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Transsexual Challenges Tri-Ess

Dallas Denny, popularly believed to be a six year post-operative transsexual woman, has sent an application to the <Society For the Second Self, claiming to be a heterosexual crossdresser and asking for full membership status. The Society, popularly known as Tri-Ess, is a sorority for heterosexual crossdressers. Only heterosexual crossdressers and their female partners are allowed full membership status. Some chapters offer affiliate status to those who do not meet requirements for full membership.

Denny, formerly a full member of Tri-Ess, has been an associate member of Tri Ess' Atlanta-based Sigma Epsilon chapter since 1990, when she submitted her letter of resignation to Sigma Epsilon and was told she was welcome to attend functions as a friend of the chapter.

Over the years, Denny, who has remained active with Tri-Ess, has become increasingly concerned about Tri-Ess membership requirements, which she calls exclusionary. And not only exclusionary, she says, but hypocritical. "There are members, chapter officers, and even some members of the national Tri-Ess board who are not heterosexual crossdressers by any common-sense definition of the term. Some live full-time as women, some take hormones. And yet I am identified by Tri-Ess as transsexual and denied full membership privileges. I presume it's because I've had sex reassignment surgery, but I don't recall a panty check. My genital status is my own business, and not Tri-Ess' . If I say I'm a heterosexual crossdresser, then by golly, I'm a heterosexual crossdresser. For the purposes of joining Tri-Ess, I'm a heterosexual crossdresser, and as such, I am applying for full membership privileges. If Tri-Ess denies me membership, then I'm going to insist on a clear explanation why. I don't want to hear that I don't believe in and support the mission of the organization, which is to serve heterosexual crossdressers and their partners. I do. And I don't want to hear that I'm transsexual. Tri-Ess has no right to label me. If they want to deny my membership on the basis of my presumed genital status, then I'm going to insist on a panty check, not only for myself, but for all Tri-Ess members. And

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I'm going to ask why others born male who live as woman are allowed in, while I'm not. "

Denny, who founded and is director of the American Educational Gender Information Service, a national clearinghouse for transsexual and transgender issues, was also concerned by the number of Sigma Epsilon members who approached her privately to talk about their issues with homosexuality and transsexualism. "Cumulatively, over five years, it was more than half of the organization," she said. "We re talking 30 or 40 people. Eventually, I said Wait a minute. Something is not adding up here."

In May, Denny published an article entitled "Heteropocrisy: The Myth of the Heterosexual Crossdresser," in which she brought up her concerns about the massive amounts of denial she had seen in various Tri-Ess chapters. Tri-Ess officials responded by asking the AEGIS Board of Directors to counsel with Denny for her criticism in Heteropocrisy and other articles. The AEGIS Board has not yet taken action on Tri-Ess request.

Denny received a Friends of Tri-Ess award in 1992 at the organization's national convention in 1992. She displays the award prominently in her home office. "It's because I am a friend of Tri-Ess that I'm doing this," she says. "Supporting the organization does not require me to condone the membership policy. Let's face it: any organization which excludes homosexuals from membership can only be called homophobic; any organization which excludes transsexuals can only be called transphobic; and any organization which differentially enforces its own rules is in need of reform."

"If they want to deny my membership on the basis of my presumed genital status, then I'm going to insist on a panty check....."

UPDATE

Denny says she met with Tri-Ess officers at the Southern Comfort trans-community conference, held in Atlanta Sept. 26-29, and that they expressed concern about the issues she raised. Denny does not expect her request to be granted, but has agreed to stop criticizing the group in exchange for Tri-Ess' pledge to work with her to meet the needs of members who may be gay or transsexual.

What's Going On?

Aging transgender pioneer Virginia Prince, writing in the October 1996 issue of Cross-Talk, has denounced transsexuals as a group, compared them to terrorists and religious fundamentalists, and stated that transsexuals aren't even human.

