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4th Miss ETVC Cotillion - by Kim

The 4th Miss ETVC Cotillion on Saturday, January 9th, was the most successful event in ETVC history. Eleven contestants: Barbara, Davida, Gloria, Kathleen, Kim, Kimberly Ann, Lauren, Martina, Sabrina, Sheryl, and Vanessa were featured in the Legs, Talent and Evening Gown Competitions to see who would become the Miss ETVC 1988. All of the contestants had gorgeous gams according to the cheering crowd. The Talent portion featured a wide variety of talents - from Lauren's belly dance, Kimberly Ann's knock-out live song with great back-up group, Sheryl's tinkling the ivories, to Sabrina's show-stopping energetic lip sync to "Bet You Say That". Joanna Caron as emcee and performer; she was lively, bubbly and did a superb job. We were entertained by the performances of Pakela, Eva Davis, Diahanna, and Francesca. This year, for the first time, we presented eleven gorgeous debutantes on stage.

The five lucky finalists were: Gloria, Kimberly Ann, Lauren, Sabrina and Sheryl. Our judges - Georgiva, Pauline and Suella made their decision after listening to the answers to a question by each finalist. (Drumroll) The 2nd Runner Up is:Sheryl, 1st Runner Up is:Kimberly Ann, and our Miss ETVC 1988 is:SABRINA! To thunderous applause from the great, energetic crowd. All contestants and performers finished the show with lip syncing to "We Are What We Are" from La Cage Aux Foilles - Diahanna did a terrific tap dance that had the crowd on its feet applauding.

Thanks to Tina Tanner and Patrick the Empress and Emperor of San Francisco for being with us, to Tatiana our bartenderess, the sound and light crew, Chet Polo and Carl, the entire Social Committee of ETVC and a very special thanks to our Producer, Diane Richwine, for a really great show.



Have you been hearing about the upcoming election on television and radio or read about it in the papers and magazines? Well, the ETVC elections will be here long before November. In May it will be time to elect new ETVC officers for the upcoming 1988-89 year. You don't need to worry about getting elected to a four year term, ours is only one. And you won't have to spend much on your campaign. Just show an honest interest in helping the club grow in the next year. I know that you'll also receive lots of help from our current officers. Talk to

them at any of the meetings, or give me a call at 415-All the positions will be available. You might be interested in being an Outreach Co-chair working on the libraries, corresponding with other groups, or organizing a speakers bureau. The Social Committee's Co-chairs organize the wonderful parties we have, working on creative ideas to make each party better than the last. The Secretary is responsible for the membership list and coordinating the newsletter staff. We need more people contributing to the newsletter, getting advertising, and helping with the typing and production. The Treasurer keeps our finances in order assuring that we are a strong and solvent group financially. And last but not least is the Coordinator position that keeps things in order. Of course all these positions offer the chance to enjoy ETVC even more with by meeting new friends and working together with them. I hope you'll think about running for an office and add your name to the nominations in April.

I've got to tell you, I'm excited about going to the IFGE convention. Ginny, Kim and I will be moderating seminars as well as speaking on the panels of several other sessions. We'll also be hosting a hospitality suite to promote the 1989 IFGE Convention to be held here in San Francisco.

I'm really going to miss being at the Hawaiian Holiday. It's not only the fact that I'll probablly be freezing in Chicago but, I've been helping get the decorations and prizes for this party and it promises to be one of our best yet. I hope you all have a hula-va time. If this isn't your first lei I hope it's one of your best. Aloha.



WIG STYLING March 12, 1988 6:00 PM

Louise from Continental Wigs will present an evening of Wig styling and modeling on Staturday March 12th at the Chez Mollet. See how you look in one of the many different styles she will bring. See and learn the difference that the right wig can make in your appearance. And learn how to keep your wig looking its best. Only \$3 for this fantastic evening.

EASTER PARADE March 31, 1988

It's time for an Easter Parade at Chez Mollet. Who will be in the parade? Easter bunnies? Playboy bunnies? Or pretty girls with flowers in their hair? There may be a few surprises. Perhaps an Easter Egg or two, or an Irish lass dressed all in green. So, wear your bonnet and come celebrate the awakening of spring with us at the Chez Mollet parade grounds, starting at 8 p.m. \$3 members, \$5 guests.



