



# **Educational TV Channel Newsletter**

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ETVC News

IN THIS EDITION . . .

TWO important date changes.....

- \* The November social will be on WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 19, at the Chez Mollet. For details, see the Social Announcements on Page 2.
- \* The Miss ETVC Cotillion will be on SATURDAY, DECEMBER 13, at the RATHSKELLER, in San Francisco. Check the Social Announcements on Page 2. Don't miss it!

And a Christmas Sing-Along on December 20th. You guessed it! See Page 2!

Our Secretary, Jo-An, is on a temporary leave from her duties. Ginny is filling in until another Secretary is elected, or Jo-An returns.

The TV Quick Quiz is here! See the Educaand Outreach feature on Page 4.

A special treat is in store for Sig Others who will be at their November 4th meeting. Millie Brown. Page 5.

And lots of other goodies...an athletic achievement, Convention '87 Update, a date with Herman, and more....read on!

Send letters, questions, comments, articles to: ETVC Newsletter Editor, PO Box 53192, San Jose, CA 95153. We LOVE to get mail!



THE SPIRIT OF THANKSGIVING: ETVC-STYLE

At this time of year, people often think of turkeys or gifts. For me, it's a time to reflect and give thanks for all that we have as individuals and as a transgender group.

As ETVC members, we enjoy a very safe, comfortable place to meet at the Chez Mollet. We are thankful for individuals like the Chez' owner, Lennie Mollet, for providing such a lovely setting for our socials.

Thankfully, we live in the great San Francisco Bay Area, where dozens of restaurants, bars, and stores support transgendered people.

As individuals, we have a lot to be thankful for, especially our health and the company of our best friends. As an open group, we share our pains and joys, and find common support. Yes, this is truly a time to be thankful.

I hope you are enjoying being a member of ETVC. And I ask that you offer your help on one of our committees-- outreach or social-- or assist with any of the events or activities we have. In doing so, you will help ETVC maintain its leadership role in the transgender community.

And, finally, I sincerely wish all of you a VERY HAPPY AND JOYOUS HOLIDAY SEASON!!!



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TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 11, SAN MATEO and TUESDAY, DECEMBER 9, FOSTER CITY

CHECK WITH SHEILA OR VANESSA FOR DETAILS!!!

#### UPCOMING SOCIAL EVENTS FOR YOU

## Saturday, November 8th -- Dinner Social

Time for the monthly Saturday night out-with-the-girls. Put some clothes on for heaven's sake and bring your lovely self to the friendly Chez Mollet for a fabulous evening. Please phone Ginny at 415 for your reservation.

## Wednesday, November, 19-- The Outreach Special\*

Here's a welcome change of pace between the Halloween hoopla and the dazzle and glitz of the Cotillion. Those poor girls on the Social Committee are up to their you-knowwhats at this time of year. So, this social is brought to you by the Outreach Committee. Kim Stuart, author of <u>The Uninvited Dilemma: A Question of Gender</u>, will be on hand to talk with us and sign copies of her book. You'll also get to find out everything about Education and Outreach: what we do, how we do it, and how you can take part. Drop in and enjoy the friendly comraderie of your spirited sisters. This social is budget-friendly, too! \$3 for members; \$5 for non-members.

\* Note the date change: WEDNESDAY (yes, Wednesday) NOVEMBER 19. 8 PM. Chez Mollet.

## Saturday, December 13-- Miss ETVC Cotillion\_

The Third Annual Miss ETVC Cotillion will be on SATURDAY, DECEMBER 13, in San Francisco at the Rathskeller Restaurant. A live band, FREE buffet by the Sig Others Support group, elaborate light show, and talented contestants will make this an evening to remember. Mark your calendar, spiffy up the evening gown, brush off the fur, polish your nails, and bring your friends to this magical holiday festival.

If you've had some thoughts (even fleeting ones) about being a Cotillion contestant, call Sheila at 415 She'll provide all the support you'll need to make your debut a smashing success!

Purchase advance tickets for \$10 at the November Social, the San Jose RCA, or by mail (ETVC, POB 6486, SF 94101). Tickets at the door will be \$12.

The Rathskeller is located at 600 Turk Street (at Polk). The festivities begin at 8:00 PM. See YOU there!

