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IN THIS EDITION

You'll find several new formats and features. The Social Announcements on Page 2 are reformatted for easier reading.

Over on Page 4, a new feature called "Reaching Out" makes its debut. Education and Outreach is an absolutely key part of our program, and one that will be getting more emphasis as time goes on.

Check out the details for Convention '87, planned for March, in Chicago, on Page 5. Also on Page 5 is a personal experience success story. We'd like to hear about more of those. We know they're out there, but you have to tell us!

And, of course, there's the newsy tidbits, interesting stories, humorous anecdotes, and thought-provoking commentary.

All designed to keep you better informed, my dears. Give us a read, and then tell us what you liked. Or didn't like.

KARIN, ed.

Send your comments, requests, suggestions to: ETVC Newsletter Editor, PO Box 53192, San Jose, CA 95153. Or, just pick up the phone and leave a message at 408-██████████.

And remember: A ship in port is safe; but that's not what ships are built for.

. Enjoy Yourself!!!



The View From the Chair

KIM'S KORNER

PARTYTIME?

Imagine a bevy of bridal beauties, fashionably gowned cotillion contestants, a bizarre bazaar, or a Roman orgy and you will get a idea of the kinds of themes with which the Social Committee works.

Over the past two years this tremendously talented committee has produced two dazzling Miss ETVC Cotillions, a fabulous fashion show, a legs contest, Mardi Gras, and the always phantastic Halloween extravaganzas.

Unfortunately, a somewhat bad case of TOGitis has set in. TOGitis-- let The Other Gal do it-- is a plague that ETVC definitely wants to avoid. Thankfully, there is a cure for this dreaded virus. It's called VTHO-- meaning Volunteer To Help Out.

The Social Committee is launching an effort to combat TOGitis, and with YOUR help we can lick this malady and put on some fantastic social events.

When the Social Committee asks for help, be prepared to GUAH-- Give Us A Hand. To help out sooner contact, summon, signal, or call the Social Committee at 415-██████████ or 415-██████████.

Don't let TOGitis win the social battle-- call today!!!



NEXT SOCIAL COMMITTEE MEETINGS WILL BE ON:

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, SAN MATEO
and
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 14, FOSTER CITY

CHECK WITH SHEILA OR VANESSA FOR DETAILS!!!

UPCOMING SOCIAL EVENTS FOR YOU

Saturday, September 13th, and Saturday, October 11th-- Dinner Socials

Just about everyone loves to go out to dinner, and we have scheduled one each month for your pleasure and enjoyment. These dinners are held at the friendly Chez Mollet. So take this chance to get into your prettiest and get out for a fabulous evening. Bring a spouse or friend. Please phone Ginny at 415 [REDACTED] with your reservation.

Thursday, September 25th-- A Night for Working Girls!???

The September Social will be an opportunity for all you ladies to live out that dream career. Show off your dream, and come dressed for the work you'd like to do. From call girl to nun; nurse to French maid; aerobics instructor to female dominant; entertainer to executive; Avon lady to anchorwoman; the possibilities are endless and the pay is not equal.

Anyway, no 9-5 blues or chain-gang mentality here (unless you're into chains). Just dress for success or excess, and be ready to hit the ground running by 8 PM at the Chez Mollet. Admission is \$3 for members, and \$5 for non-members.

Thursday, October 30th-- Halloween Party of the Year

It's Halloween again, and you know what that means!!! Of course-- the ETVC Halloween Party. This event is becoming a tradition as ETVCs MOST OUTRAGEOUS party of the year. And the Social Committee is going all out to make this the biggest and best yet! So get out the ritz, and glitz, and strut your stuff. Costumes are the order of the night, and the only limit is your imagination. There will be dazzling decorations, lights, sounds, refreshments, and a costume competition that no one can predict.

Because this is one of the most popular events of the year, do make dinner reservations at the Chez Mollet if that is a part of your act. Member admission for this social is \$5, and for non-members, \$8. Members must show their current ETVC membership card.

Advance Notice-- Miss ETVC Cotillion

The Third Annual Miss ETVC Cotillion will be held on December 13 at the Rathskellar Restaurant in San Francisco. A live band, elaborate light show, talented contestants, and dinner will make this an evening to remember. Mark you calendar now and come with your friends to this magical holiday festival.





