

Channel 2

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From CORSETS to Computers This Club Has Got It All!



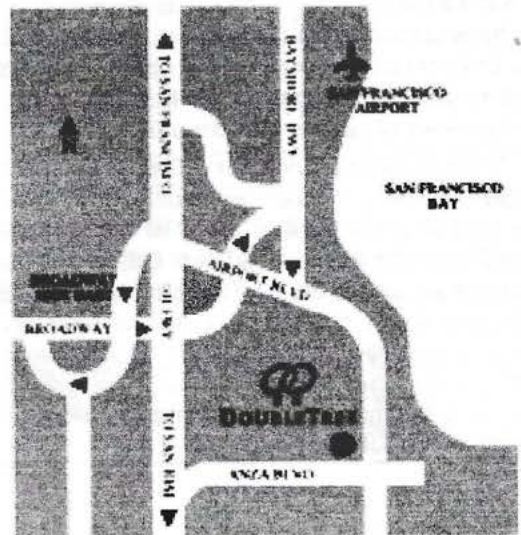
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5	6	7	8 Mid Month at Cafe Mars	9 SO in SF	10 Library & Poker Social	11 Bowling
12 ExCom 5:00	13	14	15	16	17	18 Femme Voice SO Party
19	20	21 LibCom	22	23	24	25 HALLOWEEN @ DOUBLETREE
26	27	28	29	30	31 Fetish Ball	

Also: At *Josie's Caberet and Juice Joint*, 3583 – 16th Street, October 15-19, 8 p.m., \$10.00, Star Maris in her multi media performance *The Last Sunrise*. The show incorporates live and taped music, lyrics, photography slides and dance to tell a story of personal descent through madness to enlightenment and a physical transformation from man to woman.

Practice you new femme voice at **dinner at Mayes Oyster House** after the voice seminar on the 18th. Seating is limited, so be sure to reserve with Juana at 415-██████████. Last date to call: October 10th.

HALLOWEEN BASH at the DoubleTree Hotel, 6 to midnight. \$18 at the door, \$16 advance, call Darcy at 415-██████████ for ticket locations. Call DoubleTree direct at 415-344-5500 for room reservations.

For the Fetish Ball, call 415-974-1460 and 487-9944.



Inaugural Social @ CyberWorld A Smashing Success

By Darcy Leopard



Following numerous requests from ETVC members, we held our September social on a Saturday night. The location was CyberWorld Café, located in the multi-media gulch area in San Francisco's SOMA. During the day, it offers a novel approach to the café experience by providing computers wired to the Internet. At night it is available for private parties, a feature which we were very attracted to.

As I mentioned in a previous write-up, one of the goals of this event was to provide an opportunity to members for whom a weekend social is more convenient. The results were clearly successful. We had several first-timers, as well as established members who can rarely attend the Thursday night events. We also had people coming from distant locations such as Sacramento and San Jose, as well as most of our regular Thursday night crowd. An added bonus was some founding members who rarely attend. They were

probably curious to see what we whippersnappers were up to!

The main area downstairs and the mezzanine also have computers lining the walls. Several members were on line chatting with friends, while others called up *TG Forum's* web page to display pictures of some of us taken at major ETVC events such as the Cotillion or The Really Big Shew. Other members had a chance to cruise the Internet for their first time. Over the course of the evening, we had between 50 and 60 total members in attendance, a notable increase from previous socials. The overall response was very enthusiastic. Visiting with each other was easy since the noise level was very comfortable, with CD's played in the background by CyberWorld's staff. Our hosts Edward, Robin and staff were very cordial and happy with us as a group. Robin had fun running around taking pictures of us with his digital camera. We have already set up another social at the end of December as a result of the success with this one.



A Note From Secretary Veronica

Hats off to Darcy for reviving ETVC's social life! Her Saturday social @CyberWorld attracted attractive people from all over. I'm standing with Julie, Melissa and Marlene from Fresno (I'm the big girl in black). And Darcy's continuous search for new and exciting venues has turned up some real winners. There has been resurgence in numbers and new faces at mid-months and end-month socials. Maybe Darcy can work her magic in other areas as well.

