

**EAST COAST FEMALE-TO-MALE GROUP (ECFTMG) • P.O. Box 60585 • Florence Station •
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Our meetings have really been cooking lately! February's meeting on partner issues was attended by 20 people — 11 FTMs and 9 partners. Thirteen of us went out for dinner at a local restaurant afterwards. Each meeting seems to go deeper and is more supportive than the one before. We are succeeding in creating community for ourselves — and a safe, nonjudgemental place to say lots of things that have never been said before. The feeling at our meetings is sometimes intense but also joyous and full of good humor as we finally meet and listen to others like ourselves — brothers who are unique individuals with diverse perspectives. ECFTMG is a place for us all: we strive for inclusion of the entire FTM spectrum.

The East Coast FTM Group was 5 years old on March 8, 1997! We continue to meet on the **second Sunday of every month at 3:00 to 6:00 p.m. All meetings are held at Bet Power's house — 146 Riverbank Road, Northampton, Massachusetts.** For directions to the meetings or for more info., call Bet at (413) 584-7616. New brothers or significant others of FTMs who have never attended one of our meetings should call and introduce themselves to Bet before attending.

This is your mailing for Spring-Summer. It lists the meetings for the next four months. It will be the only mailing you will receive until August, unless we decide to send out a special mailing before then. **SO, SAVE THIS MAILING AND PUT IT ON YOUR REFRIGERATOR OR OTHER CONVENIENT LOCATION.**

All FTMs and their partners or significant others (immediate family members of FTMs) are invited to our upcoming get-togethers:

SUNDAY, APRIL 13, 1997:

THE WONDERFUL WORLD OF MEN'S CLOTHES AND PASSING.

How to shop for fine men's clothes as well as casual styles. Size conversions, image creation, building the wardrobe you want. Also, tricks of the trade: binding, haircuts, facial hair, packing, mannerisms, voice, etc. The focus, however, will be on clothes (gay, straight, and bi styles). What kind of man are you?

SUNDAY, MAY 11, 1997:

PISSING AND PACKING.

Yes, we want to spend an entire Sunday afternoon solving our bathroom issues. Come prepared to share the latest info. on peeing devices, how to handle the men's room with ease, and your favorite packing tools (for appearance and sexual function). Another meeting to separate the men from the boys!

SUNDAY, JUNE 8, 1997:

TRANSNATURAL: THE FTM PATH WITHOUT HORMONES OR SURGERY.

Bet Power, a nonoperative FTM transsexual and founder of ECFTMG, will lead discussion on the reasons for this choice and alternatives to the medical model. Living long term as a man in a female body while employing natural methods of enhancing and evolving masculinity. Issues for nonoperative TSs within the transgender community will also be explored.

SUNDAY, JULY 13, 1997:

DATING AND FINDING THE LOVES OF OUR LIVES.

FTMs looking for love in all the right places — how do we do it? Partners will also share, from their perspective.

Don't miss these meetings — they are truly wonderful! As always, afterwards, those interested may go out to dinner at a local restaurant (Northampton has the best!).

ECFTMG is a free peer support group for all female-to-male transgendered, crossdressers, transsexuals, and their partners and significant others.