TV/TS/TG GROUPS & ACTIVITIES

A CALENDAR OF EVENTS



DATE	WHO	WHAT	WHERE	OTHER INFORMATION
SEPTEMBER				
2 >>>>	E T V C	Sig Others Support	Redwood City	415-647-7970...Meets 8-10 PM.
2	Pac Ctr	TS Support	Berkeley	415-841-6224...Meets 8-10 PM.
3	Pac Ctr	Open Rap	Berkeley	415-841-6224...Meets 8-10 PM.
4	GIA	TG Support	San Francisco	415-467-5285 or 415-431-1221 (days).
5	RGA	Social	San Jose	408-296-2599...Starts at 8 PM.
5	- - -	Social	Santa Rosa	707-575-0606 after 6PM.
6 >>>>	E T V C	Executive Committee	TBD	408-243-3919...Starts at 8 PM.
9 >>>>	E T V C	Social Committee	San Mateo	415-345-8752...Starts at 7:30 PM.
9	Pac Ctr	TS Support	Berkeley	415-841-6224...Meets 8-10 PM.
10 >>>>	E T V C	Outreach Committee	San Jose	408-365-2756/415-940-2756...7:30 PM.
11	GIA	TG Support	San Francisco	415-467-5285 or 415-431-1221 (days).
12 >>>>	E T V C	Poker Social	San Francisco	415-647-7970...Starts at 8 PM.
13 >>>>	E T V C	Dinner Social	Chez Mollet/SF	415-647-7970...Dinner at 8 PM.
13	- - -	Social	Sacramento	916-456-1885 or 916-371-8491.
16	Pac Ctr	TS Support	Berkeley	415-841-6224...Meets 8-10 PM.
17	Pac Ctr	Open Rap	Berkeley	415-841-6224...Meets 8-10 PM.
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19	RGA	Social	San Jose	408-296-2599...Starts at 8 PM.
19	- - -	Social	Santa Rosa	707-575-0606 after 6PM.
23	Pac Ctr	TS Support	Berkeley	415-841-6224...Meets 8-10 PM.
25 >>>>	E T V C	September Social	Chez Mollet/SF	415-345-8752...Meets 8-Midnite.
25	GIA	TG Support	San Francisco	415-467-5285 or 415-431-1221 (days).
26	Pac Ctr	Open Rap	Berkeley	415-841-6224...Meets 8-10 PM.
30	Pac Ctr	TS Support	Berkeley	415-841-6224...Meets 8-10 PM.
OCTOBER				
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28	Pac Ctr	TS Support	Berkeley	415-841-6224...Meets 8-10 PM.
30 >>>>	E T V C	October Social	Chez Mollet/SF	415-345-8752...Meets 8-Midnite.
30	GIA	TG Support	San Francisco	415-467-5285 or 415-431-1221 (days).
31	Pac Ctr	Open Rap	Berkeley	415-841-6224...Meets 8-10 PM.

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



< < < REACHING OUT > > >

Welcome to the new Education and Outreach feature! Its been a long time coming! Look for all the news and latest information about Education and Outreach in each issue of the ETVC Newsletter.

Here's what's happening that YOU can be involved in:

Operation Telephone Tree

A telephone tree has been created to serve TWO purposes. One is to allow us to quickly respond to media coverage of the gender community. Sometimes the coverage is good; more often it isn't. Our quick response to BOTH good and not-so-good coverage will help us "educate" the media and get them going in the right direction.

The second purpose is to get the word out quickly for events that would be of interest to ETVC members. Sometimes, neat things happen on the spur of the moment, and it would be a shame to miss out.

So, what can you do? Call Ginny at 415 [REDACTED] and tell her you want to branch out! Remember that information is power-- but only if it's communicated.

NEXT OUTREACH COMMITTEE MEETINGS WILL BE ON:

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, and
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 8

Both in San Jose

CHECK WITH GLORIA OR SUZANNE FOR DETAILS!!!

Library

Another project is the ETVC Library. The library is being created as a resource for members. That's you, sweetie! Three categories have been created: articles, videotapes, and books/magazines.

You can help by sending us good material that you no longer need, by volunteering to collect and organize the material, or by assisting members in finding answers to their questions.

This is also a great way to do some of your own research at the same time. Contact Kim at 408 [REDACTED] if you have materials or want to help. You may also bring material to the next Social or Education/Outreach Committee meeting you attend.

