



Educational TV Channel Newsletter

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The View

ETVC, P.O. Box 6486, San Francisco, CA 94101

Executive Committee News

The ExCom met twice in March because what would have been the April meeting was held a week early so as to

avoid conflict with the Easter weekend. The last meeting was particularly exciting with Inge and Sasheen from Sacramento, Janet from Winnemucca, Nevada (!), and Phyllis and Kathy from the Bay area joining us for a lively, sociable evening as well as some good discussion about ETVC past and future. This helped make up for the previous meeting which no one attended, thus leaving your officers to singlehandedly consume the mountains of delectable munchies provided by the hostess.

Our next two meetings - and the last ones under the present ExCom - are planned for the Saturday evenings of May 4th in San Francisco and June 1st in Oakland, at the homes of ExCom members. Even if you can't stand business meetings, this is another opportunity to go out dressed and practice your charms. Ask any officer for meeting time and place. See you there!!

Treasurer's Report

Our assets presently consist of \$310 in our bank account and about \$115 in stamped envelopes. The February Mardi Gras party contributed \$68 to the treasury, with approximately 45-50 people attending. The March Spring Social drew a large crowd of 55-60 and was \$41 to the good. In addition, we have recently received some new advertising income. This helps offset a part of the cost of the Newsletter.

Membership Report

Our many and varied outreach efforts plus the plain good ole word of mouth that Continued on p. 6



From the Chair

"KIM'S KORNER"

SHANGRI-CHEZ

Imagine a TV/TS social group so together and well organized that it can offer two glorious socials a month with one of them on a weekend night **plus** such other benefits as:

- a panel of beauty and fashion experts conducting personal improvement classes on fashion, makeup, deportment and how to pass as a girl;
- special group outings to such things as the ballet ("Les Ballets Trocadero") or the movies ("Tootsie");
- a well-stocked TV/TS library for members with a wide range of materials on the transgender experience;
- a correspondence directory to contact new TV/TS friends;
- a service directory with reduced rates at all your favorite clothing, makeup and shoe stores - and others!;
- a hot line for the latest info on TV/TS events in northern California;
- a group of volunteers to help counsel you on gender issues;
- an outreach effort plus a hard-working social committee which together are so successful that this imaginary group is the most well known, most exciting and considered the TV/TS group to join.

Does that sound nice? Does it also sound impossible? Well, it's not! To help make some or all of the Shangri-Chez ideas happen, please come to our Annual Meeting on Thursday, May 30th. We will be electing new officers to guide ETVC for the coming year and celebrating our three years of existence.

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** WOW ****** PARTIES ****** FUN ****** GOOD TIMES ****** PARTIES ***** FUN ****** WOW **

ANNUAL MEETING & ELECTION OF OFFICERS Thursday, May 30, 1985

Join all your sister members tonight as ETVC celebrates it s 3rd year! We will be electing new officers, pausing to take a look back over the parties and events of the past year and honoring our 6 founding members. The highlight of the evening is the election of new officers to lead ETVC into its 4th year. The officers to be elected are: Coordinator, Secretary, Treasurer, (Co-)Chair(s) of the Social Committee and (Co-)Chair(s) of the Outreach Committee. This is the most important meeting of the year because it benefits all of us to elect good officers.

We especially want to encourage all members to attend this party, to run for office and cast your vote for the new ExComm which will guide the organization for the coming year - and join all of us in honoring those who got it all started! The fees for this important evening are: free for members and \$2 for nonmembers.

A STAR IS BORN (ETVC TALENT SHOW) Thursday, June 27, 1985

ETVC kicks off its fourth year in grand style with a super spectacular star studded talent show. We will showcase some of our very own talented members as they perform on various instruments, sing, or do some very amusing skits. We will have a pianist to provide appropriate musical accompaniment where needed and a professional female impersonator serving as MC to lend a touch of class to the evening's festivities. There will be lst, 2nd and 3rd prizes plus lots of fun and excitement as you discover the hidden talents of your sisters that you didn't know were there!