Prince is an Associate Editor of Cross-Talk, and is co-founder of the heterosexual cross-dressers' group Tri-Ess, which does not admit transsexuals. In her editorial, Prince made the following controversial remarks:

" [Transsexuals] ... are the fundamentalists who know what is best for everyone...."

"After all, for every TS in the country there are probably a thousand heterosexual males who [crossdress]...."

"...[N]obody made them have surgery, so now that they have had it, why don't they just go about living their own lives, forming their own organizations and building their own amorphous (sic) psychology and leave the rest of us alone?"

"'[W]hat is the difference between an Iranian terrorist...and a transsexual?' The answer is that 'you can negotiate with a terrorist.'"

" [Transsexuals] ... look back ... remembering the days when they were a kind of human..."

Prince serves as an honorary member of the Board of Directors of the International Foundation for Gender Education (IFGE), an organization that seeks to represent the entire transgender community. ,All IFGE Board members are specifically required to pledge that they will represent the entire transgender community without bias. It is not clear whether IFGE regards Prince's denunciations of transsexuals as consistent with this requirement.

A member of the transgender activist organization Transsexual Menace, speaking under condition of anonymity, remarked: "We all owe a debt of gratitude to Virginia Prince for her past accomplishments; but as she becomes more senile, and her phobia about transsexuals becomes more virulent, she is an increasing embarrassment to the transgender community. If IFGE is to have any credibility with its transsexual members, it will have to remove Virginia from the Board."

My Mother was a Man

POST-EXHUMATION AUTOPSY REVEALS CAROL CHANNING WAS A MAN

IE news service, Oct. 8. In an effort to put to rest rumors that her mother, deceased Broadway star Carol Channing, was actually a man, Rivka Channing Kliebert had her mother's body exhumed from her grave at Forest Hills cemetery in Los Angeles, California, only to have doctors discover that she was, indeed, of the male gender.

Doctor Pundit Rah of the Los Angeles Coroner's office reported that "examination of the body of Ms. Channing revealed the existence of a calcified penis and dehydrated testicles in scroto. Ms. Channing was clearly born of the male gender, despite having lived her life as a woman."

Activists within the transgender community hailed the discovery as a major stride in their efforts to lift the veil of secrecy and shame concerning transgendered people.

"Hell, if a dead Broadway legend can be TG, I guess anyone can, at this point", said P.T. Brainum of the TransgenderTransportation network.

Donald Kripps, executive producer of the current run of "Hello Dolly", in which Ms. Channing performed her final work before she passed away, said he is taking advantage of the exhumation to have the body shipped to NYC for the actress to perform a limited run of three hundred more performances. When asked if her being dead would present a problem, Kripps replied, "No way. People don't realize it, but for the last six months of "Dolly", Carol was already dead, and nobody noticed then. No reason why it should make a difference now, should it?

Hermaphrodites Protest AAP

[New York City - October 17, 1996]- IN AN unprecedented development, the new national protest group Hermaphrodites With Attitude (HWA) has called for a picketing of the American Academy of Pediatrics. The AAP has drawn heavy criticism from HWA activists for their complicity in Intersexed Genital Mutilation or IGM. The AAP is holding their annual meeting in Boston the last week in October, and the demonstration is believed to be the first ever by intersexed gender activists.

Said HWA spokes-herm Cheryl Chase, "The AAP will be teaching conference attendees how to 'manage' intersexed and queer genitals with surgery, secrecy and outright lying. No other patient group is cut up as we are without even a hint of consent. HWA is committed to stopping the barbaric practice of IGM so no more infants suffer through the mutilation we have endured." *(c) 1996 InYourFace*

The on-line, news-only service for gender activism from GenderPAC.

CDGLCC INVITATION OPEN HOUSE

All are invited to attend

Nov. 13 - Gender Issues
Nov. 20 - Race & Ethnicity
Nov 23 "Orientation & Identity Issues" 7:00 PM.

The Forums will be held at the Center, 332 Hudson Avenue (just east of Lark, towards the Capital). If you have questions, you can call the Gay & Lesbian Info Line at 462-6138, extension 32.

