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ETVC News

New Officers Elected

Of course, the big news is that ETVC has a new slate of enthusiastic, dedicated, and committed Officers.

The 1986-87 Officers are:

Coordinator:	Kim
Secretary:	Jo-An
Treasurer:	Nancy Anne
Outreach:	Gloria and Suzanne
Social:	Sheila and Vanessa

Now, for those of you who did not run for office, it's time to commit yourself to extending ETVC's successful momentum. Simply get in touch with any of the officers and tell them what you are just itching to do!

Outstanding Contributors Honored

During the Annual Business Meeting that took place on May 29th, a number of people were recognized for their outstanding contributions during the past year. These are members who are not officers; people who work behind the scenes, whose names may not be widely known, but whose contributions have furthered ETVC's success.

Member Of The Year Awards for 1986 were made to Gloria and Sheila for their many hours of quality work in making sure our monthly socials and special events came off as planned. And it doesn't end here.

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The View From the Chair

KIM'S KORNER

"REACH OUT AND TOUCH SOMEONE"

For a long time I've been interested in ETVC Outreach. Outreach? What is Outreach?

Outreach is being in contact with members, friends, and the general public to educate them about transgenderism. This is done by distributing our publications and pamphlets, and speaking to groups and individuals. The first word of "ETVC" is Educational. That's what Outreach is: Education.

Because we have been reaching out and touching people, ETVC is becoming more widely known. A measurable result of this has been that our membership has grown from 0 to 216 in a few short years. But membership gains come only from having an organization and program that works. And that means people who work on such seeming diverse projects as outreach, social, hostess, library, and even the newsletter. All of these are Outreach activities in different ways.

Now it is time to intensify our reaching out. Our two new Outreach Chairpeople-- Suzanne and Gloria-- are enthusiastic, energetic, and open to your thoughts and ideas. They are also open to your volunteering to assist in implementing those ideas.

So, the next time you come to a social, begin by reaching out to Suzanne and Gloria. Believe it or not, there's something in it for you. Reach out and educate someone today!!!



ETVC

Parties,
Meetings &
Social Events

NEXT SOCIAL COMMITTEE MEETINGS WILL BE ON
TUESDAY, JULY 8, AND TUESDAY, AUGUST 12--
CHECK THE CALENDAR FOR DETAILS AND COME!

A FRIENDSHIP SOCIAL

Thursday, July 31st

Come and cool your heels at ETVC's dog-days-of-Summer Friendship Social. Now is a good time to casually enjoy meeting new friends and catching up after a hectic Spring.

This candy-stripped, mint julep, and Long Island Iced Teavening is just the time to meet the many new folks who are appearing at each monthly social. It's also a great time to find people who happen to share an interest that you too, might have.

Of course, it's all very informal, so let your hair down (or put it up, whatever) and glide down to the Chez Mollet at 527 Bryant Street, San Francisco. (I have this image of Southern belles fanning themselves under the spreading magnolia. What's your image? Dress it!)

As usual, there is a full range of beverage and dinner choices to suit nearly every taste. If you plan to have dinner, please phone the Chez Mollet at 415-495-4527 for reservations.

Admission is \$3 for members; \$5 for non-members. And don't forget: you must show your ETVC membership card to take advantage of the reduced admission.

You deserve a break! Come and take it at the July Friendship Social.

AND NOW: THE SWIMSUIT COMPETITION!!!

Thursday, August 28th

A big-screen showing of the Miss America pageant? Concurrent sales at Macys and Nordstrom's? A new ride at Great America? Another Wendy's commercial?

Nope. This is the honest-to-goodness-one-and-only ETVC Swimsuit Social. Wearing a swimsuit is not required to get in to this social, but if that's your thing, this is your time!

You don't even have to wear it in-- spaces will be provided for changing. (Given SF weather in August, there's a chance you might be wearing a coat anyway!) Sheila and Vanessa have some competitive and fun ideas that are sure to make this a memorable evening. So watch the papers for those concurrent swimwear sales at Macys, Mervyns, Emporium, Nordstroms, etc right after the July 4th holiday, and get yours.

No-host cocktails and dinner service will be available as usual. If you plan to have dinner (you'll like it), please phone the Chez Mollet at 415-495-4527 for reservations.