Fees for this enchanted evening will be \$5 for members and \$7 for guests. Remember, this will be the first party of the ETVC new year and you'll need to renew your membership. Why not use the coupon on p. 4 and do it in advance by mail? We'll have your new membership card waiting for you at the door.

Wow! Can he do that for me??!

The special make-up instructional session with Herman was a tremendous success. Nineteen people packed Ginny and Nancy Ann's living room to capacity as Herman put on an impressive demonstration of the art of the possible. He worked on Terry and Nancy Ann, doing both make-up and wig styling. Thanks to Diahanna, we have a very complete photographic record of Terry's transformation and it is stunning! It was a valuable educational experience for all who came as Herman explained what - and why - he was doing at every step and answered all questions. Everyone, including Herman, enjoyed the session so much that he has agreed 'to do a repeat performance for us on Saturday, June 1st, starting at 1:30pm. Contact ETVC or talk to an officer for location. It will be a workshop format in which Herman will offer more personalized instruction to everyone.



"Hey, Pop, may I borrow your padded bra?"

Welcome to ETVC

Who we are... and how to find us.

ETVC (Educational TV Channel) is a social, recreational and educational support group for transvestites, transsexuals, transgenderists and their friends and/or Significant Others.

In the spring of 1982, a small group of cross-dressers and transgenderists in the San Francisco Bay area, wanting to create a safe social milieu for themselves, began getting together on a regular basis at various individuals' homes. We chose a name for our group (ETVC) and as word got around and more people started showing up at the gatherings, we established regular monthly socials at a San Francisco restaurant, the Chez Mollet. In less than a year, our "theme" parties or events were drawing an average of 40-60 people and ETVC had become established as one of the best places in the Bay area for TV's, TS's and TG's to go for a sociable night out on the town.

Starting in 1983, we began to adopt a set of bylaws to provide a formal structure for the group. Under these Bylaws, ETVC is a membership organization (although nonmembers who share our interests are welcome to attend) wherein responsibility for coordinating its activities rests with a 5-member Executive Committee.

Since we exist to help meet the needs of TV's, TS's and TG's, we are delighted to welcome new people who share our interests to any of our regular meetings which take place the last Thursday of every month at the Chez Mollet restaurant, 527 Bryant St., San Francisco, CA from 8 pm to 12 midnight. Their specialty is French cuisine and reservations are usually advisable. Directions to the Chez Mollet are on the back.

We would like to encourage all our friends, new and old, to become members of ETVC. On the reverse is a mail-in membership form for your convenience. Anyone can also become a member at the door on the night of any ETVC function. Reprinted below is the Statement of Purpose and membership eligibility criteria from our Bylaws.

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

The purpose of the "Educational TV Channel" (hereinafter "ETVC") is two-fold: (1) to serve the educational, social and recreational needs of transvestites (either female or male), transsexuals (either female or male), and all other persons (either female or male) whose social role differs in any degree from that role considered to be appropriate for an individual of his or her genetic sex, and (2) to undertake educational activities intended to assist the general public in comprehending transvestism, transsexualism, and transgenderism.

MEMBERSHIP (Eligibility)

Membership in ETVC is open to any person (male or female) who is 18 years of age or older and who believes that he or she is, or may be, a (1) transvestite, (2) transsexual, or (3) person whose social role differs in any degree from that role considered to be appropriate for an individual of his or her genetic sex. Membership is also open to (1) a spouse or significant other of one who is eligible for membership in ETVC under the preceding sentence, and (2) one who is 18 years of age or older and who has (a) a personal or professional interest in one or more persons who fall into one or more of the categories established in the preceding sentence, or (b) a personal or professional interest in transgenderism or gender dysphoria generally. (BYLAWS adopted May 31, 1984)



DIRECTIONS

From the East Bay:

Take I-80 or I-580 to and across the Bay Bridge to the Fifth St. exit, turn left onto Fifth St. and left again onto Bryant St.

From north of San Francisco: Follow US 101 across the Golden Gate Bridge and thru the city to I-80. Take the Fourth St. exit directly onto Bryant St. The Chez is straight ahead.

From the South Bay:

Take US 101 north to I-80 and the Fourth St. exit (as above). Alternatively, take I-280 to its end at Fourth St., cross over Fourth, go one block and take a left onto Third St. and go up 4 blocks to Bryant St.

