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Someone once said something about the body being the temple of the soul. Whether or not that is so, being the head custodian of our respective bodies, minds and spirits is a daunting task. So much so that we forget that pretty much all the time we breathe just fast enough (or just slow enough) to supply enough oxygen, nitrogen, cooling air,... to keep things pretty much cooking along. I'm sure most of us know how poorly we'd do in chemistry if we were foolish enough to take, and so we weren't that foolish. Even so, we ingest some reagents, and combine them with others in our several organs to produce cells, and energy, immunity from certain things, and not very much waste.

A lot of the articles in this issue feel like the old, Oh, yeah, right, that is how it works, I'd forgotten (if I ever knew). A lot of it is obvious. You might wonder why the International Congress on Gender, CD & Sex wasn't held 20 years ago. From everyone I've talked to and what I've read, its time has come and they'll do it again and again. The insurance article is long, but it has the whole story of what's happened to date. Why no new case law? Where is everybody? I don't believe Billie Jean wrote that article either, but the side-bar alone is worth the price of admission.

The middle five articles may look like five independent works, but the closer I got and the more I read, the tighter they seemed to fit, the better the complementarity, the more obvious that they were reflections from different facets of the same stone. The more I read Virginia Prince, Callan Williams, and Riki Wilchin's pieces, the more the difference seemed to be one of tone and vocabulary, not one of substance.

And more and more folks are out more, doing more that is just out there: from the roundtable with the police department in Portland, Oregon to gender events that aren't gender events. I think it may have something to do with doing life.

Then there's Rebecca Capri Durkee working with the street queens, health service providers, probation officers, judges, cops. If you don't know anybody who has died of AIDS yet, you must not be paying attention. In this country it is now the largest killer of women in their early thirties.

A long time ago I read an idyllic piece about someone dead or dying who urged us to spend more time smelling the daisies. The more I look around and see how hard it is for most of us to look in the mirror and see anything at all, let alone who we are, I think we could spend a little more time smelling the coffee.

*Virginia D. Allen*



# QUO VADIS?

by Lynn Walker

Most of us New Yorkers tend to view New York City as the very center of the universe, and so it is with some slight embarrassment that we admit that the trans community here has been something of a "late bloomer" there. In the last five years, however, we have witnessed some astounding and gratifying growth and evolution, and we have seen bridges built among the various parts of our community, as well as with the lesbian, gay, bisexual and leather communities.

With the organization of the Greater New York Gender Alliance in 1992, whose primary purpose was coalition-building, to foster communication and cooperation by developing an appreciation for government by consensus among the several trans associations, we began to witness unprecedented growth and cooperation among the groups involved. As well, we saw a kind of energy, or synergy, which gave rise to a renewal of efforts to build a stronger spirit of community.


As the leaders of the community began more and more to communicate and have fun and socialize together, and to attend each other's meetings and other events, we found that our members began to view themselves not so much as isolated/closeted victims, but as potent and active members of a very diverse and empowered group.

Our present situation is one of profound power and refreshing legitimacy. In the first few months of this year alone, we find that the bonds we have forged with the lesbian, gay, bisexual and leather communities, as well as the strong friendships we have built among ourselves have led to some surprising accomplishments.

- We have been working well and closely with Cathay Che and Donald Suggs of the Gay and Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation for quite some time. In fact, Coco La Chine of the Imperial Court of New York serves on their national Board of Directors and has been instrumental in increasing the awareness and appreciation of the drag and trans communities. Just recently GLAAD, along with the leaders and members of our local organizations, sponsored the Night of a Thousand Legends, a fundraiser to celebrate the members and contributions of the drag and transgender communities. This evening was a real celebration of unity, and featured talks by Leslie Feinberg and Riki Anne Wilchins along with entertainment by a

wide variety of entertainers from all parts of the transgender, drag, lesbian, gay, and leather communities.

- The Imperial Court of New York, now in its ninth year, with well over sixty members, sponsors the fabulous annual Night of a Thousand Gowns, and is recognized as a major local fund-raising organization. A major recipient of their generosity last year was the Gender Identity Project of New York's Lesbian and Gay Community Services Center ("The Center").
- This year New York City saw our first Annual Transgender and Transexual Health Empowerment Conference, sponsored by the Gender Identity Project of New York's Lesbian and Gay Community Services Center, and co-sponsored by IFGE as well as by the Greater New York Gender Alliance and the Transexual Menace. The keynote speaker for this conference was Leslie Feinberg, noted political activist and author of *Stone Butch Blues*. This conference, coordinated by Dr. Barbara Warren, the Director of Mental Health and Social Services at The Center, saw an attendance of over a hundred people over two days.
- The Community Health Project at the Lesbian and Gay Community Services Center is in the process of developing a monthly health clinic to serve the needs of women and men of transexual and transgender experience. Peer counsellors from The Center's Gender Identity Project and others will support this effort.
- Under the leadership of Monica Ann Pedone, the Greater New York Gender Alliance has sponsored the third annual Moonlight in Manhattan weekend. This year's event, managed by S. Kristine James, was held at the historic Hotel Pennsylvania in midtown. Entertainment at the dinner dance was provided by the Imperial Court of New York, while the Friday night show at Sally's II was coordinated by Terry White.

We still have far to go in our efforts to build community and work against gender oppression. Especially here in New York, with the cultural and ethnic diversity for which this city is justly famous, we must work even harder to include the transexual and transgendered communities of men, people of color, youth and people whose preferred language is not English. We must work to include those who are homeless, unemployed or underemployed, and those who do not always have an abundant supply of ready cash, and we must reach out to those who are living with AIDS or HIV. 



# Gender Vision



## International Congress on Gender, Crossdressing & Sex Issues A Dialogue between Professionals & Those in the Community

**T**he first International Congress on Gender, Cross Dressing and Sex Issues was held in Van Nuys, California, February 23-26, 1995. The Co-Chairs of the conference were James E. Elias and Vern L Bullough. The Coordinator was Sharen Shapiro. It was co-sponsored by AEGIS, FTM Group of Northern California, International Foundation for Gender Education, Outreach Institute of Gender Studies, the Renaissance Education Foundation, Society for the Scientific Study of Sex, and Tri-Ess.

**Yvonne Cook-Riley**, Director of Operations at the IFGE and a presenter at the conference spoke with Richard Docter; Vern Bullough, Co-Chair; Bonnie Bullough, and James Elias, Co-Chair at the end of the conference and asked them to share their thoughts.

### **RICHARD DOCTER**

*I thought the conference would draw 50-75 people, that they would mostly be professionals with just a little sprinkling of individuals from the crossgender community locally. I did not expect also that there would be such a very valuable sort of cross-fertilization of ideas, sharing of points of view from several different perspectives.*

*I think it's great that we have had these professionals come on board and participate throughout the conference with those who also want to be here representing the gender community. I really think it's quite feasible to put on a convention of this kind, that this has broken new ground that needs to be broken further.*

*[The presentations] ranged all over the map and that's exactly what was intended. There are individuals here who are standing up and simply giving*

*their opinion of something that they believe in and where they feel that a point has to be made, that's great. On the other extreme are individuals who have spent many years developing procedures and techniques and trying to hone their ideas and their databases so to speak, and who have therefore a little different agenda in wanting to present more technical material and to have it appreciated, not just by professionals, but by anyone that is willing to come and listen. So I think you have this wonderful mix, and that that's what made this so rich.*

### **VERN BULLOUGH**

*We got about 120 papers, but what we tried to do was be as broad as we could, so that if this had been a straight scholarly presentation, some would not have made it, but the importance is that they were there, and so we did that. The ones who were rejected, were rejected simply because they wanted to just give their thoughts on something or other without trying to give a semblance of a real paper.*

*What Bonnie and I really wanted, because she worked behind the scenes, was that we could get a dialogue going between the people in the community and the professionals, both the therapists*

*and the researchers. In part sometimes researchers talk only to researchers and therapists talk only to therapists, and the difficulty with the gender community is you need cooperation and support to be effective whatever you do, and I thought that we made great efforts to make sure representatives of the gender community were present in every form as presenters, and as moderators, and as everything else, so that this would be a shared experience, rather than us talking to the people, but everybody talking to us.*

### **BONNIE BULLOUGH**

*The therapists will benefit because they learned a lot about the community and about the research, and that will make them better therapists. Now unfortunately, the therapists who came are already the good ones in the field, and so they learned more. But in many parts of the country, anyone who is crossgendered has difficulty if they feel they need therapy, because they first have to train the therapist. So people who came here for this conference won't have to be retrained. We'll save people money. We won't have to spend time to train these therapists. They now know the field.*

*As a scientist, I want to seek causality, and I think causality is totally irrelevant to the community. I think probably*



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members of the community do care about family issues and they are terribly difficult to solve, that family issues are always complex and knowing what we know about them, I don't have good answers, so they should be dealt with. I want to see where those physiological variables are going. We are on the threshold of understanding how the brain functions relative to what we know about sexual differentiation and gender differentiation. This is very exciting to watch. Now, I'm not a brain researcher, so I won't participate in it, but I think that in the next 20 years, we will see significant breakthroughs in brain research.

I'm interested in issues and one of the issues that emerged clearly is consumer voice, particularly relative to transsexual surgery developed, but a consumer voice also developed about people who are transgendered without surgery, and the consumers I think made it clear that they


didn't want paternalistic health providers. They wanted to share in directing their own fate. I thought that was very interesting. I think the growth in the transgendered community that is not surgical is very interesting, that when Christine Jorgensen had her surgery, people said, Ah we'll go to sex change with surgery. Now we are finding that most people can change their gender without benefit of surgery, and so they don't need all that trauma. And the growth in that community is fascinating and that showed up at this meeting.

#### JAMES ELIAS

The most exciting thing I saw at this conference was the participation and interaction of the people here. I think you cannot underestimate the value of what has in a cliché been called networking, has been called interaction, whatever. But I think the goodwill that was generated, the connections that were generated, the interface that was

generated will reap one hell of a lot of benefits for the future.

Being cochair of this conference has been one of the most satisfying of all that I have ever done because I already see the kinds of results that will be coming from this, and I think it will make a major mark and influence, and hopefully will set the whole gender diversity issue on a path where it will be working toward common goals.

When will we be able to see the whole question of gender as a huge continuum instead of seeing discrete categories? When will we be able to do away with old labels and be able to deal with people. As far as the research to go along with that, I have no idea of how we're ever going to research it, but the direction we're going, I think, is the right direction, and I think eventually we will get to the point where we will be able to deal with people and not with discrete categories that we have to put people into in order to talk about them. 

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# It's Time For Your Medicine



A Report on the International Congress  
for Gender, Crossdressing and Sex Issues  
by Dr. Sheila Kirk

**T**he phenomenal conference conducted by Vern and Bonnie Bullough and James Elias is now a thing of the past, but what an event in the past, and in the very important past history of the transgendered community. This conference was unique and vital; unique because I'm only aware of two such events of a similar nature: The Medical and Legal Colloquy held in Amsterdam, Netherlands two years ago, and the Manchester meetings conducted under the auspices of Alice Purnell last year.

These two meetings and the Bullough-Elias conference are special because transgendered and non-transgendered professionals came together to inform each other and to share scientific information and knowledge. There were a large number of non-transgendered professionals present who are notable in the work that they do and who report frequently and regularly to the medical literature. Their work is extraordinarily valuable and important. But, think of it, a cooperative sharing experience wherein both sides of the "fence" came together to discuss theory as well as medical and psychologic management and therapy on equal terms, nose to nose, toes to toes, and they did it with great cooperation and rapport.

At the International Congress for Gender, Crossdressing and Sex Issues held this year in Los Angeles, the presentation of papers in the panel discussions were of very high caliber. The organization of the various meetings was expert. Congratulations to the Bullough-Elias team! The major presentations by leading researchers in medicine and allied sciences were highly informative and challenging. This was a conference of tremendous worth to our community and it lays the foundation for many equally important conferences in the near future.

A highlight was the Plenary presentation given by Dr. Roger Gorski, a neurobiologist, offering very real and thoughtful basic research. His experimentation with rats gives remarkable insight into what happens when hormones are changed in these experimental animals. Much of his research has been confirmed by prior studies done in larger animals, notably sheep. Yet some of his innovative approaches, techniques and findings are quite extraordinary. Anatomic alterations, as well as behavioral ones, take place, and they all work in concert to give some clue to what may be happening to humans when hormonal patterns are modified at critical times, not only with intrauterine development, and/or just after birth, but even when contragender hormonal regimens



are given later in life. Now, you say, how can rat physiology be compared to humans? and you are correct in thinking this. But much experimentation regarding many aspects of human health and disease is carried out in laboratory animals. Rodents are frequently used and a great deal is learned in this kind of experimentation. Important clues to what and why humans are come from this kind of research. Hence, very important data could come from the use of contragender hormonal influence in such animal experimentation.

To begin with, you should know that certain structures in the brain when examined under the microscope are different in human genetic males and in females. When humans who are known to be homosexual or transgendered are compared to non-homosexual and non-transgendered people, very distinct differences are found. Dr. Gorski, in addition to meaningful rodent studies, gave revealing information about microscopic differences in specialized areas of the human brain of gay males when compared with non-gay males. In addition, he gave some information about comparisons with non lesbian genetic females. All of the research data reported prior to his work, and indeed his work as well, need confirmation with much larger studies over longer periods of time. Yet think of it, if it can be

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demonstrated that gay males and transgendered males have similar neuroanatomic structures in the brain like those of genetic females, isn't that a revelation? And if lesbian women in a like manner have similarities to non-homosexual genetic males, this is another find. In this and similar research we have another link in the chain of evidence that is being forged ever so slowly about the transgendered community, as well as the gay/lesbian community.

The questions that are prompted even with this very basic and early research material are numerous. For instance: What is the significance of these anatomic changes in the brain? With what frequency are they found in various subject populations? What causes them? How can they be related to behavior, lifestyles and sexual orientation? Is it all genetic, or genetic at all? Are there any very early postnatal or afterbirth environmental stimuli to be accounted for? Is there a possibility that both genetic and environmental causes act in concert? And, if they do, which is preeminent and more influential? If genetic influences *are* a strong consideration, can diagnosis be made while the human embryo is in development in the mother's womb? If this is so, are the genes changeable such that techniques in genetic engineering can alter the gene or genes involved? If such pre-birth diagnosis is possible, are there also techniques that can be developed which could be employed in the first three years of life, the formative years, to change the influences of environment? Can we eliminate the gay/lesbian and transgendered populations by such testing, diagnosis and treatment? Think of it!!! Is it reasonable? Is it tampering and meddlesome? Is it what *we* want for the future!?


Another highlight was the presentation offered by Dr. Xia Zhao Ji, of China. His topic was the Chinese experience with transplantation of human gonadal organs (ovaries and testes), in contragender individuals. When I first learned of Dr. Xia Zhao Ji's work two years ago, I wrote to him asking for information about the work, and his results. After some time, he did

answer, but gave me no information whatever, and offered no reference to any medical literature reports that he had made. I concluded that his government's repressive policies were to blame for his reluctance to share any information. Yet, in a medical report he made recently to the literature as well as in his conference report, I found a great deal lacking. The work he did certainly is innovative and extremely important to the transsexual community, but his report was a disappointment because he gave so little information. Discounting the facts gonadal organ transplants in all subjects stopped functioning within a year's time and that he has no additional series of patients in study at the present time, he presented nothing whatever about the immune suppressive regimen he used to keep the transplants from recipient rejection.

When I speak of the immunosuppressive regimen, I refer to the drugs used to keep the transplanted organs functional and non-rejected in the recipient's body. In the transplant work extensively done and reported in the United States for liver, heart and lungs, these immunosuppressive regimens are as important as the surgical techniques for the transplant, if not more so since the suppressive regimens must be continued postoperatively.

In addition, he gave no information about physical development or measurement studies in the recipient subjects, nor did he give any comparison with a similar control group taking a contragender

hormonal regimen by mouth or by injection. We did see pictures of the individuals, but no measurements were offered to his audience. He did present some early laboratory studies reporting blood hormone levels, but he gave no blood hormone levels over the months that followed, nor did he indicate any physical measurement changes with hormonal level changes in the ensuing months up to the time that the transplants had died. I believe that the real work and experience for gonadal transplant is yet to be done, and it will happen, of that I have no doubt. Its great importance is found in a significant number of genetic females who have lost a uterus or ovarian function at a very early age and are therefore infertile and/or castrate. That work is yet to be done and its value will "spill" over into the transsexual community, both male-to-female and female-to-male when it is done.

Overall, the International Congress for Gender, Crossdressing and Sex Issues was stellar. I'm proud of our own community and their knowledge, experience, and their ability to make reports to the professional. This type of conference is so necessary. In the coming years, when transgendered professionals can do research and report it and can do effective, empathetic clinical care of their own and find very equal footing with non-transgendered colleagues, our sun, moon, and stars will shine much more brightly. A very hearty thank you to you, Vern and Bonnie Bullough, and to you as well, Jim Elias for making it all happen. I look very expectantly to the next one. 



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## Insurance and the Reimbursement of Transgender Health Care

by Lisa Middleton

**T**he focus of this paper is on the common exclusion of transgender health care procedures from public and private health care reimbursement programs. What do we need to know and to do to reverse policies that exclude us? An attempt is made in the final section to offer some strategies for achieving reimbursement on an individual claim basis regardless of the payer's stated policy.

### FEDERAL ACTS:

Federal legislation has rarely provided protection for Transgender issues. The precedent established in the Americans with Disabilities Act to specifically exclude Transgendered people has been generally followed in the Health Care bills now being considered by Congress.

(1) President Clinton's Health Security Act in Part 4- Exclusions, Sec. 1141, (b) Additional Exclusions, (6), expressly excludes Sex Change Surgery and related services.

(2) The Senate Labor and Human Resources Bill (Senator Kennedy) adopted the identical language and code section found in the President's original proposal. The Senate Finance Committee did not address in its Bill Part 4- Exclusions, relying on the Labor and Human Resources Committee to adopt appropriate language. The Compromise Bills of Senator Mitchell and Representative Gephardt adopted the exclusionary language found in the President's proposal.

(3) HR 1200 (Representatives Conyers and McDermott): The so-called "Universal Access" Act. This Bill did not get out of Committee. It is, however, unique in that it provided a General Exclusions section which did not specifically exclude Transgender Health Care. A Co-sponsor of this Act, Rep. Pelosi (D-California) wrote this writer to state that HR 1200 "would cover all medically necessary services, including those specific to transsexual health care."

### PRIVATE HEALTH CARE COVERAGES:

Private Health Care policies commonly, but not uniformly, exclude Transgender Health Care. At present there is no clearinghouse of information detailing those companies with policies containing the standard exclusionary language and those that do not. I quote from two policies containing commonly used exclusionary language.

(1) Kaiser Permanente, CalPers, HMO policy, August 1, 1994, Sec. 5-A, Exclusions from Coverage, 13. Services related to sexual reassignment.

(2) Take Care, CalPers, HMO policy, August 1, 1994, General Exclusions and Limitations, A. Plan Exclusions, (33) Sex Change. Any procedure or treatment designed to alter the member's physical characteristics to those of the opposite sex or

any other treatment or studies relating to sex transformation.

A reading of the contents of either policy raises questions as to the extent the exclusionary language contradicts other provisions of the policy contract. Most specifically, those sections relating to Mental Health coverages. Is an individual otherwise covered for psychiatric evaluation or treatment under the policy excluded from evaluation and treatment because the condition originating such care is related to sexual reassignment?

What is meant by the terms "services related to" and "any procedure or treatment"? Such language is comparatively very broad and sweeping. Perhaps sufficiently broad and sweeping to be its undoing. Is it intended to exclude initial psychiatric care and evaluation as called for by the Harry Benjamin International Genders Dysphoria Association Standards of Care? Hormonal Therapy? Or is it intended to relate only to Sexual Reassignment Surgery procedures and those related services?

What is the basis for such exclusionary language, and can such language withstand judicial review? I can find no cases where the question of a refusal to provide any coverage for Transgender Health Care has been litigated against a private insurer at the appellate level. Nor have the appellate courts been called on to define what is an appropriate standard for services



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that may be excluded by the standard exclusionary language.

It is additionally important for us to recognize that there are times when no result is better than a losing effort. A case in point may be the federal health care legislation. For Congress to enact legislation barring SRS-related services would leave us with the need to overturn in the federal courts a Congressional action, or to obtain a new majority in a later Congress intent on overturning prior legislation. Both are hurdles that are problematic at best for any group that is both small in number and underfunded. Reversing administrative procedures and private policy language is one thing. Reversing an Act of Congress is quite another.

Silence can also be golden. Given its context, the silence of the McDermott/Conyers Bill served our interests quite well. In health care legislation, we do not need a specific inclusion, but rather the absence of the specific exclusion.

#### **TRANSGENDER REIMBURSEMENT LEGAL ISSUES:**

In the late 1970s and early 1980s there were a number of important cases that addressed the issue of transgendered health care, specifically transsexual individuals, to be reimbursed for the cost of SRS. In each instance the coverage for SRS was sought under a state operated, federally funded Medicare program. These cases, while not providing all that we might have desired, did establish some important precedents. The applicability of these precedents to private health care coverage cases has neither been established or restrained.

##### ***Doe v. State of Minnesota*** (257 NW2d, 816. 1977)

The Minnesota Supreme Court in *Doe* found that the Minnesota Medicare (MA) plan that provided for a total exclusion of transsexual surgery from eligibility for medical assistance payments was void as arbitrary and unreasonable. The Court found that transsexual surgery was singled out for exclusion and therefore violative of federal standards that called for the state not to reduce benefits

solely because of the diagnosis, type of illness or condition. It is also interesting to note that the *Doe* Court ruled out a standard that would equate medical necessity with a guarantee of surgical success.

##### ***Rush v. Parham*** (440 Fed Sup, 383. 1977)

This case is one of two involving Carolyn Rush. Ms. Rush sought reimbursement for SRS under the Medicare plan for the state of Georgia. As in the *Doe* Court, the court found that the expressed language of the state of Georgia barring transsexual surgery was arbitrary and contrary to federal standards.

What was unique to the *Rush v. Parham* case is the court held that it was the responsibility of the treating physician and not the state to determine medical necessity. This court relied significantly on the distinction drawn between "non-therapeutic elective procedures" and "necessary medical treatment" drawn by the US Supreme Court in *Beal v. Doe*. The Court did not find persuasive the state's argument that SRS was experimental, cosmetic, unsuitable or unavailable.

On September 15, 1980 the US Court of Appeals Fifth Circuit reversed the court's decision and remanded the case to determine: (1) Did the state have a policy prohibiting experimental services, and (2) Was its determination that transsexual surgery is experimental reasonable. The Appeals Court stated, "We caution, however, that if defendants simply denied payment for the proposed surgery because it was transsexual surgery, Georgia would now be required to pay for the operation."

##### ***Rush v. Johnson*** (565 Fed Sup, 856. 1983)

This is the single most important precedent case to the exclusion of transgendered people in health care. The issue here was, Did Georgia have a reasonable foundation for ruling SRS was experimental? The burden of proof to demonstrate that Georgia did not have a reasonable foundation

had been shifted to Rush.

The Court noted the *Diagnostic and Statistical Manual (DSM)* as "an authoritative text which is an expression of the consensus of the psychiatric community as of 1980" that finds "since surgical sex reassignment is a recent development, the long-term course of the disorder with this treatment is unknown." Both plaintiffs and defendants introduced conflicting expert testimony as to the efficacy of SRS as treatment for gender dysphoria. Prominent among those testifying for the state was Dr. John Meyer of Johns Hopkins University. Dr. Meyer had been active in the gender program at Johns Hopkins. He argued for a "psychogenic origin" of transsexuality. He further found that his research (1971-1974) revealed little long-term distinction between those who had undergone surgery and those who had not.

The court appears to have relied heavily on the evidence of Dr. Meyer in finding "substantial evidence presents a picture of growing concern in the medical literature over the long-term effectiveness of sex-reassignment surgery as a generally accepted form of treatment." The court concluded there was no consensus in the professional medical community. Given such a finding, it was automatic that the court could hold that the state of Georgia was not acting arbitrarily to conclude that SRS procedures were experimental and therefore validly not reimbursable.

Coincidental to the proceedings in the two Carolyn Rush cases the Federal government was active in the research of transgender health care. Federal reimbursement standards for Medicare programs are the responsibility of the Health Care Financing Administration (HCFA). HCFA standards are not obligatory on private payers. HCFA goes to substantial lengths to establish that it is not a research agency. It is nonetheless true that many private organizations give great weight to the standards set by

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## Being Transgendered and Dealing with Harassment, Confrontation and Violence by Gianna Eveling Israel

**R**ecently between two client appointments I received a disturbing but not necessarily uncommon telephone call. The caller relayed information that another transgendered individual had become victim to the violence which commonly follows being transgendered. Apparently this individual, returning home from visiting a friend, was chased into a dark passageway, raped and brutally beaten. With her dress pulled over her head and her undergarments gathered around her ankles, she was left to die. This is one of many minority assault incidents which go unacknowledged by society and even, at times, by our own community.

### A LITTLE BACKGROUND

Transgenderphobia is a term I construct to describe individuals who have an unfounded fear or prejudice towards transgendered individuals. Similar to other minorities, transgendered individuals are commonly victim to insults, prejudice, abuse, violence, rape and murder.

Why are the transgendered so feared by many segments of today's society? Some maintain that our inability to conform to stereotypes is unnatural or a threat to conventional relationships. As a support counselor I would like to pass on my observation that while divorce and being disowned are sadly an inherent part of being transgendered, I have consistently noted that transgendered individuals, whether transsexuals, transvestites, transgenderists or androgynes, make every effort to build and maintain strong, healthy traditional and alternative relationships. Transgendered parents with children commonly make at least an average if not an extraordinary effort in raising their children.

Some of the necessary attributes for developing a stable transgendered identity include refining one's own understanding of individual, social, gender, sexual and personal growth issues. These self actualized traits would be an asset in any relationship with friends, family and in parents. Those who would say transgendered individuals are not stable or are unnatural are sadly wrong.

The real objection transgendered individuals induce is the challenge they bring to stereotypical gender roles. Patriarchal or male-dominated societies such as ours exist in a vacuum where gender roles are strictly defined, allowing no room for alternatives or individuality. Men are expected to strive after the "male mystique": being autonomous, proficient go-getters, disconnected from feelings and community. Men in relationships with other men are expected to play a competitive role rather than to develop healthy individual and group male-bonded relationships. Sadly, these parameters set men up for a real let down. The majority of men spend their lives under the control of others, trapped in a place with few healthy options for exploring

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feelings and needs, burdened with unrealistic responsibilities and debts providing home and security for their family.

Self-identities threatened, men as a group are socially trained to act out anger and violence. Women, gays, lesbians and transgendered individuals are frequently the targets of this indiscriminate agenda. A society providing men license to act out is a key reason why some feel it is manly to individually harass others, or why in groups, young men go out on fag-bashing expeditions. All the while these acts go unrecognized, although, sadly, violence itself victimizes both victim and perpetrator.

Counterbalancing male mystique, a woman's role within a male-dominated society is one of objectified sexuality and servitude. In some cultures women are expected to crawl on hands and knees and speak indirectly when approaching men. In others, machismo is so imbedded that law enforcement agencies routinely turn their backs when a husband murders his wife for being unfaithful. Our own country still has yet to overcome the degradation of women where from cradle to grave they are treated as inferiors. Law enforcement routinely minimizes complaints of abuse, sexual harassment and rape.

Within most societies female sexuality is perceived as dirty or repulsive. Example: The majority of sexually-oriented swear words and expressions dishonor female sexuality, body parts and the sexual role of being dominated. Women are permitted and expected to have feelings and be sexual, yet are consistently victimized for expressing their sexuality. This is one reason why some women, repeatedly victimized for having a female sexuality, never develop a healthy sense of self, thus allowing subtle victimization to continue. After all, "This is the life of being a woman." One is left to wonder why anyone would wish to make a life-transition into the opposite sex, particularly into a female-identity, when being "male" is so honored. During the beginning of my own

gender transition, I noted that I was constantly asked why I wanted to take on a second-class citizenship and be sexually objectified. Now, after having lived as a transgendered woman for a number of years, I can recollect numerous times (aside from transgendered issues), when I have been treated as a sexual object or expected to be "less than" as a result of my "feminine weaknesses."

Another phenomenon experienced by transgendered women I have counseled is the "You'll never be a woman" line. Granted, transgendered women cannot have menstruation or bear children, but given a societal reality check, feminine identities and feelings expressed by transgendered women are just as legitimate as those of biological women. There is, indeed, a certain niceness in being soft, attractive, even pretty; much less in enjoying the self-empowering merits of calmness, non-aggression, and developing community rather than always acting out of aggressive competition. It would seem that once again, natural law applies: biology isn't destiny.

#### **MINIMIZING DIFFICULTIES AND HARASSMENT**

- **Building Identity** - Creating strong healthy relationships builds strong inner character. An individual who asserts an air of self-esteem and mutual respect is less likely to become a victim. Do not get lost without community. Always have friends available to talk to in times of need. If you are having difficulty building self-esteem and healthy relationships, your counselor or therapist may be able to provide options for you.

- **Build On Communication Skills** - On some occasions, what may be perceived as harassment may actually be people having communications difficulties. If you are having difficulty communicating with others, talk with your counselor about building communication skills. There are many times disputes can be handled by two individuals sitting down and talking, sometimes with a mediator to help things run smoothly.

- **Employment & Housing** - Transgendered individuals commonly find themselves discrimination targets while looking for work or in the work place because their transgendered status is apparent or revealed. Sadly, legislation in most municipalities does not extend protection to the transgendered.

If you find yourself becoming a victim of discrimination in the work place or hiring process, you have several alternatives:

- #1. Speak with a supervisor attempting to resolve the problem.

- #2. File a complaint with your State's Labor Discrimination Agency.

- #3. Bring a discrimination suit against the company if you have the emotional, legal and financial resources.

While little legislation exists protecting transgendered individuals, more and more suits are being won favoring transgendered plaintiffs. If these are not viable options, you may be better served in finding employment with an employer who is interested in your person and values your abilities.

The same guidelines, or lack of guidelines, exist in housing. Once again, if you are living in a situation or developing a rental situation, you would be best served by living where you are going to be accepted for who you are or even better yet, left alone to live your life in peace. It is always a good idea to research a future housing or employment situation.

- **Be Prepared** - On a daily basis, put forethought into your activities. During the day opt for a more conservative appearance when travelling alone. Stay alert. Even the most deceptively quiet city and suburban streets can be dangerous. Carry a "help whistle" to blow for assistance for yourself or another person. At night, go out in groups when possible. If you must travel alone, do so along well-lighted

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# Electrology



## Electrolysis as Part of Transition by Linda DeFruscio, RE, RI, PME

Over the many years I've worked with the transgender community, I've been an essential component in many transitions. Without the painstaking removal of the beard, transition can rarely proceed. Over the years I've observed, the time and dedication a transsexual invests in electrolysis and skin care is closely correlated to how smoothly and swiftly one can cross from male to female.

The successful removal of a beard is crucial to successfully negotiating the psychosocial crisis of the real-life test. The one year real-life test for the male-to-female transsexual involves living as a female full-time in order to be sure that changing sex is a solution, not just complicating the problem. This period of living full-time in the other sex-role is one of the essential criteria contained in the Standards of Care formulated by the Harry Benjamin International Gender Dysphoria Association. The Benjamin standards are used worldwide by psychological and medical professionals as guidelines for the treatment of transsexuality. Simply stated, if you don't live as female for a year, you will not be eligible for sexual reassignment surgery.

From my experience, removal of the beard by means of electrolysis, is often a logical starting point for a transsexual who is serious about

transition and perhaps eventual surgery. Because the path followed by many TSs involves many changes both sudden and gradual, TSs often chart a course to follow. The course may vary, but the goal is usually a desire to have sexual reassignment surgery (SRS). The M-F TS wants to replace her male genitalia with what she feels would make her anatomically correct, female genitalia.

Not all transsexuals will have SRS. Some view transition as a line on a continuum. As a TS travels the path from male to female, they may stop along the way, and pause to mentally process the events that have transpired. Some find a comfortable place of being along that continuum, and may live out the rest of their lives satisfied that the feminine side of their personality is now expressed as fully as it need be. Others will forge on to their ultimate goal.

My clients come from a mix of that and much more, but we'll confine the discussion to those who have true transgendered feelings. Over the years I have watched many transgendered people come through my doors. Some are filled with fear and trepidation, as this might be their first venture "out of the closet." For many, it is the first time they've really come to grips with their transgendered feelings. It is scary for them. I try to make them com-



fortable, and tell them they are not alone. I'll tell them that they are part of a large community. A community I've served professionally for many years.

Since I've been witness to many transitions, I believe my observations have some validity for the gender community. What I've always loved about the transgendered is their gentle nature and loving ways. It's always been my hope that their journey be as gentle as possible.

The smoothest road I've seen taken is a steady course of electrolysis along with varying degrees of living as female. Then, as female living becomes full-time, add hormonal therapy to the mix. All the while that this process is proceeding, electrolysis is steadily removing the beard. The beard can be removed in sections, or it can be gradually thinned, as the client prefers. Either way, we kill the hairs that interfere with feminine appearance.

In this phase of transition, a woman can gradually transition and more accurately gauge her reaction to the process. In this way she can more leisurely incorporate her growing femininity into her lifestyle. If early on in the first part in the continuum, she decides she'll stop along the path, nothing truly unalterable has happened. Many men have thin beards, and often, if discontinued

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early enough, many of the effects of hormonal therapy can be reversed. This gentle and gradual emergence of femininity allows sufficient time to experience a fuller range of feminine feelings before she takes the drastic, invasive, irreversible steps that transsexual surgery involves.

In my experience, nothing can really match the professional satisfaction I get from a successful beard removal. The feelings of relief and joy clients experience and share with me are precious. While removing a beard, I'll notice with each treatment a little bit of the weight of the world seems to be coming off the client's shoulders. My transgendered clients are relieved of the burden of the morning ritual of shaving. They no longer have to tolerate that constant reminder in the mirror that they were born male. They are free to go with their face, their window to the world, presenting as a woman.

In light of what I've said, let's move on to a client of mine, Angela D., who fast-tracked her transition. Angela has allowed me to share her story. Angela called me in the Fall of 1992 for an evaluation of the electrolysis treatment she had received at the hands of another practitioner. She was concerned that the treatment was not effective because her electrologist was not experienced in the special art of beard removal.

I examined her face and found that part of the beard, indeed, had been removed without deleterious effects. Her electrologist had not harmed her, but I felt with over 100 hours of electrolysis she should have been much closer to her goal. I explained to her that I have been removing beards for many years, and, in fact, it was a specialty of mine. She was satisfied with my credentials, so she engaged my services and dismissed her other electrologist.

From the get-go Angela was a very determined woman. For the first year she scheduled two-hour sessions twice a week. It was the most aggressive treatment I could arrange without damaging the skin. She chose to have the beard removed in stages. The beard was removed from

two directions simultaneously: from the jaw line up, and from the upper lip and cheeks down. This process left an ever-diminishing strip of facial hair close to the jaw line. At times when I would not attempt to stress those areas too much I would move underneath the jaw and work from the neck to the jaw line. That area was reserved as my third line of attack. If this sounds like a battle plan, it is. My enemy is the very determined hair follicle.

Initially she began treatment without hormone therapy. While Angela was receiving treatment, she was undergoing psychotherapy to come to terms with her transsexuality. At a point in her therapy she was approved for hormones and she began a course of female hormones. This is the preferred route from the viewpoint of my practice—start the electrolysis, then months down the line begin hormonal sexual reassignment. From my observations this method speeds the successful eradication of facial follicles.

She continued her beard removal, pleased with the results. In the Spring of 1993, she told me she had her papers recommending sexual reassignment in order. She sent off her papers to the surgeon who scheduled her surgery in July. Angela was thrilled that she had a date set. Her beard was very thin by this time. Her visits to the office had become shorter and less frequent. By the time July rolled around her face would be largely clear of beard.

But 1993 was not destined to be Angela's year of rebirth as a new woman. She flew west to have her surgery, but was rejected by the surgeon because she was not stereotypically feminine. Angela's own version of femininity did not meet up with the surgeon's notions of what a transsexual should look like. She came back crushed, but soon found the strength to pick up the pieces and carry on.

Angela was not only involved in transition from male-to-female, but was restructuring her professional life. She had formerly been involved in male-dominated fields of endeavor, and wanted to work in a

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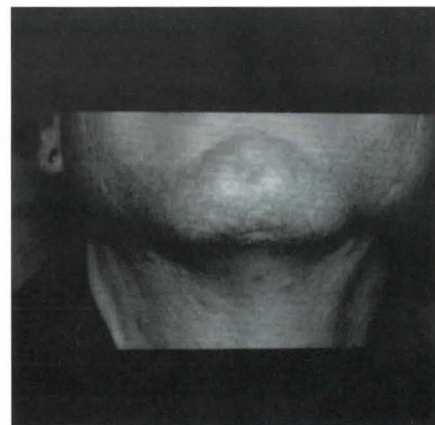


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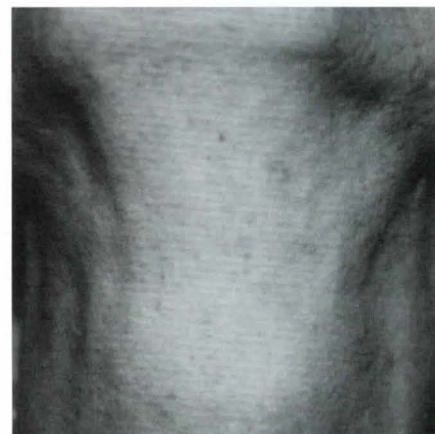


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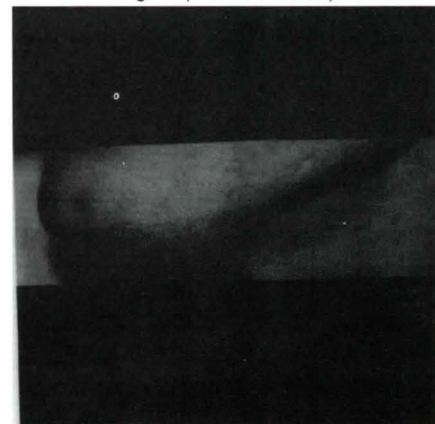


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Fig. 4 (Finished Look)



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more feminine, nurturing workplace. She had been taking the prerequisite courses at a local college to prepare her for nursing school. In the Fall, the disappointment of the Summer was replaced by the challenge of Registered Nursing school.

Her dream of SRS remained, but, thwarted in that effort, in reaction, she scheduled facial feminization surgery for the Spring of 1994. She had found a surgeon in the South that would feminize her face. If she could not have the SRS, she would change nonetheless. The surgery involved augmenting the cheekbones, reducing the jaw line, reshaping the nose (rhinoplasty), and reducing the male prominence of the forehead. She found her first surgery difficult. To this day she hasn't come to a conclusion whether the benefits outweighed the risks.

Later that Spring, the SRS surgeon relented in the face of further documentation of Angela's life as a female and scheduled the reassignment surgery for July of 1994. Angela scheduled the surgery during a week-long break in her second semester of nursing school. She was fearful the surgery would interrupt her schooling, but in her mind, the surgery was paramount.

She had the surgery that July, and to her amazement returned to school and clinical duties at the hospital very quickly afterward. She cautions, however, that she wouldn't recommend resuming physical activity that shortly after SRS. "As a nursing student I knew I was pushing the envelope, but I was a woman on a mission," she said.


We continued her electrolysis treatments post-operatively, but on a much reduced basis, mostly cleanup of stray hairs that would crop up from time to time. To my amazement, she had scheduled even more surgery in the fall. She was to fly west again to finish up her SRS. This particular surgeon does the surgery in two stages. The second stage procedure you are in and out of the hospital the same day.

Not long after returning from that surgery, she had surgery performed to elevate the pitch of her voice to a more feminine level. This surgery had limited success because due to the process of aging, her larynx had stiffened. This complicated the procedure. She continues on with speech therapy to achieve a pitch that will work for her.

Shortly after the voice surgery, a fire swept through her house, and she found herself homeless. Friends from all quarters rushed to her aid. She was overwhelmed by the love shown her. People she never expected to accept her showed up to help. A dear friend she met while taking Microbiology put on a benefit bash for her. Classmates from nursing school made sure she kept her academic and clinical skills up to snuff.

I was astounded when she told me that she had breast augmentation surgery planned for December the day after her midterms. She passed her exams and had the augmentation. From Spring to December of 1994 she had completed her surgical transition. She is presently rebuilding her house and is doing a maternity rotation at a local hospital.

And so it goes with Angela. I asked if she had any advice for anybody going through transition. She said, "If you can go slower than I did, do it. Take time to feel what you're going through and process that before you take the next step. If you rush through it all with a blur of activity, the feelings are waiting for you after you are through. There's no way around it. I found it quite overwhelming. There's a good chance you might need plenty of support." She also added that those contemplating surgeries should be aware of the nature of the surgery and its potential complications. She said, "It's important to be aware of what the surgeons don't say. The unforeseen can come back and haunt you. *Caveat emptor.*"

Over the time I've known Angela I've come to know her struggles with gender issues. She's shared with me her recovery from alcoholism. That's how she used to deal with her transgendered feelings—drown them in a sea of booze. Her miraculous recovery from alcoholism has enabled her to become the woman she always knew she was. All through the Grace of God, she adds. 

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streets. Well-lighted areas may have groups of individuals hanging out. (Youth Alert!) At such times, crossing the street may be preferable. If unable to do so, walking alongside the street off the sidewalk is another option. Keep the distance between yourself and questionable people without being obvious about it.

Secure your purse and possessions by opting for larger bags, backpacks or bags which can be put over the opposite shoulder. Avoid wearing ostentatious jewelry. For beginners, getting your purse stolen is almost an initiation rite. Many individuals hide their money and keys on their body rather than risk having these items stolen during a night on the town.

#### **IN THE EVENT YOU ARE UNDER THREAT**

If standing and mobile, keep moving. If you can run away, do so. Otherwise, if you are unable to escape your assailant(s), movement may buy you the time to talk or negotiate. In self-defense approaches you have several options: aggressive and non-aggressive resistance along with distractive techniques.

Aggressive resistance is solely designed to open up a get-away opportunity so you can go get help. It is not an opportunity to return to the incident site and become a perpetrator of violence yourself. Aggressive resistance includes: Yelling, Screaming and even Fighting.

Research shows that in weaponless assaults, 85% of individuals who fight and yell get away. Most assailants are looking for passive, cooperative victims. Aggressive, vigorous refusal to be assaulted is the most effective resistance reported by both attempted assault victims and deterred assailants. If you need help learning self-defense moves, *now* is the time to take a class or rent that self-defense video and practice with a friend.

Distractive techniques include talking and negotiating with assailants. While many times talking

may not actually stop the assault, it may help minimize the number of traumatic events during the assault process. An assailant's fantasy is generally fed by weak, victim-like responses: screams, struggling, crying and pleading. Strange behavior possibly may act as a deterrent. It must be convincing, though, to create an escape opportunity: vomit, defecate, fake a heart attack or seizure, or act crazy and bizarre.

Non-aggressive resistance is an option when aggressive resistance or getaway alternatives appear unavailable. Once again you can talk to your assailants if you feel your only option is to submit. Calmly as able make yourself "human" to your perpetrator. I recently counselled a young rape victim who had such an intense conversation with her rapist that after the incident the perpetrator insisted on walking the young lady home "for fear she might get mugged!"

#### **SUBMISSION DOES NOT EQUAL CONSENT**

Take time to observe your assailant(s) as well as the time and place of the incident. Take time to observe their height, weight, hair and eye color, approximate age, scars and tattoos. Is there anything memorable about their physical appearance. Is there something of the assailant's you can retain without their knowing, a strand of hair? If the attack happens in an assailant's car, leave something connecting you inside the vehicle for future investigation: a piece of fabric, your own hair, a button from your clothing. Preferably something small and unnoticeable, maybe shoved in the seat, i.e., not one of your shoes!

In your daily travels, become an observer; learn to profile people you see briefly and recollect at a later time things you remember about their profile.

#### **IF YOU HAVE BEEN VICTIMIZED**

Do not remain isolated. Call your closest friend, family member and contact your counselor or therapist. Tell these individuals you have been victimized and need their support.


If the situation warrants filing a police report or criminal charges, do so. If you do not stop the perpetrator, you are giving them license to act again. If you feel afraid of contacting the police, have someone accompany you.

In the event that you have been raped, you will also wish to contact a rape crisis center. They will be able to help you further. Once again, if you feel afraid of contacting these organizations, ask someone for help and company.

#### **AS INDIVIDUALS & COMMUNITY WE ARE NOT HELPLESS**

Getting harassed by strangers, neighbors, on-the-job, by landlords, or even worse being assaulted or raped, all these are a growing reality for minority individuals. Being transgendered does not mean being a victim. The majority of this article has focused on harassment, confrontation and violence as a result of individuals with malice. However there are times when you will encounter insensitive individuals who do not agree with your experience or who do not understand "transgendered concepts." Commonly these individuals do not realize their behavior. Frequently, just telling the individual their actions are hurtful may be enough to jolt them into the reality that they are hurting another human.

Feel free to educate those who are willing to listen, and initiate respect from those with whom you wish to associate. Educate individually by sharing your feelings, experiences and needs with others. When you feel comfortable identifying and sharing your experiences, as you share, others with time will feel safe growing and sharing also!

On a community level there are a variety of things you can do to help make our community a safer place. Within pre-existing organizations you can get involved with speakers' bureaus which reach out to the mainstream public educating on transgendered issues. Within social organizations you can organize "safety" workshops, self-defense classes, ride-sharing and safety awareness oriented activities. 



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HCFA in their own reimbursement practices.

Based on two studies in 1979 and 1981, HCFA has found that SRS is experimental and issued guidelines barring SRS reimbursement on that basis. HCFA has not addressed the issue of SRS or transgender-related health care procedures since 1981. The 1979 study was completed by a Phar.D. and a Phar.B. Acting in part on these findings the Department of Health and Human Services filed an amicus brief in support of the state in *Rush v. Johnson*.

The 1979 study found "there are no definitive standardized diagnostic tests...available for evaluating the transsexual." The effect of psychotherapy on transsexuals was found to be mixed depending on the researcher. Interestingly, since it is perhaps the only issue two pharmacologists might be considered qualified to address, they found "Hormonal treatment... appears to be successful in relieving suffering in the transsexual patient.... Complications of hormone therapy in transsexuals have not been reported to any significant extent in the literature."

In commenting on the effectiveness of SRS procedures they find "the surgical component of the treatment of transsexualism remains, within the greater medical community, an experimental procedure...at the present level of the state of the art of transsexual surgery, the potential for incapacitating complications of the surgical procedure represents a greater risk of prolonging disability compensation than the primary disorder itself...there appears to be a greater incidence of complications for these procedures compared to the average incidence of overall surgical complications."

In addressing the efficacy of SRS they note, "It has not been determined whether sex reassignment surgery significantly lessens the incidence rate of suicide among transsexuals." The most critical finding of the 1979

HCFA report is its finding on the experimental nature of SRS. The researchers found, "several recent medical publications suggest that transsexual surgery is still considered experimental, in that it is not known how many and what percent of the transsexual patients are 'cured' or 'rehabilitated' by the surgical procedure. The informational data base developed for this project similarly does not support an unconditional departure from the experimental classification assigned to transsexual surgery. The basis for this observation is the almost total absence of published controlled outcome studies relating to the efficacy of transsexual surgery to the medical and emotional expectations of the physicians, therapists and patients involved in this area of medical treatment."

#### ***Pinneke v. Preisser***

(623 Fed 2d, 546. 1980)

This Eighth Circuit US Court of Appeals decision remains one of the most important to transgendered people receiving appropriate health care. The state of Iowa appeared not to argue that SRS may be "medically necessary," but that it was more in the nature of "cosmetic surgery." The court found that the state "without any formal rule making proceedings or hearings...established an irrebuttable presumption that the procedure of sex reassignment surgery can never be medically necessary when the surgery is a treatment for transsexualism and removes healthy, undamaged organs and tissue. This approach reflects inadequate solicitude for the applicant's diagnosed condition."

The court further quoted from *White v. Beal*, supra, 555 Fed 2d, 1152, "that the regulations permit discrimination in benefits based upon the degree of medical necessity but not upon the medical disorder from which the person suffers."

This court did not address the issue that SRS may be experimental.

#### ***G.B. v. Lackner***

(145, Cal Rpt, 555. 1978); and

#### ***J.D. v. Lackner***

(145, Cal Rpt, 570. 1978)

These two companion cases were decided by the First District Court of Appeal in California. They are significant in that they establish that SRS is not a cosmetic procedure. Cosmetic procedures are routinely barred under both private and public health care programs. Additionally, they are barred without reference to the medical disorder a patient suffers from. Exceptions to the cosmetic bar are generally allowed where it is established that an underlying organic problem exists, or in case of traumatic injury.

The court found, in one of the wonderful passages from a court, to be "considered cosmetic requires that the alteration (of the skin) would be considered by the average prudent observer to be within the range of normal and acceptable appearance...The average prudent observer probably has no desire and will not observe what is under the skirts or trousers of either a pre- or post-operative transsexual. It is not a generally recognized characteristic of transsexuals to move about in the public in the nude."

It is perhaps incredible that the last case of note relating to transgendered health care is now eleven years old. Where do these cases leave us? What needs to be accomplished to move the legal status of transgender procedures out of the early 1980s? Doe, Pinneke, both *Rush* cases, as well as the two *v. Lackner* cases argue to the point that transsexualism as a condition cannot be singled out for arbitrary adverse treatment by Medicare authorities; that SRS as a treatment cannot arbitrarily be denied reimbursement. There is in the US Supreme Court ruling in *Beal v. Doe* a presumption for reimbursement for that which is "medically necessary."

We have perhaps become accustomed to (although certainly not resigned to) the employment law cases where to discriminate on the basis of our transgendered status is afforded legal sanction. The law in the health care area while



problematic, remains in some important respects more promising.

The underpinning of the denial of SRS reimbursement found by the *Rush v. Johnson* court was (1) that the state was permitted to bar experimental procedures, and (2) that the state had a reasonable foundation for its determination that SRS was experimental.

It would seem that what we need to do now is clear—we need a base of information that demonstrates that the procedures we seek are not now experimental. In accomplishing a legal goal, what is needed is scientific evidence. Thousands of SRS procedures have been completed in the past eleven years. Transgender health care issues have grown beyond the single issue of SRS reimbursement. This writer is aware of no procedures that compare with SRS at remaining in the limbo status of “experimental” for decades. Insurance plans pay for procedures that have been demonstrated to be effective. It is our success stories, the skills of those who now provide both surgical and non-surgical care that is the basis for demonstrating the appropriateness of the care we receive. They are the needed counter to the flawed and narrow studies of the 1960s and 1970s gender clinics.

*DSM IV* addresses the issue of SRS only to make the most qualified of statements regarding its prevalence. The latest version of *DSM* (1994) falls well short of recording the potential for and actuality of successful gender transition. Nonetheless, what is perhaps most profound is that it no longer says what previously it had consistently said since 1980 “that the long term outcome of combined psychiatric, hormonal, and surgical sex reassignment treatment is not well known.” In future legal cases it will be more difficult for the *DSM* to be used as evidence to argue that SRS and related services are experimental.

In researching this paper I could find only an apparent absence of studies that argue against the effectiveness of hormonal treatments for transgendered people. HCFA’s own

report says it is effective. This begs the question, Can the officials, in particular Medicare, sustain a denial of such treatments?

The HBGDA standards are certainly not bound by such findings. It is perhaps however germane to ask the foundation for their restrictive cautions regarding hormonal therapy. Is it based on scientific evidence, or is it based on inertia and the positional power of the caregiver vis-a-vis the patient?

In *Rush v. Johnson* the debate within the transgendered community regarding SRS was used by the state as evidence to document a lack of any consensus regarding SRS procedures. I cannot say it strongly enough, to say a procedure is not for me is a sacred individual choice. To say a procedure is not for anyone is to work to deny others their sacred right of individual choice. Such a stand reflects a morality I fail to understand. And the practical impact of the reimbursement restrictions placed on SRS has been the extension of restricted payments for transgendered health care well beyond SRS alone.

#### **EXPERIMENTAL MEDICINE REIMBURSEMENT LEGAL ISSUES:**

As medical science advances at a rapid rate employing new, changing and quite expensive procedures coincidental with insurance carriers and other payers developing advanced and elaborate cost control mechanisms, there has been a not very surprising collision; a collision of interests that is reaching the courts and the legislatures with increasing rapidity. These have not been cases involving transgendered people, but they have much significance for transgendered people. Our procedures have been deemed experimental and the courts and legislatures are addressing the question of the obligations of payers for experimental procedures. Successfully challenging the experimental designation of transgendered procedures begins with an understanding of the law as it relates to experimental medicine.

While the body of law relating to transgender health care has involved Medicare programs in experimental

cases, the payer has been private insurance and HMO entities. With Medicare procedures, the legal question has been their adherence to the Congressional enabling Act, specifically Title XIX. Title XIX provides standards that state officials are limited by the application of reimbursement policies. Limits to reimbursement must be based on “criteria as medical necessity or those contained in utilization or medical review procedures.” Under private plans the legal standard is one of “abuse of discretion.”

The cases found to date have often involved very sympathetic plaintiffs, i.e., terminally diagnosed cancer patients. The April 1993 edition of the *Journal of American Medicine* reported in their survey of 17 cases from 1980 - 1989 involving unproven and experimental procedures that the plaintiff was successful in 14 of those cases. These were cases with jury trials. Plaintiff victories generally included both actual and punitive damages. A recent Los Angeles County case involving an experimental bone marrow treatment for a terminal cancer patient resulted in a record \$89 million dollar judgment against Health Net of California. The case is now on appeal. The plaintiffs in that case were the family of a young mother who died of breast cancer following the denial of treatment reimbursement. The effectiveness of the desired procedure is a substantially debated topic within the medical community.

The appellate courts have not generally responded with the degree of sympathy found in Juries.

#### ***Barnett v. Kaiser Foundation Health Plan***

(1994 WL 400819 (9th Cir.(Cal))

Mr. Barnett was a patient in need of a liver transplant. Kaiser had a plan under which Mr. Barnett was covered that excluded experimental or investigational procedures. Mr. Barnett in addition to requiring a liver transplant had e-antigen hepatitis. Kaiser denied Mr. Barnett on the basis that 1) the procedure was experimental, and 2) that Mr. Barnett was medically inappropriate due to his hepatitis.



In evaluating Kaiser's actions, the court used the standard of "arbitrary and capricious...The touchstone of 'arbitrary and capricious' conduct is unreasonableness." The facts of this case provide a model for judging payer actions. Mr. Barnett argued that for Kaiser to be both a financial beneficiary of a treatment denial and the arbiter of appropriate treatment was a conflict of interest. Kaiser was able to demonstrate that they had in place a Medical Advisory Committee that reviewed all liver transplant requests, that the committee acted on protocols developed by the UCSF Medical Center, that Mr. Barnett's hepatitis was an absolute contra-indication to transplant under the UCSF protocols, that the committee had authority to and in 120 of 250 requested cases had approved liver transplants, and that the committee was effectively shielded from the financial impacts of their decisions.

One of the more interesting comments in the testimony was that of the head of the Medical Advisory Committee that their criteria were under constant review "based on changing literature and views of the profession." (One gathers "constant review," unlike with SRS, indicates a time-frame measured in increments of less than decades.)

The courts, in upholding Kaiser's actions, did not make a medical judgment as to the appropriateness of the procedure sought or its applicability to Mr. Barnett. What the court found was that the decision-making process used by Kaiser was reasonable and based on medical judgment not financial concerns.

#### ***Boland v. King County Medical Blue Shield***

(798 Fed Sup, 638. 1992)

Mrs. Boland was diagnosed with terminal breast cancer. She sought authorization and reimbursement for high dose chemotherapy with autologous bone marrow transplant. This is a procedure classified by Blue Shield as experimental and denied under her policy which excluded

experimental procedures. Mrs. Boland argued at length that there was a conflict of interest implicit in Blue Shield's role. In the Firestone case (489 US, 115) there is precedent that a "conflict of interest must be taken into account when determining whether there is abuse of discretion by the administrator."

Blue Shield defined experimental in their contract in an industry standard fashion:

"An experimental or investigational service or supply is one that meets at least one of the following: 1. Is under clinical investigation by health professionals and is not generally recognized by the medical profession as tested and accepted medical practice; 2. Requires approval by the Federal Drug Administration or other governmental agency, and such approval has not been granted at the time the service or supply is ordered; 3. Has been classified by the national Blue Cross and Blue Shield Association as experimental or investigational."

In deciding for Blue Shield the court was persuaded that within limits of reasonable discretion, Blue Shield was free to determine medical procedures to be covered. The court relied significantly on finding that the local Blue Shield Association in King County, Washington was financially independent of the national BC/BS association. That it was the national association and not the local association that was responsible for determining procedures to be experimental. And lastly that in making those determinations the national BC/BS association relied upon that which is "generally recognized by the medical profession as tested and accepted medical practice."

#### ***Jones v. Laborers Health & Welfare Fund***

(906 Fed 2d, 480. 1990)

This is also a breast cancer case in which Mrs. Jones sought reimbursement for hyperthermia as a treatment. In Barnett and Boland

the courts had held that the standard for judging "abuse of discretion" was the reasonableness of the payer actions. In the Jones case the court held the payer to a far less stringent standard in holding that "in order to constitute an abuse of discretion a trustee's factual findings must be clearly erroneous." Additionally the court would accept only that evidence which had been presented to the trustees in support of request for reimbursement. While they appear to reach different standards of permissible payer conduct, both Barnett and Jones are holdings of the Ninth US Circuit.

#### ***Jacob v. Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Oregon***

(92 Or. App, 259. 1988)

This is also a cancer case where plaintiffs sought reimbursement for Gerson therapy received at a clinic in Tijuana, Mexico. Plaintiffs could not present any medical evidence in support of their request and argued their case on contractual grounds. The court found for BC/BS. The case is of note for the definition of Medical Necessity as defined by BC/BS, "interpretation of accepted medical standards in our service area, it cannot be omitted without adversely affecting the patient's condition." Secondly, while finding for BC/BS the court noted "Blue Cross does not have unlimited discretion to decide what is and is not covered. In determining whether a claim falls within the exclusions, it must apply the objective standards set forth in the exclusions."

#### ***Johnson v. District 2 Marine Engineers***

(857 Fed 2d, 514. 1988)

Mrs. Johnson required a liver transplant for terminal liver disease. Her policy excluded by express language liver transplants. This case is of note because while the court applied the traditional standard of reasonableness in finding for the payer it is the only case I could find in which the court additionally found the financial impact on the payer was a legitimate factor in payer decision-making.



### **Cowan v. Myers**

(232 Cal.Rptr, 299. 1987)

This is a Medicare case. It is significant for its definition of medical necessity and its determination of who properly should determine medical necessity. (This case did not involve transgendered plaintiffs. It is interesting, though, that the two cases most extensively analyzed are Pinneke and Rush v. Johnson. I recommend reading it for its analysis of those two significant transgender cases.) Plaintiffs argued that it is the individual physician who should determine in each case what is medically necessary for that patient. The court rejected the argument that "regulations expressly permit the state to limit services on the basis of medical necessity. We are convinced the Act did not intend the physician to be the sole arbiter of medical necessity...such a rule (would) result in inconsistent and unfair applications based on variations between physicians."

California regulations had defined medical necessity as "that which is medically necessary to protect life or prevent significant disability." Federal guidelines included the phrase after "significant disability... or to alleviate severe pain." The court found California regulations without force except that the phrase "or to alleviate severe pain" be added.

### **What does all of this mean for transgendered health care?**

1. Transgendered people cannot be denied reimbursement based on our condition.
2. The most controversial or at minimum the most litigated transgender procedure has been held by Medicare officials and by most private health care plans to be experimental.
3. Experimental procedures as a class of benefits may be permissibly excluded from coverage. That which is medically necessary may not be excluded.
4. The extension of the coverage exclusion from SRS to non-SRS

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transgender health care procedures, e.g., hormone therapy, psychological therapy, appears to be founded not on medical evidence or case law but on unchallenged arbitrary payer actions.

5. The courts have given to the payers the responsibility for determining what is experimental and what is medically necessary. It is a responsibility that is subject to judicial review based on the reasonableness of the decision-making process. Payers may not act in an arbitrary or capricious manner.
6. The courts have held regardless of express exclusionary language that to exclude SRS simply because it is SRS would be an insupportable arbitrary action.
7. Determinations of what is experimental and medically necessary should be based on medical evidence in accord with recognized medical practice. Notwithstanding the finding in one case, such determinations should not be based on the financial impact of the decision on the payer.
8. To achieve reimbursement for medical procedures, including transgender procedures, a body of medical evidence must exist that defines accepted, standard and proven medical practice for a given condition. That is not an argument for any or all of the specific HBGDA standards. It is

an argument for recognized standards in the application of medical services to transgendered people.

### **MEDICAL TECHNOLOGY ASSESSMENT PRACTICES:**

The standard applied in determining if a medical procedure experimental is a three part test:

1. Recognized by the medical profession as tested and accepted medical practice.
2. Approval by a necessary governmental agency is not in abeyance or withheld.
3. Has not been classified as experimental by the payer.

How can we judge whether a payer is acting reasonably in making their determinations? Payers, public and private, increasingly rely on what has come to be known as "Medical Technology Assessment Protocols." The practice of developing such protocols is a growing field employing medical, legal and payer expertise.

In the late 1970s and early 1980s when transgender challenges to reimbursement policies were finding their way into the courts, payers were called on only to answer a two part question in determining if a procedure were experimental: Is it safe? Is it effective? It was an orientation that was heavily weighted to the experiences of the provider. Providers and payers have come in the past decade to recognize the limits of such an analysis. Most particularly the limits it places on the experiences of the patient. Meanwhile, payers have certainly noted that new procedures with costs that are unlimited often have benefits that are quite limited.

From the *New England Journal of Medicine*, September 1990, with "New Technology Assessment":

...safety and efficacy remains, but...[assessments] now encompass the measurement of effectiveness, considerations of the quality of life, and patients' preferences,



and especially the evaluation of costs and benefits.

The focus of new assessment practices is on the outcomes of the procedures applied: the clinical, financial and the quality of life that results from the application of the medical technology.

A modern protocol includes the experiences of the patient:

The health care system sometimes behaves as if the patient did not matter, the patient is the ultimate customer... Two fallacies abound in the health care community concerning information from patients. The first is that patient-derived data must be inaccurate or certainly not as accurate as information gleaned from a physician. The second is that the only information one can obtain from patients is their satisfaction with the service they receive. Both of these notions are patently untrue.

*(Measuring and Managing Health Care Quality: Procedures, Techniques and Protocols.* (1991) N. Goldfield, M.D., M. Pine, M.D., M.B.A., & J. Pine, M.R.E.)

In 1992, the Department of Health and Human Services sponsored a conference on the subject of "New Medical Technology: Experimental or State-of-the-Art." The conference brought together a number of disciplines and sought to provide definition to the process of answering the question, Is it experimental? It is interesting to read the comments in particular of the payer representatives.

Blue Cross/Blue Shield uses the following Five criteria:

1. The technology must have final approval from a regulatory body.
2. There must be scientific evidence concerning the effect of the technology on health outcomes, that is, there must be some published evidence about the

benefits and risks of using the intervention.

3. The technology must improve net health outcome. Does the person live longer? Is the quality of life better? Does it increase the ability to function?
4. Is the new technology as beneficial as current technologies?
5. Is net approval attainable outside a research setting. We might stipulate that the technology should only be used in certain settings, but this will not stop the technology from being approved. (Susan Gleeson, Executive Director, Technology Management Department, Blue Cross and Blue Shield Association.)

John Cova, Ph.D., Director of Medical Technology Assessment, Health Insurance Association of America, stated, "A change from experimental to state-of-the-art should also signify that there are sufficient objective scientific data to show that the new technology offers significant clinical benefits and advantages relative to other technologies used for the same purposes."

Technology Assessment is an area that is developing and growing. Today the assessments are being completed internally within payer organizations or for them by third parties under contract. Providers, patients and payers have expressed dissatisfactions with this process. Some seek to place legal restrictions on how payers reach their decisions. Others, including some payers, would like to shift this responsibility to the Federal government. The President's health care proposal and those of the Majority side in both Houses of Congress called for the establishment of National Health Boards that would be responsible for determining what is experimental and what is not. Who and how medical reimbursement decisions are made are ignored by our community at our peril.

The opportunity presented to the Transgendered community by

Technology Assessment Protocols are:

- (1) The process by which reimbursement decisions are made is being openly defined.
- (2) New Assessment procedures are more inclusive of patient experiences than prior procedures.
- (3) The new standard of effectiveness is the outcome achieved. Has the quality of life been improved?

This writer believes that the major impediment to the inclusion of transgender health care procedures within the context of commonly accepted reimbursed procedures is the absence of scientific research into the outcomes of commonly received transgender services. When one compares transgender health care to the industry standard criteria established by Blue Cross/Blue Shield, affirmative answers are available to each criterion, except perhaps the second, the published research outcome studies. We need scientific documentation of our successes in clinical terms and, most importantly of all, in human terms.

#### INDIVIDUAL CLAIM STRATEGIES:

My profession is Claims Administration. I am not an attorney, and nothing here should be taken to replace or substitute for the necessary consultation with trained personal legal counsel when confronted with a dispute. Dispute and argument with payer entities is not unknown; it is not, however, a given. We are referred to in health care as payers for the obvious reason.

**Rule #1:** Don't take "No" for an answer. No, is just the beginning of negotiations.

**Rule #2:** Make request in writing.

**Rule #3:** Insist on answers in writing.

**Rule #4:** For anything you pay for out of pocket, obtain a receipt and keep your receipts.



Does your policy contain the standard exclusionary language regarding SRS and related services? Look in the General Exclusions section of the policy contract. If not, Congratulations! Your issue is now simply demonstrating the medical necessity of your desired procedure. It is a task carried out by your Physician, Psychiatrist, Psychologist and/or therapist.

Key findings that to payer organizations will indicate medical necessity are:

- Diagnosis, treatment and procedures conducted in accord with accepted and standard medical practice for this condition. Were HBGDA standards followed? If so, that's very important. It is indicative of accepted practice.
- The absence of this procedure will adversely effect the patient's condition.
- Procedure or service is necessary to protect life, prevent significant disability, or to alleviate severe pain.
- Alternative methods of care were attempted and unsuccessful, e.g., psychotherapy failed to change the underlying condition. The requested care offers a greater opportunity for success than alternative care already delivered or now considered.

If your policy, like most, contains the standard exclusionary language, all of the above regarding medical necessity remains important. What is added is the burden of overcoming the exclusion. It will not be easy; the odds are against you. It is not impossible. And it is a fight for care and reimbursements we are entitled to. No one asked if we were transgendered when we were making insurance payments.

Request each desired treatment separately, psychological evaluations, psychiatric treatments, hormonal therapy, SRS, follow-up surgical care, genital, breast or other. I have heard of reports of transsexuals encountering

difficulties with post-surgical follow-up care. I would be very suspicious of post-surgical denials. Let your physicians make the requests whenever possible.

Don't accept the answer, "It's excluded by the contract." It is likely, however, to be the initial answer. Contracts are subject to review. It's their language. It is their responsibility to defend the language and the contract.

Very important: By contract or by state law, are there specified appeal and grievance procedures? If so, be careful to follow them. Watch deadlines, yours and theirs. Often, missing a deadline waives a right, a right to appeal; and when the carrier is late, perhaps the right to deny.

Inform them that you believe the contract language to be invalid. Ask them what is the basis for the contract exclusion? How do they define "SRS and all related services"? Why? Do they deny as a cosmetic procedure? Refer them to *Doe v. Minnesota*, *Rush v. Parham*, *G.B. v. Lackner* and *J.D. v. Lackner*. (If you can watch their eyes when you do that!)

Do they exclude all transgender care by condition? Refer them to *White v. Beal*, *Pinneke v. Preisser*, *Rush v. Johnson*, and *Doe v. Minnesota*.

Do they exclude as experimental? If so, the strategy I am suggesting is to challenge the process used by the payer in reaching that designation. Can their designation process for transgender care be shown to be legally deficient in comparison to the practices engaged in by payers and condoned by the courts in *Barnett v. Kaiser*, *Boland v. King County* and *Jacob v. Blue Cross*?


Exactly what is being defined as experimental? Therapy? Hormones? SRS? If they exclude everything related to sex transformation, that is beginning to sound very similar to exclusion by condition.

How was the conclusion that it is experimental reached? On what evidence? When was the evidence last reviewed? What literature was

reviewed? How timely is that literature? What are the qualifications of the personnel responsible for making the experimental determination? What experience do they have in the diagnosis and treatment of transgendered people? Was any medical analysis completed prior to the implementation of the exclusion? Was it an underwriting decision? Are they familiar with the procedures requested? With the physicians who have performed or will perform the procedures? With their success/complications rates? Have they attempted to familiarize themselves? Do they have a Medical Review Committee? Was this request reviewed by the Medical Review Committee? Why not? On what basis does the Medical Review Committee become involved in an appeal? Can/does the Medical Review Committee make exceptions to the bar against reimbursement for experimental services? How often? On what basis? How often do they make exceptions where the patient is transgendered?

By what process does payer's review procedure attempt to keep up with changes in medical practice? Have they used that process to track developments in transgender health care procedures? Has a Technology Assessment Protocol of the requested procedure been completed? Insist on a copy. (And, please, send it to me. I'd love to see one on transgender care.) When was it done? Does it include patient experience as a criterion? Is there a plan to do an Assessment Protocol? If so, when and on what basis are procedures denied while the protocol is being developed?

Sometimes, sometimes—if you're persistent, polite and a pest—they'll pay you just to go away! And other times it does not work. I simply refuse to believe we have to accept these policies as a given. One of the reasons we are not included is that we accepted it when we were excluded. It is a fight that is worth taking on.

Reimbursement does matter. All the rights in the world to transgender health care will not matter if you don't have the money to pay for that health care. 



## ANSWERS, PLEASE

As an enthusiastic concert-goer (dressed or not, about 60/40%) I have often wondered how many transgendered people are in the music-performing biz; and particularly the "serious" end of it. If you are a union musician, or even do it as an amateur, in a crossgendered persona, I would be interested in knowing about it, and if you can put your experience (preferably positive) in a fairly short letter or article, perhaps we'd like to print it.

Being transgendered is much more common than living your dream.

If you are an engineer or contractor or builder who does as a woman what you used to do as a male, I also would like to hear from you. We all know that many computer programmers have made a successful transition more or less "on the job," how many technicians, mechanical or electrical, how many in architectural or building trades have managed to cross over without having to jettison decades of useful experience?

If it worked for you, disguise the details if you wish and write a bit about it. Please also include a covering letter so we will know it's for real; we get enough fantasies in the literature already.

It's a matter of faith that without the crossdressing engineers, the space program would never have gotten as far as it did, before Congress lost interest in it. Most of us are or were

Trekkies or Science Fiction fans, but my question is, of these, who has changed gender on the job, or since, and has been able to stay doing the same sort of work, rather than "transitioning" to a secretary or electrolysis tech or other job viewed as "feminine"?

*TV-TS Tapestry* needs real stories about real people who did their dreams, and came out ahead. I suppose those people are too busy living their lives to write about it, let alone read books or magazines about crossdressing; what's the point, if you're doing it? Not for you, for those who come after, that's the point.

Sincerely,

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## THE RELIGIOUS RIGHT

I read *Tapestry* #69 with my usual interest in what was going on in 'my world' and feel the need to comment on the timbre and tone of the whole issue. Let me preface this by saying that a number of years ago, as a member of the metaphysical movement, I was distressed by a need of some in that movement to monitor the actions, opinions, and beliefs of the 'religious right' that they felt was their evil twin. I commented to them then much as I comment to you now.

I understand, having been raised in a very devout Lutheran home, the differences between 'their' beliefs about 'us' and 'our' beliefs about 'us.' I am also

originally from Oregon and have dealt with the bigotry of Lon Mabon and his cohorts of fear. My concern comes in the acknowledgment of their actions by complaining. Merissa, you said in your letter to Rush that he made you feel hurt and angry. Doesn't this hearken to releasing control of your feelings to somebody to whom those are the last things you would give? Why in the world would you give over control of your feelings to such as he? Instead of going out of your way to write him, providing him more ammunition for his talk show dog-and-pony-show, would not the better method of rebuke have been to confront him on these pages, allowing the members of this community the opportunity to help channel that energy away from him, rather than toward him?

Perhaps the best antithesis to the kind of baiting that I feel goes on from time to time by members of the trans-community is the work noted by Judy Osborne in her article later on in the *Tapestry*. If the 'religious right' have taken their beliefs, morals and mores out of church and into the voting booth, perhaps the best way to combat their efforts is to do likewise. A strong effort was launched, and successfully, by members of the gay and lesbian community in Oregon. You can bet that there was a strong representation in those efforts by members of the gender community. Lon Mabon and his crew of paranoids went down to defeat. Rolling up the sleeves of our blouses and going to the voters has to be stronger

than pandering and adding fuel to Rush Limbaugh's fires.

Which brings me to my point: How do we best combat the 'evils' of the religious right (short of warfare and excluding the ballot box)? For me (all this is, of course, opinion) the best way to stay out of a fight is to hug the stuffing out of my foe. Ever tried to hit somebody when they have you in an embrace? I'll bet it would benefit us to send our love and sincere hopes for their well-being. Gad, can you imagine the uproar in the Foursquare Churches in every rural corner of America if they received the love of the bisexual, transgendered and homosexual communities? They would burn the place down and start from scratch in hopes that we would not find them again.

Smothering our foes with our love will do two things, both extremely powerful. First, it will make us stronger in our own right. If we believe that to get we must give, then we stand to get tons of good stuff if we give love to the 'religious right.' Give till it hurts, I say. Give to them what they need and would reject from us most, both at the same time.

Second, if you have studied Judo, or any of the martial arts, you know that the best way to defeat a foe is to let him defeat himself. Using his strength in a parry throws him farther off base than the simple missed shot. Step aside, rather than confront, and let the foe's momentum send him reeling.



If this is a battle that we must fight, and I think we must, and win, and I think we can, we must utilize our limited resources to the highest potential. In my humble opinion this is best done by making our own houses strong and 'righteous' and not spending energies to tear down the others' houses. Change the 'right's' opinion of us by showing them that we are, in fact, upright contributing members of the community in all we do; that we are the members of the PTA, the little League and the Jaycees; that we have lived in their community for generations and will be kept silent no more; that we are not militant but confident, not radical but comfortable, not less (nor more) but equal.

Let us not become the paranoid population, fearing the actions of others. Let us rather, be confident in the sure and certain knowledge that our actions are just and ours by right.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

TED C., MA



## NON-DISCRIMINATION LEGISLATION IN RHODE ISLAND

Unfortunately, the non-discrimination bill working its way through the Rhode Island legislature is not similar to Minnesota's. When it was submitted, it did include wording similar to the Minnesota legislation. This wording included equal civil rights protection for transgendered people. However, before it could reach the committee it was headed for, it was changed.

The Rhode Island Alliance for Lesbian and Gay Civil Rights were blackmailed into excluding "transgender" from the bill. The House leadership demanded that the wording be eliminated. If it weren't, they promised the bill would be dead before it reached the House floor. To ensure the bill's survival, the backers decided to drop the passage which would have protected transgendered people.