MEET ME IN RIO April 28, 1988

Come celebrate Carnivale and dance in the streets of "Rio de Chez Mollet", Thursday April 28th. You won't have to go far to experience the exotic sights and sounds of the South American Carnivale. Come be part of it. Be your most exotic, wear a wild headdress or wig or a dazzling costume. Or, just come visit the sights and sounds as a "touristo". There will be dancers, paraders, games and prizes. So celebrate and join us for this exciting event See you in Rio!

\$5 members, \$8 guests.

COLOR ANALYSIS SESSION April 16, 1988 2:00 PM

On Saturday, April 16th, Gratia Husseini, Color Analysis Consultant, will lecture to ETVC members and guests at the Chez Mollet on the importance of color analysis in fashion and image.

Gratia's presentation will include color theory and will explain how one might expect to bennefit from the color analysis process, which will help you learn about yourself as well as your colors.

Gratia will also demonstrate the color analysis process on an ETVC model, to be chosen from entries at the March Social, and she and her assistants will offer this service to ETVC members for a \$25 fee.

This sounds like a facinating afternoon, so put the date on your calendar for a new and different insight to a new and better you. \$3 entry fee.

HOLIDAY PARTIES - a reflection

On Saturday, 12/19, ETVC held their annual Christmas Carol Sing-A-Long at the Chez. There was no charge to attend this party, as it was ETVC's "Xmas gift" to its members; and 48 singers, well-wishers and fun-loving people came from great distances - in their holiday finery to participate. I must say we have some fine singers!

Our thanks, to Trixie for giving us delightful accompaniment on the piano, all the singers who sang along, and to Vanessa who played "Ms. Claws" and distributed little Xmas gifts to everyone there - and thank you ETVC.

ETVC held a "New Year's Eve Party En Femme" at the Chez, for the first time, and 44 members and guests came to join in the fun and welcome in the New Year in their feminine finery among friends. The feedback has been very favorable for holding this kind of party yearly.

Our thanks to Marcia from Sacramento for giving the "Countdown to 12 O'Clock", and to Kim for being our New Year ETVC baby. May you all have a prosperous, Happy New Year, and may ETVC continue to grow strong and reach out to those in need.

A very special thanks, appreciation and recognition goes to Diane for doing a tremendous job of coordinating, organizing and directing the

Cotillion. Well done, Diane, and keep it up! We need you.

The Cotillion is a major event of the club and requires attending to many details to make it a successful one. Please volunteer to participate on the Cotillion Committee for next year's event. Now with your help and with Diane's expert direction and guidance, next year's Cotillion will be better than ever. Call Diane at 415-

The Chez Mollet restaurant is located at 527 Bryant Street (between 3rd & 4th) in San Francisco. 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. tell them your with the ETVC group.



TV/TS/TG GROUPS AND ACTIVITIES

A CALENDAR OF EVENTS



DATE	WHO	WHAT	WHERE	OTHER INFORMATION	i	
25	ETVC	Hawaii Night	Chez Mollet	415-585-5204	Starts at 8 PM	
MARCH 1988						
1	ETVC	Significant Others Support	San Francisco	415-585-5204	Meets 8:30 - 10:30 PM	
1	Pac Ctr	TS Support	Berkeley	415-841-6224	Meets 8 - 10 PM	
2	Pac Ctr	Open Rap	Berkeley	415-841-6224	Meets 8 - 10 PM	
4	RGA	Social	San Jose	408-988-0790	Starts at 8 PM	
5	ETVC	Executive Committee	Foster City	415-367-0986	Starts at 8 PM	
6	******	Dressing Up	Oakland	415-893-0123	5 - 9 PM	
7	ETVC	Outreach Committee	Redwood City	408-984-5619	Starts at 8 PM	
8	ETVC	Social Committee	Berkeley	415-540-7938	Starts at 7:30 PM	
8	Pac Ctr	TS Support	Berkeley	415-841-6224	Meets 8 - 10 PM	
, 9	ETVC	Rap Group	San Jose	415-367-0986	Meets 8 - 10 PM	
11	ETVC	Poker Social	San Francisco	415-585-5204	Starts at 8 PM	
12	ETVC	Wig Stlyling	San Francisco	415-367-0986	Starts at 6 PM	
15	Pac Ctr	TS Support	Berkeley	415-841-6224	Meets 8 - 10 PM	
16	Pac Ctr	Open Rap	Berkeley	415-841-6224	Meets 8 - 10 PM	
17	ETVC	Couples Social	TBA	415-585-5204	Starts at 8PM	
18	RGA	Social	San Jose	408-988-0790	Starts at 8 PM	
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26 26	SGA CIT	TV/TS Rap Social	Berkeley Sacramento	916-362-8131	Starts at 8 PM	
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27	Pac Ctr	Open Rap	Berkeley	415-841-6224	Meets 8 - 10 PM	
28	ETVC	Carnivale Night	Chez Mollet	415-585-5204	Starts at 8 PM	
23	SGA	Social	Sacramento	916-362-8131	Starts at 8 PM	

