texas T-Party. The T-Party is the largest and one of the most popular events sponsored by a single organization in the history of our community. This, plus the fact Boulton & Park is new, small, and located in a militantly conservative part of the country makes the Texas T-Party a truly extraordinary contribution.

YVONNE COOK:

Yvonne's selection was based on her actions of February, 1988. IFGE was in crisis, and in real danger of ceasing to exist when Yvonne gave up her home, her relationships, and her career to come to work for IFGE. She saved IFGE. We consider selfless actions to be an extraordinary example of love, courage, and self-sacrifice for her sisters and brothers.

SHEILA KIRK:

Sheila's selection was based on her years of caring selfless service to others, and her kindness. This Award is to demonstrate our community's love and respect for her as a leader, a teacher, and as a friend.

ELLEN SUMMERS:

Ellen's selection was based on her years of caring selfless service to others, and her kindness. This award is to demonstrate our community's love and respect for her as a leader, a pioneer, and as a friend.

▷ PROGRAM SCHEDULE ◁

DENVER '91

IFGE's 5th annual
'COMING TOGETHER' CONVENTION

*Monday, April 8
through
Sunday, April 14, 1991*

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Unless otherwise stated, the programs are included in your registration fee.

Please check the Bulletin Board in the Registration Room (Waterloo Station) and your daily newsletter for schedule changes, program details, transportation information, etc.

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Free Public Programs (7-9pm, Tues. & Fri.):

IFGE is offering free of charge two educational introductory seminars to all persons interested in learning more about the cross-dressing and transsexual phenomena.

General Programs (all day every day, Weds. - Sat., & Sun. AM):

Everyone (crossdressers, transsexuals, wives, friends, allied professionals, support services) is considered an equal partner in our community, and the convention's programs are designed accordingly. The general programs are for everyone. However, we offer enough diversity so participants can choose by "voting with their feet".

Host Organizations' Programs (on-going Mon. - Sun.):

Being stuck in a hotel during your free time with nothing to do and no place to go is no way to enjoy a convention. The Gender Identity Center of Denver and Delta Chapter - Tri Ess, the convention's host organizations, are working hard to organize trips and outings and social activities to help you enjoy your visit to Denver.

Transsexual (TS) Programs (all day, Thurs., Fri. & Sat.):

A special three-day program dealing entirely with transsexual issues, with an emphasis on the male-to-female transsexual.

Female-to-Male (F-M) Programs (all day, Fri. & Sat.):

A special two-day program dealing entirely with female-to-male cross-dressing and transsexual issues.

Wives and Partners Programs (all day, Fri. & Sat.):

A special two-day program dealing entirely with issues concerning wives and partners of cross-dressers and transsexuals.

Mental Health Professional Programs (all day, Fri. & Sat.):

A special two-day program for mental health professionals is being coordinated by Dr. Roger Peo (Pres. Androgyny Unlimited).

"Behind the Scenes" Worker Programs (on-going, Tues. pm - Sun. pm):

The primary reason for the 'Coming Together' Convention is to tend to the business of our community. With the exception of the Weds. AM Open Meeting, and the Weds. PM 'Bridges To The World', the scheduled regular and special programs are not oriented towards business. With few exceptions, the social and outside activities are not business oriented. The real work does not get done in these programs and activities. The real work gets done behind the scenes in committee meetings, board meetings, and business raps. These behind the scenes meetings are the life-blood of our community and guarantee us a healthy future. This is where the work gets done, and everyone who is eager to serve our community is welcome to participate.

Trinity Awards Reception (7pm-12am, Weds.):

For the first time this year we will be combining our Wednesday evening buffet/reception (traditionally intended to be a mixer) with the Trinity Awards presentation. This evening will still be a mixer, but it will now be far more ceremonial and festive.... an evening to remember. (Non-registrants invited... \$40.00)

This year we will be honoring: Mariette Pathy Allen, Stanley Biber MD, Boulton & Park Society, Yvonne Cook, Sheila Kirk, and Ellen Summers.