Since learning of this exclusion, I have voiced my disappointment to my state representative who was on the committee. I also expressed my opinions to the representative who is the sponsor of the bill (he happens to be gay) and to the Alliance. I have also spoken with leadership of the state PFLAG organization and the Straight But Not Narrow Coalition. The leadership of both organizations say that their organizations still support the inclusion of "transgender" in the bill, but they are still supporting the bill as it now stands. Although the PFLAG president told me that she is reconsidering their support of the Alliance because of this issue, and the SBNNC president said that she will take the matter up with that organization's membership, the Alliance president and vice president told me that they regretted excluding "transgender" from the bill, but that they had to do it.

You know me and my big mouth, I had to tell them that I didn't think there was any honor in their decision. I also told them that I didn't think they took the morally responsible course of action. Rep. Frank Gaschen, the bill's sponsor, said that if the bill is passed into law this

year, then we can work on getting everyone included with other legislation in upcoming years. He also said that if the bill doesn't become law this year, they'll try to get us included next year. I pointed out that if the bill is passed into law, most of the people working on it will vanish into the woodwork. Transgendered people will be left out on the line, having to start at the beginning with no support. I also asked what would happen next year if the bill does not become law. Will the lesbian, gay and bisexual community eliminate "transgender" when the going gets tough? Neither he nor the alliance had an answer.

The House is voting on the bill tomorrow. I do want to be there, but will not be there. My auto finally died and I don't have any transportation. Everyone I know who is going has said that they have other appointments earlier in the day and can't give me a ride. I called several people and they expressed their regrets in regards to transportation. I'd consider taking the bus, but unfortunately there is no bus transportation between here and there.

Thursday, the alliance will have a meeting to either plan their actions as the bill goes to the Senate or to prepare for next year. What they will do depends on if the House passes the bill or not. I have arranged to be at the meeting Thursday evening. I have several things I want to say to them and see if there is some way to get this year's bill amended before it goes to the Senate. If they are planning for next year, I want to impress on them that we are not expendable.

If they will not seriously consider the inclusion of "transgender" into the bill, I guess I will have to go it alone until I can get some support from other people in this state. To this end, I have already started collecting lists of all the state representatives and senators. I also have written letters to various newspapers including the state-wide lesbian, gay and bisexual publication concerning this blatant exclusion of transgender from the bill. The letters are on floppy disc and won't be sent out unless they have to be.

Also, I hope to be able to get through to the local talk radio tomorrow morning. They will be discussing the bill and I want to bring up the fact that this bill does not guarantee equal civil rights protection to all state citizens. I tuned in a little late today and didn't get the opportunity to tell the guest speaker that his statement of this was wrong.

All the best,

GWEN,  
RHODE ISLAND



## RIGHTS FOR EVERYBODY, EVEN YOU AND ME

You know, sometimes one knocks on your door and I really think you should take time to answer back, remembering we never got this far unless we keep trying to break down those walls that say we should stay in our closets. I am very grateful to *Tapestry* magazine. I saw a copy back in 1985 and it took me five years to get the courage to venture forth and throw off my chains. If there is any sincerity in my heart it is to keep making *Tapestry*



better and better for those who come behind me and also to break down all those barriers we face. Now, after reading the rest, you might say this girl is right. What a case of discrimination this is.

A large majority of the voice personals run in major newspapers are run by one voice personal organization. They will let a gay girl advertise for a gay feminine female, a gay male look for a partner to "Pump Iron With," but us, we can't run an ad saying we are CD, TV or like myself TS because, and I have this in writing, and have heard it told to me by their representative to do so is expressing a "Sexual preference." Now, if you can explain to me how one can run an ad asking for a partner the same as they are and people like us can't state who we are because that is stating a "Sexual Preference," I am all ears. Now, maybe as you read this you might think, "You know Dianne, you are right. This smacks of total discrimination."

The Newark *Star Ledger* in New Jersey, where I lived, had the same policy. I took on the *Star Ledger* all on my own, and particularly after I talked to one of their reps and was refused an ad because they said they don't run ads from men who run around in girls' clothes. Say what? I talked to the owner of that service and broke down their barriers and he apologized for the statement. My winning point. We have a right to also meet another who is accepting of us. That is why you run your ads for lonely people to meet others they are compatible with. Being alone is the pits. Do we not also have a right to say up front who we are and leave that to those who read your

ads whether they desire to contact us. I was quite active in MOTG in new Jersey and as for *Tapestry* it was what opened up the door to my closet so I could step outside and be me.

I think you should look into this matter. You have the clout to ruffle their feathers. The group I was most ashamed of was the ACLU. For all we try to protect others' rights against discrimination, they would not even look into the matter. I guess we are still back in the dark ages with them, only giving lip service to us third world people.

Personally, I would call them up, ask for all the papers they run their services in and then write their head manager a letter stating why in this day where one cannot be discriminated against because of their age or color, their religious beliefs, whether they are gay or straight, why are we refused the same rights to run an ad on the simple basis that we are transgendered.

Let's rattle some chains. I marched in the parade in New York City right behind Yvonne Cook-Riley carrying MOTG's banner, which I made, and we represented the whole state of New Jersey. And you didn't even mention us. Since she was in the same group, she heard the group behind us shouting "NO MORE!" And this is the same case. Newspapers who offer a service to all should accept our ads also. "NO MORE" of this type of discrimination. Why not call and lay an ad upon them and see the response. You will have your cheeks as red as your lipstick in rage that this goes on and be asking, Is this 1995 or the dark ages? In

fact, pardon the un-lady-like words, you will get pissed. I hope as you reach the end of this you will rattle these pages and possibly think, Dianne you are right. Why should any of us girls be discriminated against in this fashion. It's totally wrong.

Let me know what you think.

DIANNE



## FORMATIVE EVALUATION

I received your survey yesterday, and after some thought (usually takes considerable effort on my part), I decided to put my name on a couple observations and suggestions. I hope I come across as one who is trying to contribute. That is my intention. Let me first say that finding out about IFGE (and perhaps to an even greater extent, finding *Tapestry*) has allowed me to further explore, express and enjoy the feminine energy I was plagued/blessed with. I enjoy and treasure the identity I now have, but in accepting it (not unlike many of our sisters) I have paid a very high personal price. That is somewhat incidental in the context of this letter, except to say that it is due in part to the efforts and thoughts of the wonderful people that I've encountered (if only on text) through "my" magazine, the *TV/TS Tapestry Journal* that I have become a "Champion" over a fear that I harbored for far too long—that of being myself.

My story is similar, I imagine, to that of a majority of your readers. I imagine, that you, too, believe that most of us share a historical develop-

ment within this community. Too many of our sisters have yet to find (I suggest) a medium in our community/culture (such as *Tapestry*) whereby they can gain intelligent insight into who they are, why they might be that way, and how they can grow as people.

Having said that, let me continue by suggesting that as the hierarchy of the IFGE continues their transitions beyond M2F into their new lives (as I understand many, perhaps most, are doing), it seems that *Tapestry* is in transition too. While it would be simple of me to suggest that *Tapestry* (or any other publication) could remain the same, I feel that perhaps the majority of your readership, which has carried *Tapestry* through from the beginning has been, in part alienated. I am happy for those among us who have the means, fortitude and opportunities which allow them to transition. A number of friends who I have met through *Tapestry*, listings and otherwise, that have transitioned, have both noted and mentioned (along with authorities on this culture) how their libidos atrophy (at least to some extent) upon their transition. Therein exists my first point-many of us (readers, subscribers, benefactors) are left on this side of that wonderful experience (transition). I would suggest, we find ourselves sort of lost in, for example, page after page of dinner speeches, quasi-philosophical ramblings and editorials.

While I'm not suggesting there is "no" audience for those items, I am saying that the items which speak most to me are those in which the very most "key component"



(I believe) of our natures is expressed-our femininity. A large portion of *Tapestry* screams of a masculine trait-that of having to be seen or heard. I too am guilty-everyone loves a by-line. However, I want to be seen and heard expressing my trials, tribulations, triumphs as a woman in a very unique population. I want to read those things as well.

For many of us, there remains a component in this lifestyle (granted, there are many variations or "lifestyles") which seems, with few recent exceptions, to nearly be nonexistent-the sexual component. There are sexual dynamics which would lend themselves to tasteful editorials. I need not be reminded that other means exist (and are even advertised in *Tapestry*) for the purpose of erotic pleasure. That's not exactly my point.

While an agenda for further mainstreaming ourselves through educating the public (not to mention ourselves) and pursuing reasonable protection under the law is itself a noble and legitimate effort, I (along with others, I would suggest) would rather not be whelmed with agenda items as much as I would the expression of ideas and feelings related to femininity and to the various states of transition. Not all of us want to be on the bandwagon (perhaps we should though), we just want to see a good parade! Therein lies my second point-the personal listing section of the magazine has continued to decrease in size, or at least available space per ad. I really enjoyed the photos when they were larger! While it may not be fiscally feasible for that section to be any larger, I do miss it greatly. It kind of goes

back to what I was saying about the "agenda" articles-how many photos of "keynote speakers" behind podiums have we paid to look at over the past couple years? I'd rather see a member of our community "doing" something, whether it's protesting a highway project, feeding the poor, protesting pro-life or pro-choice causes, working on the job after a successful transition or visiting AIDS patients on an isolated hospital ward; that's what real women do: they care, they act, they don't just talk about it!

While it may appear that I'm cynical, I really don't believe it to be true. I am outspoken, and I do have opinions which may in part be contrary to those shared by the well intentioned publishers of the *Tapestry*.

I find the IFGE Vision 2000 Statements of Mission and Strategic Intent to be outstanding! I am inspired, motivated, and generally caused to reevaluate my own participation by that "one page" mailed to your readers/subscribers. I think it should be on the mirror (or refrigerator) of every TV/TG/TS in the country! I'm glad that there are those who commit their time and resources to developing "the agenda" (of which, in and of itself I have no complaints) for our community. I read the *Tapestry* for entertainment, and imagine others do as well. I would rather be a "paying member" of IFGE (with, perhaps, a discount on my *Tapestry* subscription) thereby keeping my entertainment and activism separate.

As always, I'll close by acknowledging, and expressing my gratitude for,

all that IFGE, YOU, do on behalf of our community. As I review and consider IFGE's Statements of Mission and Strategic Intent, I hope that I too will find new ways to "promote understanding, awareness and acceptance of gender identity diversity."

Sincerely,

JOYCE, TEXAS



## A SIMPLE BEGINNING

I enjoy your catalog too much to cut it up, so please accept this letter in place of the order form.

Please send me the materials I have ordered on the enclosed sheet. You can keep the change from the money I have enclosed (smile!). As you can see, I'm still investigating, and I appreciate the information I've received from you.

I haven't yet called the Denver Gender Identity Clinic because of distance (175 miles away), and probably prohibitive therapy costs even if I could get there. I can't afford therapy, anyway. Does any of your literature deal with the costs of gender identity psychotherapy? I know my own doctor would laugh me right out of the clinic if I called and asked about hormone therapy. There must be a way, but I don't know what it is. I've been able to do quite a bit of research on-line through the Internet, and I'm continuing to amass a lot of data about my own psychosexual condition and the etiology of paraphilic gender identity disturbances such as mine.

Please be so kind as to place my order in a discrete envelope so the people at this elementary school won't freak out. I'm in a tenuous position here... and, of course, being "found out" would be dreadfully disastrous.

Thanks.

SOMEWHERE IN COLORADO



## AND FOR SOME IT'S NOT SO SIMPLE

I came to *Tapestry* on a long way. In December 1992 I read a criticism of the movie *Just like a Woman* in a newspaper. This was a very important moment for me because I realised the second time in my life, that I'm not alone with my feelings. I wanted to see the movie. But because of business traveling I missed it. Eventually I got the book *Geraldine* from Monica Jay, and in February of this year I got the movie on videocassette. I enjoyed both very much.

When I wrote a letter to Monica she gave me some hints and some addresses. So I came to *Tapestry*. I'm happy to read your journal because It is very helpful and it gives me a little bit more freedom. I have also read the book *Verhulste Interessen* (*Vested Interests*) by Marjorie Garber. It was also a great help to understand the background. To be free enough to accept and to show what I feel seems to be the greatest problem to me. I'm now 57 years old, married and have a 19-year-old son and a 16-year-old daughter. My wife knows about my desires, but my kids don't know. In the past I



didn't want to mislead my son because I knew how hard it can be. I want him to go the normal way to be happy.

But the books, the letters from Monica and, not in the least, your journal gave me the power to write down the way I had to go. I think it is an unusual way also in our community. I have two sisters who are both younger than I. As long as I can remember sexual interests, I had a strong feeling for feminine clothes, especially for lingerie. When I was young it confused me very much, because I wanted to be a strong man. And what I felt was completely the opposite. On the other hand I'm religious and I thought what I felt was a sin. So I suppressed it with all my power. I didn't want to accept my desires. It was a very hard time.

When I was 20 years old I fell in love with a girl who was two years older than I. When we were alone once she challenged me to a wrestling match. I wasn't a rowdy during my school-time, but when I was challenged I didn't back off. Very often I was successful. But I couldn't believe what happened now. This beautiful girl was stronger than any boy I had fought before. After five or six minutes I was completely overpowered and she pinned me to the ground. She demanded my total submission. I refused. But using her strong legs she made me submit very quickly.

After I accepted she allowed me to stand up. I was still short of breath when the next shock came. I will never forget this moment. She told me that because I was weaker than a girl I should dress like a girl. I was in a panic. But she didn't give me a chance to

escape. In the end I had to put on everything. I saw me the first time in a slip and then in a feminine shirt. The humiliation couldn't have been greater, but what a feeling. My happiness also couldn't have been greater. I couldn't avoid what happened when she led me to the mirror. But one minute later my happiness came to an abrupt end. I felt like falling very fast into a hole.

I was frustrated as never before. I was no more a man, I was completely empty and worthless. With that feeling I took off the feminine clothes and went out. She watched me with a strange face. She didn't try to stop me. I was too excited to go home. I ran through the forest and I wept. I hadn't wept since I was a child, but on this day I couldn't stop.

During the next weeks I was fighting myself. I wanted to forget this woman and I hated her. But I also loved her and I felt an indescribable longing for her. It was much stronger than ever before. After four weeks I went back to her. I couldn't forget what she did. And to be honest, I wanted her to do it again. We have had a wonderful time together. It took a while, but I learned to be a happy loser. I loved to feel her power and to feel her tenderness when I was dressed. Our love was like a drug to me.

About two years later I lost this woman. I couldn't understand why. No other woman in my life has made me so happy and so crazy at the same time. In the years after our separation my fighting began again. I prayed to God for help to get free of my secret desires. But I was not very successful. I could stop it only for short

periods. Then it came back again and again with doubled power. It was terrible because I felt completely abnormal, and I had problems finding other girls.

At this time I lived alone in Berlin. The only persons who knew about me were my mother and a girlfriend of the wrestler's who was two years older. I tried to hide my problems from everybody. I love my mother and I have always had a very good relationship with her, but she avoided speaking about my problem. And my girlfriend tried to help me in her way, but for years I was not able to respond to her.

I didn't know then what I know now, that many men have the same feelings. At this time it seemed to me to be impossible to talk to anybody about my desires. As I mentioned, my wife now knows about what I feel. She accepts it, but she is not enthusiastic. And I can understand her. But she doesn't know about Helga. Maybe I will tell her later about this girl. I'm still hoping to find Helga again, if only to see and talk to her. Since the time with her I like feminine clothes and strong women.

My letter became much longer than I thought when I started. If you think it is worth printing, you are free to do so, but please don't print my name and address. I'm not strong enough to come out of my closet.

Continue with what you do. I hope it works for a better and more tolerant world.

Best regards,

**SOMEWHERE IN EUROPE**



## CROSSDRESSING AND CHILD CUSTODY

I am sure that dozens, if not hundreds of crossdressers have been, or will be in a situation similar to mine. I will soon be going to court to engage in a child custody battle. My crossdressing may well be the crux of the issue, the deciding factor of who gets custody of my son. As I did not contest custody three-and-a-half years ago, my ex-wife feels she has my crossdressing hanging over my head, and that she can manipulate me in any manner she chooses. I have decided that the situation my son is in makes it worth risking the exposure if it might lead to a change of custody. Even if it doesn't, the issue will now be out in the open and cannot be used against me any longer.

What follows is what may be my closing argument/statement. You may share it with *Tapestry* readers if you think it appropriate.

Sincerely,

**OHIO READER**

In *Skinner v. Oklahoma* (1942) the US Supreme Court noted

that the right to raise children is "one of the basic civil rights of man." It is that right which I seek to gain and exercise today.

As the court is aware by now, the issue in this case is crossdressing. The court is also aware that this is something common enough to be featured on television talk shows—Geraldo, Donahue, Oprah, Sally Jessy Raphael—almost regularly. This too is the era of Boy George and Tootsie.

I want to address this issue by posing and answering four questions:

- 1) Is crossdressing legal?
- 2) Is it a form of mental illness?
- 3) Does knowledge of a father's crossdressing adversely affect children involved?
- 4) What is legal precedent in such cases?

As the court might also be aware, I start out with a bit of a handicap, specifically public misperceptions and prejudices concerning crossdressing. To cite Brierly, an English psychologist writing on crossdressing, "any situation which depends heavily on the opinion of what a person intends to do rather than what he actually does, or what the outcome of his behavior is likely to be rather than what it is almost completely deprives the individual of a defense. It appears he can only demonstrate his innocence by demonstrating his intent was not that attributed to him and that is usually either very difficult or impossible." Difficult as it is, it is this handicap which I hope to overcome.

To address the question of whether crossdressing is illegal, the answer is that it is not. The landmark cases in Ohio are Columbus v Zanders (1970), Cincinnati v Adams (1974) and Columbus v Rogers (1975). As recently as 1980, 28 states *did not* have laws against crossdressing.

The second question is whether crossdressing is a form of or evidence of mental illness. In answer, I cite five points:

- 1) When I sought counselling regarding the situation from a therapist who has dealt with more than 100 crossdressers in her marriage/family practice, I was told "You're not sick, you're different."
- 2) Peggy Rudd, a counsellor, educator and wife of a crossdresser states in her book *My Husband Wears My Clothes*, "Crossdressing is a sociological phenomenon, not a medical or psychological problem."
- 3) In the same book, she quotes Walker and Fletcher in *Sex and Society*: "Crossdressers are not sick, therefore no cure is necessary."
- 4) Brierly, quoting Morganstern in a 1965 study of 19 crossdressers: "Evidence is rather opposed to the idea that transvestism is a form of neurotic reaction or that it causes neurotic symptoms."
- 5) Brierly, quoting Bentler in a 1970 study of 180 crossdressers: "There is no difference between crossdressers and a control group tested in the areas of depression, neuroticism, socially deviant attitudes, sadism, and familial discord."

To address the question of whether crossdressing is harmful to children, I cite 3 points:

- 1) Dr. Richard Docter, who has studied cross-dressing extensively, in his book *Transvestites and Transsexuals*, quotes Talmini in a 1982 study of 50 wives of crossdressers: In 37% of cases studied,

children were aware of their father's cross-dressing. Couples noted no adverse effects upon informing their children, and none of the children crossdressed or revealed any other indications of cross-gender identity or deviant sex role behavior.

- 2) Brierly, already cited: Many children are aware of their father's transvestism either because they have discovered it or because they have been brought up in the knowledge of it... There is little positive evidence that these children are in any way profoundly disturbed by the knowledge.
- 3) In a similar case of transsexualism, Joanna Clark cites a 1978 study by Dr. Richard Green of 16 children of transsexuals over a 2 yr period. Says Green,

At this point I tentatively suggest that children being raised by transsexuals... do not differ appreciably from children raised in more conventional settings.

Finally, there is the issue of legal precedent. In the research I have done, I have found no cases which deal specifically with the issue of crossdressing. There are cases which deal with the somewhat similar situations of homosexuality and transsexualism from which we can draw parallels.

Kim Stuart, addressing the issue in her book *The Uninvited Dilemma*, says being a fit parent has nothing to do with whether someone is transsexual. A fit parent relates to whether someone will take care of the children

and provide a healthy environment in which the child can have reasonably secure relationships with the parent, be the parent male or female... That determination should be made on the basis it is decided in other cases-the general welfare of the child, not whether the parent happens to be transsexual.

I cite five cases in support of my position:

- 1) Colorado Court of Appeals in *Christian v Randall* (1973)
- 2) *People v Brown* (Mich 1973) "...very little to support the conclusion that this (homosexual) relationship rendered the home an unfit place for the children."
- 3) In *Schuster v Schuster*, a 1974 Washington case, the court allowed a lesbian mother to retain custody of four children.
- 4) In *Whitehead v Black* (Maine, 1976) the court gave custody to a lesbian mother without any conditions.
- 5) In *re Hatzopoulos* (Colorado 1977) the court awarded custody of children to the lesbian lover of a mother who had committed suicide.



ACCOLADES

The next time you hear from me, it will be as a new subscriber. I like the *Tapestry Journal*. I find it to be informative and good reading. Some of the articles I've read are just like having someone to talk with about how I feel or am feeling.

STACY K. GOWAN



# Who Is Alison Laing?

**L**ike most transgendered people I began my journey as a child. At that time I lived in the southwest and under the influence of a very conservative religion. I moved north to escape what I thought was a macho society only to discover that it wasn't really that different up here. Some how I made it through college receiving a B.S. and M.S. in engineering at an eastern university, got married, spent 2 years in the military as an officer, had several children, and a very successful career in the high-tech electronics industry. After many years of denial, with in-between bouts of dressing, I finally resorted to professional help and came to a good level of self-acceptance. But it wasn't until I got involved with the community that I realized who and what I really was.

I first came out at Fantasia Fair in 1986 and experienced an immediate wonderful sense of acceptance, love, and companionship. It was soon after the Fair that I felt that no one should suffer the guilt, shame, fear and loneliness that I had experienced for so long. I decided that I wanted to do all I could to help others who had this unique behavior characteristic.

After I came out at Fantasia Fair, I worked my way from an enthusiastic attendee to becoming the Director of the event and Chair of the sponsoring organization, the Outreach Institute of Gender Studies. I was a founding member of Renaissance in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, and have served as Treasurer, Outreach Chairperson and Managing Director. It was my pleasure to help initiate the founding of the Congress of Representatives (to IFGE) and lead its

revitalization to become the Congress of Transgender Organizations.

Over the years, I have also been active in IFGE doing programs and workshops at National Conferences. I chaired local arrangements for the 1993 IFGE Coming Together Convention in Philadelphia and worked with Merissa Lynn on convention hotel selection for 1993 and 1994 in Portland, Oregon.

In addition to my experience as a worker and leader in this community, I bring a great deal of applicable leadership and management experience and education to this position. In my career in the high-tech business world, I started out in research and moved into engineering as a supervisor and later a project leader, working my way up into management of major development programs and finally a whole line of business involving millions of dollars and several hundred employees. In my final years before retirement, I was responsible for planning and business development for a major product line of the corporation.

In addition, I have always had an interest in doing my best as a manager, so I took every opportunity to educate myself in this area. I

*"We all need  
some sense of  
belonging  
to the  
greater  
community"*

received an M.S. in Management. I taught management and related subjects as an adjunct instructor in the corporation's training program. I also was involved as the corporation's representative in producing professional conferences and conventions.

As Al, I served as vice-president and, later, president of a large food and wine organization, working to achieve non-profit 501(c)(3) status, turning the publication into a first class quarterly journal, and producing several very successful annual conferences.



IFGE's potential new dynamic duo:  
Yvonne Cook-Riley & Alison Laing

**Editors note:** In January of 1994, the Board of Directors of IFGE began a search to fill the seat of the Executive Director. After interviewing more than a dozen excellent candidates, the Board announced at the 1995 Annual Coming Together Convention, that they had offered the position to Alison Laing. The following is Alison's response to questions posed by Linda Buten, Chair, IFGE Board of Directors. Alison will be at the BE ALL convention in Cincinnati, Ohio, June 7-11.

It's as if I had been in training for this position for all these years. There are several things that need to be attended to.

First of all I think IFGE has an image problem. Somehow it seems to have a reputation being an elitist organization and of always wanting to be in control. Actually, IFGE has always been there to help the other organizations as well as individuals in this community, but it has not come out that way. I believe IFGE needs to develop programs showing genuine concern for the other organizations, those at the national level as well as local support and social groups.

Second, I think we need to build an IFGE constituency, a real membership base. This has been started, but I think we need to emphasize the important benefits of having members who care about IFGE and an IFGE that will care about them. This means reaching out to the entire community in direct and personal ways. One neat idea in the Vision 2000 plan is the development of regional ombudsmen who will serve as a point of contact between the IFGE and the local groups. However, there still has to be better contact between the staff and local individuals.

Finally, I think the IFGE needs to demonstrate that we care about the whole transgendered community, providing better communications to and opportunities for the minorities within our minority. For example the IFGE convention is known as an event for wealthy white transgendered persons. Reaching these minorities will not be easy; I have to admit I do not have a lot of good ideas on how to resolve this issue.

All of the goals in Vision 2000 are admirable and important to IFGE and the community, but until they are backed up with a specific plan of action, nothing can be achieved.

For example, I really like the specific goal of having regional contacts. That is one goal that we need to start on today. I have already been asked by many people "What can I do to help you help IFGE?" My answer has been to ask them to be my eyes and ears. We need to listen to see what the world thinks of IFGE and what it is that they expect from us. This is what I think the regional contacts can do for us. Of course, this will only work if after we learn about the real needs and interests of the community, we, that is the IFGE, respond with appropriate actions.

Let me point out another goal that I will work on with great enthusiasm: having better global public relations. There is the need for presenting a more positive image of our community to both the public and professional community. This ties in with the educational goals.

I fully understand and appreciate all the goals relating to the financial aspects. It has been my experience that if an organization truly serves its constituency and maintains a good relationship with them, and at the same time operates in a fiscally responsible manner, the financial concerns become a non-issue.

I believe that we all need some sense of belonging to the greater community. The IFGE is in a position to provide good communications to its members and to the different organizations that are represented by these members. Other benefits include discounts on IFGE products as well as voting for the leaders of IFGE. The *IFGE Newsletter*, another membership benefit, will provide a good review of what is going on in IFGE and other organizations.

As part of my efforts on the IFGE goals, I see an opportunity to develop closer relationships with the more liberal church organizations, such as the Unitarian Universalists. Also, we have not tapped the resources of public broadcasting systems which can give much more

professional exposure of the transgendered community and associated alternate life styles than network TV and radio have been doing. But most of all I hope to help be part of the new trend in community-building where the different organizations cease to be competitors and become "companions" working together towards our common goals.

If I had three wishes, first, I would wish that the whole world would accept transgendered behavior as a natural variation of the human situation and have no prejudices for any of the various manifestations so long as they hurt no one. Second, I wish that all individuals and organizations within this community were able to accept each other's diverse interests and still cooperate on our common interest. Finally, I would wish that all physical attributes could be easily modified at will, to suit the desires of each of us (or that at least I could be small enough to fit into a size nine cocktail dress and look smashing!)

Dotty Laing is no stranger to the TG community. She has been accompanying Alison to Fantasia Fair since 1986. Dotty has taken on various jobs with the Fair over the years and is the Registrar for the 1995 Fair. She received the Outreach Institute Achievement award for her service several years ago. Dotty says, "We come as a team; I will do whatever I can to support IFGE. We have worked together on many projects and this will be no different."

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# The Multi-Dimensionality of Gender

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When we speak of gender, in a context other than language, it is a recent concept in our culture, both lay and professional. In 1955, John Money, PhD first used the term "gender" to discuss sexual roles, adding in 1966 the term "gender identity" while conducting his gender research at Johns Hopkins University. In 1974, Dr. N.W. Fisk provided our now familiar diagnosis of Gender Dysphoria. Previously, one's sexual role was considered one of two discrete, non-overlapping congenital attributes—male or female. These two mutually exclusive categories allowed for no variation. Of course, we acknowledged the cultural differences in sexual roles, but there still could be only two modes of expression.

Now we know that one's gender is on a continuum, a blending, analogous to a "gray scale." But, our distribution of gender is bimodal, that is, most people are lumped at the two ends (see graphic) with only a minority in the middle. The great majority will see themselves as either male or female with all that implies.

Probably more upsetting to our conventional view of gender than this fuzziness of gender roles is that we can be a MIX of male and female identities within the same individual. Several researchers have developed theories of how the brain develops prenatally along sexual lines arising from androgen mediation. Dr. Milton Diamond concludes from his

research that the brain has four stages of gender imprinting. The first is Basic Sexual Patterning such as aggressiveness vs. passivity. Second comes Sexual Identity (gender identity), third, the Mating Centers develop (sexual orientation), and fourth, the Control Centers for sexual equipment such as orgasm.

Gunter Dörner in Germany, using his research with rats, sees only three stages. He believes that first the Sex Centers develop giving typical male and female physical characteristics, then the Mating Centers (sexual orientation) and then the Gender Role Centers which are similar to Diamond's "Basic Sexual Patterning."

As a psychotherapist, I don't presume to enter into the discussion of what develops in what order and how. I take a more pragmatic stance and seek to observe what *behaviors* are linked or independent from one another. From this research and observation, I have developed the list of five semi-independent attributes of gender. Not as a fixed dogma, but as a working theory, a map if you will, to help us

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understand this complex, often hotly emotional issue of gender. Consider sexual identity/behavior springing from five semi-independent attributes. These five attributes are:

- **GENETIC** - Our chromosomal inheritance.
- **PHYSICAL APPEARANCE** - Our primary and secondary sexual characteristics.
- **"BRAIN SEX"** - Functional structure of the brain, along gender lines.
- **SEXUAL ORIENTATION** - Love/sex object, "Love Maps."
- **GENDER IDENTITY** - How we see ourselves: As male, as female or as a combination.

It is my contention that it is *possible* for one to view oneself and function as **male or female to varying degrees in each of the five sub-categories independent of the others**. For example, an individual may be XX female (chromosomal female), physically female, have a "female brain," be heterosexual but see her(him)self as male—or any other combination. One can either be male or female in each of the five sub-

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categories, independent of each other. If we use "F" for female identity/function, and "M" for male identity/function and one through five for the semi-independent attributes listed above we could describe each individual according to their particular breakdown:

**1M --- 2M --- 3M --- 4M --- 5F**

**A Gender Dysphoric,  
Morphological Male**

**1M --- 2M --- 3M --- 4F --- 5M**

**A Homosexual Male**

**1F --- 2F --- 3M --- 4F --- 5F**

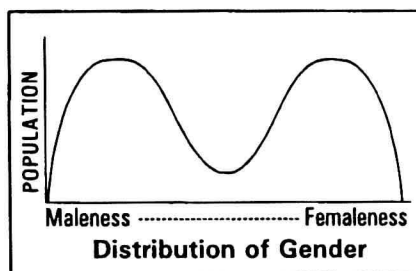
**A Dominant, But Heterosexual,  
Even Feminine, Female**

Since each of these independent attributes is graded, it is easy to see that the possible combinations and degrees number in the thousands. *With regard to gender, we each can be in a category of one: ourselves.* Whether it's gender identity, sexual orientation, or brain sex, the expression usually remains constant from childhood throughout life.

Now, for a more detailed description and illustration of the five sub-categories of gender:

The first sub-category, **Genetics**, is only beginning to be understood. How and how much do genetic influences affect one's expression of gender? We do know that besides the traditional XX chromosome of a typical female and the XY of a typical male, that there are other combinations such as XXY, XYY, and XO.

The XXY combination results in 47 rather than the 46 chromosomes. This condition is called Klinefelter's syndrome and occurs in one in every 500 births. Individuals with Klinefelter's are sterile, have enlarged breasts, small testicles and penis, and a eunuch body shape much like the "Pat" character on "Saturday Night Live." They show little interest in sex.



Another 47 chromosome occurrence is the XYY Syndrome. In this syndrome, the hormonal and physical appearance of the individual are evidenced as a normal male, but behavior is affected. Typically, XYY Syndrome people are bisexual or paraphilic (pedophilia, exhibitionism, voyeurism, etc.), and show very poor impulse control.

Where Klinefelter's and XYY Syndrome are examples of an *extra* chromosome, Turner's syndrome is a case of a *missing* sex chromosome. These individuals possess only 45 chromosomes (written as XO), are unable to develop gonads, and are free of all sexual hormones, except those crossing over from the mother during fetal life. Turner's Syndrome people have external sex organs *approximating* a female, and their behavior is characterized as hyper-feminine, baby-care oriented, and showing very poor spatial and math skills. The Turner's personality, free of all influence from testosterone, tends to be in direct opposition to the typical set of "Tom Boy" traits.

Turner's Syndrome relates well to our second category of **Physical Gender**—that being our primary and secondary sexual characteristics. To discuss this aspect of gender we need to examine hormonal involvement, in particular testosterone. All sexual differentiation, physical, mental, and emotional are produced by hormones which may be amplified and/or specified by one's social environment. During fetal life, the amount present, or the absence of testosterone determines our sexuality—physically, mentally and emotionally. There are key times or

periods during development when the fetus will go towards the male or the female depending on the level of testosterone. These windows of opportunity may be only open for a few days, and if the needed level of testosterone is not present, a basic female orientation develops regardless of the testosterone levels before or after this critical period, and the resulting sexual imprint.

The first critical period is at conception when the presence of the SRY gene (Sex-Determining Region of the Y chromosome) will determine our physical gender. The SRY gene is *normally* found on the short arm of the Y chromosome, but can detach making for an XY female (the Y missing its SRY gene) or an XX male (the SRY attaching to the X).

The SRY gene causes the fetus to release TDF (Testes Determining Factor) which turns the undifferentiated gonad into testes. Once testes have formed, they release androgens such as testosterone, dihydrotestosterone, and anti-mullerian hormone. Before the release of TDF, the developing fetus has two tiny structures, the mullerian and wolffian ducts, and two small undifferentiated gonads, neither testes nor ovaries. *Without* the influence of TDF and testosterone, the gonads form into ovaries and the mullerian duct forms into the female internal sex organs, the wolffian duct disappears and the external sexual tissue becomes the labia majora, clitoris, labia minora and clitoral hood. *With* the influence of TDF, the gonads become testicles and the wolffian duct forms the male internal sex organs, the mullerian ducts dissolve and the external tissue develops into the penis, scrotum, penile sheaths and foreskin. In other words, without testosterone all fetuses develop into females. *Adam springs from Eve, not Eve from Adam.*

As the primary sexual differentiation proceeds towards our physical gender, sometimes deviations occur.



These anomalies are sometimes called "experiments of nature." One such "experiment" is a condition termed Congenital Adrenal Hyperplasia (CAH) when the female fetus releases a steroid hormone from her adrenal glands which resembles testosterone. The resulting child often has confusing genitals ranging from deformed female genitals to an appearance of male genitals. If the child is raised as male, following any "adjusting" surgery and given male hormones at puberty, the individual develops as a "normal" but sterile male with XX chromosomes. On the other hand, if the infant is surgically corrected to female and given female hormones, there is a 50/50 chance of lesbian expression.

Another revealing "experiment of nature" is Androgen Insensitivity Syndrome. In this case, there are normal amounts of testosterone circulating in an XY chromosome fetus, but each cell of its body is unable to react to it. This is similar to Turner's Syndrome in that neither the mullerian or wolffian ducts mature and the external genitalia develops into an approximation of normal female genitals, but differs in that TDF stimulates the gonads into becoming functioning testicles in an XY chromosome body. The child is raised as a girl and is seen as a normal female until she fails to menstruate because she has no uterus. If enough estrogen is produced by her testes, she develops into a completely normal appearing, sterile female with XY chromosomes and internal testicles.

Now we must leave the comfortable arena of biology and development and enter the more rocky, emotional and even political arena of psychology, anthropology, and sociology; an arena where deduction, speculation and circumstantial evidence is more evident than "hard fact."

The third, fourth and fifth attributes all reside in the brain, and there is controversy on both a congenital vs.

environmental level and on a developmental one. It is still argued by some that sexual orientation is a choice, and that there is no difference in the mental abilities of men and of women. Others argue that the evidence, both direct and circumstantial, is becoming overwhelming that these stands are incorrect.

Because of the controversy over whether significant differences in brain structure do exist between the sexes, I will confine my discussion of the "Brain Sex" attribute to some behavioral differences that have been noted between morphological male and female infants and children. *At all times keep in mind that Physical Gender does NOT always indicate "Brain Sex" Gender.* And, while these differences are the norm, they are not absolute. Individual children may differ.

Even a few hours after birth, significant behavioral differences are noted between morphologically normal boys and girls. Newborn girls are much more sensitive to touch and sound than their male counterparts. Several day-old girls spend about twice as long looking back at an adult face than boys, and even longer if the adult is speaking. A girl can distinguish between the cries of another infant from other extraneous noises long before a boy. Even before they can understand language, girls do better at identifying the emotional context of speech.

Conversely, during the first few weeks of infant life, boys are inattentive to the presence of an adult, whether speaking to the infant or not. However, baby boys tend to show more activity and wakefulness. At the age of several months, girls can usually distinguish between the faces of strangers and people they know—boys usually do not demonstrate this ability.

As infants grow into children, the differences seem to intensify and

polarize. Girls learn to speak earlier than boys and do a better job of it. Boys want to explore areas, spaces and things, girls like to talk and *listen*. Boys like vigorous play in a large space where girls like more sedentary games in smaller spaces. Boys like to build, take things apart, explore mechanical aspects of things and are interested in other children only for their "use" (playmates, teammates, allies, etc.). Girls see others more as individuals—and will likely exclude a person because they're "not nice," and will more readily include younger children and remember each other's names. Girls play games involving home, friendship, and emotions. Boys like rough, competitive games full of *zap, pow and villainy*. Boys will measure success by active interference with other players, preferring games where winning and losing is clearly defined. In contrast, girl play involves taking turns, cooperation and *indirect* competition. Tag is a typical boys' game, hopscotch a typical girls' game.

If "Brain Sex" is controversial, the fourth attribute of **Sexual Orientation** is even more so. Although there is public and political controversy, the overwhelming majority of medical and psychological practitioners agree that sexual orientation may prove to be mainly congenital, or at least firmly established in early childhood. The term "Sexual Orientation" is a bit misleading. It is more an *erotic or love orientation* in that Sexual Orientation determines the physical gender we find attractive, with whom we fall in love, and have romantic as well as sexual fantasies.

From experiments with animals, "experiments of nature" in humans, and genetic and neurological studies come a consistent, though still circumstantial, stream of evidence that indicates one's sexual orientation is largely hormonally determined by the presence of testosterone at key periods in fetal

development, and possibly even beyond. As we have seen with Congenital Adrenal Hyperplasia (CAH), female fetuses exposed to testosterone-like agents develop a 50/50 chance of a lesbian versus a heterosexual orientation if raised as girls. Studies of identical twins also indicate that when one twin shows homosexual or lesbian expression, there is a 50/50 chance of homosexual or lesbian expression in the other twin— whether raised together or apart.

The remaining 50% of determination may be continued hormonal development, environmental considerations or a combination. One interesting consideration with determination may be during our early postnatal development since the fetal stage for human babies is not completed during gestation, but continues for a year or more outside the womb. And during this critical time after birth, we have the highest level of testosterone present, excluding the onset of puberty—with many brain receptors to receive this powerful hormone. At any rate, between the ages of three and six years, one's erotic orientation is established but may not be acted upon for decades, if at all.

The last of our five attributes, **Gender Identity**, is the last to be identified, and the least understood and researched. When one's Gender Identity does not match their Physical Gender, the individual is termed Gender Dysphoric. Like Sexual Orientation, gender dysphoria is not pathological in itself, but a natural aberration occurring within the population. As with sexual orientation, the percentage of the population having gender dysphoria is in dispute, with estimates ranging between one in 39,000 individuals to three percent of the general population.

Although it is useful for psychotherapists and other be-havioral

scientists to use diagnostic nomenclature in order to describe an individual, we must remember that these categories are often fluid. One may see and express themselves for years as a crossdresser, then change their self-identity to a more transgendered or transsexual one. This change may be because the individual actually changes their self-view with age, or more information and experience lead to a clearer understanding of self.

Gender dysphoric individuals commonly, even frequently, have a sexual orientation markedly different from their gender identity, which suggests that the key periods of these formations occur at differing times. While gender dysphoric individuals display a wide gamut of incongruity and discomfort with their physical gender, three main groups have been delineated:

#### **CROSSDRESSER**

Those individuals with a desire to wear the clothing of the other sex are termed crossdressers. Most crossdressers are heterosexual men—one's sexual preference has nothing to do with crossdressing. Many men like to wear women's clothing in private or in public, and may even occasionally fantasize about becoming a woman. Once referred to as a transvestite, cross-dresser has become the term of choice.

#### **TRANSGENDERIST**

Transgenderists are men and women who prefer to steer away from gender role extremes and perfect an androgynous presentation of gender. They incorporate elements of both masculinity and femininity into their appearance. They may be seen by some persons as male, and by others as female. They may live part of their life as a man, and part as a woman, or they may live entirely in their new gender role but without plans for genital surgery.

#### **TRANSSEXUAL**


Men and women whose gender identity more closely matches the other sex are termed transsexual. These individuals desire to rid themselves of their primary and secondary sexual characteristics and to live as members of the other sex. Hormonal and surgical techniques make this possible, but it is a difficult, disruptive, and costly process, and must not be undertaken without psychological counseling, careful planning, and a realistic understanding of the likely outcome. Most transsexual people are born and first live as male.

Transsexuals are diagnostically divided into the sub-categories of Primary or Secondary. Primary transsexuals display an unrelenting and high degree of gender dysphoria, usually from an early age (four to six years of age). Secondary transsexuals usually come to a full realization of their condition in their twenties and thirties, and may not act on their feelings until they are much older. Typically, secondary transsexuals first go through phases that would be self-assessed as being a crossdresser or a transgenderist.

The outcomes of transsexuals vary greatly. There seems to be no significance in the outcome differences between primary and secondary transsexuals. Those who complete this gender reassignment process (the process of "transition") and have exercised due diligence throughout generally do very well for themselves and lead happy and fulfilling lives. Unfortunately, others who go through the process on a perfunctory basis may be unprepared to fully and comfortably assimilate into their new gender role.

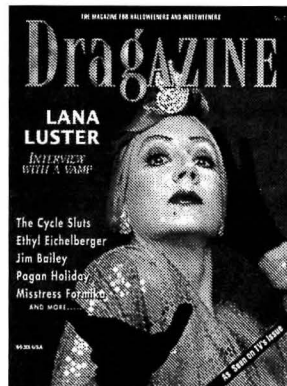
In conclusion, when we think of gender, we need to realize that many combinations in gender exist, and that they are all natural. Although most people are morphologically male or female, those who homogeneously fill all five gender



categories as the same gender may be in the minority. The largest minority, but still a minority. 

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# Pride In Identity

(an interview with REBECCA CAPRI DURKEE,  
founder of the Gender Identity Support Services for Transgenders )

by Nancy ReynoldsNangeroni

**I**'ve always been fortunate both for my education and the love I receive from my family. That education included an awareness that there are people less fortunate than I. I've always carried a special hurt for my transgendered sisters trapped in a hazy life of sex for money, drugs, alcohol, and disease. Yet, I've never known how to reach these folk for whom a helping hand can make all the difference in the world. Never, that is, until recently when a gay friend I'd met while organizing TG participation in Boston's PRIDE day called me to say "There's someone you should meet."

Now there's a way I can help. Meet Rebecca Capri Durkee, and GISST.

We met in her office in downtown Boston, on the fifth floor of an older, official-looking marbled building

across the street from the State House. Rebecca is an attractive woman, 30-ish, dressed respectably for Boston's downtown government district. She had a small sitting room adjacent to her office in which we made ourselves comfortable. The windows looked across a few yards of open air into other office windows in the same building.

## **Rebecca Durkee...**

RCD: Rebecca Capri Durkee. Capri is my father, and when my father died when I was very small, my mother remarried a guy named Durkee. So I decided to take my real father's name.

## **And you founded this group GISST, which stands for?**

RCD: Gender Identity Support Services for Transgendered.

## **Why don't you tell us who you are first.**

RCD: I'm a transsexual, a transgendered (the umbrella term). I've always felt like a woman and thought like a woman but knew that of course I wasn't a woman. I've been very confused about my own sexual identity and where I was going in life.

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*Spirituality is for people who have been to hell and don't want to go back!"*

When I was a teenager in school, being so feminine, not understanding my feelings and others not understanding my feelings, and being ridiculed, and violated...

*So you aren't like me and others like me who learned at a very early age that to be feminine was taboo, and hid our femininity. I used to get ridiculed when I was very young, so I learned to be macho so that I didn't get ridiculed. Whereas you had more integrity about yourself, which I admire.*

RCD: I was always very feminine, and I made a whole set of friends up until I was about 14 or 15 and started Junior High school, and that's when the problems really began. The friends that I had before Junior High were friends that I'd had all along, so



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my feminine behavior wasn't as noticeable.

*It was just who you were.*

RCD: Right. Even though the mothers knew, and some of the fathers would call me Alice, and my stepfather really gave me a hard time. My friends weren't cruel like that, they really weren't. But when I got into Junior High, it was a whole different ball game, a whole different group of kids.

*So you had a lot of people who were meeting you for the first time, and just how feminine you were was very apparent to them, and they weren't used to you.*

RCD: Very apparent. It was very visible, and I didn't understand their cruelty. I mean, I understood because my stepfather was cruel, very derogatory. It wasn't anything nice. I don't remember nice things, like him saying, "I love you," or, "I like you," or, "You're a good person," or "Thank you," even. I don't remember words like that.

*So when you went on to Junior High school you saw the cruelty that you'd only seen previously in your stepfather...*

RCD: Right, in the kids, my own peer group. So that's when I stepped out of school. I stayed in until I was 14 or 15, then I couldn't take it anymore. Of course, I was going through an identity crisis even more at that point. I was becoming a teenager, my hormones were just starting to kick in, and I was questioning my identity more. I didn't like football and baseball, those things that boys liked, and I loved playing with Barbie dolls, playing house, doing hair and makeup, I really adored those artistic things.

*Whereas someone like me grew up very straight-looking. I never allowed myself to enjoy those things.*

RCD: Well, it's never too late.

*Exactly! So you dropped out of school. You were pretty young, it must have been hard. Were you physically assaulted?*

RCD: Well, it was definitely emotional assault, it was very scary, and it was getting worse.

*And nobody stepped in...*

RCD: No, and the school was in a totally different area than I'd been before, and none of my friends were there, so it was even more scary. But then I heard about Park Square, so I figured I'd go there, and I started seeing other queens. Park Square was where the Greyhound station was at one time, and it was where all the gay youth went to hustle. But it was a time in the late 60s/early 70s when you didn't have to worry about what you have to worry about today. There wasn't gay bashing in Park Square, and there was no AIDS...

*So the worst that could happen was syphilis and gonorrhea?*

RCD: That was the worst thing in the world that could happen to you. You've heard of screaming queens? We were all screaming queens. We'd hang around there all day and all night long. There would be these guys who would pay me money just to go to bed with them, which was fabulous. My hormones were just starting to kick in, I could make a few dollars, why not?

*How do you do that with a guy for the first time? Were you aware of the fact that society looked down on prostitution and that sort of thing?*

RCD: No.

*That just wasn't there for you?*

RCD: No. I was not aware of that, because I really didn't have any dealing with any kind of agencies or society. Basically it was kids that I had to deal with...

*So you were coming from no experience, no guidance.*

RCD: None. And there were other people like me, who were doing it. We were too young to get into clubs, but we started dressing up, putting wigs on, and then we could get in. It was fun, but it's not all fun. There was no discipline, no structure, no guidance. It should be fun, putting on wigs and makeup and discovering what you really want in life. I would never take that away from anyone. But the guidance has to be there, and you really have to be careful where you direct that to. Let's face it, the TG community is very small, visible and unique, and if you fall into that lifestyle, it's very hard to get out of it. Turning tricks is easy money, and that's it. But then, as you get older, there aren't any options, no avenues, and you're stuck, and it's a horrible place to be stuck. It's almost impossible to get out. You have to be a very strong person, have a very strong network, to get out. I'm lucky I have both. This is what happened to me, I turned dates, it was easy money, and then I started doing downs and drinking. Having an addictive personality didn't help. I mean, for years, I thought I was allergic to fresh air, allergic to sun. It wasn't the healthiest lifestyle, and now, with crack cocaine... That drug wasn't around years ago, and we didn't have AIDS either, and it's just very scary.

*How long did this last for you?*

RCD: Years, maybe 7 or 8 years, a long time.

*So what got you out? What happened?*

RCD: When cocaine became the drug of choice, I got into cocaine, and it became very scary and horrible... When I was a child, I knew there was a safe and wonderful place. I didn't have a vision of it, but it's sort of like Dorothy in *The Wizard of Oz*, you know that there's a beautiful place, but it's not tangible, and you don't know how to get there. And it's a very spiritual place to be.

I lost all self esteem. I had no respect for myself whatsoever. I was being thrown out of apartments because I couldn't pay the rent because I was buying drugs. I was being arrested and thrown in cells with other men, and a part of me knew that this wasn't what life was about. It wasn't supposed to be this way. We're not born into this world saying, "I'm going to be a drag queen when I grow up, and a drug addict and an alcoholic, and be miserable." Life is not supposed to be that way. And I used to cry a lot about that, and I used to pray a lot. I hadn't lost my faith, thank God, and I believed God was a punishing God, but I still believed in God.

***Faith in something outside yourself is essential.***

RCD: Yes! You know, it's funny, because a lot of people confuse spirituality with religion, and there's a big difference. Religion is for people who don't want to go to hell, and want to go to heaven, and spirituality is for people who have been to hell and don't want to go back!

***I love it!***

RCD: It's true. So when I go to church every Sunday, at St. Peter's, I take what I need, and leave the rest behind.

***Tell us how you escaped, how did you pull yourself up out of the mess?***

RCD: I was living with a drug dealer that a lot of queens were living with. He was living in a townhouse in Revere—I'm not comfortable talking about this, but I'm going to, for the *cause*, and I remember sitting in that loft, all alone, coming down off drugs and alcohol, and my sister had just died, nine months after my mother, and my best girlfriend, Collette, had been murdered. I remember sitting there in that loft, and thinking about my mother, and the people around me, and never feeling more alone, more despair in my life...

I woke up in a hospital. I was sitting there on a gurney, crying. A doctor walked by and saw me crying, and he sat down and talked with me. And he asked me, "Do you drink?" I said "Yeah, and I take drugs." And he said, "Do you think you're an alcoholic?" I didn't know, and said, "I don't know." He said "You're an alcoholic." I said "Really?" and he said "Yeah." And so I had a name, I was alcoholic. He put me in a hospital, I was there for two months, and there were social workers who helped me. I got sober, and there was a woman there who helped me get in touch with my inner child, and to learn to channel my thoughts into positive directions. That was in 1987, and she connected me with a psychologist at Beacon Hill Multicultural Psychological Association (BHMPA), where we are now. And that was Sandra Flore, who works with the GISST program now.

***You have a therapist on your program staff?***

RCD: Yes, we do, we're very lucky. Since 1987 this woman has guided and nurtured me. I have cried on her shoulder. She has walked with me, when I had my slips from sobriety. I went into a treatment center, and then moved to Plymouth, to remove myself from Boston. Then I went to college, I scored very high on my G.E.D. I was very proud of that, because I always felt very stupid.

Then I finished school, and realized that drinking is a disease, and I have a disease, and I thank God every day for my recovery.

When I got out of school, I wanted to work with Transsexuals. I was doing volunteer work at Sobriety Treatment, Education, and Prevention (STEP), and I started a support group for transsexuals there. The first night, eight people came! We didn't have a therapist there, or anything like that. A couple of people were HIV positive. They were all still drinking and drugging, still in the sex industry, and they needed services, but they didn't know where to go to get them. And it brought me back to when I was in the same position, and there was no place for me to go. I thought to myself, "Well, shit! Something has to be done!" In the meantime I was still in therapy with my therapist, Patricia Collins. I said to her, "Pat, we've got to do something. I would love to start a program." And she said, "Let me talk with Dr. Louie." Dr. Louie is the president of the BHMPA, and very interested in Gender Identity Dysphoria. He said, "All right, I'll umbrella it. You can have whatever you want. We'll give you an office, a computer, a telephone, you can use the copy machine, whatever, but within two months I want progress." Well, that very day I got on the phone I called the state representative who is a sex change.

***I had no idea.***

RCD: I told her I wanted to start a program for transgender, to be a referral service and also and advocate for the transgender community, to make them visible. And she said, "That's fabulous." But when I asked her if she would write a letter of support, she said "No," and I was very disappointed.

***That would have exposed her too much.***

RCD: She'd already been. She was on the cover of the *Boston Herald*.



***It was probably very painful...***

RCD: Yes. I was very disappointed that she wouldn't support it by letter, but I wouldn't let that get me down. So I've knocked on any politician's door that would listen to me. Which is really quite exciting.

***It's nice that you're right across the street here from the State House. What a wonderful location.***

RCD: Yes. I got the most wonderful support letter from senator Theresa Murray, from Barnstable, from Plymouth. She and her staff are just wonderful people. They recognized the need. Also, the Department of Public Health is doing all they can to help us now. When I decided to do the GISST program, and someone asked me, "Why do you have to be so radical about it?" I said, "Because I've tried every other way around the problem, and there is no other way you can be but radical if you want results."

***What do you see GISST as being?***

RCD: The first component is outreach and education about HIV prevention.

***What do you mean by outreach?***

RCD: Someone on the street, meeting people, pulling people in, telling them we have services that can help them. We won't be just a phone number. We'll have two outreach workers five nights a week. We'd like to have 24 hour access to services if possible, so that we can help people when they need it. We want to be out there with condoms and to be a shoulder, to listen to the gripes and the problems. It's not as if I just came from east Cupcake and I don't know anything; I've been there. So I demand to do it.

Then we want to do workshops for these transgender individuals, on

AIDS education and prevention. We'll show how to use a condom. I'm talking about using a condom with a paying customer. Right now, safe sex is not an option for transgenders. They're alcoholics and drug addicts, and they don't want to lose a fix. It's a self-esteem issue, and we'll discuss self-esteem.

All of this will be done in a clinical setting. That's why the GISST program has to be with the Beacon Hill Multicultural Psychological Association. Not only are you dealing with addiction, you're dealing with Gender Identity Dysphoria.

***You will do such a service if you can affect the sex-for-money marketplace by helping those who would engage in unsafe sex to raise their self-esteem to the point where they can say no to a customer who objects to a condom.***

RCD: And this is where we can make a real impact on HIV. Because this is a high-risk area that has not been looked at. I don't care what agency says, "We work with transgenders, we do this and that." It's BS. I've been out there, and I know what's out there, and it's not out there. That's why it has to be in a therapeutic setting. Because you have to work on assertiveness and self-esteem. It all goes hand-in-hand. Once you're aware, your chances of recovery are much stronger, and then you're not at such risk. They've targeted men who have sex with men, S&M, women who have sex with other women, youth, and intravenous drug users. We're targeting another corner of society that is at high risk.

Another thing you can print is that these people share a hormone needle. A queen will go into a bar and get a bottle of hormones from her contact. Then she'll go into the ladies room and sell shots for \$5 to all the other queens. She's only got one needle, and they're all using it.

And some of them are HIV positive! And then, sometimes, she'll go home and get high with the same needle!

***Doesn't Boston have a needle exchange program?***

RCD: Some places do, but there's only one needle. They don't have one to exchange, and they're not about to carry one around.

Another component of this program is prison advocacy. So many transgenders, just for hustling their bodies, are sent into prison. It's almost like a death sentence. There's rape involved. So many judges refuse to deal with it, they just sentence them to time in prison, like, "Ugh! Get away from me! A year in prison." And not deal with it.

***Can we educate the judges?***

RCD: Yes, I've been on a mini-circuit of educating people in different agencies, and I'll still continue to do that. We want alternative sentencing, and that means working with probation. We'd like to say, "If this transsexual becomes a member of the GISST program for a year, and goes through the whole program, including all of our referrals, which might include drug treatment, detoxification, psychotherapy, job training, and job search, then give them a little longer probation instead of incarceration." Being in prison is a high risk area. There's rape and needle sharing, and of course it's all homemade works in there. And prisons aren't likely to hand out condoms, either. So we'll advocate for alternatives to prison for the transgender. We'll also be a referral program. I will go to job training sites that are run by the state government, and I'll ask them how they feel about transgendered. More than likely they'll say, "Well, I really don't know anybody." So I'll talk with them about this culture, make them aware, and see how sensitive they are to it. We'll weed out the programs that can't be helpful.

There will also be a collaboration between GISST and the Justice Resource Institute (JRI) in outreach to youth. They're located nearby on Boylston street, and they target the gay youth hustlers. We find that there's a lot of transgender in that area. Steve Tierney is in charge of the youth outreach program for JRI, and they have been very good with the GISST program.

The bottom line is, you just can't tell someone they can't hustle anymore when that's their only source of income. General relief is definitely needed as a bridge, EADEA, it's called. I can't tell someone, "You can't go turn a trick." But what I can tell you as a responsible human being myself, is to use a fucking condom. And you have to talk like that, because, even though you don't care about getting infected, who are you to infect somebody else.

***As long as there are guys who are willing to pay for it, there will be folks who get trapped in the lifestyle.***

RCD: If we can even get condoms being used, we've done something.

***Terrific.***

RCD: You think so? I hope so. I hope this program really tools, I really do. It's needed. And who knows, maybe some of your readers will say, "Wow, I'll make a donation." We're going on nothing, I mean nothing. But let me tell you this, the Department of Public Health is really opening up to the transgender community subgroup. The people who matter really need to understand it, and they're starting to. We are non-profit, so any donations are tax deductible. Any gifts would be greatly appreciated, or a letter to your congressman or representative. Everything helps. The whole bottom line of the GISST program is to empower, to empower that population. Before GISST, nobody had money for this segment of the transgender community, but

now GISST is here.

***I heard there was a program in Philadelphia...***

RCD: They have an agency called Action AIDS, and a component of that program is outreach to the transgendered subgroup. It's run by a transgendered person. I've spoken with her, and I think we'd like to model our program after theirs.

***The most important point of this interview, if you'll forgive, is beyond your program, beyond GISST. The important point is not just that this is a good program, but that this is what we of the community need to do for ourselves. We need individuals like you, anybody who's had any kind of experience at all, to use that experience, put it to work.***

RCD: Believe me, Nancy, I could easily drop this if another agency,

like Action AIDS, would pick me up. But then I'd have to answer to someone else, and that's not empowering to me. For our community and our population to be strong, we have to be independent.

***Exactly. We have to be our own bosses. We tend to tag onto the Lesbian community, tag onto the Gay community, and it does make sense to learn from them.***

RCD: It does. But we are our own, and we've worked hard to be our own. PRIDE IN IDENTITY is the slogan for the GISST program. And coming from where I came from, I'm not patting myself on the back, but I'm not cutting my wrists over in the corner, either. I love life today. I love sunlight today. I'm not allergic to fresh air. Life is great, but you've got to give yourself a break, you're worth it. And the GISST program is here to help you, and to guide you. We won't do it for you, we can't, but we can certainly guide you, and we will. ♀

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# Tears of Joy: a Special Experience

by Jane Newman

On Sunday evening, after a wonderful ride back to Atlanta with one of the participants, Phillida Hutcheson, we stopped at the Days Inn Motel near the Atlanta airport. When I checked in as Jane Newman, a pleasant young woman at the desk explained that there would be a ten-dollar fee for the room key refunded at checkout. Since my son is an airline pilot, I'm able to fly virtually for free, but I have to show the ticket agent a picture ID in which I look like my son's father. Instantly, I thought about how I was going to be looking quite different at checkout time.

Being retired and on a tight budget, I did not want to lose the ten dollars. What should I do? I decided to tell the desk clerk about my gender situation. I gave her a letter from my physician and psychoanalyst to read. This letter shows both my female name and an aka noting my legal male name. The letter says:

*To Whom It May Concern:*  
*Jane Newman has been under our medical and psycho-therapeutic care for a period of time. She has been diagnosed as transsexual, an irreversible gender condition. For her physical safety and mental well-being, it is essential that she express her basic female gender identity. However, due to age and other practical considerations, she has not submitted to "sexual reassignment surgery," nor is she living exclusively in her gender. For some time now, she has been fully accepted in society as a woman. . . . For her continued welfare, we recommend all persons accord her full status and acceptance in her female gender.*  
The letter also bears a color photo of me as Jane.

After reading the letter, the clerk brightened up and said, "I think that's really neat. You sure look natural; which gender do you prefer to be?" I answered, "I would prefer to live fully in my natural gender—as a woman." I then asked her how I should handle the matter on checking out in the morning. She said, "Darryl will be at the desk in the morning. I'm sure that he will find your letter informative and interesting."

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On Monday morning, I went down to the desk in my male attire. I gave the key and letter to the tall young man behind the counter, telling him that the evening desk clerk thought that he might find the letter helpful. While reading the letter and looking at the computer that had registered me as Jane, he said, "Is it as hard to live with this problem as they say?" I said, "Society can make it difficult. It's not that unusual for many of us to need psychological help. We are excellent candidates for a brain transplant into a more appropriate body." He said, "I have friends like you. I appreciate your sharing the letter."

What wonderful reactions from the desk clerks on my departure from the rejuvenating Union of Spirits weekend!

Now to the meat and potatoes of this special time with some uniquely beautiful people who have lived lives similar to mine.

About three weeks before the get-together, I received an invitation for the program from Dallas Denny, the founder of AEGIS and editor of the *Chrysalis Quarterly*. I glanced through the material, but kept coming back to some suggested discussion questions. Most revolved around



© Jane Newman. Jane is a non-operative transsexual living in Topeka, Kansas.

issues that I had been talking about with my analyst. The next day, I talked about the program with her. She encouraged me to give some serious thought to going. While still in an euphoric state, I called Dallas, "Is there still room?" Dallas answered, "Yes, there sure is."

After that, doubts kept creeping in. Oh, what had I let myself in for? The literature had made mention of mountain climbing and of bringing canteens, flashlights, and boots. I'm a lady in her sixties who likes to rough it in a nice clean and pleasant motel. Also, there was mention of shamanism, Gaia, Wicca, and goddesses. And me with a strong background of traditional Catholic upbringing, plus having lived for five years as a monastic monk! So these suggested areas of potential adventure of the mind brought out some negative reactions. Sure, I'm not actively involved in religion at this time, but some of these ideas were foreign to my early training and security blankets. Also, I would be traveling across the country to spend three intimate days with a dozen people I had never met before.

As the time to go approached, I kept telling myself that I would enjoy the experience and find value in it. But those gnawing apprehensions kept sneaking back into my mind.

On Thursday, August 18, my spouse and I flew to Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, where she stayed to visit our son, daughter-in-law, and grandchild. I then flew on to Atlanta, where I was to spend the evening with Dallas. I had long admired Dallas for her work and involvement, and was looking forward to meeting her in person. And what a delightful time I had in getting to know this special person in our transgender community!

A group of participants from the Atlanta area met at Dallas's home Friday morning. We left there in three vehicles for Hot Springs, North

Carolina. After five or six hours we arrived in the gorgeous Smoky Mountains surrounding Hot Springs. The trip itself was immensely enhanced by the opportunity to get to know intimately and share with my riding companion, Phillida, a real beautiful person.

Those who hadn't traveled dressed, quickly changed when we got to the Sunnybank retreat house. Slowly, the full group gathered in the spacious high-ceilinged living room of this colorful home, built in 1875. When we were all there, the first of our many circles formed. Everyone introduced themselves and shared a little background information. We established a rule that a small ceramic ball would be held by anyone wishing to speak. There seemed to be some special significance in this ball and its companion among this group of transgendered persons—most especially to the few of us who have experienced castration as part of our gender fulfillment journey!

Not long after Friday's dinner, we had our first major full-blown session, at which there appeared to be a little air of superficiality. Most of us were likely holding up our testosterone shields (or what a few of us remembered of them) and had our swords ready to smite anyone that might jab at our tender and unprotected areas. My own inner child was feeling exposed, and my adult womanhood was ready to hit anyone with my purse. However, no blows were struck and it was a fairly pleasant initial sharing experience.

Later Friday night we went to visit a really neat person by the name of Randall, who lives in primitive conditions away from civilization. His home, in a beautiful spot on the side of a nearby mountain, is without electricity or other utilities. To get to his farm, we had to cross a lengthy suspension bridge over a raging rock-strewn river. The bridge had small gaps in the wood planks and a wire hand rope about hip high on one side only. Since Phillida is disabled and uses an electric wheelchair and

another person was in questionable physical condition to cross over the swinging bridge, the two of them decided to return to the retreat house. Everyone else felt quite bad that not all of our group could be together to partake of this special experience. Later, that bridge over the river took on a symbolism that was often used as a metaphor during many of our conversations.

Upon arriving at Randall's farm, we had a glowing bonfire waiting for us. One of our group, Jessica White Eagle, who is appreciative of Indian lore, held a ceremony around the fire. There were readings and more personal sharing among the group.

Before leaving that night, Randall was enticed into giving us a tour of the ruggedly beautiful new home he is building on the side of that mountain. It has massive wood beams holding up a large square glass dome through which we stared out into the star-filled heavens. The home is being built from an old train station Randall had bought and hauled across the rocky river when it was at low stage. What a peaceful place out in raw nature, with the enchanting tall trees lit by our flickering firelight and the twinkling stars in the gorgeous sky! Here was simplicity and natural elegance in full majesty!

That first night, like the second, I stayed up way past midnight visiting with Christy Fisher about some of our shared background experiences. We both had attended parochial schools and spent much of our lives trying to find a meaningful reality.

After Saturday morning's breakfast, the circle again formed. The sharing started innocently until someone felt that another was "preaching at them" and expressed her displeasure of it. Then the person who spoke those offending words broke down in sob at the reproach and expressed sincere contriteness over hurting the other one. She bared her soul and shared some of her most intimate childhood hurts. She also admitted a tendency to



revert to intellectualism as a shield against exposing her own tender hurting child within. Bless her for this wonderful emotional breakdown and sharing of her vulnerabilities. Her personal exposure freed us all! Thereafter, we shared at the deepest level: crying, laughing and openly expressing any and all deep feelings.

Saturday afternoon, everyone rode up into the mountains for lunch. After we ate, most of us set out for a possible dip in a clear mountain stream. However, only a few of us found the special swimming spot and made it into the water. But we all had some good exercise and saw some beautiful nature scenes.

After dinner, we convened the circle, at which sharing again took place at our newly attained deeply intimate level. By this time everyone was "letting it all hang out," sharing our lifetimes of pain, hurt, disapproval, and embarrassments sprinkled with funny remarks and needed laughs of joy.

Saturday ended late after a very full day of closeness and emotional release. There had been enough bonding among this special group of transgendered to last a lifetime.

Sunday morning dawned with the skies crying tears of rain in anticipation of what we were all beginning to dread: the breakup of this wonderful weekend experience. After breakfast, the group came together very slowly to reconvene the circle. It was almost as though maybe "if we didn't formalize things" then perhaps we wouldn't have to end it. But come together we did.

The now expected intimate sharing took place once more, along with the regular humorous remarks and incidents. No doubt this humor was important to relieve the atmosphere laden with the heavy load of burdens we all had brought.

At mid-morning, we took a break and Dallas, Princess Reiser, and I

went out to get some fresh air on the side porch. While we were talking, a beautiful hummingbird flew nearby and hovered close to us. It was such a pretty bird, so small, delicate and quite exquisite! It was one of only of two others I had seen in my life. In the fourth grade another special hummingbird had hovered outside our classroom window, amazing and enthralling us. The fourth grade was a major positive turning point for the rest of my school years. So on this occasion, I felt that likely the hummingbird had returned as an omen for another significant good change and continued growth for the future of my life.

For the final time, the group assembled in a circle. During this final heartfelt sharing I experienced a major breakthrough. Tears of joy started rolling down my cheeks, overcoming a lifetime of dammed-up emotions. I informed all that their spirits would now reside within me forever in the land of Oz. And my darling new friend, Phillida, spoke up and said, "Things will never again be the same in Kansas, Toto!" (Author's note: I'm from Topeka Kansas.)


Our Union of Spirits weekend started and ended with Carla Pridgen playing a tape of a fiddle playing the haunting strains of the Ashokan Farewell from Ken Burns' Civil War series. This certainly complemented much of what she gave of herself to this weekend.

It's now been several weeks since that weekend gathering. I have talked about it with my spouse, my analyst and a few others. I have speculated as to why it worked, what kindled its fire and lit us up. What happened and what does it mean? I will no doubt ponder these thoughts for some time, but I do feel that I already have some insights and speculations. I feel that it was important that the size of the group be kept small enough for everyone to bond; I suspect that around twelve may be ideal. The program should be more than only one

afternoon and/or evening. But there should be enough time to open up and have closure.

Fortunately, there was no need to put a talking time limit on our group. All should set out to not only share fully, but to also be generous in allowing everyone else to do so. Any timid ones should be encouraged to talk and assured that their input is as important as anyone else's. As in our case, the experience is helped if there is one beautiful person who is willing to emotionally bare their soul to help the others to feel open to freely express themselves.

It is worthwhile to share another apprehension I had before going to Hot Springs. I suspected that our group would likely be a combination of both transsexuals and transvestites. I have some personal experiences with a mixture of the two, and have read of numerous other cases where the two groups attempted combined endeavors. Sad to say, all too often they have pulled apart and dissension has arisen due to different goals, needs, and agendas. Our group was one-half self-confirmed transsexuals (pre-op, post-op, or non-op), and one-half traditional cross-dressers. However, the diversity of the group seemed instead to make us whole rather than to split us up. I have since decided that it was a positive experience because all conveyed many common hurts, pains, and even joys during our weekend of shared struggles and journeys as transgendered persons. We certainly weren't doing this on a superficial level. Rather, we shared burdens with one another and gave of our strengths.

Would I recommend such a group get-together for others, especially those like me who hesitate in getting involved in such things? You bet I would! I'm confident that the Union of Spirits gathering in August of 1994 was an experience for twelve transgendered souls that will in a positive way surely effect each of us the rest of our lives! 

# Try This!

by Billie Jean Jones

*In reading through the following paragraphs, try to parallel references to race by substituting sex, keeping in mind that since 1977 scientists recognize that seventy-two different sex chromosome combinations occur in people, and that chromosomal sex is only one factor in the six **levels of the process** of sex differentiation— see sidebar.*

A group of scientists speaking before the American Association for the Advancement of Science in Atlanta, Georgia, put forth the proposition that racial categories don't have a basis in biology. "Biologically, we are saying in essence that race is no longer a valid scientific distinction," said Solomon Katz, an anthropologist with the University of Pennsylvania.

In coming to a more precise understanding of the underlying genetics of the human species and how surface distinctions of skin color, hair and facial features, which seem to loom so large in daily life, have nothing to do with the basic

biology of human differences. "Race is a social construct derived mainly from perceptions conditioned by events of recorded history, and it has no basic biological reality," said C. Loring Brace, a biological anthropologist with the University of Michigan. *[Try substituting gender for race in that last statement. Additionally, consider that anthropologists generally classify skeletal remains as male or female based on height.]*

"The old biological definitions of race were based on what people looked like," is how Joseph Graves, Jr., an evolutionary biologist at Arizona State University, put it. With the precise tools of molecular biology, scientists can now explore more powerful, underlying genetic unities and differences, making old racial categories, which were based on superficial human characteristics, arbitrary and irrelevant. Previous generations of scientists constructed a legacy of misconceptions about the biology of race, thereby providing the raw material for spurious claims of racial superiority. "They liked to concoct a biological basis for mistreating people," stated John Ladd, an anthropologist with Brown University. *[Does, "Biology Equals Destiny" sound familiar?]*

"Now that we have better ways of looking at race...we could construct races based on what type of fingerprints people have, or on what kind of blood type they have, and

*"In the struggle over racial and group identity, a new disturbance has appeared"*

## Six levels of the process of sex differentiation:

- 1) chromosomal sex
- 2) gonadal sex
- 3) hormonal sex
- 4) sex of the internal reproductive structures
- 5) sex of the external genitals
- 6) sex differentiation of the brain.

## Chromosomal Sex

(For the purpose of chromosomal sex differentiation, X equals female, Y equals male, O equals blank.) Typical human cells other than reproductive cells have 46 chromosomes arranged in 23 pairs, of which 22 pairs match (autosomes), and typically, either a similar pair, XX for females, or a dissimilar pair XY for males. Reproductive cells (egg and sperm) contain only more or less "half" the genetic material needed for life to grow and the egg and sperm "join" to form a single cell that immediately begins to divide itself into billions of cells. In atypical formations, individuals can be born with one or more extra sex chromosomes or missing one sex chromosome. The three most common atypical combinations are XXY, XYY, and the "pair" XO (a YO cannot survive).



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that would be just as legitimate," stated Joseph Graves, Jr. A Central Michigan University survey stated that more than half of all cultural and physical anthropologists no longer embrace race as a useful scientific distinction.

*[Try to keep in mind that human beings share nearly 98% of the same genetic material as all other life forms living on this planet including viruses, bacteria, plants, etc.; that virtually every human organ is interchangeably transplantable; that when we argue differences between people, we are talking about less than a 2% biological difference while virtually ignoring the more than 98% similarity.]*

In the last U.S. census, people claimed membership in some 300 racial or ethnic groups. *[Try to consider the following: Biologically, scientific sex classification results in the familiar Male and Female, and the less familiar Ambiguously Sexed (or Intersexed), which is subdivided into the rare True Hermaphrodite (TH) and the more comparatively common Pseudo-hermaphrodite, which is further subdivided into Male Pseudo hermaphrodites (MP) and Female Pseudo hermaphrodites (FP). Anne Fausto-Sterling's article "THE FIVE SEXES: Why Male and Female Are Not Enough" published in the March/April issue of **The Sciences**, used the terms Herms (for THs), Merms (for MPs) and Ferms (for FPs) to minimally describe the intersexed while admitting that in actuality, "...sex is a vast, infinitely malleable continuum that defies the constraints of even five categories." Also, keep in mind that the above is limited to birth conditions and does not address any post-natal choice decisions of trans-people.]*

The federal Office of Management and Budget, through its Statistical Directive 15, is responsible and has control in determining the racial and ethnic standards on all federal forms

and statistics. SD 15 acknowledges four general racial groups in the U.S.: American Indian or Alaskan native; Asian or Pacific Islander; black; and white. SD15 also breaks down ethnicity into Hispanic origin and not of Hispanic origin. These categories, or versions of them, are present on enrollment forms for school children; on job and mortgage applications; loan and scholarship applications; and on the US census forms. The categories ask that each American fit their self in one racial and one ethnic box. The data from these racial-ethnic categories drives the enforcement of civil-rights legislation, affirmative action policies, and other entitlements.

In the relatively obscure House Subcommittee on Census, Statistics and Postal Personnel, hearings were held from February through November 1993 on the issues of racial and ethnic categories. According to Rep. Thomas Sawyer (D-Ohio), who chairs the subcommittee, the US is in the midst of its most profound demographic shift since the 1890s. "We are unique in this country in the way we describe and define race and ascribe to it characteristics that other cultures view very differently." Sawyer believes a deluge of new Americans from every part of the world is overwhelming our traditional racial distinctions. "The categories themselves inevitably reflect the temporal bias of every age," he says.