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<Reaching Out>

I'd like to thank all those who responded to the outreach survey. We had about a 15% return. Thanks also to Kathleen for her help in organizing the survey results. They pretty much told us where to place our efforts. The purpose of the survey was to find out how to reach TV's and TS's that don't know support groups exist. A rough estimate of how many TV's are in the U.S. is 1 million. The combined membership of all groups in the U.S. may be only a few thousand. That leaves 995,000 or so TV's, who may not know what's going on in their minds or that there are groups out there with help and answers.

The first survey question was, "How did you find ETVC?" The biggest response was from the media, 16 members found us through TV, radio, magazines, and newspapers. Another 14 found us through therapists, centers, and other groups. There was no particular age at which people found us. The ages range from 24 to 78. I think this age range makes a good point here, hopefully more people will find us at 24 and not have to wait until much later. The second question was, "How did you find other groups?" The numbers ran about the same as the first question - 14 media, 8 through other groups and 6 through friends.

Question #3, "Why did you get involved with a group?" Friendship and support got an 80% response and coming in as second was socializing. Growth was only a 50% response. I was surprised at how low growth was on the survey, but maybe that means we are all pretty happy with the level of our expertise in dressing. (I'll refer to growth again in question 6). "What about ETVC first appealed to you?" was question #4. There were many answers, but they could be summarized by 3 statements: our group is open, friendly and positive, a safe place where we can be ourselves, and ETVC is well run and well organized. Question #5, "How to find other crossdressers that might need or want a group?" had mostly suggestions to advertise or use the media. Two other ideas were to use an 800 number and the old standby, the library card.

Finally, Question #6, "What can we do to improve the attendance at the Saturday Night Social?". Of those who responded to this question, most felt that guest speakers doctors, lawyers, wig specialists, fashion consultants, and makeup artists would help.

It seems from this response that members want to grow and learn about many things, including voice, body language, and fashion, so the low 50% response to growth in Question #3 is misleading. Saturdays would be a great time for these activities.

At our last Outreach meeting, we started the wheels moving in two areas: one, the legal aspects of dealing with law enforcement agencies such as police, sheriff, CHP, etc., here in the Bay Area. Also, we are looking into doing a public service announcement on television.

We have three new additions to the video library. The first is, of course, the ETVC 1988 Cotillion. It's about 3 hours long and available on one tape. I sure have had a lot of fun at the Cotillion this year as a contestant. If you've ever dreamed of bright lights and show biz, ETVC will offer everybody a chance again next year to try out their vocal chords, dancing shoes, musical instrument of their choice, etc., and just have some fun.

Second video is the Geraldo Rivera show on TS's and their families. It's 1 hour, a good tape and Geraldo is a good interviewer. He uses a light touch and didn't let anything slip by.

A third new tape is available also. People Are Talking, "Transsexuals and Their Children" - 1 hour. 2/1/88.

>Reaching In<

There's an interesting new magazine for the TV community, Lady Like. The premier issue features an article on the "Girls" of Mardi Gras "from camp to vamp". Full color photos are spread throughout the magazine to highlight the articles. "The Sky's The Limit" takes a historical look at the ultra-high heels of the 40's. JoAnn Roberts' "Girl Talk" answers beauty and fashion questions. "Mirror, Mirror" features tasteful photos of crossdessers from around the world. This high quality publication, that's meant to be entertaining as well as informative. There's plenty more in this 48 page magazine. If you're interested, write to JoAnn Roberts at Creative Design Services, P.O. Box 1263, King of Prussia, PA 19406. Send her a check or money order for \$24.00 for a years subscription or \$7.00 for a single

Recent worthwhile books:

HERMA, a book by McDonald Harris, professor at U.C. Irvine (book published by Athaneum Press, New York, 1981), deals with the life/lives of a person called Herma and a person called Fred Hite, a female and a male in one body, a sensitive and tasteful explanation of the Jungian mystery of the anima(female soul in a man) and animus (male soul in a woman). recommended for its authentic portrayal of opera, Los Angeles/Orange County at the turn of the century, flying WWI airplanes (local 'character' Crystal, an experienced pilot, consulted on the book) and the San Francisco earthquake. The author is a brilliant and highly sensitive storyteller and this book is particularly recommended for 'significant others' who may need to comprehend a broader and more thoughtful interpretation of what gender really means.