Keynote Speakers Luncheons (12-2, Weds., Thurs., Fri., Sat.):

Each year we invite prominent people, people we want to meet, and more importantly, people we want to have meet us, to come and speak. (Registrants \$15.00. Non-registrants invited, \$25.00)

Awards Banquet (7pm - 12am, Sat.):

Our formal awards banquet on Saturday evening is far more than an opportunity to dress up and feel elegant. It is an evening to celebrate our achievements, to feel proud, and to feel good about being who and what we are. It is a time to honor one extraordinary person from our community for their dedication and accomplishments, and in the process honor ourselves. The awards banquet is the highlight of our convention. (Non-registrants invited... \$40.00)

This year we will be honoring: Betty Ann Lind



Monday, April 8

Theme: Enjoying Colorado

7am-7pm: All-day Skiing & Sightseeing Trip to either Keystone or Winter Park

The bus will leave the Regency Hotel at 7:00am, and return in time for dinner. The cost for the bus will be \$15.00 per person. Merissa Lynn (Instructor, Waterville Valley, NH), Kerri Reeder (Instructor, Killington, VT), and Donna Mobley (notorious NH schussboomer currently from the hub of the alpine universe - San Antonio) have offered to assist those who would like to improve their skills.

Coordinator: Jennifer M. (Gender Identity Center)

Tuesday, April 9

Theme: Getting in the Mood

1-3pm: Convention Staff Meeting (Hackney Room)

7pm -: Dining out - location to be announced

7-9pm: Introductory Seminar (Open, General Public, Free) (Trafalgar Square & Guv'nor's Street)

This seminar is intended to provide the people of Colorado an opportunity to learn more about the crossdressing and transsexual phenomena, and to meet many of the CD/TS Community's educators and leaders. It is intended to be an enjoyable as well as an educational evening. A cash bar will be available.

Sponsor: The International Foundation for Gender Education. Coordinated by: IFGE Educational Resources Committee, Eve Burchert, Chairperson

8pm-12am: Reception Social for Congress of Representatives, IFGE Officers, and their guests (# 10 Downing)

This is a "by invitation only" reception for members of the Congress of Representatives and IFGE Officers. The purpose is two-fold. First, it is to provide our community's leaders an opportunity to meet each other in a sophisticated pleasant social atmosphere. Second, the newly elected members of the IFGE Board of Directors will be introduced to our community, and their term in office will officially begin.

Menu: Pastry desert table, sherbet punch, cash bar

Sponsors: The IFGE Board of Directors

7pm-12am: 'Trinity' Awards / Reception Buffet (\$40 non-participants) (No. 10 Downing)

This is a very special evening! We are not only going to kick off our convention with a grand party, we are going to honor five extraordinary individuals and one extraordinary organization -- people who have, through outstanding acts of love and courage, made other people's lives better. Help us celebrate their contributions.

Menu: Beef, chicken, trout fillet, salad bar, relish tray, new potatoes, string beans, vegetable medley, rolls & butter, beverage, carrot cake

Sponsor: The International Foundation For Gender Education

Wednesday, April 10

Theme: Scope, Depth, Interaction

BUSINESS & COMMITTEE MEETINGS (Hackney Room)

8-9am: Convention Staff meeting

2-3pm: IFGE Finance Committee Meeting

3-5pm: IFGE Fund-Raising Sub-Committee Meeting

GENERAL PROGRAMS

9am-12pm: IFGE Congress of Representatives Open Business Meeting (House of Commons)

This meeting is for all persons interested in the further development of our community, for presenting issues to our community, and to set priorities and objectives for the coming year. There will be very lively discussions, and you will be part of the solutions.

Moderator: Linda Buten (Chairperson IFGE Programs Committee, Representative Cross-Port)

2-5pm: Bridges To The World (House of Commons)

"The primary objective is to build a world in which we can all live happier and more productive lives." -- Merissa Sherrill Lynn

Individuals from the Denver area representing different special interest groups, will address issues of interest to their group. We will then work together to learn how we can better achieve our primary objective - to build a better world in which to live.

Moderators: Merissa Sherrill Lynn (IFGE Executive Director), & Laura Smiley (Chairperson Gender Identity Center Board of Directors)

SPECIAL PROGRAMS

12-2pm: Keynote Speakers Luncheon (\$15 participants, \$25 non-participants) (House of Lords)

Menu: Breast of chicken florentine, garden salad, vegetable & rice, rolls, butter, beverage, yogurt ice cream pie

Keynote Speaker: Jerry Montgomery, founder and co-director of the Montgomery Medical & Psychological Institute of Georgia

Thursday, April 11

Theme: History

BUSINESS & COMMITTEE MEETINGS (Hackney Room)