In the last issue, I showed a chart demonstrating ETVC's membership decline and wondered why the decline was taking place. In this issue I've included Sara Warren's survey results. Based on those results and on other materials, perhaps a different perspective on the decline is emerging. I do hope you take a look at Sara's data. She originated the survey, typed it up, supplied the self-addressed

envelopes and now has analyzed it. That's a lot of work for someone to do on her own. **Sara Warren** is a valuable volunteer, and hopefully someday we'll be able to talk her into running for office. Also, **Lisa Ronald** has been a real Amazon tackling ETVC's finances. They were not in the best of shape before she took over and she's finally getting a handle on it. Her Fiscal Findings are located in the Minutes. And while you're looking in the Minutes, check out the list of questions and suggestions that ExCom came up with for the new Bylaws. As all of you who have faithfully read the Minutes know, **Brenda Altman** has been revising the Bylaws single-handedly (especially since her right arm's been in a sling). She's another who we should pressure-into, uh, ask to consider office.

Talking about running for office, have any of you considered it? I mean, after all, haven't you often read the Minutes, or attended an event, or seen the results of ExCom's planning, and thought "Wow, I could have done better than those girls"? If you have or if you think it would be fun or if you think you would like to help an organization that helps a lot of folks, you should consider being an officer. Officer nominations must be submitted by the March social. The ballots for the officer elections are mailed out with the May/June newsletter. The Election committee must receive all ballots no later than 9:00 p.m. at the May social. I would like to run for Secretary again, but if anyone else is interested, let me know and I'll explain what the job entails (although I'm constantly finding more and more). If you win, I'll work with you, if you'd like. Or if you want to assist me and learn what the job entails with an eye on running for the position in the future, let me know. It is vitally important that we maintain continuity. You can get in touch with me, Veronica Smith, at [REDACTED] San Francisco 94126 or [REDACTED].



Juana's Fashion and Beauty Tips

Beauty in the Kitchen

It's ridiculously easy to spend a ton of money on products to make your skin and hair beautiful. But what if you only use these products once in a while? Have you ever tried to re-hydrate a facial mask that was supposed to do that to your skin! And creams that have separated are a lot of fun too. Rather than waste

another dollar at the drug store or beauty counter, why not just head right to your local grocery store and get the ingredients you need to make your complexion and hair shine. Whip up the following recipes and see what they do for you!

Oh yeah, if you have a question, contact me at [REDACTED]. I'll see if I can answer it, or find someone who can.

Deep Hair Conditioner:

- 2 tablespoons of sesame oil
- 1 egg yolk
- 1 teaspoon of mayonnaise
- 1/2 cup of heavy cream

Beat well. Coat hair with mixture and wrap with plastic wrap or aluminum foil (this is to generate heat). Wait 30 minutes and then shampoo. (from Living Fit, May, 1997 and Woman's Day, February 18, 1997)

Exfoliator

- 2 tablespoons oatmeal
- 2 tablespoons cornmeal
- 2 teaspoons wheat germ

Mix together ingredients. Blend 2 teaspoons of mixture with equal part water to create a paste. Gentle massage

into facial skin. Rinse with luke warm water. Store the remaining mixture in an airtight container. If you want to make enough for a body scrub, double the recipe. (from Fitness, Jan/Feb 1995)

Grapefruit and Oatmeal Scrub

Juice from one grapefruit

3 - 4 tablespoons oatmeal

Blend together to make a fine paste. Smooth onto face and leave on for 15 minutes. Remove with warm water, working the scrub over the face. Do a final rinse of cool water. (from the Body Shop Book)

California Mask - to moisturize and brighten skin

1/4 ripe avocado

1/2 ripe banana

2 tablespoons plain yogurt

1 tablespoon wheat germ oil

Mix together ingredients. Apply to face and leave on for 15 minutes. Rinse off with warm water. (from Fitness, Jan/Feb 1995)

Refreshing Toner

Mix together equal parts apple cider vinegar and water. Apply to face with cotton and let air dry. This toner is great follow-up to exfoliating and masking. It temporarily tightens pores and normalizes the pH balance of your skin.

Lilac Skin Toner

Throw a handful of lilac leaves (you can get dried leaves at the health food store) into 2 cups of boiling water. Simmer 10 minutes. Let cool to room temperature. Strain, bottle and label. Apply to your face and neck with a cotton ball. Not only good for your skin, but this toner is also refreshing. (from Shape, December 1995)

Eye Refreshener

Slice chilled cucumber. Lie back and place slices on eye lids. Rest for 10 minutes. The coolness of the cucumbers will decrease puffiness. Used tea bags are great, too!(from my mom)

SCHREEEECH.....SOs...HELP ME...