During the hearings, The National Coalition for an Accurate Count of Asian Pacific Americans lobbied to add Cambodians and Laotians to the nine different nationalities already listed on the census forms under the heading of Asian or Pacific Islander. The National Council of La Raza proposed that Hispanics be considered a race, not just an ethnic group. The Arab American Institute asked that persons from the Middle East (now counted as white) be given a separate, protected category

of their own. A Hawaii senator urged that his people be moved from the Asian or Pacific islander box to the American Indian or Alaskan native box. "There is a misconception that native Hawaiians somehow

## Gonadal Sex

About six weeks after conception, the first step in the process of sex differentiation begins in the gonads (prior to that, prenatal development is identical for all prehuman zygote-blastocyst-embryos). It is believed that perhaps a single gene (called TDF for testis determining factor) on the Y chromosome triggers "maleness" in the gonads, so that they begin developing as testes, rather than as ovaries. Without this gene (or combination of genes) the gonads will develop as ovaries. Additionally, a substance called H-Y antigen, which appears to be under the control of the male-determining gene(s), must be present or the undifferentiated gonadal tissue will develop as ovaries. So, in spite of a Y chromosome, gonadal tissue will develop as ovaries without specific masculinization signals.

## Hormonal Sex

As soon as the gonads differentiate into testes or ovaries, genetic influence ceases, and the control of biological sex determination is passed to the sex hormones, which belong to the general family known as steroids. Ovaries produce estrogenic and progestational compounds. Testes primarily produce androgens. Of the estrogens, the most important one for the complete development of female characteristics is estradiol; of the progestational compounds, progesterone is important in regulating the menstrual cycle and stimulating the uterine lining in preparation of pregnancy. Of the androgens, testosterone is the most important for developing male sex characteristics, and sexual motivation. If a male fetus does not produce enough androgen secretions, and at the right time, its sex organs will develop as female in form and appearance. No specific female hormone is necessary to develop female structures, only the absence of male hormones is required.

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immigrated to the US." The National Congress of American Indians would like the Hawaiians to stay where they are (which may be due to gambling concessions Native Americans currently enjoy).

## External Sex

External genitalia begin developing after the sixth week. Prior to that all prehuman embryos possess undifferentiated rudimentary external genital tissues which are located below the umbilical cord, and consist of: the **genital tubercle**, **genital folds**, and the **labioscrotal swelling**. In the absence of testosterone, the genital tubercle becomes the **clitoris**, the genital folds become the inner vaginal lips (**labia minora**), and two sides of the labioscrotal swelling differentiate into the outer vaginal lips (**labia majora**). If testosterone is adequately present and begins circulating in the bloodstream of males, it is converted in some tissues into a hormone called dihydrotestosterone (DHT) which stimulates the labioscrotal swelling to fuse and form the **scrotum**, the genital folds to fuse around the urethra to form the **shaft of the penis**, and the genital tubercle to differentiate into the **glans of the penis**. By the twelfth week, the process is complete and observable.

## Internal Sex

About eight weeks after conception, two paired internal duct systems (the Mullerian ducts and the Wolffian ducts) undergo changes. If the fetus is chromosomally male and the gonads have differentiated into testes, the newly formed testes begin secreting two substances, one of which is called Mullerian inhibiting substance (MIS). This chemical causes the Mullerian ducts to shrink rather than to develop. The other substance, androgen, causes the Wolffian ducts to develop into male internal structures: the vas deferens, seminal vesicles, and ejaculatory ducts. Without testosterone to stimulate its growth, the Wolffian ducts degenerate. When not suppressed by testes-produced MIS and testosterone, Mullerian ducts develop into female internal structures: the fallopian tubes, uterus, and inner third of the vagina.




Billie Jean Jones and the Creative Director of IFGE, share insights.

*[Try to add this: Genetic scientists using mitochondrial DNA techniques have found that all indigenous people in North and South America migrated from Asia.]*

In the struggle over racial categories and group identity, a new disturbance has appeared. "When I received my 1990 census form, I realized that there was no category for my children," Susan Graham, a white woman married to a black man, testified at one of the hearings. "I called the Census Bureau, and after checking with supervisors, the bureau answered that the children should take the race of their mother. When I objected and asked why the mother's race only, the Census representative, in a hushed voice said, 'Because, in cases like these, we always know who the mother is but not always the father.'"

*[Coincidental to the cultural bias demonstrated by that last statement, mitochondrial DNA tracking can only be done generationally through maternal ancestry because the male mitochondrial information is contained in the tail of sperm which snaps off as the head struggles into the egg.]*

## All Together Now...

Try imagining your bureaucratic form has three boxes under the heading of Sex: **F**(emale), **I**(ntersexed), **M**(ale); and under the heading of Gender, several boxes, let's say these as a minimum—**E**(ither), **M**(an), **N**(iether), **W**(oman), **A**(ll of the above. Which ones would you check? How many others would you add? 

## Brain Sex

Brain sex differentiation primarily occurs in the hypothalamus where, at the onset of puberty, the hypothalamus directs the pituitary gland to release female hormones in a cyclic fashion, creating the monthly menstrual cycle. In males, the male hormones are generally released on a daily cycle.

It is believed that the presence or absence of circulating testosterone during prenatal differentiation determines the estrogen sensitivity of certain specialized receptor cells in the hypothalamus— if testosterone is present, the cells become insensitive to estrogen, otherwise they develop a high level of estrogen sensitivity. The cerebral hemispheres of the brain (left and right) are also thought to have sex differentiation characteristics, although these may be a result of social influences (left brain specialties such as language, in which females "score" better; right brain specialties such as spatial relationships, in which males "score" better). However, there is evidence that the cerebral cortex in the right brain hemispheres of males is larger than the left, and that in females, the cerebral cortex is larger in the left than in the right. One theory is that testosterone inhibits left hemisphere development and results in greater development in the right hemisphere.

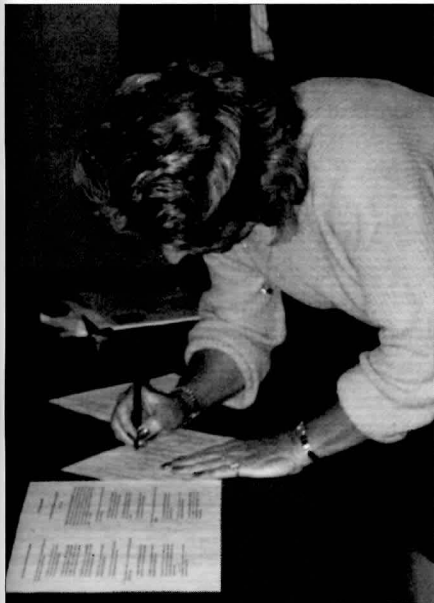


# Sexual Minorities Roundtable

by Roni

Riesa and I attended a signing ceremony for the Partnership Agreement between the Sexual Minorities Community and the Portland, Oregon Police Department October 11th. This is a part of the Community Policing Program that is being initiated in Portland.

The project initiators for this Partnership Agreement were William Warren, Chief of Police Charles Moose and Assistant Chief of Police Dan Nolle. There are also several other people involved in this Roundtable from the police department, including detectives from the bias crimes departments, and the gay and lesbian community, along with Riesa and me. We attended because we wanted to make sure that the "gender" community was included in this document.



(above) Roni signs the Sexual Minorities Partnership Agreement

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A few weeks ago, Riesa and I became part of a subgroup to define "sexual minorities." After lengthy discussions in this group, I suggested that everyone has a sexual orientation (yes, even heterosexuals) and a gender identity. Everyone eventually will identify a gender role they wish to live in, whether they are a male preferring to live as a male, or a male who prefers to live in the feminine gender, even if only part time; or a female who will choose to live in the gender of female, or of male even if only part time.

## PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT

The Major Goal to be achieved through this partnership is:

Acknowledgment that the Portland Police Bureau is recognized and accepted for the protection and assistance provided to all citizens, especially as it applies to the particular need of the sexual minorities community and will strive to gain the confidence of that community to work with the Police Bureau. Our intention is for this document to be as inclusive as possible. For the purpose of this document, sexual minorities shall be defined as individuals who self-identify with a sexual orientation or gender identity.

I. It is agreed that the sexual minorities community and Portland Police Bureau will work to increase personal safety.

*"Sexual Minorities shall be defined as individuals who self-identify with a sexual orientation or gender identity"*

- Community-based organizations to be identified will assist in the development and actively sponsor a street smart program with technical assistance provided by the Portland Police Bureau.
  - Crime prevention programs designed around avoiding assault related to known or perceived sexual minorities status will be improved.
  - The community-based organizations will sponsor town hall type meetings regarding personal safety and be more proactive.
- II. The Police Bureau and sexual minorities community will work to solidify their relationship.
- The sexual minorities community has been provided a position on the Chief's Forum and through that position will continue to provide input to the Forum.
  - The Police Bureau will continue to host and be an active participant in the Sexual Roundtable.



Roni, Police Information Officer Jensen, William Warren, Chief Moose, and Riesa.

crime within Portland's sexual minorities community.

This is a living document and as such may be amended from time to time.


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It is believed that this document is the only one of its kind between the police bureau and the sexual minorities (as defined) in the United States. Although there is not much of a problem in Portland and the surrounding areas, this document will be of great value if there ever is a significant problem.

The signing ceremony was in the Chief of Police Charles Moose's Conference Room in the Justice Center in downtown Portland. The signers were the Chief of Police; the Assistant Chief of Police the East Precinct Chief of Police, Roberta Weber; a representative from the Mayor's office; four city commissioners, one of whom is an honorary member of NWGA, Mike Lindberg; several police personnel, including three lesbian police officers; William Warren, the driving force behind this agreement from the gay and lesbian community; and members of sexual minority groups in Portland. Riesa and I signed for NWGA.

Two television stations taped the event and it appeared that evening on the local news. (Of course, I taped the two showings that evening.)

Interestingly enough, one station showed me signing the document along with the Assistant Chief of Police, and the other channel showed Riesa signing the document.

Riesa and I have also volunteered to carry a beeper supplied by the police department to report any bias crimes against the transgender community that we hear of. If the authorities become aware of any bias crimes, they will let us know. 

- The Portland Police Bureau will continue to staff a liaison position for the community, at the Chief's level, and will actively encourage and support the on-going relationship with the sexual minorities community.

**III.** The Portland Police Bureau will continue to recruit and support the retention of sexual minorities members in the Portland Police Bureau.

- The community will provide support to the Police Bureau in the recruiting of sexual minorities officers by helping to alleviate myths, stereotypes and perceptions about police.
- The Portland Police Bureau will create a policy regarding discrimination: sexual minorities will be included in those areas the policy addresses. The Bureau will assure that all members are fully aware of the non-discrimination policy and its implications
- The Portland Police Bureau will provide information regarding sexual minorities' support groups within the

Bureau on the same basis as other minorities and protected classes.

- Portland Police Bureau will encourage and support sexual minorities' police officer support groups.
- The Police Bureau will continue to provide on-going diversity training to all employees emphasizing respectfulness to each other.

**IV.** The sexual minorities community will work to help the Portland Police Bureau reach organizational goals.

- The sexual minorities roundtable will discuss crime trends and public safety concerns while being committed to finding solutions.
- The roundtable will encourage the discussion and mediation of police/sexual minorities community conflicts.
- The Roundtable will be the focal point for committees and task forces to review Portland Police Bureau policies and procedures that may impact crime or fear of



# Even GGs Get The Blues

by E. Fenton

**P**ity the poor partner. Not in every case, mind you; some women deal very well with their loved one's crossdressing. But all too often, this unusual pastime puts a strain on even the most solid of relationships. Unfortunately, many women are so uncomfortable, embarrassed, or simply confused about their partner's activities that they don't know how or where to seek help. Ideally, a woman should be able to discuss her problems with others who share them and can offer, if not insights, then at least a measure of sympathy and solidarity. That's where significant-other support groups come in.

When I attended an S.O. meeting, I found that it helped immensely to speak to other women who were experiencing some of the same difficulties, fears, and frustrations I was. Although few solutions were offered, it felt good to engage in the age-old sport of complaining about men, albeit with a different twist (e.g., "I hate it when he uses my makeup"). If nothing else, it was comforting to find out I wasn't the only one experiencing certain problems.

I asked veteran support-group activist Ginny Knuth to list the topics that came up most frequently in support groups for S.O.'s of crossdressers. These issues are listed below, along with some of my own solutions for handling them. I realize that every couple is different: a coping strategy that works for me might be completely inappropriate for someone else; an issue that I see as a serious problem might be trivial to other women; and, conversely, a topic that I gloss over or even omit might be a burning issue for other couples. I don't claim to be the *Dear Abby* of the transgendered community; I'm just trying to do whatever I can to help the S.O. cope

with the puzzling persona of her other half's other self.

If you're the crossdresser half of a couple, perhaps the following list will help you gain an insight or two into some of the issues your partner is dealing with (a word to the wise: many women, for one reason or another, are very stoic about their emotional suffering; she may be in more pain than you realize). If you're the partner of a crossdresser, maybe you'll relate to some of these questions and complaints. If any of these ring a bell, perhaps this article can stimulate some discussion between partners.

**"I don't understand why he does this. Am I not feminine enough for him?"**

This question nagged at me when I first found out about my husband's crossdressing proclivities. I've been a tomboy from the get-go; my idea of dressing up is to wear my polished cowboy boots rather than my manure-encrusted ones. I thought perhaps I'd failed in the femininity department and my husband had felt compelled to make up for it in his own bizarre way. Fortunately, my therapist set me straight. She told me that no one fully understands why

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and  
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tell him"*

men crossdress, but that it is not in any way their partner's fault. Crossdressing men are not trying to compensate for a lack of femininity in their household. Female partners of crossdressers run the gamut from ultra-feminine, Laura-Ashley-clad women to cigar-chompin', blue jeans-wearing tough gals. There is no correlation between a woman's perceived position on the femininity scale and her partner's desire to dress as a woman.

**"His crossdressing activities take up time that used to be and could be spent with me. I'm lonely."**

I was feeling decidedly left out as my husband went to countless meetings, conventions, and various social events that I didn't care to attend. I have to hand it to him, though. He came up with an ingenious solution: he bought me a horse. I've wanted to own a horse ever since I was a kid, and finally I had a hobby/obsession that I could immerse myself in as much as he was immersing himself in his new lifestyle. Obviously, I can't prescribe horses for every neglected spouse or spouse/equivalent. But perhaps you can act on some long-submerged dream that you've wanted to pursue, be it a hobby, a career, or

a project. Don't just sit around and feel lonesome when he goes out with the girls; pursue your own interests and you'll feel a lot better.

Of course, parallel obsessions isn't a very good recipe for a happy relationship. Couples need to do things together, too, or what's the point of being a couple? After mulling it over for some time, we came up with a project we both enjoy: building a garden railroad in our backyard (he lays the track, I do the landscaping). Perhaps you can come up with a fun project you can work on together. If not, make sure you schedule time for activities as a couple, even if it's something as simple as going out to dinner and a movie. It helps.

If you're feeling lonely and neglected, tell him. My husband, especially in the first few months of his crossdressing spree, was having such a good time that he didn't even realize how miserable and alone I felt. After a few gentle (and not-so-gentle) reminders that I liked to do things with him, he made a point of spending more time with me.

**"I miss the presence of men.  
I'm sick of hearing him giggle  
on the phone with his  
'girlfriends.'"**

I don't know about you, fellow genetic girls, but part of the reason I got married was to have a man around the house. As much as I malign men when I'm with my girlfriends, I like many aspects of the masculine sex. I find that men provide a nice counterpoint to the feminine world; yin and yang and all that. Once my husband "came out," however, he became very involved in the transgendered community; he made new friends and helped out with numerous projects. Not only did I have to watch him prancing around the house in lovely frocks, I had to listen to his hour-long phone chats-business and social-with his gal pals. (Whether he's dressed up or not, he undergoes a meta-

morphosis when he talks on the phone to his transgendered friends. His voice goes a few notes higher, he giggles coyly, and tends to talk about girlish topics such as What to Wear. It drives me nuts.)

Here are some of the ways I deal with crossdressing overload:

- I see that he closes the door to his office when he's on the phone, and I move to another part of the house, if necessary, to avoid listening to his half of the phone conversations.
- I speak up when I'm absolutely not in the mood for any thought, word, or deed that smacks of crossdressing. Sometimes I need a break-especially in my own house-and my husband is considerate enough to put away his clothes, makeup, newsletters, and other TV trappings when I need time off.
- I ask that he let me know in advance if he plans to invite his transgendered friends over, so I can plan other activities if I'm not transgender-friendly that day.
- He recently got a post-office box, to cut down on the number of Lane Bryant catalogs and other home delivered reminders of his habits.

**"I'm scared. I don't know  
where this is heading, and he's  
not able to tell me. Is he  
bisexual? Gay? Transsexual?  
Something else?"**

This is a tough issue for many couples, especially in the early "blow-out" stage, soon after the man admits he's a crossdresser. Often, he himself has no idea where his crossdressing will lead. Many men suppress or deny their crossdressing urges for years, so when they do finally allow themselves to partake of this activity, they're inundated with new feelings and emotions. From observing my husband during his early crossdressing days, I know that he was just as confused as I was

about the whole phenomenon. Here's how we dealt with it.

We read books and articles on the subject. These calmed many of my fears, pointing out that the majority of crossdressers are heterosexual men who for some reason derive pleasure from wearing women's clothing. Your mate is not likely to undergo a radical change of sexual orientation.

We saw a therapist who specializes in crossdressers and people with gender-identity issues. (If you see a therapist, it's important to find one who has experience with this phenomenon) We saw her as a couple and individually, and she skillfully steered us into talking about issues we had both found uncomfortable discussing at home.

I attended a significant-others meeting. As mentioned earlier, it can be very helpful to talk to women who are going through the same turmoil you are.

I went to a crossdressers' support group. If you feel you can handle it, attend a meeting or support group for crossdressers. I've been attending the monthly "rap sessions" of the Rainbow Gender Association for two years, and I've found that meeting my husband's friends and hearing them discuss their lives has proved quite valuable in helping me understand crossdressing. It takes a lot of nerve-especially at first-to go to one of these meetings, but I found most of the people there to be kind and gentle souls who are simply struggling to find out who they are.

**"I'm embarrassed. What will  
the neighbors think?"**

I still haven't resolved this issue, so I'm in no position to offer advice. Perhaps another S.O. could write to this newsletter and give me some advice. I'd really prefer that the neighbors didn't know about my husband's alter ego-but I suppose



they do if they've got eyes in their heads. I know I shouldn't be embarrassed, but that doesn't mean I'm not.

Meanwhile, I've asked my husband to try and exercise a little subtlety, such as not wearing lipstick and earrings when he drives out of the garage.

### **"What if my family finds out?"**

The strain of having one's parents visit for a week is bad enough without having to worry about mom finding a size 15 high heel under the couch. So far, when my folks have come to visit, the place has been sanitized for their protection. I'm sure they'll find out one of these days, but right now I'm not ready to tell them. My parents are fairly conservative, so I'm not sure they'd be up to the challenge of a son-in-law in a skirt. Besides, why do they need to know?

It's up to my husband whether he wants to tell his parents about himself. I've lobbied against it, because I fear it might simply hurt and puzzle them, rather than doing anything positive for family relations. Maybe I'm wrong. You're the best judge of your particular family situation.

### **"I worry when he goes out. Who is he with? What is he doing? I fear for his safety."**

Safety, if you ask me, is a legitimate concern. I'm not sure that most men realize how vigilant women must be when they're out by themselves or with a group of female friends. Attacks on women-or facsimiles thereof-do happen, and many S.O.'s worry about their partner's well-being when he goes out. We also worry about gay-bashing, since your average drunken yahoo-with-a-baseball-bat type no doubt thinks any man in drag is a queer, and therefore fair game.

I've talked to my husband about this, and he has assured me that he never

walks anywhere in the city alone at night. He carries a whistle and has a phone in his car in case of emergencies. I still worry, but I'm convinced he is aware that there are many unsavory characters out there.

Since he knows I worry when he's out late, we've made an arrangement whereby he tells me what time he expects to be home, and calls me if he's running late. This won't work for everyone (some people don't appreciate calls from drag bars at 2 a.m.), but if you're worried about him you should discuss the matter with him and see what you can come up with to allay some of your fears.


### **"Our sex life has suffered. Sorry, but I'm not a lesbian."**

Well, I don't want to go into the gory details here, but I understand this is a common complaint. Although this topic is sometimes brought up in support groups, many women are reluctant to talk about it.

Talk to your partner about your feelings, and let him know if any aspect of his behavior or appearance makes you uncomfortable. Many

men are so thrilled with their newfound "other self" that they forget to take their partner's feelings into account. To compound the problem, some crossdressers are convinced that their female persona invests them with added sensitivity and insight into the female mind. Perhaps they consider themselves more sensitive lovers when endowed with feminine attributes. Maybe some are, but if I'd wanted a lesbian lover, I would have hooked up with a lesbian (at least she wouldn't have chest-hair stubble!).

In addition to talking to your partner, I'd suggest seeing a therapist if you think it might help (as mentioned earlier, be sure to see someone who specializes in gender issues).

In summary, my advice to any suffering S.O.'s out there would be to talk to somebody about your problems, whether it's a therapist, a relative or close friend, or women in a support group. Most importantly, talk to your partner if any of these issues-or others-are bothering you. He can't help you if he doesn't know you're hurting. 

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# The Transvestite Husband

by George R. Brown, MD

**C**rossdressing is a secret but not uncommon practice. You can educate the wife of a transvestite to accept his behavior and maintain a successful marital relationship.

Karen, a 65-year-old woman who had been married for 40 years, came home unexpectedly one afternoon to find her recently retired 66-year-old husband, John, wearing her clothing and high heels, sporting a blond wig, sitting in front of the television sipping tea. She was shocked and amazed to discover that John had been borrowing her clothes throughout their marriage and that he had cross-dressed in private during his military career and when out of town on business trips. She became depressed and confused and was too embarrassed to discuss her feelings with friends. Distraught, she discussed the problem with her

trusted physician of 22 years. A transvestite is currently defined as a heterosexual postpubertal male who cross-dresses, initially for sexual excitement. Transvestism should be carefully differentiated from the gender identity disorders, e.g., transsexualism. (Transsexualism is a severe disorder of gender identity wherein an individual abhors his/her own genitals and secondary sexual characteristics and relentlessly pursues cross-gender hormonal treatments and sex reassignment surgery.)

The majority of transvestites are, or have been, married. The sexual arousal and masturbation while "dressed" frequently subside with time, but cross-dressing may continue throughout life, as it enables the man to express the "femme self" and provides for an inner sense of tranquility and relief from anxiety. Conversely, preventing the transvestite from cross-dressing for extended periods of time leads to dysphoria and anxiety.

The exact prevalence of transvestism is not known, but it is certainly not rare, as evidenced by the organized support groups, social clubs, dedicated literature, and information clearinghouses on the subject. In the United States, an estimated 2%-3% of adult males are transvestites, while in England the estimate is 5%. It is thought that less than one quarter of transvestites are ever seen by a psychiatrist; when they are, it is usually at the insistence of a

## TRANSVESTISM EVOLVING INTO GENDER DYSPHORIA

Thirty-six-year-old Susan had been married to Steve for more than five years and found his transvestism to be an interesting aspect of their relationship. She enjoyed their lovemaking, which often involved cross-dressing, and was tolerant of Steve's activities as long as he "dressed" in the privacy of their home. Then Steve was injured in an automobile accident and lost his job as a construction worker. Over the next six months, he began to drink heavily, cross-dressed daily, and believed that all of his problems would be solved if he could be surgically reassigned as a woman. He no longer appeared sexually interested in Susan. She felt excluded and helpless, and was very concerned that she would lose her husband. She was not interested in "living together like sisters" after his proposed sex reassignment. Extensive counseling assisted Steve in returning to both sobriety and a transvestite adjustment without the pursuit of cross-gender treatments.

distraught spouse or, occasionally, a judge faced with a transvestite involved in a divorce or other legal proceeding such as a routine traffic violation that occurred while the defendant was cross-dressed. (It is generally not illegal to crossdress.)

## WHY WIVES OF TRANSVESTITES SEEK MEDICAL HELP

Cross-dressing may be a private, carefully guarded secret for many years within the context of an otherwise satisfying and communicative marriage. Many transvestites discuss cross-dressing with their spouse early in the relationship, often before marriage.



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This approach seems to evoke less anger, feelings of betrayal, or acute sense of inadequacy in the woman than accidental discovery later in the marriage.

### **Lack of self-esteem.**

Women who are married to a cross-dresser often suffer from low self-esteem reflected in self-defeating behavior, fear of abandonment, and obesity. Such women may tolerate abusive and humiliating behavior by their spouse because they see the relationship as "better than nothing" and preferable to being alone, thereby warding off separation anxiety. They have a difficult time negotiating mutually acceptable limits with their husband and tend to become withdrawn and depressed.

### **Changes in crossdressing behavior.**

More frequent cross-dressing or other changes in behavior that occur during the marriage can be distressing even if the wife knew about the habit. (See table for common reasons given by transvestites' wives for seeking their physician's advice.)

### **TREATING THE SPOUSE**

As a primary care physician, you can be very effective in educating and counseling the wives of transvestites. An attitude of openness and willingness to discuss the woman's "secret" will go far in reducing anxiety, since many of these women believe they are alone in this unusual marital situation and that there must be something very wrong with them.

### **Education.**

You can greatly reassure the wife of a transvestite by emphasizing the following points:

- "You did not drive your husband to cross-dressing." Onset usually occurs well before marriage, with 92% of transvestites beginning cross-

## **WIFE FEARS SHE IS LESBIAN**

Thirty-year-old Ilsa had been aware of Fred's cross-dressing since just prior to their wedding 10 years ago. Ilsa did not object to Fred's dressing as "Felicia" once a week in the privacy of their home. Recently, however, Fred had been pressing her for more active involvement with his cross-dressing, including having intercourse with "Felicia" and going out to restaurants and shopping malls together "like sisters." Ilsa began to question whether she was a latent lesbian and was upset by Fred's development of impotence unless he was at least partially cross-dressed for lovemaking. The couple was referred to a sex therapist by their family physician.

dressing before their 18th birthday and over half before age 10. Marital problems do not "cause" men to cross-dress.

- "You are not a latent lesbian." There is no evidence that women who choose to live with transvestites, even if they have sex with their husbands while "dressed," are more likely to be homosexual.
- "Your husband is not a homosexual or a child molester." Transvestism in married men is not associated with either homosexuality or pedophilia. There may be a greater incidence of other paraphilic interests among transvestites, however, such as bondage, discipline, and leather fetishes.
- "You cannot cure your husband of his transvestism." Transvestism is extremely tenacious, and most transvestites (and many spouses) generally do not consider it a problem warranting treatment. Transvestites may intermittently "purge" their wardrobes only to find

themselves starting their collection anew after a short time. The types of expression and frequency of dressing may change over time, but it is highly unlikely that all cross-dressing behaviors will cease.

- "You do have rights as a partner in your marriage." Each woman has to decide what her personal limits are in her relationship with a transvestite. Just as "ordinary" sexual relationships are a series of negotiations of "like" and "don't like," "will do" and "won't do," the successful transvestite marriage must be based on compromise.

### **Support groups.**

Sharing her experiences with other women can help the transvestite's spouse to feel less isolated and learn how other such couples have negotiated their marriages. Transvestite support groups and social clubs frequently have affiliated wives' support groups. (See box at end of article for addresses of such groups.)

### **ADVISING THE TRANSVESTITE**

Transvestites are generally satisfied with their assigned male gender and do not desire to change their sex, live permanently women, or lose their ability to engage in sexual relationships with women.

Gender dysphoric symptoms may appear in a transvestite during episodes of stress, after a recent loss, or concomitantly with other psychiatric disorders such as major depression. These symptoms include loss of interest in sex, more frequent cross-dressing, and a request to a physician for female hormonal (estrogen) treatment. These patients usually require a referral to a psychiatrist or psychologist experienced in the diagnosis and treatment of transsexualism. Standards of care for the hormonal and surgical treatment

## COMMON REASONS SPOUSES OF TRANSVESTITES SEEK PHYSICIAN'S ADVICE

- Surprise discovery of husband's cross-dressing
- Belief that husband is having an affair
- Increase in crossdressing behaviors
- Sexual dysfunction (spouse, transvestite, or both)
- Concern over public exposure
- Concern over own identity as a woman
- Emergence of gender-dysphoric symptoms

of gender dysphoric individuals have been published elsewhere.

### SUMMARY

Not all women can adapt to the stress of being married to a transvestite. Some view their relationship as vital and exciting and are fully supportive of their husband's cross-dressing, especially when they learn there is nothing they can do to "cure" him. Other spouses are violently opposed to such behavior; for these women, transvestism poses a major obstacle to emotional and physical intimacy in their marriage. (Because of this individual variation in acceptance of transvestism, wives have been described as "acceptors" or "rejecters," or placed on a grading continuum of relative acceptance from "A" to "F.")

Those women who choose to continue their relationships must be able to make compromises that allow the partners to respect each other's limits. These compromises can often be negotiated more easily with their physician's help.

It is very important to bear in mind that it is futile to try to persuade a

transvestite who seeks your counsel to stop cross-dressing; such efforts will only result in alienating him. Psychiatric referrals recommended if the transvestite expresses symptoms of depression and gender dysphoria.

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# Spice '94

by *Gayla (wife/partner of a crossdresser)*

**S**PICE '94 was one very phenomenal experience of our 21-year marriage. My partner had only been "out" for one year before we went to SPICE '94. He went to Chicago with the reservation of being in male form the entire time; especially since he had spent the previous year cultivating his fem side. Being shy, I had my own apprehensions, and many, many questions, which were answered, only to be replaced by new ones. Thankfully, life is a journey to be explored and lived daily. SPICE helps us to do that, as women, as men, and as couples in a committed relationship.

Linda Peacock had taken special care to choose presenters who were some of the "cream of the crop" in the gender educational field. All leaders took great care to provide us with a safe space, as they also did for our crossdressing partners. Some sessions were held together with our partners, and others were not. We had excellent presentations which allowed for lots of listening, sharing, hugging, crying, laughing, and relationship-building.

I came away from SPICE with more self-respect, greater self-confidence, higher self-esteem, better decision-making ability and more communication skills to use in my marriage. It is a powerful network at work, this SPICE Conference! I'll never be the same since SPICE '94.

I met women who will be sisters to me forever, to whom I can turn to share my joys and sorrows. We are our own sisterhood, if you will. We were from all walks of life. Some of


our partners were professionals, some were laborers, some were house-husbands. We came from different backgrounds. Some of us had grown up on farms, some in the city, some in professional homes. We were all shapes and sizes, all races, all different likes and dislikes, all having different hobbies, all having different beliefs and values. Some of us were raised as an only child and some of us happened to have many siblings. Some had never seen their husband crossdressed. Some had done sewing and shopping for their crossdresser. Some of us were totally accepting, some merely tolerant. The only thing we all had in common was that we were committed to a good relationship with a crossdresser.

The facilitators and leaders helped us as women to look at all areas of our lives. We began at the beginning with who was our most feminine role model and mentor in our lives. We heard how to use our dreams to help us understand what our subconscious is trying to tell us at any given time. We learned the importance of active listening, unconditional love, emotional intimacy vs. sexual intimacy, and pampering ourselves as women. Only after all this base was laid did we dare venture into the hot topic of boundary negotiation.

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The most important thing we all learned was that we are very special women; we are unique in our femininity; there is no right or wrong in how we feel. Our lives can be full of new experiences, lots of joy, some challenges, many rewards, and lots of love. We only need to look at our relationship and who we are as part of this relationship and who our partner is as a man, a friend, and a husband. (He just happens to be a crossdresser.) We are beautiful people! Our partners chose us and see us that way.

In closing, I'd like to leave you with some encouragement. Are you trying to decide whether to attend SPICE '95? Are you wondering how you will find the time for SPICE '95? I ask you what relationship is more important than the one with your significant other? Are you wondering how you'll financially afford the conference? I ask you what is of more value to you than your relationship with your partner or husband?

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# 166 Men In Dresses

by C. V. Prince, PhD

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**T**RANSVESTISM, or the love of dressing in the clothes of the opposite sex has long been known. Isolated examples turn up in history and, every now and again, in the daily press.

Unfortunately, medicine has not been in a position to learn all that should be known about this phenomenon because cases coming to a doctor's attention are usually persons who have either gotten into trouble with the law and are sent to a psychiatrist, or persons who are so upset by their activity that they go seeking support or help.

## A Note About The Author

Dr. Prince, who has been well known to me personally for several years, is to my mind one of the foremost authorities on the subject of transvestism, not so much from the medical as from the psychological and sociological points of view. He holds a PhD in the biological sciences, is a transvestite himself, and now edits *Transvestia*, a publication for transvestites.

Although he approaches the subject with natural self-interest, this is easily compensated for by his knowledge and insight into the psychology of the transvestic personality. The combined subjective-objective viewpoint sometimes leads to better understanding than the views of an outside observer who cannot know the emotional satisfactions involved.

The survey which Dr. Prince conducted as the editor of *Transvestia* has a very definite scientific value, and he deserves credit, thanks and commendation for his efforts.

Harry Benjamin, MD  
(Dr. Benjamin was an internationally-known medical authority on transvestism.—Editor)

Very frequently these individuals suffer from a variety of other behavioral patterns which overlap their transvestism and cause confusion in the diagnosis and treatment.

Doctors have no occasion to see the larger number of transvestites who are better-adjusted and more stable. Consequently, the cases reported in the literature are relatively few and do not represent a fair cross section of those practicing transvestism. The conclusions drawn from the cases seen are necessarily tentative.

*Transvestia*, a publication written for and about transvestites, has just concluded a survey among its readers, sending out several hundred questionnaires to its subscribers. Of those sent out, 166 have been returned and form the basis of this survey.

It will be noted that all were males—primarily because it is males who are involved in this type of behavior almost, though not entirely, exclusively. Also, females in our culture are not penalized for wearing male clothing.

Before going into the results in detail a few observations are in order. First, it is recognized that, in any questionnaire sent to a group of people by mail, there is no control over the way it is filled out. Answers may in some cases be given because the individual wishes to paint a good picture of himself. However names did not have to be given so that this source of error is somewhat reduced.

*“Transvestism should be studied separately. . .not as a by-product of studies on homosexuality, transsexuality, masochism or fetishism just because some of these types of person sometimes enjoy crossdressing.”*

Other facts having to do with childhood may be incorrectly reported because they are no longer in the individual's conscious memory, or contrariwise, things may be reported as happening that really did not occur because over the years, the individual was led to think that they *probably* occurred and thus eventually to think that they *did* occur. In general, it is to be expected that there has been a proportion of erroneous replies in the responses. However, it is believed that, in the most important areas, any reasonable allowances made for errors either of omission or commission would not alter the significance of the results.

The age of those who replied ranged from below twenty to above seventy, with the greatest number in the thirty to forty bracket. In height there were just a few below 5'4" or above 6'4", with nearly half between 5'8" and 6'. Weight ranged from less than 140 lbs to greater than 220, with the largest

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# The Castrated Woman

by Riki Anne Wilchins

In *The Female Eunuch*, outlining the means by which authentic, dynamic female individuals are spiritually and psychologically castrated, Germaine Greer wrote: "...the chief element in this process is...the suppression and deflection of Energy. The Girl struggles to reconcile her schooling along masculine lines with her feminine conditioning until Puberty resolves the ambiguity and anchors her safely in the feminine posture, if it works. When it doesn't she is given further conditioning as a corrective..."

A transexual woman goes through a similar process, the chief element also being the suppression and deflection of energy. She struggles to reconcile her enforced schooling along masculine lines with her female gender identity. Finally, transition, hormones, surgery, and the closet resolve the ambiguity, anchoring her at last within a feminine posture acceptable to the nonocracy. If this doesn't work, she is given further conditioning in the form of public humiliation, harassment, ostracism and actual assault as a corrective. Within this process, an authentic and dynamic child is transformed into a spiritually and psychologically debilitated and often defenseless transexual adult.

The nonocracy often invents us as castrated males, a surgical scalpel having removed our manhood. Actually, it is our womanhood that is removed, and with it our self esteem, our joy in being a part of human community, our dignity as women. The scalpel the nonocracy uses is subtler and sharper than steel. Its edges are composed of prejudice, harassment, public humiliation, ostracism. Everywhere we are encouraged to participate in our own castration: to cut ourselves off from our identity, to assimilate, to be quiet,

tame, docile, conforming, noncentric in thought, word and deed, ashamed of our selves, our sisters and our experience. What is amputated, in fact, is our identity as women.

The way this scalpel is wielded is all too familiar to most transexual women. Harassed prior to transition for being too feminine as men, we are harassed afterward for being too feminine as women (wearing "too much" makeup, "trying too hard," etc.). Or we are harassed after transition for being "too masculine" and "male-like." We are described by our doctors and by nontransexuals as "successful" to the extent we can "blend in" with them: in other words, pass and go into the woodwork. We are employable to the degree we don't upset the noncentric apple cart by being "noticeably transexual." We receive romantic attention from prospective non-partners to the degree that we approximate non-women as well. We are complimented by those who say, "I never would have guessed," or, "You look just like a real woman"; they, in turn, intend to compliment us. Everywhere our power and our simple dignity is taken from us.

The nonarchy applies further corrective to those who challenge its gender hierarchy in less subtle ways as well. We are disowned by our families. We have our children taken from us by the courts. We are fired from our jobs, turned out from homes

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and apartments. The punishment of the transexual woman who is radical enough to claim her identity in the nonocracy is pervasive and overwhelming.

Within transexual circles things are often not much better. Filled with shame and self-loathing, we confer status upon those of us who look most nontransexual. In our shame, many of us retire to the closet, sometimes for a lifetime. For those transexual women who refuse to assimilate and go into the closet, further "corrective" conditioning can come from intrusive strangers, threatened males, angry feminists or even other closeted transexuals. The woman with CCD who is strident, assertive and angry about the deflection and emasculation of her energy can also expect further conditioning among the professionals from whom she must seek treatment, i.e., surgeons strangely reluctant to operate, and shrinks correspondingly eager to label and diagnose.

Mary Wollstonecraft, fortuitously author of *Frankenstein*, wrote in 1792, "Genteel women are, literally

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speaking, slaves to their bodies... Taught from their infancy that beauty is woman's scepter, the mind shapes itself to the body, and roaming round its gilt cage, only seeks to adorn its prison." This rings eerily true for transsexuals, doubly imprisoned by our obsession with our looks, as well as by non-transsexuals' fixation on our bodies and what is, was, or will be in our pants.

Not only do we become slaves to our bodies, we may become captive to the search for nontranssexual appearance. Transition can start out with having our hair cut, dyed and permed, our nails done, our teeth capped, our legs waxed. We begin electrolysis for our beards and body hair and taking estrogen to correct our hormones. Later we have breast implants to augment hormones that have been asked to do their work too late, and then perhaps surgery. From there, we go on to nose jobs, and adams-apple shaves. It may continue to having voices surgically altered to cut off the lower range, facial surgery to reduce strong bone structure, additional labial surgery too improve our vaginal "cosmetic appearance," and other procedures.


Some of our changes are psychological or behavioral. Doggedly altering the way we talk, gesture and move, we study nons for hints on what is "proper." We give up sports and exercise for fear we will appear muscular or masculine, and we sometimes cultivate an atrophied, and therefore "feminine" physique. We learn to subdue our more florid emotions, since these are "masculine," and in particular to curb or suppress our anger. Fearing to be labelled "dominating," we try to project a more docile and submissive demeanor.

None of this is necessarily wrong. Some is the legitimate result of years of not being allowed to care for our appearance or act in ways that were natural for us. Much is an effort to turn back the clock on years of

testosterone poisoning and social conditioning which has changed, perhaps even distorted or disfigured, our bodies, our minds and our emotions. No one wants to be in the position of judging what another transsexual woman should or shouldn't do to feel comfortable with herself. Certainly I don't, for much of the above describes my own transition.

On the other hand, it would be less than honest to ignore for some of us. Clearly this process of progressive alteration becomes the original "slippery slope" where once one steps on it the only possible outcome is an endless and accelerating descent. We no longer know what is enough, or where or how to stop. We make some changes to look more feminine, to feel more

comfortable, or perhaps to be less obviously read and therefore less often harassed. But if our goal is to be finally as non-transsexual as possible, because after all non-transsexual women define what is female, then where and how do we draw the line? Where do we say at last, "Enough, it's finished"?

And so we continue changing and altering our selves, never satisfied and never complete. Until one day, we wake to find ourselves lost within the now unfamiliar landscape of our own bodies, like nomads in some strange and foreign desert, surrounded by unknown landmarks and inhabited by those whose alien features, and distant ways, we no longer recognize: our castration is complete. 

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group falling between 140-160 and almost as many in the 160-180 range.

*Thus, there seems to be no gross distinguishing characteristics which would set the transvestite group off from the rest of the population.*

38 percent of those responding went to college and of these twenty percent went on to graduate or professional school. This is a considerably higher figure than the general population.

While in school, 55 percent of those reporting engaged in one or more active masculine sports such as football, baseball, track, etc. and a further 40 percent displayed their talents in drama, music, school offices, etc.

These results tend to indicate that the educational and cultural level of transvestites may be well above average.

Perhaps the most useful light shed on the subject by this survey is that dealing with childhood experiences.

Orthodox medical opinion, as expressed in many articles on the subject, attributes transvestic impulses to events in childhood. Adult transvestic impulses are said to be due to such experiences as the parents wanting a girl, getting a boy and proceeding to bring him up in a manner more or less befitting a girl.

Other authors cite cases of boy children being kept in long curls and pinafores to a relatively late age. Still others relate it to what has been called "pinafore punishment"—disciplining a boy by making him wear girls' clothes.

Experts in sex rôle development usually see the parental figure as the causative factors. They point to a family situation where the mother is the dominant parent, giving the child the impression that she is the important one and the one to



emulate, while at the same time the father provides a poor figure for the boy to identify with because he is absent, excessively weak or sets a poor example through drunkenness.

Lastly, and as a generalization, medical opinion says that whether the above were the causes or not, it all started in childhood.

*What light does the survey of 166 cases shed on causation?*

Fewer than twenty percent (one out of five) of the cases showed any history of being kept in dresses and curls, or of the parents wanting a girl, or of punishment in dresses.

Only fourteen percent were raised in broken homes; fewer than twenty percent reported the father as being away a lot; and fewer than ten percent listed the father as drinking.

Furthermore, of those answering the question, 55 percent rated the father as the dominant parent, which would probably pretty well match the situation in society in general in these times.

*Thus, none of the causes generally presented by the medical profession for this behavior pattern finds any great support in the data cited in this survey.*

Further indication that young childhood may not hold all the answers comes from the reports of the age of first experiences of the transvestic nature. Although about 44 per cent reported their first experience as being before ten years, another 44 per cent had it between ten and eighteen years, while as many as twelve per cent discovered transvestism after the age of eighteen.

It may be argued by some that behavior of a transvestic nature may have occurred earlier than the recollected age but that such events were forgotten. It might also be possible that these tendencies existed earlier but were latent or hidden.

The fact, however, that more than half-56 per cent-of the cases set the age of their first significant experience as after ten years could be indicative of an entirely different mechanism not related to latency at all. Other factors are probably at work that have not yet been discovered by psychiatry.

It is interesting to note that not quite one-third of the cases found their problem sufficiently disturbing to go see a psychiatrist at all.

Of these, about half (or about sixteen per cent of the total) took any treatment at all from the doctor. About two-thirds of those who did (or eleven per cent of the total) reported that they had been helped to any appreciable extent.

Thus, it appears that doctors see only a small portion of the transvestic group and are unable to do much for many that they do see.

The average person, knowing that some homosexual individuals affect feminine attire is likely to reason that *any* male who enjoys wearing feminine attire is therefore homosexual.

This, of course, is based on two fallacies: one, that such feminine activities are characteristic of homosexuals, when in actuality only a few of them show such interests; and two, that because one class of persons shows a particular behavioral trait, that all those showing the trait belong to that class. This is like saying that since criminals use guns or forge checks, anyone using a gun or writing checks is therefore a criminal.

It will be enlightening, therefore, to learn that about one-third of the 166 cases had had homosexual experiences. This would seem a lot until it is pointed out that Kinsey reported that over one-third of all adult males in his sample had had one or more homosexual experiences in their lives.

Thus, this, group of transvestites had a slightly lower incidence of homosexual experience than was reported by Kinsey for the male population at large.

The heterosexual nature of transvestism is further emphasized by the fact that ninety per cent, including some that had homosexual experiences, consider themselves to be heterosexually oriented.

In family matters transvestites are much like other people. 72 per cent of them are married, about twenty per cent for the second or third time, while about 26 per cent of the total group had been through one or more divorces.

Eighteen of these, or 41 per cent of all the divorces, were wholly or partly due to transvestism. Many, if not all, of these eighteen marriages might have been saved if there had been sympathetic understanding of this kind of behavior. Of the married individuals about 70 per cent have children, about what one would find in the general population.

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In evaluating the degrees of acceptance of the transvestism by wives, it turns out that one-third of all the wives were completely accepting, while a further group of 29 per cent were at least tolerant.

This means that nearly two out of three wives went along with their husband's transvestic behavior with some degree of understanding.

This is higher than would have been expected and offers some hope to the unmarried transvestite seeking an understanding wife. It apparently depends a good deal on when she is made acquainted with the facts and how it is done.

The problems entailed in dealing with it after marriage are much more complex than those that might result from consideration of the matter beforehand. Most married transvestites would advise another contemplating marriage to tell his fiancée before she becomes his wife.

Too often this is not done out of fear of the consequences or under the mistaken assumption that it will go away after marriage. *It doesn't!*

Just as the public tends to presume that transvestism is related to homosexuality, so do many of those who know of the term "transsexuality" (referring to those who wish to have operations for the removal of male sex organs) think that this is common to all transvestites also.

The results of this study show that only about one-fifth of those replying would accept such surgery under any of a variety of improbable conditions. On the other hand nearly seventy per cent flatly stated that they would not want surgery at all. About ten per cent did not answer this question.

Many of those replying negatively to this question accompanied their answer with some statement to the effect that they enjoyed being male and would not want to change.

Two other conditions often considered as being part of transvestism are those of bondage—satisfaction obtained from being tied up or otherwise forcibly restrained; and domination—where the individual relinquishes control over his acts to someone else, i.e., a male wishes to be dominated by a woman and forced to obey her every wish.

Both of these behavior patterns are manifestations of masochism, a psychological condition in which the individual obtains pleasure by being hurt physically or morally. In this survey, only eighteen per cent of those replying had experienced bondage and only fourteen per cent had undergone domination.

*This indicates that while these masochistic manifestations may accompany transvestic impulses, they are definitely not a necessary part of them and not even present in the large majority of cases.*




One major conclusion emerges from these findings: transvestism should be studied separately and dealt with on its own—not as a by-product of studies on homosexuality, transsexuality, masochism or fetishism just because some of these types of person sometimes enjoy crossdressing.

In fact the term "transvestism" itself should be changed insofar as most of the types of persons reported upon in this survey are concerned, because this word merely says cross-dressing in Latin. It is not helpful to name a class of persons after a type of behavior when the same behavior is demonstrated by others not belonging to the class. This just adds to the confusion.

Since the predominant interest of the so-called transvestite is a love of



things feminine and a desire to enjoy some of the prerogatives of and participate in the woman's world while at the same time retaining a normal male sexual interest and masculine social and business activities, the word "femiphilia"—love of the feminine—would be a much more descriptive term.

This love of feminine things is not a characteristic of homosexuals as a class nor of masochists, transsexuals or fetishists. Even transsexuals do not love feminine things for themselves while retaining masculinity. Their desire is to "become a woman" and if they have the surgery their interest in the clothing and other aspects of the world of women is approximately the same as any other woman. Only in transvestites is this an end in itself. 

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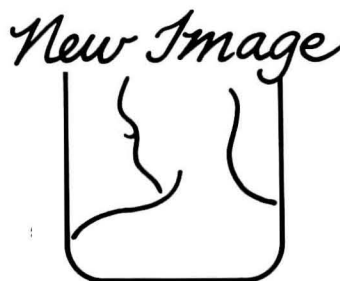


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# Thoughts

by Callan Williams

(a speech given at Atlanta Action '95 convention)

**W**ELCOME to IFGE Atlanta Action 1995. It's a new name for an old conference. Why a new name?

I heard Don Hewitt, producer of *60 Minutes* for 25 years, and a legend in television, talk about his success. "I don't know the secret formula for success" he said, "but I do know the formula for failure. All you have to do to fail is to sit on your laurels." Why Atlanta Action? Because it's time for us to get up off our laurels. We need some changes to get us ready for the future.

## TRANSGENDERED PEOPLE AT A CERTAIN TIME IN HISTORY

This is a very exciting time in history. The iron curtain has fallen, the cold war is over. The information

revolution is here, with live pictures in our living room from a coup in Moscow, thanks to CNN. And gender bending? It's out there, bigger and bigger, with Priscilla, Mrs. Doubtfire, Ru Paul, Wong Foo and lots more. The next millennium is fast approaching, and life will be different, different in ways we cannot yet even guess about.

I was talking about this with Leslie Feinberg. The key phrase in our conversation was, "We are transgendered people at a certain time in history." Not, as Leslie pointed out in the past, during the time of the berdache, nor in the future, whatever that's going to look like. We are transgendered at this time.

An old question in history class was, *Does the man make the time, or does the time make the man?* While I might change man to person, it is a question worth pondering for each of us. We are transgendered people at a certain time in history.

What does the world look like at this time? It is a world on the precipice of change. Old models are falling of their own weight, models of religion, economics, politics, relationships, of gender, of everything. Many are trying to stop this change, but there is no way the tide of history can be stopped. We can only attempt to shape change, to accommodate it, to ride it.

Maybe the biggest changes we will have are in the myths we build our lives on. Myths are the central part of our belief structures, crucial to who we think we are. Shaping the myths at

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the core of this culture shapes the way that we all act.

Joseph Campbell, when asked about myths for the future, replied that our future myths will resemble our older ones, carrying the same essential and eternal wisdom, but will be told in the style and the symbology of our time. Yes, even myths, tales of humanity, change to accommodate the time. Today's myths come to us in colorful animated pictures directly into our home, directly into our lives.

I realized how important myths are when I heard Dr. Sheila Kirk talk about the medical advances in understanding the roots of transgender a few years ago at the Southern Comfort conference. By accepting that certain things are born in us, that humans come with a wide range of predisposition, including sexual orientation, we are changing the creation myth of our culture. This movement, started with monks in the 1600s who were trying to become more godlike by understanding God's handiwork, has lead us to a scientific creation myth; a myth that changes to meet new and evolving knowledge and needs.



Callan Williams has been published in *Tapestry Journal*, *GenderFlex*, and *The Transgenderist* among others (including *Crosstalk* under the alias Paul K.) and is among one of the leading edge thinkers in transgender. She summed up, "To balance compassion and reality is a tough balance, but learning how to make tough balances is what being a complete person is all about."



Myths are ways to express what we believe, but cannot quantify. Even that master salesman, Zig Ziglar, has said, "Storytelling is the key to learning." The question is, what stories do we hold in common, what shared vision do we keep to connect us? What common threads lie under our diverse individual expression?

## MYTHIC DEMONS OR MYTHIC HUMANS?

Most of us grew up in the cold war era where the stories were about "them." We knew that having a common enemy would pull us together. I recently read a great book, *MIA: Mythmaking in America*, talking about how the myth of live POWs was invented by the Nixon administration to sell our actions in Vietnam. This POW myth has been used for years to highlight the moral destruction of America, the shame of leaving our soldiers, or honor in Vietnam. It keeps the legacy of Vietnam, this enormous psychic wound in our history, alive.

Myths with an enemy are classic, and we are in a period where the Right is using them powerfully. Bill Moyers talks about the demonology of Newt and others, who develop lists of words to demonize their opponents: sick, pathetic, anti-family, and others. The message: Anyone who disagrees with me is a demon, not a human. I have the right, the perfect answer, and any technique to make it happen is OK. My positive ends justify any negative means. This is bad thinking. Remember that evil flourishes when good people think they are perfect, when they think that they have the only right answer.

The premise of these enemy myths is to create a separation between us and them, to divide people into groups. The only reason to divide people is to gain power over them. Why does Jerry Falwell beat up on queers? To solidify his own power with the scared. He understands that old military maneuver of Divide and Conquer, one where you weaken opposing forces by splitting

them, either physically or emotionally. If you get white exploited people to fight with black exploited people, they both are weakened in their challenge to the common power that exploits them. Simple. If you get women to fight with men, then their power to fight the common roots of their oppression is crippled.

If we want to lessen the power of Jerry Falwell, the only way is to convince his followers that they have nothing to fear. Change is just change, not the evil trick of the devil. This is something that Robert Schuller has already been doing in his ministry, telling his flock that boundaries are changing, and that is not bad, just part of a natural process of growth and opening.

We need a new vision, one based on love, not on fear. To fight fear with fear is to let the old paradigms win.

## BUILDING ON OUR CONTINUOUS COMMON HUMANITY

We must go into the world and announce boldly that there is no them, there is only us. We are all solidly the same at the core, no matter how diverse we are on the surface. We need to learn not to share a common enemy, but rather, to share a common friendship. Anything which divides us is merely flavor, not substance.

This is the growing center of the new myths in this country. We can trace this to the Civil Rights Movement, a movement that was strong right here in Atlanta, whose primary message was simple: We are all the same, and should be treated that way. To listen to Martin Luther King's speeches again today is a revelation, with the messages sounding clear and fresh: Respect all people, remove the arbitrary limits on them.

Martin Luther King had a dream, a dream of freedom and equality that we are all still working for today. Our brothers and sisters in the Gay &

Lesbian movement have that same dream, and over the past 25 years since Stonewall, they have changed a lot of attitudes, gained a lot of acceptance. They came out, stood up for their rights, and through the course of time, they have been winning them, though the challenges are far from over, especially with Newt in the house.

This is the challenge for transgendered people, build a dream we all can share, and that we can share with society at large. A vision that talks about our continuous common humanity. A vision about how linking sex and gender roles limits everyone in this culture, man or woman, girl or boy, male or female.

The women's movement has already laid the seeds for this, declaring that "Biology is not destiny." Genitals are not destiny. Our goal must be to work with the women's community and with all other communities, building on our shared visions of empowering people to be whoever and whatever they want to be. We must connect, as Leslie Feinberg reminds us, with all the people who are limited by this gender system, whether they call themselves transgendered or not.

Bill W., who many of you may know as the founder of AA, used to recall the words his grandfather shared while walking in the woods near their home in Dorset, Vermont. As a Civil War veteran, he had seen the country ripped apart by a bloody war, one that is vividly remembered here in Atlanta. I went to the Atlanta History Center, where I was reminded a few times by an old history teacher who leads tours, "Atlanta was a thriving young city when Sherman burned it."

On those walks, Bill's grandpa used to tell him: "Democracy only works when we focus on what we share in common rather than on what divides us." Focus on what we share in common rather than on what divides us. Simple to say, hard to do.

When Anne Bolin says, "In cultures that have rigidly bi-polar gender systems, rituals of crossdressing show our continuous common humanity," our role is clear. We are here to remind people of what we share in common, what we all share in common regardless of race, gender or other social constructs.

### CASTING OUT SHAME

To be effective in connecting with other people, we need to focus on the same things our gay brothers and sisters have done. We need to cast out the layers of shame that have been heaped on us because of our transgendered nature, the long tail of shame that we carry with us.

Let me take a moment to describe what I mean by shame. Shame is a deep seated feeling that something is wrong with you. It is a feeling that you should be ashamed of who you are, that somehow inside you are not worthy, are diseased. When you are ashamed inside, when you have internalized the "shoulds" that this heterosexist culture lays on us and believe that somehow you are less of a person, then you are controlled by your shame.

When you are controlled by shame, it is almost impossible to have a happy life. You may think that you have to be who others want you to be, say what others want you to say in order for them to like you. You may think that you have to manipulate people into liking you. You may try to destroy yourself, try to fail because you think that you deserve it. You may be unable to let people close to you because you are scared that if they know who you really are, they will hate you. If you can't let people in, you will always have an empty place inside of yourself that you may try to stuff with food, drugs, rage, sadness.

Codependency, lack of intimacy, destructive behavior. Shame is the root of all these things, and many, like John Bradshaw and Merle Fossum, have talked about these

issues. I encourage you to look at your own shame if you have not yet done so.

We need to cast off the shame we feel so that the humiliation that the gender defenders (as Kate Bornstein calls them) use to control us just doesn't work. We need to unwire the buttons that are connected to our shame, whatever they cause us to do. People can smell shame at 30 paces, and when they smell it in us, they run. The goal is not to become shameless, but rather to refuse to be ashamed, to let go of our shame.

How have the gays and lesbians refused to be ashamed? They have focused on one of the few things that can cast out shame: Pride. To learn to be proud of their actions, proud of their work, proud of their caring, proud of their honesty, proud of their lives, proud of who they are. We are all God's children. They know that only by living in a way they can be proud of can they stand up without shame and be effective. This is one reason this gathering next year will be called IFGE Minneapolis Pride 1996, dedicated to the ways we can build pride in the gender community.

We all know lots of people in this community who are crippled by shame. They may cover it with a macho swagger, a healthy dose of denial, or bold and brassy behavior, but in any case, it is behavior from shame. As long as we cover for people who come from their own shame and dysfunction, as long as we enable them, we do a disservice to the entire community, perpetuating a model that has oppressed us, held us all back.

Who are our oppressors? I think if you look, you will find that we have been trained to oppress ourselves. Until we break that pattern of internal oppression, oppression that comes from shame, we will always be oppressed. We need to have the gumption to actually let people agree with us, to be winners, the

strength to let people in, see us whole, and love us. This is not simple. I know how much easier it is to talk the talk than to walk the walk, but we all have to try to actually face our fears, and accept our own beauty, strength and power.

Some people accept shame as natural. One leader said, "Everyone in the gender community is dysfunctional. It's just the way we are." While, to the degree that everyone in this culture has some level of dysfunction, that may be true, please do not include me in that generalization, for I am actively working to heal. If we expect to find dysfunction, we will find it. We need to change our expectations to health, and encourage others to come from their inner beauty and strength, not their dysfunction.

Some try to use shame for control. For example, anyone who says "Not in front of the children!" is trying to tell us that our nature is shameful, wrong and should be hidden from the innocent who can't yet handle evil. There are those who have an agenda to limit transgender, to keep it closeted, "for our own good." Those people are perpetuating the dysfunction, the illness, and we must have the strength to stand up to them and claim our own lives and experience.

I have seen so many people who are trying to heal their own shame, but as they excise the wounds of shame, they immediately get attacked in the community. I am not the first person who has wanted to "leave the gender community." When our choice is to sustain our own shame, enabling others, or to open up our own awareness and then to be assaulted by the things we are trying to walk away from in our life every time we go to a gender event, this is very difficult. We end up working to create separation from others with shame as we heal, and often we never go back, leaving others in their own shame-laced world.



This overwhelming reaction to the sea of shame we see around us is one of the most difficult things we go through. Too often when we show the pain of this response, we are isolated, cast out, disconnected specifically because we are healing. This is something that must stop if we want to promote healing of ourselves, our gender peers, and our world. We must support each other in healing, not in shame.

### CHANGING OUR MODELS

One of the first steps in abandoning shame is in abandoning the old medical models of transgender. Transsexuals who claim, "I have always been a woman, I just had a little birth defect that I fixed," and crossdressers who claim, "We are all just guys in dresses, and that is all that any of us will ever be, even if some get their dick bobbed," are both part of the problem. They are taught to deny their essential transgendered status, the status that holds them together, in order to appear as better men or better women. These people all propagate the fear of separation that comes from not being firmly entrenched in the system of gender. They end up supporting a gender system that keeps all of us limited.

We need to understand the bi-polar system of gender, intended to be a system of heterosexist pressure, a system that comes naturally to a society where reproduction is the most important thing. We need to understand that this bipolar system is designed to separate and divide us. Being firmly entrenched in the system of gender means that we are already separated from a large group of the population, separated from the "opposite sex."

Any models that try to get us to fit into society by forcing us to move from one gender box to another, are just plain wrong. It doesn't matter if it's the "Now I'm Biff, now I'm Suzy" model of crossdressing, or the "Are they a he or a she?" model of transsexualism. They are both dead

ends, both perpetuating the gender system, not liberating us from it.

Any model that forces us to deny who we essentially are is a dead end, a path to shame and to segregation. There has been discussion on the Internet about the concept that passing as something we are not is passe, and many have seen the parallels in the ends of passing in other movements. On *60 Minutes*, I saw Ed Bradley ask Lena Horne: "Did you ever think of trying to pass as white?" Lena replied, eyes widening, "My grandmother would have killed me! It never occurred to me to be anything but what I was!" It never occurred to me to be anything but what I was! How many of us can stand up and say that?

Riki Anne Wilchins asks the same question: Can you imagine gay conferences where they teach gays to pass as straight? While some of us can remember that the original Daughters of Bilitis had a skirts-only dress code, we also know that the movement did not take shape until gays could stand up and simply be who they are.

The last 30 years of the Benjamin/Prince model of transgender has been an important start, but it is time to move to new models that acknowledge and celebrate our deep, consistent transgendered nature. I have a button, *This Is What A Transgendered Person Wears*, and it doesn't matter if I wear it on a suit or a dress. I am transgendered, and that is important, not simply what I wear or how I act.

### NO VICTIMS

The other thing we have to drop is the fear of victimization. We need to understand that we have responsibility for our own life, and the only way to change our experience of life is to change the way we choose to see it. If we see ourselves as powerless and dysfunctional, we will be.

If you think you can, OR think you can't, you are right. As long as we

think other people have the power to shape our experience, they will.

This is a very hard lesson for many of us to learn. We are so used to thinking that somehow it is "their" fault. But in the long run, it doesn't matter whose fault it is, it is your responsibility to create your own happy and productive life. We need to stop blaming "them," stop being victims. While there still will be events where we are victimized, if we reject victimization, we will not be controlled by others, but by ourselves.

In order for terrorists to win, they only have to make you afraid to act in ways that might challenge them. You have to be afraid of being a victim. As long as you act from fear, you let the gender defenders win in their war of terror, controlling you with the terror of separation.

### WHAT IS TRANSGENDER?

Transgender is a living, breathing thing: you. How you create your life as a transgendered person is an act of personal expression, a work of your own art.

Virginia Prince often reminds us of the invention of the word transgenderist, which is supposed to simply echo the definition of a non-op transsexual, someone living full time in one gender box or another without surgery.

This is a very limited and restrictive view, a sop to the bipolar heterosexist system of gender we were taught was normal. But as Harry Benjamin said to Christine Jorgensen, "We don't know what normal is. We only know what is customary." We must have a model of transgender that is much more broad and inclusive, bringing in all who actively shape their own gender expression without regard to society's conventions of what is pink and what is blue. We must redefine the customs of this society to allow unique customization. Get the pipes chopped, or new upholstery, and we are still the same.

Maryann Kirkland knows well that even in her boy clothes she is still seen as transgendered. I know that my staff has seen my feminine side even when I am trying to live at my most macho. I know that the women I am attracted to are women who have embraced their masculinity, just as I have embraced my femininity. They may not choose to wear glue-on mustaches, but they do see themselves as full and complete people working to build a balance in their lives.

We are always transgendered, always with one foot in each world. Is being forced to choose one gender or the other really a choice? You can be a woman. You can be a man. You can be who you are in this moment.

#### THE GENDER REVOLUTION

We are at the edge of a revolution. What kind of revolution will it be? I think it will be a revolution not like the violent revolutions, like the Soviet revolution, but rather a revolution in thought and ideas. Like African-Americans or Gays, we need first to share a vision of our own pride, and take that vision to the public. The public needs to know that encouraging expression of gender variations between individuals will not destroy the world, but will allow freedom for all. The revolution is coming.

The US is struggling with this issue in the post cold war period: How do we pull together in a world without a common enemy? As I have said, I think the answer is simple: We start learning how to be common friends. We come from love, not fear. We have to stand up and start taking responsibility for getting along in our lives, not just pointing fingers at "them." The only way we change "them" is to change the ideas of our neighbors, change our world.

There are those in this room who will say that this is a clear point, and that everyone already knows this. I want to say one thing to them: Never

underestimate the time it takes to educate the American public. Heck, most TG people don't even know about our common humanity. We have only scratched the surface of those who are constrained by the gender system.

We know that most TG people have never joined the organizations of the gender community, that they are alone and silent. Our messages of how to cope with shame through bigness or transsexual surgery have not resonated with most transgendered people, for good reasons. I know they never resonated with me. I wrote a piece on *The Tyranny of Passing* ten years ago in 1985, soon after I came out into TGIC in Albany.

No, the tools of our revolution will be shared dreams, shared visions, shared stories, and shared myths that we can tell other people in the language and media that they understand. This focus on "their" language may be as uncomfortable as the boring dark suits and ties that all the first Civil Rights leaders wore, but it is a step in our existence. These dark suits were an understanding that you have to pick your battles carefully, to not reject the entire world, but rather to focus on what must be changed. Change comes one step, one mind at a time.

Terry Murphy said it best when she said, "What we need are some sane, healthy, bright TG people to be out there telling people why TG is just another expression of humanity." Others have made the same point. Eve Burchert has noted, "The era of talk shows for TG people is over. We need to be out in our churches, out in our families, out in our communities, out in our lives." We need to be out.

We have a long history of transgendered clowns, even the wise and witty fool, and we need to play on that history, not simply play into it. The clown often draws attention, but not respect. We need to merge the

fool with the sage, to give our neighbors a message of sharing that they can embrace, not one of shame and shouted demands that will keep us down, keep us isolated.

William Dragoin, who has done work on gynomimetic, or transgendered shamans, notes that the imagination, creativity and spiritual strength of TG people has long been an important part of human cultures. Dragoin says: "It's like a baseball team. We all have a part to play. And as long as transgendered people spend so much time dealing with stigma, they won't be able to play their important role, and we will all suffer for it."

As long as we come from our shame, we will always be isolated and apart. Let's face it. The old models of transgender were designed merely to help us survive in a world of stigma and shame. We must create new models that allow us to thrive, be whole, authentic, healthy and happy. We must not settle for being walking wounded; we must learn to heal ourselves.

#### HAVE A COKE AND A SMILE!

*(drinks from Coke bottle)* Excuse me. I just wanted a sip of Coke. When I am here in Atlanta, I like to go to The World Of Coca Cola museum. Why? Because I think it is the most potent symbol of revolution anyplace in the world, including the Kremlin. The East may have been red for a time, but Coke painted the whole world red, with Drink Coca Cola signs, and people are still clamoring for more.

The revolution of this time in history is the information revolution. What do we call changing ideas, opinions and behaviors through information? Today, we call it marketing. The World Of Coca-Cola is a shrine to the most successful marketing campaign in the history of the world, one that put fizzy-flavored sugar water on everyone's lips. If we are looking to change ideas, opinions, and behaviors, we could do far worse than looking at Coke.



One interesting book is *For God, Country & Coca-Cola*, by Mark Prendergast, a nice 1993 corporate history of "a system of symbols which acts to establish powerful, pervasive, and long lasting moods and motivations in men by formulating conceptions with such an aura of factuality that the moods and motivations seem uniquely realistic." Oh, sorry that's anthropologist Clifford Geertz's definition of a religion.

Prendergast notes, "The most powerful Coca-Cola appeal has not, ultimately, been sexual or physiological, but communal: If you drink Coke, the ads suggest, you will belong to a warm, loving, accepting family, singing in perfect harmony. If we can't quite succeed in finding that stress-free society today, never mind—we'll find it tomorrow. We'll build a better world for you, and me, and everyone. It's a beautifully seductive message, because it's what we all want." Isn't it though?

Yet even Coke had to deal with gender. Coke had to figure out if their soft drink was masculine or feminine in French. Le Coke/La Coke. Quebec, masculine, France feminine. You figure.

There is much more to be said about how marketing messages are the key to long-lasting revolutions, seductive messages of connection and acceptance. But it is clear to me that anyone who wants to call themselves a revolutionary at this time in history can learn much more by studying Coke than by studying Marx and Lenin.

How about this for a starting slogan: "Always Transgendered."

### HEALING OUR WORLD

Think about this. Can our means be separated from our ends? If we choose to approach things in a dysfunctional way, to reinforce gender stereotypes, to come from our shame, to use the tools of the

patriarchy, can we ever transcend the limits we now struggle with?

The answer to this is clear. It is not sufficient to talk the talk of love, acceptance, consensus, compromise, and respect, it is crucial that we live those things everyday. The only way to heal our world is to heal the people in it, and the only one that you have the full responsibility of healing is you. You have to clear yourself of the old patterns, or they will continue to recreate the old problems. One definition of insanity is to repeat the same action over and over expecting a different result.

Change can only come to our world if it comes to us first. Our means are our ends, for what we put out is what we shall receive. Simple. Too many people are trying to heal the world before they heal themselves. That's just impossible.

### ACTION

We do need Action. Action on all sorts of fronts, from the political work that Sharon Ann Stuart and Phyllis Frye are doing, to the grassroots actions of people like Judy Osborne and Debbie Davis. We need the coordination of leaders like Dallas Denny and Terry Murphy and the fund raising of Abby Saypen and Laura Caldwell. We need Allison Laing and Ari Kane for all they do. We need the caring professional support of Dick Docter and people like Linda Peacock who act for the wives and partners. We need the organizing of Leslie Feinberg and the writing of Anne Bolin. We need the transgender spirit of Holly Boswell, and the strength of Sandra Cole, who helps us all in many ways.

### PASSING ON THE DREAM

But I remind you that this is the conference of the International Foundation for Gender Education. The work we most need is the work of education, of creating and passing an infectious dream, a dream of freedom of gender expression that will free everybody to be the best that they can be. We need to market

our vision to the world.

Our primary action must be education. We need to understand our shared vision, and go forth and share it with the world. We need to talk to our family and our friends. We don't need to storm the ramparts, we need to ring the doorbell, show up proud and clear and share our dream. A revolution of Avon ladies. Ding, Dong. Transgender Calling.

Alison Laing says that she is educating people "One by one. One on one." That's the way that it works.

The marketing or education revolution won't be instantaneous, but it will be effective and long lasting, and this is crucial.

I recently saw a PBS special on women's suffrage. It's hard to remember that it's only about 75 years ago that women got the vote after a 90 year battle, 1840-1920. That was part of a major change in the way we see gender. Changes in social constructs like race and gender are not speedy, but they are inevitable. We need to change the ways people think, and this takes time.

My all time favorite gender story is simple. James Green was at the American Psychiatric Association with the IFGE, and a big old shrink came up to him, choosing to talk to the "man" at the table. "What's this all about?" he asked. James told him it was about transgender, transsexualism. "I don't need that. I don't believe that God makes mistakes."

James simply replied "Neither do I" Did the shrink get it? Maybe not. But James said it, and the guy heard it. We are not mistakes, we are all perfect children of God.

Share your vision here. Be proud. Educate each other, invigorate each other to take the most important action of all: Opening our hearts and sharing with others the story that all humans are the same. We share 98%

of DNA in common with chimps! How different can we be? Our race, our history, our gender expression are only flavorings, not substantial differences that can be used to divide us as groups. We need to remember that they is us, and the only way true change comes is when enough people know that it is time for change to occur, and agree on what must come next.


Doris Lessing said that Learning is when you finally understand something you have known all of your life. People know that judging people on anything but the quality of their individual behavior towards others is wrong, but they may need your help in understanding it. You can help them.

Go out and take some Action. Educate someone: a legislator, a talk show host, the local League of Women Voters, your local gay pride committee, your block association, anyone. And suggest something that you can do together to help make the world a better, more open and supportive place for all of us.

Remember that as we heal ourselves, we heal our world. Be healed, be proud, be strong, be open and be compassionate, and share your dreams. You just might find, as some of us in this room have, that there are many who want to help, from all sexes, genders, races and walks of life.

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# IFGE In Action

by Maryann Kirkland

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**Y**es, IFGE has a new potential Executive Director, Atlanta Action '95 did happen and Minnesota Pride '96 will be a box office success. By now, if you are an avid reader of the gender tabloids, you may think that you have heard it all. So choose a comfortable reading position and allow me to give you the facts.

The adage goes "the only constant thing in life is change." Somewhat corny but amazingly true. The two 'inescapables' of living here in the USA—death and taxes—are merely forms of change. The outcome of Vision 2000, a strategic action plan implemented by the Board of Directors, indicates that sweeping changes were needed for the continued existence of IFGE. At one time, perhaps only ten years ago, the present IFGE organization with a building and staff was just a dream. The dream has taken on flesh, bones, and debt (i.e. reality). To keep this dream alive, "business" decisions were necessary. In the story below are some of the actions that we hope will carry the organization past the year 2000.

## MEMBERSHIP AND FUNDRAISING

Nonprofit organizations still have major bills like the rest of us. New ways to raise operating funds are being implemented. The "membership dues" concept is widely used by a myriad of organizations. It is a concept whose time has come for IFGE. In every case, membership entitles you to receive discounts on

some publications, audio materials, convention fees, etc. You are given a membership number and your data is housed in a giant data base. In short...you belong. Membership dues provide a financial support base for the organization.

Members should be valued and treated well because they help to pay the bills. BASIC MEMBERSHIP annual dues are \$25.00. Voting rights have been moved from *Tapestry Journal* subscribers to the new members. A new quarterly newsletter and a 10% discount on IFGE products are also included in the basic membership. The other three levels of membership are: Supporting (\$100), Benefactor (\$500), and Life Member (\$2500).

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Please note that a *Tapestry* subscription is included in Benefactor and Life Memberships.

Ideally this group of people called members will be IFGE. During the 1970s, a movement called "CHARISMATIC" swept through Christian churches. This movement embraced many bold and controversial ideas. My favorite was touch, hug, kiss anybody and everybody in the church. Why? Because charismatics believed that the "church" was no longer the



Merissa Sherrill Lynn being honored at the Virginia Prince Lifetime Achievement Awards Ceremony

Maryann Kirkland hails from Renaissance in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, serves on the IFGE Board as Convention Programs Chair and Co-Chair of the Nominations & Awards committee. Her other activities include being Secretary of the Congress of Transgender Organizations and a programs planner for SPICE. Her spouse Evelyn is also very public and active in the gender community.



A proud moment: Yvonne Cook-Riley, recipient of the Virginia Prince Lifetime Achievement Award with her partner Danielle (aka Dan) and her son Eric.

building, but, more importantly, the community of people inside it. The first humble IFGE office was actually somebody's bedroom. Today, IFGE's daily operations and public outreach are conducted at 123 Moody Street, a handsome three-story brick structure in the heart of the business district of Waltham, Massachusetts. The train from Boston literally stops at our front door.



Frances Fairfax, president of Tri-Ess takes advantage of a photo opportunity.

Over the years, the question, "What is IFGE?" has been answered in various ways. Today we want to say that IFGE is its membership, not the building or its Board of Directors, and certainly not a single individual.

#### A NEW EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

During the week-long annual convention in Atlanta, Georgia, final interviews and selection of a new Director kept the rumor mills grinding. The Selection Committee recommended Alison Laing to the Board of Directors, who were quite pleased to offer her the position.

Alison would bring 30+ years of corporate business savvy and ten years of gender community accomplishments to the position. She was an '80s pioneer, and major contributor to the founding of the Renaissance Education Association, to the growth of Fantasia Fair, and she has supported IFGE from its birth. Today Alison is a leader in all three of these organizations. It was my honor and pleasure to present Alison with a Trinity Award in 1994.

This transition of leadership at IFGE

echoes the "generation transition" we see across the community. If we use 1970 as the beginning of a time line, our community of organized public gatherings is 25 years old. The Seventies saw the DREAM Weekend on the Oregon Coast, Fantasia Fair on the East Coast, and the formation of Tri-Ess in California. Our heroes and heroines of the Seventies are Ellen Summers, Virginia Prince, Carol Beecroft, Ariadne Kane, Betty Ann Lind, and Merissa Sherrill Lynn. Those who are called today and tomorrow to walk in the footsteps of these great contributors may some day see their name on the Virginia Prince Award plaque.