8-9am: Convention Staff Meeting

9-10:30am: IFGE Congress of Representatives Committee Meeting

10:30am-12pm: IFGE Legal & By-Laws Committee Meeting

2-3:30pm: IFGE Educational Resources Committee Meeting

3:30-5pm: IFGE Publications Committee Meeting

TRANSSEXUAL ISSUES PROGRAM (Trafalgar Square Room)

Presenters: Christina Young (Coordinator IFGE TS Issues), JoAnn Altman Stringer (Author 'The Transsexual's Survival Guide'), Sister Mary Elizabeth SSE (Author 'Legal Aspects of Transsexualism'), Wendi Pierce (Chairperson IFGE Board of Directors), Dianna Cicotello (GIC Denver), Yvonne Cook (Director of Operations IFGE), Sheila Kirk MD (Author 'Hormones'), Jerry & Lynn Montgomery (Co-directors Montgomery Medical & Psychological Institute, Inc.), Jennifer Matanky (GIC Denver), Eve Burchert (Chairperson IFGE Educational Resources Committee), Joan Bridgeman, & Denise Jeffreys

9:00-9:10am: Welcome and Introduction

Presenter: Christina Young

9:10-10:00am: Who Am I?

The first question is not, "What sex am I?", but rather, "Who am I?" The value of knowing one's self.

"Know who you are. It's all you have." -- John Denver

Presenters: Christina Young, JoAnn Altman Stringer, Sister Mary Elizabeth SSE

10-11am: Transition

Is this trip necessary? A journey of discovery, of growth, of rehabilitation. Where will the road end?

Presenters: Wendi Pierce, Dianna Cicotello, JoAnn Altman Stringer, Christina Young

11am-12pm: Gender Perception

How "gender" impacts us. A multi-faceted process. What are the gender signals? Can physical characteristics be overcome? How does your subconscious communicate?

Presenters: Wendi Pierce, Yvonne Cook

2-3pm: Building Your Team

An exploration of the questions of: Who do I need on my team? Why is therapy needed? What are the available sources of therapy? How do I select a team?

Presenters: Sheila Kirk MD, Jerry & Lynn Montgomery, Jennifer Matanky

3-4pm: Dealing With Others

How do I deal with family, friends, children, and significant others? This is a question that we all have to face. What are the problems? How do we tell someone about our situation?

Presenters: Wendi Pierce, JoAnn Altman Stringer, Dianna Cicotello, Jennifer Matanky

4-5pm: Workshop

Small group discussion on day's program

FEMALE-TO-MALE PROGRAM (Room 112)

Presenters: Matthew Doutré (Coordinator F-M Programs), Karen Doutré PhD, Sheila Kirk MD, Jerry Montgomery

2-3pm: Breaking The Ice

This session is designed to give people a chance to ease out of the outside world and into the conference, especially those attending for the first time.

3-4pm: Am I Really A Square Peg Or Is It The Hole That's Wrong? Do I know Who I Am? Does Anyone Else?

Dealing with self identity and how the world sees us.

4-5pm: Do I Have Options About Who I Want To Be?

Issues relating to TV, TG, and TS identification will be brought into the open and discussed.

6-9pm: Dinner

9-10pm: Informal Discussion About The Day's Activities

This discussion will enable the individual participants to become aware of all the options that are available to them at the convention and they can make their choices accordingly.

GENERAL PROGRAMS

9-11am: A History of the Gender Community (House of Commons)

This seminar includes an anthropological and historical look at our community. It also takes a pictorial look at crossdressing in the arts.

Presenters: Naomi Owen & Wendy Parker

11am-12pm: Defining Our Space (House of Commons)

A presentation regarding the diverse characteristics of people who crossdress, their motivations and individual changes over time. Discussion would touch on TV's, TS's, androgyny, drag, hetero-homo-bi sexuality.

Ariadne Kane, Presenter

11am-12pm: Getting In Touch With Your Nurturing Instincts (Guv'nor's Street)

Presenter: JoLynne White

2-3:30pm: Reaching Your Goals By Eliminating Your Goals (House of Commons)

Eliminating goals through following natural instincts, self-discovery, the Zen technique.

Presenter: Chris Howey

3:30-5pm: Crossdressers & Partner Issues (Guv'nor's Street)

Whose needs get met? Dealing with a feminized appearance as a male. Who to tell. Crossdressing as a "red herring".

Presenter: Georgia Green

3:30-5pm: Alcoholism And The Gender Community (House of Commons)

This session follows an AA meeting format, with actual drinking/recovery narratives, followed by Q&A.