ICTLEP INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON TRANSGENDER LAW AND EMPLOYMENT POLICY, INC.

The 3rd National Transgender Event in Washington, DC, will be held from Sunday afternoon through Tuesday afternoon, 23-25 February 1997.

All transgendered people, their significant others and family members, and transgender supportive friends are invited. One of our main goals is to demonstrate to the Members of Congress and their staffs that the transgender community is more diverse than they might believe:

--- it is fully 1/2 FTM;

--- it is filled with beautiful and active people of color;

--- it is heterosexual crossdresser, and gay drag as well as transsexual;

--- the transsexuals can be finished as either surgical or non-surgical;

--- it includes a spectrum of conservative Republican to liberal Democrat;

--- it includes a spectrum of religious believers;

--- it includes a spectrum of married, same-sex married and single parent families;

--- it includes a spectrum of education, professions and veterans; and

--- IT IS THE TARGET OF HATE CRIMES AND EMPLOYMENT DISCRIMINATION!

The first national transgender event occurred in February 1995 when four transgender activists and two spouses met for two days and educated Members of Congress from their four states. From that grew the second national transgender event which occurred in October 1995 when over 100 transgenders from thirty-five states met for two days and educated 510 of the 535 Congressional offices.

This event, the third, is timed specifically to meld with the efforts of the Human Rights Campaign, which traditionally places lesbian, gay and bisexual activists on "the Hill" to lobby for specific hate crimes, employment discrimination and other needed legislation. We will be there to educate both members of Congress and the lesbian, gay and bisexual activists that this work should be an inclusive lesbigatr (rhymes with alligator) effort.

This event is also timed specifically to do that legwork necessary in order to make the 4th national transgender event, scheduled for May 1997, an even larger success in its work to further educate the new Congress.

Sponsoring organizations include the following as of this date: ICTLEP, which called it and will retain full operational control, ITA, It's Time America, which will do focused lobbying efforts, and other organizations as they choose. (Tri-Ess is a tentative sponsor at this time, awaiting a resolution from its Board expected in early November.)

IF YOU WISH TO ATTEND, complete the following form and make reservations as follows. IF YOU NEED FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE, complete the form and let us know of your needs -- a tank of gasoline or a floor to sleep on. We will do our best, but the ICTLEP resources are slim. IF YOU CANNOT COME, please assist with a donation if you can, so that we may help others. (Any surplus will go into the ICTLEP general fund.)

Hotel information: Quality Inn, College Park, Maryland 301/864-5820. Ask for the "FRYE" block. Room is double-double that will sleep as many as you wish for $59+tax/night, which includes breakfast. Let us know if you reserved a room and if you want to share. We will give you names of others who wish to share and you can make arrangements.

Schedule: Plan to arrive at the hotel no later that 6PM, Sunday, 23 Feb97. We will have a 2-hour organization and training session. Monday and Tuesday, the "teams" (no one will go out alone) will meet with their assigned MC's. Monday night at 8PM will be a regrouping meeting. Some of us will stay over Tuesday night to catch the details Wednesday morning. (FORM ON PAGE 5)

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If so, do you wish to have a listing of others who wish to share a room? _____
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Who is your Member of Congress? _____ _____
Do you wish to do general education of MC's or do you wish to do targeted and specific lobbying with ITA? _____
For more information on ITA, contact ita@flash.net
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List (be specific and detailed on exact help or $$$ needed)
_____
Do you wish to help others who cannot come because of financial problems? _____
(ICTLEP can take money, check or monthly check draft, Visa/Mastercard or monthly debit of same in any amount -- no amount is too small) If you are a heterosexual crossdresser or spouse and would you like to coordinate your efforts through Tri-Ess, contact JEFTRIS@aol.com for a chapter near you.