This story cannot be completed until I extend my personal and heartfelt thanks to Merissa Sherrill Lynn for her 21 years of service to our Community. As you may know, the concept for IFGE started in one person's head. That person stimulated others to action during discussions held at a restaurant on Winslow Street in Provincetown, Massachusetts. That person is Merissa Sherrill Lynn.

In 1987, the IFGE concept blossomed into the first annual convention held at Chicago's O'Hare



Yvonne recognizing her compatriots during her awards speech.



Airport Ramada. I was "too young" to attend that event, for in 1987 I had just emerged like a chick from its shell. It was in 1990, at the fourth annual Coming Together-Working Together convention in Natick, Massachusetts, that I first met Merissa and Company. To say it was a "shattering experience" is an understatement. What was shattered was not an egg, but the cozy closet built around me by my local support group. I thought I had left the "closet" in 1987, but it was the Natick experience that showed me how much more growing was needed.

Merissa, of course, knew I was an ingenue, and tucked me gently under her wing. Previously, I had attended support group meetings and come away hungry. In 1990, Merissa, Yvonne, and others too numerous to mention fed me. The "food" was community—not the perfect community of M. Scott Peck, but something on which to build.

In her address to the convention in Atlanta, Merissa aptly described her place in our gender community's history calling herself the "Gate Opener." Once through this gate, each of us has the burden of responsibility to further the cause and the



James Green proudly accepting a Trinity Award for his selfless work for the gender community (also accepting on behalf of Leslie Feinberg)

goals of our community. There is much to do. Let us get to work.

#### AWARD CEREMONIES

Six additional Trinity Awards were given out this year in Atlanta. Since this beautiful ceremony was started in 1991 in Denver, thirty community leaders have been recognized. Recipients of this second highest award have usually given between five and ten years of service, but there are no hard and fast rules. The 1995 Trinity recipients were: Dallas Denny, Linda Peacock, James Green, Leslie Feinberg, Laura Caldwell, and Sharon Ann Stuart.

I have seen all 30 recipients receive their awards. Perhaps the most emotional and dramatic presentation was in Denver, Colorado in 1991 when Yvonne Cook-Riley received her Trinity. Her expert make-over by Jim Bridges ran down her face with her tears. The occasion took many others' mascara away also. In Atlanta, Yvonne was the star once again. This time she was the ninth recipient of the Virginia Prince Award. An audience of 120 people received a most unusual but warm acceptance speech. Equipped with hundreds of feet of microphone cable, Yvonne stopped at every table

to recognize someone, thanking them for their contribution. This was a "turn the Tables night" to identify Yvonne's role models in the audience. From memory and apparently all extemporaneously, Yvonne put the spotlight on 30 people who have given outstanding individual effort to our community. It was an excellent decision to recognize the loyalty of the community leaders present in Atlanta.



Makeup artist Jim Bridges finds some young models-in-training. You go girls!



Virginia Prince and Nancy Nangeroni in the midst of a gender discussion.



(left to right) Presenters: Nancy Nangeroni, Alison Laing, Trinity Award recipients: James Green, Dallas Denny, Annie Johnson (accepting for Sharon Ann Stuart), Laura Caldwell, Linda Peacock, presenters: Sharon Emek and Terry Mann

#### MEETINGS AT ATLANTA '95

The Congress of Transgendered Organizations (CTO) held two full membership sessions. Not since the 1990 Coming Together convention in Natick, Massachusetts did so many people discuss such a wide range of issues. At the top of the list of actions was the desire to have a gender community home on the Internet. Using the concept of Homepage, all major Gender resources may be networked together for maximum use of Electronic Mail. The Congress invited and heard presentations from a wide range of Community representatives. Jenny Sand from FPE Norway gave us the rare picture of the European gender community. Jane Ellen Fairfax, Executive Director of the TRI-ESS organization addressed the Congress on her concerns of the "closed" or "focused" groups participating in the CTO. A resolution was passed to welcome without prejudice all Tri-Ess chapters to full participation into the Congress. Furthermore, all organizations will be sent updated mission statements of goals and purpose. Their signature on this

statement is the equivalent to the T.A.C. pledge for community. Finally, the CTO Chair Anne Johnson welcomed Riki Anne Wilchins and her Transexual Menace group also to participate.

The C.T.O. officers for '95-'96 are Anne Johnson, returning Chair; Lynn Walker, Vice-Chair; Patricia Winn, Vice-Chair; and Maryann Kirkland, returning Secretary.

In addition to the formal CTO business meetings, a day-long Town Meeting was held on Wednesday for all convention participants. My thanks to Lynn Walker for the planning and steering of this event. As Programs Chair, it was my wish to visit all sessions to obtain an overview of the offered activities. The Speakers' boot camp was handled very competently by Eve Burchert. We were quite lenient on our students this year—our first attempt at this concept. My thanks to

Riki Anne Wilchins for a powerfully moving Memorial service for slain transgendered people. Riki facilitated a session where each of us could identify with personal violence, harm, and loss for being who we are. Everyone in the room has been a victim of the intolerant and hateful society we live in.

The IFGE Board of Directors held their annual convention meeting on



IFGE Future: the 1995 Board of Directors



Friday this year to accommodate their availability and participation in Saturday's political Caucus session. The largest issue for the Board meeting this time—the New Executive Director position—was covered earlier in this story. As required by Vision 2000, the seated Board of 1995 had 19 instead of 21 members. Next year's Board will have 17 members. The 1997 Board will contain only 15 members—the target amount for all future years.

# **WHAT IS HAPPENING NEXT? WATCH FOR THESE DATES:**

Nominations for next year's Board of Directors' Ballot are being taken Now! The '96 Convention is planning to feature earlier selection of Award recipients and Director elections. On the enclosed Nominations form you can get yourself or someone else nominated. Incumbents are advised to respond early. Deadline for consideration is Nov 15th.

Does someone you know rate an award? Let us hear about it. By November 1, 1995, the Nominations and Awards Committee must have the nominees from whom to pick the winners of the 1996 Trinity and Virginia Prince Awards.

Do you have something to share with us? A Paper? a good idea? You can submit an abstract for next year's convention, but do it before June 30, 1995. Use the Call for Papers flyer enclosed.

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### More on BRANDON TEENA

Last year, Brandon Teena (aka Teena Brandon) was brutally beaten and raped in Lincoln, Nebraska. When he went to the police, the sheriff said there was insufficient evidence. Just for good measure, they publicly outed Brandon. Not long afterwards he was beaten, raped and murdered, along with two friends.

**Thomas Nissen** was convicted of first degree murder in the death of Brandon Teena, second degree murder in the death of Lisa Lambert, and second degree murder in the death of Phillip De Vine. John Lotter will be tried in May. A number of people are planning a supportive presence at the opening of the trial.

For those with some extra cash, Brandon's mother cannot afford a headstone, so Brandon is buried in an unmarked grave. You can send donations to:

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### OKLAHOMA ALLIANCE Formed to be All-Inclusive

During the February meeting of Sigma Beta, the future of transgender community support groups was altered forever.

**Sigma Beta**, formed in 1992, was primarily a support group for heterosexual crossdressers and their spouses or partners. However, since its formation, the group's membership has experienced a great diversification in terms of sexual orientation, lifestyles and goals. Over the past several months a plan was devised and presented to the membership to meet the varied needs of the community while still remaining united.

The result of that planning was the creation of **The Central Oklahoma Transgender Alliance**, known as COTA.

COTA is an umbrella organization presently encompassing three **Sister Interest Groups (SIG)**. Each SIG focuses on a particular area of need within the transgender community. The three current SIGs are: Sigma Beta, a support group for heterosexual crossdressers and their spouses or partners; the **Swishin' Sooners**, an "open" transgender support group; and **OK New Woman**, a support group focusing on transsexual needs. COTA was formed with provisions to add additional sister groups as needs arise.

It is planned that each of the Sister Interest groups will have a national affiliation in the immediate future. The national associations planned are: **Tri-Ess** for Sigma Beta; **Renaissance** for the Swishin' Sooners and **AEGIS** for OK New Woman. Representatives of the three national organizations have already pledged their support to this new transgender community. The joint cooperation of three national organizations in a local area transgender support network is a first.

Each of the three SIGs will hold their own regular meetings. In addition, it is planned that several times throughout the year, COTA will sponsor "Unity Events." These will be occasions when members of all three sister groups will gather together for sistership and to catch-up on dear friends. COTA will also publish *The Sooner Belle*. This is a newsletter containing news and items of interest to all three sister groups.

For more information,  
contact: **VANESSA KAYE**  
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### TRANSGENDER COMMUNITY FORUM Opens on America Online

On February 1, 1995, **America Online, Inc.**, based in Vienna, Virginia, opened the doors on the "**Transgender Community Forum**" (Keyword: Gender, then enter the Transgender Community Forum folder), an online resource for the Transgender Community.

To quote from the welcome folder of the TCF: "Hello, and welcome to the TCF! We're here to support the online Gender community, as well as provide education and outreach about transgender issues. The TCF also provides online meetings and other resources to serve the transgender community. We welcome the Transgendered, Transsexuals, Transvestites, Crossdressers, Significant Others, Family, supportive friends, Medical and Legal professionals, without regard to race, sexual preference, or lifestyle. All respectful folks are Welcome here!"

This is a vast change from the policies America Online has held in the past, including disallowing TG-related conversations in their People Connection area. Such changes came about due to the work of several members of the **America Online Gender Group, The Gay and Lesbian Community Forum**, and countless other AOL staffers and members.

The Transgender Community Forum is available during all America Online operating hours, and there is no screening process used to limit access to the area. The forum area includes a 48-person conference/chat room (The Gazebo), Seven file libraries with topics ranging from informational texts and newsletters to subscribers' pictures and crossdressing fiction stories, a message board, and a resource file regularly updated and including most organizations, newsmagazines, and Internet sites.

For more information,  
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the TCF Area Leader.

### NEW RENAISSANCE CHAPTER UNDERWAY; New Affiliate Confirmed

**Renaissance** continues its expansion with the formation of a new chapter in the Baltimore, Maryland area. This group is a spin-off of the recently formed Delaware chapter, itself a spin-off from the South Jersey chapter.



According to **Bobbie Lenox**, a member of the fledgling Baltimore group, plans to incorporate at the state level are proceeding nicely. Lenox contacted the Renaissance national office for copies of the Renaissance Articles of Incorporation and the IRS letter confirming Renaissance's tax exemption.

At its January meeting, the national board confirmed the affiliation status of a new group, **New York GIRL & Partners**, in Long Island, New York.

With Baltimore and New York GIRL, Renaissance will have five chapters and six affiliates in eight states, making it second only to Tri-Ess in membership.

Some Renaissance directors feel the time is right for the organization to host its own national event. Such an event could happen as early as 1996.

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Since 1973 I have been active in educating the public regarding issues related to gender and to sexuality. In 1976 I was cofounder of Renaissance Gender Identity Services and began to publish the *Renaissance Newsletter*. Later, with Sister Mary Elizabeth, J2CP Information Services was established. I served on the board of the Harry Benjamin International Gender Dysphoria Association for 6 years. From 1979 to 1992 I was a co-therapist with William Heard, Ph.D. for the Gender Dysphoria Program of Orange County. I also had a private practice as a marriage and family counselor and practiced as a physician assistant in Southern California until 1993. During the past 18 months I practiced as a physician assistant in psychiatry in Portland, Oregon.

Recently, I relocated to the Seattle, Washington area, where I continue to

practice as a physician assistant in psychiatry. I am also certified in Washington as a marriage and family therapist. I am certified by the American Association of Sex Educators, Counselors and Therapists (AASECT) as both a sex educator and as a sex therapist, certified as a sexologist by the American College of Sexologists and am a diplomate of the American Board of Sexology.

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## **SEX (Gender) of a NEW MACHINE**

The Little Engine that could was female. Thomas the Tank Engine is male. The newest addition to the cast of characters on "Thomas the Tank Engine and Friends," **Rusty**, is neither. About to make a debut on videotape, Rusty is billed and the first "gender neutral" train engine.

That's a big risk for the authors and producers. Small children are notoriously conservative about gender. They want boy things for boys and girl things for girls. Conservative adults have been complaining lately about public broadcasting where Thomas and his friends appear. It seems the grownups are just as sensitive to gender-ambiguity as the children. Rusty will need a lot of support. A spokesperson for the program calls Rusty a "progressive break from tradition."

**RUSTY is the brainchild of Britt Allcroft and will appear in a new Thomas the Train & Friends videocassette by STRAND VCI ENTERTAINMENT.**

## **AEGIS Becomes Membership Organization**

On 1 January, 1995, at the direction of the Board of Directors, the **American Educational Gender Information Service, Inc. (AEGIS)** became a membership organization, with a variety of membership categories.

"For years we've been a service," said Executive Director **Dallas Denny**, "providing information to people for free. We'll still do that, of course, but now, our members will have the opportunity to have a say in the way we are run. We want those we serve to know they are a part of who we are and what we do."

"Basic membership in AEGIS is \$36 per calendar year, and includes two issues of our flagship journal, *Chrysalis*; four issues of *AEGIS News*, our newsletter; all of our press releases and advisories; a 10% discount on our products; access to the National Transgender Library & Archive; and a membership card. And of course, our members can call us for referrals and information.

"We're going from four publications a year to six," said Denny. "*Chrysalis* will become a bi-annual, and *AEGIS News* will be printed quarterly. *Chrysalis* subscribers will have a choice of becoming members or of simply receiving the issues remaining in their subscription. Of course, we hope all our subscribers elect to become members.

"We have a category of membership for professionals as well, and special rates for students. And there are membership categories for those who wish to support AEGIS financially."

"We're excited about this," said **JoAnn Roberts**, Chair of the AEGIS Board of Directors. "The Board is unanimously in favor of Dallas' proposal that we become a membership organization."

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Parts of TransEqual's document collection are now available on-line through a guest account on the Electric Blue BBS in Niagara Falls, Ontario. The collection is small at this time, but we are always working with new documents and new authors, so more files will be Posted in the near future.

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Our past two-day trip to DC was amazingly successful. Four of us met with the staffs of House and Senate leaders like Sen. Jim Jeffords (VT), Sen. Daniel Patrick Moynihan (NY), Sen. Ted Kennedy (MA), Sen. Jay Rockefeller (WV), Sen. Carol Mosley-Brown (MI), Sen. Paul Wellstone (MN), Sen. Rod Grams (MN), Rep. Barney Frank (MA), Rep. Ken Bentson (TX), Rep. Gerry Studds (MA), Rep. Charles Rangel (NY), Rep. Mark Foley (FL), Rep. Jerry Nadler (NY), Rep. Gene Green (TX), Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchinson (TX), Rep. Bruce Vento (MN), Rep. Bill Luther (MN), Rep. Lloyd Doggett (TX), and Rep. Sheila Jackson-Lee (TX), among others.

What was the biggest hurdle? Most of them had never even met a transperson, never thought of us as constituents, never considered our rights and concerns. *We have been invisible as citizens.*

Now, YOU have the chance to change all that, once and for all!

Your Uncle Samantha wants YOU! Instead of four of us, National Transgender Lobbying Day is going to put 54 of us up on the Hill. That's right, five dozen transpeople and friends, from every state and territory in the

union, all lobbying for inclusion on issues critical to you and your loved ones, like Job Discrimination (the ENDA bill), veterans' affairs, child custody rights, and national health care and insurance. We can't do it without you there. Seize your chance to make a little American history. Stand up! Be proud! Be a United States Citizens!

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## TS DATA NEEDED

Information is needed for research by **William J. Turner, MD**, 1220 Don Francisco Place NW, Albuquerque, New Mexico 87107, regarding:

- 1) the family structure and numbers of relatives of transsexual (operated or not) men and women in at least two generations;
- 2) identification by location in the family pedigree chart of each transsexual, gay, lesbian, bisexual, asexual, transvestite (by natal, genital sex);
- 3) identification of those relatives who never married or remained single past the age of 35;
- 4) married, but whose marriage was marked by miscarriages, spontaneous abortions, stillbirths, early death of infants (sex if known), and reason (low sperm count?);
- 5) suffered depression or suicide; and
- 6) who had a familial condition such as color blindness.

**Any other information (such as cause of death or infertility) which might contribute to knowledge, please come forward. Toll free call 1-800-444-1291. If you need some financial return for your time, I will try to work something out. All data kept in strict confidence.**



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# RESOLUTION of the NATIONAL LESBIAN AND GAY LAW ASSOCIATION Urges Inclusion of TRANSGENDER into EMPLOYMENT NON-DISCRIMINATION ACT

1. WHEREAS the transgendered have been legally defined in current favorable legislation to include those persons "having or being perceived as having a self-image or identity not traditionally associated with one's biological maleness or femaleness"; and
2. WHEREAS the history of oppression of the transgendered is similar to the oppression suffered by homosexuals and bisexuals, often by the same oppressors and often in a fashion that continues to pit transgendered and homosexuals and bisexuals against each other; and
3. WHEREAS the oppression in the area of employment of the transgendered is likewise similar to the oppression suffered by homosexuals and bisexuals and often by the same oppressors; and
4. WHEREAS lesbians, gays and bisexuals seek protection under the term of "sexual orientation" and transgendered seek protection under the term of "gender identification" and the four communities may seek protection under the combined term of "sexual or gender orientation"; and
5. WHEREAS the Employment Non-Discrimination Act of 1994 has excluded the transgendered from federal job protection; and

6. WHEREAS the National Lesbian and Gay Law Association recognizes the need for all sexual and gender minorities to have protection of employment; therefore

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the National Lesbian and Gay Law Association, through its Board of Directors meeting on the 15th day of January 1995:

- (1) strongly urges all persons, organizations and coalitions to consider and advance the rights of transgendered persons in all their programs and deliberations, and
- (2) strongly urges Members of Congress to include the transgendered in the Employment Non-Discrimination Act of 1994 (ENDA) and any successor or amended bills, and
- (3) strongly urges members of state and local legislatures and regulatory bodies to include transgendered persons in all statutes, ordinances and regulations that also or already positively affect or protect lesbian, gay and bisexual people, and other oppressed minorities.

**The following open letter was sent by the INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON TRANSGENDER LAW AND EMPLOYMENT POLICY**  
**5707 Firenza Street**  
**Houston Texas 77035-5515. USA**  
**(713) 723-8368**  
**FAX (713) 723 1800:**

TO: Members of the 1995 U.S Congress, and Member Organizations of the Leadership Conference on Civil Rights

DATE: March 1995

During the 1994 congressional session, lesbian and gay and bisexual activists put forward a bill to eliminate most employment discrimination aimed at lesbian and gay and bisexual persons. The Senate Bill was S.2238 and the House Bill was H.R.4636. It was titled the Employment Non-Discrimination Act of 1994 (ENDA). Many members of the 1994 Congress signed on as cosponsors and the bill was heard in Senator Ted Kennedy's (D-MA) committee.

Despite the published list of Demands (which specifically included transgendered) that were promulgated during the 1993 March on Washington for Lesbian, Gay and Bi Equal Rights and Liberation, the drafters of the ENDA have admitted to purposefully excluding the transgendered from the language of the bill. Despite nationally recognized transgender leaders being present, as guests of Senator Jill Jeffords (R-VT), at the ENDA Senate hearings they were denied the opportunity to testify on behalf of the need for transgender inclusion in the language of the bill.

Senator Jeffords' office subsequently prepared an amendment to S.2238. Simply, the amendment did four things: (1) it inserted the term transgender at each and every location where the terms Lesbian Gay and Bisexual were placed; (2) it changed at each and every place that the term "sexual orientation" appeared to become instead the inclusive term "sexual or gender orientation"; (3) it defined "sexual or gender orientation" to also include the category of "transgendered"; and (4) it defined "transgendered" using the same language adopted by Senator Paul Wellstone's (D-MN) and Senator Rod Gramm's (R-MN) (formerly Dave Durenbergen) state in its non-discrimination law, the same language that was incorporated into the new San Francisco ordinance. In January 1995 the Board of Directors of the National Lesbian and Gay Law Association (NLGLA) meeting in Oakland, California unanimously adopted the resolution that addresses employment discrimination issues that are common to the inclusive lesbian and gay and bisexual AND TRANSGENDER communities. This is a common trend throughout the nation as other lesbian and gay and bisexual AND TRANSGENDER communities are working together to secure the rights of all.

The position of the International Conference on Transgender Law and Employment Policy on the Employment Non-Discrimination Act (ENDA) being put forward by lesbian and gay activists is the following:

- until it incorporates the Jeffords' amendment language, it is non-inclusive;
- if it remains non-inclusive, then it remains outside the mainstream lesbian, gay, bisexual AND TRANSGENDER community desire for equal protection for all.



## **HANDS OFF WASHINGTON Kicks off 1995 ANTI-HATE CAMPAIGN**

The energy level in the Grand Ballroom of the Westin Hotel in downtown Seattle was electric as nearly 1000 people gathered to send the message to hate mongers that Washington is no place for religious bigotry. March 14, 1995, at an early morning breakfast meeting, people from all walks of life, all sexual orientations, all genders and socio-economic levels came together to kick off the second in a series of campaigns against homophobia and hatred. Various organizations purchased tables and for the first time, **Ingersoll Center** was represented and mentioned by name from the dais as being a supporter of **Hands Off Washington**.

The ballroom was beautifully decorated in the patriotic colors of red, white and blue. On huge television screens, videos declaring support for Lesbian, Transsexual, Gay, Transgender, Bisexual and Transvestite people played continuously as people greeted one another and took their places.

During the breakfast, a talented, Seattle-based, multi-cultural singing group entertained with wonderfully inspiring music. After the breakfast, **Peg Phillips**, star of *Northern Exposure*, spoke about her years of work in Civil Rights. After her stirring speech, **Richard Vreeke**, associate producer of *Northern Exposure*, presented an affirming, narrated video.

Next to speak was **Col. Greta Kammermier**. She received a standing ovation. She gave a short, but wonderful speech about what she has been through and urged all of us to keep up the fight against those who would deny anyone their civil and human rights.

Perhaps the most touching and moving speaker was **Councilman Ron Sims** who was, by his own definition, "The one to get you to open your pockets and check books!" His recounting of his experiences as an election monitor in Africa was both stunning and poignant. He told the audience that in Africa, he saw people who had few or no civil rights, and that such a thing must not happen in America, or in the State of Washington.

At the conclusion of his speech, a group of teenagers passed through the room with collection baskets. During this time, there were many checks written for \$25, \$50, \$100, \$500 and \$1000, but the highlight was a check presented to Hands Off Washington for \$50,000!

People who attended agreed that they would rather be spending their time and money on other causes, but that as long as the religious extremists are at work, Hands Off Washington had plenty of work to do, and would keep on doing it!

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## **HAIRY SITUATION**

### **THE PROBLEM**

Vaginoplasty using the penile and penoscrotal inversion methods, with or without skin graft or skin flaps, can result in a neovagina which is lined with hair-bearing skin. As the hair grows, the vagina can become choked with hair. Not surprisingly, many transsexual women find this extremely embarrassing.

Some sex reassignment (SRS) surgeons do not appreciate the extent of this embarrassment. During a presentation given at the October, 1993 meeting of the **Harry Benjamin International Gender Dysphoria Association**, one prominent surgeon remarked that although his procedure sometimes results in hair-bearing vaginas, his patients do not seem to mind. Reports AEGIS has had from transsexual women indicate, however, that they DO care.

### **RECOMMENDATIONS**

The **American Educational Gender Information Services** (AEGIS) recommends that surgeons doing male-to-female SRS become aware that a hair-bearing vagina is extremely embarrassing for their transsexual patients, and to provide them with materials educating them about the problem and indicating where they should consider having electrolysis to avoid a hair-bearing vagina.

Electrologists should be aware that transsexual women seeking SRS have legitimate reasons for seeking electrolysis in the perineal area.

AEGIS recommends that persons seeking male-to-female SRS who have excessive hair in the pelvic region consult with the surgeon they have selected in order to determine which skin will eventually be inside the vagina so that they can decide whether electrolysis is desirable and so they can schedule electrolysis and surgery accordingly.

All parties should keep in mind that electrolysis is a gradual process, and that it can take a year or more to completely clear an area.

**AEGIS**  
**P.O. Box 33724**  
**Decatur, GA 30033**  
**(404) 939-0244**

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## EVENTS

## SPICE is Nice

The **1995 Spouse/Partner International Conference for Education** will be held July 26-30, at the Wilson World Hotel in Memphis, Tennessee. Presenters for this conference include: **Dr. Sandra Gole; Barbara Carnal, MSW; B. J. Seymour, MSW; Joe Roberts (JoAnn Roberts of Renaissance); Dr. Phil Van Maris; Dr. Peggy Rudd**, and many wife/partner leaders from around the country.

Cost for the event will be \$125.00 for the sessions running July 27, 28 and 29; \$105 for any two days; and \$85 for any one day. We are arranging for some recreation time during the conference, with a riverboat ride on the Mississippi, a trip to Graceland, and possibly trips to Tunica, Mississippi for visits to the casinos.

The conference is designed for any woman involved in a relationship with a crossdressing, heterosexual man. Their male partners are also invited, and a full slate of programs will be provided for the men, as well as a few joint sessions with the women. However, the conference is specifically designed to help women in these relationships and it is their conference. There will be **NO CROSSDRESSING** allowed under any circumstances, as we want to offer these women a secure, safe and unpressured period of time where they can share and learn and heal.

SPICE gratefully acknowledges grants from the Society for the Second Self (Tri-Ess) and the Winslow Street Fund of the International Foundation for Gender Education, as well as the support of the various gender organizations across the country.

**Contact: Linda Peacock,  
Director, PO Box 24031  
Little Rock AR 72221  
or call 501-227-8798 GST,  
evenings & weekends.**

## Mardi Gras '95

The **Monarch Social Club** is proud to announce that we have expanded Mardi Gras to a four-day event. Participation is open to all crossdressers: TVs, TSs, TGs, their SOs and supporters.

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We offer three and four day packages. New rates are chalets accommodating up to four, and cottages up to two, from \$97.00 per night for double accommodation (two per bed), including meals and the use of all facilities. Single accommodation is \$30.00 extra per night.

So come and enjoy a total experience in crossdressing, meet new friends, relax and/or party. Reservations are on a first-come-first-served basis, and must be in by August 2, 1995. So send in your completed application now.

**MARDI GRAS '95 COMMITTEE  
Monarch Social Club  
Mississauga A  
PO Box 386  
Mississauga, Ontario  
CANADA L5A 3A1**

## Riverboat Cruise '95

We are accepting reservations for the **Iowa Artistry Third Annual Riverboat Cruise**. This year's event will again be a **NON-DRESSED** affair and of course, definitely includes Significant Others. Again, we are having a cruise and dinner/theater evening. Basically, the cruise is optional. If you want only the dinner theater, we will just meet you there. The cruise will be on the Casino Rock Island followed by the dinner/theater at Circa 21 Dinner Theater a few blocks from the Casino Rock Island's dock.

The play that evening at Circa 21 is *Fiddler on the Roof*. This is an excellent play. Again, we have four stage-right tables reserved which will accommodate 24 people total. I really would like to go back and get more tables if registrations warrant. Please get your reservations in as soon as possible. The price is \$26 per person. I need \$13.00 per person with your reservation as we have to pay a deposit in advance to hold the tables. The balance of your reservation is to be

paid on or before 8 July. It would be good to make your reservations quickly as the limitation will be the Circa 21 theater. Right now, no problem. I will make additional reservations as needed, but once the theater is full, that will be it. The Casino Rock Island will provide trolley transportation for us between the dock and Circa 21 theater. **PLEASE JOIN IN THE FUN. IT WILL BE GREAT! WE WANT YOU - YOU LOVELY PERSON!!!** There is no charge for the cruise so the price is the same even if you decide not to cruise. Send your reservation with money to:

**STEPHANIE VANDEMORE  
402 16th Avenue  
East Moline IL 61244.  
Phone: (309) 755-2310.**

## Meet Me In St. Louie

The regional **Fall Harvest Convention**, now in its sixth year, travels for 1995 to St. Louis, Missouri. Sponsored by **MAGGIE** and hosted this year by the **St. Louis Gender Foundation**, the annual event maintains its high level of organization, professional special events and top professional guests, speakers, support and guidance.

Contracted for October 26-29, 1995, the Ramada Henry VIII Hotel and Conference Center offers old-world elegance in the heart of St. Louis. The handsome English Tudor Inn features unusual recreational facilities, fine dining and extremely spacious rooms at a very affordable price. Henry VIII is located 5 minutes from Lambert International Airport with courtesy van shuttle service, and less than 15 minutes to downtown St. Louis.

The theme, "Celebrate St. Louis," will exemplify the greatness of this Mid-Western city. Friday evening's festivities include the traditional fashion and talent shows to an unusual display of Missouri foods and decor entitled, "A Taste of St. Louis."

The annual Miss Fall Harvest Pageant Saturday evening will pay tribute to the 1904 World's Fair with the theme, "Meet Me In St. Louie." Highlighted will be period dresses, memorabilia from the fair, classic designs of the era, and the completion of the reign of Jennifer Marie Sportsman, Miss Fall Harvest 1994.

The semi-annual Congress of Transgendered Organizations (CTO) will be a featured meeting at the convention, introducing many Mid-Western representatives to national leaders and organizers.

The four-track system of classes and seminars will be tabled for a year to experiment with the concept of open seminars in an attempt to offer pertinent information and accessibility for all to the extensive list of guest professionals.

**Contact: Jennifer Richards,c/o  
St. Louis Gender Foundation  
PO Box 9433  
St. Louis, MN 63117**

### Holiday En Femme

Come to Calgary, Alberta, Canada November 15-19, 1995. Save the dates now, confirm later. Here is the location, Kananaskis, a World Class Venue, and only an hour from Calgary.

The Calgary-based **Phi Sigma Chapter of Tri-Ess** will host us at this incredible Kananaskis Lodge, a Canadian Pacific hotel nestled in one of the finest valleys of the Canadian Rockies. The remoteness guarantees privacy, but the site is only a short tour from neighboring national parks (Banff, Jasper, Yoho and Kootenay) and is just a short hop from Calgary, a city of 800,000, for shopping and night-life.

Kananaskis is the Plains Indians name for Meeting Place. The World met here in 1988 for the Winter Olympics, and the Society for the Second Self has selected this spectacular setting for its first ever national gathering.

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**Phi Sigma  
Box 81115  
Lake Bonavista Drive SE,  
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CANADA T2J7C9**

### BE ALL Weekend

Like all conventions, things are ever changing up to the last minute. The hotel tells us that there are already ten people registered to arrive Tuesday, June 6th. If this keeps up, it looks like the party will be starting a day early. Sounds like a tour of the city or a mega shopping trip for those early birds.

Wednesday is the day the vendors set up, and boy, do we ever have vendors! We may have to cut off some vendors because we are out of room. We have taken over a whole wing of the hotel, and we are calling it the Transgendered Mall. Most rooms have more than one vendor, unless they need lots of room. And, by the way, all 13 rooms have their own rest rooms with big mirrors.

We have five large seminar rooms. Each has its own rest room. (That's 18 so far, are you counting?) Four rooms have a bar area in the rear where each morning we will set out coffee, rolls, and juice to keep you awake during the morning sessions. These are also ours to use each night for hospitality, or in case we want to throw some all night parties.

Thursday night is all set for the big boat ride and dinner. The owners mailed back the signed contract and said they can't wait to see us. For those of you who don't want to rush back to the hotel, we are informing the people in the nearby bars that we will be invading after we dock, so save us some chairs.

Friday for the luncheon speaker, we have picked **Riki Anne Wilchins**, the Transsexual Menace herself. She's planning to get you excited about the transgendered march on Washington, DC this fall. (*You may have seen her in the April issue of Esquire with a meat cleaver in her hand.*)

Friday night will be the scene of the first Miss Be All Contest. Anyone at the convention is encouraged to run for the title. If you think you're worthy of such grandeur, write the Be All committee for details. There will be judging in three categories.

Saturday's luncheon speaker will be **Allison Laing** who was recently offered the job of Executive Director of IFGE, and still serves on the Board of the Outreach Institute and is Director of

Fantasia Fair. She will speak about the new direction for the Gender Community.

For the Saturday night entertainment from 9-12 am, we have hired a 21-piece big band with 2 female singers. They play songs from the '40s to the '90s and very, very impressive to watch. We also encourage everyone to bring their dancing shoes and plan on leaving with sore feet.

Hotel registration to date is very impressive. We already have 166 room-nights committed for, and we are still two-and-a-half months away. So, if you plan to attend, call for your room now. Any rooms not committed to by May 20 will be released to the general public, and they always sell out this time of year. The hotel staff has been bending over backwards to make us happy and they are all excited about the Be All Weekend. Plan your trip now. I hope to see you there!

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- 30-June 6: Spring Fling, Cape Cod, Massachusetts, USA**  
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USA (617) 891-9325

### JUNE, 1995

- 7-11: 13th Annual Be All, Cincinnati, Ohio, USA**  
Be All Weekend, c/o Cross-Port,  
PO Box 54657, Cincinnati OH 45254-0657

- 14-18: 4th Annual International Conference on Transgender Law and Employment Policy, TRANSGEN'95, Houston, Texas USA**  
Phyllis Frye, 5707 Firenza,  
Houston TX 77035-5515 USA

### JULY, 1995

- 27-30: Spouses Partners International Conference for Education (SPICE) (for partners of gender gifted males), Memphis, Tennessee USA**  
Linda Peacock, PO Box 24031,  
Little Rock AR 72221 USA (501) 227-8798

### AUGUST, 1995

- 18-20: A Vision of Community, FTM Conference of the Americas, San Francisco, California USA**  
FTM, 5337 College Avenue, #142,  
Oakland CA 94618 USA

### SEPTEMBER, 1995

- 14-17: Paradise in the Poconos, Canadensis, Pennsylvania USA**  
Creative Design Services, PO Box 61263,  
King of Prussia PA 19406 (610) 640-9449
- 27-Oct. 1: 5th Annual Southern Comfort, Atlanta, Georgia**  
Southern Comfort, POB 77591, Atlanta GA 30357
- 28-Oct. 1: 9th Annual Mardi Gras, Ontario CANADA**  
Mardi Gras '95, Monarch Social Club, Mississauga A, PO Box 386, Mississauga, Ontario CANADA L5A 3A1 (905) 279-7723

### OCTOBER, 1995

- 5-9: Fall Fling, Cape Cod, Massachusetts, USA**  
TCNE, PO Box 2283, Woburn MA 01888-0483  
USA (617) 891-9325

- 6-9: Winkte Lodge, exploration of the Native American third gender, Silver Spring, Maryland**  
Winkte Lodge, c/o the Berdache Company, 8750 Georgia Avenue, Suite 723A, Silver Spring MD 20910 (301) 588-2878

- 17-21: FTM Get-Together, Cheltenham, Gloucester UK**  
Tony, Oakland Ave, Cheltenham, Glos, GL52 3EP

- 15-22: 21st Fantasia Fair, Provincetown, Massachusetts**  
D. Laing, FF '95 Registrar, PO Box 941,  
Southeastern PA 19399-0941

- 26-29: Fall Harvest, "Celebrate St. Louis," St. Louis, Missouri USA**  
St. Louis Gender Foundation, PO Box 9433, St. Louis MO 63117 (314) 358-0410

### NOVEMBER, 1995

- 15-19: Tri-Ess Holiday En Femme, Kananaskis in Canadian Rockies**  
Phi Sigma, Box 81115, 755 Lake Bonavista Drive SE, Calgary, Alberta, CANADA T2J 7C9

### FEBRUARY, 1996

- 22-25: 8th Annual Texas T Party, Dallas, Texas USA**  
Texas T Party, PO Box 700042, San Antonio TX 78270 USA (210) 980-7788

### MARCH, 1996

- 24-31: Minnesota Pride '96-10th IFGE convention, Minneapolis/St. Paul, Minnesota USA**  
IFGE, PO Box 229, Waltham MA 01754-0229 USA

### APRIL, 1996

- : Full Circle of Women (for people identifying as women), Essex, Massachusetts USA**  
Janis Walworth, PO Box 52, Ashby MA 01431 USA (508) 386-7737
- 20-23: California Dreamin '96, Burbank, California USA**  
California Dreamin', PO Box 1088, Yorba Linda CA 92686 USA (714) 779-9013

### MAY, 1996

- EuroFantasia, Denmark**  
EuroFantasia, PO Box 442, N-4301, Sandnes NORWAY



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(Updated May 1995)



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### MASSACHUSETTS (010-027)

#### CD/TS/SO - SUNSHINE CLUB:

Sunshine Club, c/o Roberta Steel, P O Box 149, Hadley MA 01035

Monthly meetings at a church in Pioneer Valley area. Discretion and toleration expected.  
☞ Monthly newsletter

#### FTM/SO - EAST COAST FEMALE-TO-MALE GROUP:

P O Box 60585, Florence Station, Northampton MA 01060

Meets in the homes of members. Social activities and networking with other FTMs.  
Meetings are potluck buffet.

#### TV/TS - BERKSHIRE ALTERNATIVES:

P O Box 508, North Adams MA 01247

Social and support group for gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgendered. Meets the first Friday of each month.

#### TV/TS - THE MYRIAD NETWORK:

P O Box 288, Williamstown MA 01267

Support without regard to sexual orientation or gender identity. Publish quarterly.  
☞ *The Myriad Network News.*

#### TV/TS - INTERNATIONAL FOUNDATION FOR GENDER EDUCATION:

I.F.G.E., Box 229, Waltham MA 02154-0229

Educational and service organization designed to serve as an effective communications medium, outreach device, and networking facility for the entire TV/TS Community and those affected by that Community. Publisher of materials relevant to the TV/TS theme. Sponsors the annual Coming Together convention. An international information and referral clearinghouse, speakers' bureau, "drop-in bookstore" for emergency peer counselling and on-going volunteer work

☎ (617) 894-8340 FAX (617) 899-5703 ☞ *TV-TS Tapestry Journal*

#### FTM/SO - THE ADAM SOCIETY:

c/o Dan Riley, P O Box 367, Wayland MA 01778-0367

Support group for female-to-male crossdressers and transsexuals, and their significant others.

#### TV - WAYLAND HOUSE: P O Box 3128, Shawseen MA 01810-0804

Weekly meetings on Thursdays in secure environment. For mature crossdressers. Friendship is foremost. Participation is encouraged.

**TS - ENTERPRISE:**

P O Box 629, Jamaica Plain MA 02130

Support group exclusively for Female-to-Male transsexuals and intersexes at any stage of transition. Weekly closed discussion meetings. Monthly open meetings, usually of a social; nature. Friends, lovers, spouses, and family are welcome. ☎ (617) 983-3264

**TV/TS/SO - TIFFANY CLUB OF NEW ENGLAND, Inc.:**

TCNE, P O Box 2283, Woburn MA 01888-0483

Organizing get-togethers, workshops, seminars, and beauty courses, referrals, a speakers' bureau, and group outings. Attendees must be interviewed by a member of the Screening Committee, or have a letter of introduction from a qualified person.

☎ (617) 891-9325 (answered live Tuesdays 7:00-10:00pm ET) ☞ *Rosebuds*

**SO - TIFFANY CLUB WIVES' SUPPORT GROUP:** c/o TCNE, Inc.,

Box 2283, Woburn MA 01888-0483

Monthly meetings, one-on-one support. ☎ (617) 891-9325

**TV/TS - REFLECTIONS:** P O Box 4002, East Dedham MA 02026

Providing public speaking, advocacy, support phone line, therapy group, library, referral database. Meets in Boston fourth Saturday of each month, 3:00-5:00pm at the Arlington Street Church, 351 Boylston St. at Arlington St. ☞ Newsletter

**TS - GENDER IDENTITY SUPPORT SERVICES FOR TRANSEXUALS**

G.I.S.S.T. is a support and referral group for transsexuals providing AIDS education, HIV testing, alcohol and drug rehabilitation, therapeutic assistance, job training, social skills, social acceptance, gender identity counseling, and housing. Meets weekly. Call for location and time. ☎ (617) 720-3413

**TS - GETTING REAL:** P O Box 194, West Newton MA 02165

Support group for hermaphrodites, intersexes, primary TSs, and others with sexual/gender incongruities and their families. Medical information, advice and support. Monthly meetings in downtown Boston. No fee. Free parking.

**TV/TS/SO - AXA:** P O Box 38-0547, Cambridge MA 02238

An open social group offering socializing, friendly discussion and special events for all transgendered persons. Meets Wednesdays at 6:30pm in the lower level of Pizzeria Uno, 22 JFK Street, Harvard Square, Cambridge, MA.

**TV/TS - TRANSGENDERED ALLIANCE:** TGA, P O Box 38-1005,

Cambridge MA 02238

A political organization working to unite the transgender community around a program advocating its own political and social interests; organizes and educates for human rights for transgendered people and for liberation from restrictive gender roles; supports the International Gender Bill of Rights.

**TV/TS/SO - INVESTMENTS:** P O Box 2194, Orleans MA 02653

Social support group for those on Cape Cod and SE MA. Meets first Tuesday each month except for summer. Inquire for time and place. ☞ Newsletter

**TV/TS - SOCIETY OF CROSS-DRESSING HARDWARE ENGINEERS:**

SCHE, 276 Pearl Street #L, Cambridge MA 02139 ☞ *SCHE Mail*.

**JOSEFINA A. SPECKERT, MEd:** 30 East Housatonic St,  
Suite #3, Pittsfield MA 01201

Psychotherapist specializing in gender issues.

**PEOPLE\*SYSTEMS POTENTIAL:** Niela Miller, MS Ed, LCSW,  
P O Box 132, Nagog Woods MA 01718

Counseling for crossdressers, gender confused persons, partners, family members. Monthly group for CDs and TSs in Concord, Mass. Supervision available for mental health professionals. ☎ (508) 264-4565

**DIANE ELLABORN, LICSW, NASW, Diplomate in Clinical**

**Social Work:** 16 Boston Post Rd., Suite 205, Wayland MA 01778

Psychotherapist with 15 years' experience provides psychotherapy and divorce mediation for CD/TS, transgendered people and their spouses. ☎ (508) 877-9671

**ELKE U. O'DONNELL, PhD:**

43 Roberts Road, Cambridge MA 02138

Psychotherapist offering supportive, confidential counseling for all people facing gender identity issues. Monthly group for CDs and TSs. ☎ (617) 441-9300

**THESEUS COUNSELING SERVICES:** Ari Kane, MEd, Gender  
Specialist, 233 Harvard Street, Suite 301, Brookline MA 02146

Counseling in gender issues, couples counseling where dressing is an issue in the relationship, gender clarification for gender shift people, long-term counseling for pre-op TSs, professional supervision for social workers and guidance counselors. All sessions are by appointment. ☎ 617-277-4360 ☞ *Journal of Gender Studies*

**SERVICES FOR MEN (AND THEIR FAMILIES):**

66 Wyman Street, West Medford MA 02155

Staff of Board Certified and Licensed Social Workers, psychiatrist, and psychologist to deal with sexual and gender issues, identity problems, relationship problems, depression. Qualified for health insurance payments. Evening and Saturday hours available. ☎ (617) 395-2450

**DENNIS PEARNE, EdD:** Consultations: 9 Alexander Ave, Belmont Ctr,  
MA 02178. Mailing: 133 Grove St., Watertown MA 02172.

Clinical psychologist. ☎ Office: (617) 484-0013

**RHODE ISLAND (028-029)**

**TV/TS - SILENT PASSAGE:**

No admirers, please. Over 21, personal interview.

☎ (401) 438-7417

**NEW HAMPSHIRE (030-038)**

**TV/TS/TG/SO - GENDER TALK NORTH:** P O Box. 211, Keene NH 03431

Support for gender community members, family, friends, helping professionals. Regular meetings at various locations in southern New Hampshire. Interview required for new members. ☎ (603) 924-8828

**WRITERS ETC.** c/o Abby M. Greene:

P O Box 6211, W. Franklin NH 03235

Monthly gender magazine. \$36/year in US, \$40 yearly for Canada and overseas.

Subscribers eligible for 40-50 word personal ads. ☎ (603) 934-3379 ☞ *TV-TS Confidential*

**NANCY STRAPKO, PhD:**

PO Box 157, Plymouth NH 03264

Gender Specialist. Psychotherapist serving the New England area. Private, couples, and group therapy. Formerly with U. of Minnesota. ☎ (603) 536-1306.

**CHESHIRE COUNSELING:**

104 Cross St., Keene, NH 03431 Ken DeVoid, EdD

Gender identity counseling. Individual consultation/counseling, confidential setting, support group. Weekend/ evening appointments available. ☎ (603) 357-5544

**MAINE (038-047)**

**TV/TS/SO - TRANSUPPORT:**

Box 17622, Portland ME 04112

Education and social activities for members of the gender community, their families and friends, and others interested in these issues. Monthly general meetings and monthly small discussion group. Speakers' bureau. Strict security. Write . ☞ *Trans-Talk*

**MAINE GENDER RESOURCE AND SUPPORT SERVICE:**

c/o Jean Churchill, P O Box 1894, Bangor ME 04402-1894

Volunteer organization working to provide information, referrals, and support to Maine's transgendered community, and education about gender dysphoria to the public. NOT a support group.

**OUTREACH INSTITUTE OF GENDER STUDIES:**

126 Western Ave., Ste. 246, Augusta ME 04330

Ariadne Kane, Director

Conferences and workshops on gender issues, Gender Attitude Reassessment Program for health care professionals, clinical supervision for sex educators and counselors, Fantasia Fair, speakers' bureau for meetings and conferences, seminars for couples. ☎ 207-621-0858. ☞ *Journal of Gender Studies*, information packets, publications, annotated catalogue

**CONNECTICUT (060-069)**

**TV/TS/SO - CONNECTICUT OUTREACH SOCIETY:** COS, P O Box 163, Farmington CT 06034

Promotes a positive self-image for cross-gendered individuals in the community and in the media. Three meetings each month. Wives' Support Group and Couples' Group; education, outreach, and speakers' bureau; social get-togethers and outings; confidential membership directory with personal ads and photos. Membership/recommendation required. ☞ *The Outreach News* ☎ (203) 657-4344

**TS/SO - XX (TWENTY) CLUB:** Box 387, Hartford CT 06141-0387

XX Club is the TS peer support group of the Gender Identity Clinic of New England. Friends/relatives welcome. Meets second and fourth Saturday from 2-5pm at Christ Church Cathedral, 45 Church Street, Hartford CT (off North Main Street). Meetings are usually open, sometimes there is a prearranged program. Occasional social events. Membership \$20.00/year includes a subscription to the newsletter. Persons wishing to attend are welcome as long as they have a personal interest in transsexuality, understand the nature of the group, and will respect the anonymity of those attending.

☞ XX, published bi-monthly

**TS/SO - IMAGES:** P O Box 666, Thompson CT 06241-0666

Provides peer support, group, and individual counseling for the transgender community. Individual counseling. 24-hour crisis hot-line to members of the group. Referrals to doctors, therapists, and other organizations. Call for phone interview. Safe and secure meeting place. ☎ (203) 779-9708 voice and FAX

**CD/TV/TS/TG/SO - P I GROUP:**

P O Box 245, Haddam CT 06438-0245

Supportive, safe get-togethers. Send SASE for info. Available through networked BBSs.

**TV - THE CONNECTICUT VIEW:** c/o Denise Mason, P O Box 2281, Devon CT 06460

Support group and newsletter coming to life after a hiatus. ☞ *The Connecticut View*

**GENDER IDENTITY CLINIC OF NEW ENGLAND: GICNE,**

68 Adelaide Road, Manchester CT 06040

Clinton R. Jones, Director

Provides screening for pre-operative TS applicants desirous of hormone therapy and for sex reassignment surgery approval for pre-operative TSs who have met the requirements of the Harry Benjamin International Gender Dysphoria Association's Standards of Care. ☎ (203) 646-8651

**W. RILEY SNOW, MD:**

1001 Farmington Ave., Suite 302, Bristol CT 06010

General psychiatry and individual psychotherapy. Board certified. Knowledgeable about gender issues. ☎ (203) 582-1178

**NEW JERSEY (070-088)**

**▲ -CHI DELTA MU,** P O Box 1, River Edge NJ 07661-0001

Meets the second Saturday of the month in NE NJ. Family-oriented with couples' and spouses' groups. Monthly programs and outside activities. ☎ (201) 439-9618

**TV/TS/SO - MONMOUTH/OCEAN TRANS-GENDER:** MOTG, P O Box 8243, Red Bank NJ 07701

Affiliated with Renaissance Education Association in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Member Garden State Gender Coalition, ACLU, NJ Lesbian and Gay Coalition. Monthly meetings, socials, SO support, outreach.

☞ *Monmouth-Ocean News* ☎ (908) 219-9094

**TV/SO - EAST COAST COUPLES NETWORK:** ECCN, c/o MOG, P O Box 8243, Red Bank NJ 07701

Group for couples where both partners are comfortable and supportive with the CD aspects of the relationship. Get-togethers not complaint sessions-positive, uplifting.

**TV/TS - NORTHERN NEW JERSEY:** Northern New Jersey,

c/o Ms. Lynda Frank, P O Box 9192, Morristown NJ 07960

Get-togethers the last Saturday of each month at various locations in northern NJ. Ms. Frank handles the TV-related affairs of the dissolved Pine Brook, NJ chapter as well. Interview required. ☎ (201) 663-0772

**TV/TS - SOUTH JERSEY/SHORE AREA CHAPTER:**

Renaissance SJ, P O Box 189, Mays Landing NJ 08330

Meetings the first Saturday of each month at the Atlantic Mental Health Center, Inc., 2002 Black Horse Pike, Mckee City, NJ. Doors open at 7:00pm. ☎ (609) 641-3782

**▲ - SIGMA NU RHO CHAPTER TRI-ESS:** SNR, P O Box 9255, Trenton NJ 08650

Meets the fourth Saturday of each month. ☎ (609) 586-1351

**NEW YORK (090-149)**

**TV/TS/SO - CDI/NYGA:**

c/o Fem Fashions, 9 W. 31st St, Suite 7R, New York NY 10001

S. Kristine James, Director, Karen Cioe, NYC Coord., Muriel Olive, Director.

Sponsors meetings, parties, dinners, ☎ (212) 570-7389

**TV/TS/TG - TRANSGENDER RIGHTS! (TGR):**

Address invalid.

Broadscope human rights advocacy organization run by and for transgendered people. Open meetings every other Wednesday at Lesbian and Gay Community Center, 208 West 13th Street in Manhattan. ☞ *Rights News*. ☎ (212) 979-8547

**TV/TS - IMPERIAL QUEENS OF NEW YORK & LONG ISLAND:** Suite 120, 70-A Greenwich Village Ave, New York NY 10011

A registered, genuine, supportive organization for Female Impersonators, DQs, TVs, TSs and their friends and supporters in a fun, helpful and democratic forum. We represent a unique, positive and valued element of society. Social activities for non-Gay and Gay charities. Meetings first Friday of the month, 8:15pm, Gay Community Services Center, West 13th Street and 7th Avenue. Since 1969, "If you've got the hi-heels, we've got the eye-deals."

☎ (212) 580-9858 (NYC), (516) 889-1980(LI). ☞ *Imperially Yours*

**TV/TS - METROPOLITAN GENDER NETWORK:** 561 Hudson Street, P O Box 45, New York NY 10014

Support, advocacy, and educational group open to all segments of the gender community. Friends and guests welcome. Monthly meetings on the second Sunday, social events, lending library, resource directory, referrals. Brief meeting registration form is sent in response to new inquiries. ☎ (201) 794-1665 ext. 332. (718) 461-9050 ☞ *City Lights*

**TS - SURVIVORS OF TRANSEXUALITY ANONYMOUS**

A twelve-step recovery program modeled after Alcoholics Anonymous. Meets 6:30-8:00 pm on Tuesdays, and 8:30-10:00 pm on Sundays. We could arrange room and board for out of town visitors, but we do not have a place for people to stay long-term.

☎ Answering service (212) 969-0888.

**TS - THE F2M FRATERNITY:** P O Box 509, Lenox Hill Station, New York NY 10021

An information network and support group run by and for female-to-males. Meetings in private apartments in New York City about every six weeks. We welcome F-M TSs, anyone who is experiencing gender dysphoria or considers themselves a possible candidate for F-M reassignment. ☎ (908) 298-8797 Marty Kincaid or (212) 570-1260 Kit Rachlin.



**CD/TS - EULENSPIEGEL SOCIETY:** Box 2783 Grand Central Station, New York NY 10163

For those with S/M and B/D fantasies. The oldest organization of its type. Frequent events specifically oriented toward the TV. Inquire for times. ☎ (212) 388-7022

**TV/TS/SO - GIRL'S NIGHT OUT:** G.N.O., c/o Barbara Fortune, P O Box 350369, Brooklyn NY 11235-0007

Open social support group, meetings. ☎ (201) 794-1665, ext 202 ☞ *Lipstick and Lace*

**TV/TS/SO - NEW YORK GIRL & PARTNERS:** P O Box 456, Centereach NY 11720

Renaissance affiliate. Meets one Saturday each month in Suffolk County. Educational and discussion programs, outings. Partners' meetings. Membership by application and interview.

☞ *New Visions and Attitudes* ☎ (516) 732-5115

**▲ - LONG ISLAND FEMME EXPRESSION:** LIFE, P O Box 3015, Lake Ronkonkoma NY 11779-0417

Founded 1985. Support and social group for heterosexual CDs, families, friends, SOs. Three meetings monthly. Partners' group. 1 ☞ *Lifelines*, monthly newsletter ☎ (516) 283-1333

**TV/TS/SO - TRANSGENDERISTS' INDEPENDENCE CLUB:** TGIC, P O Box 13604, Albany NY 12212-3604

Two monthly parties, weekly support group raps, monthly mates'/wives' support group, shopping guide, key club, and storage. We have a screening process to ensure comfort and safety of all. ☎ (518) 436-4513 (live Thurs. 7-9 p.m., or leave a message and instructions for calling back). ☞ Bi-monthly newsletter

**TV/TS/SO - TRANSGENDER NETWORK:** P O Box 1611, South Rd. Annex, Poughkeepsie NY 12601-0611

Social and educational support group for people who have interest in gender and crossdressing issues, where they can interact in a positive atmosphere. Meetings 1st & 3rd Fridays of each month.

**TV/TS/SO - EXPRESSING OUR NATURE (EON):** 523 W Onondaga St., Syracuse NY 13204-3226

Open support regardless of gender identification and sexual orientation. Context for TG people to experience their own happiness, personal growth, and sense of fulfillment: meetings, social occasions, and community-wide events. EON has its own facility and offices. Meetings are the first and third Saturday and fourth Wednesday each month. The Support Group for Significant Others meets regularly.

**▲ - LAMBDA CHI LAMBDA OF TRI-ESS:** c/o Sharon Ann Stuart, P O Box 870, Oneonta NY 13820

Centered in Troy, Albany, Schenectady area. Monthly meetings, library, affiliated with TGIC in Albany. Screening before attending. ☎ (607) 547-4118 ☞ *Cornbury's Closet*

**TV/TS/SO - CROSS EXPRESSIONS:** Address invalid.

Peer support group for heterosexual male crossdressers, their families and significant others. Weekly meetings and regular social events. Membership information confidential, identification required. Monthly membership fee. ☎ (607) 862-3203

**TS - BUFFALO TRANSITION SUPPORT:** c/o Vicki, P O Box 320, Buffalo NY 14220

TS support group meets on the fourth Sunday of the month, 4-6pm. Formerly Crossroads of Buffalo. No dues to participate. Interview required for security. ☎ (716) 629-5421 (leave number, caller will say they received a message on service).

**▲ - NU PHI CHI-BUFFALO BELLES:** 7954 Transit Road Box 197, Williamsville NY 14221-4100

Monthly meetings held in a secure location. Changing rooms available. Meetings usually the first Saturday of the month. Ten-page newsletter. Security of members is paramount. ☎ (716) 643-2626

**TV/TS/SO - ROCHESTER CD-NETWORK:** P O Box 92055, Rochester NY 14692

Group mostly from upstate NY. Monthly meetings and social events in a secure, supportive and non-judgmental atmosphere. Cooperative activities with other crossdresser groups in NY state. ☎ (716) 251-2132 ☞ *CD News*

**GENDER IDENTITY PROJECT,** Lesbian and Gay Community Services Center, 208 West 13th Street, New York, NY 10011

Support, counseling, advocacy and referral services for gender dysphoric individuals. Peer-to-peer counseling, facilitated support groups, professional referrals, and alcohol and drug abuse counseling services. M-t-F support group Thursdays, 7:30-9:00 pm; M-t-F and F-t-M Mondays, 7:30-9:00 pm; Couples Support Group and Lovers and Friends Support Group alternate Wednesdays, 7:30-9:00 pm until May 19. Call for dates. The Project is part of the Center's Mental Health and Social Services Programs and all services are confidential and professionally supervised. ☎ (212) 620-7310

#### METAMORPHOSIS:

P O Box 6260, Broadway Station, Long Island, NY 11106-0260

Professional psychotherapy, individual and group support, family counselling, evaluations, treatment for all gender related situations, particularly for transsexuals. Full transition support. Call or write for appointment and information, Mon.-Fri., 11am-5pm. ☎ (718) 728-4615

### PENNSYLVANIA (150-196)

**TV/TS - TRANSPITT:** P O Box 3214, Pittsburgh PA 15230

Open membership policy. Meetings the second and fourth Saturday of each odd-numbered month. Referral required for new member. ☎ (412) 231-1181

**TV/TS - OASIS:** P O Box 622, Meadville PA 16335

Open membership policy. Meetings the third Saturday of each odd-numbered month. Apply in writing. ☞ *Oasis Dreams*, monthly.

**TV/TS/SO - ERIE SISTERS:** 2115 West 8th St, Ste 261, Erie PA 16505

Newsletter for full and associate members. Full members only at meetings. Meetings on fourth Saturdays, even numbered months in accepting public establishments, odd numbered months in secure space. Membership is open. Discretion and confidentiality are demanded. Apply in writing. Screening interview required ☞ *Mirror Images*

**CD/TS/SO - RENAISSANCE-LOWER SUSQUEHANNA VALLEY**

**CHAPTER:** Renaissance - LSV, P O Box 2122, Harrisburg PA 17105-2122  
For the gender community at large. Meets the first Saturday evening of each month in York, PA. ☎ (717) 780-1578

**TV/TS/SO - CROSS DRESSERS INTERNATIONAL:** CDI, P O Box 61, Easton PA 18044  
S. Kristine James, Director, KarenCioe, NYCCoordinator.  
Sponsors meetings, parties, dinners, shows, and serves the needs of all.

**TV/TS/SO - RENAISSANCE - GREATER PHILADELPHIA CHAPTER:** Renaissance PHL, P O Box 530, Bensalem PA 19020

Meets third Saturday of month in King of Prussia, PA. at 8:00 pm. For information, write or call. For TV/TS with TS Support Group, TV Rap Groups, Significant Other Support Group, monthly programs, socials/community activities. Chapter Leader Maryann Kirkland ☎ (610) 975-9119

**TS - PHILADELPHIA TS SUPPORT GROUP:** Address invalid.

To educate the community on TS issues and to give support in this sometimes confusing period. Monthly meeting, social events, professional referrals. No drugs or excess baggage. ☎ (215) 567-7879

**TV/TS/SO - RENAISSANCE EDUCATION ASSOCIATION:** P O Box 60552, King of Prussia PA 19406

Open group that accepts and helps individuals to grow at their own pace. Monthly meetings with educational programs, Significant Other Support Group, TS Support Group, TV rap groups, and community activities. Speakers' Bureau for college, university, radio, and television appearances anywhere in the US. Renaissance also publishes a series of Background Papers to help understand transgender behavior. ☎ (610) 630-1437 (24 hrs) ☞ Monthly newsletter

**PERSAD CENTER, INC.**

5100 Penn Ave.,  
Pittsburgh PA 15224-1616  
Randal G. Forrester,  
James Huggins.

Mental health services for the gender conflicted and their significant others. Individual therapy, support group, evaluation and treatment for transsexualism including: gender identity team which provides initial and on-going evaluation, hormone therapy, and sex reassignment therapy. ☎ (412) 441-0857

**DELAWARE (197-199)**

**TV/TS/SO - RENAISSANCE - DELAWARE CHAPTER:** P O Box 5656, Wilmington DE 19808

Meets second Saturday of month at 8:00 pm. For information, write or call. For TV/TS/TG/SO with programs, support groups, education. Contact for information. Open group. ☎ Newsletter ☎ (302) 995-1396

**WASHINGTON, DC (200-205)**

**TV/TS - WASHINGTON-BALTIMORE ALLIANCE:** c/o R. Lewis, P O Box 4064, Rockville MD 20849-4064

Discussions, raps, special events, referrals, and also shopping, demos, visits to other groups, cookouts and more. Meets monthly in Maryland from September through June. ☎ WBA News ☎ (800) 496-9332 or (301) 738-0389 after 7 pm ET and ask for Roberta

**TV/TS/SO - TRANSGENDER EDUCATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF GREATER WASHINGTON :** TGEA, POB 16036, Arlington VA 22215

(formerly DCEA) Group for transgendered persons of all sexual preferences and genetic origins, and their significant others. Meetings the first Saturday of month September through June. Affiliated with couples' group and MAGA (TS support). Outreach to professional psychological groups, hotline services and crisis intervention centers, and to the larger Gay and Lesbian community. ☎ (301) 365-3822 ☎ *The Pinnacle*

**MARYLAND (206-218)**

**TV/TG/TS/SO - TRANSGENDER SUPPORT GROUP OF BALTIMORE:**

c/o Gay and Lesbian Community Center of Baltimore, 241 W. Chase St., Baltimore MD 21201

Open peer support group. Meets monthly at the GLCCB. Inquire.

☎ (410) 837-5445, or switchboard 7-10pm (410) 837-8888

**TV/TG/TS - TRI-STATE TRANSGENDERED CLUB:** c/o Diane Terrant, P O Box 3102, Deer Park MD 21550-1002

Open peer support group in western Maryland. Meets monthly with occasional guest speakers. Will try to help with referrals to helping professionals and business open to your patronage.

☎ (301) 453-3538

**COUNSELING FOR RELATIONSHIPS:**

Rusty Lynn, BD, MSW, LCSW, 4835 Del Ray Avenue,  
Bethesda MD 20814

Counseling for transgendered persons. ☎ (301) 652-6448

**SEXOLOGY**

**ASSOCIATES, INC.:**

H. Martin Malin, PhD,

2114 N. Charles Street, Ste 3, Baltimore MD 21218

Counseling for transgendered persons. ☎ (410) 528-1638

**VIRGINIA (220-246)**

**TS/SO - METRO AREA GENDER ALLIANCE :** MAGA, P O Box 16036, Arlington VA 22215

Formerly affiliated with the DCEA, and was known as JANUS. General meetings the third Friday of every month, small group meetings the first Fri. of each month.

☎ (301) 949-3822

**TV - BLACK ROSE:** P O Box 11161, Arlington VA 22210

Group for dominant-submissive relationships. Singles and crossdressers welcome. Meets Tuesday nights in DC. There is usually a guest or a topic for the evening, followed by socializing afterwards. ☎ (301) 369-7667

**TV - VIRGINIA'S SECRET:**

P O Box 7386, Richmond VA 23221-0386

Monthly meetings and monthly newsletter. Sponsoring interview before joining.

☎ (804) 222-6796

**COUNSELING FOR RELATIONSHIPS:** Rusty Lynn, BD, MSW, LCSW,

225 E. Broad Street, Falls Church VA 22046

Counseling for transgendered persons. ☎ (703) 532-8723

**ELLEN R. WARREN, LCSW:** 1500 King Street, Ste 302,

Alexandria VA 22314

Affirmative counseling and support for transition and family/relationship issues. Experienced therapist working from a humanistic, supportive point of view. Help with all concerns: transition, personal, family, career. Individual, couple and family counseling. ☎ (703) 683-0710

**CENTER FOR GENDER REASSIGNMENT:** Address invalid.

Center for persons seeking permanent gender reassignment and SRS. Gender transition program meets Harry Benjamin Standards of Care. Thorough screening by staff of medical and gender professionals. An 18-month period of successful cross-living and a minimum of six months' hormone therapy is required prior to consideration for surgery. ☎ (804) 622-9900

**WEST VIRGINIA (246-268)**

**TV/TS/TG - THE VALLEY GIRLS:** TVG, P O Box 181, Dunbar WV 25064

Monthly meetings in Charleston of educational support group for all members of the gender community: makeup and fashion tips, outings and special events. Interview for membership. Must be 21. Annual fee, meeting fee, no fee for wives. Periodical newsletter.

**CD/SO - TRANS-WV:** P O Box 2322, Huntington WV 25724-2322

Non-sexual. Monthly meetings the third Saturday of the month. Well established group for friendship, fun, makeup tips and more. Screening interview required. Security respected. ☎ Newsletter

**NORTH CAROLINA (270-289)**

**TV/TS/SO - TRIAD GENDER ASSOCIATION:** TGA, c/o L. Hahn, P O Box

26221, Winston-Salem NC 27114 c/o Terri Johnson, P O Box 1208, Hillsborough NC 27278

Group for CDs, androgynes, TSs and their significant others. Monthly meetings, referrals to professionals. Interview required.

**TV/TS - GDANC SUPPORT GROUP:** GDANC, P O Box 305,

Salisbury NC 28145

To help TVs, TSs, and others through the hard times by being available when you need to talk. Meet third Sat. of every month at a private apartment. ☎ (704) 642 1914

▲ **- KAPPA BETA, TRI-ESS:** P O Box 12101, Charlotte NC 28220-2101

Social support group serving the Carolinas and Southern Virginia. Meets every third weekend, the year around in Charlotte. ☎ *The Pink Slip*

**TV/TS/SO - CAROLINA TRANSENSUAL ALLIANCE:** Divinity (J. G.),

P O Box 25100, Suite 188, Charlotte NC 28229-5100

Open to all regardless of sexual orientation. No gay men unless CD. While not specifically a support group, we make every effort to assist anyone to come out, to get help with wardrobe, makeup, etc. Not strictly a social club. No regular meetings to date, as we are still growing in size and shaping our direction. SOs welcome. Referrals to merchants, consultants, clubs. ☎ (704) 551-8838 (voice mail) ☎ *All the Beautiful People!*

▲ **- CHI CHI RHO, TRI-ESS:** Crystal Coast Rose, P O Box 733,

Bridgeton NC 28519 See Tri-Ess, Tulare CA.

**TV/TS/SO - PHOENIX TRANSGENDER SUPPORT:** Phoenix, P O Box 18332, Asheville, NC 28814

The Carolinas' oldest all-inclusive support network. Small weekly gatherings and large meetings every other month. Open discussions, programs, referrals.

☎ (704) 259-9428 ☞ *Gender Quest*

**LOUISE HAHN, MA, NCC:**

Winston-Salem, Durham, Wilmington

Nationally certified counselor specializing in gender-related issues. Psychotherapy addressing concerns of CDs, TGs, TSs and their SO. ☎ (910) 727-9661

**GEORGIA (300-319)**

▲ - **SIGMA EPSILON, TRI-ESS:** Sigma Epsilon, P O Box 272,

Roswell GA 30077

Monthly meetings. ☞ *The Southern Belle* ☎ Helpline: (404) 552-4415

**TV/TS/SO - ATLANTA GENDER EXPLORATION:** AGE, P O Box 77562, Atlanta GA 30357

Renaissance affiliate. Modeled after Phoenix Transgender Support Group in Asheville, NC. Non-sexual and member-operated. Membership open to anyone with a gender concern, families, friends. Meet twice a month. Screening before attending first meeting. One-time \$25 screening fee, and \$5 per meeting. ☎ Helpline: (404) 939-2128. ☞ *The No-Name News*

**MONTGOMERY MEDICAL & PSYCHOLOGICAL INSTITUTE, INC.:**

Montgomery Institute, P O Box 33311, Decatur GA 30033

Contact: Jerry or Lynn Montgomery.

TS support group and professional services. Information distribution center for the southeast region. Monthly meetings, free professional referrals, speakers, training seminars, hot line, and an annual TS convention. Screening required of clients. Local professionals working with our members are also screened. ☎ (404) 603 9426 ☞ *MM & PI* monthly newsletter, *Insight* a magazine for and about TSs.

**AMERICAN EDUCATIONAL GENDER INFORMATION SERVICE, Inc.:**

AEGIS, P O Box 33724, Decatur GA 30033-0724

Ms. Dallas Denny, MA, Licensed Psychological Examiner (TN).

Professionally managed support group and national nonprofit clearinghouse for information about gender dysphoria. Referrals to professionals and support groups, and to individuals, following the Standards of Care; case management; consulting; speakers' service. Renaissance affiliate. Helpline: (404) 939-0244. ☞ *Chrysalis Quarterly*, transition booklets, bibliography, J2CP, Janus, and Erickson Foundation materials. ☎ (404) 939-0244 helpline FAX (404) 939-1770

**SARAH C. JAMES, CEI:** Atlanta, Georgia

Gender transition consultant, certified electrologist and instructor in private practice. Guidance for smooth transition, consultations regarding self-esteem, feminization techniques, changing documentation, referrals and permanent hair removal Working with the gender community for over ten years. ☎ (404) 242-2148

**FLORIDA (320-340)**

**TV/TS/SO - GENDER INFORM NETWORK OF GAINESVILLE:**

GING, Gail Driaper

Referral service for those persons whose spiritual worth is more than their sexual orientation who need professional help in the Gainesville, FL area. Quarterly meetings. Donation. Now a member of the United Way Referral Service of Gainesville. Interviewed as to their needs. ☎ (904) 332-8178

▲ - **PHI EPSILON MU/CENTRAL FLORIDA SISTERS:** P O Box 3261, Winter Park FL 32790-3261

Meetings 1st Saturday of each month. Monthly newsletter to members and other groups. Interview required. ☞ Newsletter

**TV/TS - FANTASIA:** c/o GLCS, P.O. Box 533446, Orlando FL 32853-3446 Arlena Parrish or Angela Wood

Group meets twice a month to discuss common problems, share experiences, and network information. Objectives include promoting TV/TS Community through education &

understanding. Interview. ☎ (407) 425-4527

**TV/TS/SO - SERENITY:** P O Box 307, Hollywood FL 33022

Meetings the third Friday each month at the Metropolitan Community Church, 330 SW 27th Street, Fort Lauderdale. ☎ (305) 436-9477 ☞ Newsletter

**TS - THE EDEN SOCIETY:**

P O Box 1692, Pompano Beach FL 33061-1692

M-F and F-M TS support group. Meets second Saturday of month at MCC church in Ft. Lauderdale. No dues. Newsletter \$20/year ☎ (305) 784-9316 ☞ Newsletter

**TV/TS/SO - ANIMAS:** P O Box 420309, Miami FL 33242

Group meets the first Saturday of every month at 8:30 pm in a safe, anonymous atmosphere to exchange problems, triumphs, fashion ideas, and beauty tips. Consultants in fashion / image available. ☞ A periodic newsletter

**TS - ENCHANTE:** c/o J.L. Hores, 1801 69th Ave. South, St.

Petersburg FL 33712

Support group for TSs. Meets monthly on second Friday in a private home. Screening before attending first meeting. Call or write. ☎ (813) 972-2617 (Kerry TS), 866-0438 (Joe) ☞ Newsletter

**TV/TS - VENICE TV/TS SUPPORT GROUP:** No longer meeting.

**TV/TG/TS/SO - STARBURST:** P O Box 298, Lithia FL 33547-0298

Open support group for the transgendered community. Meetings in St. Petersburg. Interview required. Meetings the third Saturday of each month from 7:00-11:00pm. Outside events in addition to meetings occur from time to time. Interview by member of Board required. ☞ *Butterflies* ☎ (813) 633-9653

**TS - ECLIPSE:** P O Box 2826, Pinellas Park FL 34664-2826

Support group for transsexuals. Meetings the third Saturday of each month. Screening before attending meeting. Call or write. ☞ *Butterflies* ☎ (813) 546-3089 (Felisha TS)

**TG/TS - TAMPA SISTERS:** TGIF, P O Box 272819, Tampa FL 33688-2819

Alliance of transgendered, transsexual and new women. Monthly meetings every second Saturday. Peer support, guest speakers, educational offerings/workshops, library and social events. Affiliated with Tampa Gender Information Center (TGIF). Newsletter. ☎ Voice mail (813) 935-6848, Kimberly Westwood. Please leave contact information.

**A CLINICAL APPROACH COUNSELING CENTER, INC.:**

Coral Springs, Florida

Marcia L. Schultz, PsyD, Clinical Director.

Clinical psychologist working with patients on gender issues, gender dysphoria, crossdressing, gender role transition, couple therapy, evaluation for hormone therapy and surgery. Actively involved in TS and TV support groups. Also work with gay and lesbian issues. ☎ (305) 345-2292

**LIBBY A. TANNER, PhD, LCSW, LMFT:**

5901 S.W. 100 Terrace, Miami FL 33156

Therapist specializing in Adult Psychotherapy, Sex and Relationship Therapy. Working with the gender community for twenty-five years. ☎ (305) 665-4934

**FLORIDA CHAPTER MONTGOMERY INSTITUTE, Inc.:**

P O Box 141133, Gainesville FL 32607

Referrals to medical doctors for SRS, psychologist, electrologist, etc. Monthly meetings. Distribution of legal/medical/social information for TSs. Post-op F-M TS offers consultation. Meet each month on the second and fourth Friday. \$5 per meeting. Must be screened by directors. ☎ (904) 332-6638 ☞ *Insight*

**ADELE KATES & ASSOCIATES, P.A.**

1 N.E. 168th Street, North Miami Beach FL 33162

Certified & Licensed Speech Pathologist, Adele Kates, Director.

Transsexual voice change and gender identity. Includes: body language, make-up, fashion, hair styling, female communication patterns. By appointment.

☎ (305) 651-6442



**CENTER FOR CONTEMPORARY COUNSELING:**

2999 N.E., 191 St., Suite 607 Aventura FL 33180  
Coral L. Schlosberg, PhD, LCSW, LMFT

Board Certified Sex Therapist, Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist, Clinical psycho-therapist who has been working for fourteen years with gender identity issues. The Center is now starting a group for TV/TS. Individual and group therapy. ☎ (305) 936-8000

**GENDER CONGRUITY CENTER:** 9960 Center Park Blvd. South, #404, Boca Raton FL 33428 ☎ (800) 328-2633

**TAMPA STRESS CENTER:** P O Box 273107, Tampa FL 3368-3107  
Carl W. Bushong, PhD

A private service providing counseling for crossdressers, the gender conflicted and their significant others where dressing poses a concern. Counseling, evaluation and support for TSs and their significant others. Referral and guidance of appropriate individuals for hormonal management and transition. All services by appointment. ☎ (813) 884-7835

**COUNSELING AND CONSULTING SERVICES OF PINELLAS COUNTY, INC.:** Judith A. Meisner, PhD, LCSW, LMFT,

3530 First Avenue North, Suite 209, St. Petersburg FL 33713

Board certified sex therapist & clinical supervisor; board certified clinical sexologist; licensed clinical social worker & licensed marriage and family therapist; life clinical fellow, American Academy of Clinical Sexologists. Private, confidential service providing counseling or consulting for transgendered persons and/or their partners. By appointment only. ☎ (813) 327-1672

**ALABAMA (350-369)**

▲ - **SIGMA RHO GAMMA:** SERGA, P O Box 16174, Huntsville AL 35802

Monthly meetings relating directly to the crossdresser and their family. Membership includes subscription to the monthly newsletter. Mandatory orientation.