Janet Green, Presenter

SPECIAL PROGRAMS

12-2pm: Keynote Speakers Luncheon (\$15 participant, \$25 non-participant) (House of Lords)

Menu: London broil, garden salad, vegetable, potato, rolls & butter, beverage, chocolate layer cake

Keynote Speaker: ---

7pm -: Dining out

8pm-12am: Beach Party (Indoor Swimming Pool)

Beach Boy tapes, snacky stuff, cash bar -- sorry, no boards or woodies, no beach for that matter, but it'll still be fun... and you get to wear the bathing suit of choice.

Coordinator: Kim Schrieber (GIC Denver)

Friday, April 12
Theme: Personal Issues

BUSINESS & COMMITTEE MEETINGS (Hackney Room)

8-9am: Convention Staff Meeting

9-10:30am: IFGE Membership Committee Meeting

10:45

10:30am-12pm: IFGE Nominations Committee Meeting

2-3:30pm: IFGE Marketing Committee Meeting

3:30-5pm: IFGE Programs Committee Meeting

TRANSSEXUAL ISSUES PROGRAM (Trafalgar Square Room)

9-10am: Socialization

How do I make new friends? How do I handle intimate relationships?

Presenters: Christina Young, Jennifer Matanky, JoAnn Altman Stringer

10am-12pm: Hormones

The benefits and dangers

Presenter: Sheila Kirk, MD

2-3pm: Employment

The related issues of re-entering the workplace. Do I transition on my present job? How do I get a new job?

Presenters: Wendi Pierce, Dianna Cicotello, JoAnn Altman Stringer

3-3:45pm: Legal Issues

A look at the process by which one legally establishes identification and the changing of vital records. Do we have any protection under the law?

Presenters: Sr. Mary Elizabeth, JoAnn Altman Stringer

3:45-4:30pm: Religion

How does the church look at the transsexual? Does surgery (SRS) constitute a sin against God?

Presenter: Sr. Mary Elizabeth

4:30-5pm: Workshop

Small group discussion on the day's program

FEMALE-TO-MALE ISSUES PROGRAM (Room 112)

9-10am: Body Building Techniques

10-11am: Making an Informed Choice

This session will deal with the options that are available both surgical and non-surgical. We will also touch on the benefits of therapy both before and during surgery.

11am-12pm: Therapy: What Is It, And How Can I Get Some?

This session will address the required therapy and testing that is necessary to meet the Harry Benjamin Standards of Care that are a determinant for all those who are considering surgery.

2-2:30pm: Now That I've Decided, How Do I Prepare?

This session, as well as the following three sessions, is designed to help prospective surgery candidates in establishing their self confidence, family and friend support networks, and a self-monitoring system to keep them on the right path toward their goal.

2:30-3pm: Talk To Myself First

3-3:30pm: Deciding Who Else To Tell And How

3:30-4pm: Picking Up A Support System

4-4:30pm: Keeping My Attitude Up

This session will teach you how to pat yourself on the back. You deserve it!!!!!!!

4:30-5:30pm: Sharing Ideas That Work

Short presentations on how other Female-to-Male transsexuals have dealt with these problems and what they found what worked and what didn't.

7pm-: Dinner

WIVES AND FEMALE PARTNERS PROGRAM (Guv'nor's Street Room)

This program will attempt to achieve a high degree of participation and interaction with attendees.

Coordinator: Cynthia Phillips. Cynthia is the founder of W.A.T.S. (Women Associated with Transvestites), and is a member of the Board of Directors of both HTTVC (Heart of Texas TV Club in Austin) and the Boulton & Park Society in San Antonio. She and Linda, her spouse, were co-coordinators of the 1991 Texas T-Party.

9-10:30am: The Why's And Wherefore's

This session examines the why's and wherefore's of the crossdresser, his relationship to his partner, and dealing with his guilt.

10:30am-12pm: Communications

Discussing the problem of communication between the crossdresser and his partner.

2-3pm: Acceptance Through Shared Femininity

Is the crossdresser's partner sure enough of her femininity to allow him to develop a similar state of mind?

3-5pm: "Husbands & Wives - Best Friends & Lovers"

The film 'Husbands & Wives - Best Friends & Lovers' will be examined in preparation for further discussion on Saturday.