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Beauty Tips

So you want to appear more feminine, to look like a lady? How do you do it? It's easy to buy a dress, some hose, shoes, wig, and jewelry. We know how to put it on; that doesn't pose a problem. It's not as easy to buy make-up. It's even more difficult to apply it properly. If you are lucky, you may have an understanding wife or girl-friend to help you; although most women don't know the secrets needed to make a masculine face appear feminine. I'd like to take a few minutes of your time to show you how simple it can be.

To start off, let me tell you a little about myself. My name is Michelle and I'm a member of Sigma Epsilon in Atlanta. I've been crossdressing most of my life. I'm married with children and my wife works at night. This affords me ample opportunity to perfect my make-up skills by dressing four to five times per week. (You'll learn that when it comes to make-up -- practice makes perfect! In fact, the first three steps to perfect make-up are: practice, practice, and more practice. It really pays off!) I'm a Mary Kay beauty consultant and work with our Tri-Ess chapter here. I'm an avid fan of make-up. I believe it is the most important step to looking more feminine because the face is the focus of the body.

Make-up, like painting, requires a good canvas. No expertise in cosmetic application is going to be effective if the skin is rough and dry. Skin care is paramount! There are products that can strip away dead skin cells, condition and moisturize, even clean pores. Believe me, it's worth the money. You'll be much happier with the finished look if you begin with skin care.

The next step is a good base. You need something that will even skin tones, but is still gentle. As crossdressers, we obviously have a problem women don't -- covering that darn beard! There are several techniques you can use for this. The best I have found is to use Mary Kay yellow concealer as a cover. Two reasons for this: your beard is actually a blue-black and yellow is the opposite color; they cancel each other out. Do not, under any circumstances, use white as a beard cover. It reflects light back through the base and you'll look like a raccoon. The other reason is that the concealer is gentle and will not hurt your skin. Just apply it over the beard area, stroking it on in the opposite direction of hair growth. Blend well. Cover your dark circles under the eyes with a concealer. Again, blend well. Now apply base. Remember to stroke up and out as you apply. Experiment with these steps applying with and without a cosmetic sponge. The sheerer you can get, while still concealing your beard, the better you'll look. You don't want to apply your foundation so heavy that you look like an actor in Kabuki theater! When you're finished with the base, lightly dust on some loose powder with a brush. This sets it. Some people like to apply all of their make-up before doing this. Again, experiment, it's up to you. Hey, you're looking better already!

Now comes the hardest, but most rewarding part. It's also the most fun. The eyes. Windows to the soul. You're eyes are the most expressive part of your body. This is where you want the major focus. Once you perfect the eyes, you're 90% there. The first thing to look at is the brows. The brow should begin above the inner corner of the eye and arch just above the outer edge of the iris. It should end at a point just past the outside corner of the eye. This is the proper way to shape them if you care (or dare!) to pluck. If not, just brush them in the following manner. First, the opposite direction of growth; next, straight up; then back the original direction. If you use an eyebrow pencil, keep the color light. Now let's

move on to shadow. You want to make sure you buy a shadow that can be applied wet or dry. Next you want to consider color. There are some simple rules for that; this seems as good a place as any to sidestep and learn them.

The first step is to determine your contrast. What is contrast? The relationship between skin tone and hair color. You need to determine whether your complexion is fair (ivory), medium (beige), or dark (bronze). Next, decide what range your hair color falls: light (grey, blonde), medium (auburn, brown), or dark (brunette, black). These two factors determine your contrast.

There are three levels of contrast: high, medium, and low. For example, if you have fair skin and dark hair, your contrast is high due to the difference in intensity of your hair and skin.

The next step is to choose your wardrobe. You can't just haphazardly slap on any colors you want in your makeup and then throw on any outfit you like. Your look must be harmonious. Most colors can be classified in two groups--cool or warm. The important thing to remember is that your lip, cheek, and nail colors should be from the same group as the clothing you're wearing--all cool or all warm. This is "color harmony" and it's a key factor in achieving your most attractive look. The warm group is made up of colors with yellow or golden undertones. Cool has blue undertones. Neutrals (black, white, grays) have neither. There are also intermediates; colors such as teal, green and mulberry that defy classification. Warm or cool colors may be worn with neutrals.

