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# TRANSgenderist

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Monthly Magazine of the Transgender Independence Club

July, 1999

## Second House Party has a Singalong, Third and Fourth House Parties Planned!

The second TGIC house party was held Friday, June 18th at Vicky [redacted]'s apartment (TGIF for TGIC). A total of fourteen T\*s and their friends showed up, shared grilled wienies and hamburgers and a lot of dishes to pass, many wonderful salads and desserts (and some luscious meatballs and a rice salad; thanks). A lot of spirited conversation was had by all; at one time I counted five conversations going on at once. As the evening went on, I played a lot of Beatles songs which the group sang (and some where everyone hummed a lot!). The party was still going strong at 1 AM.

The third house party is scheduled to be at Bobbi-Jo [redacted]'s apartment from ~~xxx~~ to ~~xxx~~ on Saturday, July 17th. We hope you will all be there for fun, food and fabulous conversation.

Denise has volunteered to hold the fourth house party at her house in August, no date or time has been set yet. If you would like to help Denise plan (or help her with the preparations), please see her.

I believe we can safely say that the house party concept is definitely a hit! If you would like to schedule your apartment or house for a house party, please contact Leslie O'Hara or any of the officers who will get the information out.

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## Dinner and a Movie to be Held July 10th

Karen [redacted] is organizing a get-together on July 10th. We will first meet 7 PM for dinner at Four Seasons, a very well-recommended Chinese restaurant at 183 Nott Terrace in

Schenectady. Then at 9 PM we will go to Proctor's Theater for a showing of "Shakespeare in Love," which I believe is \$2-\$3 per seat. Come "out" for either or both events, and have another enjoyable evening in July. I plan on being there, and I hope you will be as well

## Volunteers Sought

I am looking for several lesbian transwomen to help me give an educational presentation on transsexuality to the lesbian community. Volunteers would be much appreciated. --Vix

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## No Regrets

This is the last newsletter I will edit before I have my surgery. It is amazing to me; at first, my goal WAS SRS, and now SRS is merely another very important point in my transition, another opportunity for self-discovery in a year utterly full of such important points. Life is a wonderful, dizzying adventure!

Excuse me for being so bold as to attempt to impart some wisdom at this moment, but I would like to pass along a few very interesting and very different observations that have meant a lot to me over the past two years.

Oh yes, and please don't be surprised if the August newsletter is a bit late, it will get here eventually. Please don't beat the editress. <ggg>

"Be a nice person," advice given to me at TGIC, 1997.

"Native American prophet Robert Ghost Wolf speaks about two kinds of vision: 'hard eyes' and 'soft eyes.' The first is when you have such fixed concepts about a person or thing that you don't truly see it as it stands before you; you only see your own ideas about it. The second is when you strip away all prejudgments

and view the person or thing freshly, as if God created it just a moment ago. When you use soft eyes, you're constantly amazed at how different the world is from what everyone says it is." -- personal Horoscope, early 1998.

"Do You Need to Get Out of a Life Rut?," as summarized from the April 1998 issue of Glamour. This came out just before my transition. Read them all and think them through; the last one absolutely held me breathless, and they fit both TS and non-TS situations alike. And for those of you considering the biggest life change, namely transition, think it all through carefully:

1. Do you have the nagging sense that time is running out and you're falling short of your promise and your goals?

2. Do you equate losing your youth with losing out?

3. Could your gnawing sense of letdown be simply a garden-variety rut? If your life hasn't gone where you thought it would, was it your action that held you back or your thinking?

4. Have you tried mentally separating yourself from your cultural moment? If it was OK in the sixties to join a commune until you figured out where you are heading, isn't it OK in 1998 to work temp jobs until you set your goals?

5. Are you confusing yourself with your job?

6. Do you believe in the power of self-transformation? When you've taken positive steps to direct your own path, has life pulled an astonishing variety of pleasant tricks out of its sleeve?