HELPING PROFESSIONAL PROGRAM (Room 108)

Coordinator: Roger E. Peo, Ph.D. Roger is a board-certified sexologist who has been working with gender-conflicted people and their partners for 10 years. He is founder and president of 'Androgyny Unlimited', in Poughkeepsie, NY. He also serves on the IFGE Board of Directors, and is Chairperson of the IFGE Publications Committee.

Friday's sessions are closed, for mental health professionals only.

9-10am: Research, Theories, Definitions, Myths

10-11am: Gender Issues for Therapists

11am-12pm: Typical Issues of Transgendered Clients

2-3pm: Role Playing

3-4pm: Preparation for Conference Sessions

4-5pm: Dialogues - Questions & Answers

GENERAL PROGRAMS

9-10:30am: Speaking In A More Feminine Manner (House of Commons)

A discussion and demonstration of techniques and principles for speaking in a more feminine manner. These techniques include range projection, modulation, inflection, and speech content.

Presenters: Wendy Parker, Alison Laing (author of 'Speaking As A Woman')

10:30am-12pm: How To Use The Gift Of Crossdressing To Bring More Joy Into Your Life (House of Commons)

Presenter: JoLynne White

2-3:30pm: Crossdressers And Their Relationships - Rules For Negotiations (House of Commons)

A presentation and discussion to address the management of relationships.

Presenter: Georgia Green

3:30-5pm: Adult Children Of Alcoholics (House of Commons)

This seminar examines childhood experiences, assumption of parental responsibilities, rules within an alcoholic family, and adjustments.

Presenter: Jennifer Brown

SPECIAL PROGRAMS

12-2pm: Keynote Speakers Luncheon (\$15 participant, \$25 non-participant) (House of Lords)

Menu: Fruit cup, open face steak sandwich, potato, glazed carrots, beverage, peach cobbler

Keynote Speaker:

7-9pm: Introductory Seminar (Open, General Public, Free) (Trafalgar Square & Guv'nor's Street Rooms)

This seminar is intended to provide the people of Colorado an opportunity to learn more about the crossdressing and transsexual phenomena, and to meet many of the CD/TS Community's educators and leaders. It is intended to be an enjoyable as well as an educational evening. A cash bar will be available.

Sponsor: The International Foundation for Gender Education. **Coordinated by:** IFGE Educational Resources Committee, Eve Burchert, Chairperson

9pm-12am: Fund-Raiser & Hair-Raising Party (Easy Street Lounge - Lower floor under Jake's Lounge)

The purpose is to raise some money for a local charity (yet to be named) of the Gender Identity Center's and Delta Chapter's choice, and to have a great time doing it. There's a rumor we'll be showing the Rocky Horror Picture Show at midnight, so come prepared. Music, dancing, cash bar, snacky stuff. Everybody's welcome! Let's party.

Coordinators: Gender Identity Center of Denver, & Delta Chapter Tri-Ess

Saturday, April 13

Theme: Growth And Well-Being

BUSINESS & COMMITTEE MEETINGS (Hackney Room)

✓ **8-9am: Convention Staff Meeting**

TRANSSEXUAL ISSUES PROGRAM (Trafalgar Square Room)

Special Announcement: Dr. Stanley Biber, perhaps the world's best known SRS surgeon, will be with us. He will also be bringing his slide show. At this time we are not sure when he would like to present his show, or if his show will be part of the TS Program or General Programs, so be prepared for a disruption of this schedule.

9-10:30am: Options

What are the alternate lifestyles? Can I find a place for me? An area of comfort? Do I need to take the next step?

Presenters: Eve Burchert, Yvonne Cook, Dianna Cicotello, Jennifer Matanky

10:30-11:15am: Hospitalization Insurance

Presenters: Sr. Mary Elizabeth, Jennifer Matanky

11:15am-12pm: Electrolysis And Cosmetic Surgery

Electrolysis - when to start, how long does it take, what is the cost? Cosmetic Surgery - various types, voice modification, breast augmentation, tracheal shave, etc.

Presenters: Dianna Cicotello, Joan Bridgeman, Christina Young

2-4pm: Sex Re-assignment Surgery (SRS)

A thorough discussion of the subject of SRS from the Harry Benjamin "Standards of Care" requirements, pre-op care, the operation, recovery, and post-op care.

Presenters: JoAnn Altman Stringer, Wendi Pierce, Denise Jeffreys, Christina Young, Sheila Kirk

4-5pm: What Next?

Where do I go from here? Is there a post-op high? Is there a post-op blues? The signs to look for.