Admission will be \$5 for members; \$8 for non-members. And don't forget: you must show your ETVC membership card to take advantage of the reduced admission.

Can we get some tourists from Nebraska and New Jersey to come in and be judges?

The ETVC Newsletter is published in February, April, June, August, October and December. ETVC is a membership-based organization with the purpose of serving the social, educational, and recreational needs of gender-challenged people of either sex. Membership is also open to spouses, significant others, family members, friends, practitioners in the helping professions, and serious researchers. For details about ETVC programs, membership, newsletter subscriptions, material, and classifieds, please write: ETVC Secretary, PO Box 6486, San Francisco, CA 94101.
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TV/TS/TG GROUPS & ACTIVITIES

A CALENDAR OF EVENTS

DATE	WHO	WHAT	WHERE	OTHER INFORMATION
JUNE				
28 >>>>	E T V C	Executive Committee	Foster City	408-243-3919...Starts at 5:00 PM.
29	- - - -	Freedom Day Parade	San Francisco	408-243-3919
JULY				
1 >>>>	E T V C	Sig Others Support	San Jose	415-647-7970...Meets 8-10 PM.
1	Pac Ctr	TS Support	Berkeley	415-841-6224...Meets 7:30-10 PM.
2	Pac Ctr	Open Rap	Berkeley	415-841-6224...Meets 7:30-10 PM.
3	GIA	TG Support	San Francisco	415-467-5285 or 415-431-1221 (days).
8 >>>>	E T V C	Social Committee	San Mateo	415-345-8752...Starts at 7:30 PM.
8	Pac Ctr	TS Support	Berkeley	415-841-6224...Meets 7:30-10 PM.
10	GIA	TG Support	San Francisco	415-467-5285 or 415-431-1221 (days).
11 >>>>	E T V C	Poker Social	San Francisco	415-647-7970...Starts at 8 PM.
12 >>>>	E T V C	Dinner Social	Chez Mollet/SF	415-647-7970
12	- - - -	Social	Sacramento	916-456-1885 or 916-371-8491.
14 >>>>	E T V C	Outreach Committee	Redwood City	415-367-0986...Starts at 7:30 PM.
15	Pac Ctr	TS Support	Berkeley	415-841-6224...Meets 7:30-10 PM.
16	Pac Ctr	Open Rap	Berkeley	415-841-6224...Meets 7:30-10 PM.
17 >>>>	E T V C	Couples Social	TBD	415-647-7970...Meets 8-11 PM.
17	GIA	TG Support	San Francisco	415-467-5285 or 415-431-1221 (days).
18	- - - -	Potluck Social	San Jose	408-243-3919...Starts at 8 PM.
18	- - - -	Social	Santa Rosa	707-575-0606 after 6PM.
22	Pac Ctr	TS Support	Berkeley	415-841-6224...Meets 7:30-10 PM.
24	GIA	TG Support	San Francisco	415-467-5285 or 415-431-1221 (days).
25	Pac Ctr	Open Rap	Berkeley	415-841-6224...Meets 7:30-10 PM.
29	Pac Ctr	TS Support	Berkeley	415-841-6224...Meets 7:30-10 PM.
31 >>>>	E T V C	July Social	Chez Mollet/SF	415-345-8752...Meets 8-Midnite.
31	GIA	TG Support	San Francisco	415-467-5285 or 415-431-1221 (days).