#### Saturday, December 20th -- Christmas Informal at the Chez Mollet

Come out and make your holiday merry. Sugar plums and hot teddies. Hot teddies?! Oh, well. The setting will be warm and cozy for this evening of being together for holiday cheer and caroling at the friendly Chez Mollet. This social is FREE--ETVCs gift to you for the holiday season. Join with us starting at 8:00 PM.

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#### The TV Quick Quiz

Computer-based TV is here! Check yourself out. Suzanne has released the TV Quick Quiz- Version 1.0. Twenty questions that can be a "refresher," or an introduction to transvestism. The TV Quick Quiz is written in BASICA at DOS2.0, and is NOT copy-protected. So, practically anyone with a computer can do anything they want with it. Contact Suzanne for a FREE copy.

#### Reaching Out at Christmastime

A part of the proceeds from the November "Outreach Social" will go towards an ETVC gift to the community. One objective of this action is to introduce ETVC to a part of the community who may not know about us. Another objective is simply to assist those who are even more desperate than us.

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NEXT OUTREACH COMMITTEE MEETINGS WILL BE ON:

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 5, and WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 3 BOTH IN REDWOOD CITY

CHECK WITH GLORIA OR SUZANNE FOR DETAILS !!!

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#### Major Presentation at Institute for Advanced Study of Human Sexuality

Eleven people recently made presentations about transvestism, transsexualism, and drag at the Institute for the Advanced Study of Human Sexuality in San Francisco. The program was part of graduate level training for sex therapists. In the 10-hour presentation there were panels, one-on-one talks, demonstrations, and audience participation. Demonstrations covered several key topics. One was a slide presentation on the lifelong growth and development of a TV. Another was an actual dilation process by a transsexual who had just had surgery. And still another was a mirthful portrayal of a classic fetish. Ten of the eleven participants, including two spouses, were ETVC members. Feedback on the program was excellent, and ETVC can be proud of its role in this major educational effort.

> Commitment >>> Action >>> Success

#### SIG OTHERS SUPPORT

The November 4th meeting will feature Millie Brown, highly regarded gender therapist, as guest speaker. This meeting will be in San Jose, so all you Peninsula, East Bay, and South Bay sig others have a great opportunity to chat with a lady who really knows it all. Mark your calendar. Call Ginny at 415-

#### A WINNER!!!

ETVC Member Jan Wulling earned a Bronze Medal in racquetball at the Gay Games in August. Congrats, Jan!

## CONVENTION '87 UPDATE

Plans are falling place for the March, 1987, gender conclave in Chicago. Seminar titles that now appear on the program are:

- o Being/Becoming a Man/Woman
- o Self-validation
- o Wives and Significant Others
- o Educational Workshops for Novices
- o Peer Counseling
- o Transsexualism: Fact and Fantasy
- o The Tyranny of Gender
- o Androgyny
- o .... and much more!

Registration discounts can still be had if you move quickly. The Ramada O'Hare is making it very easy for you to be there. So, be there! Get in touch with Nancy Ann at 415-

#### MAKEOVERS BY HERMAN

Those who know, or have had the experience, swear by the super makeovers done by Herman.

On Saturday, January 10, at 2 PM, Herman will be at the Chez Mollet to do what he does best: makeovers and wig styling.

This is something you won't want to miss!

There will be a wig auction. The entire \$10 admission will be a benefit for the San Francisco AIDS Foundation.

### READ ANY GOOD BOOKS LATELY?

The Outreach Committee is compiling a TS and TV bibliography for members to use. Here's a short list of books you may find interesting and useful:

## For Transsexuals

The Uninvited Dilemma. Kim Stuart. Metamorphus Press, Lake Oswego, OR. Second Serve: The Renee Richards Story. Stein & Day, New York, 1983.

The Transsexual Phenomenon. Harry Benjamin. Warner Publishing. New York, 1966.

## For Transvestites

Boys Will Be Girls. John Talamini. University Press of America, Washington, DC, 1982.

Transvestism: A Handbook with Case Studies. Harry Brierly, Pergamon Press, Oxford, 1979.

Tranvestites and Transsexuals: Mixed Views. Deborah Feinbloom. Dell Publishing, New York, 1977.

Contact Outreach Chairpeople, Suzanne or Gloria, to borrow any of these books, and Happy Reading!

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#### PERSONAL ADS

Central USA TV would like to communicate with other TV or TV Group. Write: J. Haley, Omaha. NE 68138.