The last step is to learn technique. There are ways to make cheekbones more prominent, wide faces thinner, etc. These will be discussed more in subsequent articles. Now, back to the eyes!

You can apply your shadow and highlight either wet or dry. I prefer wet because it blends better and gives a more natural affect. Make sure, however , that the shadow you buy is capable of being applied wet. Not all are. Whichever you choose, begin by applying a highlight (light color) over the entire eye area from lash to brow. Next, apply the shadow along the crease to the outer side of the eye and sweeping along the lash line to form a "V" lying on it's side. Blend well. Apply liner. Here is another place where a wet shadow can be used--as a liner! Just choose a shadow color that is harmonious and apply with a fine liner brush. It opens new vistas into achieving different looks.

To finish, apply mascara. If you want to make your lashes appear longer, first coat with brown or brown/black mascara. Follow by applying black to the tips of the lashes. Viola, what a beautiful set of eyes staring back at you in the mirror!

Cheek color should be applied at the top of the cheekbone just below the temple. Use the brush to gently blend color inward, no closer to the nose than the width of two fingers. To do your lips, begin with a quality lip liner. Lip liners are a must as they have a higher wax content and prevent your lipstick from bleeding. Starting at the center of the of the upper lip, draw a small "v" along the natural lip line. Work down to each corner using short, feather-like strokes. Line center of lower lip. Then en, starting at the corners, apply liner toward center to connect lines. There are two ways to apply your lipstick: with or without a brush. I recommend that you use a brush because it affords more control. Experiment to see which you like best. To apply without a brush, begin with mouth relaxed and lips slightly apart, draw a "v" at the center of the upper lip just inside the lip liner. Then apply in a single motion working from the middle to the outside corners. On the bottom, begin n at one corner an d sweep to the opposite corner. To apply with a brush, stroke from the center to the corners on the upper lip; from corner to corner on the lower lip. By using a lip brush, you can also multiply your color options by blending two or more lipstick shades to achieve a totally new color.

There! Now, place your favorite wig on your head and style it the way you like. You're finished! With proper practice you should be able to go from start to finish in 20 minutes or less. Unbelievable? Not really, I know many crossdressers who do it all the time. Just a little practice is all it takes to be totally glamourous. From drab to fab!

This is a quick helper to get you started in makeup. For a thorough lesson and more tips, get in touch with one of the people listed at the end of this article. Through the mail you can be taught how to choose your correct colors and shades, including base (yes, no more guessing at Wal-Mart!), how to correctly apply makeup using techniques to enhance your look, and how to choose the correct makeup. Demonstration portions of products will be mailed to you to help you find what is exactly right for you! Advanced techniques in application will turn you into a ravishing beauty in no time at all!

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LIPS

LIPS, New York's newest and most impressive Drag Queen theme restaurant opened in August 1996 in Greenwich Village. Fashioned after the Hard Rock Cafe, it features photographs and memorabilia from New York's most famous gender benders. For each drag queen that gave a signed photo and a personal item, a dish was dedicated to them. Plexiglass encased accessories that caught our attention included Joey Arias' platform shoes near the entrance to "Sweeties" hat from the "To Wong Foo" movie.

Decorated in an eclectic "nineties urban drag" style, we were impressed by the "fierce" jungle animal print pillows, chairs and umbrella ceiling fixtures which were creatively complemented by the red velvet flocked 1890s whorehouse wallpaper Mirrors, yes, mirrors, the better to check our lip stick, of course. Bathrooms are private and bi-gendered.

Downstairs there is a banquet room which features, among others, an impressive crown to honor Empress Ran-dee and the past Empresses of the Imperial Court of New York.

Over the crowded bar area we noticed video monitors playing theme related movies, we noted "Priscilla, Queen of the Desert", as well as "Wigstock, the Movie".