THE PASSING LANE

After a recent meeting of the Rainbow Gender Association in San Jose, I decided not to go with the other sisters to the usual "safe water hole"--The Savoy--but instead opted to visit a bar and lounge at a nearby family-type restaurant in Cupertino. I like this type of place because--unlike a lot of other "straight" establishments--there are no "redneck" and "swinging single" types to have to flee from.

The bartender was a GG, and quite friendly. I ordered my usual libation, and started watching the program on the television set mounted above the bar for patrons to watch.

The show was an episode of "Streets of San Francisco," and the guest star was John Davidson. His role was that of a female impersonator with a split personality. Some of the customers at the bar made some mild comments about the star's acting, and about female impersonators generally.

It was a rather interesting moment for me. Here I was sitting right next to them at the bar, drinking with them, watching the same show, and "passing." They didn't know they had a TV in their midst.

My drink never tasted so good. I left the bar that night with uplifted spirits, and returned home a happy TV. Davidson had done his acting on film, and I had done mine in Cupertino. All the world is indeed a stage. -- Suzanne

Would like to share apartment with TV/TS.
Can afford to pay \$150-\$200 per month.
Contact Charles 415 [REDACTED]

NEWS FROM AROUND THE BAY

If you missed the June Wedding Social, you missed a very special event. For awhile the pace slowed as we quietly paid tribute to the inner goddess in each of us. Of course, as is the custom, we then proceeded to celebrate our total selves-- no more of this secret stuff. The altar prepared by the Social Committee was a perfect backdrop for photos by Joe, Davida, and others. Sweetness and light was the order of the

night as Martina and Kim were beautiful in their lavish bridal gowns, while Charlotte and Nancy Ann served as equally beautiful bride's maids. It was an evening to remember and cherish for those who attended.

Over in Berkeley, Beatrice and Laura had no sooner moved into their new digs and there were 30 people to give them a Letter of Appreciation for making the Couples Social an ongoing reality. The joyous evening concluded with a birthday celebration for Kim and Ginger, with MANY candles!

CONVENTION '87 UPDATE

The First International TV/TS Convention will be held March 4-9, 1987, at the Holiday Inn O'Hare, Chicago. The convention will be an important educational event for the TV/TS community, the people who serve us, and those interested in and affected by us. All those who understand the nature of the convention and are willing to comply with security and code of conduct requirements (i.e. good manners, common sense, etc.) are invited to attend.

The convention registration fee is \$150/person, or \$225/M-F couple. Discounts of 20% for payment by October 6, 1986, and 10% for payment by January 5, 1987, are being offered for the convention registration only. Registration includes all sessions, meals, receptions, shows, and banquet. Most planned activities run from Thursday evening (March 5) to Sunday morning (March 8).

Hotel accommodations are \$50/person/night, double, and \$100/person/night, single. The hotel is near the airport, and we have reserved a large portion of the facility.

Nancy Ann is the ETVC representative on the Steering Committee for this convention. If you are interested in going to Chicago with us for this exciting weekend, contact her at 415 [REDACTED] or at any ETVC social. Or, you may write directly to: Melissa Sherrill Lynn, c/o Tiffany Club, Box 19, Wayland, MA 01778. Start making your plans now for what promises to be a blockbuster international gender event!

An Editorial

Is Your "Gender Issue" Really the Issue?

I eavesdrop on a lot of conversations. Not being nosey, just listening to stay in tune with what's going on. I hear about a lot of difficulties, confusion, and issues. I also hear a lot about the very basics of human relationships and what it takes to have one's life work.

For example, in hearing one person recount a recent dilemma, she herself came to the conclusion that she had a time management and a communication problem-- and neither had anything to do with gender. A horde of consultants make decent money teaching top executives to deal with these problems.

Another comment came from a reputable therapist in the gender community. She said one of the key skills that many of her clients lack is the ability to manage risk. Risk management is hardly the private turf of gender-challenged people. It includes having relationships, children, investments, and playing the lottery.

A third example comes from a person who reported that she had all her life goals and plans well-defined-- and wham!-- something unexpected came up and blew the plan out of the water. Nothing gender-specific here either. How many times has your picnic been rained on?

Perhaps our difficulty, confusion, and issues really stem from paying attention to the wrong things. When we overstate our gender situation, we might well be understating the importance of applying basic life management skills.