7. Have you tried making a tiny life change to see how it will angle your destiny in a fresh and unexpected direction?

8. Do your old dreams need a makeover?

9. What's stopping you? Which will be harder -- trying to change now, or later on accepting what you have chosen by default?

10. WHO'S stopping you? Have you downsized your life dreams to correspond to someone else's version of you?

11. Are you choosing comfort over challenge? That's your prerogative -- but has it occurred to you that the restlessness you feel may be your psyche sending up a flare?

12. When was the last time you felt scared, not scared by hearing heavy footsteps coming down a dark street, but the scared that comes from attempting something you're not quite sure you could pull off?

13. What did you wish for the last time you blew out the candles on your birthday cake? Did it come true? Can you make sure it does before your next birthday?

14. Can you tell the difference between inner obstacles and outer obstacles?

15. Have you talked to someone who has clambered out of her rut and lived to tell the tale?

16. Are you willing to endure the painful but transient struggle of giving birth to yourself? Can you accept this struggle for what it is, signs of a life beginning to bloom?

"As one door is closed today, a new one opens before you. Pause briefly at this threshold and know that what you are leaving behind is good. Approach this new door with great confidence in your heart, for you have prepared well for this moment. Open each new door with trust, holding your hopes and dreams very near... knowing that the world is waiting for the excellence and the love you carry with you." -- M. E. Miro, as quoted on a greeting card I received the day I transitioned at work

"If God is with us, no one can defeat us." -- Romans 8:31a

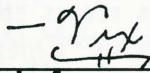
"New experiences and new friends will enrich your life. Listen to your heart and proceed with confidence. Stay calm, cool and collected and all things will fall into place. Strange new experiences will add to your joy of living. A secret goal is in sight, hang in there. A helping hand brings you closer to a secret goal."

--Taipei fortunes.

"Not being normal gives you this strange thing. You have to develop a personality." -- Nicole Kidman, as reported in the June 1999 issue of Vogue

"...our collective story is not unlike that of the Passover Seder, the observance based on the story of the Exodus in the Bible. First there is slavery. This is followed by a courageous and impassioned refusal to remain victims and prisoners of hatred and rejection. Facing down our Pharaohs becomes a third step. Many of us have experienced a fourth stage in a long wandering in the wilderness: searching for identity, relationship, trying to find roots... Finally, in our collective experience we come to arrival; roots, home, a sense of meaning, community, a promise of fulfillment, and life-affirming connections...." --Malcolm Boyd, foreword to "The Gay and Lesbian Literary Companion"

I don't have all of the answers. Who does? But I do know I am happy in who I am, I look forward to each and every day as a gift given to me, and I have no regrets. Peace, my friends.



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## News Briefs

Billi-Jo Wolf in **Rochester NY** is looking for assistance in **fighting a Custody and Parental Rights action for transman Andrew [REDACTED]**. If you have contacts or wish to help, please contact Billi-Jo.

A 64-year-old woman who was born a man, legally changed her name to Diane and is undergoing a sex change, was **elected to the Broward County, Florida, Democratic Party executive board of directors**. "I'm a transsexual," said Diane Arnold, a father of three and a retired security supervisor for the state of New York. "Living as a woman is something I thought about for the past 50 years...**I fully intend doing all this because I feel that it's not me that**

**counts. It's the guys and girls coming up later on I'm trying to say to them that if you want to do something, DO IT. You're not dirty, nor are you crazy. Just do it like the Nike commercial says. [I want to] help someone...say, '[If] she can do it why can't I?' "**

"When I first presented an award at GLAAD, it was in somebody's living room, like in Encino, I swear to God. There was like eleven of us. ... I walked in today and I was completely mindblown -- **Sharon Stone and Whoopi Goldberg and Melissa Etheridge and k.d. lang and Tom Hanks**. I mean, not that celebrities make it but I think it's a symbol of how it's outreached out to -- **it's the universe now...**" --Actress Kathy Najimy at the Gay & Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation Media Awards April 17 in Los Angeles.