HOLLYWOOD ANDROGNY by Rebecca Bell-Meterau, Ph.D. (Columbia University Press, New York, 1985). A superb account of the history of past Hollywood fascination with gender bending on film. This scholarly work, is done in a kind, thoughtful and sensitive way by a woman with outstanding academic credentials. Many photos and an index that lists virtually every actor and film that involve transvestism and transsexualism since the advent of the talkies.

For a listing of our Article Library (\$1), Video Library (Free), or our International Support Group Directory (\$2) please write to: ETVC - Outreach Committee, Box 6486, San Francisco, CA 94101.

Next Outreach Meetings are: March 7th & April 4th Call Martina at 408 (5-7 pm) for more information.

THE REVERSIBLE SEX-CHANGE OPERATION by Cara

"If there were a pill that could 'cure' you, would you take it?" I know it's time to go home, when I start hearing this question at the bar of the Chez. If ... if ... I start remembering.

I remember the time I was finally bold enough to go out wearing panties under my slacks. Would someone be able to notice a panty line? Would I be safe at a public urinal? What if I got knocked unconscious in a car accident and they brought me to the emergency room? ... If there had been a pill, I certainly would never have had to go through these anxieties.

In the dark ages of my youth, when I finally got the courage to browse through sleazy bookstores looking for something that might explain to me what I was. I didn't find much, but what I did find -- well, I could've used a courage pill to help me take it up to the counter. Still, that was easier on my nerves than the day I was trying to read an article on transvestism in the darkest corner of the stacks of my college library. Suddenly I felt a hand on my shoulder and heard thunder in my ear. "What are you reading?" When my soul returned to my body, I realized I was looking at a student from my Psych class. If at that moment there had been a pill ...

Or the first time shopping for my own femme clothing. "And what size is your wife, sir?" "Oh, she's very big. In fact, she's just about my size -- 6 feet 4, 240 pounds. Ha, ha, ha." What was the saleslady thinking that made one of her eyebrows go up like that? Oh, for a pill at that moment to control my perspiration.

Then there was the time I dared myself to go all the way down to the mailbox in a dress. Was I a man or a mouse? I couldn't answer that question, but I did walk a block and a half in drag to the mailbox. Of course, it was 3 AM. When I got back to my apartment, I realized I'd forgotten my door key. Thank God for the drainpipe that went up the back of the building. But it must've been the devil that made me miscalculate and climb in the window of the apartment one floor below my own. Now, if there had been a pill enabling me to fly back out that window ...

Nor can I ever forget the day, years later, when my wife went to visit relatives. Since my birthday was approaching, I decided to celebrate. I got dressed in my finest and went to the mall. By the end of the day I was loaded with several new outfits. As I staggered into the house, hot and tired, I dropped my packages on the floor and flipped on the light. "Surprise!" "Happy Birthday!" several voices sang out. Where -- or where! -- was the pill to make me instantly disappear?

And yet ... yet here I am amongst friends at the end of another enjoyable evening at the Chez. The bar is emptying. My ride tells me it's time to go. Ah, memories. Being a TV may not always have been sweet, but it's certainly added excitement to my life. And how many men in our culture get even a glimpse of what life looks like from "the other side"? Hasn't being a TV made me not only gentler but a bit more sensitive? Perhaps even a more complete person? But, most importantly, aren't evenings like this absolutely divine?

On the way home the gorgeous new member in the back seat says, "If there were a pill ..." Some pills, dear, I would take, and some I definitely would not.

A LETTER FROM SABRINA



Greetings and best wishes for the New Year to all of you. As your newly crowned Miss ETVC 1988 I pledge myself to serve you proudly and with the utmost dignity that this wonderful group deserves.

want to say first that the contestants for the 1988 Miss ETVC deserve a big round of applause for a job well done. This crown I now wear is yours also. You fine ladies are all winners, and I mean winners! I am privileged to have all of you as friends.

ETVC has become a big part of my life and I can never thank you enough for what all of you have done. The feminine side of me that has been locked inside for so long and now is given a chance to come out, definitely has changed my life for the better. I want to say "THANK YOU" to the people who have helped me because without them Sabrina would not be.

My wife, Julie, who at first had a difficult time, is the greatest woman I have ever known and deserves all the credit. Babe, we've come a long way, I love you and we'll go a lot further. Thank you, honey, and hang in there.

