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CONVENTION

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DAILY SCHEDULE - THURSDAY

Theme of the day: Self-realization

IFGE COMMITTEE MEETINGS  
(Harvard Room)

8-8:45 am CONVENTION STAFF MEETING

9:30 am CONGRESS OF REPS

2-3 pm LEGAL & BY-LAWS

3-4 pm EDUCATIONAL RESOURCES

4-5 pm MEMBERSHIP

5-6 pm PUBLICATIONS

9-10:30 PEER COUNSELING WORKSHOP  
(NE Hampton)

10:30 - 12 ALTERNATE PERSONAS  
(NE Hampton)

12-2 KEYNOTE SPEAKER'S LUNCHEON  
(SW Hampton) (\$15.00)

2-3:30 pm THE QUEST FOR THE  
FEMININE SELF (NE Hampton)

3:30-5:30 pm HEALING WORKSHOP (NE  
Hampton)

7-? pm A NIGHT WITH TIFFANY  
(ala carte)

7-? pm CONGRESS OF  
REPRESENTATIVES DINNER (ala carte)

Opening Congress of Representatives  
by Josephine W.

Following a good opening statement of mission by Wendy the Congress set about the daunting task of addressing 17 agenda items. The real challenge was that all 17 of the ideas were valuable and enjoyed considerable support. The first portion of the meeting was used to clarify the nature and scope of the agenda items by way of a question

and answer session. Dealing with questions of implementation of specific ideas was avoided to allow the concepts to be clarified in the time allowed. The items receiving the most questions did not necessarily get picked as the most important. Once the questions were answered it was time to prioritize. A ballot form listing the short name of each item was completed by each representative. Each idea was given a different number value of one to seventeen with one indicating the highest priority and seventeen the lowest. The sum of the priority numbers for each item resulted in ordering the items in their order of priority (see Table on the next page).

The pattern which emerged from this ordering process showed that there was considerable interest in three conceptual areas. These areas are Organizational development, Regional issues and Outreach. The Congress determined to work toward implementing the highest priority item in each of these areas in the next year. Because of the closeness of several items in priority parts of those items may be included.

The meeting was completed by getting volunteer "Project Mothers" for the three areas of interest. Alison Lang will be nurturing the Organizational Development area with the production of a groups "how to" manual being the specific project. The Regional Issues area will be handled by Jane Fee with the regional events calendar being the first task. Barbara McClorey will mother the Outreach area starting with the regional speakers bureau.

During this week these three leaders will be forming groups and

scheduling meeting to get additional input and work out an implementation plan.

Check your news letter for further announcements. Anyone wishing further information may contact Josephine in room 326 or the three project mothers.

One final outcome was that the Congress expressed considerable support for beginning an

advertisement program in the mainstream world to let potential members of our community know there is support available. This would also let the mainstream world get to know us. This type of project would require the IFGE to commit to the initial production and design but the Congress could use their local community resources to get the ads placed.

TABLE OF RESULTS

<u>Priority Number</u>	<u>Total Points</u>	<u>Item</u>
1	137	Regional events calendar
2	142	Regional speakers bureau
3	146	Cooperation with the gay and women's movements
4	146	Groups "how to" manual
5	149	Regional coordination & events
6	171	Helping professionals man
7	180	Gender community guide
8	186	Political action & phone
9	186	National advertising
10	187	Guide for professional help referrals
11	202	Computer E-mail
12	210	Gender community census
13	218	Remove crossdressing from DMS-III-R
14	224	Significant others group guide
15	228	Cooperative fund raising
16	248	Ambassador guide lines
17	256	Travel host/hostess

**FRIDAY, MARCH 30:** Theme of the day: Living in the Real World

**IFGE COMMITTEE MEETINGS (Harvard Room)**

2-3 pm	NOMINATIONS	3-4 pm	MARKETING
4-5 pm	FINANCE	5-6 pm	PROGRAMS

9 am-5 pm	ALL DAY TRANSSEXUAL PROGRAM (N Hampton) (open to all)
9 am	Welcome and Introduction
9:10-10 am	WHO AM I?
10-10:30 am	FANTASY vs REALITY
10:30-11 am	TRANSGENDERISM
11 am - 12 pm	GENERAL WORKSHOP
2-3 pm	DEALING WITH OTHERS
3-3:30 pm	THERAPY
3:30-4 pm	RELIGION
4-5 pm	GENERAL WORKSHOP