In London, the **accused former banker turned up for court dressed in a coral blouse, form-hugging red skirt and black heels, the picture of femininity and urban fashion sense**. After a pause and a coy smile for waiting photographers, Peter Young went inside to face the judge. **The former fund manager -- for the record, he is a man -- is charged with fraud in one of the most sensational scandals to emerge from London's financial district in years**. [Gee, now it is a defense?]

In the halls of the local high school at Morgan Hill, California, the words "faggot" and "dyke" were routinely uttered, about as often, Alana Flores remembers, as "hello" and "goodbye." Flores is 20; **together with five other former students of Live Oak High School in this half country, half suburban town south of San Jose, she is suing the Morgan Hill Unified School District, claiming that teachers and administrators ignored pervasive anti-gay abuse**. One of several such actions filed around the nation, the lawsuit represents the latest frontier in school harassment issues--a legal front that gained ground this week when the **U.S. Supreme Court ruled that school districts can be held liable in similar cases involving extensive sexual harassment of students by one another**.

**Charles Pierce, a female impersonator** renowned for his characterizations of such glamorous Hollywood legends as Bette Davis, Mae West, Tallulah Bankhead, Gloria Swanson and Joan Crawford, **died on June 2, 1999.** He was 73.

**NYAGRA** <[www.nyagra.org](http://www.nyagra.org)> has produced a new form for **reporting harassment against members of the GLBT community.** Contact them for more information.

The film **"It's Elementary: Talking About Gay Issues in School"** opens with footage of Sen. Robert Smith (R-N.H.) protesting gay and lesbian "filth"--in the schools. He waves documents and warns about the dangers of such "trash." Smith is then juxtaposed against a third-grade classroom, where children discuss the same issue. One small, brown-haired boy has this to say: "Who, like, really cares if you're gay? It's like barely nobody knows in the world. It's, like, what's the big whoop?" Written and directed by Oscar-winning documentarian Debra Chasnoff and produced by Helen Cohen, **"It's Elementary" first aired on public television stations across the country during June.**

[I personally like the article "YOU TOO CAN BE A TRANSSEXUAL." It takes a light-hearted poke at this serious subject, both M2F and F2M, and the humor is quite refreshing.]

Commenting on the **state of GLBT people in Turkey**, Lambda activist Yigithan Yenicoglu explains, "Historically, there has been a sense that Turkish authorities own people's bodies. **Certainly today some people are penalized for openly 'owning' their sexuality or gender. If you are a male-to-female transsexual, for example, it's very hard to get a job other than as a prostitute.** If you are a young woman, you are generally treated like a third-class citizen with few rights. If you're a gay man, you are treated as though you have a mental illness. And if you are a lesbian, you don't really exist."

[Here is a very interesting comment on M2F TSs becoming involved in the feminist movement:] **Although they are born as males,**

**female transsexuals have little access to the privileges of being male. When they start to live openly as women they are harassed, intimidated, rejected and isolated for doing so. Because female transsexuals also suffer from sexism, their experiences become intertwined with those of all women in a sexist society. This is an objective basis for their participation as equals in the feminist movement.**

An MCC church in Kansas City organized a **prom for GLBT youth.**

Transvestite Thai kickboxer Parinya Kiatbusaba **wore a sports bra at his last fight to protect his newly-grown breasts.** [Excuse me, do you suspect that, perhaps, he might really be (gasp) transsexual?]

In October, 1997, **James Hormel, an openly gay San Francisco philanthropist was nominated to the post of Ambassador to Luxembourg.** Senate Republicans, led by Majority Leader Trent Lott, R-Miss, stalled his appointment, questioning his moral fitness solely on the basis of his sexual orientation and outspoken support of lesbian and gay causes. On June 4, 1999, Clinton exercised his prerogative to offer Hormel a recess appointment (as he did with Civil Rights Chief Bill Lann Lee), while Congress is out of session. **Hormel becomes the first openly gay ambassador to serve his country.**

Over the past decade, **Israel has quietly placed itself among the most advanced countries on gay civil rights.** "We made a total revolution in the law," says Menahem Sheizaf, head of the Agudah, Israel's main gay and lesbian organization, who also runs one of the largest lobbying firms in Israel.

