
TRANSGENDERIST

Monthly Magazine of the Transgender Independence Club

February 25, 1998

You Have Wanted Your Own Closet All of Your Life; Now is Your Chance!

That's right; there are two closets available in the TGIC clubhouse for rent, one for \$30 a month and one (larger) for \$40. Each includes a key to the clubhouse so you will have easy access to your dreamware at any time, you get security and privacy, you get an included membership in TGIC AND...AND...you even get this esteemed newsletter. What are you waiting for?

TGIC pays the rent on its clubhouse from the monthly rentals on the closets and the key club members. In this way TGIC remains self-sufficient, the alternative being charging a fee for each meeting per person. Key club is also available for \$10 a month; bring your own clothes (BYOC),

Please support your club.

In My Opinion (IMO) Debuts

Notice that the title of our newsletter is the Transgenderist; I've often thought that was significant. Although TGIC's clubhouse is a haven and a refuge for **newbies** just starting out, just like I was less than a **year ago**, it is a lot more than that. It is a stepping-stone to life out, a life much fuller and richer than any closeted existence. But so often we get past the door and ask the burning question, "OK; what do I want to do now...."

Good question. And invariably, you ask one of your sisters (or brothers) and find out that way. But no one of us knows all the T*-friendly places in the Capital District, so this new feature of the Transgenderist is devoted to discussing places and services you may want to explore or avoid on your own, with frank and open opinions about them. A few ground rules are in order:

1. Views expressed are not those of TGIC or of the Transgenderist or of any of the officers; the views expressed are those of the people identified as making them.
 2. This is not a forum for dissing people, and that sort of thing will not be tolerated by Aunt Vicky. Shame on you; does your mother know that you know those kind of words?
 3. I reserve the right to include or exclude or edit anything in IMO based on a mere whim. Yes, it isn't fair, but that's life. And it may save us from costly lawsuits.
 4. Submission does not have to be from TGIC members, but anyone with a T* experience may submit. Even non-T* experiences might creep in from time to time if I feel like it.
 5. Please submit either camera-ready stuff to my mailbox, e-mail me directly, or send a 1.44M IBM-type diskette with the information to me, Vicky Steele.
 6. Enjoy; let's have some fun with this, and keep your eyes open!
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...And the parrot says, "Hi, Bill!"

Get the next month's Transgenderist April Tomfoolery edition, now accepting foolery even if your name is not Tom.

or it was here!



IMO (In My Opinion)

**** Bangkok Restaurant, 8 Wolf Road, Colonie; Thai food, some American; dinner c. \$8-20 [Vix, 1/31/98]; see story "Robin, Bobbi-Jo and I Thai It Up" later in newspaper. Get read and enjoy it!

*** Justin's, 301 Lark Street, Albany

"For my money, you can't go wrong with Justin's on Lark. Almost classy enough for a HK person too." [Callan, 1/28/98]

"Good place to eat, no huge problems, food was quite good." [Vix, 1/31/98]

**** Justin's at the Metro, Saratoga Springs

"Vix, Justin's was fun. The event was, too. At Justin's, I had a good time sitting across the table from you. Take care." [Jude Em', 1/29/98]

"Excellent service, I felt most at home there." [Vix, 1/18/98]

*** Lexington Grill, 112 Wolf Road, Colonie

"Recently Denise and I had dinner at the 'Lexington Grill' on Wolf Road. I know I was read but we were not asked to leave and the waiter treated us wonderfully. The washrooms are divided but we had not difficulty getting in and out...." [Fran, 1/29/98]

***** Londonderry Cafe, Stuyvesant Plaza, Albany

"I think Vicky's idea to review the friendliness of restaurants is a great idea. I would like to start it off by recommending Londonderry's in the Stuyvesant Plaza. The staff there has always been 110% respectful, courteous and downright chummy. They recently changed owners and the menu has changed from light fair to more of a full meal, the prices are reasonable, and there have single occupancy restrooms! In terms of friendliness, this is a five-star eatery." [Yvonne, 1/29/98]

* XS, 797 Watervliet-Shaker Road, Northway Exit 5, Turn Right, one mile straight ahead, (518) 786-8888.