- 9 am - 5 pm PROGRAM FOR MENTAL HEALTH PROFESSIONALS (E Hampton) (\$75.00)
- 9-10:30 am BEYOND THE LOOKING GLASS (Hamilton A&B)
- 10:30 am - 12 pm SUSTAINING THE ORGANIZATION (Hamilton A&B)
- 10 am - 12 pm LATECOMERS WELCOMING TEA FOR WIVES (Harvard Room)
- 12 pm - 2 pm KEYNOTE LUNCHEON (SW Hamilton) (\$15.00) Speaker: Holly Devor, Fashion Show by Gloria-Lauren, presented by Eve Burchert
- 2-3:30 pm A VISIT WITH VIRGINIA PRINCE (Hamilton A)
- 2-3:30 pm CLOSE ENCOUNTERS IN PUBLIC PLACES (Hamilton B)
- 3:30-5 pm LIVING WITH MEN (Hamilton A)
- 3:30-5 pm TV FANTASIES (Hamilton B)
- 5-8 pm AUTHOR'S RECEPTION AND BOOK SIGNING (Hamilton A&B)
- 8:30-9:30 pm A PREVIEW OF 'METAMORPHOSIS' (Hamilton A&B)
- 7-11 pm COUPLES MTG (either in N Hampton or at TCNE's residence, Wayland)
- 7:30-9 pm PIZZA/SALAD PARTY (ala carte) (location to be announced)
- 9-10:30 pm "CIRCLE" (location to be announced)

**CHAIRWOMAN'S CORNER**  
by Wendi Pierce

Today's theme has been our business, our future. These issues are two of the primary functions for which this convention has convened. We come here full of ideas, expectations and dreams. We leave, hopefully, with a rejuvenated commitment to make things happen. Today we have begun to delve into the issues that we, as a community, face. As Wendy Parker put it, "The solution is obvious, we have to commit ourselves both financially and bodily to support the programs we collectively identify."

Our Congress has been challenged with the task of guiding our leaders via their proposals and we have been reminded that, as representatives, our task is to inform this organization of what we feel is important. Our future is, as Merissa puts it, one of "sybiotic synergism" with our sisters and brothers in those other communities also "on the margin," to use Rev. Kim Harvey's so well put terminology.

In closing, let us be reminded that it is also our task to take back to our local organizations the enthusiasm and messages that we have gained here so that our efforts will be multiplied by those back home.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

**CIVIL RIGHTS PETITIONS**

Don't forget to sign your Civil Rights Petitions and return to Sister Mary Elizabeth! Only six

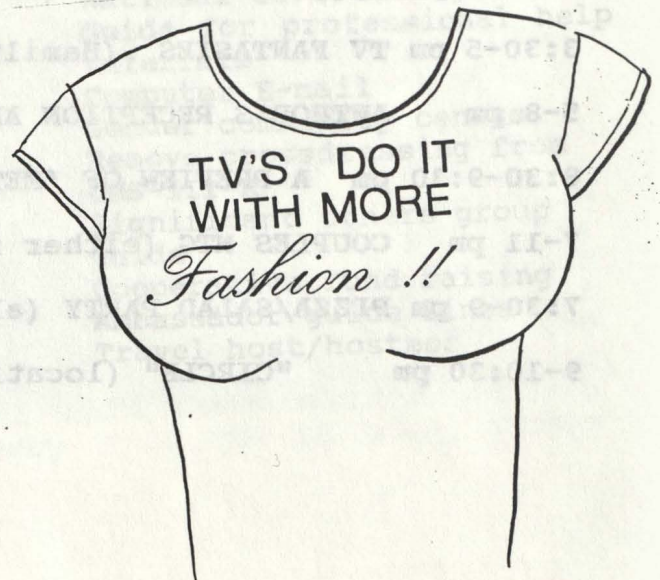
have been signed and returned as of this date. Your civil rights are at stake. 0

**PHOTO SESSIONS**

Atlantic Photo Studios will be taking professional portrait photographs on Friday and Saturday nights from 2 to 8 P.M. in the Herrod Room. Head and shoulders, and full length photographs will be taken and polaroid shots taken at various events will be available. Proofs from the Friday sittings will be available for viewing on Saturday. Cost for five head and shoulder poses is \$25. The approximate cost for 10 poses including both head and shoulders and full length poses, will be \$50.