"They [the media] are driving me into becoming a spokesperson for transsexual issues. Whether I like it or not, they ask questions and I am answering. But I don't want to carry anyone's flag, and as for human rights ... I do not like to deal with titles [labels], this community or that community. **I think we are all in the human-being community. So why divide us? I would like people to deal with freedom,**

**not just homosexuals and transsexuals, because I would like people to not deal with sexuality, just with intelligence and personalities of human beings.**" --Transsexual Israeli pop diva Dana International, winner of the 1998 Eurovision Song Contest, to Australia's Melbourne Star Observer, April 30.

On June 11 the White House issued a proclamation recognizing the month of June as **Gay and Lesbian Pride Month**.

A surprising outbreak of **intersexuality** has been found in **several species of animals in California**.

Canada's Supreme Court ruled May 20 that Ontario's family-law **definition of 'spouse' as a person of the opposite sex is unconstitutional**.

The **Payless Shoe Store**, [where I have purchased at least forty pairs of shoes], now has a retail website at <[www.payless.com](http://www.payless.com)>. **Many shoes are available online up to size 13!**

On June 14, Congresswoman Jan Schakowsky (9th District, Illinois), became the first Member of Congress to **officially recognize gender variant people** when she amended her own office nondiscrimination policies to include "gender self-image or identity."

**COMPASS, a Female-to-Male trans support group**, meets on the first Thursday of every month in Waltham, MA. Contact Mykael at 781-899-2212 for details, or email [ftm@ifge.org](mailto:ftm@ifge.org).

According to the National Review, a New York-based conservative publication, and their opinion columnist, Jonah Goldberg, **transgendered people are simply confused**. [Well, gee, I feel much better now!]

Westboro Baptist Church, which is notorious for its gay-bashing, is **now taking aim at Dr. Stanley Biber in Trinidad**. To read this diatribe, try <http://www.godhatesfags.com/trinidad.html>.

Claire Hale, a professor at Leeds University, in Yorkshire, says she is determined to sue Whickham Comprehensive School over its **ban on long pants for female pupils**. Professor Hale argues that her daughter Jo, a young teen, should be allowed to enjoy **"equal rights with boys"** in matters of dress.

In the movie **"Wild Wild West,"** both stars appear in drag.

[Answer to a prior trivia question. Bugs Bunny crossdresses in 28 cartoons.]

## Welcome Back Robin!

We welcome back Robin [redacted] from Hong Kong. Robin has now transitioned, is now officially named Robin Sarah [redacted], and will be a visiting professor at RPI for eight months. I hope you and Nora can join us often, Robin!  
--Vix

## Lobbying

As we come out, we create a public presence which calls for the protection of law. Accordingly, several TGIC members are calling for ideas about the items we need legal protection for; your input is appreciated. Come to the clubhouse and register your opinions, or get online with TGIC On-Line and do the same.

As we sang in our recent Capital Pride concert, "Once we lived in darkness, but now we have the light." My friends, we are trans and we are proud. Come out and help. Every time we are seen in public, every time we appear on stage, every time we get out of our closet, we are making a very positive statement to the whole community.

I suspect that there will be a lot more about this in the August newsletter.

*I regret to inform you that Robin [redacted]'s brother Ron passed away suddenly last weekend. Robin was at the Gay Pride Parade in NYC when it happened. You may send expressions of sympathy to: Robin [redacted], [redacted] Albany, NY 12209.*

Q: Mr. Slatery, you went on a rather elaborate honeymoon, didn't you?

A: I went to Europe, Sir.

Q: And you took your new wife?

Q: How was your first marriage terminated?

A: By death.

Q: And by whose death was it terminated?

This is a short essay about how my spirituality helped me come out to my parents. I offer it in hopes that other people struggling in the way that I was may find it helpful.