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MEMBERSHIP IN ETVC

Under the Bylaws, the membership year runs from June 1 to May 31. An annual membership is \$7.00 when purchased between June 1 and November 30, and \$4.00 when purchased between December 1 and May 31, and offers the following benefits:

- 1) reduced rate for parties;
- 2) a membership card which facilitates your entrance into our parties;
- a subscription to the ETVC Newsletter which is published bi-monthly in June, August, 3) October, December, February and April of each membership year;
- free or reduced cost for other ETVC publications and services; 4)
- a say in how ETVC is run for your benefit: a vote for the members of the Executive 5) Committee at the May Annual Meeting and the right to attend meetings of the ExComm.;
- 6) provides ETVC with funds needed to continue growing as a stronger and more supportive organization, able to offer more benefits and services to its members.

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KIM'S KORNER

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The officer positions to be filled on that night are: Coordinator, Secretary, Treasurer, Social Committee Chair(s) and Outreach Committee Chair. We also need to involve more people in helping work on and produce the <u>Newsletter</u> and to help with the Social and Outreach Committees. We will have copies of our By-Laws available at the April party and we encourage everyone to consider running for office in ETVC or placing in nomination the name(s) of people you'd like to see leading ETVC for the 1985-86 membership year.

If you have someone in mind you think would make a good officer for the coming year, please feel free to talk with any of the current officers about your idea(s), or submit your nomination(s) in writing to our P.O. Box, or you can nominate your choice(s) from the floor on the night of our meeting. Whichever you choose, do it!

Thursday, May 30th begins ETVC's 4th year and you can help make it ETVC's best ever. It marks a new beginning for ETVC, with new leaders full of fresh ideas, and you can make both your TV/TS dreams and ETVC's dreams come true by helping on a committee or becoming an officer in ETVC. Shangri-Chez is only a little teamwork away, so don't delay, run for an office right away! **Participate!!**



"THEN SHE SAID IF YOU ARE GOING TO DRESS LIKE A WOMAN, DO A WOMAN'S JOB; AND THEN SHE WENT BOWLING".



ETVC NEWS (continued from p. 1)

is spreading outwards like ripples on a pond as a result of our successful socials and expanding organization are resulting in an ever-increasing membership. Our membership has now reached the astounding figure of 120 which is probably twice as many as we had last year. (Records are uncertain as to just what last year's total membership figures were). This figure represents a growth of 14 new members in the last two month period alone, or nearly two new members each week during that time. This sort of response among our sisters out there is just tremendously satisfying. We can all take credit for this growth because, in attending the monthly parties, we have all helped create the safety, warm welcome and goodwill that touches other people's hearts and attracts them to us. The real significance of our membership, however, is not the size of the number but what it represents -- that many more people, often closeted and lonely, perhaps confused and scared, to whom we have been able to provide some measure of comfort, security and companionship and have given them a place wherein they could come out and feel good about themselves.

Also, don't forget -- the end of the ETVC membership year is May 31st. Effective June 1, 1985, all memberships in ETVC, regardless of when purchased, need to be renewed at the annual rate of \$7.00 for a full year of fun and good friendship. You will need to renew by the time of the June party in order to get into the party for the member fee. You can use the coupon in this <u>Newsletter</u> and renew by mail if that is more convenient for you. We already have two members on our new 1985-86 membership roster: Andi (Miss ETVC-1985) and Angie, from Santa Cruz!

Significant Others Support Group

We are pleased to be able to report that our "Significant Others Support Group" has held its first meeting and 5 people attended - a wonderful turnout for a first-time meeting! All present felt the meeting went well, was very helpful for them and have agreed to continue meeting on a regular basis. They have set the first Tuesday of each month at 8pm as their meeting time and each session will last approximately two hours. The next two meetings are scheduled for May 7 and June 4. The Group is being facilitated by Arlene, a "significant other" of one of our members and who has had experience leading these kinds of support groups. You can call her at 415/ for the location if you are interested in attending the next meeting.