"We were at XS club on Saturday night. Spoke with owner & he expressed a very inviting feeling toward the ladies." [WA, 10/24/97]

"After the incident where one of our TS sisters got in a fracas there, I have a hard time personally

recommending XS. Management is evidently T-friendly. I believe it just gets a bit rowdy there at times; be prepared if you go!" [Vix, 2/24/98]

Robin, Bobbi-Jo and I Thai It Up

--Vicky [redacted], 1/31/98

[Note: This was written for non-Albany people.]

Hello Friends! Well, Robin made it up here from Hong Kong and stepped into 10 F weather (like, real cold). We assured her that she was lucky it really didn't get cold while she was here; cold is usually 0 F and below. She didn't appreciate the New England humor (uhyeah) nor the temperature.

Robin and I both were tied up with work obligations, and I had my kid obligations as well. After we did the trip to the Twenty Club last Saturday, we had a four-day hiatus until Thursday.

Thursday I picked up Robin and took her over to Justin's on Lark Street in Albany where we and two of our local sisters (Robin M and Bobbi-Jo) had a very interesting dinner. It was my first time out to dinner dressed; I had Briami as did Robin, while Robin M had steak and Bobbi-Jo had pork, I believe. We had a very good conversation in spite of the crowd (which does limit some discussion, although ask Lisanne sometime about our SRS discussion in the NYC subway). After a relaxed meal and some excellent conversation, we all headed over to the TGIC clubhouse.

I had put out the word at TGIC, and there were about twenty girls there to see Robin. She talked to many of them, but she mostly talked to Bobbi-Jo because Bobbi-Jo was in Thailand as was Robin, but at vastly different times and for vastly different reasons. My TGIC sisters and Robin enjoyed cake (yet another time for the Twenty Club cake), cookies and mini-cheesecakes from our local Troy bakery, Vanilla Bean (sinfully good stuff). After TGIC we adjourned to JDs, a local very low-key gay bar. There I played pool and talked while Robin kept making new friends; I kind of knew she would. At about 11:30 Robin and I excused ourself and I took Robin to a local CVS for some "stuff" like nail polish remover,

kind of a requirement for her lecture in man mode the next day.

Friday Robin moved to the Holiday Inn, a hotel closer to the Albany Airport. I came over at 4:45, paged her in her room and waited for a few minutes while she got ready. Then we were off to Colonie Center in Albany, one of the larger shopping malls in the area (Macy's and Sears are the anchors). After a bit of shopping for a few last-minute things (including a talking frog; it is an inside joke), and our purchase of two new pairs of shoes each (Imelda Marcos, move over; Robin and Vix are here), we drove over and picked up Bobbi-Jo for dinner at our local Thai restaurant, Bangkok.

Besides it being my first time in Colonie Center dressed (I have been very conservative locally because of my status), it was my first time eating Thai food. It was mildly spicy (both Robin and Bobbi-Jo assured that authentic Thai food was a LOT spicier), and quite delicious. Now I do not know exactly what we had, since reading the menu Thaid my tongue in knots, but it was good.

The neatest thing happened in the Bangkok restaurant; we were read! Hey, we had been talking and walking all over with no problem, two of us beginners in this, and it was bound to happen sooner or later. But rather than clock us, we were instead treated as honored guests (whoa! neat!). What was going on?

Then we began to speculate, and Robin remembered that the Katoi (transsexuals) are a large force in Thai culture. In fact the official volleyball team for Thailand is composed entirely of Katoi, if I remember my news articles correctly. Well, we didn't know exactly what it was, and the rest of the people in the restaurant were clueless about the whole thing, but we got excellent service in addition to the excellent food. When we left, the chef came out and thanked us for eating there, and invited us back anytime. I told him the food was very good, and we would be back. A bit dizzy, we all giggled and laughed about the incident and the new friends we had found.