**MONTGOMERY MEDICAL & PSYCHOLOGICAL INSTITUTE, INC.**

Montgomery Institute, P O Box 3361, Montgomery, AL 35109

Contact: Jerry or Lynn Montgomery.

TS support group and professional services. Information distribution center for the southeast region. Monthly meetings, free professional referrals, speakers, training seminars, hot line, and an annual TS convention. Screening required of clients. Local professionals working with our members are also screened.

☎ (205) 272-2726

**TENNESSEE (370-384)**

TV/TS/SO - **TENNESSEE VALS:** P O Box 92335, Nashville TN 37209

Meetings on the second Saturday of the month at a private location in the Nashville area.

Write or call to be interviewed. ☎ (615) 664-6883 (voice mail) ☞ Monthly newsletter

▲ - **MU SIGMA, TRI-ESS:** P O Box 61, Jonesboro AR 72403-0061

Support group serving the Memphis metropolitan area. Inquire. ☞ *Ms. Cotton Belle*

TV/TS - **TV/TS SUPPORT GROUP:** c/o Rev. John Prowett, 1517 Court Street, Suite #4, Memphis TN 38104-2402

Group meets on 4h Saturdays at the Gay and Lesbian Community Center, 1486 Madison. Open at 6:00pm, there is a room to change in. Contact Rev. Prowett for information.

TV/TS/TG - **MEMPHIS TRANSGENDER ALLIANCE:** Address invalid.

Social support group providing education for general community. Meet on fourth of every month at 2:00 pm. Annual dues \$12 and \$5 meeting fee. Changing facilities at meetings. ☞ *Powder and Pearls*

**GEORGE R. BROWN, MD:** Department of Psychiatry, Mountain Home VAMC, Johnson City TN 37684

Psychiatric/medical practice devoted to gender and sexuality concerns. SRS evaluation, hormone treatment. Uses Harry Benjamin Standards.

☎ (615) 926-1177 ext. 7709

**MISSISSIPPI (386-396)**

TV/TG/TS - **AURORA:** c/o Kim Brown, P O Box 1306, Florence MS 39073  
Serving all the transgender community. Meetings the first Saturday of the month in the Jackson area. Interview required.  
☎ (601) 845-1328

▲ - **BETA CHI CHAPTER OF TRI-ESS IN MISSISSIPPI:**

P O Box 31253, Jackson MS 39206-1253 Lee Frances, Secretary

☎ (601) 982-7678 (24 hrs). ☞ *Premiere*

**KENTUCKY (403-427)**

TV/TS/SO - **LOUISVILLE GENDER SOCIETY:** LGS, P O Box 5458, Louisville KY 40255-0458

Educational social and support group regardless of sexual preference or orientation. Meet on the second Saturday of each month. Invitations to meetings after screening

☎ (502) 966-3128, Janet; (502) 635-7995, Patricia; (502) 966-8701, Lori

**OHIO (434-457)**

TV/TS/SO - **CRYSTAL CLUB:** P O Box 287,

Reynoldsburg OH 43068-0287

An open support group providing a non-threatening environment. Meetings the second Friday of each month at 7:00 p.m. Peer support. We cooperate with neighboring organizations such as Alpha Omega, Paradise, Cross-Port. Include brief biography of yourself, tell where you heard about us. ☞ *The Crystal Chronicle* ☎ (614) 224-1165

▲ - **ALPHA OMEGA CHAPTER, TRI-ESS:** Box 2053,

Sheffield Lake OH 44054-0053

Meetings second Saturday of the month. Membership and attendance at a meeting requires the approval of a qualified officer. ☞ *Alpha Omega Outreach*

CD - **PARADISE CLUB:** Paradise, P O Box 29564, Parma OH 44129

Emphasis on friendship and support, especially for wives. Approximately 90 members, with an average of 50+ at each meeting. Meeting the third Saturday of the month. Paradise welcomes all mature and responsible people. CDs must dress at meetings.

☞ *Paradise Tales*

TV/TS/SO - **CROSS-PORT:** Box 54657, Cincinnati OH 45254-0657

A support organization regardless of sexual preference, practices, or orientation. Meets the third Thursday of the month. All guests and members are expected to conduct themselves as ladies and gentlemen. Common sense is rule. ☎ (513) 474-9557, Shelbi.

☞ Monthly newsletter

**NORTH CENTRAL MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES**

1301 North High Street, Columbus OH 43201

Mental health hotline and service provider. Can provide individual counseling and mental health services as well as referrals about gender issues. ☎ (614) 299-6600

**INDIANA (463-479)**

TV/TS - **INDIANA CROSS-DRESSERS SOCIETY:** IXE, Box 20710, Indianapolis IN 46220

Manners and common sense are expected of all at meetings. IXE is a supportive non-judgmental group for all persons honestly dealing with gender conflict. Meetings the second Tuesday and the last Saturday of the month. IXE has a BBS. ☎ (317) 781-0834 (Indianapolis) Danielle, (812) 876-5635 (Bloomington) Gloria, (812) 398-6235 (Shelbyville) Holly ☞ monthly newsletter

**MICHIGAN (480-499)**

**CROSSROADS:** P O Box 1245, Royal Oak MI 48068-1245

Crossroads emphasizes friendship, support, and peace of mind of all. Formal membership of approximately 90 and an informal membership of approximately 250. Formal and casual social activities. Referrals to other organizations nation-wide, and to helping professionals in the Great Lakes area. Also investigate agencies, businesses, and organizations, and do considerable outreach work. Welcomes mature and responsible people. ☎ Messages: (313) 537-3267 ☞ *Crossroads Chatter*

**TV/TS - NATIONAL GENDER DYSPHORIA ORGANIZATION AND SUPPORT GROUP:** N.G.D.O, P O Box 02732, Detroit MI 48202

Justina Williams, President

Support/educational organization for the gender dysphoric (transsexual) community, and crossdressers. We offer referrals to compassionate helping professionals and support groups which are *separated* as to sexual orientation. We also offer a discrimination committee. Meetings are held at a safe location.

☎ (313) 842-5258 ☞ *NGDO Key to Freedom*

**▲ - THETA OMEGA GAMMA - TRI-ESS (Detroit area):** c/o Tri-Ess,

P O Box 194, Tulare, CA 93275 (temporary)

See Society for the Second Self, Tulare, CA

**CD/TS/SO - I.M.E. OF WESTERN MICHIGAN:** P O Box 1153, Grand Rapids MI 49501

Social, support, and educational group. Mail forwarding. We have the services of a MSW social worker free of charge to members. Lectures and referrals. Monthly meetings and socials. Membership confidential.

**CD/TS/SO - NORTHWEST MICHIGAN GENDER SOCIETY:** c/o Tricia Marie Benton, P O Box 271, Petoskey MI 49770

Monthly meeting, newsletter, Partner's Support Group. Interview before attending first meeting. ☞ *Newsletter*

**HOMESTEAD COUNSELING CENTER:** Sandra L. Samons, ACSW, CAC, 1480 Shevchenko, Ann Arbor MI 48103

Individual and family therapist knowledgeable about gender issues. Day or evening times available. Leave message and your call will be returned. ☎ (313) 663-7871

**LEE PADULA, PhD:** 37677 Professional Center Dr., Suite 110, Livonia MI 48154

Licensed psychologist, marital and family therapist, certified sex therapist. More than ten years of experience working with CD/TG/TS/SOs and families in the gender community. Psychological evaluations for hormones and for SRS. Transition support in employment. Day and evening appointments. ☎ (313) 953-3333

**IOWA (500-528)**

**▲ - IOWA ARTISTRY:** Box 75, Cedar Rapids IA 52406

Support group for gender issues. MAGGIE affiliate. This is also the Iota Alpha chapter of Tri-Ess. Rap sessions, annual picnic, annual banquet, resource library, changing facilities, professional guests, and informational programs. ☞ *Bi-monthly newsletter*

**TV/TS - QUAD-CITY SOCIETY FOR SEXUALITY EDUCATION:** 1236 W. 8th, Davenport IA 52802

Social support group for all genderists. Meets first Sunday of the month at 6pm.

☎ (319) 324-6941 from 6pm - 9pm.

**TV/TS/SO - RIVER CITY GENDER ALLIANCE:** RCGA, P O Box 680, Council Bluffs IA 51502-0680

MAGGIE affiliate. Educational, support, and social group. Monthly meetings, a bi-monthly newsletter, referrals for professional counseling, personal listings, social opportunities, changing facilities, and library. ☞ *The Transformer*

**CENTRAL IOWA GENDER INSTITUTE:** P O Box 12164, Des Moines IA 50312 Susan McIntyre, MSW, ACSW

Counseling and support services for CD/TS and androgynous persons. Individual and group activities. Referrals. ☎ (515) 277-7754

**PMC TRANSGENDER COUNSELING AND CONSULTATION:**

Richard V. Campagna, MA, JD, P O Box 5265, Coralville IA 52241-5265

Legal, psychological and financial counseling for CD/TV/TS and androgynous persons. Referrals. Sliding scale. Travel frequently to Chicago, Los Angeles, New York, USVI. ☎ (319) 354-3189 FAX (319) 337-2045

**WISCONSIN (530-548)**

**TV/TS/TG/SO - GEMINI GENDER GROUP:** P O Box 44211, Milwaukee WI 53214

An open support group for all sexual orientations for transgendered persons, significant others, friends and family. Monthly meetings on second Saturday.

☎ (414) 297-9328 (voicemail) ☞ *Newsletter*

**MILWAUKEE TRANSGENDER PROGRAM:**

Pathways Counseling Center, 2645 N. Mayfair Road, Ste 230, First Financial Building, Milwaukee WI 53226-1304

A therapy program for M-F and F-M transgendered people. A complete program of emotional support, evaluation, psychotherapy, hormone therapy and reassignment surgeries. Follows the Harry Benjamin Standards. Contact Gretchen Fincke, or Roger Northway. ☎ (414) 774-4111

**INSTITUTE FOR PSYCHOSEXUAL HEALTH:** Great Lakes Gender Clinic, 3250 North Oakland Avenue, Milwaukee WI 53211

Charles A. Kiley, ACSW, CICSW

Gender clinic for persons in transition, counseling for compulsive sexual behavior. Thorough evaluation, emotional support, hormonal and surgical reassignment services. ☎ (414) 332 5407

**TRANSGENDER IDENTITY GROUP:** c/o Ivanoff and Ivanoff, Ste 1810 Clark Building, 633 West Wisconsin Ave, Milwaukee WI 53203-1918

Therapy program for M-F TG/TV/CD provided by licensed psychologist meets the second Sunday afternoon each month. Individual and group support services for family and friends. Individual therapy for F-Ms. Comprehensive screening, appropriate referrals. Use HBGDA Standards of Care. ☎ (414) 271-3322

**MINNESOTA (550-567)**

**TV/TS/SO - MINNESOTA FREEDOM OF GENDER EXPRESSION:** MFGE, Box 17945, St. Paul MN 55117

An open service and peer support group for transgendered persons, their significant others, and interested persons. Services' listing for members. Interview required. ☞ *Newsletter bimonthly* ☎ (612) 220-9027 (voicemail)

**TS - NEW MEN AND WOMEN OF MINNESOTA:** P O Box 6432, Minneapolis MN 55406-0432

Meetings, referrals. ☎ (612) 220-1920 ☞ *Newsletter*

**▲ BETA GAMMA, TRI-ESS:** Box 8591, Minneapolis MN 55408

See Society for Second Self, Tulare CA.

**CD - CITY OF LAKES CROSSGENDER COMMUNITY:** CLCC, P O Box 16265, Minneapolis MN 55414

Monthly meetings. The group provides a comfortable social setting for crossdressers to meet like-minded folks. Orientation is not considered. Interview before coming to the first party. ☎ (612) 229-3613

**GENDER EDUCATION CENTER:**

GEC, P O Box 1861, Minneapolis, MN 55311

Debbie Davis, Director

An educational outreach and support service with resource information, presentations, workshops, education, training and consulting on transgender and women's issues. We provide the opportunity to learn about the transgendered community, gender issues and the new Minnesota Human Rights Amendment. Consulting, diversity training, speakers's bureau. ☎ (612) 424-5445, FAX (612) 424-8595

**UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA GENDER DYSPHORIA PROGRAM:**

c/o Program in Human Sexuality,

1300 South 2nd Street, Ste 180 Minneapolis, MN 55454

A professionally managed gender program based on the HBGDA's *Standards of Care*. Administered by the Department of Family Practice and Community Health, University of Minnesota Medical School. Comprehensive evaluation, gender dysphoria is clarified through psychotherapy. Services include an ongoing psychotherapy group for sex reassigned transsexuals, psychological services for families and friends, evaluation and treatment of gender dysphoric children and adolescents, complete physical health care. ☎ (612) 625 1500, FAX (612) 626-8311

# **TRANSGENDER HIV/AIDS PREVENTION PROGRAM:**

Program in Human Sexuality, Dept. of Family Practice and Community Health, U. of Minnesota Medical School, 1300 So. 2nd Street, Suite 180, Minneapolis MN 55454

In collaboration with the City of Lakes Crossgender Community, the Minnesota Freedom of Gender Expression, the Minnesota AIDS Project, and the Aliveness Project, the Program in Human Sexuality offers an HIV/AIDS education-prevention program for crossdressing, transgender and transsexual persons and their partners. In addition, the Program provides psychological health care and support for transgender persons with HIV/AIDS. ☎ (612) 625-1500, FAX (612) 626-8311

## **DISTRICT 202:**

2524 Nicollet Ave., So. Minneapolis MN 55408

Safe space for lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender youth to be with peers.

## **ILLINOIS (600-629)**

### **▲ - CHI CHAPTER - TRI-ESS: P O Box 40, Wood Dale IL 60191-0040**

Social activities, a support group for wives and girlfriends, a help line, library, speakers' bureau, and co-sponsor of Be All You Want To Be weekend. Meetings the 3rd Saturday of each month, annual family picnic, Awards Banquet, Christmas Party.

☎ (708) 364-9514 ☞ Newsletter

### **TS - THE SUNDAY SOCIETY: P O Box 478850, Chicago IL 60647**

Sampognaro and Louise L. Raeder

Outreach and support organization. Meetings the 3rd Sunday of each month. Operate a BBS. Telephone interview or previous contact required to attend meetings.

☎ (312) 486-3125 (312) 252-7024, Sheila L.

### **TV/TS/SO - CHICAGO GENDER SOCIETY: CGS, P O Box 578005,**

Chicago IL 60657

Social and educational support group. Meets on the second Tuesday and socials on fourth Tuesday and fourth Saturday each month. Professional referrals, business and social events several times a month, annual Miss CGS Pageant, picnics, mail forwarding.

☎ (708) 863-7714 ☞ *The Primrose*

### **TV/TS/SO - CENTRAL ILLINOIS GENDER ASSOCIATION: CIGA,**

P O Box 182, Washington IL 61571

Information on specific areas of gender dysphoria is available to members through our library system. Speakers provided to the general public on some subjects. Meetings are on the 2nd Sunday. Interview required. ☎ (309) 444-9918, JoAnn ☞ Monthly newsletter

## **RONALD B. BARON, MD:**

2120 Sheridan Road, Highland Park IL 60035

Private practice of psychiatry. Medical psychotherapy; sex therapy; psychiatric consultations. ☎ (708) 432-7007

## **RANDI ETTNER, PhD:**

1214 Lake Street, Evanston IL 60201

Clinical psychologist specializing in gender dysphoria, and professionally associated with Eugene Schrang, MD in Wisconsin. Preoperative evaluation, pre- and postoperative counseling for transition and beyond. ☎ (708) 328-3433

## **MISSOURI (630-658)**

### **TV/TS/SO - ST LOUIS GENDER FOUNDATION: St L G F,**

P O Box 9433, St. Louis MO 63117

MAGGIE affiliate. Open support group. Meets monthly on the third Saturday in a private, social atmosphere at a leading hotel to provide support, shared professional knowledge, confidence building, and fun. Changing facilities, makeup workshops, clothing exchange, guest speakers, library, professional referral, occasional events. Club business cards, and a membership directory. An SOs' group meets for professionals and significant others. ☎ Voice mailbox: (314) 997-9897. Please leave contact information.

☞ *Gateway Femmes Gazette*

**TS/SO - TRANSSEXUALS IN PRISON:** Non-prisoners contact DEE FARMER, 23288037, P O Box 4000, Springfield MO 65808. Prisoners contact Mrs. PATRICIA FISHER, Succ 293 Cote-des-Neiges, 5858 Cote-des-

Neiges Blvd, Montreal, QC, CANADA H3S 2S6

Education, advocacy, and legal support. ☞ Quarterly newsletter

## **TV/TS -MID-AMERICA GENDER GROUP INFORMATION**

**EXCHANGE (MAGGIE):** c/o Jennifer Richards, St. Louis Gender Foundation, P O Box 9433, St. Louis MO 63117

Coalition of five mid-American gender associations: St. Louis Gender Foundation, Kansas City Crossdressers and Friends, Iowa Artistry, Wichita Transgender Alliance, and Omaha River City Gender Alliance.

### **TS - GENDER DYSPHORIA SUPPORT: Box 45124,**

Kansas City MO 64171

Support group for people in transition, or who have changed gender and their significant others. Provides services to F-Ms and M-Fs equally. Open to all sexual orientations. Meetings every other Friday evening. Contact Joan Cunningham, ☎ (816) 241-1411

## **KANSAS (660-679)**

### **TV/TS/SO -CROSSDRESSERS AND FRIENDS: CAF, Box 4092,**

Overland Park KS 66204

MAGGIE affiliate. Fall Harvest Weekend, regional conference with MAGGIE every fall. Social and educational support group. Meetings on the first Thursday each month. Business meeting/social night the third Saturday of each month. Partner support, Big Sister program. ☞ Newsletter ☎ (913) 791-3847

### **TV/TS - WICHITA TRANSGENDER ALLIANCE: P O Box 315,**

Kechi KS 67067

MAGGIE affiliate. Peer support group open to anyone regardless of sex, sexual preference, race, or religion. Bi-weekly meetings at a local church; small donation requested, but not required. WTA provides mutual support, social get-togethers, referrals to sympathetic professionals. Changing facilities, brochures. A chat with an officer of the Alliance required to ensure that you'd benefit. ☞ Newsletter

**CD RESEARCH CENTER:** Rebecca Gail Croslove,  
418 Linn Street, Leavenworth KS 66048-3437

## **NEBRASKA (680-693)**

### **TV/TS/SO - RIVER CITY GENDER ALLIANCE: RCGA, P O Box 680,**

Council Bluffs IA 51502-0680

MAGGIE affiliate. Educational, support, and social group. Monthly meetings, a bi-monthly newsletter, referrals for professional counseling, personal listings, social opportunities, changing facilities, and library. Screening required. ☞ *The Transformer*

## **LOUISIANA (700-714)**

### **TV/TS/SO - GULF AREA GENDER ALLIANCE: Box 870213,**

New Orleans LA 70187-1300

Open support group. No longer a Tri-Ess chapter. Spouses and SOs invited to participate. Meetings the second Saturday of each month in New Orleans. ☞ *The Flip Side*

### **TS/TV/CD/FI/SO NEW GROUP FORMING: c/o LA Belle, P O Box 4373,**

Baton Rouge LA 70821-4373

We are open to all in the transgender community. Part of the Southern Transgender Education Program. Write for more information.

## **ARKANSAS (716-729)**

### **▲ - WIVES'/PARTNERS' CONCERNS: Linda Peacock, P O Box 24031, Little Rock AR 72221**

Membership fee for wives/partners is \$10 per year. This includes membership in Tri-Ess and subscription to quarterly *Sweetheart Connection*. An additional \$25 is required if you also want to get the *Femme Mirror*. ☞ *Sweetheart Connection*

### **▲ - MU SIGMA, TRI-ESS: P O Box 24031, Little Rock AR 72221**

Social/support group for heterosexual crossdressers, their significant others, and families. ☎ (501) 227-8798, (501) 523-2466



## OKLAHOMA (730-749)

**TV/TS - CROSS DRESSERS INTERNATIONAL:** C.D.I.,  
c/o Ms Gwen Pete, P O Box 50192, Tulsa OK 74104  
Social organization and support group. No one excluded for sex or sexual preference.  
Get-togethers every other Saturday and someone is generally available for telephone  
contact 7 days a week. We listen, talk, and offer support for all phases of transgenderism.  
☎ (918) 582-6643/835-5334

▲ - **SIGMA BETA:** P O Box 42122, Oklahoma City OK 73123  
Social/support group for heterosexual crossdressers, their SOs, and families.

**TV/TS - DESIRE:** c/o Ms. Gwen Pete, P O Box 50192, Tulsa OK 74104  
For all sisters and spouses. Will answer all questions on femme males and personal  
problems. Suicide is not the answer. I know. Fee: be a friend to the needy.

## TEXAS (750-799)

▲ - **DELTA OMEGA CHAPTER aka METROPLEX CD CLUB:**  
P O Box 141924, Irving TX 75014  
Serving the transgender community of the Dallas-Fort Worth area. Meetings every  
second Saturday of the month in the Dallas/Fort Worth area. Help Me, Accept Me  
discussion group meets on third Monday of each month at 7:30pm. ☎ (214) 264-7103  
☞ *The Texas Rose*

**TV/TS - AGAPE:** 1631 Dorchester, #112, Plano TX 75075  
Support for female-to-male and male-to-female TVs and TSs. Call for more information.  
☎ (214) 424-1234

**FTM - RECAST EDUCATIONAL AND INFORMATIONAL NETWORK:**  
ReCast, P O Box 224001, Dallas TX 75222-4001  
National FTM support organization. Interacts with psychiatrists, psychologists, thera-  
pists and other professionals. Gives seminars on gender issues. Offers F2M educational  
material. Local bi-monthly meetings, international FTM network. ☞ *En\*Gender*

**SO - SIGNIFICANT OTHER SUPPORT:** SOS, c/o ReCast, P O Box  
224001, Dallas TX 75222-4001  
Support and information for partners, families and friends of Female-to-Male transgen-  
dered or transsexual persons. Group works through a quarterly column in several F2M  
newsletters. Call or write to share with someone who has been down the same path.  
☎ (214) 641-4842 Rebecca

**TS - TS-PEER SUPPORT MEETINGS:** Alice Webb, MSW, Atrium Crest  
Bldg., 18333 Egret Bay Blvd., Ste560, Houston TX 77058  
Peer support meetings in the Clear Lake area, \$5 charge for refreshments. Please call  
before coming. ☎ (713) 333-2278

**TV/TS/SO - GULF COAST TRANSGENDER COMMUNITY:** GCTC,  
P O Box 66643, Houston TX 77266  
Social organization. Meetings second Saturday each month. Group discussion, noon on  
first Tuesday and evening on third Thursday. Co-sponsors International Conference on  
Transgender Law and Employment Policy. Interview for new members.  
☎ (713) 780-GCTC, (713) 780-4282 voice ☞ *Gulf Coast Transgender Community*

**TS/SO - TEXAS ASSOCIATION OF TRANSSEXUALS:** TATS, P O Box  
142, Bellaire TX 77401 Taylor Montgomery  
Guys' Social, Gals' Social, Combo Social. Must contact before attending.  
☞ Newsletter ☎ (713) 827-5913 voice mail

▲ - **TAU CHI CHAPTER - TRI-ESS:** Box 1105, Alief TX 77411-1105  
Meetings the third Saturday of the month in the Houston area. Wives and Partners  
Auxiliary meets the second Friday of the month. Boys R Us meets monthly (meet male  
self) Heterosexual Cross-dressers Anonymous (HCDA) meets every Wednesday evening.  
Screening required for new members. ☎ (713) 988-8064 voice. ☞ *Femme Forum*

**SO - WATS:** P O Box 17, Bulverde TX 78163  
A support group for women involved with transgendered men. Names are confidential.  
☎ (210) 980-7788, before 9:00pm CT, please. ☞ *Partners*

**TV/TS/SO - BOULTON AND PARK SOCIETY:** P O Box 17,  
Bulverde TX 78163  
Peer support for people with any gender transposed nature. Meetings the first Saturday  
of each month, local referrals, outreach, reference library, sponsors annual Texas T Party,  
spouse/partner support through Women Associated with Transgendered Support (WATS),  
couples support, TS issues group. Screened prior to meeting attendance.  
☎ (210) 980-7788 ☞ *Gender Euphoria*

**T S - SAN ANTONIO TRANSSEXUAL SUPPORT GROUP:**  
Address invalid. Meetings the third Saturday of each month. ☞ Monthly newsletter

**TV/TS/SO - AUSTIN SECOND IMAGE:** P O B 14965, Austin TX 78761  
All enjoy full membership/voting rights. *Don't walk in front of me; I may not follow.*  
*Don't walk behind me; I may not lead. Walk beside me and just be my friend.*- Camus.  
Monthly meeting, Austin area. Personal interview. ☎ (512) 515-5460 Wed. 7-9pm

▲ - **ALPHA CHI CHAPTER of TRI-ESS:** P O Box 50266,  
Amarillo TX 79159  
Monthly meetings on the first Saturday of each month in Amarillo, TX area.  
☎ (806) 359-7714, most evenings except Wednesdays and Sundays.

**TV/TS - WEST TEXAS GENDER ALLIANCE:** c/o Tami Maloney, P O Box  
6726, Abilene TX 79608  
Group meets the second Saturday of each month in Abilene, Texas. Personal interview.

**THE CENTER FOR CHANGE, DEVELOPMENT AND SUPPORT:**  
7525 John T. White Road, Fort Worth TX 76120,  
Dr. George Carpenter, Director for Transgender Medical Therapy.  
Comprehensive medical practice, HIV specialized physicians, psychiatrist, psy-  
chotherapists, registered massage therapy, hypnotherapist. Care for crossdressing,  
transgendered, and transsexual persons and their partners. Complete treatment  
plans. Surgical referrals as indicated. Member HBGDA. ☎ (817) 429-4769

**ROSENBERG CLINIC, Gender Treatment Program:**  
1103 Rosenberg, Galveston TX 77550

Formerly the Gender Clinic, University of Texas Medical Branch. Since the mid-  
'70s professional services rendered to the transgender community throughout the  
Southern U.S. Subscribe to the *Standards of Care*. Support group meetings held  
so new and old clients can meet and share experiences. Treatment services are  
available to those not specifically seeking surgical intervention. ☎ (409) 763-0016

## COLORADO (800-816)

**SO - TEENAGE KIDS OF TS:** TAKOTS, c/o Laurie Ciccotello, 1740 S.  
Buckley Road #6-178, Aurora CO 80017  
Support group for children of T-persons.

**TV/TS - THE PHOENIX PROJECT:** 1740 South Buckley Road, #6-178,  
Aurora CO 80017  
Transition support services. Speakers' Bureau.

**TV/TS - GENDER IDENTITY CENTER OF COLORADO, INC.:** GIC,  
1455 Ammons Street, Suite 100, Lakewood CO 80215  
Educational and affiliative organization designed to provide a public service to the  
community. GIC provides information and education on the issues of crossdressing and  
gender conflict through a library of books and journal articles, rap sessions, workshops  
and seminars, and guest speakers from various areas of the community. GIC also provides  
a Speakers' Bureau. Long distance calls will be returned collect if you so indicate when  
you leave a message. ☎ (303) 202-6466

▲ - **DELTA CHAPTER, TRI-ESS (Denver):** P O Box 16208, Denver CO  
80216  
A support/social group with monthly meetings and activities, addressed to the issues of  
the crossdresser and family. Established wives' network, directory of commercial  
services and correspondence. Screening interview before attending. ☞ *Femme Mirror*  
☎ (303) 595-5TRI

**TV/TS - SUPPORT GROUP OF PUEBLO:** P O B 1918, Pueblo CO 81002  
Support and educational group for the gender community of Southern Colorado. Meets  
at 7:00 pm 2nd Tuesday of each month at 635 W. Corona, Space 126. ☎ (719) 543-6460

# INSTITUTE FOR GENDER STUDY AND TREATMENT:

Tomye Kelley, MA, P O Box 126, Arvada CO 80001  
Practice limited to work with CDs, the gender conflicted, and their significant others. Private one-on-one psychotherapy, weekly support groups, process groups for those in or preparing for transition. Professional Speakers' Forum. ☎ (303) 420-9885

# DEB-ANN THOMPSON, PhD, NCACII, CACIII:

2755 S. Locust Street, Suite #207, Denver CO 80222  
Psychotherapist. ☎ (303) 758-6634

## WYOMING (820-831)

### TG/TS - CENTRAL WYOMING TRANSGENDER SUPPORT GROUP:

4820 South Ash, Casper WY 82601  
Open TG/TS support group. Weekly meetings on Friday. ☎ (307) 473-2429

## UTAH (840-847)

### TG - REFLECTION HOUSE: P O Box 628, Pleasant Grove UT 84062

Hosts local self-help educational seminars and support groups for transgendered people. Admission by application/invitation only. ☎ & FAX (801) 224-4737

### ▲ - ALPHA RHO, SALT LAKE CITY CHAPTER, TRI-ESS: Alpha Rho,

P O Box 571242, Murray UT 84157-1242  
Support group for heterosexual Male-to-Female crossdressers and their families.  
☎ (801) 553-8141

### TENDERLY SUPPORTIVE GENDER SUPPORT NETWORK:

Group is no longer running. All correspondence should be through Robin Dexter at Reflection House, listed above.

## ARIZONA (850-864)

### TV/TS - A ROSE: P O Box 82813, Phoenix AZ 85071-2813

All are welcome: M-F, F-M. Offering support, problem solving and friendship regardless of your orientation or practices. ☎ *A Rose News*

### ▲ - ALPHA ZETA CHAPTER: P O Box 1738, Tempe AZ 85280

A support group offering social activities, monthly meetings. Before attending, an interview with a chapter officer is required. ☎ *The Cactus Flower*

### WINGSPAN: 422 North 4th Avenue, Tucson AZ 85705

Gay and Lesbian Center. Some TG groups meet there from time to time. Write for more information.

### TV/TS/Gay CD - SORORITY:

Support group for the members, families and friends. No structured fees or mandatory dress laws. Inquire. ☎ (602) 293-3456

### COUNSELING ASSOCIATES: Ginnie Monroe Grant, CISW, 5440 S. Clambake, Tempe AZ 85283

Individual, family and small group counseling and education for all gender issues. Insurance accepted as full fee, sliding scale, available evenings, days, weekends.  
☎ (602) 897-0444

### SHEILA FRIEDEMAN DICKSON, PhD:

3930 East Camelback Rd, # 205, Phoenix AZ 85018  
Clinical psychologist experienced in individual, couples and family TV/TS and gender identity counseling. Referrals. Uses Harry Benjamin Standards of Care.  
☎ (602) 956-3006

## NEW MEXICO (870-884)

### ▲ - FIESTA! Chapter of Tri Ess: 8200 Montgomery NE, #241, Albuquerque NM 87109.

Social support group, the Phi Chapter of Tri-Ess. Monthly meetings in the Albuquerque area. Screening required for new members. ☎ *Fiesta!*

## NEVADA (890-898)

TV/TS/SO - JENNIFER & FRIENDS: P O Box 1284, Sparks NV 89432  
Social support group meets once a month. Only members may come to meetings.

### TG/TS/SO - TRANSSEXUALS SUPPORT GROUP:

For both F-M and M-F. Meetings the second and fourth Saturdays of the month at the Community Counseling Center, 1120 Almond Tree Lane, Las Vegas, Nevada, at 6:00 pm. Will consider hormones, doctors, surgery, name changes, passing problems, relationships, careers and job problems, and educational issues. Non-threatening environment for spouses, significant others, and family members. For more information leave a message for Marty. ☎ (702) 594-7884

### CARING COUNSELING:

Nancy Lee, PhD, 2061 Market Street, Reno NV 89502  
Individual, couple, group and family counseling. Gender identity and sexuality issues, validation of individuality. One- or two-hour sessions. ☎ (702) 322-7771

## SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA(900-960)

TG/TS/SO - MINORITY AIDS PROJECT: 5149 W. Jefferson Blvd., Los Angeles CA 90016

Discussion and rap groups conducted by the Project's TS/TG program for TG/TS persons and their SOs. HIV/AIDS information, hormone treatment, support groups and more. ☎ (213) 936-9338

### TS - AMERICAN TRANSEXUAL EDUCATION CENTER: A.T.E.C.,

1626 N. Wilcox Ave, #584, Hollywood CA 90028 Amanda Silvestri, Dir.  
Serving the transgender and transsexual community, a confidential and non-judgmental telephone crisis and personal counseling, referrals to support groups in your area, electrologists, medical/psychological help, speakers, & newsletter. ☎ (213) 389-6938

### ▲ - ALPHA CHAPTER OF TRI-ESS: P O Box 36091, Los Angeles CA 90036, Kym Richards, Pres., Virginia Prince Founder.

Los Angeles Chapter of the Society for the Second Self, incorporating both the Sigma Chi and Lambda Alpha Chapters. Monthly meetings to offer support to heterosexual CDs and their wives/partners/families. ☎ ask for Virginia. (213) 876-6141 ☎ *Alpha Bits*

TV/TG/TS/SO - GENDER AWARENESS LEAGUE: c/o Grace Bredow, P O Box 46062, Los Angeles CA 90046

For individuals and loved ones related to gender issues. Meetings every Monday night 8-10pm at the Gay and Lesbian Community Center, 1625 Hudson Street, Room #109, Los Angeles.

### TV - ANDROGYNY: P O Box 480740, Los Angeles CA 90004

Social and support group for those who crossdress. Meet on Tuesday nights from 8:00-10:00pm in Santa Monica, CA. Mention that you are calling about Androgyny. 9:00am - 9:00pm PT. ☎ (213) 467-8317, Shiela or Shirley

### TG/SO - GENDER EXPRESSIONS: Address invalid.

Outreach for TG people and their families. Group meetings, outings and seminars. Listings of books, tapes and organizations. ☎ (310) 869-4241, FAX 869-5662

TV/TS - CLUB CHERCHEZ LA FEMME: P O Box 14521 Long Beach CA 90803

Private membership club for those who appreciate the drag scene. Once-a-month dance party with cover charge discounts for members. Can include discount with some merchants catering to TVs. Send SASE for details.

TV/TS - ON THE SCENE NIGHT: Marlayna Lacie, 1856 Cherry #608, Long Beach CA 90806

Sponsor open parties for ladies to come out and meet friends. Everyone welcome. On the Scene Night the 2nd Saturday of every month, and Fantasy Fetish Fashion Night the 4th Saturday of every month at the Queen Mary in Studio City. ☎ *TV Epic*

TV/SO - CROSSDRESSER HETEROSEXUAL INTERSOCIAL CLUB: CHIC, P O Box 8487, Long Beach CA 90808

For heterosexual CDs only, their wives, professional people (MDs, psychologists, teachers, etc.), and friends. We are a local S. California organization. Offer support and

friendship, stress security, good manners. Meetings, parties, dinners, and seminars on makeup, wigs, clothes, and other topics of interest. Sponsor public educational programs. Meetings held 2nd Saturday night of each month for members and approved guests.

☎ Information/Speakers Bureau: (714) 993-7142. ☞ *CHIC Clippings*

#### CD/TS - CD SOCIAL GROUP

P O Box 224, Montrose CA 91021

A group free of politics with never a dull moment. Write for information.

#### CD/TS/SO - BORN FREE::

PO Box 1897, Corona CA 91720

Monthly dinner meeting with guest speaker for members of the gender community, their family and friends. Planned members-only outings from time to time. \$40 per year. Screening required. ☞ *Born Free*

TV/TS/SO - **PSGV TRANSGENDERED SUPPORT:** 401 South Main Street, Suite 104, Pomona CA 91765

All M-F, F-M transgenderists, their significant others, friends, and anyone else interested are welcome to attend a support group meeting held at the Pomona/San Gabriel Valley Gay & Lesbian Center every Tuesday at 7:30 pm. Meetings are free, but a donation is requested. ☎ (909) 620-8987

TV/TS/SO - **NEUTRAL CORNER:** P O Box 12581, San Diego CA 92112

A self-help group to help its members live normal and productive lives. Serving San Diego County with social and educational programs, a communication network, monthly meetings, monthly newsletter, membership consulting, wives' and families' input.

☎ (619) 685-3696 ☞ *Reflections*

#### TS - PHOENIX RISING:

c/o Kristen Dixon, P O Box 632852, San Diego CA 92163-2852

A support/social group for transsexuals in transition. Weekly meetings offering mutual support and friendship. Sharing resources, knowledge, hope. No dues or fees required.

#### LOVED ONES OF TRANSEXUALS

Monthly support group for family, friends of transsexuals and interested medical professionals facilitated by Jeanee Ebner, a mother of a post-op TS. Meets the second Thursday of each month. Specifically for TSs and their affiliates. ☎ (714) 786-6891

#### LADIES KNIGHT OUT: Address invalid.

Heterosexual crossdressing couples' support group. Monthly BBQs, potlucks, and parties supplemented by outings to a variety of places for fun. Call or write. ☎ (714) 262-9105

TV/TS/SO - **POWDER PUFFS OF CALIFORNIA:** PPOC, P O Box 1088, Yorba Linda CA 92686

Open social and support group. Meetings are held the 3rd Saturday of each month. Hosts annual anniversary and Christmas dinners. Sponsors annual weekend event in April/May, California Dreamin'. Founding member of Southern Cal.Gender Leadership Council. Interview by club officer is required. ☎ (714) 779-9013 weekdays 9:00 to 9:00 pm PT, leave message. ☞ *PPOC Girl Talk*

#### ▲ - TRI-CHI - TRI ESS: P O Box 194, Tulare CA 93275

Social and support group for crossdressers and their significant others. See Society for the Second Self, Tulare, CA

#### ▲ - SOCIETY FOR THE SECOND SELF: Carol Beecroft, Box 194, Tulare CA 93275

Tri-Ess is a non-profit organization exclusively for heterosexual crossdressers and their significant others. Tri-Ess provides a correspondence directory, a directory of commercial services, and chapters throughout the US. Membership and attendance at a local chapter meeting requires an interview with the chapter president or older member to ensure that the applicant is heterosexual, complies with Tri-Ess code of conduct.

☎ (209) 688-9246 ☞ *Femme Mirror*

#### BRAD TAYLOR, MA

Offices of Jerome Rabow, PhD, 10350 Santa Monica Blvd.  
Ste 310 Los Angeles CA 90025

Registered Marriage Family Child Counselor Intern. Works with couples and individuals on issues related to transvestism/crossdressing. ☎ (310) 576-5455

#### GENDER DYSPHORIA PROGRAM OF ORANGE COUNTY, INC.:

32158 Camino Capistrano, Suite 203, San Juan

Capistrano CA 92675 Wm. G. Heard, PhD, Director.

Program for gender dysphoric persons. Evaluative and treatment techniques developed which permit extensive screening and interaction of the patient at minimum cost, integrating the patient into the mainstream of society. Permits the patient to explore alternatives to sex reassignment while providing an effective support mechanism during transition. 4-block procedure consisting of intake, transition/support, surgery approval/disapproval, follow-up. ☎ (714) 240-7020

**LOS ANGELES GENDER CENTER:** LAGC, 3331 Ocean Park Blvd., Ste 100, Santa Monica CA 90405. Marie Keller, MFCC

LAGC is a collaborative of mental health professionals who provide treatment for individuals and their families dealing with gender-related issues. Individual, family, group therapy and educational services related to CD/TS/lesbian/gay/bisexual issues. Screening session with psychotherapist needed.

#### TRANSGENDER COUNSELING AND RESEARCH CENTER: 4545 Park Boulevard, Suite 207, San Diego CA 92116

Program for those in transition, their friends and relatives. Follows Harry Benjamin Standards of Care. Psychotherapy, psychological testing, referrals, group psychotherapy, TS support group, TV support group, family and friends support group. ☎ (619) 542-0088 ext. 1

#### ROXANNE CHERRY, PhD:

343 3rd Street, Laguna Beach CA 92651

Licensed marriage family child therapist. Individual, couple, group psychotherapy, gender dysphoria, sexual orientation issues.

☎ (714) 497-9925

#### THE PRINCE INSTITUTE: P O Box 2916,

Palm Springs CA 92263 Angela Prince, Ph.D. Director

A private transgender awareness center offering counselling, education, and support services. Individual and/or group counselling primarily for the cross-dresser/transvestite and/or his significant other. Trans-gender, human sexuality, and personal development classes, seminars, and workshops are also available. Services may be conducted through office visits, by telephone, or correspondence.

#### INFO LINK ORANGE COUNTY:

Free, confidential referrals to over 3000 agencies.

Also available in Spanish and TDD. ☎ (714) 851-2883

### NORTHERN CALIFORNIA (900-960)

TV/TS - **TRANSGENDER NATION SAN FRANCISCO:**

584 Castro, Box 288, San Francisco CA 94114-2588

Focus group of Queer Nation working through direct action for transgender liberation. Been transphobed? Give us a call, have a chat with your oppressors. Stay together. Check your buddy. ☎ (415) 863-6717

FTM - **FPSG:** Address invalid.

Support group for FTM TSs of COLOR ONLY. Bi-weekly meetings dealing with crossliving, survival, legal matters, personal issues, etc. This is a welcoming and non-judgmental atmosphere. We support and respect men who live without hormones to men who are post-mastectomy, as well as gay, bisexual and straight FTM men.

TV/TS - **SAN FRANCISCO GENDER INFORMATION:** SFGI, P O Box 423602, San Francisco CA 94142-3602, Christine Beatty.

Maintains database of transgender resources for San Francisco Bay area. Maintains list of speakers for public speaking on gender issues. Database printout including bibliography for \$3.00. Send SASE for further info.

TV/TS/SO - **EDUCATIONAL TV CHANNEL:** ETVC, P O Box 423602, San Francisco CA 94142-6486

TVs, TSs, SOs, and friends. Social, educational group, to meet and to have a good time as well as educate the public. Open membership policy with over 400 members and provides a full program of educational and social activities and referrals. ☎ (510) 549-2665 hotline; (415) 334-3439 vice-aile. Telzey at (510) 849-4112 ☞ *The Channel*



**SIGNIFICANT OTHERS SUPPORT:** SOS, c/o ETVC, P O Box 426486, San Francisco CA 94142-6486

Affiliated with ETVC. An educational and support organization for the Significant Others of CD/TSs. Meetings. ☞ Newsletter

**TV/TS/SO - DIABLO VALLEY GIRLS:** DVG, P O Box 272885, Concord CA 94527-2885

Informal, social support group. Meetings the first Tuesday and third Monday of every month at 8 pm, at Just Rewards, 2520 Camino Diablo, Walnut Creek. DVG is an open group and welcomes all mature and responsible persons. ☎ (510) 937-8432 answered live weekday evenings 7-9 pm Pacific Time. ☞ *Devil Woman*

**TV/TS/SO - PACIFIC CENTER FOR HUMAN GROWTH:** 1250 Pine Street, Walnut Creek CA 94596

Peer support/discussion groups for TG persons. Satellite office. ☎ (510) 939-7711

**TS/SO - SOCIETY FOR INITIATIVES AND SERVICES IN TRANSGENDER ISSUES (SISTI):** Address invalid.

Social support and empowerment gathering for Transgendered individuals. Issues addressed include HIV/AIDS care, risk reduction, outreach, family and mental health issues. Counseling is also provided. ☎ (510) 601-7975 Sharon Grayson (510) 601-9066 AMASSI

**FTM/SO - FEMALE-TO-MALE:** FTM, 5337 College Avenue #142, Oakland CA 94618

Monthly support group exclusively for female-to-male crossdressers, TSs, and their significant others. Quarterly FTM newsletter \$15.00/yr (\$20 Inter.), Professional sub. rate \$25.00/yr. FTM Resource Guide \$5.00. Inquire. ☞ Newsletter

**TV/TS/SO - PACIFIC CENTER FOR HUMAN GROWTH:** 2712 Telegraph Avenue, Berkeley CA 94705

Peer support/discussion groups for transgendered persons. This is the main office. ☎ (510) 548-8283

**TV/TS/TG - SWAN'S INNER SOCIETY:** P O B 1423, San Jose CA 95109

Worldwide sisterhood founded in 1987 for transgendered individuals seeking to explore and develop their feminine experience. Many activities are done by mail. Access and referrals to other groups, helping professionals. ☞ *Swan's Bauble* monthly ☎ (408) 297-1423 FAX (408) 993-8173

**TV - THURSDAY IRREGULARS:** c/o Joan Sheldon, P O Box 6541, San Jose CA 95150-6541

For over 10 years a group of TVs and their friends have met every Thursday for lunch. An informal discussion group and meeting of good friends. Participants come as their "male" selves. Group security conscious, so inquire about requirements.

**TV/TS/SO - RAINBOW GENDER ASSOCIATION:** RGA, P O Box 700730, San Jose CA 95170

Formerly San Jose Chapter, GGA. Social/support group regardless of gender or sexual orientation. Safe and welcome place for all to get together with like-minded individuals. Meetings first and third Fridays of each month. We reach out to all transsexuals and transvestites in an effort to help them accept, make peace with themselves. Visitors welcome. ☞ Newsletter ☎ (408) 984-4044 warmline

**TV/TS/SO - SACRAMENTO GENDER ASSOCIATION:** SGA, Blue Rose Chapter, P O Box 215456, Sacramento CA 95821-1456

SGA is a non-sexual membership-based organization serving the educational, social, and recreational needs of the gender-challenged community. Membership is open to all interested persons regardless of gender or sexual orientation. Monthly socials, support groups. ☎ (916) 482-7742 ☞ Newsletter

▲ - **SIGMA SIGMA BETA - TRI ESS (Sierra Silver Bells):** SSB, P O Box 19933, S. Lake Tahoe CA 96151. See, Society for the Second Self, Tulare CA.

**WILLIAM A. HENKIN, PhD:** 1801 Bush Street, Suite 111, San Francisco CA 94109

Psychotherapist and board certified sex therapist specializing in work with adults living alternative sex and gender lifestyles. Gender identity concerns and transitions, SM/DS/BD, infantilism, sexual orientation included. Individuals, significant others, couples. ☎ (415) 923-1150

**GENDER & SELF ACCEPTANCE PROGRAM:** GSAP, P O Box 424447, San Francisco CA 94142 Gianna Eveling Israel, Director. A private personal growth counseling program providing individual, couple, and small group sessions focusing on gender, self & social acceptance, whole-self integration, coming-out, cross-dressing, HIV concerns, and ACA/Co-dependency issues. Short & long-term counseling, small group support and quarterly weekend workshops focusing on gender & acceptance/integration issues. Sliding scale fee. Serving TSs, TVs, and other minorities. Provide professional counseling & training.

☎ (415) 558-8058

**TENDERLOIN SELF-HELP CENTER:**

191 Golden Gate Ave, San Francisco CA 94102

We are an innovative, non-traditional mental health program. We are a project of Central City Hospitality House. Training in peer counseling, support group facilitation, job training. We offer peer counseling, TV/TS support groups, A.A., shelter referrals and emergency medical care referrals, and other basic survival needs. We serve the Tenderloin/South of Market communities of San Francisco.

☎ (415) 554-0518

**REBECCA AUGÉ, PhD:**

3637 Grand Ave., Suite C, Oakland CA 94610

Clinical Psychologist working with patients on gender issues, gender dysphoria, crossdressing, gender role transition, couples issues, child abuse, dysfunctional family histories, among others. Member of HBGDA, uses Standards of Care, a sliding fee scale. ☎ (415) 426-0718 or 835-9820.

**HARRY BENJAMIN INTERNATIONAL GENDER DYSPHORIA ASSOCIATION:** HBGDA, P O Box 1718, Sonoma CA 95476.

Resource for professionals who work with gender dysphoric patients. Established the *Standards of Care*, the international guideline for the treatment of gender dysphoria.

☎ (707) 938-2871

**ANNE VITALE, PhD:** D Street Counseling Group, 610 D St., San Rafael CA 94901

Psychotherapist specializing in gender-related issues. Counseling Psychologist. Post-op TS (Jan. 1980). In private practice since 1984. Member of HBGDA and Bay Area Gender Associates. I provide complete pre- and post-op psychotherapy, and make recommendations for hormonal therapy and sex reassignment surgery when applicable. Gender issues group work available and recommended.

☎ (415) 456-4452

**JEANNE M. WEST:** 450 San Antonio Road #50, Palo Alto CA 94306;

Behavioral therapist. Experienced with the gender community. Private sessions. Confidential. ☎ (415) 494-2952.

## HAWAII (967-969)

**HAWAII TRANSGENDERED OUTREACH:** P O Box 4530, Honolulu HI 96812-4530

Social and support group. Bi-weekly meetings held at private location. Support groups, referrals, information. ☎ (808) 923-4270 ☞ Newsletter

**SEXUAL IDENTITY CENTER:** SIC, Box 3224, Honolulu HI 96801-3224

Therapists, referrals, special support group for TVs and TSs. ☎ (808) 926-1000

## OREGON (970-979)

**CD - NORTHWEST GENDER ALLIANCE:** NWGA, P O Box 4928, Portland OR 97208

A social organization serving the crossdressing community. The Northwest Chapter has at least one function a month. The days vary in order to enable all to attend as often as possible. ☎ (503) 646-2802 ☞ Newsletter

**TV/TG/TS/SO - TRANS-PORT:** P O Box 66913, Portland OR 97290-6913  
Peer support group for all transgendered individuals, their families and friends. One general meeting a month and several support meetings. Call for times and locations. Yearly dues \$36 and \$6 for partner. Screening interview required for new members.  
☞ **TRANS-PORT** ☎ (503) 774-7463

**TV/TS/SO - CAPITOL CITY CHAPTER:** P O Box 3312, Salem OR 97302  
Social support group for heterosexual crossdressers, transsexuals, and significant others. Support rap sessions, social events, assistance available for wig, makeup, clothing and demeanor. Monthly meetings. Individuals will be screened.

**TS - SALMACIS:** The Equalitarian Feminist Social Society, Box 1604, Eugene OR 97440-1604 Sally Ann Douglas, Social Director; Leslie-Shawn Witham, hypnotherapist  
Salmacis is a social support society devoted to the concept of feminism, supporting all those who are or desire to become women. Direct telephone counseling, contact with others with similar interests, contact with our central organization and other organizations, and personal growth workshops. Salmacis meets the 3rd Monday of every month, 8PM at the Riv, 39 W. 10th St., Eugene, OR. ☎ (503) 688-4282 (Sally Ann, 6-11 PM PST).  
☞ *Femmes Together* and *The Equalitarian Feminist*

**TS - SALISHON, The Womyn's Information Network:** SALISHON, Box 1604, Eugene OR 97440-1604 Leslie-Shawn Witham, Director.  
A service and information network for womyn who perceive themselves living an alternative lifestyle. The only femininity clinic for males and she-males that is run by a staff of professional women.

## WASHINGTON (980-994)

**TS/SO - TRANSEXUAL LESBIANS AND FRIENDS:** TLF, Seattle WA  
Open to the gay and transgendered community as well. We seek strength through diversity. Meetings every Friday at 6:30pm. Call for location. Significant Others especially urged to attend. We plan monthly functions. There is no membership fee. New members are screened. Members must be drug and alcohol free. ☎ (206) 292-1037

**TV/TS/SO - EMERALD CITY:** P O Box 31318, Seattle WA 98103  
Frequent social and educational events ranging from private to very public. Provides speakers and materials to the media and to public institutions to promote the acceptance of a variety of gender expressions. Attempts to influence legislation in ways favorable to individual rights. Assists partners of cross-dressers in obtaining understanding and acceptance. Partners welcome at meetings and eligible for membership. Guests are welcome at monthly meetings and at events when sponsored and escorted by a member. Prospective members must be sponsored. ☎ (206) 284-1071 ☞ *Newsletter*

### THE INGERSOLL GENDER CENTER: 1812 East Madison, Seattle WA 98122

Ingersoll Gender Center is a non-profit counseling and referral service for the transsexual community in the Northwest. It is managed by a professional board and has eight experienced, licensed therapists with advanced degrees on contract. Ingersoll works closely with the Emerald City and Seattle Counseling Service. Individual/group counseling, consultation to service providers, referrals, research, public information. Weekly support meetings, public information presentations, research, and informational materials upon request. ☎ (206) 329-6651

### PSYCHCARE NORTHWEST, CENTER FOR SEXUAL HEALTH: 2150 North 107th Street, Suite 200, Seattle WA 98133 Jude Patton, CMFT, PA-C

Program offers counseling services, psychiatric evaluation and treatment, psychometric testing, medication management in a warm, caring and supportive professional environment.

## ALASKA(995-999)

**ALASKAN T-PEOPLE:** c/o Bobbie Wendy Tucey, P O Box 670349, Chugiak AK 99567-0349  
Strictly social, not political in any way. Social activities for the whole family: fishing parties, outings, whatever. The purpose is for those of us who have our family's love and support to be able to do things with them.

## CANADA

**TS - ETRE FEMME; QUEBEC TRANSEXUAL ASSOCIATION INC.:**  
Viviane Belanger, 84, Boul. des Allies, Quebec, P. Que., CANADA G1L 1Y2  
French speaking transsexual support for both M-F and F-M. Monthly meetings, medical referrals, psychiatrists, psychologists, hormone therapy, and counselling service for parents of TSs. Private interview, after therapy group in Quebec City. ☎ (418) 529-1152

**TS/SO - FACTT- QUEBEC:** Box 293, Cote de Neiges Post Office, 5858 Cote de Neiges Boulevard, Montreal, Quebec, CANADA H3S 2S6  
Closely affiliated with FACTT - Ontario. A non-profit support organization for transsexuals, their relatives and friends, professionals and para-professionals working in the field of gender dysphoria, and others prepared to support the aims of the Foundation. Information distribution concerning transsexualism. Offers peer support and peer counseling. Organizes support groups across Canada wherever these are feasible and has area representatives wherever possible. Speakers on transsexualism to media, etc.

**TS/SO - TRANSEXUALS IN PRISON:** Succ 293 Cote-des-Neiges, 5858 Cote-des-Neiges Blvd., Mon-treal, Quebec, CANADA H3S 2S6  
Mrs. Patricia Fisher, Distribution Director/Canadian Regional Director,  
Information network for incarcerated transsexuals, including transgendered persons as well. We provide referrals for medical, educational, and public facilities. Counseling services and working with the TS pursuing legal sanctions against their correctional facility with regards to medical care, education, and employment. All incoming mail is screened to ensure that the individual is a person in need of the services offered. ☞ *newsletter*

**TV/TS/SO - CLUB MET (Formerly TAM):** 4113 Dorion Street, Montreal, Quebec, CANADA H2K 3B8  
Social support group. Monthly formal meetings and various social activities. Bi-monthly bilingual newsletter. ☎ (514) 528-8874 ☞ *Garter Press*

**TS/TV - FACTT - OTTAWA:** Box 7421, Vanier, Ontario, CANADA K1L 8E4  
Support group for transsexuals and transvestites. Meetings on the 3rd Saturday of each month. Contact FACTT president through the Ottawa Gayline Arrange a call time.

**TS - TRANSITION SUPPORT:** c/o The Church Street Community Centre, 519 Church Street, Toronto, Ontario, CANADA M4Y 2C9.  
Annual membership fee. Meetings held at 7:30 pm on the second Friday of each month. Meetings are open to TVs, TSs, TGs, SOs, helping professionals, and interested, caring members of the general public. Inquire for details. ☞ *Trans News*

**TV/TS - STREET OUTREACH SERVICES:** SOS, c/o W. Travers, 622 Yonge St, 2nd Fl, Toronto, Ontario, CANADA M4Y 1Z8  
Non-profit Anglican Houses program specifically designed to address the needs of youth, aged 16-24 years engaged in, or drifting towards, the lifestyle of prostitution. Drop-in center (M-F 9:30 am - 5:30 pm), rap groups, legal, medical and welfare consultants, street and office work with youth, AIDS program, one-to-one. ☎ (416) 926-0744 (24 hours)

**TV/TG/TS/SO - GENDER MOSAIC:** P O Box 7421, Vanier Ottawa, Ontario, CANADA K1L 8E4  
Social support group open to all. Meetings twice a month, parties at other times. First Saturday is an alcohol-free social. Frequent informal activities outside the club. Referrals, help line, quarterly newsletter. Membership \$40 per year. ☎ (819) 770-1945  
☞ *Notes from the Underground*

### GENDER IDENTITY CLINIC: Clarke Institute of Psychiatry, 250 College Street, Toronto, Ontario, CANADA M5T 1R8

Offers assessment and counseling for all gender dysphorics referred from any physician. Can include approval for reimbursement of reassignment surgery upon completion of established international criteria. Full assessments done over a three-day period. Weekly therapy available for those in area, referrals for those further away. Staff is available for public speaking. ☎ (416) 979-2221, ext. 2339

**TV/TS/SO - CANADIAN CROSSDRESSERS' CLUB:** Canadian CDC, 161 Gerrard Street East, Toronto, Ontario, CANADA M5A 2E4  
FUN for CD, TS, TG, SOs, friends, female impersonators, and drag queens. Parties every Saturday night. Space for storage and changing, private transformation room, and two over-night guest rooms. Located in downtown Toronto. Modest screening process. ☎ (416) 921-6112 (24 hours) ☞ *CanadianCrossdresserMagazine*

**TV/TS/SO - MONARCH SOCIAL CLUB:** MSC, Mississauga A, P O Box 386, Mississauga, Ontario, CANADA L5A 3A1

Social organization. Private/public functions, correspondence, peer linking service. Members receive *Crossdressers Resource and Survival Guide*. Sponsors annual Mardi Gras Weekend the first weekend in October. Membership interview. ☞ Newsletter

**TV/TS/SO - PRAIRIE ROSE GENDER CLUB:** Box 23 Grp 4 RR1, Dugald, Manitoba, R0E 0K0 CANADA

Open, support, social and educational club with accent on fun and education. General meetings the first Thursday of the month, socialization meetings following Thursdays in Winnipeg. Write to get meeting date with an interviewer for required screening process. Also runs Gender Help Line in evenings. ☎ (204) 257-2759

**TV/TS/SO - ILLUSIONS SOCIAL CLUB:** Box 2000, 6802 Ogden Rd. SE, Calgary, Alberta, CANADA T2C 1B4.

Social support group meetings the second Saturday and last Thursday of the month (7:30pm). Door fee for cost plus a little contribution to charity. Yearly membership \$30 includes subscription to newsletter and membership card. New members must be screened. Must be member or invited guest to attend meetings. ☞ Bi-monthly newsletter

▲ - **PHI SIGMA CHAPTER OF TRI-ESS:** Attn: Audrey Allen, Box 81115, 755 Lake Bonavista Drive S.E., Calgary, Alberta CANADA T2J 7C9

Social support group for heterosexual crossdressers and their significant others. Meets monthly except for July and August. All membership strictly confidential.

**TV/TS/SO - ILLUSIONS SOCIAL CLUB:** Box 33002 Glenwood P O, Edmonton, Alberta, CANADA T5P 4V8.

Social support group meeting twice a month. Bi-monthly newsletter. ☞ *Illusions*

**TS - TRANSEXUAL SUPPORT GROUP:** Dr. Angela Wensley, 14905 32nd Avenue, White Rock, British Columbia, CANADA V4P 1A4

Support group for transsexuals, including patients of the Gender Dysphoria Clinic in Vancouver, and individuals who have been referred to the clinic. Spouses and children are welcome, as are those visiting from other cities. Meet 7 - 11:00 pm every Wednesday. Locations vary, so inquire for meeting place. By member referral and/or private interview with member. Our policy is to be inclusive rather than exclusive. ☎ (604) 536-2053

**TV/TS/SO - DREAM GIRLS:** P O Box 535, Kamloops, British Columbia, CANADA V2C 5L7

Social support group. Bi-weekly meetings. Write for information. Interview required.

**TS - ZENITH FOUNDATION:** 8415 Granville Street, Box 46, Vancouver, B.C. CANADA V6P 4Z9

TS, TGs. Publishes educational / informational material. Group just forming. Referrals.

**TV/TS/SO - FOUNDATIONS FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF TRANSGENDERED PEOPLE'S SOCIETY:** FATE, 1-1727 William Street, Vancouver, British Columbia, CANADA V5L 2R5

Advocacy, peer counseling, education and awareness programs, weekly drop-in programs, monthly socials, referral services. Open organization. ☎ (604) 254-9591

**TV/SO - CORNBURY SOCIETY:** Box 3745, Vancouver, British Columbia, CANADA V6B 3Z1

Monthly social meetings except June, July and August, for heterosexual crossdressers. Changing facilities. Discreet screening process. Wives and girlfriends welcome. Wig expert, cosmetician, shoe store, larger sizes clothing store, deportment expert.

**GENDER DYSPHORIA CLINIC:** Vancouver General Hospital, 715 West 12th Ave, Vancouver, British Columbia, CANADA V5Z-1M9  
Dr. Diane Watson, Director

Accepts referrals from the patient's general practitioner only. Patients must be residents of British Columbia. Staff includes two psychiatrists, an endocrinology consultant, a psychologist, a social worker, a nurse, two medical consultants, a speech-language pathologist and a coordinator. Psychiatric and psychological counseling, endocrinology, speech therapy. Thursday drop-in, 1:30-3:00pm. Several support groups work with the patients to decide appropriate course of action. SRS is not performed in British Columbia. Minimum of 12 months successful crossliving is required prior to consideration for surgery. ☎ (604) 875-4100

## MEXICO

### MORENA & ORTA GENDER ISSUES SPECIALISTS:

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Col. Villa Coapa, C. P. 14390, Mexico, D. F. MEXICO

Counseling, research and education for transvestites, transsexuals, gender conflicted persons and their families or others. Individual and couples counseling provided by Board Certified Sexologists. Transgender, human sexuality, couple, classes, seminars and workshops. Total confidentiality.

☎ & FAX 673-53-12

## ARGENTINA

**TS - TRANSEXUALS FOR THE RIGHT OF LIFE AND IDENTITY:** TRANSDEVI, Casilla de Correo 151, C.P. 1748 Gral. Rodriguez, Buenos Aires ARGENTINA

## ENGLAND

**TV - BEAUMONT SOCIETY:** BM, Box 3084, London WC1N 3XX ENGLAND

Beaumont is a non-profit, non-sexual organization for crossdressers throughout Great Britain. Evening and weekend functions, counselling for TVs with problems, and a contact system for members. Provide a library, legal advice, and a liaison and referral service, network of organizations throughout Great Britain, and affiliations worldwide. Interview with a qualified member. ☎ 071-756-1782 ☞ *The Beaumont Bulletin*

**TS/SO - WOBS-THE B S PARTNERS GROUP:** BM, WOBS, London WC1N 3XX ENGLAND

A support group for partners and families of crossdressers. Confidential support network with similar problems can be put in touch with each other and given sympathetic help.

**TV/TS - SEAHORSE SOCIETY:** BM Seahorse, Box 6093, London WC1N 3XX ENGLAND

A social organization for heterosexual transvestites and transsexuals, social events, etc. Confidentiality assured. ☞ Newsletter

**TV/TS - BEAUMONT TRUST:** BM Charity, London WC1N 3XX ENGLAND

Registered charity and voluntary body funded by donations. Assists those directly troubled by gender dysphoria or interested in their care. Provides referrals to appropriate organizations, professional counsellors, self-help groups, etc. Assists the gender dysphoric person and family to come to terms with problems.

**TV/TS - THE GENDER TRUST:** BM GENTRUST, London WC1N 3XX ENGLAND

A help group for those who consider themselves to be transsexual, gender dysphoric, or transgendered seeking to adjust their lives to live in the opposite gender. Help also available for family members. We can provide trained counsellors, psychologists, and psychotherapists, and there is a referral procedure to a choice of other therapists as well. Confidentiality assured. ☎ 071 730 7453 from 7-10pm Thursday (transsexuals) 7-10pm Tuesday (transvestites)

**FTM - FTM:** BM NETWORK, London, WC1N 3XX, ENGLAND

Social support group for female to male TSs. Quarterly newsletter, free, but donations requested. Annual meetings held in UK, and local friendship groups throughout the world. ☞ *Boy's Own*

**TV - TRANVESTITE'S SELF HELP GROUP:** TSHG, P O Box 3281 London E1 6JG ENGLAND

This new group for CDs has been formed by ex-members of the defunct TV/TS Support Group. Offers a comfortable place to meet, good changing facilities, refreshments, and regular social events. ☎ 071 289 5240

**TV/TS - NEW TRANSESSEX:** P O Box 3, Basildon, Essex, England SS14 1PT

Social club. Meetings 4th Friday of every month. There is a quarterly magazine, and a help line. Inquire. Very secure. ☎ 0268-583761, Wed./ Sun. evens 7:00pm - 10:00pm. ☞ *Reflections*



**TV/TS - LIVERBIRDS, MERSEYSIDE TV/TS GROUP:** Merseyside TV/TS Group, c/o Friend Merseyside, 36 Bolton Street, Liverpool L3 5LX ENGLAND UK. D. S. Cochran, Secretary

See Beaumont Society. Above address is the Friend Merseyside, the local gay group. They are allowing us to use their place Fridays from 8-10pm. You would be well advised to call and confirm. ☎ 051 709 4745 Friday evenings only

**TV/TS - INTERNATIONAL GENDER TRANSIENT AFFINITY:** IGTA, c/o Miss Phaedra Kelly, Director, 1, Bank Buildings, School Green Road, Freshwater, Isle of Wight, PO40 9AJ, UK of GB

An international network by mail and physical contact, serving front line community cases overseas, engaged in research, documentation, fact finding and rescue missions, linking Third World and politically endangered groups to free world groups. Education, information, active and exchange assistance, communication. No fees, but contributions welcome. Security applicable to location(s). Free World Transgendered individuals not interested in, or able to assist with work, please try other more social groups.

**TV/TS/SO - THE NORTHERN CONCORD (Manchester):** Jenny Baker, P O Box 258, Manchester, M60 1LN ENGLAND

Asocial and support group associated with the Beaumont Society, and the TV/TS Support Group. Meetings at a Bistro in Manchester city every Wednesday night from 7:30 - 12:00. Changing facilities, licensed bar. Accomodation available. ☞ *Cross Talk*

**TV/SO - ROSE'S:** Roundel Street, Sheffield S9 3LE ENGLAND

International membership social and support group for all crossdressers and their partners. Members receive *Repartee* plus Rose's interim newsletters which include members' directory. Meetings on 2nd Fridays monthly in Sheffield, and at other times with local groups elsewhere. Full confidentiality assured. ☎ 0114 261 9444 ☞ *Repartee*

## SCOTLAND

**TV/TS/SO - GRAMPIAN GENDER GROUP:** 3G, Aberdeen, SCOTLAND

Open to members of other groups. First Wednesday of the month from 7:00-9:00 pm, and third Saturday of each month except January, rooms open at 1pm for 2pm meeting, £2.00. Changing facilities or arrive dressed. Wives and partners welcome. Anne Forrester. ☞ *The Tartan Skirt* ☎ 03398 83695

**TV/TS/SO - CROSSLYNX:** c/o SLGS, P O Box 38, Glasgow, SCOTLAND G2 2QF.

Provide help and support to all. No individual will be excluded because of his sexual orientation. Meets in Glasgow on 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of each month. Call Strathclyde Gay and Lesbian switchboard, 041-221-8372. Aware of the need for security.

**CD/SO - TRANS-TRAP (SCOTLAND):** Miss Julie Bradshaw, 30/1 Halmyre Street, Edinburgh EH6 8QD SCOTLAND

Crossdressing counselling and information service set up to help all CDs, their families, partners, and relatives with their problems. It is run by Julie Bradshaw, a transsexual, and her partner Douglas who is not a crossdresser but is involved with the welfare of the partners of the crossdressers. Counselling one-on-one or with the partner or relative if so desired. Utmost discretion. Referrals to other helping professionals if necessary or desired. Trans-Trap is a voluntary service and is entirely funded by donations from clients and friends. Postal clients please send SAE. ☎ 031-555 6416

## IRELAND

**BELFAST BUTTERFLY CLUB:** P O Box 210, Belfast BT11BGN. IRELAND

Social support group for TVs, TSs, friends. Meetings in Belfast on the first and third Tuesday of each month, 7.30pm to 11.30pm. Full program of activities.

## FRANCE

**ASSOCIATION BEAUMONT CONTINENTALE:** c/o Gaby Linsig, 2 Rue des Charpentiers, 68270 Wittenheim, France. See, Beaumont Society, in the England listings.

**CEMTOR(Sexologie et Developpement Hedonique):**  
6 rue de la Bascule, 45100 Orleans, FRANCE.

Advice, information, referrals, hypnosis, sexology and gender identity.

## SWITZERLAND

**KONTAKTFORUM FEMME TRAVESTIE:** KFT, Postfach 6788, CH8023 Zurich, SWITZERLAND

Very active social group in Switzerland. Other details are unavailable at this time.

## NETHERLANDS

**TV/TS/SO - DE STICHTING REBORN:** Maria Danneelserf 10, 2907 BD CAPELLE a/d IJSSEL, NETHERLANDS

Social support group. Meeting once a month in a private apartment on the second Friday, 21.00-02.00H. Small shop for clothes and accessories. Smaller meetings twice a week. Immanuel B.de Vries. ☎ 010-4503469 ☞ Newsletter

**STICHTING NEDERLANDS GENDER CENTRUM:** c/o Ms. I. E. Neumann, Borssenburg 24, 1181 NV Amstelveen, NETHERLANDS

Coordinates contacts between other groups. Mainly works on behalf of transsexuals.

**WERKGROEP (H)ERKENNING:** Caroline and Aloys Hulshof, P O Box 71, 1000 AB Amsterdam, NETHERLANDS

Self-help group for (ex)partners, parents and other relatives of transsexuals.

**STICHTING EDE:** Bennekomseweg 160, 6871 KJ Renkum, NETHERLANDS

Self-help group for female-to-male transsexuals, emotionally. ☞ Newsletter.

**STICHTING OMD:** P O Box 24, 4844 ZG Terheijden (NB), NETHERLANDS

Independent social service for gender dysphoric persons.

**VERENIGING L K G T & T:** P O Box 11575, 1001 GN Amsterdam, NETHERLANDS

Open gender dysphoria group. Monthly regional meetings in various areas. , P O Box 13500, 2501 EM The Hague, NETHERLANDS ☞ *Transformatie*

**TS CONTACT GROUP VIRGIN:** P O Box 71, 1000 AB Amsterdam, NETHERLANDS

TS support group. Friends /relatives welcome.

**WERKGROEP FACET:** Rode Kruislaan 61, 5628 GB Eindhoven, NETHERLANDS

Self-help group for (married) couples where gender issues are a problem. Phone counseling man-to-man or partner-to-partner.

**GENDERTEAM AMSTERDAM** Prof.dr. L.J.G. Gooren,  
Internist/endocrinologist, Dept/ Endocrinology/Andrology,  
Free University Hospital, P O Box 7057,  
1007 MB Amsterdam, the NETHERLANDS

Professionally managed gender program based on the Standards of Care, administered by the Free University Hospital in Amsterdam. Presently treats about 1100 clients. The program provides intake, screening, diagnosis, hormonal treatment, surgery and follow up. ☎ (31)(20)5489111 ext. 199, Fax (31)(20)5487502

**NEDERLANDSEVERENIGING HUMANITAS:**

Ms.P.Klene, P O Box 71, 1000 AB Amsterdam, NETHERLANDS  
Helps TSs. Phone assistance by trained volunteers.

## GERMANY

**TV/TS - TRANSIDENTITAS:** Menschen Mit Abweichender Geschlechts Identitaet, Postfach 10 10 46, 6050 Offenbach GERMANY

Support group for transvestites and transsexuals. Inquire. ☎ 069 8001008

**TSH ESSEN:** Claudia Peppenhorst, Caesar Strasse 34, 45130 Essen GERMANY

☎ 0201 - 78 69 99

**TS GRUPPE HAMBURG:** Christin-Susan Black, Nueblerkamp 13a, 22175 Hamburg, GERMANY ☎ 040-754 43 23

**TSH MUENSTER:** Claudia Scholz, Budden Strasse 22, 48143 Muenster, GERMANY ☎ 0251 43240

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**MENSCHEN IM SAARLAND:** Dr. Waltraud Schiffels, Schloss Strasse 6, 66117 Saarbruecken, GERMANY ☎ 0681-58 39 12

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**MENSCHEN IM SAARLAND:** Marc Elsholz, Am Hagen 13, 66117 Saarbruecken, GERMANY ☎ 0681-589 8449

**TV - BIZ SONNTAGSCLUB:** Rinower Strasse 8, 10437, Berlin, GERMANY

Counseling and support group for men who like to crossdress. Rap sessions about gender issues, and politics for a non-sexist society. ☎ 030-449 75 90

**TS - TRANSSEXUELLENGRUPPE IN DER SEKIS BERLIN:** c/o Uwe Klaassen, Albrecht -Achilles Strasse 65, 10709 Berlin, GERMANY  
Meeting every 1st and 3rd Thursday at 7:30pm. ☎ 030-345 36 81

**TS - VIVA TS-SELBSTHILFE MUENCHEN e. V.:** VIVA Muenchen, c/o Peter Reidel, Hirschbergstr. 14, 80634 Muenchen, GERMANY

Self-help group for M-to-F and F-to-M transsexuals. Regular meetings in Munich on Friday 2. (only male), 4. (all female and male), and Friday 5. (only female). There are reports on operators, physicians, therapists, and psychiatrists. We have an annual summer party and an Xmas meeting. Write for more information. ☎ 089-134681 FAX 089-162324 (18-18.30 h, please speak German).

**TS - CLUB NEUES LEBEN NOVA:** P O Box 710232-D, 81452 Muenchen, GERMANY

Self-help group for M-to-F and F-to-M transsexuals. Regular meetings in Munich on first Friday of the month at 7h pm. Write for more information. ☎ 089-3113260 or 089-616808 (18-18.30 h, please speak German).

**TS - CLUB NEUES LEBEN NOVA:** Miss Dr. Lisa Strauss, c/o Aidshilfe-Halle Magdeburger Str. 34-D, 06112 HALLE/Saale, GERMANY

Self-help group for M-to-F and F-to-M transsexuals. Regular meetings every Wednesday at 7h pm. Write for information. ☎ 0345/36419 (18-19 h, please speak German).

▲ - **FPE-FRANKFURT:** c/o Informationszentrum für Männerfragen e.V., Sandweg 49,D-60316 Frankfurt am Main, GERMANY

Affiliated with Tri-Ess. Meetings 1st and 3rd Tuesdays, 20:00-23:00h in Frankfurt. Personal interview before attending. ☎/FAX (069) 4950446

**TRANSIDENTITAS e. V.:** Postfach 10 10 46, D 63010 Offenbach/M.,GERMANY

Frankfurt, meetings every third Wednesday, 8:00pm, Selbsthilfe- Nachbarschaftszentrum Ostend Uhland strasse 50 (back building) 60314 Frankfurt/Main. Selbsthilfegruppe Magdeburg im KOBES Magdeburg Klosterhof Ia. Offenbach meetings third Wednesdays, 8:00pm at Selbsthilfe-Nachbarschaftszentrum Ostend Uhland Strasse 50, Frankfurt/Main. Koblenz at the Coming Out every Monday 7:00-9:00pm. Hannover every Tuesday at HOME-Zentrum, Johannestr. 8, Hannover, from 7:00-9:30pm.