Celebrate Halloween! While our partners are learning how to find their feminine voice, why not join me in exploring what it means to **cross dress**. Bring some of your partner's *regular* clothes (that you can fit in to) and let's dress the way they do every day. Let's paint on beards and darken our eyebrows. And then *let's talk! Maybe take pictures!* If you're interested in a tantalizing, explorative afternoon, join me from 2:30 - 5:00 at 805 Madrid Street, SF, on October 18th. You can also call me, Juana, at work if you have questions, 415 [REDACTED]

LET'S GET SCARY!

The Minutes of the Executive Committee's July and August Meetings

The Executive Committee monthly meeting was at Erin's home, July 19, 1997 at 10:00 a.m. In attendance were President Souza, Vice President Bailey, Treasurer Ronald, Secretary Smith, Social Co-Chairs Leopard and RoqueLaurie, Outreach Co-Chair Brewer, Education Co-Chairs Cupps and Smith and Volunteer Brenda Altman. Outreach Co-Chair Telzey Adams was absent.

The Meeting was called to order at 10:40 a.m.
Communications and Announcements: Brenda Altman presented her most current version of the revised Bylaws. Sandra questioned whether a committee should be created to review and recommend them to the membership.

The Minutes: Erin wanted the specific names given of who initiates and seconds motions. Juana moved to approve June's minutes, Sandra seconded the motion and the minutes were unanimously approved.

President's Report: Erin congratulated the V.P. on the Parade participation and organization. There have been six responses so far to the name change proposal. Erin said that *Special Meetings* of the ExCom should be publicized.

Vice President: Thanked the Band for entertainment, Jamie for the sound system, Sara for the truck, and Sandra and Telzey for running the booth. The V.P. is now going to concentrate on the Cotillion.

Secretary: Membership is 199 of which 31 are new. Details about the mail situation were discussed. Treasurer Ronald (on Friday) and President Souza (on Monday) pick up the mail and then distribute it. Since Ginny has given Secretary Smith the advertising, the Secretary must know which advertiser has paid. Concerning possible advertisers, Juana has a database of possible vendors, but she needs someone to draft a letter for soliciting them. Leslie volunteered.

For purposes of check signing and official state papers, the legal names of the officers should be included in one set of the minutes. It was determined that there would be two sets of minutes: one to be readily available to the membership with the "preferred gender name," and one set that shall be filed by the Secretary with the officers' legal names. In the future, anyone considering running for an office should be aware that their legal name will be known by bank and state officials. Sandra motioned that the officers who are authorized to sign ETVC checks should be President Erin Souza, Vice President Leslie Bailey, Treasurer Lisa Ronald and Secretary Veronica Smith. Nancy seconded the motion. And it was unanimously passed.

Education: The Club's *Tapestry* subscription has been cut by a third (from 60 to 40 issues 4 times a year). Thirty of the old issues with ETVC's label were given away at the booth on Gay Pride Day. There are 60-100 old issues that should either be donated or sold cheaply. Thursday, July 17 W. Beins and S. Glick was attended by 20 people and earned \$56. But the Imperial Court had to use the upstairs at 9:00 so Beins and Glick were squeezed out. Kimo's hours are changing, with available time getting tighter. Thus, the August 17 seminar must be one hour earlier than noted, at 1:00 p.m., and Juana has already checked with L.

Rodgers if about that, but there will have to be some noting of this in *Channel 2*. However, Paul said that if ETVC continued to have their socials there, he would not charge for educational seminars. But the EdCom is checking out other venues. Juana will attend another fund raising seminar. Nancy turned over \$119 worth of donations from Education seminars. September 25 (Corsets) and October (Maureen O'Connor) seminars will be confirmed on Monday.

Finance Report: The Treasurer has given sales figures to Sandy Kasten. With the Treasurer in Martinez, Vice-President Bailey moved that the checkbook reside with President Souza in SF. Darcy seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved. Treasurer Ronald will deal only with electronic information. There was discussion about reorganizing the way the membership dues are distributed. The Treasurer will create a model for ExCom to examine. Vice-President Bailey moved that Treasurer Ronald create a new revenue allocation and budget model. Juana seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

Outreach: Sandra reported that 17 people participated in KQED pledge night June 25, and that the station brought in \$42,000. The Pacific Center is producing the East Bay Gay Mardi Gras on September 20, 1997. Sandra thought this might be a better outreach opportunity than the Castro Street Fair. At this point Brenda inquired about ETVC's membership goals. And did anyone have a handle on the percent of the population that might be interested in joining? There was discussion on how to achieve such demographic information.