A few hugs later and a tired but happy Robin was back in her hotel, preparing for an early morning departure for California. I wanted to hug and hold onto her forever, but I knew I couldn't. Robin said these three magic words to me: "I'll be back," and that thought got me through without

crying, well, without crying too much. As I drove Bobbi-Jo home, we spent the time wondering how anybody so wonderful and cosmopolitan and yet warm and sensitive as Robin could ever come into our lives.

Then after I hugged Bobbi-Jo good night, I sat in that huge van, all alone in the dark, and just wondered how I had come to deserve such a friend. And it came to me; if I died tonight, I would die happy, because I had met so many of my sisters. I smiled and drove home, back to boy drag and my intense situation still unresolved. But I was supremely HAPPY!

Thanks, sis; you have made my year. Via con Dios. May the goddess guide you home, and then back to us all.

Love and Hugs to you all, Vix, Still smiling with a few tears

TRANVESTITE TEAM WRAPS UP THAI VOLLEYBALL

by Sue [REDACTED]

The Iron Ladies are going through their usual ritual to prepare for their next volleyball game. Team members slip fuchsia shorts and shirts over their slim hips and flat chests, touch up their mascara and lipstick and tie back flowing black hair.

One player places a manicured hand on hip and jokes: "We accept anyone on the team as long as they are pretty. We like to distract the referees."

The Iron Ladies are not in fact ladies, or even women. They are transvestites who form the best male volleyball team in Thailand. To the surprise of many and the disgust of some, they recently defeated a team of national players and won the country's top amateur volleyball prize, causing a huge stir in sporting circles about whether it is appropriate for transvestites to represent the country.

Most team members played for amateur clubs around the country until they formed the Iron Ladies four years ago. Their first priority is the game, which in Thailand ranks second in popularity only to soccer; their second priority,

they say, is to show that transvestites are people and can play as well -- if not better than -- anyone else.

"We can't make this statement as individuals, but maybe we can as an international team," says 24-year-old Danupol Nuengchang, the team's founder. Since being crowned the top team in the country, they have appeared on talk shows, been featured in newspapers, drawn more fans to their games and may have lured a top Thai pharmaceutical company as a sponsor.

A spokesperson for the Thai Olympic Committee says there is no reason why members of the Iron Ladies should be prevented from representing the country in the future. "We have nothing against transvestites or queers or whatever," says Danny Kirdsiri. "But it's the first time we have ever seen a team like this one. Everyone likes them because they are guys trying to look pretty and act in a feminine way."

Transvestites, called katoeys in Thai, are largely tolerated by most citizens. It is not unusual to be served in a major department store, bank or government office by someone wearing trousers and a tie but with beautifully manicured nails and full make-up. One member of the Iron Ladies is a teacher; another a civil servant. Also on the team are four non-transvestite players who have adjusted well to the team spirit.

Local Man/Woman Promoted

PRESS RELEASE: ICTLEP ELECTS NEW EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE
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The Transgender Law Conference announces that it has elected Sharon [redacted]/Thomas [redacted] as its new Executive Director. [redacted], a bi-gendered activist of long standing, was an original Director of ICTLEP when it formed in 1991 and has her Juris Doctorate from the University of Kansas Law School. Her new position begins on 15 March 1998.

[redacted] sees her job as providing a

year-long transition from a "founder- driven" organization (which began in 1991 when its founder was the only, totally out and totally active, TG lawyer in the United States) to one with more structure and a deeper organizational base. "Today, with so many TG lawyers and TG law students being out or coming out, there is a growing pool of folks who can take on the myriad of bar-association-styled committee work that needs to be done," states [redacted]

Out-going ED and founder, Phyllis Randolph Frye, told her Board three weeks ago that she had enough. "Being an activist for over two decades is one thing, but being on the point for all of those two-plus decades is more than enough. And six years as Executive Director of this organization with six annual conferences and six annual, bound Proceedings was also enough." Frye was asked by [redacted] to remain as a Director in order to provide historical perspective and continuity, and she agreed.