The Group members define "significant other" (S.O.) as "wives, lovers, friends, children, other relatives and anyone else interested in or close to a TV/TS/TG person who are themselves not a TV/TS." They would like all the TV/TS/TG members of ETVC to encourage the Significant Others in their own lives to come to these meetings - particularly if the S.O. feels like they need or want some support from their peers in dealing with their feelings about the TV/TS in their lives. It is important to emphasize that all meetings are kept strictly confidential among the participants. This is to help ensure that a safe supportive environment is created in which all attendees will feel secure enough to really be able to share and talk about their feelings.

Couples Support Group

Our second support group, this one for couples (including the spouse or lover of a TV/TS) has experienced more difficulty getting started. Despite numerous efforts, not enough interest (there surely is need) has yet developed to enable this group to begin meeting. We certainly hope that ETVC can provide assistance to wives and girlfriends, whether through one of these groups or a channel yet undiscovered. We encourage those of you who feel you might benefit from sharing your feelings and fears with others in a similar situation to contact any officer and let them know you're interested in a support group.



Outreach Committee News

We are satisfied with the response to our recent advertising. At least 26 people contacted us in reply to our four-week ad in the <u>Bay Guardian</u>, and at least 6 have responded to our ad in the <u>Transvestian</u>. Of course, many of the people who write us asking for information, or who show up at a party for the first time, don't describe where they heard of us. Our reaching many of these people must be ascribed to the ever-widening ripples in the ocean of humanity that these and other outreach activities are (we hope) creating

We do not yet know the full results of our contacting the three professional therapists' associations, and we'll report on this in the next issue.

When we mailed the previous issue of the <u>Newsletter</u>, we sent a copy, along with a cover letter introducing ourselves, to each social group listed in the TV/TS <u>Tapestry</u> with whom we were not already corresponding. This amounted to about 55 organizations, including some eight or nine abroad. So far we have heard back from five: the Paradise Club of Cleveland, OH; the S.A.M.C. of San Antonio, TX; the Network of Waukesha, WI; the Phi Chapter of G.G.A. in Newark, DE; and the Chi Chapter of Tri-Ess in Chicago, IL.

It appears that our name (ETVC) may be appearing in some journals without our permission and in contexts outside of our own interests. If any member happens to see our name in print **anywhere**, would you please send us a copy to our P.O. Box address. Thanks!

"Hot Tips" Still (and forevermore) Needed

Several members have given Ginny & Nancy Ann a number of new additions to the ETVC Tip Sheet, so in March they issued a new addendum to the already substantial 24 page second edition (October, 1984) of the Tip Sheet itself.

However, we know that there must still be a large number of places (shops, services, restaurants, discos, etc.) out there which are receptive to us but which are not yet listed in our Tip Sheet - and which some of you know about. We would also like to get some listings for areas in northern California not yet represented on the Sheet. And of course times and places change, and eventually some of the current information will need updating or entire listings deleted.

We can only make such changes and keep our Tip Sheet up to date with your assistance. We need your help and input to make the Tip Sheet a living, growing source of useful information and assistance. It will only be as useful as it is comprehensive and up to date. Your suggestions, contributions and corrections will be invaluable towards making this list the kind of complete "TV/TS Guide" to the Bay Area it has the potential to be. Pick up and fill out a Tip Sheet addition form at any of our regular monthly parties and give it to any officer or mail it back to us at our P.O. Box address. If we receive enough additions or changes in the next few weeks, we may be able to integrate them and issue a new, comprehensive third edition by the time of the May An-Thanks for your help! nual Meeting.



'I wrote home and told my parents that I married a local TV personality, but now that they're what the TV stands for."



"All I have is my boy credit card!" A New TV/TS Group in San Francisco

There is apparently a new TV/TS group forming in San Francisco. We received a flyer announcing their "coming out" party on March 30, which was to feature a TV beauty contest, cabaret performances by two female impersonators, and a "special appearance" by a "T.S. porn star." Their reply to our letter of inquiry stated that they are not sexually oriented, they are affiliated with Transvestian magazine, and their "purpose is to provide a relaxed social environment where people can meet and have fun." If we hear of their having a regular meeting schedule, we will place them on our calendar (p. 5). In the meantime, you can write them for further infor mation at Transcendental Social Club, 537 Jones St., #9332, San Francisco, CA 94102.