Presenters: Wendi Pierce, JoAnn Altman Stringer, Christina Young

FEMALE-TO-MALE ISSUES PROGRAM (Room 112)

9-10am: Body Building Techniques

10am-12pm: Clearing Your Closet

This session will help participants plan to organize their lives before (and while waiting for) surgery. We'll discuss how to set yourself up to succeed financially, vocationally, educationally, and finally emotionally.

2-3pm: Hormones

What they will and will not do.

3-5pm: Surgery, Pre-, During, & Post

Presenters: Jerry Montgomery, Karen Doure

WIVES AND FEMALE PARTNERS PROGRAM (Guv'nor's Street Room)

9-10:30am: Discussion

Discussing the film "Husbands & Wives - Best Friends And Lovers". Also discussing the "teenage" theory as it applies to crossdressers.

10:30am-12pm: Best Friends

Why can't we be best friends? Must we just physically live together or can we get in touch with one another emotionally?

2-3:30pm: When The Transsexual Feeling Strikes

When the transsexual feeling strikes, how do you both cope? Does he have unrealistic views of women? Would his life be better as a woman?

3:30-5pm: "Male Lesbian"

Sexual issues relating to the "male lesbian" theory regarding the intimacy between the crossdresser and his partner. Is it possible for a happy sexual relationship to exist with the "holy trinity" (the partner, the male, and the image in the mirror)?

HELPING PROFESSIONAL PROGRAM (Room 108)

For Saturday, the helping professionals will be integrated into the convention's other programs.

5-6pm: Closed debriefing session

GENERAL PROGRAMS

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9-10:30am: Mental Health Professional Panel (House of Commons)

Presentations on research, counseling and support expertise related to gender issues followed by audience participation and discussion.

Moderator: Roger Peo, PhD

10:30am-12pm: Support Groups; Getting Your Program Together (House of Commons)

Aimed at leaders of small or new support groups. How to organize, how to establish goals and objectives, how to establish the program.

Presenter: Nancy Cole

2-3:30pm: Small Group Dynamics; Leading a Rap Session (House of Commons)

Organizing small group discussions, conducting the discussions.

Presenter: Nancy Cole

3:30-5pm: Standards of Care (House of Commons)

Examination of therapy, standards of care, and clinical definition. Why they are important and discussion of associated problems.

Roger Peo, Presenter

3:30-5pm: Close Encounters In Public Settings (Hackney Room)

Advice and ideas for those wishing to pass in situations of close interaction.

Jennifer Brown, Presenter

SPECIAL PROGRAMS

12-2pm: Keynote Speakers Luncheon (\$15 participant, \$25 non-participant) (House of Lords)

Menu: Garden salad, chicken stir-fry with rice, rolls & butter, beverage, pecan pie

Keynote Speaker: Stanley H. Biber, MD (Leading authority on transsexual surgery)

7-8pm: Reception And Cocktail Party (Grand Ballroom)

A reception line consisting of our awards recipients and our community's most prominent leaders will greet you, followed by a cash bar and the warm company of your brothers and sisters. A lovely way to begin your evening.

8pm-12am: Formal Banquet & 'VP Award' Presentation (Grand Ballroom)

IFGE's annual formal banquet followed by the presentation of the 1991 'Virginia Prince Lifetime Contribution Award'. This year we will be honoring Ms Betty Ann Lind. Following presentation ceremonies we will be treated to a special concert by Ms Da'nelle Martin.

Menu: Caesar salad, beef wellington, parsley potatoes, vegetable, rolls & butter, beverage, lemon mousse, cash bar

Sunday, April 14

Theme: Reverence, Dedication

9-10:30am: Non-Denominational Religious Service (Guv'nor's Street)

Sr. Mary Elizabeth SSE, Elona Miller

10-11:30am: Open Forum (House of Commons)

A chance to review the events of the convention, to provide additional insight to the projects set for the coming year, and pass on any final comments for consideration by the IFGE Board of Directors.

Merissa Lynn, Moderator

11am-1pm: Wind-Down Brunch (House of Lords)

Menu: Fruit juice, fruit compote, scrambled eggs, bacon & sausage, muffins & biscuits, butter & preserves, hash brown potatoes, beverage

1-5pm: IFGE Board of Directors Meeting (Hackney Room)

All voting and alternate members of the Board are expected to attend. Members of the Congress of Representatives are invited to attend. All others interested in attending should clear it with Wendi Pierce (Chairperson of the Board) prior to the meeting.









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