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JULY 14 - 18, 1999

Spouses'/Partners International Conference for Education

Minneapolis, MN



A Wilderness Adventure

Feeling up the creek? Not even sure you have a canoe, much less a paddle? Come to **S.P.I.C.E. VII**, outfitters supreme for the Wilderness Adventure of your life. Learn how to read the maps of trans-genderism, plan a safe and even enjoyable trip through the wilderness; how to find and negotiate those difficult portages and rapids of life; develop good survival skills and learn what it takes to make a "happy camp".

Our experienced and professional "guides" will be lead by Walter Bocking, PhD., and his staff of PHS of the University of Minnesota.

Our leading keynote speaker will be **Charles Prince**, formally known as Virginia, the co-founder of Tri-Ess and a major support of the idea of **S.P.I.C.E.**

Men who are crossdressers may attend, but — for the comfort of the women attending, **NO CROSS-DRESSING IS ALLOWED.**

going to S.P.I.C.E. was the hardest thing I ever did. Also the smartest.
Minam C.

...S.P.I.C.E. was created by wives and loved ones in relationships with transgendered men; ... this conference can help relationships with understanding, love and compassion. ...
Larry H.

I felt a bonding that only come from sharing your innermost thoughts and feelings. It is important for wives and partners to come together and be united as we are our best support.
Stephanie J.

The capacity for **S.P.I.C.E.** to work wonders is dynamic. I will tell clients more than about **S.P.I.C.E.**, I will strongly urge them to GO!
Walter Bocking, '97



VII REGISTRATION Please PRINT

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Name _____ Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____ Phone (____) _____ E-mail _____

Male partner's name _____ Attending? Y N Support group name? _____
Check the package you want with number attending Circle One^ (if any ^)

_____ Wednesday thru Sunday (July 14-18) _____ Thursday thru Sunday (July 15 -18) _____ Thursday & Friday(July 15 & 16)
\$172.00 per person(Picnic/Recep + 6 meals) \$147.00 per person (6 meals) \$115.00 / person (4meals)

_____ Friday & Saturday (July 16 & 17) _____ Any One Day (Specify Date _____) \$80.00 (2 meals)
\$115.00 per person (4 meals)

_____ Single Lunch \$20/person (Specify Date _____) _____ Single Dinner \$40/person(Specify Date _____)

Make check payable to **S.P.I.C.E.**

To CHARGE to a credit card, see and fill out other side of this form

It all began *before* that July in Dallas, 1993.

That hot week found many women at the first **SPICE**, raising questions and objections, voicing fears and concerns, forging new friendships and a network of capable, caring people who were dealing and working with the problems and issues of crossdressing.

The conference's first goal was and is to offer sympathetic comfort to women distressed by what they perceive as a threat to their marriage. It is true that many problems can be complicated still further when an unforeseen or unusual change occurs. **S.P.I.C.E.**'s major goal is to help people to reasonable solutions that will work by offering education. Asking focused questions can lead to productive answers.

1. What's going on here?

Much research has developed an impressive understanding of what crossdressing IS and is NOT.

2. Who's in charge, anyway?

Focusing on who is trying to control whom or what, getting this one sorted out is sometimes a weary life long effort.

3. What do you want?

many have trouble allowing themselves to want something of another to say nothing of articulating that want.

4. Where do we go from here?

When the first three question are truly and honestly answered, the answer to this one becomes clear.

Each couple's circumstances are unique and deserving of the special attention **S.P.I.C.E.** attendees give and get, it is awesome what a group of women who have a mutual problem can accomplish when each learns that she is NOT alone, there are others who can and will help.

The conference is open to all women who are partners or wives of heterosexual, gender-gifted men. The programs are designed specifically to help build self-esteem and self-respect, to help you deal with the many issues inherent in a gender-influenced relationship. Well known, skilled and compassionate professional counselors will present programs, as well as leading wives and partners from local and national support groups.

S.P.I.C.E. has literally changed the lives of many attendees as we are dedicated to providing a wide array of topics with a highly qualified faculty and abundant amounts of peer support.

As all work and NO fun makes for a dull conference, opportunities have been planned to participate in small groups to tour, shop, [at Mall of America, one block away] or play in addition to the conference.

Each year, more have come early to join in the distinct pleasure of meeting socially with old and new friends before getting down to serious work. This year, you have the option to include a casual, relaxed afternoon into evening of swimming, hiking and canoeing which will culminate with a Shore Dinner at the historical site of Fort Snelling State Park, where the Minnesota and Mississippi Rivers join and the state began. Transportation to and from the park is included.

"Chief guide" is **Walter Bocking**, PhD, whom many met at S.P.I.C.E. V in California. **Diane Stelrecht**, PhD, **Meg Strepe**, PhD and **Bean Robinson** will be joined by **Peggy Rudd**, Ed.D., **Desiree Leigh**, **Onnalee Graham**, **Evelyn Kirkland**, **Mary Frances Fairfax** and **Bev Rencher**, all of whom are married to crossdressing men, been through the emotional "whitewater" and not only survived, but *thrived!*

Special **S.P.I.C.E.** room rate: \$82/night, single or double. Free airport shuttle for registered guests. Attendees must make their own hotel reservations directly with the hotel.

To get our special rate, be sure to state that you are attending **S.P.I.C.E.** If you would like to share a room, indicate this on the registration form. Our block of rooms will be guaranteed til July 1. After that date, rooms may not be available and our special rate may not apply. Telephone: (612) 854-1771

COSTS: Registration for the full four day conference is \$172.00 per person. This includes all programs and entertainment, as well as the beach-picnic reception, six meals (lunch and dinner each day). See Registration form for other options. Complete that form, clip and mail with check or money order payable to **S.P.I.C.E.**, mail to **S.P.I.C.E. Registrar Box 8591, Minneapolis MN 55408**

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