I started hormone treatments in December, the next step in my transition from female to male. I was excited about taking this step, but I also knew it would force me to confront my parents with the truth about my gender identity, a topic we had never discussed. Even if I said nothing, the changes in my body would eventually give me away. I thought it only fair to let them know ahead of time.

Telephoning or writing them a letter seemed too impersonal a way to broach such an intensely personal issue. I wanted to do it face to face. But my parents are not the slightest bit gay-friendly, are rigid and intolerant, and are emotionally distant. I was afraid that no matter how I broke the news to them, the scene would be ugly, traumatic, and painful. I was so stressed by the prospect that when I damaged my car just before Christmas, one of my first reactions was, "Oh, good! Now I don't have to deal with my parents!" And yet I knew I couldn't put it off forever. Going along with the family fiction that I was "normal" was corroding my sense of integrity as surely as battery acid on skin.

My second chance came in February, when my mother held a party for my grandmother's 98th birthday. Before I left on the four-hour drive, I packed copies of PFLAG's "Our Trans Children" and a flier for the nearest PFLAG chapter. I didn't know how I'd use them, but thought I'd find an opportunity over the 24 hours I'd be at my parents' house.

I'd hardly arrived Saturday evening when my father warned me I'd better be "sociable" when the guests came the next day. This is a long-standing sore point with me-- I'm an introvert in a family that prizes "small talk" as the supreme social skill. The next morning at breakfast, my father complained bitterly about the incompetence and stupidity of the assistant state attorney general, who was opposing him in a legal case he was handling. The tantrum would have embarrassed his grandchildren, and I fled the room as soon as I could. A little while later, as I was leaving for church, he chewed me out again, for not paying enough attention to my nieces and nephews. I was feeling thoroughly battered as I slunk into a pew at the local Episcopal church. (That's another mark against me: I'm the only one in the family who dared to leave Catholicism and become a practicing Protestant.) The service helped lift my spirits, but I was still hurting, so I stayed a few minutes longer to read three of my favorite psalms: Psalm 27 ("Though my father and my mother forsake me, the Lord will sustain me"), Psalm 37 ("Commit your way to the Lord and put your trust in him, and he will bring it to pass"), and Psalm 40 ("Your righteousness have I not hidden in my heart; I have spoken of your faithfulness and salvation").

Finally it struck me: I am a good person regardless of what my parents think of me. God does not check in with my parents before deciding whether or not to love me. If my parents attack me as antisocial, I don't have to let that attack ruin my self-esteem. God and I know better what kind of person I really am. Strengthened with that knowledge, I went back to the house, where my relatives were arriving. As the day went on, I realized that the quiet moment I was looking for to out myself was not coming, and would probably never come, since about the only times I see my parents are at major family functions.

Shortly before I had to leave for the long drive home, I hit on the idea of leaving the PFLAG literature and a note on my father's desk, and asking him and my mother to read it later. It was not a plan I had ever considered before. But it worked. They found the literature a few days later, called me, and we discussed it calmly.

I was disappointed by how tepid their reaction was. "We always knew you were different," my mother said glibly. My father wanted to know which public bathroom I would use. Still, I felt as if I'd taken a big step toward growing up. Once out to someone, you're out forever, and I'd let my parents know they no longer had the power to define me or ignore who I am.

In retrospect, it was probably the least confrontational, traumatic way to handle my coming-out. I'm perfectly willing to give the credit to whatever higher powers are watching over me,

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Join us for the 9th Annual Southern Comfort Conference. Here you'll find support, information and friends in a welcoming atmosphere of Southern hospitality. Vendors, authors, entertainers and leaders from the entire spectrum of the transgender community will be on hand for five days of learning, networking and fun. Daytimes are given over to an extensive program of informative seminars, shopping at the large vendors area and group luncheons that feature entertaining and provocative speakers from the leadership of the transgender community.