**LIMO TRIP AND DINING OUT**

Those signed up for the Limo Trip and dinner at Pier 4 on Thursday should be informed that the limo will be at the front door ready for departure at 7 P.M. on Thursday evening.



**TIFFANY WIVES SUPPORT GROUP NEWS**

Welcome Tea:

TCNE Wives Support Group will have a welcoming tea for wives. It will be held as scheduled in the Harvard Room on Friday from 10 A.M. until Noon.

Couples Meeting:

The Tiffany Club Wives Support Group will hold a meeting for M/F couples involved in a committed relationship. This gathering will be held Friday evening 7 to 11 P.M. in the North Hampton Room.

**FANTASIA FAIR**

by Ari Kane

There will be a program/planning meeting of Fantasia Fair Ltd. on Friday evening at 7 P.M. in the Harvard Room. All past Fair invited.

**TKG CLOTHING (dba Gloria - Lauren)**

We will be open for your private shopping on Friday evening from 6 to 8 P.M. We are located at 410 Boston Post Road (Rt. 20) in Sudbury. Sudbury is located 4.5 miles north of Natick on Rt. 20 (which runs parallel to Rt. 9).

Directions: Take 9W about four miles to the Edgell Rd. Exit, turn right on Edgell Rd. and follow it to its end (approximately four miles), then turn right and you will find us on the left side of the Sudbury Inn Market Place next to Longfellow Books.



**COMMITTEES:**

**LEGAL COMMITTEE**

by Naomi Owen

The Legal and Bylaws Committee will meet on Thursday at 2 P.M. in the Harvard Room. "Legal Eagles," members of the Committee, and all those interested in the legal issues facing IFGE are welcome. Items for discussion include: the possibility of establishing a legal resources directory; the establishment of guidelines for political action for IFGE; the issue of liability for IFGE, its officers and directors; and encouraging donations and bequests to IFGE.

**EDUCATION RESOURCE COMMITTEE**

The Education Resource Committee will meet from 3 to 4 P.M. on Thursday in the Harvard Room. The Committee will be chaired by Eve Burchert who will review activities during last year. The agenda will also include; restructuring the Committee, Committee membership;

define objectives, assign specific objectives to members. Topics to be discussed include:

Reference of Speakers  
Videos  
How to Form and Organization  
Speaker's Handbook  
New Avenues of Public Relations  
Press Kit  
News Releases

Designated members and invited guests of the Committee include Naomi Owen, Virginia Prince, Stephanie Wong, Diane Ingram, Jane Fee, Janice Rupard, Nicole Snow, Linda Buten, Joanne Roberts and Linda McKim. Everyone else who is interested may also attend.

#### PUBLICATIONS COMMITTEE by Roger Peo

The Publications Committee is chaired by Roger Peo and members include Merissa Sherrill Lynn, Yvonne Cook, Maureen Taylor and Samantha Walls will meet Thursday at 5 P.M. in the Harvard Room. The Committee will review the 1990 budget items and make proposals for the IFGE Board of Directors on such issues as editorial support and review. Interested parties are welcome to attend.

#### WHERE ARE WE GOING IN THE 90'S by Kay Metsker

Where are we going in the 90's? Yesterday, Wendy Parker delivered an informative talk on this topic and generated spirited discussion. The following is a sampling of the

comments made:

Is there 'unity' in 'community'? Is there even a community?

If life hands you a lemon, don't just make lemonade, make pink lemonade.

The ultimate goal in the 90's is to change the feeling of Gender Dysphoria into Gender Euphoria.

We should be willing to give acceptance as much as we ask for it.

Watch for a summary of Wendy's presentation in a future newsletter.



#### PUBLICATION "Put on two falsies and call me in the morning."

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