ICTLEP remains ready to serve the Transgender Community and to work in harmony with the inclusive LGBT Community.

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Maine Voters Repeal Gay Rights Law

AUGUSTA, Maine - With both sides hailing it as a message for the rest of the country, Maine became the first state whose voters repealed its gay rights law.

Tuesday's special election brought only one out of four voters to the polls, and the victory was slim - 52 percent, or 135,315 votes, to 48 percent, or 127,157 votes, with 93 percent of precincts reporting.

"Certainly, the right will feel emboldened by this, but again, I think it will definitely be a wakeup call across the country for the gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender community," said Rebecca Isaacs, political director for the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force. She and other gay rights supporters said the repeal would increase pressure for a federal law. Opponents said the federal government should learn a different lesson: stay away from special protections for homosexuals.

Ten other states, and Washington, D.C., now have laws similar to Maine's, which would have barred discrimination against gays and lesbians in employment, housing, public accommodations and credit.

"I think you're going to continue to see these issues pop up across the country because it seems a defining issue for liberalism going into the 21st century is granting special rights based on one's sexual preferences behind closed doors," said Randy Tate, executive director of the Christian Coalition.

His group helped fund the repeal effort. Gov. Angus King, an independent who supported the law and became its main media spokesman in a low-key campaign, indicated the fight was not yet over. "I think it's unfortunate," he said. "But we'll move forward, I think this is an evolutionary process." The matter, however, should not be brought back before the Legislature "anytime in the immediate future," he said.

Maine lawmakers enacted a bill last spring adding sexual orientation to the protected classifications in Maine's 25-year-old human rights act. King signed it into law.

But a successful veto drive, as provided for in the state Constitution, blocked implementation of the new law. Repeal advocates led by conservative Christian groups collected more than 58,000 signatures to put the issue on state ballots.

"Investments" Christmas Party

--Fran Estes, 12/17/97

My spouse and I attended the "INVESTMENTS" club Christmas Party held this past weekend in Hyannis on Cape Cod.

The drive down Saturday morning was similar to a visit on the Cape the first week of October. There were no indications of snow or ice and the temperature flirted with the high 40s.

The Holiday Inn that hosts the monthly Investment Club's meeting offered a relatively low, low price for Cape Cod; \$45.00. The staff was accustomed to seeing and serving transgendered folks so even the "first-timers" were at ease.

This was the sixth year the club held their annual party. The first Christmas event saw 21 attendees. This year there were over 100 participants. The afternoon program with Dr. Yvon Menard was an illustrated presentation on M2F and F2M sex reassignment surgery.

Immediately adjacent to the Holiday Inn was the Cape Cod Mall and the famous Christmas Tree Shop. Needless to say the hotel was quiet during the afternoon.

Around six p.m. the gals gathering in the hotel's cocktail lounge which quickly became noisy and smoky. The dinner bell called us to the dining room and we were promptly served while being entertained by Ms. Santa who distributed gifts to the deserving ladies. Door prizes were offered and as luck would have it, this gal won a \$20.00 gift certificate to "Consignment Resale" located in the Boston suburbs (this took care of a gift I needed to buy for a gal-friend from that area).

Awards were present during coffee to those special folks who have gone out of their way during the past year in helping the organization and the community. Emphasis was on doing

something "NICE" for others.

Ari Kane, D.Ed. from the Outreach Institute of Gender Studies was the keynote speaker. Ari reflected back fifteen years on how far transgendered folks have come in our ability to be seen in public and not be "driven out of town". The evening closed with entertainment by Mr. Kevin Trueheart, a professional female impersonator.

Many of the gals who felt in a dancing mood traveled a mile or so to the nightspot called, Duval Street Station?/Mallory Dock for which a special pass was provided for each party participant.

It was obvious to this attendee that Ms. Candy Scott, the founder of the Investment Group, is the backbone and energy behind the club. She certainly gave it her "all" as she had in past activities.

N.Z. TRANNY HONORED BY GOV'T

New Zealand's "Tranny Granny" has become the first transsexual to be made a Member of the New Zealand Order of Merit for service to the community. Jacqui Grant, who lives in Moana, was honored for her work with young people, including having fostered more than 50 children over the past 18 years.