## NORWAY

**TV - FPE-NE:** Postboks 1968 Vika, N 0125 Oslo 1, NORWAY

An organization for heterosexual transvestites throughout Scandinavia with independent governed regions in Sweden, Denmark, and Norway. Monthly meetings, and twice a year weekend functions. Counselling for TVs with problems, and a contact system for members. A private library for members. Private interview. ☞ *Feminform*

## SWEDEN

**TV/SO - FPE-NE:** Box 11107, S-500 11, Boras, SWEDEN

See FPE. Northern Europe. Weekend meetings in Stockholm, and throughout Sweden. Meetings the first Wednesday of each month. Private interview. ☞ *Feminform*

**TV/SO - FPE-SWEDEN:** Box 529, S 10130 Stockholm, SWEDEN

Monthly meetings to offer support to heterosexual crossdressers, their partners and families. Weekend functions. Contact system for members. Experienced speakers for college, university and radio appearances. Private interview. ☞ *Feminform*

## FINLAND

**TV/TS - SETA:** P O Box 55, SF-00531, Helsinki, FINLAND

National Organization for Lesbians and Gay men in Finland. Can refer members of the gender community to support groups and helping professionals around the country. Meetings for TVs the second Thursday of the month, and for TSs on the fourth Thursday, from 7-9 pm. at Oikokatu 3, Helsinki. ☎ (9)0- 135 8303

## DENMARK

**FPE-NE:** Postboks 170, 2620 Greve DK-DENMARK

See, Beaumont Society, in the England listings. Monthly meetings.

**TRANSVESTITORGANIZATION IN DENMARK:** TID, Postboks 9071, Nyboder Posthus, 1000 Copenhagen K, DK-DENMARK

## TURKEY

**TRAVESTY/TRANSSEXUALLE:** c/o Demet Demir, Lao 176/D.S., Kultur Je Sanat, Siraselviler, Taksim, Istanbul, TURKEY

A group representing TV/TS of Turkey, but DO NOT mention the name of the group on the envelop. Communication is best in German, French, or Spanish. ☎ 157 8925

**TV/TS - SEXUAL LIBERTIES:** Use the above mailing instructions for Travesty/Transsexualle c/o Iskendar Savasir.

This group represents all sexual minorities in Islamic countries. It has a representative from each minority group. Includes a representative from this community.

## PAKISTAN

**TV - KHUSRA OF PAKISTAN:** Muhamid Aslam Khusras, Ex-Candidate, PF-34 Abbotabad, c/o Hockey Stadium, Abbotabad, PAKISTAN

Since Khusras means "transvestite" or "eunuch," this group is not underground. ☎ code 05921 6158 leave message, or 05921 2858.

## EASTERN EUROPEAN REPUBLICS

**TV/SO - FPE LATVIA:** Elga Remes, Director, Jurmala, -15. P O Box 17, LATVIA LV 2015

Monthly meetings to offer support to heterosexual crossdressers, their partners and families. Contact system for members. Information exchange. All letters answered. Languages: English and German.

## RUSSIA

**TV/TS - ICE AND FIRE MOSCOW:** M. Mankevich, Novo-Alekeevskaya str. 7, Flat No 8, 129626 Moscow, RUSSIA. Also Mirninsky r-n. Gagarina str. 28 Flat #3, 678190 Aihai Yakutia RUSSIA

Support group with a TV secretary in Moscow networking with other cities in Russia. Working to locate, identify and list Russian TVs/TSs suffering in prison/asylums to refer to Amnesty International/IGTA for world attention. Write directly to Margaret Mankevich. **DO NOT USE GROUP NAME OR TITLE ON ENVELOPE.** Do not enclose hard currency. Donations can be made through European account. Inquire for serial number. Any and all educational material about gender issues, academic interest from the world, active aid and financial donations. Overseas aid to publish a magazine. A trust fund to assist passage for TS operations in Europe. Network assistance to accomodate and work in Europe. Written invite still needed from abroad before any Russian can travel. ☎ 287-7096 in Moscow, 11-19 in Yakutia.

## JAPAN

**TS - ELIZABETH CLUB:** 5-32-18 Kameido, Koto-Ku, Tokyo 136, JAPAN

The Elizabeth Club was established in 1979 for TS, TG/ androgynes Located in major centers such as Tokyo, Osaka, and Nagoya. We offer Storage facilities. Consultants available for helping members with make-up and dressing, rental service of clothing, wigs, and other related items for members. The Club also publishes a magazine every other month. This magazine serves as a source of information to members on activities and events in Japan. ☞ *Queen* ☎ 11.19.03-3683-6092 (Kameido Club).

religion, colour, sexual orientation or nationality, together with those closely associated with them are welcome. Actively trying to change attitudes in South Africa. Creating support groups in all major cities. Provides contacts. New members are "sponsored" by full members. All lists are confidential. ☞ *Fanfare*

**TV/TS/SO - SATRU:** c/o P O Box 87283 Houghton 2041, Johannesburg, SOUTH AFRICA

Social support group for crossdressers, transsexuals, and significant others.

## WEST AFRICA

**TRANSFORMATION SECOND SELF:** Jane Enuneku, KM 4 Idiroko Road, P O Box 1006, OTA, OGUN State, NIGERIA - WEST AFRICA

Charity. Monthly meetings the first week of each month. All applicants are screened by the Board as stipulated by the organization.

## COMPUTER BULLETIN BOARDS

**CD FORUM:** cd request@shell.portal.com

Electronic mailing list digest. Support of TV, TS and other gender issues. Archive server for past digests. No membership fees. Your address will be confidential. Your material will be stripped of header and signature id unless you instruct otherwise. To subscribe, send short paragraph describing your interest in the list and where you heard of it. You will be asked to submit an introductory article within one month of your subscription.

## TIFFANY CLUB OF NEW

**ENGLAND:** Waltham, MA; (617) 899-3230. 300/1200/2400 Baud N81 4 nodes.

Education, support, information, and resources. Friendly board serving the needs of those in the gender community. Open to anyone. News and information, private and public chat and message areas. Four phone lines for group discussions in real time, user stories, gender related resources, areas for wives and family members, and an artificial intelligence, computer generated, Co-Sysop.

## THE JERSEY SHORE SYSTEM:

Ocean County, NJ; (609) 693-8849. 300/1200 baud, 8N1.

Log on using the name APRIL MAY with the password of FRIENDS (all caps). This will get you into a sub-board of the main system. After you have logged on as above you may register the name of your choice for future access.

## DIFFERENT REALITIES: (402)

345-8381 8N1. J

Just starting in Rochester, New York.

**LUNATIC FRINGE BBS:** Bayside, NY (718) 224-7977.

1200-14400 baud accepted. BBS for the gender community. 24 hours a day / 7 days a week. Free access / No ratios. Donations accepted.

**SATIN & LACE:** Rochester, NY. SYSOP Kimmy K. (716) 334-5663

1200/2400/9600/14400 (8N1)

Variety of file and message areas. FREE! To obtain free, Full Access account, logon using the name HI THERE and the password TVTS. Select <Q> from the Main Menu and fill out the account creation questionnaire. Full Access account within 48 hours.

**GENDERLINE:** BBS (Compuserve Information Service). Nodes nationwide. Admission by subscription to Compuserve and by permission of system operator of the Human Sexuality (HSX) forums. For Compuserve subscription information, call 800-848-8990. Within Compuserve, access the HSX Support Groups\Adult Forum by typing GO HSX200 at any prompt. In HSX Help Files (Library 16) read the file CLOSED.TEXT — Closed Section

Agreement for instructions on joining GenderLine and the other restricted-access sections. Discreet support community for TG people of all kinds. Message board, conference area, data library, archived discussions, fiction.

**GDANC:** SYSOP Denee Efird, P O Box 721, Albemarle NC 28002. (704) 639-1914, 1N4.

Running 24 hours, TV/TS files, message section, and more.

## TRI-ESS BBS OF ATLANTA:

Atlanta, GA. Two lines: (404) 922-2414, (404) 785-9216; 300/1200/2400/4800/9600 8 bit, NO parity, one stop bit.

Available to all involved or interested in TG community, including SOs. Conferences on CD, TS (AEGIS), adult fantasy, shopping, etc. Sign on with pseudonym and answer "TRI-ESS" at the password prompt for immediate access. Available to all free of charge.

## THE DIVA CONNECTION:

Chicago, IL: Free, open board. (313) 334-3957. 300-14000 baud.

Sysop: Vanessa Justice

Computer bulletin board devoted exclusively to members of the gender community. Leave and receive messages, download picture files and fiction, and upload your tasteful picture.

**LIFETIME:** Chicago, IL: (708)

438-1901. 300 thru 14.4K Baud 8N1.

Support, information, E-mail for the entire TV/TS/TG community. Free 24-hour board. Message/Conference sections, Gender-related File areas. Sysop Denise Peters. New users sign on and then leave message to Sysop for access to private gender area. Full coverage of activities of Chicago Gender Society and Chi Chapter, Tri-Ess. Current happenings in Chicago, Southern Wisconsin, NE Indiana metro area. If you are a Tri-Ess or CGS member, give membership number for access to member bulletin area.

**PUSS N BOOTS:** P O Box 832556, Richardson TX 75083-2556 Board phone (214) 437-0688 node 1 (1200-28,800 baud) all nodes.

Support BBS for gender issues. 24-hours/day, seven days/week. Access free to gender community. Mention *Tapestry* in your log-on questionnaire and leave message. Let SYSOP know if you live full time. TGnet available with echoes New-Women, New-Men, Transition and more. Also latest AIDS/HIV information. SYSOP Aaron Davis.

**FEMINET:** (408) 648-8887 2400baud, or (408) 648-8734 14400 baud V32b, 8-N-1, Monterey Bay, CA

Most active BBS exclusively serving the gender community, central hub of TGNET, the international network for TG people. Over 1000 non-fiction files for TGs, 2000 gender fantasy stories, over 1000 TG GIFs, software for IBM, all TGNET echomail forums, selected FIDONET echomail forums, semi-private mail functions, netmail, special personal contact features. Library is kept up to date. Log-in to line 2: (408) 648-8887 with your name and personal password on the DIGICOMPUTRONICA section. Once logged in, read the announcement and general screens until reaching the first menu, and press P. When asked for a validation code, reply with KEY. Financed with contributions. Line 2 basic access id free. \$25 yearly for additional line 1 and full library access. \$100 for maximum lifetime multiline access. Special arrangements available for international callers, or those with donations.

**CAROLYN'S PLACE:** (713) 579-3567 Sysop Carolyn Friday

Supporting all ways of life: TS, TV, Bi, Gay, Lesbian, Straight. Conferences, Files, Matchmaker, eMail. 24-hour operation. Free access.

**CROSS-CONNECTION:** Los Angeles, CA; (818) 841-TV/TS (2400 MNP), (818) 841-8920 (14.4k v.32bis)

Connecting the Gender Community 24 hours/day. News and information, chat,

e-mail, personals, TV/adult library, free community public service and information areas. On-line shopping mall.

**AEGIS:** AIDS Education General Information System, America's leading HIV/AIDS information resource! Santa Ana, California (714) 248-2836. At the main AEGIS menu, use the B (no quotes) command. The command is not visible on the screen, but is active. NO parity, 1 stop bit, Full Duplex.

Hours of operation: 24 hours a day, seven days a week. AEGIS is a global AIDS education response of the Sisters of St. Elizabeth of Hungary, a 501 (c)3 tax-exempt corporation. Access is free. Donations are invited to help continue the service. Please make checks or money orders payable to the Sisters of St. Elizabeth of Hungary. Indicate in the memo field, For AEGIS. Send to Sisters of St. Elizabeth, Attn: AEGIS, P O Box 184, San Juan Capistrano CA 92693-0184. Voice (714) 248-5843 FAX (714) 248-2839.

## RAINBOW GENDER

**ASSOCIATION:** RGA, P O Box 700730, San Jose CA 95170. (408) 732-1323, 1200-14400 baud 8N1.

Non-profit Computer Bulletin Board Service. Gender community support. SYSOP Rose Ann Cain. First time users should have a private code word ready that you can remember.

## EDUCATIONAL TV CHANNEL

(ETVC): ETVC, P O Box 426486, San Francisco CA 94142-6486

(415) 239-8467, 1200-14400 baud, 8N1 (BBS) (415) 334-3439 (voice mail).

A computer bulletin board system accessible by both modem and voice telephone, serving as a forum for announcements about club activities and for general discussions of gender issues.

## THE LAND OF OZ\_BBS:

P O Box 92381, Anchorage AK 99509-2381 (907) 258-9909. 300/1200/2400/14.4, 8N1.

Theme major bulletin board system. Support and resources for the transgendered community. Telecon, email, info signs and more. Sysop access approval. Twenty-four hour password approved access. Soon to have multi lines and The Berdache Voice on line. Net access in '95.

**TRANSGEN:** transgen-request@brownvm.brown.edu

Electronic mailing list in mail or digest form. In support of transgendered issues, emphasis on transsexuality. No fee. Like cd-forum. Internet access is required. Archives available. Anyone may join the list, but must be screened by the moderator before joining. Posts to the list are not confidential. No requirement to post.

**NEW CREATION BBS:** (702) 366-9663, 300/1200/2400 Baud. 8N1.



New Creations BBS is G/L/Bi/TG friendly. It has special Womyn's only and Men's only sections, plus an Alter Ego/LOTS Sub as well. New user password is ROSEBUD. Call, tell User#1, The Sysop, that you saw this listing in *Tapestry* and want YOUR unique Access. In 12 hours or less you will be started.

**IN FRANCE:** TOOT\*EON+RETURN, or TOOTSIE+RETURN, or PSEUD-ONYM NANCY US+RETURN, TRANS+RETURN, to dialogue, 1+Re-

turn. Contact: Jeanne, tel and FAX (331) 69 46 14 29.

**IN GERMANY: TRANSWORLD:** +49-5551-1568 (inside Germany (05551) 1568), 2400-19200 MNP5, 8N1, online 17:00-7:00h. 24 hours on weekends MEZ.

Totally free. First German BBS catering exclusively to the TV/TS, mainly German language, large files library, support areas for TV and TS, up-to-date calendar. New users should send a private letter of introduction to the SYSOP.

## PUBLICATIONS & SERVICES

**TAPESTRY PUBLICATIONS:** Box 367, Wayland MA 01778; (617) 899-2212; FAX (617) 899-5703.

*Tapestry* Publications is a division of I.F.G.E. The *TV/TS Tapestry Journal* is I.F.G.E.'s primary publication. We also publish and market a wide variety of how-to books, presentation transcripts, anthologies of pertinent reprints, directories, and other timely material. *Tapestry* Publications is designed as the community's own publishing house.

**FEMINA SOCIETY OF NEW ENGLAND:** Ms. C. Deering, P O Box 1873, Haverhill MA 01831.

Matriarchal society that teaches surrender to a Feminine Authority as a positive spiritual experience. Emphasis is on feminised males. Non-sexual educational programs, newsletter - *Femina, the Voice of Feminine Authority*, audio training cassettes, annual retreat, workshops, rituals, and networking. Elaborate application process including a waiting period during which postal studies are undertaken as a postulant.

**ROSEBUDS:** TCNE, Inc., P O Box 2283, Woburn MA 01888-0483, (617) 891-9325 (Tues, 7-10pm, EST).

*Rosebuds* is the monthly newsletter published by the Tiffany Club of New England, Inc. It includes personal growth articles, and other non-sexual non-fiction about gender issues. Advertising is accepted. Subscription \$25 per year, \$4 sample issue.

**DONNA COGNAC, IMAGE STUDIO:** 8 King Street, Saugus MA 01906 (617) 665-7703

Makeup, dress, and personal style consulting for all who wish to look their best.

**BAD ATTITUDE:** P O Box 390110, Cambridge MA 02139

This magazine is called *Bad Attitude* because that is what women who take their sexuality into their own hands (so to speak) are told they have. Subscriptions \$30/year, \$6 for single issues.

**TV-TS CONFIDENTIAL:** c/o Ms. Abby M. Greene, P O Box 6211, W. Franklin NH 03235

Magazine. Subscription \$36 per year in US, \$40 per year in Canada or overseas. Subscribers can place a 40-50 word Personal Listing.

**ROXY'S ELECTROLYSIS:** Roxy's, 234 Warren Avenue #2, East Providence RI 02914.

Permanent hair removal for males and females.

**rites of passage:** NWC, P O Box 67, South Berwick ME 03908  
The newsletter of the New Women Conference. \$12 for four issues.

**JOURNAL OF GENDER STUDIES:** Outreach Institute, 405 Western Avenue, Suite 345; South Portland ME 04106.

The official publication of the Human Outreach and Achievement Institute, it is published twice a year, and subscriptions are \$16.00 per year.

**THE CONNECTICUT VIEW:** c/o Denise Mason, P O Box 2281, Devon CT 06460  
Newsletter from support group of the same name.

**FEM FASHIONS:** 9 W 31st St, #7R; New York, NY 10001, 212-582-6823 (after 3pm).

Muriel Olive, Director.

Clothing, makeup, lingerie, makeovers. Call for appointment.

**REIN FURRIERS:** New York City Metropolitan area. (516) 379-6421.

Custom manufactured fur wearing apparel, fur accessories, fur home decor. All sizes, styles, colors, kinds of furs. Show room near Pennsylvania Station.

**LAWRENCE KRIEGER, ATTORNEY AT LAW:** 1 East Main Street, Suite #400, Rochester NY 14614 (716) 325-2640

Full service law firm. Private Attorney. TV/TS-friendly office. Name change, custody battle, visitation dispute, domestic partnership contracts. Litigation in all New York State and Federal District Courts.

**CREATIVE DESIGN SERVICES:** Box 61263, King of Prussia PA 19406; (215) 640-9449.

A commercial concern marketing a line of products and services for the TV/TS Community. Publish *Art and Illusion: A Guide to Crossdressing* and *LadyLike Magazine*, sponsors "Paradise in the Poconos" weekends in May and September. Mailing list strictly confidential.

**LA FEMINIQUE:** 1218 W. Broad Street, Suite 570, Falls Church VA 22046; (202) 686-2992; Judy Guerin, Editor.

A bi-monthly newsletter dedicated to all aspects of the crossdressing and TV world. Includes editorials and feature articles, makeup and dressing advice, interviews, profiles, and more. Mailing list strictly confidential.

**CHRYSALIS QUARTERLY:** AEGIS, P O Box 33724, Decatur GA 30033 (404) 939-0244

The official publication of the American Educational Gender Information Service, Inc. For both consumers and caregivers. Theme-related issues explore topics in depth. \$36 for four issue subscription.

**THE TRANSSEXUAL VOICE:** Box 16314, Atlanta GA 30321.

A newsletter written by and about TS.

**BLOSSOM C. PASTER:** 28417 Trident Court, Wesley Chapel, FL 33543 (813) 973-0987

A private setting where CDs can take their wardrobe, wig, and makeup questions. Peer counselling, problem solving, dressing, electrolysis, and makeup advice by a longtime professional member of the Gender Community.

**TAMPA GENDER INFORMATION FOUNDATION:** TGIF, P O Box 272819, Tampa FL 33688-2819 Kimberly L Westwood, CCE, Director (813) 935-6848

Information service for Florida community. Distributor of gender-based information, referral and guidance. TGIF is associated with psychological, medical legal and allied health professionals. Publishes *Lola!* magazine.

**GRACE AND LACE LETTER:** POB 31253, Jackson MS 39286-1253

Periodical relating crossdressing/gender issues to what it says in the Bible. The gender-friendly passages in the Bible are worth getting to know.

**TV/TS CONNECTION:** The Connection, 2197 S. K.K. Avenue, Milwaukee WI 53207

Monthly publication of personal listings. Available by subscription only.

**CHANGING MEN:** Editorial Office & Subscriptions, 306 N. Brooks St, Madison WI 53715.

An international magazine dealing with the issues of gender, sex, and politics.

**SCD PUBLISHING:** 1401 Melrose Ave., Minneapolis MN 55426-1843

TV/TS publishing house. Publishes *TV/TS Talk* bi-monthly for members and supporters of the TV/TS Community. *TV/TS Talk* is modeled after the Penthouse Forum, but deals exclusively with gender related issues.

**TRANSISTERS, The Journal of Transsexual Feminism:** c/o Davina Anne Gabriel, 4004 Troost Ave., Kansas City MO 64110

Non-profit quarterly magazine on issues of transsexuality from a feminist perspective. Designed to promote dialog between the TS and feminist communities and to foster feminist consciousness within the TS community. Back issue \$8.00. One year, four issues, \$24. Outside USA, Canada, Mexico, \$8.50 & \$26. Make checks, money orders payable to Davina Anne Gabriel. Write for advertising/wholesale rates.

**HELP ME . . . ACCEPT ME:** Dallas Gay Alliance Center, 2701 Reagan Street, Dallas TX 75219.

Publication about gender issues, sponsored by the Metroplex CD Corporation.

**PARTNERS:** P O Box 17, Bulverde TX 78163 (210)) 980-7788

Formerly the *original WACS Newsletter*. Now expressly for couples in the transgender community. Samples \$3, four-issue subscription \$12.

**GENDER REVIEW:** P O Box 126, Arvada CO 80001 (303) 423-9885

A newsletter for the professional presenting a timely report of current publications concerning issues of gender and crossdressing.

**FIM NEWSLETTER:** 5337 College Ave #142 Oakland, CA 94618

Quarterly, longest continuously running, widest circulation for female-to-male TV/TS/ SO. \$15.00/yr. minimum suggested donation. \$20.00 International. Professional subscription rate, \$25.00.

**DRAGAZINE:** P O Box 691664, West Hollywood CA 90069.

Published two or three times a year. *Dragazine* is designed to appeal to those that enjoy the art of crossdressing, either as the audience or the Drag Queen that's teaching your children first grade. \$5.95 for single issue, \$10.95 for two-issue subscription.

**CROSS-TALK:** P O Box 944, Woodland Hills CA 91365, (818) 907-3053.

Kymberleigh Richards, Managing Editor & Publisher.

Monthly 40 page magazine (non-sexually oriented). Operates News Services section of Cross Connection computer bulletin board system. News items of concern to the gender community, highlights of tabloid press, editorials/reader letters, make-up and fashion tips, significant others' column, original comic strips and humor column, national event and hotline listings, *Transvestia* reprints, JoAnn Roberts' *HotBuzz*, reviews, and feature articles. Mailed in plain brown envelope.

**THE CROSSDRESSER'S QUARTERLY:** John Moran Photo-Graphix

(JMPG), P O Box 7217, Burbank CA 91510-7217.

News, events, photographs, fetish fashions, shopping resources, personal & vendor & club profiles.

**TRANSFORMATION:** P O Box 459, Orange CA 92666

News, photographs, fetish fashions, shopping resources, vendor & club profiles.

**B. R. CREATIONS:** P O B 4201, Mountain View CA 94040

Custom-made Victorian corsets by mail order. Bi-monthly *Corset Newsletter* starting its 12th year. \$18 per year US and Canada, \$24 overseas. Color brochure of corsets available \$5. Brochure and recent newsletter \$7, overseas \$6/10. It is best to have the corset brochure before calling to discuss corset measuring or order.

☎(415) 961-5354 phone/ FAX, Ruth Johnson.

**GENDERFLEX:** c/o Billie Jean Jones, 3430 Balmoral Drive #10, Sacramento CA 95821.

Newsletter about all kinds of gender issues. Distributed free in person. Back issues available. Does not accept advertising. Accept interactive submissions, letters, articles, opinions, jokes, poems. Back issues available, \$2 each including US postage.

**TRANSSEXUALS IN PRISON:** Distribution Director: Ms Patricia Fisher, P.O. Box 293 Cote des Neiges P.O., 5858 Cote des Neiges Blvd, Montreal, Quebec, Canada H3S 2S5.

A newsletter for and about the transsexual inmate.

**THE CANADIAN CROSS-DRESSER:** 161 Gerrard St. East, Toronto, ONTARIO M5A 2E4.

Bi-monthly non-sexual magazine for and about CD, TS, FI, DQ. Includes articles, news, short fiction, poetry, and personal ads. Request subscription information.

**NOTES FROM THE UNDERGROUND:** P O Box 7421, Ottawa (Vanier), Ontario CANADA K1L 8E4, (613) 749-5203.

Periodical about a variety of CD issues.

**BOY'S OWN:** BM Network, London WC1N 3XX ENGLAND.

A quarterly newsletter for F2M transsexuals and their SOs. Write for more information.

**INTERNATIONAL TV REPARTEE:** Rose's, Roundel Street, Sheffield S9 3LE ENGLAND.

Published quarterly, Repartee is a large format magazine with color photos presenting a positive image of all aspects of crossdressing. Sample copy \$10 (L5 from Rose's). Subscription L18 in UK. Available in USA from Spartacus, 1331 Garden Grove Blvd, Suite G, Garden Grove CA 92643

**BOYS WILL BE BOYS: BWBB,** P O Box 5393, West End Bris, AUSTRALIA 4101  
Bi-monthly publication for FTMs.

**POLARE:** P O Box 266, Petersham NSW 2049 AUSTRALIA

Forum for discussion and debate of gender issues. Published by The Gender Centre.

**TRANSCARE:** The Minorities Trust, P O B 983, Wellington New Zealand.

**ON TOP:** P O Box 11-412, Manners Street, Wellington New Zealand

Newsletter for the transsexual sex industry workers. ☎ 04-382-8791

**TARTAN SKIRT:** ADF Editorial Services, Tullochvenus House, Lumphanan, Aberdeenshire AB31 4RN, SCOTLAND

Scottish quarterly magazine for the gender community. Contains factual self-help and first person articles on the how, when and why of CD & TS.

**LES CHEMINS DE TRANS:** c/o Belgische Gender Stichting, Plumstraat 48, 85000 KORTRIJK - B, BELGIUM

Bi-monthly newsletter about gender issues by community and helping professionals.

**TRANSFORMATIE:**

P O Box 13500, 2501 EM,

The Hague, Netherlands.

Info and discussion magazine on TV and TS.

**ANT TRADING COMPANY:**

4F Daisan Kosei Building, 3-27-3 Kamazawa, Sumida-Ku, Tokyo 130, Japan.

Publisher of *Queen Magazine*, Japan's premier cross-dresser's reference guide. Single-copy and subscription prices vary with exchange rates.

## LIBRARY & INFORMATION SERVICES

**SEX INFORMATION AND EDUCATION COUNCIL OF THE UNITED STATES:** SIECUS, 130 W. 42nd St, Suite 2500, New York, New York 10036; (212) 819-9770, FAX (212) 819-9776.

SIECUS is affiliated with the Department of Health Education of the School of Education, Health, Nursing, and the Arts Professions of New York University. Deals with all sexual issues, including gender expression.

**NATIONAL TRANSGENDER LIBRARY & ARCHIVES:** AEGIS, P O Box 33724, Decatur GA 30033

Repository for print, film, and electronic material related to crossgender expression. The collection includes books, unpublished manuscripts, film, journal articles, clippings, videotapes, personal papers, pictures, playbills, etc. Focus is on North American materials. The library is housed at AEGIS Headquarters. We are actively soliciting material.

☎ (404) 939-2128

**INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON TRANSGENDER LAW AND EMPLOYMENT POLICY:** 5707 Firenze St, Houston TX 77035-5515

Annual conference in Houston, Texas each summer. Useful to legal professionals, and of interest to laypersons. Continuing legal education credit hours avail-

able. Published *Proceedings* available. Write for more information.

**THE SAN FRANCISCO BAY GAY AND LESBIAN HISTORICAL SOCIETY:** SFBGALHS, Box 42126, San Francisco CA 94142.

Reference library for lesbian, gay, and transgendered persons. Large periodical collection of Bay Area and California titles preserved for research.

**MUSEUM OF INTERNATIONAL GENDER IDENTITY:** c/o IGTA, 1 Bank Buildings, School Green Road, Freshwater, Isle of Wight, PO4P OAJ, United Kingdom.

Collection of artifacts related to the transgendered throughout history and the world. Seeking free will donations of statuary, books, magazines, paintings, photos, badges, buttons, banners, etc. We seek modern and industrial items from the subculture: girl masks, prostheses of all sorts, false eyelashes, cache sexes, etc.

**TRANSGENDER ARCHIVE:** Dr. Richard Ekins, Trans-Gender Archive, University of Ulster, Coleraine, Co. Londonderry BT52 1SA, Northern Ireland. (0)265 44141, Fax: 40903, Telex: 747597.

A non-profit academic research and study facility. Seeking both group and personal deposits related to every kind of Transgender regardless of sexuality or self designation of gender identity. Newspaper cuttings, magazines, group journals, photos, sound and video tapes, records, artifacts of history and living history. Publishes *Archive News* a newsletter and news agency. Inquire on access to research material.

# PERSONAL LISTINGS



## PERSONAL LISTINGS OBJECTIVES:

- 1) To provide a means of introduction, outreach, and communication for subscribers to the *TV/TS Tapestry Journal* and Supporters of I.F.G.E.
- 2) To provide readers with a source of support and communications.
- 3) To provide the general public with a better understanding of the nature of the people who are members and supporters of the CD/TS/TG Community.

## WHO MAY PLACE A LISTING:

To place a personal listing you must be an up-to-date General Subscriber (or an *IFGE Supporting Member*). As a subscriber, your personal listing is free of charge for the duration of your subscription. Also, your mail will be forwarded at no cost.

## HOW TO PLACE A LISTING:

Fill out the form on the back of the subscription form. Please note that there is a limit of fifty words for the text. Your ad may be edited for length and for taste. Please be discreet. Note that we will only publish Post Office box numbers as part of the ad. No home addresses will be published in the Personal Listings. The last number after your name is the last issue of *TV/TS Tapestry Journal* you will receive on your subscription. **If your name has a bullet (•) preceding it, PLEASE send us a new photo for your listing. The present photo will not be in future issues!**

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- 1) To avoid compromising security, home addresses will not be printed with the Personal Listings.
- 2) Please follow these instructions when answering an ad:
  - (A) Place your letter in an unstamped envelope.
  - (B) Pencil in the name, state prefix, and membership number appearing after the name. (Be sure to use pencil so the name can be erased.)
  - (C) Include \$1.00 (for postage and handling) for each piece to be forwarded.
  - (D) Place the letters to be forwarded in another envelope & mail to:

*TV/TS Tapestry Journal*

P.O. BOX 229

WALTHAM, MA 02154-0229

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### AUDREY M.

(E MA-M0280-K1855-73)

MWM bi-TV, 58, 155, 5'10", nice, intelligent, well adjusted, sense of humor. Enjoys current events, music,

sailing, photography, wood-working. Writes TV stories. "Would like to have a few TV friends for casual get-togethers; freedom limited to weekdays 9-6."

### EVE B.

(E MA-M0508-K0107-75)

Member Tri-Ess. Now retired, somewhat handicapped by spinal arthritis. Enjoy dressing at home for relaxation and pleasure. "Friend

of Ariadne Kane, and Virginia Prince visited in my home some years ago. Often invite members to be my guest in a pleasant, suburban home."



### SUSAN A.

(MA-P-M0064-K0206-75)

Member Tiffany Club of New England. WM, 5'7", considered passable. Interested in TV literature and clothing, especially lingerie. "Would like to correspond with others with similar interests."



### •JANICE H.

(E MA-P-M0254-K0109-72)

Member TCNE, Tri-Ess. Participant Fantasia Fair. Divorced WM, 69, 5'6", 155, blue eyes, brown hair. Goes out as Janice shopping, eating at restaurants, visiting other TVs. Makes friends, but is on the quiet side, writes to many other TVs. "Will answer all letters. Would like to take hormones and live full time as a woman."

### SUSAN ELIZABETH R.

(MA-M0839-K0055-72)

SWM TV, 59, 6', 180, brown

hair, hazel eyes. Interested in photography, treasure hunting, '40's and '50's music, dogs, nature, and being a lady. "I would like to correspond with other girls in E. Mass., especially Metro-West area."



### HOLLY CROSS

(MA-P-M0279-K0188-99)

TV, senior citizen, 22WT. Lots of clothes, old ham gear, some money, no job, live alone. "Have attended 60 weekends and 750 concerts dressed since 1983. Wish I'd started sooner. Don't need correspondence, but often need someone to share a hotel room."



### •JUDITH ANNE THOMPSON

(E MA-P-M0733-K0229-75)

Member INNvestments. Widowed WM CD, 70, 5'9", 180, retired, good listener, honest and intelligent. Passes well. Likes photography, sailing Hobie Cats, gardening, good music, living as Judy. "Would like contacts with crossdressers in SE MA area for companionship and like interests."





**SUE FANON**

(W MA-P-M0983-K0020-75)

SBIWM TV, 39, 5'10", 165, easy going, understanding, safe, and discreet. Interested in travel, music, & being feminine. "I am interested in corresponding with TV/TSS and understanding ladies who would like to help with my femininity, etc."



**LILA WALTON**

(MA-P-M1381-K0037-73)

"Fashion is what they give you. Style is what you choose."



**ARLENE SUSAN L.**

(E MA-P-M1648-K0121-73)

Member of TCNE. MWM hetero TV, 52, 5'10", 205. "Love dressing completely as a woman, going out and developing the ability to pass

in public and blend in to the feminine world. Married; wife not supportive. Interested in TV friendships who are sincere and have the same interests."



**KATHY MASTERS**

(MA-P-M2038-K2439-74)

Fun-loving CD, 40ish, medical professional. Non-judgmental, open to other lifestyles/sexualities. Well balanced between masculine and feminine, likes to help people, has good shoulders to cry on. Dresses fully in corsets, maid's costumes, and has full wardrobe from bridal to secretary outfits. Seek communication with CD/TSS and women.



**DIANA S. DWYER**

(MA-P-M2146-K2539-74)

"I am placing this ad because I need positive, honest support. I am not interested in sexually obsessive individuals. I am 27, a light drinker, and a non-smoker. I'm involved in psychotherapy for my transsexual feelings as well as my abusive childhood. If interested, please write."



**DEBBIE SAWYER**

(MA-P-M2170-K2590-73)

"Crossdresser, single, seeking the spiritual and expressive feminine side. Would love to meet understanding and supportive women. Support political action for human and civil rights for the transgender community."

**MICHELLE LANGE**

(E MA-M1008-K0071-72)

MWM, 45. "Enjoy the domestic scene from the servant's point of view. Would correspond with others who enjoy the same. Collect and write stories on experiences and fantasies, and would like to share them with others who enjoy this lifestyle. Correspondence must be light, fun, and interesting. Please, no S&M or B&D."

**JOY SPENCER**

(MA-M2530-K3700-79)

MWM, mid-40s. "Wife knows and we are working on it. After such a long time hiding, I am cautiously and slowly coming out. Would appreciate helping words or hand from someone further along the path. Prefer central MA."

**MARIE ALLEN**

(E MA-M2729-K4412-75)

5'9", slim. Interested in feminine things, see below. "After makeup, and before a wall length mirror, I sometimes dress from the skin out in my own personally designed pure silk lingerie, and then don a filmy silk dress. Seeing myself become an extremely happy silk-clad woman en-

ables me to attain an incredible sense of peace and joy."

**KAYLEE**

(MA-M2787-K4481-75)

MWM, late 40's, dressed all my life. "Wife knows. Tolerated, but not in her presence. Hobbies are sailing, camping, hiking. Physically fit, 6', size 20. Love heels, earrings and everything in between. Why are women the only ones who can wear skirts?"



**DENISE S.**

(MA-P-M3049-K5807-78)

Member TCNE. CD, 42, 5'8", 140. Shy, gentle, loves nature, gardening, walking, tennis. Moving to NH shortly. "Coming out step by step. I invite you to join me to share support and friendship. Is the understanding and acceptance of this duality a spiritual path?"

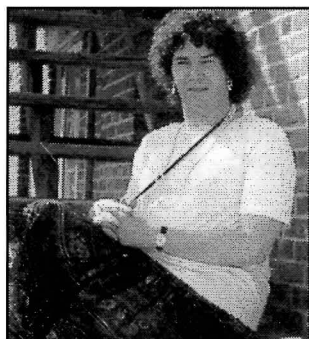


**CAROLYN K. WEST**

(MA-P-M4028-K5999-75)

TCNE, AXA, DAV, VFW, NALC. 5'5", 135, narcissist, transcendentalist; and cheerful feminine essence in a comfortable masculine vessel. Interested in music, travel, home-making, dressing and engaging public

nearly 100%; offering discreet photography, modest bed & breakfast, and secure social interaction. "Single and date. Await the arrival of Prince Charming, irrespective of his gender."



**VICTORIA ANN A.**  
(MA-P-M4174-K0360-72)

Member of Sunshine Club. 35, 6', brown eyes and hair, TG. Interested in photography, music, shopping, movies, girl talk, cooking, sewing, dancing, and quiet times with someone special. "Would like to meet others to explore friendship and femininity. Please write, will answer all."



**VIRGINIA PETERS**  
(MA-P-M4422-K9659-72)

"Love the total femme look. 50 plus, SWM, 5'9", 14-16. Am becoming more comfortable with my new self and am starting to venture out. Would love to find a GG to enjoy and share both parts of my life with. Please enclose picture when you write. My response will be quick."

**DONNA N.**  
(MA-M4943-K10960-72)

Bi-WM 60s, in closet, widowed. Would like to meet

other CDs, TVs for help to be more feminine, and for dating. No males.



**JESSICA CHRISTY COLLINS**  
(MA-P-M4977-K6982-72)

"Late 30s. Dressing actively for six years, although this has been a lifelong pursuit. Enjoy regular nights out in New York, Los Angeles and elsewhere. Looking to invest more productive days out in support of our community. Interested in everything."

**CHRISTEENA G.**  
(MA-M5018-K3971-73)

SW Bi-M, 35, 5'8". "Been crossdressing since childhood. Interested in talking to other big sisters who understand it's time for this woman to get out of the closet! Enjoy feminine side. Would enjoy meeting understanding women, TV/TS. Friend of Bill W. 2 years. Please write. Photo appreciated."

**MICHAEL M.**  
(MA-M5322-K11818-75)

SWM, 37, 5'10", blonde hair, blue eyes. "Consider myself straight. Active, like to ski, hike, enjoy dining out and movies. Caring, understanding, seeking pre- or post-op TS for potential relationship."

## **RHODE ISLAND** (027- 029-)

**MARYBETH COOPER**  
(RI-M3744-K8198-73)

SWM CD, 36, closeted. Would like to hear from those who have stepped out; com-

ing out stories. Also interested in hearing from understanding females.

## **NEW HAMPSHIRE** (030- 038-)



**A. M. GREENE**  
(NH-P-M0731-K0277-99)

"Post-op, new-woman. Interests are computers, reading, music, gendered people, belly-dancing and all things feminine. Editor of the *TV-TS Confidential Magazine*. We need cover girls."



**KERRIR.**  
(NH-P-M1095-K0294-72)

Attended Coming Together '90, '91, '92, Fantasia Fair '89, '90, '91, Tiffany P'town Outing '88, '89, '90, '91. TCNE Rep in Congress of Representatives, IFGE Marketing Coordinator, Nominating Committee, Finance Committee. DWM, 6'1". "Proud of my duality, and glad to be a part of our community. Enjoy meeting old friends and making contacts."

**CAREY CLARKE**  
(NH-M4441-K9688-72)

Co-Founder of GT North support group in southern

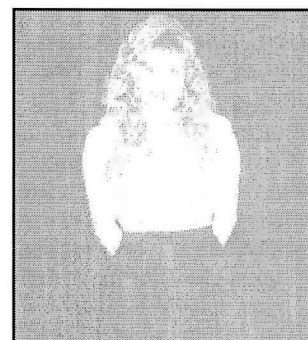
NH. "Early stage TS trying to re-arrange my life. Happy to meet and talk with any gender-challenged persons. Interested in computers, bicycling, Tai Chi."

**PAULA ANN NOVAL**  
(NH-M4510-K9740-73)

"Am interested in communicating with and meeting others in NE area who are exploring additional ways of dressing for pleasure along with crossdressing, such as exotic apparel (leather, latex, PVC, etc.) amateur theatricals, impersonation, etc., in a social context."

**NOREEN D.**  
(NH-M5196-K10498-74)

MWM, 5'7", 140, 40+. "Need friends to talk or correspond with. Wife knows but doesn't approve. Would like to write or meet TV/TSs to further femme image."



**SAMANTHA KELLY**  
(NH-NP-M5321-K11816-74)

"Educated, professional, SW, 34, heterosexual, varied interests to include my feminine persona. Seeking attractive biological females or transsexuals (or those on the way) who would like to share their feelings, experiences, and insight. Willing to trade pictures and possibly meet. New to this lifestyle and looking for friends."

**KELLY JEAN DOMOUNT**  
(NH-M4423-K9669-73)

WM 5'10", holding at 39. Medium build, brown eyes and hair. "In love with dressing and being who I was born to be. Interested in garden-

-ing, fishing, shopping, and TV literature. Passable 'NOT.' Need a tuck here and there. Will correspond with TV/TSS, men and women who find our community interesting."

## MAINE (038- 047-)



**JEAN CHURCHILL**  
(ME-NP-M3729-K0164-73)

Member Tri-Ess, Transsupport. Divorced TG, 41, 5'8", 127, 12, dressing since age 3, out since Oct. 1992. Vegetarian, don't smoke/drink/drug, spiritually inclined, on Speakers' Bureau. Interested in transcendental meditation, theatre, creative writing, nature day-trips, fine arts, interior design, solar technologies, being feminine, making friends, socializing, corresponding.



**MARGARET E. C.**  
(ME-P-M3764-K8224-72)

Member Transsupport. MWM, CD, 5'5", 140, brunette (most of the time), 14. Professional, advanced degree, interested in aviation, military history, historical

reenacting, vintage clothing, traditional crafts. "Have loving, wonderful, understanding wife. Been dressing since age 10. Love soft, elegant dressing. Secure in masculine life with much feminine incorporated. Would like to hear from others in northeast and NB."

**JANET M.**  
(ME-M1697-K0313-72)

Older CD who is at ease with self and would enjoy socializing with others. Likewise ladies close to area.



**CYNTHIA T.**  
(ME-P-M5121-K11173-73)

35, 5'7", MWM, bi-curious, homemaker, children. Wife accepts, but neither understands nor supports. Ready to embrace my natural tendencies, request help to realize potential. "Interested in cooking, wine, photography, music, cars, movies, most fetishes, creative role playing. Would love to host TV/TS, women, build friendships, learn the art of passing."

## VERMONT (050- 059-)

**JOAN MARIE L.**  
(VT-M0528-K0340-79)

SWM, hetero CD, 40, 6', full-figured. "Love to shop for music. Like cooking, Sci-Fi fantasy, and travel. Real passion for lingerie, especially bras, panties, teddies, slips, girdles, hosiery and heels. Wish to correspond with CD/TVs."



**HELENE H.**  
(VT-P-M2021-K2488-77)

Member Sunshine Club. "Like to hear from other ladies, especially those in the northeast who want out of the closet, help, or advice. There are more of us in this neck of the woods than you think. Come out wherever you are."

**CLARISSA MICHAELS**  
(VT-M4760-K10702-74)

Hetero MWM. Late 40s. "Wife is devoted and very supportive. Silver anniversary in '96. No children. Dressing since early teens. Out of closet since 1992. Not very passable, but enjoy being dressed. Looking for pen pals to share experiences. Will answer all. Please write!"

## CONNECTICUT (060- 069-)



**CARLA E. GOLDSNIDER**  
(CT-P-M0212-K0374-72)

SWM, hetero, 5'10", quiet, understanding, lives alone. Enjoys dressing as a female, meeting TVs and especially females for girl talk, etc., and country music. "Would like to meet a couple who enjoy

going in public with me. Others say that I pass very well. Would appreciate photo with first letter—which I will return."

**ANDREA G.**  
(CT-M0425-K0357-75)

Married, 52, 5'11, 170. Interested in sports, good food, reading. "Like to develop friendships in the crossdressing community, and welcome correspondence."



**MICHELLE KAY**  
(CT-P-M1490-K0368-78)

Member Tiffany Club, Connecticut Outreach Society. SWM, hetero, TV, 5'10", blue eyes, light brown hair, early 50s. "Quiet and sincere. Enjoy cross country skiing, music, theater, and travel. Looking for honest, caring, feminine crossdressers for correspondence or possible get-togethers."

**RACHEL F. BOYCE**  
(CT-M1903-K2205-75)

Member Tiffany Club, CT Outreach Society. Participant Tiffany's P-town Outing, Fantasia Fair, Coming Together. 6'2", married, 2 adult sons, wife supportive. Interested in music, dancing, dining, shopping, and movies. "Love to dress for shopping at major malls. Have attended movies, theater and restaurants while fully cross-dressed. Will answer all."

**RON THOMPSON**  
(CT-M2477-K3501-78)

"Compassionate, empathetic gentleman who thrills to the beauty of a sensual feminine TV. I am a handsome, muscu-



lar and a successful professional. I would love to share good wine and food with a beautiful TV who is happy, intelligent, likes music and dancing. Love, Roni."



**RAMONA G.**  
(S CT-NP-M1948-K2274-74)  
60s, 5'11", 180. Attended Fantasia Fair seven years, Tiffany Club First Event 6 years. Member COS. Miss Provincetown, 1991. Supportive wife and daughters that know Ramona. "Love going to outings and letting the Lady inside of me out. Things that make me strongest as a male are the results of Crossdressing and being RAMONA."



**ANDREA STEVENS**  
(CT-P-M3214-K6216-74)  
Member COS. Hetero CD, 5'8", 155, late-40's. Happily married. Wife aware, tolerant. Interested in competitive cycling and running, reading, golf and skiing. "Been dressing fully since early 20s, just beginning to experience the best this life has to offer. Looking forward to helping others and attending some outings in the near future."

**JAN DIANA N.**  
(CT-M3908-K4840-76)  
MWM, hetero, 57, 6'1", 200, blue eyes, TV/TS. "Wife has known for years, but is neither supportive nor accepting, which pains me. Crossdressed since age five with mother's support. Still in closet. Feel very feminine when dressed as the person I want to be. Will answer all. Photo welcome."



**MARIANNE GIBSON**  
(NW CT-P-M4331-K5757-72)  
SWM TV, 5'10", 165, blue eyes, long lashes, recently out and happy. "Very shy, but happily feminine. Love classical music, painting, quiet times, non-linear thinking, and catalog shopping. A photo and a nice letter from other TV/TSs, especially in my region, would be very special. I would hope to respond."

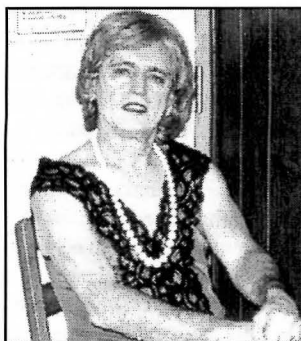


**KATRINA "KATE" B.**  
(SW CT-P-M4335-K9016-72)  
MWM, hetero, TV/TG, 5'7½", 180, 65+, 18. Retired educator, supportive wife. Outings: movies, shopping, nature walks, restaurant. Passing: cautious, discreet,

incognito. "Enjoy the feeling of fulfillment when as Katrina."



**STACI H.**  
(CT-P-M4520-K4199-73)  
Staci, 43-years-old going on 23, likes to act and dress like a young lady. Short skirts and high heels are her trademark. Friendly and fun-loving, Staci seeks other girls who just want to have fun-within reason. Staci will be coming out of Victoria's Secret's closet real soon now.



**BILLIE K.**  
(CT-P-M4673-K10349-74)  
Member COS. 50s, 5'10", 155. Interested in golf, auto racing. "I'm easy going, like to meet other sisters. Like the feel of nylons and sexy lingerie. Have been out some. Travel limited. Looking for help with finishing touches of my makeup. Write with your tips and pleasures. Will answer all."



**STEPHANIE PACKER**  
(CT-NP-M5313-K11789-75)  
Single TV/TS. "Dressing since early childhood. Would like to meet others in eastern CT or RI to get together and talk or whatever else."

## NEW JERSEY (070- 088-)

**JULIE C.**  
(NJ-M1460-K0452-73)  
MWM, 5'10", 30's, brown hair and eyes, thin. "Love dressing pretty, especially in high heels. Enjoy music and meeting others like me. I also enjoy travel, especially P'town. Would love to go out more, all I need is a little encouragement. My wife helps as much as she can, but a friend would help a lot more."

**KIM JOHNSON**  
(NJ-M3037-K5279-73)  
"Kim's new joy is a Sony H18 video camera, a large screen TV, and a Cindy Lauper CD. Then she dresses up and really struts her stuff."



**PAMELA G.**  
(NJ-P-M3070-K5682-73)  
Member Tri-Ess. MWM, 22T. "Hope to go public in

'95. Besides dressing, I enjoy large scale RC planes and G gauge model railroading. I appreciate correspondence with LADIES, especially those in North Jersey."



**JANE T.**  
(S. NJ-M3487-K7209-74)

MWM, hetero, 6', 196, 50, athletic build, understanding wife. Interested in crossdressing, corsets, B & D, heels and especially RUBBER. "Have a full beard and prefer not to leave the closet for obvious reasons. Enjoy corresponding and will respond to all!"



**•ELAINE MONROE**  
(NJ-P-M3637-K7810-76)

"Love feminine role. Co-Director of MOTG, member Renaissance, Tri-Ess. Attended Coming Together, Be All, Southern Comfort, Fantasia Fair, Paradise in the Poconos. Speaker for TG community. Goal to help others out of their closets, and to help the transgendered legally and socially. Want to network with those with similar goals."



**GIOVANNA ALEXIS TOWERS**  
(NJ-NP-M3678-K7998-74)

Member MGN. Attended Moonlight in Manhattan '93,

number of weekend events each year."

'94. Fun-loving, open-minded Bi/pre-op TS, 5'7", 29, 135. On hormones since 7/92. "Seeking serious long-term relationship with single easy-going men or bi-TV who is financially and emotionally secure, to help me with transition and attain SRS. Reply with photo and SASE. No fantasy seekers. Smokers okay."



**ARLENE THIEL**  
(NJ-P-M3777-K8249-77)

Attended Poconos Week End, Be All. 160, 5'10", SWM TV. "Mature professional, live alone. Only hobby is being as feminine as I can be. Love to share girl-to-girl experiences with other TVs. Love to entertain, but also free to travel. Drop me a line."



**•R. SUNSHINE**  
(NJ-P-M4135-K8060-73)

SWM, CD, 30s, 5'10", 38-28-36. Professional, enjoy classical piano, especially Chopin, nature, impressionism, movies, T'ai Chi Ch'uan for meditation, and being chic. "Looking for a slender SWGF, 30s, for a sincere friendship, possibly more. Send a picture, and please be

from central NJ. Love and Light, Frani."

**JAN DIANA N.**  
(NJ-M3908-K4840-72)

MWM, hetero, 55, 6'1", 200, blue eyes, TV border TS. "Wife has known for years, but is neither supportive nor accepting, which pains me. Have crossdressed since age five with mother's support. Still in closet. Feel very feminine when dressed up like the person I want to be. Will reply to all letters."



**MARILYN MASTERSON**  
(NJ-P-M3949-K8508-73)

MWM, 5'11", 35, black hair, brown eyes, educated, shy, full-figured. Interested in art, music, dreaming, computers, walks in the woods, correspondence, sexy things. "Love everything feminine and sexy from short skirts and heels to lingerie and teddies. I love making new friends and would love to hear from all. Hugs!"



**PATRICIA L.**  
(NJ-P-M3897-K6468-72)

24, 6'2", 160, single TS. "Enjoy science, reading, music, camping, hiking, and playing

**BABS C.**  
(NJ-P-M3219-K6211-77)

Member MOTG, Renaissance, Eulenspiegel Society. "Married with supportive and loving wife. Enjoy fine art, music, standardbred horses and tennis. Travel to Poconos, P'town, NYC and New Hope en femme. Started electrolysis. Gaining confidence in femme role. Enjoy meeting other TV/TSS couples for dinner, clubs, shopping and serious talk."



**KAREN KEYES**  
(NJ-P-M3309-K6595-74)

Member Renaissance. MWM, TV, 40s, 5'11", 175. "Married TV with supportive wife. Attend monthly meetings of Renaissance. Attended TCNE First Event '93, '94. Attractive and feminine when dressed. Wish to meet other TVs for friendship and socializing. Open minded. Can travel. Photo appreciated. Plan to attend a

the flute. I would like to correspond with other TSs, especially those in scientific fields."

**MICHELLE J.**

(NJ-M4172-K9093-75)

MWM with TS tendencies. 6', 185 and losing. Interested in computers, golf. "Wish to meet other TS/TV for help and understanding as wife doesn't participate. Love to dress in short skirts, heels and everything feminine. Thanks for helping me out of closet."



**DENISE B.**

(NJ-P-M4471-K8267-73)

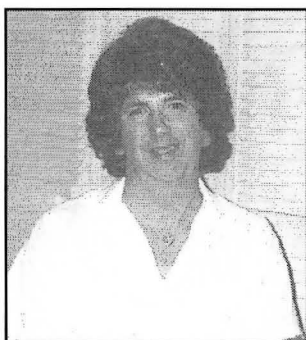
MWM hetero CD, 36+, 5'7". Member Chi Delta Mu, Tri-Ess. Attended Midnight in Manhattan '94 and will be at Holiday En Femme in NYC. Wife tolerant but not supportive. "Have been dressing since childhood. Looking for friendship, someone to talk to and help develop the feminine side. Enjoy going out en femme."



**CAROL ANN LEE**

(NJ-P-M4245-K9528-72)

Member Tri-Ess, Sigma Nu Rho (VP), LIFE, CDI. M, hetero, 50, 5'9", 160, supportive wife. "Dressing since a tender age. Travel en femme. Enjoy going to concerts, dinner, etc. Correspond extensively, but can never have too many friends. Will exchange letters and photos with those of similar interests. NO SEX LETTERS!"



**SUSAN LYNETTE**

(NJ-P-M4700-K10391-74)

MWM. 49, member of Tri-Ess. "Wife supportive. Travel to Virgin Islands several times a year. Enjoy going out to restaurants and clubs with other sisters and couples in NYC and NJ. Making a Dining Out Guide for the Tri-State Area. Enjoy SCUBA, fishing and shopping."

**KATHLEEN M.**

(NJ-M4719-K10436-78)

Member TV/TS Northern NJ. "Just recently came out and loving every minute of it. 36, 5'6", 140. Active in photography and music. Would be willing to help my sisters with photos. Love

being a girl and look forward to meeting other girls like me. Looking forward to hearing from you."

**ALISON CHRISTINE K.**

(CT-M4950-K2837-75)

Attractive TS, 5'10", 12, red hair, blue eyes, computer professional. Interested in collecting music recordings; romantic, elegant dressing in satin and lace; heels and hose. In search of TV/TS/GG meeting for girl talk, maybe more. Can travel. Plan to attend Pocono events.

**KANDICE MARIE K.**

(NJ-M4966-K3773-72)

Early 40s. "Have enjoyed being a woman most of my life. Enjoy photography, movies and reading. Also like shopping for clothes and talking on the phone. Although I have crossdressed most of my life, coming to terms with my transsexualism and hope to begin transition soon. Looking for friendship, sharing."

**FRANCIS F.**

(NJ-M5110-K1263-73)

MWM, hetero. "Love dressing stylishly. Black nightgowns and sexy lingerie were made for me. Feel the same? Good, let's chat. Love corresponding. All letters answered."

**JOYCE M.**

(NJ-M5179-K9777-73)

MWM, hetero CD, 46, 5'10", 170. "Newly out but not public. *Tapestry* brought me to my first Tri-Ess meeting. Interests include chess, classical music, jazz, archery and existential philosophy. Supportive loving wife. 'Life is too short not to be experienced/expressed fully.'"

**SISSY L.**

(NJ-M5268-K11129-74)

DWM, TV, 46, submissive, hetero, in closet. "Love stockings, garter belts and heels, intimate apparel. Seek correspondence with understanding genetic S/DWF only, age

40+. Would like to dress privately with right female. Fantasy: to wear maid's uniform, stockings, heels while performing domestic duties."

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**WINNIE BRANT**

(N NY-P-M0228-K0582-74)

Member Tiffany, Tri-Ess, TGIC. Awards: Miss Fantasia Fair. CD, 60+, 6'2". Many interests. Scientifically and culturally oriented. "Have attended many CD events. Very busy as president of TGIC, but will try to answer any correspondence."

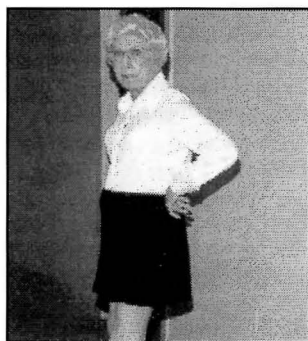


**CAROL TAYLOR**

(NY-P-M0428-K0617-72)

MW, lifelong, dedicated. Goal to maximize femininity in body, comportment, apparel, accessories, etc. Originated, "Breast Plan," a free, safe, easy, non-hormonal breast enlargement process. Write for free instructions. "Natural 34C, 14/16, forty-something, sensuous, shaved, open-minded, clean, discreet, helpful. Enjoy corresponding, photo swap, meeting."





**CONNIE TAYLOR**  
(W NY-P-M0434-K0657-75)

Member Tri-Ess, Phoenix Society. MWM, elderly, hetero TV, 5'5", 125, supportive wife. Likes clean-cut clothes and tall heels. Loves to correspond. "If you need somebody to talk to, just write. I really do reply to all letters promptly."



**DELORES M.**  
(SE NY-P-M0808-K0555-72)

Member Chi Delta Mu (past president), LIFE, Serenity. Attended Fantasia Fair, Poconos W/E (1st runner-up, Miss Poconos), Coming Together. Married, middle-aged, 5'10", engineer, lifelong TV. Interested in fashion, photography, classic bebop, science, sailing, biking, tennis, autos, and being outdoors. "I love the fun part of the scene, derive a lot of pleasure from it."

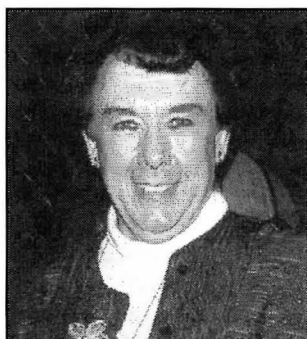


**VICKIE STONE**  
(SE NY-P-M1035-K0559-75)

Divorced, 46, hetero, attorney. Has been crossdressing entire life, and out since 1982. Besides crossdressing, enjoys writing, singing, song writing, and plays bass guitar. Enjoys skiing, long walks. Only dates women who accept Vickie. Former editor, *Lifelines*, former member LIFE, Chi Delta Mu. Does reply to correspondence sooner or later, usually later.

**FRANCINE C.**  
(NY-M1584-K0631-74)

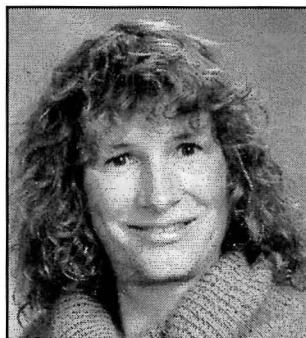
SWM, 5'10", 190. Interested in outdoors, reading and fishing. Girl friend supportive. "Love the total feminine look to be a passable lady. Interested in corresponding with all, especially in south central NY and northeastern PA."



**VICTORIA LOUISE NORRELL**  
(SE-NY-P-M1960-K2390-78)

"I am beautiful for I am me, I am Victoria and I love life. I am totally energized by living feminine and I am very proud. Class and dignity are my life and tho' I can never be a woman, I will never be anything less than a lady. If

you write, I will answer. To all I wish peace . . . of mind . . . of spirit . . ."



**KATHERINE H.**  
(NY-P-M2073-K2139-72)

Member of TGIC in Albany. Attended Fantasia Fair '89, '90, '91, Coming Together in Pitts & Philadelphia. 6', brown hair, post-op TS, college student. "Love music, humor, Broadway, poetry, writing & corresponding, talking and being a woman."



**ROBYNE E.**  
(NY-P-M2361-K3078-72)

"I'd like to help some newly emerging CD or TS as well as hearing from others, too. I'm interested in spiritual development, intellectual depth, and sensitivity as a woman and as a whole person. I want to have friends who can appreciate that."

**JUDY H.**  
(NY-M1920-K2200-78)

Member of LIFE. 43, married. Interested in military history, SF. "Looking for a friend to talk to, work on improving image, etc."



**JOANNE S.**  
(NY-NP-M2375-K3117-74)

"Fifty-something living in upper Westchester County. Dressing forever, and so far have one foot out of the closet, but would love to get at least an entire leg out. Wife non-supportive, but I get by. I'd like to meet compatible sisters in the area, but will answer all."



**JENNIFER B.**  
(LI NY-NP-M2441-K3429-75)

MWM with supportive wife, member Eulenspiegel Society. "Seek meetings and correspondence with TV/TSS who have a love for lingerie, corsets, feminine costumes and fantasies. Interested in psychology, metaphysics and fashions. Would love to hear from you."

**JULIE ANN C.**  
(N NY-M1695-K0610-78)

Member TGIC, Albany, NY. Attended Fantasia Fair '78, '88-'93. Hetero CD, 55, 5'9", 183. Interested in family, hiking, camping, SF. An over-all outdoors country girl.

**STEPHANIE LYNN**  
(N NY-M1744-K1907-75)

DWM, 43, 180, TV. Strong

TS feelings. "Love to dress in the more conservative styles. Love the feeling of being a girl. Enjoy computing, playing the keyboard and listening to music. Like to start going out more in the Southern NY and Hudson Valley area."



**VERONICA MARTIN**  
(N NY-P-M2482-K3564-74)

SWM, hetero CD. "Enjoy the prissy girly feeling dressing up in full petticoats, square dance, and party dresses. Still looking for the one real understanding gender woman in my life."



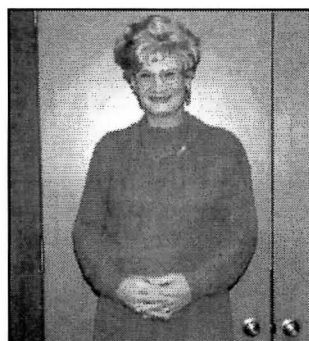
**NANCY ANN HOWES**  
(W NY-P-M2851-K4777-72)

Member Rochester CD Network. MWM with supportive wife. "Lifelong CD. Femme likes: lacy slips, makeup and perfume. Other likes: Hollywood, music and sports. Do my best to respond. NO SEX LETTERS. Let's talk girl talk!"



**CAROLE HAYES**  
(NY-P-M3292-K6543-75)

MWM, hetero, CD, 5'7", 155. Interested in music. "Now retired. Wife supportive. We are looking forward to attending our first event together."



**KATHY LORRAINE**  
(NY-NP-M2974-K5110-74)

Lifelong CD. "I can't pass, but to blend in is a realistic goal. 46, 5'13", 180, single, lady businesswoman. Member Tri-Ess, editor *Buffalo Belles*, Nu Phi Chi newsletter. Glad to help newcomers in any way. No sex letters. Thank you, Kathy."



**BRENDA VEE**  
(LI-NY-P-M3089-K5695-73)

Member: LIFE/Board of Directors. Fantasia Fair '93.

SWTG, 44, socializes as a woman. "True 'gender jumper' who loves life and all its people. Learning the meaning of daily self-expression. I love shopping, dining, fashion and makeup, and dress well. Looking for penpals, friends, outings, sincerity. F to M, too!"



**EMILY C.**  
(NY-P-M2966-K5109-72)

MWM, hetero, supportive wife. Enjoys family, cooking, crafts, full expression. "Love to correspond and exchange ideas and experiences. Have grown considerably thanks to my sisters in the community. Photo exchange encouraged. Let's help each other grow."



**JANICE G.**  
(NY-P-M3316-K6587-75)

Member Rochester CD Network, Erie Sisters, Xpressions, Buffalo Belles. Buffalo area, 42, 5'6", "Enjoy getting together with friends, or going out alone. Started coming out late '91, hormone therapy '94, full time early '95, SRS? Other interests: *Star Trek*, Sci-Fi and fantasy, astronomy, hiking, American history, music."



**JOANN S.**  
(NY-P-M3455-K7096-79)

"Attended Fantasia Fair, Tri-Ess convention in Chicago. Retired, hetero, live alone, dress as often as I like, sometimes for weeks at a time. Interested in world travel (travel every chance I get), photography, fine dining. Would like to hear from people who live on the eastern end of Long Island."



**MONIQUE DEVEREUX**  
(NY-P-M3609-K7691-72)

Member of LIFE. 5'10", 160, 30's. Single. Active in NYC and LA area. Active on Compuserve CB & Genderline. "Love going out everywhere and anywhere, especially shopping, dining, the theatre, clubs, and dancing. Especially interested in meeting understanding women, but will correspond with all."

**ROSE WRIGHT**  
(NY-M3837-K6827-80)

SWM, 30, just beginning to explore lifelong gender identity feelings. "Would like to correspond with TS or persons with TS feelings who can relate. Especially on Long

Island. Only sincere, non-sexual letters, please."



**VICKI MILLER**  
(NY-P-M3674-K7974-72)

30s, 5'10", with participating fiancée. "Love elegant antiques, gowns, vintage clothes, satin, velvet, Spandex to career wear, making videos. Seek submissive maids to worship their queens, and others who aspire to royalty, too! Hope to start club soon."



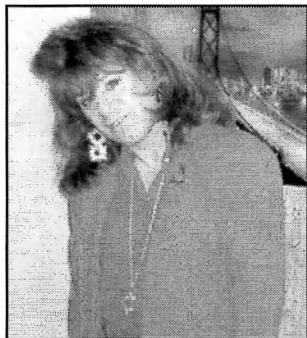
**JODIE H.**  
(NY-P-M3700-K8044-73)

"So much for blending in! Married, having a great time together. Like to meet others who are out and about. Would like to do a cruise. Any ideas? Do NYC, Phila., Poconos regularly. Remember, be true to yourself. Closets are for clothes. Have a great day!"

**KATRINA E. RYAN**  
(NY-M3817-K6258-73)

Member Rochester CD Network. MWM, 5'10", 240, BA degree. "I enjoy photography, model RR, cooking and corresponding. A wonderful world of beautiful

people and experiences have helped me greatly to discover much about myself and happiness. I hope to continue my personal journey and growth with the help of others, meeting, sharing and having fun."



**ERICA H.**  
(NY-NP-M3937-K8489-74)

"Managing Director, Co-Founder NY GIRL & PARTNERS Educational Support Group geared toward accomplished CDs, SOs, gendered individuals. Numerous public outings, NY museums, theatres, World Class Shopper. Published Erica's Recommended Book and Movie Reviews for CDs. Member Renaissance, COS. Past President LIFE."



**DANIELLE IANELLI**  
(NY-P-M4085-K7847-74)

"Am considered shy, but have many good qualities. 32. Strong TS tendencies, enjoy my feminine side. Dress up as often as possible. CD since age 4. Love to travel, take in a ball game, read a good novel and strive for total feminization. Want to make friendships within the TV/TS community."



**TAMMIE ANDERSON**  
(NY-P-M4141-K8935-78)

Born 1943. Married, two daughters in college. "Been teaching computers at the MS level for 29 years. Closeted hetero CD dressing only around the house since a teen before joining Tri-Ess two years ago. Have finally ventured out. Interested in meeting or writing to any with similar interests: CD, computers, camping, gardening."



**ELIZABETH B.**  
(NY-P-M4248-K3480-72)

Single, 49, 5'7", hetero. "Interested in finding female companionship and TS friends. I am pondering about starting hormone therapy. Will gladly respond to all letters. Please include your photo."

**CATHERINE L.**  
(NY-M4359-K3186-74)

Member Connecticut Outreach Society. MWM, 6'2", 42, hetero CD. "I have been dressing since teens. Came out five years ago. Don't pass too well, but I do go shopping dressed. Would love company or talk on all things feminine. Wife knows but is not supportive."



**CAROL LEE**  
(NY-P-M4457-K4432-72)

Member NY Gender Alliance. TS, mid40s, 5'10", 162. Interested in movies, shopping, board games, dining out. "Would like to meet other CD/TSs, passable in NY, NJ or CT, or understanding woman who enjoys the above. Prefer articulate, intelligent individuals."



**ALEXIS B. YOUNG**  
(NY-P-M4466-K9156-73)

5'10", 140, brown hair, hazel eyes, 40s, TS, single with feminine figure. Interested in nightlife, bicycling, music, movies, and electronics. "Would like to correspond and meet with other TSs for friendship, in areas of NYC or LI. Also seeking to date tall men for ltr. Will answer all with photo."

**ALLISON CRAWFORD**  
(NY-M5010-K2929-72)

Member GICNE, XX Club. 6'0", 39, 185. Interested in sports, shopping, '60-70s music, romance novels. "Pre-op TS looking forward to the day my feminine self takes over. Starting hormone therapy fall '94. Seek others in the gender community,



GG/TSs for mutual friendship and support."



**SUSAN PARKER**

(NY-NP-M4706-K10407-74)

MWM, bi, 40s, 5'8", 150. "Secretary for Expression Our Nature (EON) in Syracuse. Have attended Riverside Gala. Love the theatre, dressing classy, shopping, dining out, partying and dancing. Interested in exercise, computers, and AoL. Would enjoy corresponding with others on a variety of interests. Discretion guaranteed."



**DIANNE KARRON-SCHWARTZ**

(NY-P-M4720-K10443-78)

Tall (6'), bright (PhD), medical school/university professor, pretty 38-year-old pre-op TS or possibly TG girl seeks friends to go out on the town, visit when on the road. Regular IRC addict. Transgen C-D Forum. Likes dance, aerobics, makeup, opera.

**ANGELL**

(NY-M5222-K4611-85)

SWF, 29, 5', smart, attractive, monogamous, marriage/friendship-minded. Decent, funny, romantic, honest, caring, understanding, no smok-

ing, drinking, drugs, gambling, non-promiscuous. Seeks same hetero SWM CD, even-tempered, loyal, sensitive, 29-33, 5'-5'6", clean cut, no physical/mental handicap, diseases. Loves comedy, theatre, music, dining, fun, culture, dance, shop, etc.



**FRAN ESTES**

(NY-P-M4870-K9111-75)

Member Lambda Chi Lambda, Tri-Ess. Attended Be All '93, '94, Holiday En Femme '92, '93, '94. Married to accepting wife. "In closet since child until six years ago. Came exploding out. Dedicated to helping others, educating public. I dress as a dignified, mid-aged lady. Will correspond and exchange photos."



**CLAUDIA TURNER**

(NY-P-M4875-K9887-72)

SWM, 30, 6'3", 204, CD. "Truthfully, I consider myself a regular guy who likes to take a walk on the wild side (in pumps, of course!). You know the type, professional and conservative on the outside, but wild and crazy inside. Where are all you great letter writers and photo swappers? I'm raring to go!"



**REBECCA BLUE**

(NY-P-M4912-K10396-72)

"Beautiful CD (5'9", 147, 30) from Europe, new to New York, new to the pride of being different, seeks sisters (M and F) for friendship or more. Androgynous, not afraid of being M and F. More Grace Jones than a quiet housewife. Heavy into art, avant garde."



**MICHELLE BLOCH**

(NY-NP-M4921-K10432-76)

"Member/Board of Directors LIFE. 47, 5'9", 150, recently separated TG. Graphic designer, artist, assistant editor *LIFELines*. Interested in music, photography, tennis, shopping and dining out. Correspondence welcome."



**DANIELLE AZCET**

(NY-P-M5012-K5795-73)

"Single, never married, shy, conservative, forty-year-old pre-op TS (non-smoker, non-drinker) desires to meet others for fun, friendship, and synergy in our femininity. I care. Be happy, don't worry. If I could, I'd be a mommy. \*Seriously, I hope the future astounds us all!"



**SONYA HARDENG**

(NY-P-M5026-K8993-74)

MW TV, W-NY/Erie, 5'11", 190, supportive wife, sometimes passable. "Enjoy going out shopping, long walks, drag bars with shows. I am shy but friendly, submissive as a woman, total look and feel. Looking for that special woman. Will answer all photo/phone. I look better than the picture."



**JOAN M.**

(NY-P-M5088-K3381-73)

Lonely TV/TS on hormones would enjoy writing to her sisters. Loves are music, theatre and being one of the girls. Travels the US for business. Welcomes help on being more feminine. "Will answer all. Please send photo and I will do the same."



**CATHY ANNE NICHOLSON**  
(NY-P-M5102-K10577-73)

47, CD. "Married with very supportive and involved wife. We are down-to-earth with a good sense of humor. Tri-Ess members. We are interested in corresponding and possible meeting other CD couples."



**CHRISSY S.**  
(NY-NP-M5195-K11530-74)

SWM, hetero CD, 5'11", 45, engineer. "Enjoy travel, theater, electronics, fashion and shopping. Outgoing with great sense of humor, but very discreet about crossdressing. Prefer the professional career-girl look and the very feminine look. Interested in meeting women from NYC area for friendship/relationship."



**CHRISSIE YORK**  
(NY-NP-M5212-K11564-74)

Member CD Network. WM CD, 5'5", mid-30s, 160. Interested in dressing clubs. Red hair, can pass. "Looking for an understanding female and other CD/TV/TS. I will write back. A lifetime CD."



**GINA DANIELS**  
(NY-NP-M5226-K11619-74)

Hetero TV, 40s, 16, NYC metro area wants to go out with other TV/TS or mature gentlemen to the movies, a Broadway show or shopping. "I have hundreds of pictures. Your photo gets mine."



**JEAN ALEXANDER**  
(NY-NP-M5235-K11638-74)

SWM, TV, 40s, 5'10", 175, brown hair, blue eyes. "So-

phisticated New Yorker loves to dress. Looking to meet other ladies who understand the good life and beautiful lingerie. Reaching out for the first time."



**SHELLEY R.**  
(NY-NP-M5310-K11783-74)

SWF (post-op TS) 26, 3 years post-op. "Looking to make new friends who enjoy alternative music, Anne Rice novels and admiring men on the beach. I'm hoping to make a fresh start in a warm, year-round climate. Not sure where. Would love advice from people in the south and southwest."

## PENNSYLVANIA (150- 196-)



**ALISON LAING**  
(E PA-P-M1242-K0733-74)

Co-Founder, past National Director Renaissance. Chairperson of the Outreach Institute of Gender Studies, Director Fantasia Fair '94, '95, Ms. Fantasia Fair '92. Member of AEGIS Board of Directors. Trinity Award 1994. "Interested in Native American traditions and

community building as related to transgenderism. Love fine dining, good wine, art, crafts, antiques, theater and travel."



**•REBECCA SUE M.**  
(PA-P-M1357-K0711-72)

"Retired professional WM mid-sixties, a long time CD now coming out of the closet. Love being feminine. Looking for person who can provide a safe haven for several hours in daytime on a monthly basis in the suburban Philadelphia area so I can dress in privacy. Will generously compensate that discreet person."



**CRAIG SAMSON**  
(E PA-P-M1977-K2548-73)

SWM, 6', 35, with dark hair and blue eyes. "I am a masculine and well muscled male. I own a small construction business. Seeking that special TS for a true and caring relationship. Will also respond to very feminine TVs. Please reply with photo. Will try to answer all."

**BETH STEELE**  
(PA-M1031-K0663-75)

Member of Transpitt, Cross

roads, TCNE. Attended Be All, Spring and Fall Provincetown Outings. Tall, thin, dressy, good talker. Interested in dressing up and going out to events, dinner, malls for shopping, and making friends.



**ROBIN F.**  
(W PA-P-M2020-K2429-73)

SWM, forties, 6', 165. 14, nonsmoker, professional. "Enjoy full petticoats, kilts, minis, lace and satin lingerie. Would love to explore CD fantasies with other TV/TSS or understanding women. Sensual, sensitive, spiritual. Interested in sincere caring friendships and fun."



**DEBBIE OGLE**  
(PA-P-M2095-K2493-72)

Biber Girl, Class of '92. 6'1", brunette, green eyes, fair skin. Bisexual. Interested in computers, sci-fi music. "Things have really opened up for me since my surgery, and just keep getting better! Love to hear from others."