We were impressed by the friendly smiles and warm upbeat attitude of the hostess, manager and waitstaff as we made our "grand" entrance. We were made to feel welcome by all!

We did come for the food, and we were pleasantly surprised for the place had not only style, but substance as well. For starters, the "Raven-O" soup of the day was a subtly flavored yet enjoyable white bean soup. "Hedda Lettuce"
was actually a mixed green salad with tomato and an original sherry wine vinaigrette dressing. We were impressed by the "Mona Foot", a pleasant fried zucchini stuffed with crabmeat and scallops served with a balanced citrus sauce..excellent!

Among the entrees we enjoyed the "Varla Jean Merman", a lightly seared tuna with marinated vegetables. The "Gloria Whole" was much better than it sounded, a tender poached salmon served with a semi-sweet orange honey and
wine sauce, not the usual presentation, but another pleasant surprise!

For luncheons or a late supper sandwiches are available ranging from a "Delores", a lobster salad with healthy veggies to a "Sweetie" hamburger served in a Rubenesque queen size portion. Just reading the menu is fun! The wine list features a diversified selection at reasonable Manhattan prices.

Saturdays and Sundays they feature a $9.95 brunch starting at Noon. It seemed the perfect place for our Dignity Cruise to Bermuda bon voyage party on "Almost-Wigstock Sunday". Fortunately we had made reservations for our group as the dining room filled up quickly. Except for those onions in Carol's omelette, we all enjoyed our choices which included outrageous combinations to classic brunch dishes. We washed it all down with a traditional wake up mimosa and lots of hi-test coffee. Our lovely drag waitresses still had time to lip synch a few performances!

Apparently owned by Yvon, a lovely drag queen herself, who isn't afraid to jump in the fray to keep things going, "Lips" celebrates the flamboyant part of our gender community. "Lips" is fun! The food is original, well prepared and reasonably priced! What more can we say, "Lip-smacking...Lip Shtick!" Highly recommended! We plan on coming back! You go girl!!!

LIPS
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Reservations suggested

(From AOL"s Transgender Community Forum)

letters

To the editor:

I wish to express first a compliment, then a complaint. On the plus-side, The Trangenderist has been steadily improving over the past months. Not that it was bad before, but now it is that much better. Your articles have been interesting, informative, and, as I like it, more political. Keep up the good work.

On the negative-side, I must take extreme exception to the total lack of sincerity that was well apparent in your announcement, "TGIC Nominated For Award," in the October newsletter. In your "tip of the hat" to the CDGLCC's Treasurer Mark [redacted]t for nominating TGIC for that group's Organizational Award, you clearly demonstrated a disingenuous, sour-grapes attitude toward our not being chosen. "We lost," you said. Surely, we didn't.

Having attended last year's CDGLCC Awards Dinner, I can assure you the occasion was, and is, far more than "a nice dinner, new friends and someplace new to go," as you put it. Contrary to your air of frivolity, the awards dinner is an opportunity for the Capital District LGBT Community to recognize those whose efforts have been more productive, more courageous, and more selfless than is common in our mutual quest for social justice. That another group was chosen over us doesn't make TGIC, or any other nominee, a loser. We have good reason to be proud, but you showed only ingratitude. Our nomination deserved the front page, you buried it on page nine.

The dinner is truly an uplifting event, with the recipients' aura of dedication engulfing all others in attendance. It's a celebration of comraderie and of battles fought, as well as a pep-rally in anticipation of the scrapes ahead. I suggest you experience it.

My greatest discomfort with the attitude in your announcement, however, comes from your last line, which says, "And maybe next year, for the first time, the T part of LGBT will be honored." When, after years of struggle, the Transgender Community finally gained recognition and acceptance within the LGB Communities, we were thus honored, and should be thankful. We should be magnanimous instead of being bitter, as seems your choice. And we should concentrate on the real prize, that being the day when we can all walk in the sun as who we are, or who we choose to be, without fear of discrimination and violence.