The daytime schedule of seminars reflects SCC's sincere commitment to serve the diverse needs of our community—from basic info for the newly out to detailed legal, medical and political presentations, and informative sessions on family relationships, sexuality and spirituality. Evenings are given over to celebration; and the gathering of the transgender clan at SCC is always a festive affair. If you enjoy the nightlife, you'll love Southern Comfort -- we provide free shuttle service to after-hours nightclubs each evening.

Southern Comfort prides itself on being an all-inclusive (and economical) conference. Whatever your connection to the transgender community—whether you are transsexual, crossdresser or in between; spouse, partner or family member; straight, gay, bi or omnisexual; post-op, pre-op or non-op; young or old; married or single; FtM or MtF; or of any variance—if transgender is an issue in your life, you are welcome at Southern Comfort Conference.

SCC's home is the elegant Sheraton Buckhead Hotel Atlanta (formerly the Terrace Garden) and the adjacent Four Points Sheraton. The two hotels are side-by-side and located directly across the street from Lenox Square Mall, and half a block from the exclusive shops of Phipps Plaza. Choose from: \$79 for an elegant room in the eight-story Sheraton Buckhead or \$69 for well-appointed motel-style room in the Sheraton Four Points Hotel.

Conference registration is separate from your hotel registration and charges. As you can see on the registration form, SCC packs in lots of seminars, lunches and dinners for a modest price. Beyond basic convention packages, you also have the opportunity to participate in numerous optional activities. (Be sure to order your tickets when registering as all optional events are likely to sell out in advance.) Expecting another record turn-out this year, we'll be taking 300 people to the popular optional Thursday night dinner at Hard Rock Cafe and Planet Hollywood (right across the street). And, of course, the Wednesday night dinner theater outing to Agatha's returns again. For those who come into town very early—stretching SCC into a week long vacation—we've added a special Tuesday night event. A small group will head out for a glamorous dinner in the revolving Sundial Restaurant high atop the Westin Peachtree Plaza Hotel, which dominates Atlanta's skyline. Transportation is included in the price of all outside activities, and, of course, we'll still offer free shuttles for after-hours nightclubbing. There also will be a variety of new daytime excursions to places of interest around Atlanta.

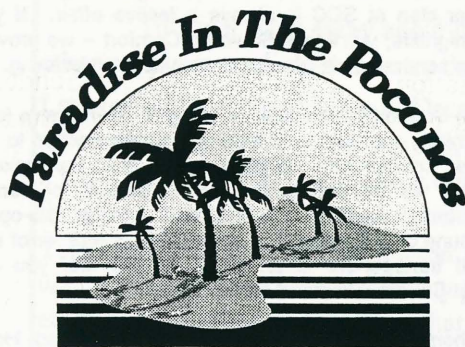
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Early Registration Fees	Single	Couple
Full Conference (3 day/ 5 meals)	225	425
Friday & Saturday (2 day/4 meals)	200	375
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Top of the World Dinner Excursion Circle meal choice below:	75	150
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Great event for 1 <sup>st</sup> Timers Planet Hollywood/Hard Rock Cafe Note: To be fair, tickets to this event will be distributed randomly.	35	70

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Transgenderist's Independence Club (TGIC) is a nonprofit, educational, non-sexual social support group for persons wishing to explore beyond the conventional boundaries of gender, including crossdressers, transsexuals and their friends.

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Readers are invited to submit articles relevant to the Transgendered Community for consideration. You may bring or mail typed pages for publication to the TGIC clubroom. Format should follow that shown in the current newsletter. You may also e-mail the articles to [REDACTED]. The article should be part of the body of the e-mail.

Regular Meetings are held every Thursday at the TGIC Club Room on Central Avenue in Albany, 7:30 PM to 10 PM. Some come earlier and stay later, but it is wise to call if you are not a Keyholder or if it is your first visit. Come dressed either way, meet and talk with friends. Many continue to socialize at one of the local night spots after the meetings.

Q: She had three children, right?

A: Yes.

Q: How many were boys?

A: None.