Kaye, my best friend, without her I would still be in the locker room. For all those times when you were there; spur-of-the-moment counseling, late night talks, middle-of-the-night phone calls, a lot of crying, laughing and most of all, LOVE. Thank you for all the wonderful things you have done for me, mom.

Diahanna, you're a class act and I appreciate your interest in me. Without the care you provided to me, I would not be writing this letter. Joanie, you're an inspiration; I hope that I can carry on the flame you have burning eternally in you. To Diane: You out-did yourself at the 1988 Cotillion. I take my hat off to you. This event will always be remembered in my heart for your dedication to ETVC.

To Georgeva, Suella and Pauline, thank you for choosing me as the 1988 Miss ETVC. Special thanks to Georgeva for assisting in the creation of my costumes and formal wear. If anyone needs a touch of class, call Georgeva. Also to Louise Carol and Ann of Continental Wigs in San Rafael, thank you so much for the beautiful wigs you created for me. Here's another winner, ETVC, so call on them.

Finally, I want to say thank you to a special lady who has given so much to our special community. Without her personal attention and love we would all still be hidden. This lady is, of course, the beautiful Ginny. Thank you, Ginny, from the bottom of my heart for all the wonderful things you have shown me.

To ETVC, I hope my reign as the 1988 Miss ETVC will be great for all of you. Let's pull together, be proud, smile, and most of all let's make it great for '88. Thank you.

- Sabrina, Miss ETVC 1988

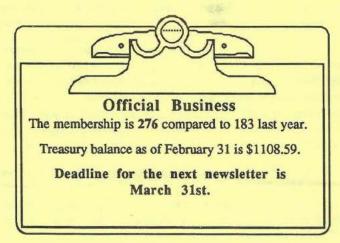
WHO ARE YOU GONNA CALL? by Kim

On January 23, eight ETVC and RGA members put on a dynamic presentation for the Billy DeFrank Gay/Lesbian switchboard volunteers in San Jose. This switchboard is very important to ETVC and other gender groups because, they receive many inquiries for TV/TS information. We explained what ETVC does for its members and the gender community, as well as the differences between transvestites, transsexuals, and transgenderists. The Billy DeFrank Center volunteers were eager to learn all about us and wanted to know how they should answer questions from callers on their hotline, such as "Where can I shop?" or "Are (male to female) transsexuals who want the sex change and a relationship with a woman, gay?"

The most asked question was "Where can crossdressers go who want a small rap type group?" In response, ETVC has decided to sponsor a rap group once a month at the Billy DeFrank Center, staffed by ETVC members. The first rap session will be held Wednesday, March 9th from 8-10 pm. These are intended to be small groups for people just coming out. The second rap group will meet April 13th 8-10 pm. If you are interested in attending, you can call Gloria at 415.

Our thanks to Billy DeFrank Switchboard volunteers for letting us put on an informative session, and to the Center itself for making its space available to us for the rap sessions.

The Billie DeFrank Center is located at: 1040 Park Avenue, San Jose, CA.



COUPLES GROUP

Now that the busy Holiday schedule is over, ETVC is again resuming the monthly Couples Socials. Call Ginny at (415) for details if you wish to come. "Singles" are also welcome. Just bring a smile on your face and in your heart as well as your favorite dish for the table, and you'll have a very enjoyable evening among friends in an informal and intimate setting. You are not required to come "en femme" if you don't wish to or it's inconvenient.

Also, if you're interested in hosting a Couples' Social, please contact Ginny to coordinate a convenient date.

TRANSFORMATIONS

by Crystal

Game playing marks evolved humans. All of life is a game. ("Life is but a stage" -- Shakespeare). Playing games with the appearance, body alterations and other kinds of transformation intrigue healthy, playful people and have for centuries.

Most such transformations are functional. Want to fly military fighters, scuba dive and ride motorcycles? Dress for it. Flying requires 40 lbs. of protective/emergency clothing: Nomex flame-proof flight suit, steel-toed boots, G suit (called 'speed jeans'), harness attaching you to your ejection seat, a survival kit with food, radio and other emergency gear, plus sunglasses and an impact-resistant helmet with clear/tinted face shields, oxygen mask that keeps you alive at high altitudes. Flying the U-2 demands a neck-to-ankles pressure suit and pressure helmet.