DATE	WHO	WHAT	WHERE	OTHER INFORMATION
AUGUST				
1	- - - -	Social	San Jose	Starts at 8 PM.
1	- - - -	Social	Santa Rosa	707-575-0606 after 6PM.
5 >>>>	E T V C	Sig Others Support	TBD	415-647-7970...Meets 8-10 PM.
5	Pac Ctr	TS Support	Berkeley	415-841-6224...Meets 7:30-10 PM.
6	Pac Ctr	Open Rap	Berkeley	415-841-6224...Meets 7:30-10 PM.
7	GIA	TG Support	San Francisco	415-467-5285 or 415-431-1221 (days).
8 >>>>	E T V C	Poker Social	San Francisco	415-647-7970...Starts at 8 PM.
9 >>>>	E T V C	Executive Committee	San Mateo	408-243-3919...Starts at 8 PM.
9	- - - -	Social	Sacramento	916-456-1885 or 916-371-8491.
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12 >>>>	E T V C	Social Committee	Foster City	415-345-8752...Starts at 7:30 PM.
12	Pac Ctr	TS Support	Berkeley	415-841-6224...Meets 7:30-10 PM.
14	GIA	TG Support	San Francisco	415-467-5285 or 415-431-1221 (days).
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15	- - - -	Social	Santa Rosa	707-575-0606 after 6PM.
16 >>>>	E T V C	Dinner Social	Chez Mollet/SF	415-647-7970
19	Pac Ctr	TS Support	Berkeley	415-841-6224...Meets 7:30-10 PM.
20	Pac Ctr	Open Rap	Berkeley	415-841-6224...Meets 7:30-10 PM.
21 >>>>	E T V C	Couples Social	TBD	415-647-7970...Meets 8-11 PM.
21	GIA	TG Support	San Francisco	415-467-5285 or 415-431-1221 (days).
26	Pac Ctr	TS Support	Berkeley	415-841-6224...Meets 7:30-10 PM.
28 >>>>	E T V C	August Social	Chez Mollet/SF	415-345-8752...Meets 8-Midnite.
28	GIA	TG Support	San Francisco	415-467-5285 or 415-431-1221 (days).
29	Pac Ctr	Open Rap	Berkeley	415-841-6224...Meets 7:30-10 PM.

A CALENDAR OF EVENTS

CALENDAR NOTES

ETVC

A monthly meeting/social is held on the last Thursday of each month at the Chez Mollet Restaurant, 527 Bryant Street (between 3rd and 4th), San Francisco. While there is usually a "theme," participation is optional, as there is no particular dress code. See page 2 for details about upcoming socials. No host cocktails and dining facilities are available. Dinners are served until 10 PM. If you plan to have dinner, please phone Chez Mollet at 415-495-4527 for table reservations.

Several committees and special interest groups serve the needs of members and provide opportunities for your active participation in ETVC. A five-person Executive Board sets the major direction for ETVC. The Outreach Committee promotes gender choice awareness in the public community. The Social Committee develops social themes and handles event logistics. And the Hostess Committee provides new members with an orientation to ETVC. Anyone who is in a relationship with a gender-challenged person will find support in an active Significant Others Support (SOS) Group, and a Couples Social Group. Both meet monthly. A Poker Social meets on the second Friday of each month.

See the calendar of events for meeting information. If you need more information, please use the phone numbers listed on the calendar, or make inquiries at any ETVC social.

Other Gender Support Groups

ETVC provides the following information solely as a service to the gender community. Since we are dependent on these organizations to keep us up to date, the accuracy of the information is not guaranteed. Current known schedules and phone numbers are listed on the calendar page.

Gender Identity Anonymous (GIA) is a recently formed transgender support group. GIA meets in the Science of Mind Room at 3255 Balboa Street (near 34th Avenue), San Francisco.

The Pacific Center for Human Growth is a counseling-oriented growth center that sponsors drop-in gender support groups as a part of their diverse human services program. The center is located at 2712 Telegraph Avenue, Berkeley, CA 94705.

Other organizations with on-going programs and services are located outside of the San Francisco Bay Area. For a current list, send \$2.00 and a self-addressed stamped envelope to: Outreach Committee, c/o ETVC, PO Box 6486, San Francisco, CA 94101.

WORDS IN THE PUZZLE

Answer in Sept. & Oct. issue

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Member of the Year Awards

Gloria was elected to an Outreach Chair, and Sheila was elected to a Social Chair.

Congratulations, and "thank you" both for your outstanding efforts!

Other members who were recognized for their contributions were: Cathy, Charlotte, Dianne, Ginny, Jan, Karin, Laura and Beatrice, Lynne, Martina, and Nancy Anne. And last, but surely not least, we "thanked" the crew at Chez Mollet. It was a very good year.

Yes, 1985-86 was a good year. And now we move on to new challenges in 1986-87. So, let's get those registrations in and see YOUR NAME on the next list of awards for outstanding contributions.

Don't Leave Home Without It!

Your ETVC membership card, that is. Valid membership cards must be shown for admission to socials, or you will be required to pay non-member admission rates.