If there is merit in this notion, then there is probably more to be gained from taking a series of courses in life management skills than running the meter in a therapist's office, sitting around complaining about how your life isn't working, or creating an epic drama about your profound gender issue.

Karin

IN SPORTS...THE CROSSDRESSING CORNER

Dave Collins and Dave LaPoint, who carried their lunchpails in the Bay Area last year, have enlivened the Tigers' clubhouse.

Collins fumed after the Red Sox's Al Nipper hit him with a pitch. Nipper, responding to Collins' reaction, said, "Put a dress on him." Collins' snappy comeback: "Tell him I'd never date a ballplayer."

Two days later when Collins arrived in the visiting clubhouse at Fenway Park, a blue dress with his name and number on it was hanging in his locker. The buyer: LaPoint.

Prodded, Collins slipped on the dress and modeled it for his howling teammates.

(Ed. Note: This article actually appeared recently in the Sunday Chronicle.)

FIGMENTS OF OUR REALITY

TVs on TV....Yep, three of our finest-- Diahanna, Gloria, and Kim appeared on "Sky-writer Live on Tape," in a Bay Area cable production called "The Best Dressed Men." This Academy Award nominee (don't know which category yet) will air sometime in the Fall. Stay tuned....In June, ETVC made its first appearance in the Gay Freedom Day Parade. And it was a smashing success, thanks to the 20 of you who turned out to support this project....And now for something totally different: reports have been made of sightings of one of those silly yellow signs seen in a car rear window that said "TV on Board".....No, just kidding-- but, than again, who knows?.... Speaking of signs, I actually did see a bumper sticker that read "I (heart) Cross-stitching." Immediately brought to mind an obvious variation....An excellent article appeared in the July issue of REDBOOK-- called "Get A Makeup Counter Makeover." Gives 12 tips on how to get a good over-the-counter makeover, plus info on what to expect from store cosmetic reps....And for the record, we now have 114 members compared to 97 at the sametime last year. Cash in the bank: \$1078.....That's it ladies. Be good, keep your knees together, and let the good times roll!!!

ORGANIZATION NOTES

ETVC

Several committees and special interest groups serve the needs of members and provide opportunities for your active participation in ETVC. A five-person Executive Board sets the major direction for ETVC. The Outreach Committee promotes gender choice awareness, and the Social Committee develops social themes and handles event logistics. Our programs depend on member participation to create and administer them. We solicit your ideas and active assistance in making all this possible.

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

Other events include a monthly Saturday evening dinner, and a Poker Social on the second Friday of each month. Anyone who is in a relationship with a gender-challenged person will find helpful support in an active Significant Others Support (SOS) Group, and a Couples Social Group, both of which meet monthly.

All events are listed on the Calendar of Events on Page 3. Specific details on immediate events can be found elsewhere in the newsletter. For further information, please use the phone numbers listed on the calendar, or make inquiries at any ETVC social.

Other San Francisco Bay Area Gender Support Groups

ETVC provides this information as a service to the gender community, and does not judge the merit or quality of the programs. Current information is based on the most recent information available. Please check the Calendar of Events (Page 2) for current schedules and reference phone numbers.

Gender Identity Anonymous (GIA) is a non-judgemental transgender support group that meets each Thursday at 8 PM in the Science of Mind Room, 3255 Balboa Street (at 34th Avenue), San Francisco.

The Pacific Center for Human Growth, a counseling-oriented growth center, sponsors drop-in gender support groups on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays, and last Friday of the month at 8:00 PM. The Center is located at 2712 Telegraph Avenue, Berkeley.

The Rainbow Gender Association (RGA), formerly the San Jose GCA, meets on the 1st and 3rd Friday of the month at 8:00 PM at the New Community of Faith Church, 6350 Rainbow Drive, San Jose.

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

MEMBERSHIP IN ETVC

Membership in ETVC entitles you to:

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

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

MAIL-IN MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FORM

Please print!

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Please remit \$10.00 by check or money order to: ETVC, PO Box 6486,
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ETVC sells advertising space at the rate of \$10/business card-size ad per issue; \$50 for same per year. If you would like to advertise here, just send us your business card or camera-ready ad copy, along with a check for the appropriate amount, to:

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

Deadlines are the first weekend of the month of publication (June, August, October, December, February & April). Information on rates and terms for ads larger than business card size is available by writing to us at our P.O. Box address above.

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

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