Grant has lived as a woman for over 25 years and is thought to be the only transsexual approved for fostering by the state Children and Young Persons Service. She also runs courses for children with behavioral problems and founded Moana Zoo, a 50-acre (20- hectare) home for endangered animals.

The Beginning

--Patricia

"Mom!" I shouted as I ran into the house. Silence. I guess she is at the neighbor's house drinking coffee. As I walked into the bathroom I noticed my sister's blue velvet party dress hanging behind the door. My hand brushed the soft fabric. Without thinking I stripped off my shirt and pants and took down the dress. the dress now floated over my head. My hands trembled as I reached behind me to pull up the zipper. The soft velvet caressed my skin as I ran to the mirror. the floor length gown with the empire waist and collar of white lace was now part of me. I stood before the mirror and as the tears started to flow, joy and guilt now flooded over me.

As a nine year old boy this was both a wonderful but frightening experience. Having two older sisters provided me with a wardrobe which permitted me to travel to my secret world of femininity.

The sixth annual SPICE (SPOUSES AND PARTNERS INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE FOR EDUCATION) July 15-19, 1998. Atlanta Airport Sheraton Inn. For information contact Dr. Peggy Rudd, PO Box 5304, Katy, TX 77491 (Fax 281-347-8747) or e-mail melpg@phoenix.net. See the SPICE web site at <http://www.pmpub.com/spice.htm>.

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Vanessa's Journal
The Girls of Aberdeen

In a white frilly blouse, black skirt, houndstooth blazer, black high-heels, and off-black hose, I drove from Long Island to Aberdeen, Maryland, where late at night I checked into the EconoLodge Motel at exit 85 on I-95. At this exit are many motels at all price ranges, restaurants, historic attractions, and stores. Next day I worked for a few hours then returned to the motel. In the evening I got all dolled up for dinner. Where to go? Many options were found while perusing *Discover the Feeling*, the guide to living in Harford County, found in my room. Since I certainly looked more attractive than Janet Reno, I knew the Japanese gentlemen at the Japan House Restaurant across the street would approve of my company. In a black v-neck dress, black high-heels, black stockings, and red nails, I enjoyed excellent sashimi and the pleasant and friendly service of the waitresses and waiters. Afterwards, I visited the bar at the nearby Holiday Inn. I then drove over to Yogi's All American at the adjacent Quality Inn. I had a pint while trying to interest myself in some basketball game in the sports bar. I then went back to my motel and to Grumpies.

Several local girls and a couple guys gathered around me at Grumpies, a bar attached to the EconoLodge populated mainly by Aberdeen locals. It was late, close to closing. Lee was the first to break the ice by introducing herself and her friends Tatiana and Rhonda. The only unusual ripple during a conversation on the subject of gender identity, was caused by an uncivilized lady who shall remain nameless. She asked if I had a penis. I was tickled by the question and suspected that she was a might perplexed by someone who didn't quite fit squarely into a category with which she was comfortable. I said I did and asked her if she had one. A somewhat indignant reply followed. The threesome of Aberdeen girls wanted to know more about me and my work. I overheard a guy sitting close to me at the bar whisper, "She's a girl." It was a wonderful opportunity to just be me and to show a crowd of people that I was just a girl named Vanessa enjoying the evening along with everyone else. We discussed the finer points of wine

tasting. Lee was delighted that into the sleepy hamlet of Aberdeen and into the local hangout came an outsider from New York who could string a few words together in a comprehensible sentence carrying some meaning. How flattering it was to be labeled an intellectual. Lee bought me a glass of what she had been drinking, red wine from a big jug. But, how can one refuse such a kind gesture of friendship and hospitality? Three AM closing time arrived too soon. Teddy the barkeep chased us out of the bar. Still thirsty and in the party mode, Tatiana, Rhonda, Lee and I retired to my room. Fortunately I had a bit of cognac much desired and appreciated by my new found girlfriends. I passed around handmade cigars and gave a crash course on what to do with them. We had fun just sitting around, talking to the wee hours.