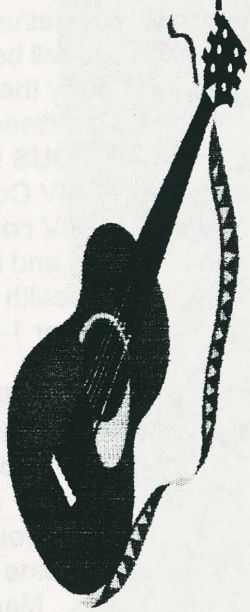
I, for one, am honored that TGIC, of which I am an active member, was nominated for the CDGLCC's Organizational Award. I am proud that our efforts on behalf of Transgender persons, as well as the LGBT Community at large, has warranted such recognition. I applaud TGIC, and I congratulate P-FLAG and SABIL, the award winners. But, then again, we're all winners, aren't we?

Sincerely, Katherine [redacted]s

TGIC Holiday Party

TGIC's holiday party will be on Thursday, Dec. 12, 1996 from 6:30- 10:30 at the club room.

Please volunteer to bring food, drink, and to help decorate. Bring musical instruments and voices.



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Calendar and Events

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Your regional HIV Counseling and Testing Program provides free HIV counseling and antibody testing, support and referral. No names will be asked. (NYS Health Department) Albany Area: (518) 486-1595 or 1-800-962-5065.

TGIC MEETINGS

Regular Meetings are held every Thursday at the TGIC Club Room on Central Avenue in Albany, 7:30 - 10pm. 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.

(NS = No Smoking Meeting 2nd & 4th Thurs.)
November 7 - Hillary Or Elizabeth: First Lady Fashions
November 14 (**NS**) Playing With Playtex: Girdles Forever!
November 21 NOW's 30 Birthday Party: Radical Feminists
November 28 Cheerleader Capers! [Thanksgiving -- No Formal Meeting]

December 5 -Yuletide Mammaries: A Dolly Parton Christmas
December 12 -(NS) HOLIDAY PARTY - (Dress up, bring a snack and some cheer)
Cheese Balls, Sleaze Balls: Holiday Party Time
December 19 Black As Night: Winter Solstice
December 26(**NS**)(ex-)Changing Your Life: Mall Rats Live!

TGIC-On-line

All transgendered people are invited to join TGIC On-Line, a very informal e-mail network sponsored by Transgenderist Independence Club (TGIC) an organization serving the Transgendered community for over 30 years. Messages exchanged on TGIC-On-line focus on events of interest to transgendered people in a region from Lake Placid to Newburgh. 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

MAJOR COMING EVENTS

Nov. 6-9 Fall Harvest, St. Louis, MO
Nov. 6-10 Tri-Ess Holiday en Femme, Chicago, IL
Nov. 14-17 Annual Meeting, Society for the Scientific Study of Sexuality. Center for Health Promotion Research & Development, School of Public Health, University of Texas, P.O. Box 20186 Houston, TX 77225 (713) 745-1051

11/23/96 **PsychoDrama At IFGE** 9:30am to 12:00 Noon at International Foundation for Gender Education in Waltham,Ma. If you are interested in attending please contact Niela Miller at : NielaM@aol.com

March 11-16, 1997 Texas T Party, P.O. Box 17 Bulverde, Texas 78163 (210) 980-7788 e-mail: TXTPARTY@AOL.COM
April 15-20, 1997 California Unity -1997 IFGE- CALIFORNIA DREAMIN CONVENTION LONG BEACH, CA.
June 19-22-1997- Second International Congress on Sex and Gender Issues- King of Prussia, PA. Guest Speaker: Kate Bornstein. Contact JoAnn Roberts, Ph.D., P.O. Box 61263, King of Prussia, PA 19406 Phone: 610-640-9449

TRI-ESS MEETINGS IN SCHENECTADY

The Lambda Chi Lambda Chapter of Tri-Ess holds monthly Saturday meetings at a motel in Schenectady. Nov. 16, Dec.21.