Don't scuba dive without a wet suit, breathing gear, depth gauge, watch. On the bike? Full leathers, gloves, boots, helmet. Formal events? Gardening? Formal or old clothes. Obvious? Maybe. It's cross-dressing (human to bird, fish, speedy ground animal, formal person, casual human). Form follows function. OK so far?

Humans have been playing games with their appearance, shape, way of moving, adorning themselves for thousands of years. We have several billion-dollar world industries (clothing, shoes, cosmetics, hair styling, etc.) dedicated to playful changes of male and female appearance. Healthy, natural, positively -- yes -- NORMAL.

Remember Jung's concept of the anima, or female soul, within a man an animus, or male soul, within a woman? Is that why we are curious about that inner self? Do we seek 'completion' in the choice of mate, to match that internal, often idealized, frequently playful image or images of that significant other?

A male cross-dressing in women's clothes, or v-v (the latter is condoned socially, the former outrages many) is indulging in harmless self-expression. This often has sexual imagery or mechanisms. Why is that suspect? Sexuality and sexual imagery are everywhere, and enable our specie to endure. Our primary task as humans, living and relating to others in this naughty, nutty world, is to be good, kind and loving people most of the time, frankly sexual only briefly. Uptight, repressive and judgmental people deny others' basic human rights, no matter what their 'excuse' (their own lack of imagination, religious distortion, social 'normality'). Remember H.L. Mencken: 'A puritan lives in constant, nagging fear that somewhere, someone is happy."

It's amusing to play at being another form of creature (bird, fish, male or female, or anything else in between) without harming others but without being judged by them. Relax. Enjoy. Share. Shocked or disgusted? Try understanding, forgiving and learning about the diversity of the human experience that defies all understanding and is expanding daily. Maybe 'kinky' (your pejorative word) is just something you don't happen to like.

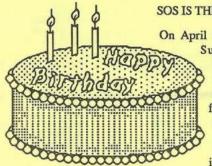


REMINDER - DONNA'S DRESSING UP

As reported in the last newsletter, Donna's Dressing Up now has a new and larger store located in Oakland, and she is opening up her store to ETVC members exclusively on the first Sunday of each month from 5-9 p.m. You can shop at your leisure and comfort,

and you'll find her clothing and jewelry wonderful. Let's lend our support to Donna and her store as she has given ETVC much support in the past. The address and phone number is:

Dressing Up, 3231 Grand Avenue, Oakland, CA. (415) 893-0123.



SOS IS THREE YEARS OLD

On April 5th, the Significant Others
Support Group will begin
it's fourth year meeting
monthly in various homes
of our members on the
first Tuesday of each
month.

We meet in a comfortable, informal setting to share

our concerns and find ways to live

the transgender lifestyle in the most positive manner. Join us to learn, feel better about yourself and make new friends. We are there for you because we understand and have experienced your feelings. You are not alone! Call Ginny at (415) for information and meeting locations.

J2CP Information Services

Post Office Box 184 SanJuan Capistrano, CA 92693-0184 (714)-496-J2CP (714)-496-5227

J2CP Information Services provides information/referral services formerly provided by the Erickson Educational Foundation and JANUS Information Facility. J2CP Information Services is a separate entity and is not affiliated with either of its predecessors.

J2CP Information Services provides an information package consisting of pamphlets and literature concerning gender dysphoria syndrome, transsexualism and transvestism. This information package is available at a cost of \$25.00 to cover research, printing postage and secretarial services. Additionally, J2CP Information Services will attempt to provide referrals to reputable counselors, psycho-therapists, or gender programs, and peer counseling groups near your home.

Certified checks or Money Orders should be made payable to J2CP Information Services. Please specify whether you are male-to-female, female-to-male, or transvestite when writing. If transsexual, please provide your place of birth.

Other San Francisco Bay Area Gender Support Groups

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) 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 be contacted by writing: Rainbow Gender Association, PO Box 700730, San Jose, CA 95170.

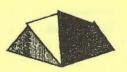
The Sacramento Gender Association (SGA) meets the 4th Saturday of each month at Lambda Community Center, 1931 L Street, Sacramento, CA. Correspondence should be sent to: Sacramento Gender Association, c/o Stephanie Moellman, 10424 Joel Lane, Rancho Cordova, CA 95670. Call 916-362-8131 for more information about meeting times.

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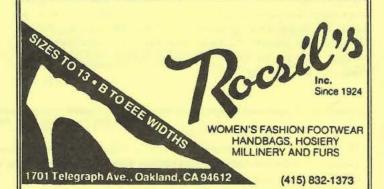


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