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Susan, sometimes fantastic but usually well-behaved, of origin somewhere south of the Mason-Dixon Line. currently residential beyond any pale (to wit, San Francisco), would like to relocate in the Citv, sharing a flat or apt. with 1-2 other appropriately confused individuals in a DECENT part of town.

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### An Editorial

## The Transsexual Voice: Where Is It?

Like many similar organizations around the country, ETVC extends a promise to TSs and TVs. Why? Because, despite research and and clinical findings to the contrary, people see the two groups as related.

It were as if there was a club where poker players and bridge players both played. They like card games, so they should both belong to the same club, right? I'm not sure. Let's look at some key differences.

TS's are seriously concerned about changes in anatomy, health maintenance, legalities, relationships, and careers. These changes must be managed on a daily basis, in a set of social groundrules very different from those first learned. The TS MUST learn to live successfully in her/his role.

The concerns of TVs are not nearly as compelling. There is the cat-and-mouse game of passing; skirting the edges of discovery by lovers, family, friends, neighbors; and campy expressions of fetish interests. But in the morning it's all over. Business as usual. Did it REALLY matter if you passed?

So, what about ETVC? The ETVC Executive Committee reflects transvestic values in its decision-making. Why not? They're all TVs. To expect different would be like trying to squeeze a liberal decision from the Rehnquist court.

What's a girl to do? Depends were you sit. If you're a TV, everything's just peachy. If you're a TS, there's an opportunity to shape a program you can live with.

The call to action is to TSs. Come out of the closet. Participate on the Social and Outreach Committees. Elect representatives in next May's election. The transsexual voice belongs in our chorus.

#### FIGMENTS OF OUR REALITY

Item. The APA-- American Psychological Association-- held its annual convention for FIVE days in FIVE major hotels in the nation's capital in August. The program catalog was the size of a medium phone book-- 300+ pages. Over 4,000 papers were presented in more than 1,000 sessions!!! Guess how many had something to do with transanything. Zero. None. Zip. Nada. Hello? Is anyone home? Or is this a case of shirking shrinks?

Item. "How to Beat the High Cost of Dressing"...that's the title of several pages of great tips in the October issue of <u>Glamour</u>. And if that doesn't arouse your interest, try the September <u>Vogue</u>-several hundred pages of very up-to-date looks that tantalize. And if that doesn't arouse your interest, drop into Frederick's for a copy of their Christmas catalog. Or maybe you're just not into pictures....

Item. If you're not into pictures, how about games? Infocom, the company that makes Zork, has just released "Moonmist,"-an interactive Gothic mystery. If the player identifies him/herself as a man, Lord Jack will shake "his" hand. If the player identifies her/himself as a woman, Lord Jack kisses "her" hand.

Item. "Thanks" to Cheryl, who made ETVC her home-away-from-home at our September social. Gave us a good update on the Great Chicago Convention. Hometown? Manassas, Virginia.

Item. Computer shows are borrring, right? Maybe not. At the Federal Computer Conference in Washington last month, a FTM TV (I guess) was spotted among the attendees. Three-piece suit. The works. Eyes widened and sighs of amazement arose. Isn't that about all that ever happens when you get read?

Official business that "The Bylaws" say we have to report: Membership is 147 vs 145 at the same time last year. The bank balance is \$1379.02. This constitutes neither a recommendation to buy or sell.



#### ORGANIZATION NOTES

#### ETVC

Regularly scheduled socials, special interest groups, and committee activities serve the needs of members and provide opportunities for member activities in ETVC. A five-person Executive Board sets the major direction for ETVC. The Education & Outreach Committee develops and delivers public and internal programs to promote gender choice. 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," parti-cipation is optional, as there is no particular dress code. No-host cocktails and dining facili-ties 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 on Page 2. 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 3) for current schedules and reference phone numbers.

Gender Identity Anonymous (GIA) is a non-judgemental transgender support group. It 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 support groups for transsexuals each Tuesday at 8:00 PM. All-inclusive gender support groups meet 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 GGA, 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. RGA can also be contacted by writing: Rainbow Gender Association, POB 700730, San Jose, CA 95170.

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:

a membership card for positive ETVC identification; 0

0 reduced admission to ETVC events;

0 a free subscription to the ETVC Newsletter:

reduced rates for other ETVC publications and services; 0

- participation rights as a candidate and/or voter in ETVC elections; 0
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- participation rights in ETVC Executive Committee meetings; 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.

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