A deep sleep left me refreshed for the next day. Attired in a leopard-print blouse, black skirt, red blazer, black hose and black high-heels, I checked out. At the McDonalds across the street I found some coffee then headed north on I-95. Ten minutes later I turned off at the Perryville Outlet Stores. I've gotten some nice things at the Liz Claiborne shop in the past. I tried on a few items and lucked out with a pretty low-neckline, white blouse for just \$15, regularly \$65. I shopped a bit in some other stores for a few necessities. The trip home was smooth, fast, and uneventful.

I encourage all you girls to just get out there and meet your public. Let people know who you are. It takes a little bit of courage but the rewards are worth it. I felt I left a few people in Aberdeen with a more enlightened perspective on Vanessa and others like her.



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

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Regular Meetings are held every Thursday at the TGIC Club Room on Central Avenue in Albany, 7:30 PM to 10 PM. Some come earlier and stay later, but it is wise to call if you are not a Keyholder or if it is your first visit. Come dressed either way, meet and talk with friends. Many continue to socialize at one of the local night spots after the meetings.

BECOME AN IFGE MEMBER

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

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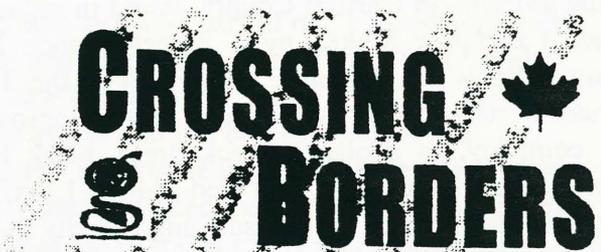
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(Please note: JOIN TGIC must be on line 1. STOP must be on line 2) You will receive an automated acknowledgment (Journal) of your request, which must be approved with the list moderator.

TRI-ESS MEETINGS IN SCHENECTADY

Meetings are held in at the Days Inn, Nott Terrace in Schenectady. Call Monica at [REDACTED] or Evelyn at [REDACTED] for further information.

Struggling with GID is a fight to be our real selves, the archetypal hero/heroine's quest, complete with dragons, betrayal, unexpected allies, wicked step-parents, magic weapons, dangerous journeys, and triumph over fear.

--Toni Blake



Calendar and Events

TGIC meetings are held Thursdays at 7:30 in the clubhouse.

Events of Note

- March 14 Twenty Club, Hartford, CT
- March 24-26 Full Circle of Women Conf.
NOTE: This is California; sorry
- March 24-29 IFGE's Crossing Borders
Toronto 1998
- March 27-29 Transpositions: A conference
towards transgender studies
Cornell University, Ithaca
Call (607)254-4987 for details
- March 28 Twenty Club, Dr. Schrang
- April 3-5 5th Annual Bisexual Conference
Boston, MA
- April 24-26 Full Circle of Women, Mass.
- June 10-14 16th Annual Be All You Can
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You're Invited!

Set your sites on Toronto, Ontario, Canada for the 12th Annual IFGE Convention—the most important gathering of transgendered leaders, educators, activists, personalities and associated professional held each year. In 1998, IFGE makes good on the "International" part of its name and mission by heading to Toronto for its yearly gathering of the community.

Join us at the beautiful Colony Hotel in chic downtown Toronto for **Crossing Borders/Toronto 1998**—a week of learning, networking and celebration. Our visit there is being coordinated and hosted by Xpressions, southern Ontario's largest, oldest and most active open transgendered support group. The leadership and members of Xpressions are eager to share the joys of their international metropolis with the rest of the transgendered community. They've planned lots of exciting events for Crossing Borders participants, from shopping and tours to spectacular theater outings (Toronto is the world's third largest theater city behind London & NYC!). And they have primed the world-famous Toronto nightclub scene to help celebrate this historic gathering of the transgendered community. The city's popular nightclub district is located nearby our host hotel.

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