Membership Renewals Due

Remember that ALL memberships MUST be renewed beginning June 1. Contact Jo-An, or write: ETVC Secretary, POB 6486, San Francisco, CA 94101.

Couples Group Marks 1st Anniversary

ETVCs Couples Support Group will celebrate its first year of operation in July. Laura and Beatrice has supplied the primary energy for this very important Couples group, and we congratulate and thank them for their efforts

The July Anniversary party will be held in Oakland, all members of ETVC Are Invited to the celebration call (415)647-7970 for details

Officers Outline Future Direction

Hot on the heels (so to speak!) of the May election, your newsletter editor cornered the newly elected and re-elected officers, and asked a few leading questions. Such as: What would you like to have happen in the next year? Admittedly, this is a bit strange, since that is the kind of question asked BEFORE an election. Reminds me of a t-shirt message that read: "If Reagan is the answer, it must have been a pretty silly question."

Without getting into the details and "how to's" here are some thoughts from your new officers:

"I'd like to see ETVC become a household word." Kim.

"Simply ask each member to participate in ETVC in any way that makes us stronger." Jo-An.

"I'd like to see us get to the point where we have the money to be more effective in what we do." Nancy Anne.

"I want the Saturday night dinners to be a success." Sheila.

"Outreach begins right here in ETVC-- among each other. If we can't open ourselves up to each other, we won't be able to reach out to the public at-large." Gloria

Suzanne and Vanessa were unavailable for comment, but you'll be hearing from them in the months to come. The officers are also in the process of expanding and detailing their thoughts, so this is a good time to "bend their ears" and let them know what YOU think ETVC should be doing. It's your organization, girls.

- Q. Why did God make Man?
- A. To love and honor Her in this world and to be happy with Her in the next.

Terrestrial Religious Catechism
by Georgiana Power-Smith

An Editorial

The Gateway Gender Alliance (GGA), one of the more predominant gender support organizations, is closing shop as July 1.

Of course, GGA members are already aware of this turn of events, and will be figuring out what to do next to support themselves.

For those of us in ETVC, there is another message: organizations cannot and do not exist on the energy of one or two people. Apparently, this was the case with GGA. And when that person has had enough, the "organization" ceases to function.

We are not trying to be cute, polite, or come across as suffering martyrs when we encourage people to step forward and volunteer to do things in ETVC. The success we have realized as an organization can be traced directly to the efforts of many people over several years-- all picking up some piece of the work that is done here.

The former members of GGA will reform themselves in some new organizational context or retreat to the closet. Those choices could have been avoided. But they could only have been avoided if each member took a measure of responsibility for the continued success of the organization.

What are some measures of responsibility that you can take in ETVC?

First, if you haven't read "Kim's Korner" on the front page, start there. If Outreach appeals to you, let the right people know.

Second, the Social Committee can always use helping hands. So, if being sociable is what you're about, give it a go.

Third, consider the five best skills and abilities you have, and imagine putting them to work in ETVC. Then let us in on your ideas and proposals.

As they say, we either hang together or we hang separately.

What's In A Name?

For over four years, ETVC has forged an identity as THE premier gender support organization in the San Francisco Bay Area, if not the entire West Coast.

The name ETVC stands for Educational TV Channel. Of course, the "TV" carries a specific meaning in the gender community. But it stands for much more than the initials indicate. Since its inception, the purpose of ETVC has been to serve the educational and social needs of TVs, TSs, TGs, their friends and significant others.

ETVC socials provide opportunities for everyone to meet new people, exchange ideas, and get information.

ETVC has been, and will continue to be an open group that seeks a more complete understanding of transgender issues. And besides: Girls just wanna' have fun!

Kim

Dinner Socials Planned

ETVC is happy to announce that Saturday evening dinner socials have been scheduled once again. (We had a "false start" in May at the Galleon, but persistence wins.)

Dinner socials are now on the calendar for Saturday, July 12, and Saturday, August 16.

Dinner socials are just that-- a friendly group who gathers for no special reason other than to share a meal and each others company.

The Chez Mollet at 527 Bryant in San Francisco will be the venue for these events. Things will get rolling with no-host cocktails after 7:00 PM, and dinner around 8.

Ginny (her again?!!!) has made this happen. So, give her a call at 415-██████████, thank her for setting this up, and give her your reservation.