Real TV Stars!

Two of our long-time ETVC members, Diahanna and Kathy, were recently featured on the television show "A.M. San Francisco," talking about our favorite topic: crossdressing. Their basic message was "crossdressers just want to have fun (like everyone else!)." During the 30 minute segment they talked about "the first time out" and "relationships." A videotape of their interview was shown at our March Social and received rave reviews. Be coming here we'll have to explain sure to congratulate them on a job well done at the next social event. They are truly our "TV Stars!"

ETVC Members Are Highlighted on H.B.O.

Those of you who attended the "Fabulous Forties" party at our March meeting of last year will remember it was being filmed as part of a documentary on transvestites and transsexuals. Director Lee Grant's long-and eagerly-awaited documentary, entitled "America Uncovered: What Sex Am I?," finally made it to HBO television screens in April. The one-hour movie features several ETVC members (Kathy/Ken, Diahanna, Joanna & Paula) who were extensively interviewed during the filming as well as several other TV/TSs (including Steve Dain) from around the country. Several other ETVC members, including Kim, Vanessa, Diane, Sunni & Barbie Sue, make cameo appearances. Despite all the filming they did, the segment that covers our "Forties" party occupies no more than a minute in the final film. Watch the HBO listings for possible future showings.

Members Rate the Parties for the Year

At the March social, Ginny & Nancy Ann passed out forms for every member to fill out which gave everyone the opportunity to "rate" the parties for the past year. They wanted to know which parties had been most popular and successful and those which were less so. A rating of 10 would be tops while 0 (zero) would be the pits.

PARTY/EVENT	RATING
August Sports Night	6.4
September Social	8.0
October Halloween Party	8.7
November Games Night	7.1
December Cotillion (Miss ETVC)	9.4
January Fashion Show	9.3
February Mardi Gras	8.8
March Social (slides)	8.1

ETVC Photographer

ETVC is looking for a very discreet TV/TS/TG or friend (ideally, but not necessarily, an ETVC member) who would enjoy taking pictures at our meetings/parties. Photographic skill is nice but enthusiasm, discretion and sensitivity are even more important. Talk to one of the officers at any of the meetings if you are interested or know of someone who might be. Alternatively, you can drop us a line at: P.O. Box 6486, San Francisco, CA 94101.

ETVC Hostess & Greeters Committee

If ETVC has any reason for existing, it is to provide a safe, secure place where all TV/TS/TGs can feel like they belong while meeting others who share their interests and pleasures. It is up to all of us, particularly our long-time members, to make new members and guests feel welcome and accepted. In view of all the new people who have joined us in the last few months (26 new members since January 1st), this would seem to be a particularly important need. Some of these new members may not know anyone in ETVC and it may also be a new experience for some of them to be dressed and socializing with other crossdressers outside the safety of their home.

To facilitate this, we are actively seeking members who will help welcome everyone to the monthly parties. "Greeters" are those who staff the front table at which we check members into the room and collect the party fees for the evening. Besides these duties, a greeter will welcome everyone, with special attention to new members, friends and guests, answering their questions and ushering them to one of the hostesses.

A "Hostess" will spend some time at each party circulating between tables, introducing people to those whom they don't know and helping all members get to know each other better. She will pay special attention to newcomers, welcoming and helping them feel at ease and introducing them to other members - particularly to members who live in the same area.

The reward will be the good feelings you'll get as you help create a relaxed, sociable atmosphere for everyone at the party and thereby make a big contribution to the quality of the ETVC experience for all of us. It is also a nice opportunity to practice and experience your femininity in a social setting as you help people meet each other.

Our Chair (Kim) has found some really nice satin ribbons imprinted with the word "hostess" which can be worn with a name tag, thereby identifying you as an ETVC greeter/hostess whose role it is to help make new people feel at home and everyone to have a wonderful time. See any of the officers at the next party to volunteer to act as a Hostess and get to wear the prestigious ETVC "hostess" ribbon!



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