Q: Were there any girls?

## BECOME AN IFGE MEMBER

The International Foundation for Gender Education is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization. Basic membership is \$25 per year. Subscriptions to Transgender Tapestry are \$40. Brochures and forms are available in the TGIC Club Room. Call or write to:

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## TGIC On-Line

All transgendered people are invited to join TGIC On-Line, an informal e-mail network sponsored by Transgenderist Independence Club (TGIC). Messages exchanged on TGIC On-Line focus on events of interest to transgendered people in a region from Lake Placid to Newburg. If you are interested in joining the network, or want more information about TGIC, send an e mail message to: TGIC-request@hartebeest.com with any subject line and in the message body, the text:


JOIN TGIC  
STOP

(Please note: JOIN TGIC must be on line 1. STOP must be on line 2) You will receive an automated acknowledgment (Journal) of your request, which must be approved with the list moderator.

Comments? Vicky [REDACTED], [REDACTED], or  
c/o TGIC, PO Box 13604, Albany, NY 12212  
All the news that fits.

# Calendar and Events

TGIC meetings are held every Thursday from 7:30 to 10:00 in the clubhouse. \*See explanation in this issue.

- July 1 COMPASS F2M Support  
Waltham, MA\*
- July 9-13 Toronto Pride Days,  
Ottawa, Ontario
- July 10, 2-5 Twenty Club Picnic  
(location?)
- July 10, 7-11 Dinner and a Movie\*
- July 17, 6-11 Third TGIC House Party,  
Bobbi-Jo [redacted]'s Apt.\*
- July 24, 2-5 Twenty Club, TS Support  
Hartford, CT
  
- August 5 COMPASS F2M Support  
Waltham, MA\*
- August 14 Twenty Club, TS Support  
Hartford, CT
- August 28 Twenty Club  
Hartford, CT
- August ??? Fourth TGIC House Party,  
Denise's House\*
  
- September 21-26 *Southern Comfort  
Conference, Atlanta, GA* 
  
- November 4-7 Paradise in the Poconos\*
- November 10-14 Creating Change Conf.,  
Oakland, CA



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### TUESDAY

**Evening** Option - Top of the World Dinner excursion to the revolving Sundial Restaurant high atop the Westin Peachtree hotel in downtown Atlanta.

### WEDNESDAY

**Noon** Registration Opens  
**Evening** Newcomers welcome reception.  
Option - Agatha's A Taste of Mystery Dinner Theater w/ Sabrina Marcus. An SCC favorite!

### THURSDAY

**8 am - 4 pm** Registration open  
**Morning** Seminars, Optional sightseeing tours  
**Lunch** Speakers: New Faces in the Community  
**Afternoon** Seminars, Optional sightseeing tours  
**Evening** Newcomers welcome reception  
Special Transmen reception  
Option - Dinner out at Hard Rock Cafe or Planet Hollywood.  
**Later** SCC Nightclubbing (transportation provided)

### FRIDAY

**8 am - 4 pm** Registration open  
**Morning** Seminars, Optional sightseeing tours  
**Lunch** Speaker: Dallas Denny  
**Afternoon** Seminars, Optional sightseeing tours or shopping at Little Five Points boutiques.  
**Pre-banquet** Inspirational Gathering of the TG Family, hosted by Holly Boswell.  
**Evening** Banquet and Southern Comfort Talent Show (\*Note, all participants who wish to perform must attend Friday auditions.)  
**Later** SCC Nightclubbing (transportation provided)

### SATURDAY

**8 am - Noon** Registration open  
**Morning** Seminars, Optional Trip to Botanical Gardens  
**Lunch** Speaker: Riki Ann Wilchins  
**Afternoon** Dinner Date Auction Fund Raiser  
Seminars, Optional shopping at Lenox Mall  
**Evening** Gala Dinner Dance with a Riverboat Theme.  
Southern Bell Gowns encouraged but optional.

### SUNDAY

**10 am** Join the SCC Organizing Committee!