Was This A First?

Gloria's MOTHER came to the May 29th social! All the way from the East Coast, too! She even won an item in the raffle. When asked what she thought of "all this," she replied that "There's no reason for people to be judgemental-- we ALL have something in our closet," and regards support organizations such as ours as "lifesavers." Thanks, Mom!

"We Have A Business to Run."

Those were the words of John Johnstone, owner of San Jose's Interlude in response to the newsletter editor's query about a recent "run in" involving a few members.

According to Mr. Johnstone, "your people are always welcome, provided they don't sip on one drink for two hours." Asked what he considered an appropriate rate of consumption to be, he indicated that two drinks per hour is reasonable. And he added that tips in the 15-20% range are also expected.

With respect to the musical fare, he said that music is chosen that is believed to appeal to the majority of the patrons.

Those are the "new rules" at the Interlude. Times change. People change. And maybe your selection of watering holes needs to be reconsidered.

The Pajaro Dunes Experience

The Pajaro Dunes Experience was started several years ago by Joan Sheldon to provide a secure and relaxed atmosphere for casual recreation.

Activities indeed are casual, with most people enjoying walks on the beach, fire-side chats, watching the waves roll in, and, oh, the glorious sunsets, candlelight dinners, sing-a-longs, and long-into-the night poker marathons.

If you are interested in attending a Pajaro Weekend Experience, or would like more information, please contact Joan Sheldon, PO Box 6486, San Francisco, CA 94101.

SECRETARY REPORT

The membership in the year just ending was 216 members.

MEMBERSHIP IN ETVC

Membership in ETVC entitles you to:

- o a membership card for positive ETVC identification;
- o reduced admission to ETVC events;
- o a free subscription to the ETVC Newsletter;
- o reduced rates for other ETVC publications and services;
- o participation rights as a candidate and/or voter in ETVC elections;
- o participation rights in ETVC Executive Committee meetings;
- o the support and strength of the best gender community on the West Coast!

Membership records are held in strict confidence by ETVC. Membership cards must be shown upon entry at ETVC socials, or non-member admissions will be applied.

MAIL-IN MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FORM

(Please print)

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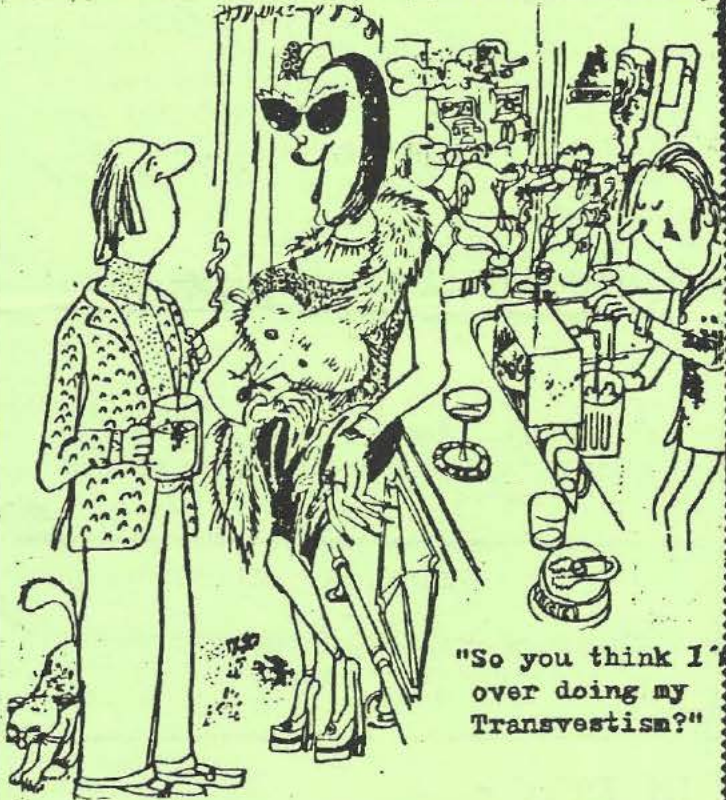
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ETVC will accept personal ads from ETVC members at the rate of \$1 per 3 lines. We will not accept ads with a purely sexual objective. Send ad copy and a check for the appropriate amount to:

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