Social: Venue search will take place on July 23 at Mars Café. July and August's socials will be at Kimo's; Friendship Bingo and Tropical Dancing will be the themes, respectively. CyberWorld Café will be the venue for September 27, a Saturday. The mid-month at Lilo Lounge had about 25 people and was successful. Halloween will be at the Double Tree Inn on October 25, a Saturday. Instead of a band there will be a DeeJay.

Old Business: Brenda suggested that ETVC make Officers' terms, annual membership renewals and its fiscal years consistent. As it is now, they all run differently.

New Business: There will be a California Dreamin' meeting with the Goodnights after the ExCom meeting. Erin will meet with Cindy Johnson about insurance.

Adjournment: At 1:30, Erin asked for a motion to adjourn. Sandra so motioned, Darcy seconded and the motion was passed unanimously.

The August 10, 1997 meeting was at Nancy Cupps home, at 1:00. In attendance were President Souza, Secretary Smith, Treasurer Ronald, Social Co-Chair RoqueLaurie, Outreach Co-Chairs Brewer and Adams, Education Co-Chairs Cupps and Smith. Vice President Bailey and Social Chair Leopard were absent.

The Meeting was called to order at 1:30.
Communications and Announcements: On the third Tuesday of every month at Kimo's, the Imperial Court is having a pasta and movie night for \$5.00. *Stormy Leather*

wants brochures to hand out to customers. *Romantasy* is having moving sale. *Duplicity* does supermodel drag make-overs at 510-476-8846 and 415-457-2623. Rosalie wants to host an *in-store* event.

The Minutes: July's minutes were approved after being moved by Evette and seconded by Lisa.

President's Report: In response to President Souza's request for a volunteer to compile and analyze the Survey results, Veronica informed her that Sara Warren, who had initiated and drafted the Survey, was doing exactly that with the Secretary's copies. Erin has the originals and six more surveys that came in later after Veronica made her copies. Nothing was determined as to how Sara should get copies of those six other surveys.

There was a discussion about whether or not every *special* meeting needed to be publicly announced. Juana believed that only when there was a final product to be presented and/or voted on should there be public announcements. In fact, Juana said that if she was required to publish every single planning meeting in which she's involved she could not continue being the point person for the new advertising campaign and TV/TS seminars at Cal Dream.

Erin asked whether there should be a Bylaws meeting. Lisa wanted a special committee to go over the Bylaws that Brenda Altman has single-handedly been working on. It was decided to discuss bylaw edits under Old Business.

Erin mentioned that the layout person, Kevin, needed money in a hurry for the last newsletter and there was not anything in place for him to be paid quickly. Perhaps there could be set up some regular payment schedule? This should be discussed further. Juana inquired about the 1-½ day deadline given Veronica to take care of some tax form. Veronica complained that she is often asked to jump up and take care of something at a moment's notice. She mentioned that she's extremely busy at work right now and couldn't operate in *panic* mode.

Erin said that VP Leslie has got the Russian Center back for the Cotillion, January 31, 1998. She will put down a \$1,000 deposit this week. The Russian Center will be paid \$300 for the bar.

Secretary Veronica: Membership is 210 of which 35 are new. The most recent issue of *The Channel* was around \$1,400. *Channel 2's* cost was less than \$90. Veronica continues to get favorable feedback from the members about *Channel 2*. The one negative comment was from Ginny who said *Channel 2* took away from *The Channel*. And Erin said she was unsure there was money in the budget for it. Secretary Veronica defended *Channel 2* by saying it contained the Minutes, had several updates, promoted September's *Saturday* social (which she thought was important for out of town members) and included Roxanna Rochette's letter about the name change. In other words, *Channel 2* was doing exactly what a supplement should do. In the future Veronica would like to unify several necessary mailings within *Channel 2* to help legitimize its existence.

Treasurer's Report: Lisa still has not made her budget model, but is working on it. She needs an accounting system that everyone will have to abide by. But

at the same time, she wants to know what the ExCom wants from the data model. Lisa needs everyone's input. Sandra asked that Lisa's questions be in writing. Lisa will send out questions and expect answers at the next ExCom meeting. For bookkeeping, Lisa wants a separation of income and costs for any particular event; she does not want *net* profit.