**VERONICA MARTIN**  
(PA-M2482-K3564-74)

SWM hetero CD. "Enjoy dressing in full petticoats and

square dance dresses. Would love to go square dancing. Interested in meeting understanding women. PS: Barbara (genetic girl), you left out your return address in letter."

**MICHELLE DOUGLAS**  
(SE PA-M2623-K3889-79)

MWM, 41, 5'10", 185. Enjoy fine lingerie, satin dresses, and high heels. Married to accepting and helpful wife. "I'm a novice, and have never been out. Would like to correspond with other married couples concerning CD relationships."



**PHYLLIS JEAN W.**  
(W PA-NP-M2770-K4563-75)

30-something crossdresser with strong transsexual tendencies. "I enjoy painting, dancing, guitar, skiing and crossdressing. I do go out without problems. I will respond to any letters, but I am not much of a writer."



**CHRISTINA FADOR**  
(PA-P-M2827-K4684-73)

SWTV, 5'8", blonde hair, green eyes. "Interests are hair and makeup, and shopping. Passable. Love to hear from TS/females for fun, dating."

**JENNY W.**  
(PA-M2891-K4869-72)

Single TV, 33, 5'6", 140. "Passing and feeling wonderful as Jenny. Fun and outgoing with diversified interests. Would love to hear from all sincere, including gender girls. I travel a little. Talk to you soon!"

**S. KRISTINE JAMES**  
(PA-M3228-K6289-78)

"Founder Cross Dressers International in New York City, Director of Moonlight in Manhattan. Travel extensively and would love to hear from you."



**KATHY STONE**  
(PA-P-M3345-K6619-74)

MWM, early 40s, 5'10", 12, blue eyes. Enjoy shopping, dancing and listening, current events, sports, and fashions. "I travel extensively and would like to meet sisters and older gentlemen who know how to treat a lady for nights out, dating, or simply talking and friendship. Please send photo for prompt reply."



**ROCCANA DEFAZIO**  
(PA-P-M3383-K6784-74)

Member Renaissance. "Fun-

loving TV. Adore silky hose, sexy heels and soft underthings. Always looking to explore my true feminine inner feelings. Would love to correspond with/meet other CD/TSS, understanding women or interested men. Good letter with photo a plus. Interests: photo/video, sports, physical fitness & home computing."



**WILMA ANNE SILVER**  
(PA-P-M3388-K6832-74)

Single, retired, hetero CD. "Now have time to refine femme self. Looking for support in joining organization and attending social functions. Would also like to find a female to enjoy the best of both worlds."



**DIANE DALE**  
(PA-P-M4229-K7136-72)

Member Renaissance. MWM, hetero, CD with strong TS feelings, 40-something, 18. "Enjoy music, photography, shopping, clubbing, and am an avid aviator. Wife doesn't know. Dress only a few times a year. It takes a lot of sublimation and will power! Wish Diane could be around more often. Please write."





**D. McKay**  
(PA-P-M4296-K8817-73)

Member TransPitt, Tri-Ess. Attended Coming Together '93, Be All '94. 41, 5'11", 145, 10, very passable CD. Interested in helping others with femme image and mindset, and public awareness talks. W. Central PA area. "Will escort as male or femme shopping. Real Girls welcome also for meeting, maybe more. Femme photo gets response."



**ERICA EDWARDS**  
(PA-NP-M4505-K9143-73)

Member Renaissance LSV. WMCD, 44, 6', 180, 12-14. "Interested in meeting and hearing from GGs, other sisters, and like-minded individuals. Enjoy shopping, dining en femme. Enjoy having my own hair frosted and styled for those special days and nights."

**CHARLES M.**  
(PA-M4774-K10509-74)

SW M-F hetero CD, 56, 5'10", 260, member TCNE. "Like to help hetero F-M CD discuss men's traditions during weekend meetings in PA Poconos, ABE area or Cen-

tral NJ. Helps if you like Japanese and Chinese cuisine."



**KAREN K.**  
(SE-PA-P-M4593-K9998-74)

Single TV/TS, 6', 160. "Want to make friends with other TV/TS/GG. Interests include fine dining, shopping, traveling, living as a she-male, glamour, theatre, seductive fashions, makeup, high heels and all that is feminine."



**JESSICA BRANDON**  
(PA-P-M4838-K7044-75)

Member of Renaissance. Hetero SBM, 36, 6'2", 195. "Have been crossdressing for twenty-two years. My image is that of a stylish, sophisticated lady, and I always dress like a classy career woman. Eager to become involved in local outreach while I'd love to hear from crossdressers of color."



**LISA KISH**  
(PA-P-M5129-K11187-73)

33, 6'0", 165. "I'm back to my new self after suffering through a bout of repression. Interested in hearing from old and new friends. I'm hoping to spend much more time having fun and interacting with the world as a woman."

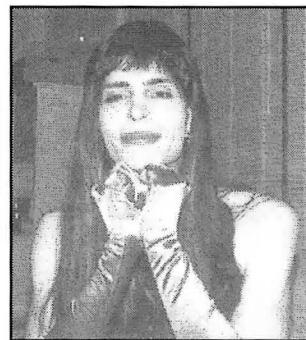


**KRISTEN ASHLEY EMBERS**  
(PA-P-M5145-K11340-74)

SCD, 31, 5'11", 165. "Interested in shopping, movies, sports, stock market, music—classic rock to country (love Mary Chapin Carpenter). Pursuing master's degree. Would like to meet understanding female for friendship/relationship. Also seek correspondence with TV/CDs. Letter with photo gets answered with same."

**PAULA RICHARDS**  
(PA-M5022-K8097-72)

Professional writer/photographer, 36, M-F transsexual. "Would like to hear from anyone who has completed hormone therapy, SRS, etc., or who is in transition."



**BARBARA D.**  
(PA-NP-M5151-K9319-74)

DWM, 30s, tall, thin, hetero TV. "Love fashion and modeling. Enjoy the challenge and magic when the clothes, accessories, and makeup form a convincing transformation. My interests include music, art, cooking, and fitness. Would like to hear from accepting females and other TV/TSs."



**ELLEN S.**  
(PA-NP-M5319-K11011-74)

SWM, 46, Bi-TV. "Been crossdressing since my teens. Like to be out of the closet more, but fear I would not pass. Like to write and meet other TV/TS/CDs for friendship or relationship. Love wigs, makeup and being feminine. Discreet. Will try to answer all."

## DELAWARE (197- 199-)



**PHYLLIS VANETTA LARSON**  
(DE-P-M0931-K0742-74)

Gracious lady active in Tri-Ess, IFGE, Renaissance Mtgs. Photographed Tiffany Club's Awards Banquets '90-'94. Married over 45 years to an understanding, beautiful and gracious wife. Self-employed, often dresses in home and office, dines out dressed. Electrolysis completed in '84. Sails, pilot, Churchd. Resides in Southern Del. Letters answered.



**AUDREY J. STEELE**  
(DE-P-M2434-K3366-74)

Member Renaissance, Tri-Ess. "To all who have written, please forgive me, I just could not keep up. Thank you all! I come and go dressed anywhere, so I'm out there, and very lucky to have met the people of each organization. I hope and pray that I can and have been of some help to others."



**JAMIEL**  
(DE-P-M4880-K5911-72)

Fun TV who loves fun people. "Would love to hear from other TVs and TV admirers."

**JANIE MARIE ADAMS**  
(DE-M5080-K8564-73)

MWM, CD, 5'7", 145, 40. "Recently out in public for the first time. Wife is supportive, but still learning about TV/CD. Enjoy feminine fashions, classical music and fine wines. Looking to correspond with other CDs and couples with similar interests."



**BRENDA LYNN GRAY**  
(DE-NP-M5215-K2009-74)

Single TV, mid-40s, 5'7", size 8. Member Renaissance. "Very comfortable with my male and fem self. Love going out dressed. Enjoy making new friends. Like to hear from other sisters. Photo appreciated."

## WASHINGTON, D.C. (200- 205-)

**MARY ELLEN K.**  
(DC-M1438-K0747-72)

WMM. Mature (61 years

young). "Do not pass well and therefore do not go out. Do wear underthings regularly, they feel so comfy. Wife understanding and accepting to a degree. Would like to correspond with others in like circumstances, and exchange pictures dressed."

**BONNIE ELAINE LEONARD**  
(DC-M4440-K8190-76)

"Please help! I long to be a girl, but have a fear of not passing and a completely uncooperative wife. I want to contact others in my area, and to know of local businesses catering to TVs for clothing and shoes, hair, makeup and makeovers, voice training and electrolysis."



**KAREN ELIZABETH**  
(DC-NP-M4500-K9734-73)

Member TGEA. Tall, slim, 34, WASP, professional, feminist, non-op TS. "Been crossdressing since childhood to relieve severe gender dysphoria. Circumstances prevent SRS, but I can always dream. Would like to correspond with and meet other *gender dysphorics*."

## MARYLAND (206- 218-)

**S. G. (MD-M2847-K3353-73)**

"At age 44 I have been a life-long TV 'transgender fetishist.' Have an extensive library which I have maintained for 28 years—TV/TS material. Married with an understanding and supportive wife. Special interest in petticoat punishment and enforced TV. We

love to make new friends. Please write!



**CINDY HENDERSON**  
(MD-P-M1725-K0757-74)

She-male, 36, married. "Wife is very understanding and supports my feminine development. Am interested in writing, talking, meeting, and networking with all who enjoy and participate in the transgendered lifestyle. Wife would especially like to talk with females who are dating or are married to TVs."



**NANCY ANN BURDICK**  
(MD-P-M2046-K2444-73)

Member DCEA, WBA, Tri-Ess. Participant Fantasia Fair '90, '91, Poconos '92, Texas T Party '94, Be All '94. 5'9", 165, brown hair and eyes. Crossdressed since age 10. Have complete wardrobe and dress part of every day. Enjoy being out in any activity. Love clean CD magazines and writing to nice CDs."

**LAURA DANIELLE B.**  
(MD-M3911-K8376-73)

"42, 6', transsexual woman in transition, feminist, partially out, with all associated joys and pains. Retired surgeon. Orthodox Jewish upbringing.

Divorced. Two lovely boys in Israel. Struggling with both my past and my future, trying to divine my path while realizing there is no path."



**RENE R.**

(MD-NP-M4191-K8579-74)

Bi-TV, 5'10", 150, 30s, life-long CD, slim, educated, professional with healthy lifestyle. Interests include photography, art, nature, photography, music (blues). "Extremely busy life. Interested in meeting quality individuals, especially attractive, slim pre/post TS or females for long-term monogamous relationship."



**NICOLE DANEÉ A.**

(MD-P-M4402-K8900-72)

MBM hetero CD, 5'11", 160, 41, 41-32-41, 14. "Love all aspects of the feminine lifestyle. Let's talk! Love the career girl look, especially heels and ultra-sheer hose. Need advice on feminine deportment to become passable. Never been out dressed, but will soon. Photo with letter gets mine."



**LEANNE THOMAS**

(MD-P-M4493-K9708-73)

CD, 37, 5'8", 150, professional musician. "Slowly emerging from the closet. Wish to correspond with and meet other educated, imaginative TVs for sharing our femininity. I'm empathetic, articulate, creative, and give of myself. Love to dress. Wish to pass and socialize. Will respond to all good letters with photo."



**MICHELLE HART**

(MD-P-M5037-K10071-73)

Bi-TV, 35, 5'11", 170. "Enjoy being completely feminine. Interests are jazz/classical music, fine arts, wines and restaurants. Would like to correspond and meet other TV/TSs. Love sexy lingerie. Will exchange photos and videos. Photo if possible."

**SUE B.**

(MD-M5171-K5851-74)

Bi-WMM, 5'10", 200. "Wife non-supportive. Love to dress, especially in lingerie. Like guitar, computer sports. Would like to meet/correspond with others. Photo would be nice, but not necessary."



**AMY B.**

(MD-NP-M5311-K11509-75)

SCD 32, 5'8", 150. "Out of denial in December '94. Aggressively pursuing cross-dressing since. Have been out on several occasions. Love Chesapeake Bay and related activities. Looking for safe and supportive females for friendship, help with wardrobe and possible relationship. Please send photo with letter."

**VIRGINIA**

(220- 246-)

**LINDA C.**

(VA-M0703-K0784-74)

Member of Tri-Ess. 5'8", 150, MWM, hetero TV. Interested in women's fashions, gourmet cooking, photography, music. "Enjoy meeting, corresponding with TVs."



**JAYNE MACK**

(VA-P-M1206-K0748-72)

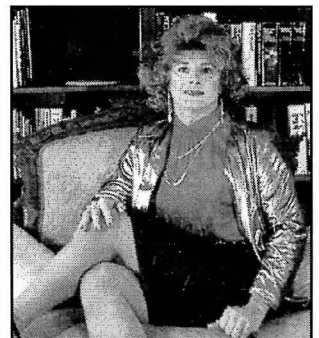
WBiM, late-50s. "Looking for women, sisters and men to help me be the woman I want to be. Am a writer who is into jazz, computer-publishing, dressing up. Giving freedom and femme side late in life, so in a bit of a hurry."



**CHRISTINA SMITH**

(VA-P-M1868-K2176-75)

Member Tri-Ess, Virginia's Secret. 6', 185. Just turned 50. Enjoy photography, big band music, collectable records, cooking, and going out dressed. "Like to write other sisters. Forming new Tri-Ess group in Richmond. Like to attend Holiday En Femme or similar event."



**SHEILA W.**

(VA-P-M2276-K2832-73)

Member Virginia's Secret, Tri-Ess. 40, 6', 190, green eyes. Interested in photography, exchanging photos. "Friendly but shy. Try to be a good correspondent—not always successful. Enjoy meeting others."

**SHARON LEE**

(VA-M3185-K6110-74)

MWM. 54, 6', 185, recently retired, long time CD. "Supportive wife. Just starting to go out, but a way to go to pass. Interested in gardening, computers, horology. Enjoy my feminine side. Will answer all letters."





**KIMBERLY C.**  
(N VA-NP-M2300-K2981-74)

"Transgendered. Have been crossdressing for 40 years. Last attended Southern Comfort 1994. Member Virginia Secret, TGEA. Will exchange experiences of coming out to family and business associates. Will answer all."



**DIANE PARIS**  
(VA-P-M2460-K3426-73)

MWM TV. Feels best when dining, shopping, at a disco or a piano bar with wife and TV friends or couples. She's found that confidence gains respect and dignity from the public. She and her wife are always ready to help other TVs or couples with the issues around this lifestyle.

**DON C.**  
(VA-M4284-K1425-72)

AM, 5'9", 168, desires to meet personable TV/TS for friendship, etc. Travels mid-Atlantic region from VA to NY regularly. "Photo/phone desired. Discretion assured. Let's meet and enjoy life."



**SAMANTHA W.**  
(VA-P-M3052-K5630-74)

Member Virginia's Secret, Tri-Ess. MWM, hetero TV, 70s, retired, 5'9", 165. Interested in amateur radio, sailing, wood carving, classical music, ballet, dressing, shopping. "Suppressed TV from boyhood to 1991 when I discovered Virginia's Secret and IFGE. Divorced and remarried wonderful supportive widow. Welcome letters from other TV's."



**DEBBIE HAHN**  
(VA-NP-M3201-K6201-72)

Member Board of Directors, Transgendered Educational Association (TGEA); Tri-Ess. Attended '91, '94 & '95 Texas T Party. Crossdresser with a loving and totally accepting wife. We are both active locally and help emerging sisters. Very proficient with makeup. Witty, funny, adventurous and lots of fun. Love to write and answer all.

**DAVE B.**  
(VA-M4881-K5926-75)

Bi-MWM, 42, 6', 180, blonde, blue eyes. Considered handsome with a warm and friendly disposition. "Travel,

US, Canada and overseas. Wish to meet a TV/TS who desires a special relationship. Full of fun and mutual respect. Photo with your response appreciated."



**DIANA A.**  
(VA-NP-M3283-K6478-74)

"I am a fun-loving 36-year-old, trim CD who is looking for friends. I like to dance, shop, fashion, champagne, good conversation and having fun! I like romance novels, disco, jazz, lingerie and more. Give me a chance to tell you more. I will not disappoint."



**LAINER.**  
(VA-NP-M3559-K7489-73)

"Avid 30-something girl ISO CD/TV/GGs who enjoy fun times together, socially or intimately. Into wearing short, sexy micro skirts, erotic attire by night, tasteful attire by day. Enjoy clubs as well as quiet evenings. Seek others who have it *all figured out* and who appreciate who they are."



**JESSICA WARREN**  
(VA-P-M3673-K7973-72)

Member TGEA, TCNE. Attended Coming Together '93. SWM. 6', hetero, CD, 32. President TGEA. Interested in athletics, reading, computers, & shopping. "I strive to be passable and classy. Am very comfortable with myself. Enjoy meeting and helping other CDs. Good correspondent. Letters from all transgendered people and women welcomed. Photo appreciated."



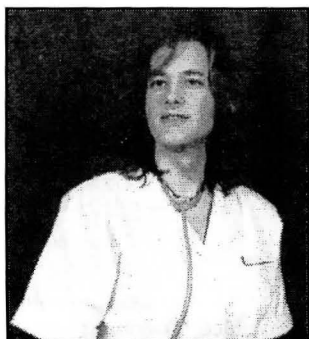
**DIANE VAN HORNE**  
(VA-P-M4730-K10459-74)

D, 35, tall, slender, discreet. "Wish to correspond with all who are in need of LSF. I answer every letter, but give priority to those with a photo. Have enjoyed making all my new friends, hope to continue to meet more. You have helped make '94 the best year of my life."

**MARGO JOHNSON**  
(VA-M4906-K10859-75)

DWM, Bi, CD, 49, 5'6", 150, 16. Tampa-St. Petersburg. Professional, clean, discreet, non-smoker. "Dressing for years in private. Love dresses, nylons, high heels,

and everything feminine. Looking for other TS/TV/CD and understanding females to share these times with. Let's exchange photos and phone numbers. Can travel, entertain at home."



**KARA H.**  
(VA-P-M4858-K5470-75)

"T\* trying to work out what the \* is...maybe S, maybe V. 6'3", green eyes, blonde. Interests include transgendered and feminist issues, computers and science fiction. Love to meet others."



**JO ANNE RICHARDS**  
(VA-NP-M4924-K10883-72)

"Single, 45, CD since spring '94 and love every minute. Work in engineering by day, beauty school student by night. Attend school en femme. Students, instructors and neighbors very supportive. Dress 100% of time away from day job. Passable and/or accepted while shopping. Write. Let's meet and talk."



**DEBRA DAVIES**  
(VA-P-M5087-K10926-73)

MWM, 5'11", 192, 45. "TV since age 15. Wife knows, but is less than enthusiastic (why should she be?). Go out monthly. Pass sometimes, not others! Interested in photo exchange and have videoed self dressed over last six years. Happy to swap and correspond."

## **WEST VIRGINIA** (246- 268-)



**DEE DEE HENSELL**  
(WV-P-M2329-K3026-77)

Member Kappa Beta. Divorced CD, 50, looking for woman who would like role-reversal in a relationship. I'd like to keep house and make a home for that special girl. Want to learn how to sew, and go to cosmetology school. Now living and working as a domestic. Like to meet and correspond with others."



**KAY LIGHTNER**  
(WV-P-M2435-K3374-74)

Married CD with highly supportive spouse. "We both enjoy being out in the community and have attended Be All and Paradise in the Poconos. Have recently started vacationing en femme and coming out to select straight friends. I am an avid sewer and cartoonist, and love to correspond."



**DEBBIE LUCAS**  
(WV-NP-M3393-K6841-75)

Debbie is in her 40s, 5'6", has an understanding wife, and is passable. Debbie is a Tri-Ess member, one of the founders of Trans-WV, and is currently the president of a new Kanewha Valley support group called The Valley Girls (TVG), in Charleston, the state capital.

## **NORTH CAROLINA** (270- 289-)



**FRANCES T.**  
(NC-P-M1245-K0823-78)

Member TVC, Tri-Ess. Participant Coming Together, Be All. Late 30s, 5'7", 140. "Pass very well. Enjoy shopping chatting with store clerks, beauty personnel, etc., who know me. Flew dressed to my last convention. Look forward to doing it again next year. Browse in women's magazines and dress catalogues. Not a good correspondent."



**PATRICIA P.**  
(NC-P-M3276-K6450-76)

"I'm 30, semi-vegetarian, a non-smoker, professional. Would like to make new friends in the Greensboro, NC area. My interests include music, playing guitar, outdoors, gender issues, marriage and meeting other couples."

**GINA WRIGHT**  
(NC-M4432-K9675-72)

"I am a white, Male-to-Female crossdresser. I will respond to all letters."

in Lexington, NC and would like to meet others like me. I am closeted and would like to remain that way. Also interested in meeting males and females who understand my lifestyle. Whites only, 18-55 years, please contact me. I'm 34 years old."



**JACKIE J.**  
(NC-NP-M4048-K8273-74)  
SWMCD, 40ish, 5'9", 165. "Will try to respond to all sisters who have written. Bear with me! Still in closet. Someday soon, hope to open the door! Very active in community and spend much time with SO (doesn't know, but I think suspects). Ex-military (MOS 7562). Interests: gardening, fishing, aviation, hunting."



**PAMELA ROGERS**  
(NC-NP-M4235-K9428-72)  
"This Carolina girl loves going out and cherishes time as Pamela, but derives her real satisfaction in helping others. Enjoy sending letters and photos to friends from all over. Love the humorous side of our transgendered community, and proud to be part of

it. Write soon! Enjoy making new friends."

**LISA R.**  
(NC-M4936-K10950-75)  
TV/TS seeks employment in US. Bachelor degree Agronomist. Currently quality assurance lab technician. Laboratory or botanical opportunities preferred, but open to alternatives.

**DENEEN C.**  
(NC-M5170-K8453-73)  
MWM about 40. Interested in Sci-Fi, history, and old movies. "I would enjoy hearing from sisters in my area. Please help as I seek to develop my femme self. Will answer all correspondence."

## ***SOUTH CAROLINA*** (290- 299-)

**BOBBIE ANN B.**  
(SC-M2874-K4857-72)  
DWM, hetero, CD, 36, 6'1". "Love dressing in hose, heels and lingerie. Dressing since age 8. Making progress, but still need help. Must be careful due to home situation. Like to correspond with other TV/TSs and GG and maybe meet. Love girl talk."



**LEE C.**  
(SC-P-M4926-K4696-72)  
"I've been crossdressing partially for many years in the closet. Recently came out. Love it! Have collection of lingerie. Looking for kindred spirits in area to share friendship. Would like to correspond and meet friends."

**JENNY P.**  
(NC-M4971-K8654-72)  
SWM, 5'4", 26, 160 (trying to lose). "I am a very shy person. Been closeted crossdresser all my life. Looking for a friend to write to. I need advice on passing and coming out. Please write."

## ***GEORGIA*** (300- 319-)

**MICHELLE WEST**  
(GA-M1486-K0842-75)  
"Yankee transplant has flourished in the Sunny South. Nourish my soul with books and music, my body with exercise, both with Tai Chi, and my bank account in the computer world. Lifelong CD, coming farther out by leaps and creeps Will answer all except come-ons."



**MELANIE SHALINE**  
(GA-NP-M2265-K2822-75)  
DWM CD, 5'13", old enough to know better, but still young enough to resist. "Love exploring all aspects of who I am. Your picture gets mine. Active in all events including conventions, retreats, cruises. Happy with who I am. Will share that feeling."



**JAMIE LEE GREGORY**  
(GA-P-M3688-K8001-73)  
TS, 5'10", 136, 45, divorced. Interested in movies, music, shopping, everything feminine. "Attended Southern Comfort '92, '93. Have begun transition process. Family, children, employer aware and supportive. Found total relief and at peace with myself. would like to hear from others. Will answer quickly as possible."



**MICHELLE KELLY**  
(GA-P-M3054-K5640-73)  
6', 170, blue eyes. "Traveling throughout Georgia."



**LAURA A. SIMS**  
(GA-P-M3956-K6882-74)  
MWM hetero CD since age of four, 55, 5'9", 168, 40-34-

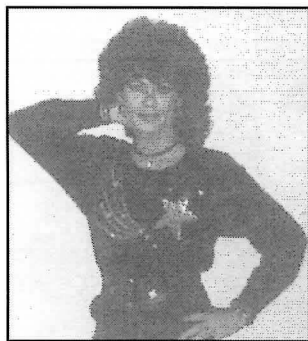


38, blue eyes, blonde hair. "Love everything feminine, mostly home dresser, however, have enjoyed Southern Comfort and a few Atlanta Sigma Epsilon meetings. Love girl talk, sharing experiences. Your picture gets mine. Answer all. PROMISE."

**MICHELLE L.**

(GA-M4724-K9565-74)

In therapy for lifelong gender/body conflict. "Am seeking mutual support and encouragement with this issue as well as good, honest friendships. Also looking for support groups here in SE GA and NE FL. Can anyone help? Will answer all who write. Please, no sexually explicit letters. Thank you."



**STEPHANIE G.**

(GA-P-M5122-K9875-73)

41, slender, attractive bi-CD, open-minded, open heart, massage therapist. "Supportive wife. Very sensual and giving. Enjoy photos, correspondence, and fantasies. Interested in meeting others TV/TS/CD androgenous men. Send photo with letter. Becoming more femme every day. Deeply spiritual ('spiritual hedonist')."



**DONNA K.**

(GA-NP-M5249-K11648-74)

"Tall, early 50s, act/look much younger. Have been dressing only a short time, but have come out successfully. Very open-minded. Love to make new friends for social interaction, dressing and role playing with other CD/TVs, dominant GGs, or gentlemen who appreciate a special lady."

**FLORIDA  
(320- 340-)**



**AUSTINE B.**

(FL-P-M1086-K0910-72)

DWM CD, TS inclinations. 54, 5'8", 150, sensitive, gentle, and caring. "In and out of closet since childhood. Many varied interests. I am a friend of Bill W. and seek correspondence or meetings with others whose addictions have affected their gender dysphoria."



**PETRA DAWN**

(FL-P-M1314-K0817-73)

Member Sigma Epsilon, Tau Lambda (TLC). Late-30s, married with two children. Computer literate. "Active on various BBS including Tri-Ess BBS and Genderline and am exploring the Internet. We are forming a new group, TLC, and would like to hear from like-minded sisters in the north Florida or south Georgia area."



**VANESSA B.**

(C FL-P-M1396-K0931-73)

Member Central FL Sisters, Southern Belles. 45, 5'5", 150. Interested in meeting with other sisters, and going to various outings/clubs with my sisters. "I have accepted my feminine self. Can't get enough of Vanessa. Would like to be more passable so as to go to straight places."

**CLAUDIA K.**

(FL-M1833-K1010-75)

Member Crossport, CFS, Sigma Epsilon. Attended Be All, Texas T Party, Southern Comfort. Interested in sunshine, my

home, travel, still & video photography. "Enjoy meeting new people. Am anxious to help CDs of any age out of the closet and into a support group."



**JODY N.**

(FL-NP-M2968-K5101-72)

Member Central Florida Sisters, Serenity. SWM, 5'6", 125, thirty-something. TS inclinations. "Interested in hearing from GGs and like-minded individuals. Pre- and post-op. Photo, please, if possible. Peace."



**STEPHANIE CARIN  
MICHAELS**

(FL-P-M3753-K8207-72)

Member Central Florida Sisters. SWM, 39, 5'6", 145. Interested in aviation, ballroom dancing (long, elegant gowns), and studying feminine characteristics. "Seeking a CD girlfriend in my area to go out on the town with. Love sharing my thoughts and feelings as a crossdresser."



**NORMA SUE ALLISON**  
(FL-P-M3794-K0407-73)

5'8", 180. "Pre-op TS who loves romantic evenings, country music, corresponding with others, and all things feminine. Currently separated from non-supportive spouse. Enjoy shopping and dining out. Will answer all who write. Photo gets mine in return. Would love to meet others from the Tampa area."



**VICKI SIMPSON**  
(FL-NP-M3941-K6645-73)

Attended Southern Comfort. Single TS, 5'8", 135, living full time, on hormones since 9/94. "Enjoy cooking, shopping, dining out, going to movies and having my nails done. Interested in hearing from sisters and good looking men for possible relationship. Don't let your fears stand in the way of your dreams."

**PATRICIA GREENE**  
(FL-M4256-K9546-75)

"I thank God daily for my blessings: wife, daughter, friends accept me cross-dressed, even encouraged to do so at home. I never would have believed that it could

happen to me, but it did. Take heart, it could happen to you!"



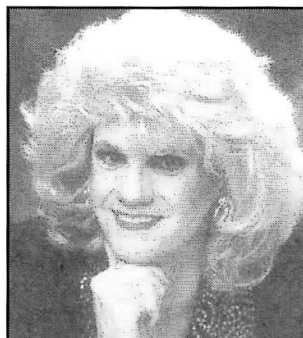
**KAREN ANN R.**  
(FL-P-M4018-K8675-72)

MWM, TG, hetero, forty-something. Member Tri-Ess, Central Florida Sisters. Interested in computers and telecommunications. "Enjoy BBSing, answering letters, shopping, reading, and almost everything feminine. Enjoying a second chance at life with 100% self-acceptance and with partial acceptance from wife and friends. I'll answer if you write."



**DIANNE WHITE**  
(FL-P-M4025-K5217-74)

TS on hold. Member MOTG. "Fun, enjoyable, dateable. Lest's party. 60, slim figure, size 9, nice legs. Love dressing stylishly, youthful and provocatively. Spike heels, tight skirts and black nightgowns were made for me. Feel the same? Fantastic. Let's chat. Love corresponding on any subject. All letters answered."



**DENISE B.**  
(FL-P-M4035-K8736-74)

39-year-old CD. Married. Intolerant wife, 5'10", 160. Attended '93, '94 Be All, '94 Southern Comfort. "Eclectic tastes, particularly fond of shopping. Active on Tri-Ess BBS. Discovered my femme side only two years ago. It has brought me my life's highest highs and lowest lows."

**VICKY S.**  
(FL-M4639-K10237-75)

WM CD, 35. "Would like to hear from others in the Bahamas, and anywhere else. Will answer all. Wife/children very supportive and encouraging."



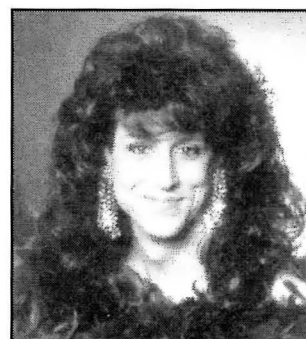
**PAMELA ANN B.**  
(FL-P-M4695-K10384-74)

DWM, 50s. "Have been dressing for years, but need help getting past front door. Passable, maybe. Second opinion welcome as well as support. Enjoy all sports, photography, music, dressing as often as possible. Photo and phone appreciated. Will answer all."

**CARLA M.**  
(FL-M4953-K4570-75)

SWM TV, 35, 6', 160, brown/blue. "No en femme photo

yet. In closet since childhood. With newly found TG community, Carla is coming out. Enjoy cooking, sports, movies, reading and friends. Love corresponding and everything feminine. Want all CD/TV/TSs and others to write. Don't be shy, be you!"



**MICHELLE HANES**  
(FL-NP-M5320-K11802-74)

Married CD, mid-30s, 5'7", 145. Member Sigma Epsilon, Tau Lambda. Attended Holiday En Femme '92, Southern Comfort '93, IFGE '95 as glamour shot vendor. "Married to understanding, beautiful, tolerant wife. Three sons. Love being Daddy, but Michelle needs to let her hair down. Love to correspond, especially those interested in makeup: Mary Kay rep."

## ALABAMA (350- 369-)

**ANNE ARMSTRONG**  
(AL-M1478-K0934-73)

Member Tri-Ess. "Would welcome letters. Will answer quickly. Curious about other TV fantasies, clothes, etc. Am still in the closet."

**SARAH C. JAMES**  
(AL-M4764-K10766-74)

DWM, 53, 5'8", 140, teacher, author. "Have written plays on TS; doing more. I enjoy being a girl, shopping, reading, movies, travel, music, dancing, romance (loving; being loved). I'm new, but I love it! Write to me. I treasure letters, and I always answer them promptly."



**TRISHA J.**  
(AL-P-M2820-K4698-72)

MWM, hetero, 34, 5'10", 175. "Been crossdressing since young teenage. Married. Wife knows and tries to understand. Very supportive. Would like to correspond with other sisters in the up-state area."



**LISA T.**  
(AL-P-M4986-K5005-76)

6'0", 155, blonde, blue eyed TS seeks other TS/CD/TV to correspond with and trade photos. "Love showing off my long sexy legs. Your photo and SASE gets mine. Will answer all who include SASE. Possibility of meeting the right 'girl.'"

**MELINDA C.**  
(AL-M5236-K11639-74)

SWM, 6'1", 50, TV for 35+ years. "Still in the closet, but have been out and it was wonderful. Will be joining Tri-Ess soon! Hope to meet and correspond with other sisters."

## TENNESSEE (370-384)



**KAREN T.**  
(TN-NP-M3039-K4983-73)

DWM, 5'11", 135, 9/10, 50s. "Dressing in low tops, short skirts, and high heels is an incredible turn on for me. I would love to have a slim, caring friend. Am frequently free to travel or entertain at home."



**LORRIE RENAE T.**  
(TN-P-M4655-K7766-74)

5'11", blue eyes, blonde hair most of time, 22, hetero CD. Single and very much in closet. "Would like to meet an understanding female for possible relationship. Would also like to meet other hetero CDs for help in promoting feminine self."



**TRACY SCINTILLA**  
(TN-P-M5160-K11336-74)

TS. "Sweet, loving and sensual. 5'11", 160, 10T, 41. I would love to start taking hormones immediately and continue through SRS, but too afraid without loving, faithful male support. Seek tall CD/TV/MAN for relationship, TS/women for friendship lady talk. Love being a woman. Hope you all like me! Photos please!"



**LYNN D.**  
(TN-NP-M5307-K11779-75)

Classy lady (CD) seeks supportive and understanding genetic female for correspondence and possible romantic relationship. Loves shopping, romantic music and quiet evenings. Very understanding, sincere and well educated. Will answer all, but photo preferred. Would like to correspond with genetic females, TV/TG/TS/CDs.

## MISSISSIPPI (386-396)



**SISSY S.**  
(MS-P-M3443-K7091-75)

Member of Tri-Ess, Beta Chi. 5'11", 190, SWM, 39, hetero. Interested in being a woman and meeting women and CDs in MS. "Love going to restaurants, movies, and shopping as Sissy. Seek supportive females for friendship/relationship. I enjoy being a girl, don't you?"



**KAREN SCOTT**  
(MS-P-M3472-K7184-72)

Member of NOW. SWM, 5'10", 170. Interested in TV, sports, soap operas. Retired widower, former Avon lady, L'Oreal hair color technician. Like wigs, makeup, and wearing all feminine attire. "Love hats, millinery, sleep en femme. Crossdressed since twelve years old. Love to hear from all CDs in New Orleans area. Write. Send pictures."





**JOANN LYNN**  
(MS-P-M3858-K3224-78)

MWM, bi-TV, 5'8", 135, 36B-29-36. Interested in meeting other CD/TV/TSs, MS Gulf Coast and New Orleans or Mobile, AL areas. "Love to dress as a female. Wife not supportive. Will travel for daytime meetings for a relationship. Seeking others who can help me be the female I crave to be."



**MELANIE CUEVAS**  
(MS-P-M4218-K7363-75)

Member Tri-Ess. 6'4", 205, MWM, hetero CD. "Play guitar, shop, read. Wife supportive at home. Still in closet. Passable. Quiet and sincere. Would love to correspond and possibly meet others in MS. Please send picture. Will answer all."



**LAURA ALLISON**  
(MS-NP-M4223-K9524-75)

SWM, 46, 5'7", 145. Member Tri-Ess. "Love the look and feeling of being a girl. Wish I could be better at it. Interested in almost everything. Look to develop friendship that will help me improve my femme side. Hope to venture out dressed soon."

## **KENTUCKY** (403- 427-)

**LYNNE B.**  
(KY-M1992-K2494-72)  
Interested in corresponding with a TV/TS.



**LINDA BUTEN**  
(KY-P-M2001-K0965-99)  
Member Crossport, IFGE Board of Directors. Participant Be All, Coming Together. MWM TV, 6', 180. "Been in public for years, and understand self and others well. Wife and children know, understand and love Linda as an extension of my personality. Enjoy dating tall, well-mannered gentlemen who know how to treat a lady to the finer things in life."



**DANA LYNN HOUSTON**  
(KY-P-M2524-K3731-72)  
Creative and sensitive TG (not kinky), committed to achieving womanhood with or without OPERATION. Lives as a woman in heart, mind, soul, but professionally as a man. Loves music, art, literature, cooking, gardening, design. "Married to loving woman, always my friend, even if surgery ensues."

## **OHIO (434- 457-)**



**MICHELLE RICHARDS**  
(SOH-P-M0954-K1005-73)  
Member Paradise, Cross-Port, Alpha Omega, Tri-Ess, Sigma Epsilon, Empathy, FIL, Serenity, and Tiffany. Hetero crossdresser, 5'9", 170, educated, friendly. Married 20 years to an "A" wife. An original organizer of Paradise. "I enjoy crossdressing, hi-heels, 'girl talk,' and picture-taking sessions. Need help on feminine voice. Started dressing at seven. Now in late 40's"

**KATHERINE H.**  
(OH-M1994-K2073-75)  
Member CLCC, Paradise Club. Divorced, 40, TV/TS,

Bi, blonde, attractive. Interested in fashion, movies, music, cooking, gardening, golf, Yoga, aerobics. "Seek understanding friends in Ohio area, M or F. Intelligent, successful, articulate. Pass easily. Would like to meet others for fun, conversation."



**MARY R.**  
(OH-P-M1731-K1875-73)  
Hetero, SWM, 38, CD, 12T, brown hair, green eyes, gentle, passive, and very shy. Interested in fashions, cooking, shopping, and everything feminine. "Would love to hear from any genetic woman. My ultimate goal is to be in total rôle reversal with sincere woman who understands my feelings."



**CLAUDIA K.**  
(OH-P-M1833-K1010-75)  
Member CrossPort, IXE, CFS. Attended Be All, Texas T Party, Fantasia Fair, Southern Comfort. A young old person who is retired. Interested in photography, golf, computers (Prodigy FMTX16A). "Since I live in Florida in the winter and the midwest in the summer, I can offer my support to the new

girls in these areas. We can write, talk on the phone or computer, or visit in person."



**SUSAN KNIGHT**  
(NOH-P-M2053-K2450-72)

Divorced, hetero CD. 51, 6', 185. Member Tri-Ess, Alpha Omega. "Enjoy fishing, camping, and old movies. Dress anytime I can and absolutely love it. Still in closet, but dress with sisters who live close by. If you live in the Huron/Erie County area and feel alone and frustrated, maybe I can help. Discreet."



**RHONDA MILLER**  
(OH-NP-M2150-K2546-74)

Member Tri-Ess, Alpha Omega. Attended Riverside '94, Be All '93. Married, CD, 56, 5'7", 176, nicely proportioned, passes easily. "Married to a very accepting woman in '95. Goes en femme to restaurants, shopping on regular basis. Hosted slumber parties in '93 and '94. Will answer all."

**DIANE M.**

(OH-M2212-K2660-73)

SWM, 5'11", 160. "Very strong TS desire. Quiet and shy, but anxious to make friends with others who have the same feelings. I would also like to correspond and meet females who could help bring out the woman that I should be."



**LISA HART**  
(OH-P-M2591-K3760-73)

Member Paradise Club. MWM hetero CD, 36, 5'10", 155. "Into country living, beagle hounds, being Lisa and everything feminine. Very understanding wife. Have been out shopping and to dinner a few times, but still learning to relax. Seeking CD girlfriend in my area for girl talk and trips out. NW OH."



**AMY L.**  
(OH-P-M2671-K4180-72)

"Single, 34-year-old gentleman. Outdoors, masculine type. I'm open-minded, supportive and understanding of the transgender community. Like to hear from TV/TS for

dates, friendship, possible relationship. No marrieds or one-nighters. Just be sincere and honest. Can travel or entertain. Please send photo."



**JOAN B.**  
(OH-P-M3224-K6235-74)

Attended Southern Comfort. 5'5", 160, TS, married, professional, honest, caring, and discreet. Wife not supportive. Interested in sports, cooking, shopping, romantic evenings and long walks. "Love dressing and going out. Want to meet other TV/TSs and women for friendship and support. Central Ohio area, but travel extensively. Will answer all."

**ROXANNE L.**  
(OH-M3755-K7391-73)

MWM, 43. Interested in music, reading, heart to heart conversations, feminism, Goddess religion, cross-gender psychology, writing. "Want to correspond with other sisters for mutual aid and growth. Am just emerging from the closet and looking for friends with similar interests."

**JOANN HOFFLER**  
(OH-M3955-K8523-73)

M-F TS, 35. Interested in computers, sailing. "Seeking professional consultation and support. Would like to talk with other new M-F TSs with same interest."

**PAULA HARMSTON**  
(OH-M4337-K6968-72)

Member Tri-Ess. 6', 170, brown eyes and hair, 44, professional, married, hetero. Interested in old movies, music. "Travel frequently on business. Enjoy meeting sisters from around the country. Enjoy shopping, restaurants, etc."

**TATIANA R.**  
(OH-M3886-K7267-73)

MWM hetero TV, 40s, 6', 165. Active on Compuserve's Genderline. "Would like to hear from others in the Ohio area. Am in search of a good support group."



**KRISTINE JONES**  
(OH-P-M3931-K8465-74)

Member Crossport. Attended Be All '91-94. CD, 6', 165, MWM. "Love being Kristine whenever possible. Pass well except for height. Love being well dressed and going out for the evening. Would like to correspond with CD/TVs, genuine ladies or interested gentlemen."

**DENISE SMITH**  
(OH-M4404-K9460-72)

"Hi, I'm Denise. I'm 34, 5'6", brn/brn, 12/14. I enjoy golf, racing, guitar and lots of other stuff. I'm divorced with two boys, so I have to be careful. I pass well and love to go out!! Seeking other TG/TVs and understanding GGs for friendship, maybe more."



**DENISE DAWSON**  
(OH-P-M4746-K8130-78)

Member Paradise Club. Attended dozens of conventions. Miss Femininity '93. Single CD, 39, 5'7", 132. "Very passable and love fooling the general public, although sometimes chicken. Interested in getting together with other very passable CD/TSs and GGs for good times. Your photo gets mine. Understanding GG desired for quality relationship."

**KATHY GREY**  
(OH-M5044-K6767-72)

New member Cross-Port. MWM, CD/TV, 49, 6'0", 1707, 14/16 (38-30-38), black hair brown eyes. "Wife doesn't know. Wish to correspond with all. Interested in all things feminine. Must be discreet. Want friends to share and learn makeup, dress, poise, voice. Want to dress with girls. Love lingerie. Working on photo."



**JESSICA SIMMONS**  
(OH-P-M5123-K10658-73)

5'9", 135, just-turned-forty, passable, pre-operative TS. "Into jazz, poetry, lesbian singers and literature. Of

course, the Beatles. Would love to hear from others."

**ANTHONY L.**  
(OH-M5128-K11188-73)

MWM, 42. "Professional writer of adventure fiction with lifelong attraction to and interests in feminine TS/TVs would like to meet or correspond with you. This Medina County resident is discreet and as affectionate as you wish, your basic nice guy. Available weekdays, some travel, will answer all who write."

**INDIANA**  
(463- 479-)



**YVONNE COOK-RILEY**  
(IN-P-M1009-K1818-99)

IFGE Director of Operations, IFGE Board of Directors, Chrmn Finance Committee. Lifetime member IXE. IFGE Trinity Award, 1991. Friendly and sincere individual who enjoys all people who are involved in gender issues.

**TEDDY K.**  
(IN-M3805-K8287-72)

MWM, CD, dual gendered. "Nearing retirement, but vital and active. On a continuous voyage of discovery. Interests include writing, music, history, tennis and bicycling. Tri-Ess, CIGA and IXE. Paradise in the Poconos. Looking for CD friends of all ages, especially over 55. Experienced, loving, prudent."



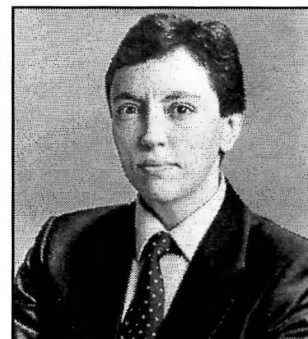
**VANESSA W.**  
(IN-P-M1166-K1046-73)

Member of StLGF. Attended Fall Harvest '91, Miss Best Dressed, Southern Comfort '92. MWM, TV, 32, 5'9". "Love shopping, sightseeing, and modeling as my fenne self. I'm a recent bride married to a very supportive woman who is my wife, my sister, my love. Would like to correspond with and meet select couples."



**RITA S.**  
(IN-P-M1712-K1886-74)

45, 5'9", 160. "Sometimes shy, always sincere, honest. Lifelong CD. Want to make friends with other sisters in the La Porte, Indiana area for get togethers, conversation, shopping, whatever! You are not alone! Also seek hand-holding protective Man for my Honey. Around my age or older."



**DAN COOK-RILEY**  
(IN-P-M1802-K1029-99)

Member IXE, IFGE Volunteer. Female CD, 40s. Sincere, caring individual. Interested in corresponding with other female-to-male CD/TSs. Enjoys hiking, dancing, T'ai Chi Ch'uan, talking with others and helping others "coming out."



**DEBORAH ANNE K.**  
(IN-P-M2011-K2422-73)

Member Tri-Ess. Attended Be All '90-'94. MWM, 54, 5'9", 150. Interested in gardening, shopping, housework, bowling, fishing, NASCAR, target shooting. "Enjoy dressing in cotton to silk, and do so when wife is away. She knows. Learning to apply makeup. Would like to help in person or correspondence." Pre-op TS, 33. "Life is about unconditional love, laughter, the pursuit of excellence, and the quest for truth. I appreciate anything of quality that challenges people and seeks to lift them up. Life is short. Be good to yourself . . . and above all, be true to yourself."





**LAURA A. SIMS**  
(IN-P-M3956-K6882-74)

Member Chi Chapter, Tri-Ess; IXE. New CD. MWM, 54, 5'9", 170. "Attended Southern Comfort, '93, and learned much about myself. Wife supportive, but not involved. Will answer all letters and share photographs."



**VICTORIA LEE**  
(IN-NP-M4112-K6392-74)

MWM, 49, 5'7", hetero CD, professional educator. Like jazz, classical music, dance, shopping, technology and the future. Everything soft and feminine. "Have loved dressing as a girl since I was 4. I am still looking for the courage to start going out."

**JANET P.**  
(IN-M4300-K2571-72)

5'11", married to a supportive wife, 41. "Just accepted who I am. Have been a CD since 8. Like philosophy, history, very femme attire, shopping with my wife for Janet's things, and being outdoors. Have only been out as femme self once. Would like to correspond with hetero CDs."



**RACHEL L.**  
(IN-P-M4549-K9772-74)

"Early 30s, shapely, passable and sincere CD. Dressing since age 16, out in public since 19. Enjoy the career look, makeup, and fun-looking outfits. Published in magazines worldwide. Dressing allows me to better express the femininity within me. And its just plain fun. Drop me a line."

**CHERYL T.**  
(IN-M4766-K6251-78)

DWM, 50s, 5'8", 165, TG. "Having returned in '94 to my home after many years living in California, am now seeking new friends in the TG community for correspondence and conversation. You write and I will answer."



**JENNIFER MARIE S.**  
(IN-NP-M5174-K11416-73)

Single TV/TG, 40, past member KCCAF, StLGF, now in NW Indiana. Attended Fall Harvest '90-'94. Crowned Miss Fall Harvest 1994. "Active 5 years, growing and learning every day. Enjoy shopping, travel, night life. Love meeting new friends, corresponding or chatting on phone. Keep the Faith!"

## MICHIGAN (480- 499-)



**MILESA PHAR**  
(MI-NP-M0976-K1068-75)

Transgender supporter of Be All - 12 years. Photography, motorcycle hobby; college lecturer, Crossroads' past officer.



**JENNIFER ANN NELSON**  
(SE MI-P-M1165-K1050-77)

Member Crossroads. 5'11", 160, 14, brown hair, blue eyes. "Cherish time as Jennifer. Just getting to know myself, understand my feelings as a woman. Love short skirts, silk dressing, and heels. Love to meet sisters, and be escorted on my travels. Will respond to your letters as best I can."



**TINA L. PRATT**  
(MI-P-M1276-K1112-72)

TG/TS, 39, 5'11", 22W, long blonde hair, electrolysis ...passable. "Out for 9 years now, with no regrets! Live in the Upper Peninsula, so there is little in the way of peer support here. Would enjoy hearing from others."

**LYNN P. J. OTTENS**  
(MI-M2745-K4492-75)

"She male, very feminine, desires friends, mentors and employment. I am/you must be drug, alcohol, and smoke free."

**CINDY F. DINSER**  
(MI-M3010-K1075-73)

Member Crossroads, IME. Well-liked, good worker. Interested in swimming, bowling, bicycle rider. "Been with Crossroads nine years, IME five years. Been to ten Be Alls. We also hold a picnic once a year in the country, have a nice turn out every year. Please write if you want to. Love, your sister, Cindy."



**MARCIA ANN T.**  
(E MI-P-M1871-K2173-75)

Member Tri-Ess, Crossroads. Attended '91, '92, '93

Be All. WM TV, 5'10", 165. Tri-city area. "For over 25 years have enjoyed passing in public. Wrote article on the mature CD for *LadyLike*. Love to correspond with prompt reply. Happy to share, help, advise others."



**DEBBIE COOK**  
(MI-P-M2093-K2484-73)

Married hetero CD, 41, 5'6", 130, 11. Vegetarian. Double Aquarius with Scorpio moon. Likes computers, astrology, Tai Chi, New Age and classical music, cats and gourmet coffee. "Love all things feminine. Would like your picture. Will write back ASAP."



**MARSHA K.**  
(SE MI-P-M2719-K4382-72)

MWM, hetero CD, 6'2", 218, 42, frosted or red hair, triple pierced ears. "Enjoy golf, boating, travel, and having a good time. Love dressing and going out. Love pierced earrings, shoes, and good looking clothes. Just started going out. Like to hear from other sisters, especially those in the MI area, and meet and go out."



**STEPHANIE MICHELE WELLS**

(MI-P-M3377-K6718-74)  
5'9", mid40's, 140. Self-employed, open-minded and terminally gender confused. Interested in photography, mystery novels, computers, and meaningful conversation. "I enjoy corresponding, although I can be a tad slow in replying. Hope to make a few good friends, gain insight, and enjoy life a little more."

**DEBRA D.**  
(MI-M3490-K7206-75)  
Member Crossroads. SWM, hetero CD, 5'11", 150, brown hair, blue eyes. "Would like to meet understanding female for companionship."



**BOBBI SWAN**  
(ND-NP-M3557-K0975-75)  
Member of Swan's Inner Sorority. 64, 195, 6'1", blue eyes. Interested in meeting others. "Publish monthly newsletter, *Ms. Lisa's My Way*. With very supportive wife who as a beautician loves to work with sisters and their spouses."



**DIANE C.**  
(MI-P-M3740-K8200-73)  
SWM, hetero, CD, 34, 5'11", 160, blue eyes, blonde hair, 14/16, professional. Interested in all things feminine, shopping, dressing, jazz/classical music, theater, fine arts, wines & restaurants. "Life-long, closeted CD. Sensitive, empathetic. Want to allow femme self to blossom. Eager to perfect sophisticated, elegant image & personality. Seek correspondence, relationship, perhaps leading to marriage."

**JOANNE MARIE DANIELS**  
(MI-M4094-K8811-79)  
SWM, born 1947, hetero CD, 5'9", 160, 14, blue eyes. "I am interested in reading, bicycling, rustic camping, and enjoy wearing women's clothes. I am slowly slipping out of the closet and am undergoing electrolysis. Would like to correspond and meet other CDs and females who understand CDs."



**ROBERTA LEIGH**  
(MI-P-M4408-K2684-72)  
Member Crossroads, Tri-Ess, IME. MWM, hetero CD, 5'6½", blonde, hazel, 18 and losing. Interested in CD,

outdoor sports, travel, shopping. "Visit all 48 states and Canada. Just coming out. Wish to hear from sisters married to a 10+. Love the female persona. Not looking for anything sexual. Discretion expected. Love to all."

**CHRISTIE WOODS**  
(MI-M4563-K9757-73)

MWM, 34, TG. "Just coming out. No picture yet. My wife knows, but still seems to struggle with acceptance, as do I. Father of two sons. Am interested in all things feminine. Plan one day to go out dressed. Would like to correspond with other parents concerning family issues and feminine preferences."



**VICKIE CARSON**  
(MI-P-M4599-K10092-74)  
Bi WM TV, 42, lifelong TV. "Love to go out shopping in the day and dining and dancing in the evening. I would like to meet others who are interested in this culture. Please write. I will respond to all letters."



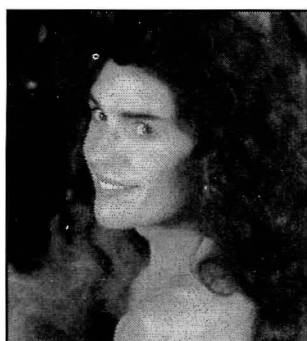
**CHRISTINE LYNN**  
(MI-P-M4879-K4510-75)  
Member Crossroads. Hetero,

29, 5'11", 14, passable. Interested in fashion, shopping, makeup, dressing, travel. "Desire to meet an understanding/supportive woman for friendship/relationship. Would enjoy corresponding with other CD/TV/TS. Letter with photo will be answered with the same."



•MICHELLE KAY  
(IL-P-M5021-K3447-73)

SW TV, 30s, 5'11". "I adore lingerie, stockings and heels. Love to primp and pose for the camera. Just starting to go out dressed. Would enjoy sharing correspondence, photos and fantasies with my beautiful transgendered sisters, interested men and GGs. I love being a girl! Send photo(s) to assure response."



SUZY D.  
(MI-P-M5154-K11385-74)

Member CrossRoads. Mid-forties, 5'6", 140. "Very feminine and passable CD who loves being a lady in all respects. Would very much like to correspond with other sisters and gentlemen interested in our special world. Will respond to all!"

REBECCA DUNN  
(MI-M5192-K11525-73)

Pre-op TS, 33. "Life is about unconditional love, laughter, the pursuit of excellence, and the quest for truth. I appreciate anything of quality that challenges people and seeks to lift them up. Life is short. Be good to yourself . . . and above all, be true to yourself."

IOWA (500- 528-)



ALISHA P.  
(IA-NP-M2071-K2466-73)

MWM, 40s, 6', 145, 8-10. "CD since childhood. Understanding wife, kids don't know. Love formal elegance, corsets, satin. College grad in geology. Own small business related to construction. Interests include photography, skiing, SCUBA, scouting, philosophy."

JANET BAKER  
(IA-M2091-K2482-72)

WM, 39, 175, 5'11". Artist. Interests include ceramics, prints, painting, gardening, animals, archeology, erotica, metal and wood working. "Would like to meet new friends with similar interests."

MICHELLE SCHEMANN  
(IA-M5117-K11112-73)

43, MWM, 5'9", 155. Novice CD with bi-inclinations. "Blessed with naturally girlish figure. Interested/excited by feminine things since childhood. Finally exploring my femme self. Experiencing major case of gender euphoria. Thirsty for information on all aspects of feminine

mystique. Need guidance/advice creating my female persona. Eager to share ideas/photos."

WISCONSIN  
(530- 548-)

PAULA M.  
(W WI-M2036-K2273-72)

Tri-Ess, Chi chapter. MWM, CD, 78, 5'5", 160. Retired university professor. Participant: Be All, Holiday En Femme, Fall Harvest. Artist (painter), musician. Interested in all visual/performing arts, especially classical music and jazz, fine foods, wines. "Happy marriage (52 years) to wonderfully accepting, supportive wife. We travel everywhere, do everything as two women. Correspondence invited."

LESLEY ANN SKOJEN  
(WI-M3018-K5042-75)

43, 6'4", 190, CD with strong TS feelings. "Dress in conservative fashions as often as possible. Would prefer to live in female gender. Still in closet. Interests include shopping for feminine clothes, bicycling, music, movies, woodworking, auto racing. Searching for understanding woman. Seeking correspondence/meeting with TV/TS women."



JANET LYNN  
(WI-P-M2141-K2536-77)

MWM. "Have very understanding wife who says I look pretty good. Am interested in all who need help telling their Significant Others about

their crossdressing. Am into travel, photography, and country music. Write if you need suggestions on how to tell your other half."

KIM GREEN  
(WI-M3113-K5687-73)

Member Tri-Ess. Attended Holiday en Femme. Mid-aged, athletic, educated. Interested in meeting crossdressers, especially those who have involved significant other. "Would love to meet and correspond with CD/TV/TS/TG and couples who have involved this culture in their lifestyles."



FRANCINE RENAE  
(WI-P-M3263-K6403-74)

"There's more to life than everyday living, there's loving, sharing, hoping, giving. I'm new at this: constantly learning. To meet my sisters I'm still yearning. I've met a few, which is great. Our friendship is first rate. We can be ourselves, that is true. Let's correspond and be friends, too."



TANYA K.  
(WI-P-M3275-K4933-74)  
MWM, mid 40's, 5'10", 175, ex-military, college graduate,



professional, strong religious background. Interested in music, aviation, religion, and my family. "CD since childhood. Dress in hotel, but want to go out. Family does not know. Hope to tell wife. Like elegant styles. Like to hear from those with similar interests."



**CATHY BROWN**  
(WI-P-M3698-K8037-77)

S, TG, 5'9", 155, nonsmoker. "Have been crossdressing since age 4. Have recently made some successful public outings. Like to hear from any other TG/TV/TS, anyone interested in helping our community and our selves. We must all work together for the acceptance we deserve."

**LAURAB.**  
(WI-M4513-K5814-73)

Member Tri-Ess. Hetero CD, 165, 5'6", 41, blue eyes. "Like to share feelings with others, CDs or women, who understand. Wife knows, but it is hard for her to understand. Like to correspond with like-minded people."



**ADRIENNE S. LEE**  
(WI-P-M4276-K8299-75)  
WM, separated, older, 5'7",

150. Interested in sports, nature, animals, flowers, fishing, hobbies and art. "Live in rural NW Wisc. Love to dress. Need some friends as it is lonely here. In winter, I paint landscapes on canvas and on saw blades. Love shopping."

**GINA J.**  
(WI-N-M4632-K10214-74)

"Tall, single and dedicated TG. Cherish the friends I've this past year through *Tapestry*. Enjoy building, volunteer work, witty conversations and shopping for clothes(!). Would love to hear from other TV/TSs and women who delight in warm HEARTS and the FEMININE MYSTIQUE."

**STEPHANIE S.**  
(WI-N-M4757-K10727-78)

DWM, 41, 5'10", 150. "Recently divorced. Finally coming out. Tired of suppressing Steffi. Need to experience life and express myself as possible as a female. Two lovely daughters. Wonderful girlfriend accepting and interested in participating. Intelligent, sensitive, N/S, humorist, sports enthusiast. Willing to meet, correspond. Frequently travel to Chicago."

**JACQUELYN RICHTER**  
(WI-M4801-K5336-74)

"Former vice-president Tri-Ess Chi chapter, Co-founder of Gemini Gender Group and publisher of Gemini newsletter. Transgendered and open at work, home, church and public. Politically proactive and active with Presbyterian Church sexuality issues locally. Member Action Wisconsin."

**ROBBIN S.**  
(WI-M4846-K9296-72)

SWM, 28, lifelong CD. "Would love to hear from all sisters, and possibly attend gender events together. Would also love helping other CD/TV/TSs raise money for their various 'special' needs. Ours is a very expensive

lifestyle. Please write and send long SASE for immediate reply. We can make a difference together!"



**HEATHERS.**  
(WI-NP-M4975-K8816-72)

WM, 45, 5'10", 135. "Dress around the house and girlfriend's. Just getting acquainted with community. Like swimming, sunning, shopping. 'Is there anybody out there' in Wisconsin? Business owner, student, father, tropical, adventure-bound."

**RANDY D.**  
(WI-M5124-K11175-73)

DWM, mid-40s 5'7", 120. "Creative skilled craftsman. Enjoy woodworking, art, antiques, auto racing. Lifelong TV/TS feelings. Bi-curious. Dress every day. Finally able to be who I was meant to be. Looking for friendships or more, and help coming out from F/TV/TS. Entertain at home. Photo appreciated."

## MINNESOTA (550- 567-)



**JENNIFERO.**  
(MN-NP-M0570-K1161-75)  
Member CLCC. Attended

several Fantasia Fairs and Be All events.. 6'2", 180. Interested in classical organ music, racquetball and investing. "Married to a warm and supportive spouse. I like to express my feminine side at home or local club meetings."



**•VANESSA S.**  
(MN-P-M1168-K1159-72)

Married CD, mid-40s. "Love my femininity and all it represents. Have written two serious books on crossdressing. Give educational presentations to college and professional groups. Interests include theology, psychology, music, correspondence with married couples dealing with CDing, sports, pop-culture and, of course, opportunities for feminine expression."



**KARINA A.**  
(MN-P-M2248-K2740-73)

Married CD, 40, supportive wife, monogamous, 5 children, Christian, professional musician, member CLCC. "Interested in meeting CD or TS with healthy outlooks and relationships in MN or western WI. Couples encouraged to write for support. Especially seek musician for possible gender music projects."

**STEPHANIE J.**  
(MN-M2385-K3139-75)

Member CLCC. 5'10", size 24W, 42, full-figured bi-CD. "I've been dressing 30 years and love it! Desire small get-togethers with bi-CD and bi-males. Would love to correspond with Minn. CDs. Meet for coffee first? Discretion assured. Photo and phone if possible."



**DEBBIE DAVIS**  
(MN-NP-M2396-K3143-79)

Director, Gender Education Center. VP, CLCC. Executive Board, Lambda Justice Center. Married CD, 5'9", 12/14, mid-40s. "Love being feminine and have fully accepted my feminine self. In public often. Direct extensive outreach and training programs. Present at universities, medical and professional groups. Love sailing, wind surfing, water skiing, computing, and SHOPPING!"

**SOUTH DAKOTA**  
(570- 577-)



**CRYSTAL T.**  
(SD-NP-M5278-K11699-74)  
MWM, 33, 5'10", 150, blue

eyes, great legs. Interested in camping, hunting and skiing the steep. "Pretty and passable, but have never gone out. Would love to meet others for dress up parties and excursions into the world. Have supportive and understanding wife. Adventure awaits."

**NORTH DAKOTA**  
(580- 588-)



**LAURIE C.**  
(ND-NP-M4152-K8923-79)

Tall, slim, blue eyed blonde, geographically isolated, would love to correspond with any other CD/TGs who enjoy living as their femme selves. Educated, retired professional. "Have gone back to college to occupy time. Enjoy gardening, music, cooking, boating and computers. Believe in enjoying life and all the good in it."

**MONTANA**  
(590- 599-)



**JERI LYNN**  
(MT-P-M3808-K2030-72)  
Lifetime feminist. Married. Mid-50s, 6', wife somewhat

supportive. "Believe in total femininity or any feminist movement. Always interested in meeting or corresponding with all sisters that also believe in their femininity, no matter what their lifestyle may be. Anyone in the NW or Montana, let's be sisters together."

**ILLINOIS**  
(600- 629-)



**NAOMI O.**  
(IL-P-M0257-K1257-63)

Member Chi Chapter Tri-Ess. Attended Coming Together, Be All (Founder), Holiday En Femme, Fantasia Fair. Named Ms. Fantasia Fair. Won Tri-Ess Outreach Award. Full-figured Femme Fun! Interested in photography, crossdressing, and history. Attorney.



**EVE B.**  
(IL-P-M0523-K1199-75)  
IFGE Board of Directors, Chr. Ed. Resources Committee. Member Chi Chapter Tri-Ess. Awards: IFGE Trinity, Miss Dream, FF Miss Congeniality, FF Miss Best

Dressed, Miss Fantasia Fair. Elegant fun-loving TG devoted to making our lives in this world better. Outreach with Naomi O. to educate the world about our lifestyle.



**GLORIA WRIGHT**  
(IL-P-M0613-K1205-72)

President Chi Chapter, Tri-Ess, past president CGS. Born 1952, 5'3". Hobbies are jogging, singing and writing. "I am so busy, I have become a terrible correspondent."

**TERESA BEATRICE K.**  
(IL-M1969-K2257-72)

6'+, 40s, SWM, 300, computer programmer/analyst, chess player, A D & D. "I am very much a closeted TV, but I am willing to act as an escort/date for a very passable TV/TS."



**MICHELE MAGUIRE**  
(IL-P-M2125-K2516-72)

Officer: CIGA (Central Illinois). Member: CGS (Chicago), IXE (Indianapolis). Married CD, 5'11", birth year 1955, Scorpio, Engineer, Historian, Musicologist, Philosopher, Scientist, university graduate (thrice), intelligent, crazy, realist,

spective, observer, explorer, loner, Taoist, calm, humorous, optimist, non-smoker, sensitive, heterosexual, devoted spouse and parent. "Spouse supportive, but does not participate. Seeking the Tao of intergenderism."

**JULIE M.**

(IL-N-M2936-K5012-76)

MWM, mid30s, CD with TS feelings. "Do not dress often, as wife doesn't know. Love to attend national events, meet others in our community. Passing is difficult at 6'3", but seeking the poise, style and confidence to do it. Like to write/meet other CD/TSs/ladies who understand."



**JENNIFER THEISS**

(IL-NP-M2994-K5185-74)

"Beautiful inside and outside lesbian pre-op transsexual woman. 5'11", 136, black hair, green eyes, tan skin. Twelve years living full time successfully as a general manager of a retail chain restaurant. Wants to meet women or pretty transsexuals. Friendship, no men!"



**JACKIE V.**

(IL-P-M3009-K5199-73)

Member CIGA, Tri-Ess,

CGS. Attended several conventions. Hetero, S, 6', 160. "Like to meet gals who support our lifestyle. Non-drinker, nonsmoker, no drugs. Love old cars, the outdoors. Self-employed, love to be en femme. Dress daily."



**PRISCILLA B.**

(IL-P-M3085-K5273-73)

Stylish, blonde TV, married. "Adore all things feminine, especially gowns, sexy party dresses, and photo sessions. Open to ideas about making a TV video. Satin and lace are so divine. Seek correspondence and photo exchange with TV/TSs and couples who are comfortable with this lifestyle. Can entertain and meet in midwest."



**MARGO ST. VINCENT**

(IL-P-M3384-K6781-72)

Mid-30s, 5'6", plus size, blonde. "Love spike heels (3" or taller), lipstick, heavy makeup, black lingerie, garter belts, stockings, jewelry, long nails, and hair. Like the slutty look. Like dominant GGs and TVs. Like to swap photos and videos. Answer all with real photo. Please be patient with me."



**RYTA CARLSON**

(IL-P-M3563-K7869-73)

MWM TV with TS imagination. 12/15/52, 6', 170, hazel eyes. "Pass in public! I was shocked. Would love to meet and correspond with sisters nationwide. Design adventure tours. Have a passion for life and learning. Am just getting started in gender community. Hi!"

**HEDY H.**

(IL-N-M3569-K7483-72)

"Gaiety with an artful 'in-between'? I'm slender, shapely, rather pretty, dress well. Just 143#, 5'7" in hose, 36D/14. Might go anywhere I need not speak. I want it all in a dignified, cloistered liaison. Uncommon, jolly playmate near St. Louis preferred."



**BARBARA ANN ROBERTS**

(IL-P-M3816-K6257-73)

Member Chi Chapter Tri-Ess. MWM, 5'10", 175, 49, educated professional, TV. "Love to dress up, go out, outdoors, fishing, hunting, Chicago suburbs. Dressing all my life, now want to come out. Have joined support group. Like to correspond, swap photos, meet others for friendship, sharing, learning."

**JULIE ANN P.**

(IL-M3962-K5840-73)

MWM, 44, 5'9", 185. Interested in sporting events, fishing, women's fashions. Wife understands, but not supportive. "I dress when she is not home. I enjoy the feminine feeling when dressed. It makes me feel relaxed."

**DIANE DEEDEE BOLDEN**

(IL-M3994-K8608-75)

Member Chi Chapter Tri-Ess. 5'11", 155, MWM professional who also teaches, lectures, consults, etc. "Dressed in secret for 20 years going out some, but terrified. Found Tri-Ess in '92 and have grown through its activities and new friends there. Pass well. Shop, dine, as Diane with confidence."

**MICHELLE JENNINGS**

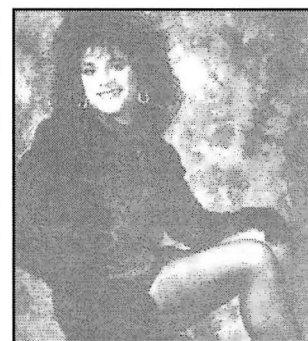
(IL-M4283-K5933-72)

"Pre-op TS, dressing 16 years, hormones 3+ years. 40, 5'10", 180. Still enjoy dates, conversation with men, women and groups. Phone, address photo get same."

**BECKY D.**

(IL-M4748-K10650-72)

"Finally coming out at 29, unable to ignore strong TS feelings anymore. Eager to meet other TSs for friendship and support. Interests include movies, music, travel, shopping and Native American culture. Not into men, kinky sex, or dressing and acting flamboyantly. Just an average girl. Please write."



**BARBARA GLADE**

(IL-P-M4148-K8938-75)

Member Tri-Ess, CGS.



Chicagoland TV, 30, 5'10", married to supportive wife. "Am trying to become more active in the CD scene. Looking for other CDs to go out and help with my goal of passing."



**RENATE von FALKENBURG**  
(IL-NP-M4754-K10714-77)

Slim, leggy, passable TV/TS loves to correspond with same and mature gentlemen fascinated with sexy gals. "Gals, let's share experiences and exchange tips. Guys, I'm into heels, nylons and lingerie. Will follow up with photos."

**MICHELLE JENNINGS**  
(IL-M4283-K5933-72)

"Pre-op TS, dressing 16 years, hormones 3+ years. 40, 5'10", 180. Still enjoy dates, conversation with men, women and groups. Phone, address photo get same."



**MONIQUE DUBOIS**  
(IL-P-M4904-K10856-75)

5'10", 165, 39 (and holding), hazel eyes, friendly. Interested in reading, all sports, woodworking, movies. "Placing this listing to establish correspondence with

other TV/CDs and women who love them. Love dressing sexy (in leather skirts, heels, seamed hose) or in fashionable business-woman look. Passion for sexy lingerie. Please write and include your photo."



**FAITH R. CARPENTER**  
(IL-P-M4960-K3867-72)

Lifetime CD, transgendered person, love computers, dressing, shopping, going out in public. "Desire correspondence with anyone of like interest. Marriage-minded and looking for soulmate. Women, lesbians, TV/TSs invited to reply. No straight males need respond. Bright Blessings, Love Faith. Also interested in the occult."

**LYNNE B.**  
(IL-M5000-K10964-72)

Member CGS. 5'9", 170, 52, DWM, bi-TG. "Work as male, 'live' as woman. Have known since I was four. Love cooking, baking, keeping house. Also music, reading, theater, some sports. Can travel when business allows. Love to hear from 40-70-year-old TG/TS or genetic woman. Would love warm, sincere relationship."

**ROXANNE LAVERNE MITCHELL**  
(IL-M5185-K11230-73)

"Enjoy lingerie, working on becoming passable. Just started hormones this past November, male-to-female. Enjoy dressing as a woman and being feminine. Welcome correspondence from all. Hobbies include photogra-

phy and travel. Single, 47, and want to be TS real bad!!"

**LEAH HARRINGTON**  
(IL-M5234-K11637-74)

WM, 40, CD with TS feelings. "Dress as often as I can. Have passed many times, even though I am 6' tall. I like short skirts, high heels and flashy jewelry. Looking to meet other CD/TSs or men who like them. Please write. Include phone number so we can get together soon. Discretion assured."



**P. S.**  
(IL-NP-M5253-K10446-72)

"I am looking for that WWF 30-65 who wants to have a wonderful relationship or possible marriage with a 53-year-old who enjoys CD, classic cars, golf. I am 6'5", blonde hair, blue/green eyes, 200#. Love formal gowns, high heels, hose, wigs. Answer all. Exchange photos."

**MICHELLE G.**  
(IL-M5286-K11741-74)

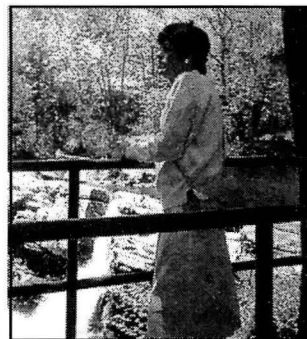
DWM, 44, 5'10", 180, 16, blonde hair, blue eyes. "Love everything feminine. Not passable yet, but working on it. Love to escort as a male. Seeking correspondence and/or meetings with couples, men, women. Live in small town, but can travel. Answer all. Photo appreciated."

## MISSOURI (630-658-)

**VANESSA T.**  
(MO-M4113-K8923-74)

DWM TV, mid-40's, pass-

able, college graduate, semi-retired. "Recently moved to SW Missouri. Enjoy all things feminine, and with others with same interests who are sincere. Love to shop. Would like to attend some CD events. Looking for CDs and women interested in CDs for friendship."



**JENNIFER RICHARDS**  
(MO-P-M2689-K4328-72)

Born and raised in Philadelphia; flourished in Portland, OR; developed in St. Louis; a DREAM girl, MAGGIE enthusiast, active Congress Rep.; an IFGE Trinity recipient. MC/singer/dancer/producer, organizer, officer. Interested in outreach, personal growth, fulfillment, encouragement, and balance. "Keep smiling, keep shinin", knowing you can always count on me—for sure—That's what friends are for..."



**DENISE DEMAGNE**  
(MO-P-M3225-K6234-74)

Member Tri-Ess, 50, 5'8", 130, hetero, wife tolerant but not supportive. "Interested in music, fashions, long distance running, antique autos, meeting other sisters."

cently out of closet, comfortable with my crossdressing. Value friendship, honesty, discretion. Enjoy small social get-togethers. Would like to correspond with and meet others in St. Louis area."



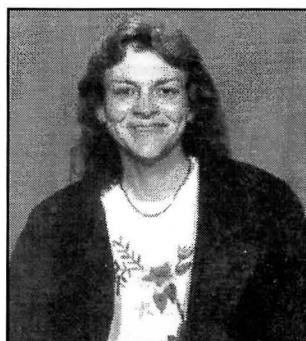
**JORDYNNE LOBO**  
(MO-NP-M3874-K4403-74)

Pre-op TS. "Formerly a well paid, bitterly unhappy corporate 'cog in something turning'; now a richly happy restaurant and cocktail waitress. May you always feel naked if you are not wearing a smile."



**JULIE RUSSELL**  
(MO-P-M3958-K2970-73)

DWM, hetero, 51, 6', 185. Interested in shopping, socializing, travel, football, and all types of female clothing. "Am not really looking for anything with this listing. I just think *Tapestry* is a great publication and want to support it. I do plan to attend a major event this year."



**MICKI DANIELS-GREENWELL**  
(MO-NP-M4610-K7131-74)

"Hello. I'm Micki. I've been transitioning since April 1993. I'd like to see some support for transsexuals in the transgender community. I'm working toward that end. If you are TS and want to get involved, or if you are just looking for a friend, and are alone, we need each other."

**VICKI SHERIDAN**  
(MO-P-M4208-K9491-76)

Member CAF. 5'7", 170, 48, married. Attended Fall Harvest, Texas T Party. "Go shopping and out to dinner on weekends with a friend. Just enjoy being a girl."

**R. C. (MO-M4589-K9995-73)**  
6'6", 255, 63. "I bought just one edition of *Tapestry* and learned more from it about myself than from all other books, magazines, etc. If I could just talk to another crossdresser, it might help me learn a lot more. Too old and too big for anything but the closet."

**PATRICIA ELAINE KASTEN**  
(MO-P-M4805-K10267-74)

Pre-op TS, 5'11", 143, 31, 100% passable. "Living 75% of time as Trish. Would like to make friends with other TSs. Looking for long term friendships and support. Will answer all, so be patient. Photo gets photo in return."



**•CHERYL ANN L.**  
(MO-P-M5009-K3233-72)

DW 33, 5'7", Taurus, passable M-F TG and healthy TS future. Open-minded, down-to-earth half French half German import. Enjoy cooking, music, cycling, alternative lifestyles and all Mother Nature has to offer in Genderland. "Wish to correspond in St Louis or KC and surrounding areas. Let's talk!"

**VANESSA T.**  
(MO-M4113-K8923-74)

DWM TV, mid-40s, passable, college graduate, semi-retired. "Recently moved to SW Missouri. Enjoy all things feminine, and with others with same interests who are sincere. Love to shop. Would like to attend some CD events. Looking for CDs and women interested in CDs for friendship."

## KANSAS (660- 679-)



**•EVELYN BORDEN**  
(E KS-P-M0400-K1329-76)

"Tall, well educated, very passable TG interested in meeting others and sharing re-

source information. Open, understanding, helpful to others traveling same path."



**CHERYL ANN BRADLEY**  
(KS-P-M3667-K7958-73)

"Friendly, understanding, discreet, married CD, 40s. Very supportive of all that is transgendered. Travel to Wichita, Kansas and SE Missouri. Love music, dancing, good conversation, honest people. Will correspond. Your photo, letter get mine."



**RITA RESTIVO**  
(KS-P-M4502-K9736-72)

SWM, 6', 180, professional, enjoys workouts, bike riding, swimming in women's Spandex swimwear. Collects antiques, vintage clothing and sexy lingerie. "Would like to correspond/meet other attractive single CD/TVs 30-45 years in Kansas City area for photo sessions, dates."

**BECKY GAIL CROSLove**  
(KS-M4847-K2616-75)

"Lonely, white, single TS, pre-, seeks mail phone photo exchange. Gender outlaw."



**SHELLY H.**  
(KS-NP-M4627-K10171-74)

Member Wichita Gender Alliance. DWM, 48, 5'8", 175, 18. Lifetime CD. "Carpenter into remodelling, electronics, cooking, baking, love good music and crosswords. Goal, to live as a woman. Sisters in community have helped tremendously in self-acceptance. Love to hear from, meet other sisters for support, friendship. Will answer all. Love y'all!"



**VERONICA MOELLER**  
(KS-NP-M4893-K7412-75)

SWM, TG, 37, 5'7", 160. "Professional, enjoy reading, writing, fiction, movies and outdoors. Goal is to live as female for a year. Passable. Seek friends who can lend advice, support in realizing this dream."

## NEBRASKA (680-693-)

**JANELLE L.**  
(NE-M2958-K5055-78)

Member of Emerald City. 6'1", 14, recently married, 40's, almost passable, non-smoker. "Enjoy feeling feminine. Travel extensively, es-

pecially the Pacific Northwest. Wife tolerates. Educated friendly, pilot, physically active, computer literate. Like to correspond and meet couples, TVs for discussion, local activities."



**DEBRA ANN F.**  
(NE-P-M1655-K1347-74)

"Blew the closet doors off this May. Attending the Texas T Party and SPICE in 1995. Supportive wife and family. Am signed up for the Big Sister program in Tri-Ess. Am waiting to help my first little sister. My wife would like to help other wives who are having trouble with their husband's dressing."



**MELISSA JEAN H.**  
(NE-P-M2742-K4493-72)

Member GIC, Delta Chapter. Attended Coming Together. 47, 6'2", 195, lifelong TV, divorced. Interested in rural living, travel, entertaining, photography, fantasies, golf, fishing. "This flower seems a slow bloomer. Opening even under the limitations of country life. Would like to hear from sisters, any GG. Hope to get married again someday."

**TAMI DIANE**  
(NE-M3284-K6480-74)

"I enjoy all that is feminine and wish to become more involved in the TV/TS community. Passable, 5'11", 37. Interested in making friends who are interested in our feminine ways. Intelligent, educated, and discreet. Enjoy going out en femme. Would like to meet sincere, understanding TV/TSSs and genetic females for friendship."

**DEE ANN W.**  
(NE-M4647-K9711-78)

Member RCGA. MWM. "Lifelong closeted TV. Wife is accepting, but a lot of issues remain. Searching for integration of male and female sides. Enjoy corresponding with TV/TSSs. We can learn from each other."



**MELISSA SUE D.**  
(NE-P-M5161-K11392-73)

SWM, early 30s, TV with TS tendencies. "Love to dress and be dressed in anything feminine. Would love to meet and get dressed with any sisters in my area. Please contact me and we could do the Grand Illusion."

## LOUISIANA (700-714-)

**MARAIN B.**  
(LA-M5298-K3493-74)

5'7", 150, early 30s, pre-op TS. "I like movies, reading, writing and American history. I would like to talk to other TSSs. I have taken many steps forward and

several back, but I am on the road to being the woman I was meant to be."



**ALICE HEBERT**  
(LA-P-M2964-K5098-72)

Member Gulf Gender Alliance. "I am married to a very understanding, supportive wife, and am my most relaxed when I am a woman. I love being out among my sisters, and would welcome corresponding with them."

## ARKANSAS (716-729-)

**STEPHENIE RENÉE F.**  
(AR-M1841-K1998-72)

MWM, 5'8", 145, 38, brown hair/eyes. Interested in camping, bike riding, photography, learning, being and perfecting Stephanie. "Lifelong CD, married to a once supportive, semi-understanding wife. Enjoy shopping or just going out as Stephanie as much as possible. Pass very well."



**JANA H.**  
(S AR-P-M2042-K2442-72)

"Let's talk! Into dressing 12 years. Married, wife knows, helps, but not her thing. Late



50s, 5'7", 165. Former USAF pilot. Still working. Can't help it! Love it all, 38C to 5" heels. Into golf, photography, video. Possible meet in AR, MS, LA. Always respond to everyone. Do it!"

**LARRY D.**  
(AR-M5247-K10478-74)

MWM. "Never had a desire to dress, but have had a lifelong desire to know and associate with those who do. I respect who you are, and would love to hear from anyone, especially in Arkansas and nearby states. Would you like an understanding man's point of view?"

**OKLAHOMA**  
(730 - 749-)



**GEORGIA HILBERT**  
(OK-P-M3108-K5304-74)

Member Tri-Ess, Delta Omega, Sigma Beta. Attended Texas T Party '92. MWM, 60s, retired. Wife accepts but not supporting. A so-so passer, but going out since 1991. Interested in outdoors, nature, homemaking, crossdressing and transsexualism. Hope to do some writing. "Like to meet and correspond with like-minded people."

**ARLENE L.**  
(OK-M4664-K10321-74)

Pre-op TS, 48, 5'10", 180. "Family knows but nonsupportive. Passable, architect, boss knows, co-workers do not. Crossdressing since childhood. Divorced, two loving children.

Taking hormones. Away from work I am Arlene, live as Arlene in my own apartment. Seek other TSs for friendship. Quiet, sincere, passive, loving."

**TEXAS**  
(750- 799-)

**BOBBIE KAYE**  
(TX-M2089-K8064-73)

Member Tri-Ess. Attended Paradise in the Poconos, awarded Miss Engenie. MWM, TV, 44, 6', 200, supportive wife. Interested in playing golf, computers, BBS support. "Out and about cautiously. Enjoy my feminine side and share her with my wife (my best friend). Would like to share experiences and thoughts with others."



**RENÉ FENNER**  
(TX-P-M0989-K1401-75)

Vice President GCTC 1994. Early 60s, out of closet 15 years. Comfortable going most anywhere as René. Always trying to improve feminine image. Hobbies include amateur radio and fishing. Member Tri-Ess. Attended all Texas T Parties, Coming Together '87, '92, California Dreamin' '93. Interested in corresponding with those who share common interests.



**JANE ELLEN FAIRFAX**  
(E TX-P-M1250-K1398-72)

Participant in many events. Chairman Tri-Ess Board, President Tau Chi Chapter, Staff Coordinator, Coming Together; WACS Honorary Woman Award; Texas T Party Outstanding Couple. 44, 6'2", chestnut hair, green eyes. Jane and her wife Frances enjoy communicating with new couples and are strongly committed to integrating crossdressing and family values.



**LAURA TAYLOR**  
(TX-P-M1254-K1408-73)

"TV who has just entered her 40s. I'm about 5'9" and 170. Just love my time dressed and made up as a woman. Love to meet and correspond with other TVs. Off lots of weekdays for dress up sessions, shopping, lunch, etc."



**CASEY COLE**  
(S TX-NP-M1907-K2196-79)

Hetero, male CD, 44. "Living with supportive life-mate. Active in Austin Second Image, member of ETVC. Previous member of Boulton and Park, Heart of Texas TV."



**CAROL BAKER**  
(N TX-P-M2179-K2597-73)

Associate member of Dallas/Fort Worth Delta Omega. Attended all Texas T Parties. 5'11", 175, married with supportive family. "Outgoing. Not shy. Enjoy promoting crossgender lifestyles. Always try to present the best image possible. Love to go public, meet people, correspondence."

**OLIVIA GUTIERREZ**  
(TX-M3065-K5783-73)

"Lifelong TV. 40ish with supportive wife. Broadcast engineer, private pilot, published writer. Enjoy travel and discussions about engineering, flying, martial arts, music, etc. Let's trade stories."



**RIKKI SCOTT**  
(S TX-P-M2201-K2649-73)

Lifelong crossdresser and college prof. "I am doing continuing research into the childhood and family backgrounds of TV and TS. I would like to hear from you about your early experiences with crossdressing."



**DANIELLE M.**  
(S TX-P-M2691-K4242-73)

MWM, college educated, semi-retired, 5'11", proportional weight. "Solo friendship/companionship sought with discreet responsible 40+ professional person. Strong interest in CD/IFGE activities. Gentle quest, non-presuring attitude. Drug-free, smoking OK. Good health and attitude. Corpus Christi, Texas area only. Pluses would include walking, aerobics, swimming, fishing, occasional golf."



**PHYLLIS RANDOLPH FRYE, ATTY**  
(TX-P-M2940-K4963-69)

Member of GCTC. Organizer of first International Conference on Transgender Law and Employment Policy. Out of Closet and successful transgendered attorney. Interested in helping people out of their closets, fighting myths and stereotypes, public speaking on our issues. "This is not '76 when I came out, this is 1992. Come out! You are an okay person. Don't put up with the guilt and shame lie."



**FRANCINE WILLIAMS**  
(TX-P-M3112-K5688-73)

"I have a very supportive wife. We enjoy the feminine side of my personality. I just adore: women, lingerie, lace, crinoline petticoats, victorian corsets, and vintage apparel. Hobbies: travel, photography, cultural activities, and helping sisters. Have a busy life, but will correspond and exchange photos and clippings of interesting articles."



**SUSAN SHAW**  
(TX-P-M3174-K6055-73)

SW TV 37, 5'10", 155, brown/blue. "Seeking long term relationship. Dress everyday and want to now transform into a beautiful woman forever. I love all things in life and want to come out and share all with a very special person. Am very loving and will make someone a perfect wife. Write!"



**NANCY BAKER**  
(TX-P-M3186-K6109-75)

"Member B&P and ASI. Attended Texas T Party '92-'95. Married to loving and supportive wife who helps with wardrobe selection and overall look. Interested in meeting others for socializing and conversation. Enjoy corresponding with others who have experienced or are interested in forced crossdressing and petticoat punishment."

**CATANJA LYNN IRWIN**  
(TX-M3577-K7563-72)

Member TATS and GCTC. TS wishes to contact anyone who has had good surgical treatment in Mexico. Simple castration sought.



**JERIB.**  
(TX-P-M3626-K7750-72)

5'10", 155, brown/brown. "Like to dress just for the fun of it. Love nice clothes. Strictly hetero. Would like to communicate with others, especially in western Texas. Photo, please."



**LYNETTE C.**  
(TX-NP-M3628-K7533-75)

Divorced, 30, lifelong CD. "Hid in aunt's closet for most of teenage life. Would like to hear from and possible meet sisters and friends from central Texas. I would especially like to hear from other Hispanic sisters who are trying to escape traditional machismo stereotype."

**KAREN MITCHELL**  
(TX-M4403-K8758-72)

SWM, 5'7", 175, long-term CD. Attended Texas T Party 1993. "Interested in meeting and corresponding with other gender people. Photos with letters appreciated."



**CHERYL L. BOLEN**  
(TX-NP-M3629-K7747-75)

Pre-op TS, 53, 5'15". "Living full time, on hormones over a year. Looking for surgery in '95. Enjoy all kinds of music, love dancing, am artist and author. Now dating, looking for Mr. Right."



**KIM HUNTER**  
(TX-NP-M3708-K8038-72)

Single, 30s, hormones since 7/1/92. "Love music, intimate conversation, cooking, good wine. Other interests too varied to list. Relationship-oriented. Seeking stable, healthy relationship. Send photo with letter. Would also like to hear from others in the Rio Grande Valley; friendship, support."

**TAYLOR MONTGOMERY**  
(TX-M3818-K6221-72)

Member GCTC, ReCast, TATS, Boulton & Park.

**SARA CHRISTY S.**  
(TX-M4995-K10844-72)

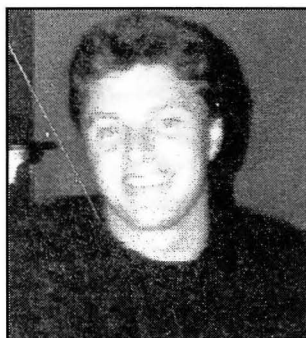
Pre-op M-F, recently started female hormones, in process of legally changing all personal records to female with new name. Currently undergoing TS therapy. Have understanding family. Have

joined local TS support group. Would appreciate advice regarding transition period. Love to write. Please let me hear from you."



**KIMBERLY B.**  
(TX-NP-M4178-K1091-75)

5'9", 135, sophisticated TV. "Looking for a sincere MWM, 35-40 who can make dreams come true. If you enjoy candle light, evenings by the fire, and romantic walks, then just maybe, both our dreams can come true! Polite photo appreciated."



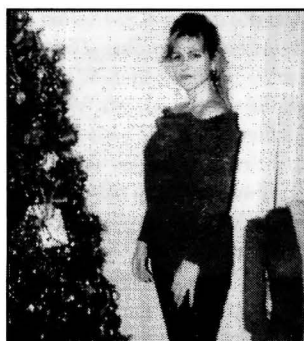
**MARK J.**  
(TX-NP-M4275-K2691-75)

33, M, self-employed, athletically fit. "Seek attractive TV, TS for friendship that could develop into a possible long-term relationship. All answered with letter/photo."



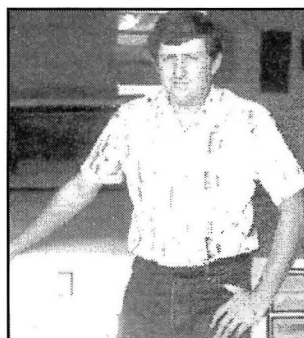
**TIFFANY TAYLOR**  
(TX-P-M4460-K9001-73)

5'9", 165, 31. "Have an interest in everything about crossdressing. Love to attend FI shows and evenings on the town. Your photo gets mine."



**LINDA B.**  
(TX-P-M4547-K9774-73)

Post-op TS, 5'7", 130, 28, 100% passable. "On hormones since age 15. Surgery at age 21. Would like to make friends with other TSs, men interested in TSs, or anyone. I can offer my experience and support. I believe we are all very special! Please write."



**JOHN C.**  
(TX-P-M4603-K10106-73)

SWM, 40, 5'10", 175, brown hair, blue eyes, educated, understanding of gender issues.

"Seek feminine, passable pre-op TS or other TG person 21-45 for quality relationship. Willing to correspond or travel to meet those interested. Photo, phone number appreciated."



**ALICIA G.**  
(TX-P-M4692-K10379-74)

Married CD, 43, member GCTC and Tri-Ess. "Attended my first convention this year (Be All '94) and looking forward to attending more. Enjoy cooking, shopping and computers. Active on AOL and Compuserve. Want to make friendships with others in community."

**R. W.**  
(TX-M4790-K10551-79)

"Royal ship of the line and a bikini on you. Please write."



**KIM B.**  
(TX-P-M5065-K4099-72)

"Passable, hetero, married CD, mid-40s, 5'7", 155, non-smoker. Degreed professional. Ventured out dressed numerous times. Looking for friends in Houston area to go shopping, antiques, etc. Look and act younger than my age. Natural blonde, blue eyes. Photo gets mine"





**DIANA S.**

(TX-P-M5103-K11073-73)

"Stranger things have happened. OK, maybe not. SWM, hetero CD, 29, 5'11", 185, Christian, Republican. Seeking compatible female 20-33 for friendship and possibly LTR. Enjoy photography, mountains, quiet evenings, good movies, dressing up. Want very much to find someone understanding and supportive. Photo please."

**RACHEL LYNN ALLISON**

(TX-M5217-K11568-73)

"Tapestry! What a wonderful discovery. I thought I was alone. Hetero SWM, 37, 6'0", 195, 16/18, CD since childhood. Fought it for years. Have started using makeup only recently. Skills are rudimentary at best. Pass? Not likely. Still in closet. Would like to correspond with other CD/TV/TSs."

**ANGIE HONNE**

(TX-M5248-K11646-74)

37, 5'4", 130, WBiM. "Married. She knows, but no support, only anger. Otherwise, closet TS. Need help and advice. I am alone. Looking for support and friendship. No smoking, mild drink, and I like music. Never been out, but I really want to be a woman."

## COLORADO

(800- 816-)

**NANCY JANE S.**

(CO-M4453-K9490-72)

SW TG/TS tendencies. 45, very passable, ladylike, sissified and petticoated, passive, quiet. Likes dating men.

Women friends. Desires FT situation with right man or woman. "Would love to hear from TS, men, women for friendship. Can travel. Let's have fun. SW CO."



**ANNDREA DANIELS**

(CO-P-M3726-K5545-76)

Attended Coming Together '91, Fantasia Fair '92, Esprit '93 and IFGE '94. WM CD/ FI, mid30s, 5'7", 145, blonde/blue. Interests: doing FI shows, enjoy a wide variety of music, restauranting, swimming and skiing. "Can be a lousy correspondent, but am trying to get better. Like shiny, happy people. Dying to do more shows."



**MARLA B.**

(CO-P-M4263-K5352-75)

Delta Chapter, Tri-Ess; GIC Colorado; Compuserve ABFH; GENie Girl; AOL. SWM, hetero, bi-gendered TV. Software designer, artist, writer, teacher, businesswoman, engineer and philosopher. "Enjoy dining, shows, music and sports. Delight in both the balance

and the dichotomy of my male and female self. Welcome meeting and corresponding with others."



**LAURAR.**

(CO-NP-M3227-K6292-73)

"TG would like to meet in my area only cannot correspond. Open to many possibilities."



**SHEETAH O.**

(CO-P-M3638-K6276-72)

GWM, 6', 165, 46, blue/green eyes. Sense of humor, shy with new people, outgoing rest of time. Submissive as a woman. Prefer glamour look. Long legs, sensitive breasts.



**PAT ARMSTRONG**

(CO-P-M4522-K5164-73)

Married hetero CD. Wife

does not participate. On hormones. Pass, Interested in perfecting voice.



**JOANNE WILSON**

(CO-NP-M4620-K10159-74)

DWM, like long closet CD. "Just starting to venture out. Passable after dark (barely). Would like to correspond with others and possible meet. I enjoy all that is feminine and wish to be more active in the community."

## WYOMING

(820- 831-)



**PAT F.**

(WY-P-M3576-K7562-72)

Native American SCD with TS feelings. 5'7", 147, brown eyes, black/gray hair. "Taking care of brother in wheel chair limits time for hobbies and dressing up. My wardrobe and I are still in closet. Will exchange photos, phone numbers and letters with anyone who is interested."



**MARILYN MIRACLE**  
(WY-P-M4555-K7857-77)

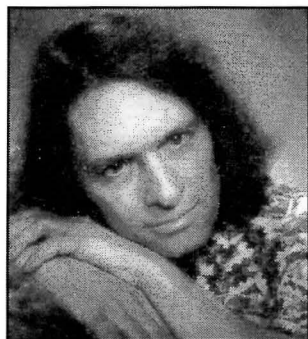
Married, loving wife and family, hetero CD, 60s, physician, closeted. Pausing to reflect on what all this means. Writer, teacher, computer literate, large library, many interests. "Welcome e-mail. CompuServe: 72440,2420. Please write. Eager for friends who crossdress and value their feminine persona. Help me learn. I can help you."



**MELANIE S.**  
(WY-NP-M5205-K2889-73)

SWM, 30, 5'8", 155, hetero TV/TG. "New girl coming out in Limbaughland. Interested in movies, theater, concerts, dancing, fashion, SCUBA diving, skiing, snowmobiling, intelligent conversation, intimate romance, and, of course, being the loveliest girl I can be. I'm always eager to make friends and go on new adventures."

## IDAHO (832- 838-)



**DAVI BRIGGS**  
(ID-P-M2078-K2472-72)

TV with strong TS tendencies, S, 5'11", 155, mid-40's, brown eyes, brown hair. "Like to hear from other sisters who are not afraid to step out of the closet, go shopping at the mall, for groceries, in stores..."



**BARBARA NEWMAN**  
(ID-P-M4354-K9249-72)

Member Tri-Ess. 45, SWM. Interested in camping, football card collecting and being Barbara. "I am a lifelong crossdresser who just recently went out for the first time. I have a supportive girlfriend. Want to write other sisters. Will try to respond to all. Will trade pictures."

**DEANNA W.**  
(ID-M5142-K11257-73)

DWM, 49, 6'3", 230, professional - sorority sister of SIS. "Now spend as much time as possible en femme and truly enjoy my femininity. I am caring and compassionate and find myself more so each day as I become the woman I want to be. I enjoy

reading, snow skiing and computers."



**KRISTINE TANNER**  
(ID-NP-M4705-K10403-74)

Attended Texas T Party '94. DWM, late 20s, 5'11", 160, 14. Interested in fly fishing, camping, travel, shopping and attending more events in the transgendered community. "I just came out for the first time and have much to learn. Would like to correspond with other TV/TSs, especially in the NW."

## UTAH (840- 847-)



**KANDEE STORRS**  
(UT-P-M2726-K4384-76)

DWM, straight, 41, 5'10", 180. RCGSE (International Court System) Board. Enjoys performing, raising money to fight AIDS, recreational crossdressing. Rhonda Shear wannabe. Wish to meet others (male or female) with similar interests.

**ROBIN J.**  
(UT-M3339-K6618-74)

34 D/W/CD/TV/TS/? "Am very interested in corresponding/meeting others. I'm interested in music, shopping,

outdoors and comedy clubs. I've started accepting myself as I am. Would like to meet others who can see me in the same light. Looking forward to attending my first convention. Would like to know what to expect."



**DESTINY D.**  
(UT-P-M4247-K9545-76)

Single pre-op TS, 34, 5'5", 125. Hormones since 1/93. "Extensive electrolysis. Adjusting slowly to female lifestyle. Going through the ultra-feminist, 'Men are scum' phase. Would like to meet with a local support group and hear from other TSs/ Love the outdoors, FI shows and rainy days."

## ARIZONA (850- 864-)



**JENNIFER E. SAMSOL**  
(AZ-P-M1056-K1467-74)

Member A Rose. DWM, 6', 175, 46, warm, caring, open professional. Interested in cooking, all music except hard rock, metaphysics, hunting, fishing, computers, camping en femme, sunsets, horses, and dogs. "Fond of gold clothes, heels, and blonde

hair, but also enjoy tight Levi skirts and tight blouses, etc. Travel quite a bit. Write."



**TOMMIE F.**  
(E AZ-P-M1158-K1453-72)

"Lifelong CD has large collection of panties and bras in all styles and colors. Want to hear from serious lingerie collectors. Looking for undies from 1930-1960. Like minis, bosomy look. Real passion for heels, hosiery, and lingerie. Would like to correspond with TV sisters, exchange photos and lingerie."



**CINDY N.**  
(AZ-NP-M4047-K8782-74)

Member Alpha Zeta, A Rose. Married, 5'7", size 18. Interested in photography, desert 4-wheeling, and, of course, shopping.

**LAURIE K.**  
(AZ-M2777-K4607-72)

TV, 5'7", 130, slender, feminine figure, pass easily, considered realistic and attractive. Enjoy being sophisticated, fashionable woman of good taste. Interested in art, theater, literature, antiques, architecture, interior design, music, vintage wines, and fashions. "Love to meet/

write passable CDs in Phoenix area, elsewhere. Not interested in men!"

**J.B.**  
(AZ-M4888-K8301-72)

Phoenix area. Single, never married, 43-year-old male seeks ultra-femme early stage pre-op for monogamous, disease-free relationship.



**RASHEL R.**  
(AZ-P-M4084-K8769-74)

Member Tri-Ess, Alpha Zeta, A Rose. Single, hetero CD. President Alpha Zeta, 1994. Attended California Dreamin' '93, '94, Holiday En Femme '93. "Love to network with serious sisters, e-mail 72142, 1570. Out of the closet, out on the town and enjoying life, clubbing, sisterhood and being me."



**REBECCA B.**  
(AZ-P-M4791-K1362-78)

Member Alpha Zeta, Tri-Ess. "Love being feminine. I am retired, 5'10", 210. I dress anytime. I work with wood and design SW style furniture. I like shopping and meeting other TV/CDs. Will write to all and send a picture to all who write to me."

## NEW MEXICO (870- 884-)

**RENEE G.**  
(NM-M4200-K7141-75)

33, 5'8", 145, closet CD. "Love heels, hose, lace and lingerie. Interested in corresponding, photo exchange, and meeting some new friends. Will answer all."

**DEBRA NICHOL K.**  
(NM-M4789-K1292-75)

"Sisters in the Santa Fe area: join me to explore the culture and scenery of this beautiful area en femme. I'm passable and looking for companions who want to explore our special gift in this special town."



**DEBORAH D. DANIELS**  
(NM-NP-M5316-K11411-74)

Hetero DWCD, 44, 5'10", 16/18, considering electrolysis, hormones, and SRS. "Out occasionally at night to gay bookstore and other safe(?) places. May pass, not confident. Need trans/genetic escort/sister to venture to cafe/movies/mall, etc. No smokers, drugs. Might host CD/TV/TS/TG/GG couple for short visits. Picture please."

## NEVADA (890- 898-)

**DENISE H.**  
(NV-M3741-K8199-77)

MWM, 51, 6'0", 185, CD/TV. Wife very supportive. Member Crossroads in MI. "Just retired and relocated to Las Vegas. Seeking group or couples who enjoy the CD/TV life. Have enjoyed so-

cial, Be Alls, outreach to individuals/groups/classes and developing supportive materials! Look forward to correspondence in NV area."



**KENSI**  
(NV-P-M5011-K2954-72)

"Would like to meet other TVs in the Las Vegas area."

**MARYR.**  
(NV-M5290-K11600-74)

DWM, 40s, hetero. "I am just ending a relationship and want to come out. I love to dress and go shopping. I collect panties and will trade. I will answer all who write."

## CALIFORNIA (900- 960-)

**BETSY B.**  
(N CA-M1104-K1692-72)

Member STVC, NWGA, SGA, RGA, Tri-Ess. Participant DREAMs, Coming Together, Tahoe Femme Flings. DWM, older TV with long experience of crossdressing. "I enjoy depicting a well-dressed, dignified older lady befitting my age. Enjoy parties and association with other CDs. Will answer correspondence."

**LISA HUNTER**  
(CA-M2112-K2522-72)

TV/TS. "Have lived as a woman most of my life, except for one year (last). Starting to live as a female again."

**TOM W.**  
(N-CA-M2637-K4185-72)

49, 5'10", 220, brn/wht, N/S, N/D and rarely drink. "I'm a WM who will escort

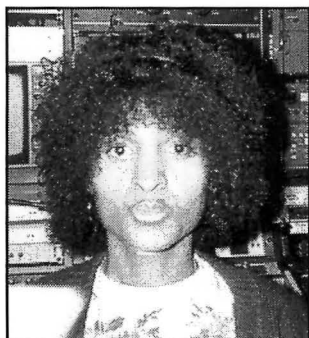


nine passable ladies on outings, etc. Have many interests. If you would like to meet a nice guy who will treat you like a lady, I would love to hear from you."



**LAURA R. COVINGTON**  
(CA-NP-M0480-K1659-74)

DBM, Hetero, 46, 5'8", 140. "I wish to correspond, exchange photos and/or meet other TV/TSs and women. I've been dressing most of my life and realize I'll never stop. I enjoy it too much. I'm in contact with many beautiful people that feel the same."



**ELIZABETH C. JOHNSON**  
(CA-P-M1030-K1527-75)

30-something, post-op engineer. "Enjoy gardening, cooking, music, mall hopping, fashion, UFO searching, electronic designing and redesigning professional television systems. Daytime television soap fanatic (*The Young and the Restless*). In the southern 'Rock n Roll' California area."



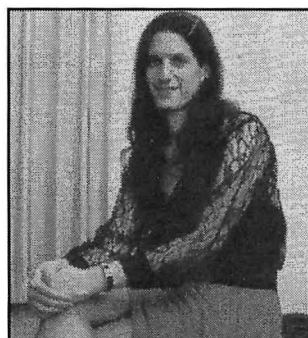
**MARLENE L.**  
(S CA-P-M1036-K1602-72)

"I am a member of the Alpha and Tri Chi Chapters of Tri-Ess. Attended Holiday en Femme in San Francisco, Los Angeles, and Atlanta; California Dreamin'; Pajaro Dunes; Lake Tahoe events. Am 61, working full time, play a lot of tennis. Single."



**LORRAINE HALL**  
(CA-P-M1150-K1648-72)

"A senior lady traveling down the long, arduous trail from male to female would love to hear from anyone interested in leaning on an ancient, soft feminine shoulder."



**SHARYN BETH MINSUK**  
(CA-P-M1472-K7809-73)  
Single bi M-F TG, 34, 6'0",

electrolysis nearly complete. "PhD research (in embryology) keeps me too busy for pen-pals, but not too busy for dates. Attractive, relaxed non-smokers sought, SF Bay or movies, conversation..."



**KAREN R.**  
(CA-P-M1514-K1234-72)

Member Neutral Corner. Attended Texas T Party '92, '93; California Dreamin' '94. "I write comedy for the community, ideas are appreciated. If you can poke fun at our community and still feel comfortable with and about yourself, love to hear from you!"



**KATE GOLDMAN**  
(CA-P-M1652-K0760-78)  
5'8", 158, 46, very discreet TV, supportive wife. "Recently moved to California. Enjoy computers, photography, ultra-light flying and all aspects of affecting a feminine persona. Rarely out in public, but my self confidence is growing. Enjoy corresponding with others. Like to find a south Ventura County girl or two. Photo appreciated."



**STACY C.**  
(CA-P-M1806-K1961-75)

Married CD, 40s, 6'(she 5'7"), auburn, green (both of us). "We attended California Dreamin' '93. Psychology graduate student studying gender issues—specifically the root cause of TV/TS/CD. 'Is there a predictive measure for identifying this behavior before adulthood?' Would love limited correspondence with intelligent, open people. Include P/P for response."



**RACHAEL D.**  
(N CA-NP-M1811-K1957-75)

"Lifestyle changing. Very happy just going out as a woman, doing regular stuff: shopping, errands, etc. I do pass well. TV group meetings secondary now. Still belong to RGA, ETVC, DVG, though."

**CAROL LEE**  
(CA-M2798-K4622-72)

Middle-aged Oriental heterosexual TV. Non-smoker. "Enjoy photography and dressing up to go shopping or to the movies. Enjoy soft, tasteful feminine clothes to blend in well with the occasion. Interested in meeting others with similar taste."



**ELIZABETH BLAIR**

(S CA-P-M1927-K2214-72)

39, 5'10", 165, size 14/16. "Fun, caring and sensitive. Attractive, full feminine figure. Pass well enough to enjoy going out. Interested in shopping, cooking, computers, photography and anything feminine. Photo."



**LISA ANN MAXWELL**

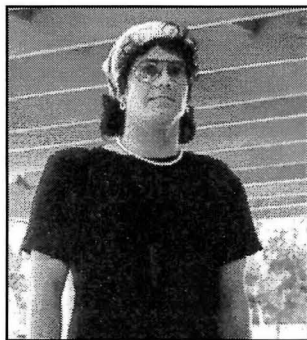
(CA-P-M1965-K2133-72)

Member ETVC, RGA, Northern CA. MWM, 39, 5'8", 145, 10, DWM. "Attractive, effervescent. I love life, all its changes. Closet door is forever lost. Reasonably passable. I love my toddler son, just being Lisa, dancing, gardening, shopping. I tend to be an adventuress. Revel in emotions, intimacy. Be who you are, time is life."

**CHERYL BEAUMONT**

(CA-M3269-K6455-74)

"Whew! Survived the year! Looking to correspond with others in the gender community. Busy professional, SWM, 36 & TV, time permitting. Drop a note. I will write back. Email anyone?"



**KRIS M.**

(C CA-NP-M2713-K4340-75)

CD, 36, 5'8", brown hair/eyes. "Sensitive, honest and caring. Love everything feminine. Would appreciate letters, photos. Thanks."



**MELISSA M. FOSTER**

(S CA-P-M2099-K1518-73)

"White TV enjoys meeting people who have the same interests and that enjoy going out and having fun. I travel extensively and love meeting people and visiting other groups. I am presently very involved in the community and very much enjoy helping those who are looking for information or help."



**ROXANNA ROCHETTE**

(N CA-P-M2350-K3063-74)

Member ETVC, DVG. "Life

is short, art is long. I am a redheaded feminine TV, stylish, imaginative, artistic with an affection for vampish darkside things. Open to sharing this love of the androgynous illusion as an art form with genuine individuals through letters, images and whatever life allows."



**•BOB DAVIS**

(N CA-P-M2620-K1631-72)

"Avid collector of TV, TS, CD books, periodicals, memorabilia, with a special interest in performers. There are over 100 books as well as too many magazines to count in my collection. Would like to correspond with other collectors to compare acquisitions. Will trade or sell. Want: *Tapestry*, prior to #39, *Ladylike* #1 and 2, *Female Mimics International* #38 and 39, and selected issues of Lee G. Brewster's *Drag* and Virginia Prince's *Transvestia*."



**PATTI PIERCE**

(CA-P-M2799-K4649-72)

Member Born Free and several other local groups. Hetero CD, widower, 6'2", 158. "Enjoy organic gardening, ham radio, woodworking,

shopping as Patti. Love pierced ears. Out in public five years and enjoy each new adventure. Your picture guarantees a reply."



**•LUCY ANN JONES**

(CA-P-M2833-K4704-72)

Member ETVC. Blue eyes, long auburn hair, 6'1", 180, post-op M-F (12-21-82) Biber Girl, 16T, self-employed computer consultant, voice coaching, and astrology. "Pisces sun sign, moon, Scorpio rising, something with Aries. Bi-lesbian in relationship with genetic female for eight years. Your SASE and photo gets mine."



**•CHELSEA BROWN**

(CA-P-M2934-K4993-73)

35, 6', hazel eyes, red hair. Interested in computers, correspondence and fiction. "Please write, I will respond eventually."

**DALE C.**

(CA-M3597-K7625-72)

Member ETVC. TG, 41, on hormones, M-F. Interests include music, baseball, outdoors. "Interested in meeting others who consider themselves TS. Also to meet supportive women."



**MARY ANNE S.**  
(CA-P-M3030-K5498-73)

"I've been a very busy student and don't have time to correspond anymore. My apologies to those who have written and haven't received a reply. When I complete my degree I'll again be interested in correspondence."



**JUDI BENSEN**  
(CA-P-M3063-K4877-73)

MWM, 40+ hetero. Lifelong CD. "Wife has observed and assisted, but does not understand. I adore our feminine side. Been away for awhile, and am seeking pen-gals for better understanding."



**JOSEPHINE C.**  
(CA-P-M3137-K5115-73)

"Black, hetero CD, 5'10", 195, married to a loving Japa-

nese woman who understands my need to crossdress. Very shy, and would like to come out of the closet. Profession prevents it. Enjoy mathematics, chess, computers and Japanese. Would love to make friends with CD/TV/TS/TG. Sexual orientation not a problem."



**BILLIE JEAN JONES**  
(CA-P-M3205-K6197-99)

Member ETVC, DVG, RGA, SGA, CGNIE, SLCC. Attended ETVC Cotillion, Fantasia Fair, Miss ETVC 1992. Late 30's (like 45), 6', 150, children (23, 20), 2nd marriage (whadda year!), Androgyne, gender bender, numerous scars, offbeat personality. Interested in blabbing, writing, photography, music, discovering diversity, living fully, making a difference, laughing. Publish *Genderflex* - Contributors welcome. "This is my real life."



**KATRINA REED**  
(CA-P-M3677-K7999-79)

TG, 43, Bi, androgynous, on hormones. Lifelong CD, supportive wife. "Delight in all that is soft and feminine. Fascinated by the issues of trans-

formation of consciousness, magic and shamanism implicit in crossdressing historically. Counter-culture orientation. Teacher of Buddhism, Meditation and Deep ecology. Love to hear from others, especially in S CA. Compuserve 74534.3255"



**BOBBI B.**  
(CA-P-M3693-K8021-72)

Tri-Ess/Androgyny/California Dreamin'/Texas T. "Accepting wife. Tall, late 50s. Looks/acts much younger. Fun, spirited, hot, playful, sexy. Actress. Loves miniskirts, heels, modeling—to dance/play/go shopping/clubs with new sisters. Just starting, but on fast track. Ooooh, I just love it all. West LA area."



**PATSY A.**  
(CA-P-M3710-K8054-72)

Member ETVC. MWM, TV, tax accountant, 44. "Like softball, biking, camping, family outings, and, of course, dressing when possible. Support gender groups, but not dressing in public. Host tea parties with female friends. Would like to correspond with North Bay/SF TVs and friends."

**LAURA RODGERS**  
(CA-M3627-K7688-75)

58, 5'10", 165, have nice figure. Like trips to the beach, vintage cars, sewing with machine, music. "Dress appropriately for my age, greyish wig, stylish clothes, etc. Enjoy dressing, wife supportive, but has never seen me dressed. Still in closet. Will answer all mail."

**RACHEL B.**  
(CA-M3793-K2890-72)

SWM, 45, 5'7", 125, blonde hair, blue eyes. "Lifelong TV but still in closet trying to get out. Yearning to achieve total feminine look. Wish to meet and correspond with other sincere, discreet *Tapestry* subscribers."

**CHARLI RICHARDS**  
(CA-M4068-K8799-78)

Member Tri-Ess. MWM, 6'+, 215, 60+, non-smoker, wife unaccepting. "Have not allowed myself to accept femme side until recently. Am learning. Finding that there are other sisters who are most supportive and cordial has been very helpful. Dress when able. Will answer all. Enjoy and encouraged with contacts with sisters."



**MARY R.**  
(CA-P-M4140-K8927-74)

"Like to meet CDs in Bay area; NS. Love heels, dancing, partying. I've been dressing up for 10 years. Want to socialize and go out more. I really have an appreciation for you dressed up. Write so we can talk by phone, correspond, or meet."



**ANN SMITH**  
(CA-M4351-K9593-72)

San Diego area member Neutral Corner. SWM, 55, 5'10", 180, grad. degree, unshockable, 14/16, big wardrobe, world traveler, computers, writer, Spanish bilingual speaker. Dress all the time. Very spiritual, metaphysical. Travel widely in the US.



**DIANA McGINNIS**  
(CA-P-M4741-K10489-74)

SW pre-op M-F TS. Member DVG. 48, 5'11", 135, 10/12. "Family supportive, but in midwest. Would like to meet GG/CD/TG/TV/TSs locally for shopping, movies, dinner, enjoying music, talking, taking photos."



**LORIM.**  
(CA-NP-M4747-K10546-74)

MWM, 39, novice TS/TG, very discreet, wife non-supportive. "Still in closet. Enjoy computers, movies and photography. Would like to meet big sister in the Antelope or San Fernando Valley area who can teach me to become the lady I long to be."

**JENNIFER H.**  
(CA-M5173-K11414-77)

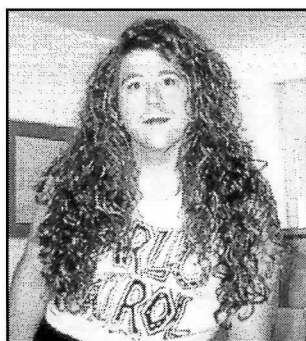
"Athletic, 30-something San

Francisco TV. Educated, fun-loving professional. Travel frequently. Love to dress, meet those interested in our 'sport.' Attend conventions, go out. Attractive, bright, blue eyes, brown hair, great sense of humor. Very active in both outdoor and indoor sports. Let's meet!"



**BRENDA D.**  
(CA-P-M5023-K8491-72)

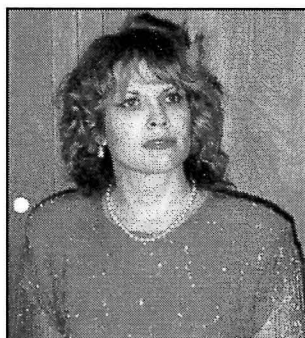
MWM CD. "Would love to hear from other sisters. I have an understanding and supportive wife. I love the feel of stockings over shaved legs, taste of lipstick, silkiness of panties, cool breeze up my short skirt. What do you like? Write to me and tell me."



**CAROLYN A. JOVEL**  
(CA-P-M5048-K6905-72)

5'10", 190, brown hair, brown eyes. "Interested in computers (on Compuserve) and everything feminine. Wish to meet honest and sincere TV/TS for shopping trips and outings. Enjoy hiking, concerts, fine dining and movies. Will respond to all with photo. Prefer Monterey Bay/San Jose areas."

**HAWAII (& ISLANDS)**  
(967- 969-)



**TRACY ANN RYAN**  
(HI-P-M2180-K2598-73)

President Hawaii Transgendered Outreach. Cross-living TG. "Will correspond with people planning to visit Hawaii, people interested in our group or group formation elsewhere, and people interested in real estate or who are in the real estate business."



**SHERI SUZANNE THOMAS**  
(HI-P-M4862-K6291-75)

42, 5'9". "Crossdressing since childhood. Passable. Have TS inclinations. Adore everything feminine. Would love to take hormones and live full-time as a woman. But, still in closet. Play guitar. Interested in music (rock and classical) and art."

**OREGON**  
(970- 979-)

**RHONDA F.**  
(OR-M2708-K4343-79)

43, 5'10", 165, still in closet. "Wife knows and is tolerant. Small town paranoia. Trav-

eling in Oregon and most outdoor activities. Love lingerie and TV fiction books, and have large collection of both. Love catalogue shopping."

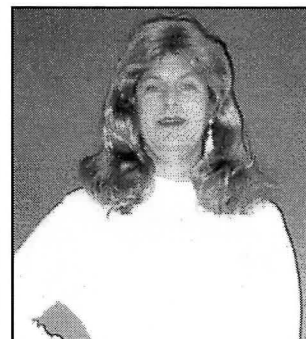
**JAN C.**  
(OR-M3514-K7221-74)

MWM, 60+. Computer nut. Interested in dressing and easy listening music. "Travel monthly across US. Wife non-supportive. Need someone to talk to and learn from. Will write all promptly. Want to meet other CDs."



**RONI LANG**  
(OR-P-M3599-K7624-72)

Member NWGA. SWM. Interested in bowling, water skiing, snow skiing, photography, travel, dancing, theater. "Enjoy all activities as Roni. Enjoy being out and about in town. Have appeared on several television and radio talk shows. Captain of the bowling team."



**HEATHER B.**  
(OR-P-M4689-K9843-74)

Tall MW TV, sincere, honest, friendly. "Thoroughly enjoy being Heather and her male counterpart. Interests include books, history

tary, Scandinavian, American), reading, sci-fi, music, shopping, and all things feminine. Wonderful wife knows and is supportive. Looking forward to corresponding with other TG sisters from all over. Will answer all."

**RANAE DEAN**  
(OR-M4883-K10051-72)

DWM, 44, 5'10", 145, brown hair and eyes. Interested in the outdoors, reading and camping, expressing my feminine side. "Love to meet or write to understanding people to help me reveal my feminine side. Want to attend a convention, but too shy, unsure of my femininity."



**AMY KATSUMI S.**  
(OR-P-M4910-K10861-72)

CD since childhood. Recently returning from long hiatus. Hetero, 39, 5'9", 140. "Wife reluctantly tolerant. Masculine side loves computers, sci-fi, Japanese animation. Femme side creates art work, poetry—loves to shop. Looking for ways to pass."

**BOBBIE P.**  
(OR-M5204-K11539-74)

Single BiWM, TV, 5'11", 48. "Crossdressing since age 13. Prefer to live in female gender, attracted to same. Would like to correspond with TV sisters and exchange photos."

**WASHINGTON**  
(980- 994-)

**JASON CROMWELL**  
(WA-M3828-K1722-73)

Member of Ingersoll Gender

Center. Attended Coming Together '91, '92, Southern Comfort '91, '92. FTM, 40, active in gender community for past nine years. Interested in anthropology, art, music (rock to open), literature, riding a motorcycle. "Interested in corresponding with other FTMs and female TVs. Sometimes slow to reply, but will answer all."



**BARBARA BARRETT**  
(WA-NP-M0258-K0560-75)

Member NWGA, Emerald City. 5'10", 160. Interested in music, fashion, movies, camping, meeting new sisters. "Have supportive SO. Lifelong CD. Comfortable with myself. Value friendship, honesty, sincerity, discretion. Enjoy small social get-togethers and CD events. New to Olympic Peninsula area. Will answer all."



**\*SANDY S.**  
(WA-P-M1022-K1728-79)

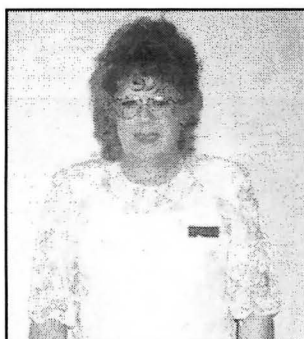
Member Emerald City. Participant Esprit '90, '91, VP of Emerald City. 185, M, blond, blue eyes, 48. Interested in CD, boating, computers, camping, flying. "Enjoy going out and doing the

town. Would like to meet others, wives too. Passable. Been to several very public affairs and look forward to more. Want to be accepted as the middle-aged lady I am."



**JUDY OSBORNE**  
(WA-P-M1024-K1719-72)

Member Emerald City, NWGA, Tri-Ess. Enjoy sailing, reading, sports, cooking. "Learning to sew, but not very good yet. Love being out in the world doing the things other women do, having fun."



**MELISSA LEEANN P.**  
(WA-P-M2102-K2505-72)

"Pre-op TS, living full-time for over a year. Interested in collecting dolls, sewing, calligraphy, model railroading and stamps. Enjoy my new life as a woman. Will answer all letters."

**LINDA LOUISE S.**  
(WA-M4001-K8609-74)

"Feminine MWM/Lesbian TV, love beauty in nature, music, femininity and caring relationships. Unsupportive spouse restricts life for now. Seek feminine M-F TV of F who is loving and accepting. Friendship now, more later.

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**EMILY THOMAS**  
(WA-P-M3119-K5669-73)

Member Emerald City, Tri-Ess. 5'7", 155, 52, brown hair and eyes. Married 25 years to an understanding woman. Interested in sewing, weaving, spinning, computers, wood working, plants, and reading. Enjoy working with other CDs on the Emerald City Hot Line and write occasionally to sisters in the NW who are patient with my slow responses."



**GERRI BECKEN**  
(WA-NP-M3230-K6299-79)

6'0", 160, 42, single CD/TV. "Interested in reading romance and science fiction/fantasy, computers, long walks, and dressing. Will respond to all letters. Do pass in public. Please write."

**LORRIE T.**  
(WA-M4057-K7891-74)

MWM, smoker, 48, 5'7", 135. "Very supportive wife. Want to correspond and dress one-on-one with other crossdressers in Oregon/

Washington. Have never dressed with others. I'm nervous, but anxious. Love everything feminine from makeup to lingerie. Please write. I promise I'll respond. Photo appreciated and will be returned."

# ANNE L.

(WA-M5027-K9023-73)

Member Emerald City. 44, 5'11", 155. Non-supportive spouse. Interests include art, dance, digital photography. "Wish to meet other TGs in Seattle area, major west coast cities, Chicago, NYC, for friendship and travel. Wish to correspond, share experiences with other professionals attempting gradual transition through androgyny."

# S. DEVAUX

(WA-M5306-K11778-74)

"Closeted WM CD, 40s, at a crossroad. Looking for new experiences, lifestyles. Anglophile, considerate. Like to find employment related to community. Would consider escorting passable TV/TS. Interested in history & identifying means by which community can elevate acceptance levels. Will seriously attempt corresponding."

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# BOBBIE WENDY TUCEY

(AK-P-M3314-K6591-75)

Member Berdache Society, Alaskan T-People. Attended Alaska Coronation '92, '93. WHM, 51, 5'5", 135. Supportive wife and grown and gone children. Interested in

computers, art, play guitar and flute. "Spend all my non-work time as a woman, and go out a lot. Love to communicate. Photo appreciated."

# SUZANNE TAYLOR

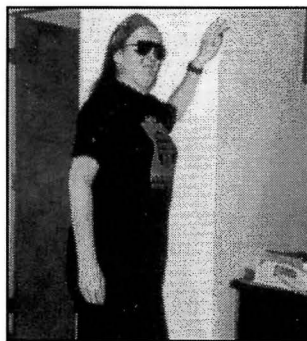
(AK-M2422-K3304-75)

Married, 38, CD, 6'2", eyes of blue, 140. "Just attended Coming Together in Portland as my first event. Looking forward to seeing all of the beautiful people that I met there in Atlanta in '95! Special thanks to Yvonne, Veronica, Stephanie for making my first time great!"

# STEPHANIE MARIE LOLLI

(AK-M4588-K-73)

31, 6'0", 175. "Dressing since childhood and enjoy the life as Stephanie every chance. Enjoy movies, old radio programs, long walks, dining out and entertaining. Wish to meet/correspond with other sisters and women interested in CD/TV. Passable in public. All letters answered. Photo upon yours."



# DEIRDRE LUNN

(AK-NP-M5303-K10004-74)

"Blind, pre-op TS female, age 37, who is seeking a companion, male or female, for a sincere relationship. I've been living as a female for 5 years. I enjoy the outdoors, canoeing, music, animals, and good conversation. I prefer sincere people who do not smoke or drink. All replies welcome."

# CANADA



# DONNA FREEMAN

(N CA-P-M1664-K1819-75)

Member DVG, ETV, Tri-Ess, RGA. "Co-Founder of Diablo Valley Girls. Have attended over 10 conventions. MWM hetero TV, 47 5'9", 160, 16, warm, caring, sensitive. Enjoy good food, friends and conversation; computers, shopping and all things feminine. Lifelong CD, public for 7 years. Understanding and actively supportive wife."



# ROBYN V.

(CAN-P-M2449-K3392-74)

Member of Gender Mosaic, Ottawa, and Xpressions, Toronto. Hetero TV, 50, married, family, living in south-eastern Ontario. Interested in theater, classical and other music, skiing, and boating. "Love to shop, dine and enjoy others en femme. Travel to NYC, Toronto, Ottawa and other cities. Could we get together sometime? Please write. Photos appreciated."



# GLEN M.

(CAN-P-M2740-K4423-75)

Attended Coming Together '91, '92, '93, Fantasia Fair '91, '92, Be All '94, Erie '94, Harry Benjamin '93. SWM hetero, 5'11", 165. Interested in running, banjo playing, friendships, relationships, golfing. "As a 'male-dresser,' regardless of role, I am always 'a man.' Passing not important. Presentability, relating and decorum essential"



# KAREN FOX

(CAN-P-M3140-K5888-77)

Fantasia Fair veteran since '92. Interested in computers, comic books, stockings, and high heels. "Been a crossdresser since I was a teenager. I enjoy the feeling of silky stockings against my hairless legs. Enjoyed walking outside with the cool air as Karen during my visits to P-town during the Fair."

# ANGEL RICHARDS

(CAN-M3715-K8046-72)

"Hi, my name is Angel and I'd love to hear from other TV/TSs, especially those in my area. I'm interested in corresponding with other



amateur artists, and I like cooking, makeup, and other female-lifestyle things."



**•ERICA JAYNE R.**  
(CAN-P-M3323-K6583-74)

Attended 1988 Coronation Ball in Vancouver. 5'10", 170, single. Friendly, fun, and outgoing. Interested in flying, motorcycling, all things feminine. "Love going out as Erica. Friends know about her. Looking for people for friendship and girl-talk. Open, honest, and discreet. Would like to hear from others, especially in the Vancouver/Seattle area. Photo and phone appreciated."



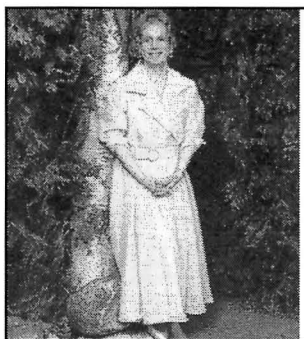
**JENNIFER BLAKE**  
(CAN-NP-M3385-K6790-75)

"Petite and passable, very photogenic, 30, love shopping as a female. Love going out as a female, with a man at my side, shopping or formal dining. Married 1990 en femme, complete with gown and ensemble. Love prom, bridesmaid and bridal fashions, also enjoy dressing sexy when my mood dictates."



**MICHELLE M.**  
(CAN-P-M3475-K7228-75)

Member Boulton and Park. 5'8", 22W, motivated, self-employed entrepreneur, supportive wife, certified electrologist. Interested in self-improvement, sewing, helping other CDs out of closet. "Looking for other CDs for social gatherings, Toronto to Oshawa area, away from radical Downtown Scene. Life's too short to just stay alone at home."



**KRISTY BEVERLY LYNN**  
(CAN-P-M3502-K7186-72)

Member Chicago Gender Society, Prairie Rose Gender Club. Attended Be All '92, '93, '94. Post-op W female, 5'9", 160, clean, non-smoker. Interested in carpentry, model railroading, architecture, travel. "Seek long term relationship with F-M post-op or M. Intentions matrimony, love and guidance, career. Prefer Chicago, Minneapolis, Charlotte. Founder of TV/TS group in Winnipeg."

**WENDY HOULE**  
(CAN-M4606-K10132-77)

"Divorced, single parent with four children to take

care of. TV/TS, late 30s, dressing all my life. Want to correspond and/or meet other CD/TG/TS/GG for helping me to improve my femme side. Looking for help and support. No sex letters."



**ROBYNN MARIE LAYNE**  
(CAN-P-M4455-K3419-73)

S, bi TV, 30something, 5'7", 145. "Dressing since childhood, clean and sober ten years. Confused until recently discovering this wonderful community! Not passable yet, but hopeful. Many interests: femininity, writing, photography, music, sports. Seek correspondents sharing support, feelings, and emotional growth. Reserved, lonely, loyal friend. Please write, I'll answer!"



**CHRISTINE B.**  
(CAN-P-M4486-K9701-73)

Tall, slim, blue-eyed brunette, hetero CD, early 40s. "Interested in intelligent, sensitive, non-sexual correspondence with anyone who is either struggling or reveling in this difficult/joyous condition/opportunity life has presented to those of us who are gender gifted."



**DAWNA TRACY**  
(CAN-P-M4787-K2066-75)

Bi-pre-op TS, 30s, member Xpressions (Toronto). Cross-live P/T. 6', size 16, seek new job, very public, hormones upgraded, 75% through electrolysis. Love music, laughter, sensuality, travel. Frustrated by estranged family/close friends. Feel fulfillment and self-realization. Love career girl/party looks. Dream of Platonic mentor for career."

**MICHELLE E.**  
(CAN-M4564-K9891-73)

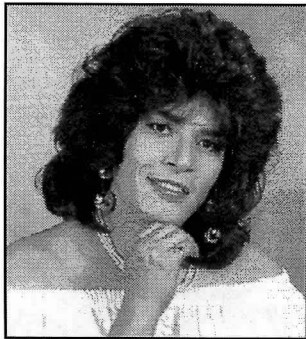
"Attractive hetero TV, 34, 6', 12/14. Divorced, honest, sincere, open minded. Seek supportive friends. Ultimately lonely for understanding genetic women (like Orientals). Enjoy swimming, mechanics, mountains, photography, modeling as a woman. Passable, but still in closet. Need opportunities to be P/T woman, date women/TSs."



**JANET C.**  
(CAN-NP-M4855-K7328-75)

"Love jazz and dance music and prom fashions. Looking for male model type, but would love to hear from gentlemen of any age."

## MEXICO



**ANGELA LOPEZ**  
(MEX-P-M4462-K7626-72)

TS 38, 5'7", 155. "Just beginning transition, on hormones. Married, two children. Living as a male for awhile. Want to exchange opinions with other married TSs. Don't know how to handle my problem with wife and children. Trying to join/form a TV/TS group anywhere in Mexico for support. Am alone in Mexico."

## BRAZIL

**RICK G.**  
(BRAZIL-M4560-K9889-73)

Member Rose's (*Repartee*). WSM 5'7", 150, 29 years old. "I would like to make friends with TV/TS/CDs. I love lingerie and high heels. I can travel anywhere. Write."

## UNITED KINGDOM



**ANNE FORRESTER**  
(SCOT-P-M2791-K4526-72)

Founder of Grampion Gender Group, member Scottish TV/TS Group. Attended Coming Together, Fantasia Fair. Pre-op TS, divorced, 63

going on 40. Writer and editor (Ph.D.). "I travel widely, write a lot, and edit *The Tartan Skirt* and run a gender helpline. I'm a conservatively dressed lady who loves ballgowns."

## EUROPE

**EVA K.**  
(GER-M3749-K6460-72)

Member Tri-Ess. Attended EuroFantasia '93. Married couple, both mid-30s. Interested in feminism, philosophy, sociology, crossdressing, the gender community. "Interested in contacting other 'transgendered' couples. We are both totally out of the closet. Do not like to be normal any more."



**YVONNE THOMPSON**  
(GER-NP-M3050-K5626-73)

Hetero TV, 5'9", 158, ash blond hair, somewhat passable. Interested in photography, cooking, jazz of the '40s and '50s, traveling. "Attended 25th anniversary FPE-NE, EuroFantasia, Harmony Weekend. I like fine lingerie, elegant ladylike dresses, perfect makeup. Dressed up many times in public. Like to correspond with sisters in the USA."

**HEIKE S. SPREITZER**  
(GER-M5054-K6501-72)

Member of Transidentitas e.V. IS/TS/Lesbian. "Especially interested in the anthropological and cognitive aspects of *gender*, especially the *berdache* of native cultures. Would like to correspond with others with simi-

lar personal background and/or interests."



**AMANDA Q.**  
(GER-P-M4252-K9420-72)

Member Rose's (*Repartee*). Attended EuroFantasia. 35, TV/TG, brown hair, brown eyes, married. Interested in art, music, feminine fashion, cooking. "Have just discovered a route out of my closet thanks to EuroFantasia. What a wonderful feeling freedom is! World, here I come! Sensitive, caring and very sincere person. Will answer all."

**GWEN M.**  
(GER-M5159-K11305-73)

Hetero CD, 32. "Interested in photography, music, fashion and feminism. Want to share experience and photos. Will be in Chicago area in the fall and would like to meet some sisters, TS/CD/GG."

**SHARA J.**  
(GER-M5202-K11536-73)

MWM, CD, 43, 5'11", 18/20. "Out of the closet in 1990. Supportive wife and daughter. Would like to meet and become friends with other couples and individuals who are interested in the feminine world. Like to travel when the time permits."

**SUSANNE ANDERS**  
(AUST-M2774-K4604-72)

Member FPE SWEDEN. 52, 5'8", 180. Middle aged, 16/18, quiet CD since almost forever. Interested in travel, camping, music, cosmopolitan interests, fashion. "I would like to communicate with other CDs or interested people. Am married, supported, but not

understood. Have participated in meetings in Sweden and in the USA."



**BARBARA D.**  
(BEL-P-M4568-K9925-73)

MWM, 6'2", Member Rose's, 31, hetero TV. Interested in music, photography and computers (active on BBSs). "Busy professional, but will always try to find time to answer your letters or meet and even accommodate if you are traveling to Belgium."



**JENNY SAND**  
(NOR-P-M2584-K3753-68)

Member FPE-Northern Europe. Attended Fantasia Fair '90, '91. TV, 38, 5'8", 120. Enjoys low-budget world travel, meeting warm, open-minded, humorous people. Interests include literature, music, art and film. "Love to feel feminine. Go out dressed with friends and other club members as often as I can. Interested in hearing from anyone, especially sisters in Europe. Please, write!"

## AUSTRALIA



**JOANNE WILSON**  
(AUS-P-M2516-K3664-73)

MWM, 5'10", 160, 50+. Interested in reading, writing, theatre, arts, film. "Total look TV since preteens. Professional author/writer. Love to correspond and share pictures. Guaranteed replies."



**KYM AYRES**  
(AUS-P-M4559-K9888-73)

Treasurer Seahorse Society NSW. MWM, CD, 5'5", 130, 10/12, 61, arts teacher, degree in Visual Arts and Art History and Criticism. Practising artist. Interested in arts, music, writing, photography. Accepting and supportive wife. "Like to correspond with other crossdressers."



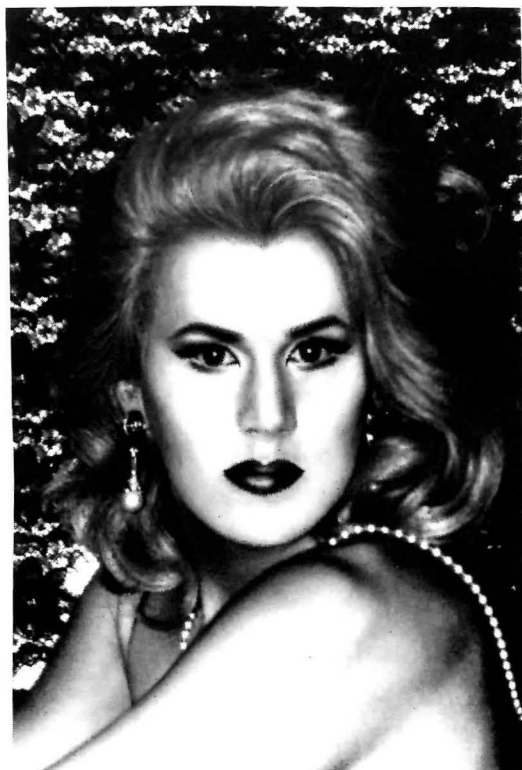
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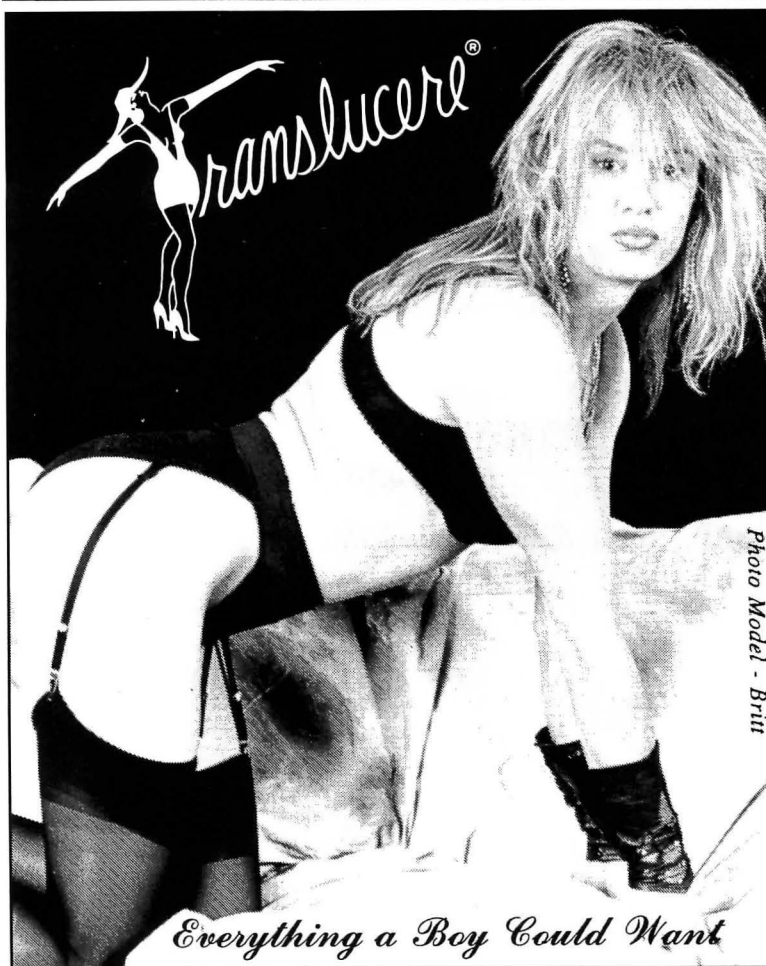
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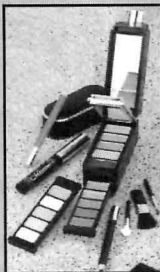
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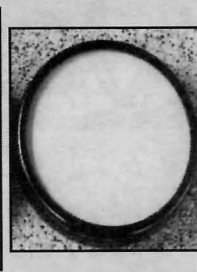
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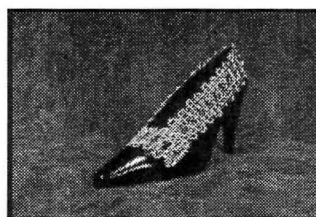
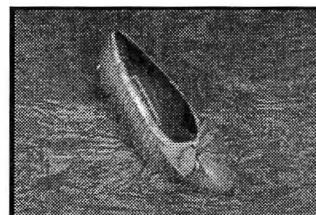
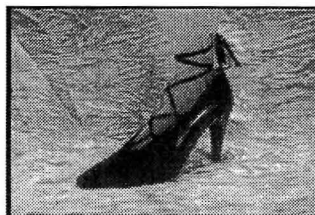
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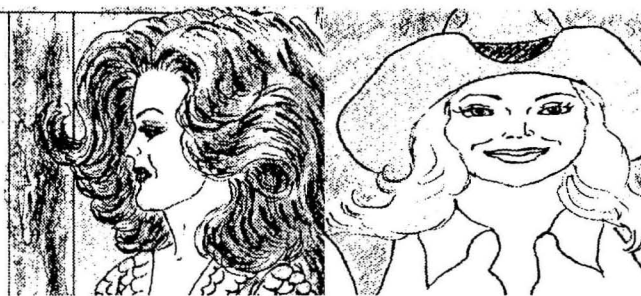
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### TO BE OR NOT TO BE" By Darlette Davis

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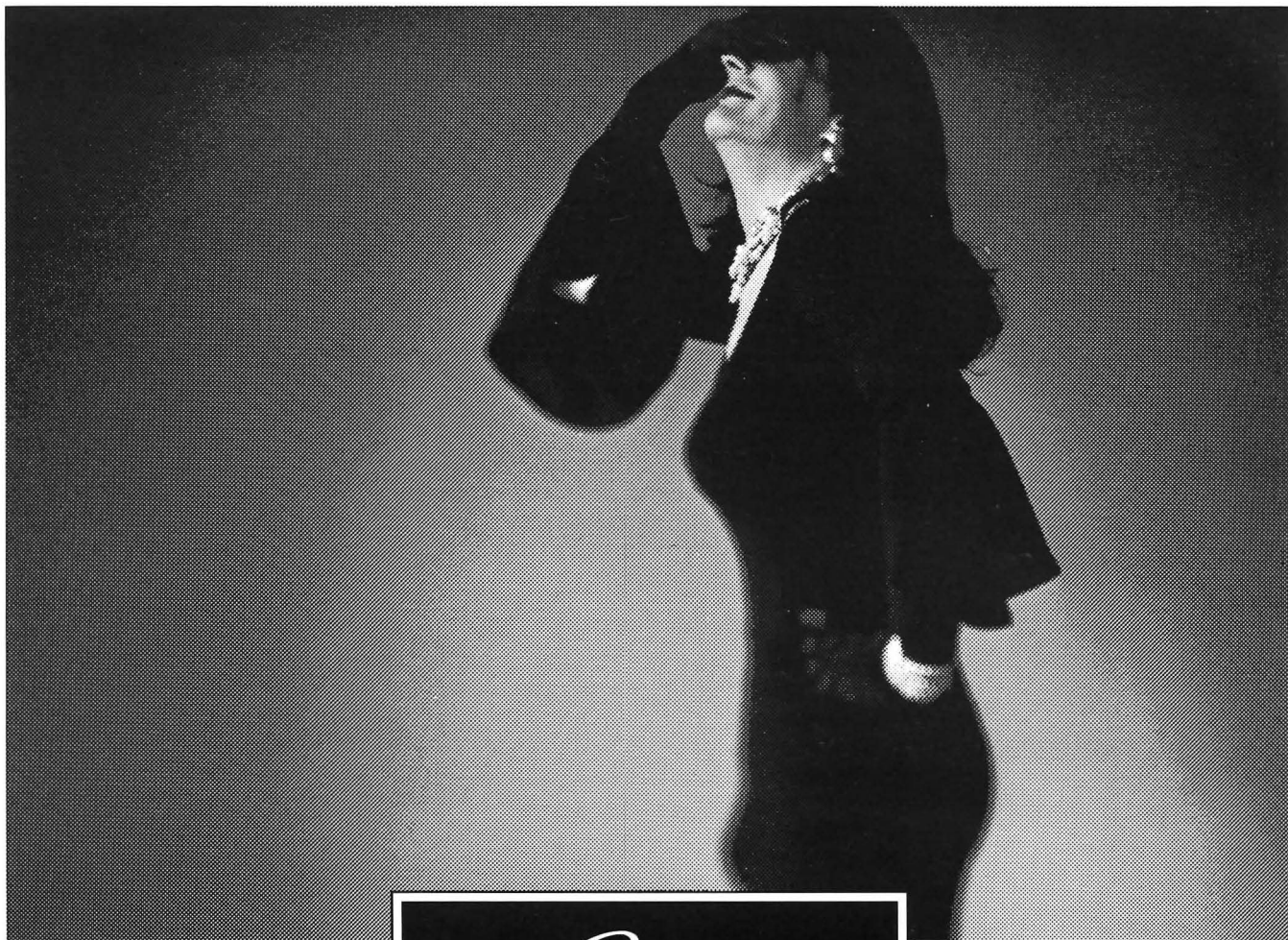
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## ABOUT THE AUTHOR

**Sheila Kirk, MD** is a board certified obstetrician-gynecologist with over 27 years of medical experience in both private practice and research. As a transgendered person herself, Dr. Kirk is in a unique position to help the transgendered community improve their overall physical and emotional well-being while providing insight and instruction to the medical professionals who administer their care.

She received her Degree in Medicine from Boston University and completed her residency training in both Buffalo, New York and in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

During her years in active practice in a major U.S. city, Dr. Kirk delivered over 8,000 babies; performed hundreds of related surgeries ranging from reconstructive gynecological concerns to infertility issues and became a leading expert in hormonal therapy for perimenopausal and post-menopausal biologic woman and the transgendered population.

Throughout her busy years as a solo practitioner, Dr. Kirk found time to share her knowledge and expertise with young medical students. For over twenty years, she served as Assistant Clinical Professor, lecturer and consultant at a major university medical school, teaching and supervising medical students and residents in obstetrics and gynecology. On several occasions throughout those years, she was recognized as Teacher of the Year by both the medical students and resident staff. She considers these awards amongst the highest honors she has received.

Since leaving active practice and her teaching position at the university, Dr. Kirk has worked with the International Foundation for Gender Education as Director of the Division of Medical Liaison and Research, instructing and advising members of both the transgendered and professional communities in the latest developments in transgendered care.

One of Dr. Kirk's primary interests is in generating and promoting research in a number of areas regarding the care of the transgendered person. Currently, Dr. Kirk is conducting two on-going research projects, one dealing with the teenage transgendered person, and the other dealing with the post-operative transsexual. In addition, she is currently in the process of developing research in contragender hormonal therapy as it relates to bone changes, lipid profiles, breast, and prostate problems and to a number of psychosocial concerns of the transgendered individual.

A noted author and lecturer, Dr. Kirk has written numerous books, articles and research findings on transgendered care as well as on other medical concerns in her chosen discipline. Her two monographs, *Hormones for the Male-to-Female* and *Hormones for the Female-to-Male* are in their third printing and have just recently been translated into German, and are soon to be translated into French and Spanish.

Sought after worldwide as a leading authority on transgendered issues, Dr. Kirk lectures extensively at universities, medical conferences and related symposiums both nationally and internationally.

She is a member of the Harry Benjamin International Gender Dysphoria Association, a member of the Board of Directors of the International Foundation for Gender Education and its Executive Committee, and serves on the editorial staff of AEGIS, an international transsexual support and resource foundation.

Because of her continuing dedication and commitment to improving the quality of life for the transgendered community, Dr. Kirk is currently planning the development of a gender and general medicine center offering services for pre-op and post-op transsexuals, transgenderists, crossdressers and their families. She and her spouse live in Boston, Massachusetts.

## A CALL FOR HELP

Sheila Kirk, M.D., has been conducting several on-going projects for the Transgendered community and the medical professionals that provide transgendered services. To assure their success and to maximize their effectiveness, she needs your continued support and help in the following areas:

### Health-Care Professional Referral List

Dr. Kirk compiles and maintains a referral list used to direct individuals to responsible and responsive health-care professionals all over the United States. One of the very important ways that Dr. Kirk uses to continue this work is to ask that members of the community who have located health-care professionals (i.e., physicians, psychologists and psychiatrists) who they feel are competent and knowledgeable be made known to her. Please forward their names, addresses, phone numbers and their specialties so that she can include them in her lists.

### Post-Operative M-F and F-M Transsexual In-Depth Survey

Post-operative M-F and F-M individuals are needed to be a part of a survey which asks in-depth questions about transition, medical care and the surgery experience.

Dr. Kirk is interested in knowing about post-surgical medical care and the situations that the Post-op individuals are currently experiencing in the workplace, etc.

Taking part in this survey will not put you in any measure of insecurity. Your privacy will be strictly enforced. No mention of your name will be used only, the data that you supply in the survey will be.

To participate send a letter to Dr. Kirk stating your willingness to take part along with your name and address.

## Implant Registry

Protocols for an implant registry in the Division of Medical Liaison and Research at IFGE has been set in place.

All M-F individuals who have had facial prosthetic implants and breast augmentation implants and F-M individuals who have had penile and testicular implants are encouraged to become a part of the registry by providing information about their surgical procedures and experiences.

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It would be greatly appreciated if members of the community would be alert to these youngsters and then refer them to Dr. Kirk for her inquiry and continuing evaluation. Their parents or health care providers are encouraged to contact her as well. Their insight would prove invaluable. The confidentiality of all participants and their families is adhered to strictly.

Correspondence in regard to the above-mentioned projects can be addressed to:

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