Education: The December seminar will be a potluck; Outreach Committee will participate. It will be 1-4 Saturday, December 13. The August seminar will be L. Rodgers. Nancy has Ann Grogan set for September 25, which would normally be the night of the social. Nancy believes that *Corsetry for the TG Figure* should satisfy the folks who show up not knowing that the social has been moved. Maureen O'Connor will speak on voice at the October 18 seminar from 3-6. Afterwards, there will be a dinner at Mayes Oyster House.

Social: Evette asked about the decorations. Erin voiced an old member's concern that September social heralded a new age of Saturday socials. September and October mid-months will be at Café Mars.

Outreach: Sandra has been disappointed in the response from the speaker forms. Sharon La Rose will replace Carolayn on the Hotline. Joan Rowe expressed interest. At the Gay Mardi Gras on September 20, Outreach will have a table. Sandra wants to do away with Outreach Committee. Erin said committee meetings have traditionally been seen as a way of meeting new members. Telzey believed that the old bylaws required monthly committee meetings.

Old Business: Erin expressed concern that the East Bay Mardi Gras was on the same day as the Ducal Court in which ETVC traditionally participates. Evette pointed out that two major Bay Area TG organizations did not seem worried about overlapping each other's events. Juana thought that they should make a virtue of the two events by promoting the chance to be in drag in the East Bay during the day and the Ducal Court at night.

Brenda Altman's revised Bylaws were then gone over. Some of the questions and issues to be discussed with Brenda are listed below.

- (1) The handling fee for membership cancellation should be defined and clarified.
- (2) How the officer nominations are made and handled should be revised and clarified.
- (3) Who maintains election tallies, where are the votes kept and why are the numbers not announced?
- (4) The term *special meeting* needed clarification and definition. Are non-voting planning meetings considered *special*?
- (5) Should the three various years – fiscal, officers and membership – run concurrently?
- (6) When is a member a member?
- (7) What constitutes how that member is counted in the general membership?
- (8) When is she allowed to vote? Is there a way to make it more consistent?
- (9) Should membership and membership dues be made monthly prorated rather than starting in the middle of the year?

- (10) Does the President have to chair *all* special meetings as it says in the Bylaws?
- (11) Does the Vice President have to chair *all* special events as it says in the Bylaws? Does that mean Leslie is in charge of Cal Dream?
- (12) Is the Secretary required to coordinate all official correspondence? Or is she just responsible to the membership?
- (13) Should the check-signers be defined in the Bylaws?
- (14) How does the ExCom officially decide to extend the budget, by motion or by vote?
- (15) How does one decide on removal of membership or expulsion of an officer? Does this require two-thirds of the membership or of a simple majority at an officially proclaimed meeting? Or should it be in the hands of the ExCom?
- (16) Is the runner-up automatically a *co-chair*?
- (17) Do all members of the ExCom have equal votes or do co-chairs share one vote?
- (18) Should committee meetings be made monthly in the Bylaws?

Joan Goodnight will be in SF October 17, 18 and 19. Would a Sunday working brunch be okay? Joan Rowe will head the TV/TS tracts at Cal Dream.

Juana broached the idea that the Development Director should be a separate office with a two year term because there should be consistency with grant proposals and development. Lisa agreed. Could this be voted on with the overall voting on the Bylaws? Veronica asked what kind of deadline was the Board discussing. Veronica would like to send it with something that is already sent to the general membership so as to save postage. Juana motioned that the Bylaws be distributed with the January-February *Channel*, to be returned by February 15. Lisa seconded the motion. The motion was passed.

New Business: Leslie wrote a letter for the ad campaign, specific to Cal Dream and the Cotillion. Leslie is checking with the Goodnights. It was suggested that the VP and Secretary should share costs for these campaigns. Erin wondered if PPOC should help pay for the prospective vendor search for Cal Dream. Lisa gave her post office box key to Veronica so that she can pick up the mail and deliver to Erin or deposit.

Adjournment: At 4:45, Nancy moved to adjourn. Lisa seconded it and the motion was passed.

Survey Results by Sara Warren

This is a tabulation of the 90 surveys returned by our members. Many thanks to all of you who took the time to respond. The information you provided will help ETVC better serve our community. Please note that the total number of responses for many questions do not equal the number of surveys returned because people frequently checked more than one category.

Describe Yourself: 36 cross dressers, 27 transvestites, 25 transsexuals, 22 transgenders, 9 others, 5 S.O.s, 4 service providers, 2 FTMs, 1 no response.

Genetic: 76 male, 7 female, 4 no response, 3 other.

Age: 36 were 41-50 years old, 18 were 51-60 years old, 14 were 31-40 years old, 11 had no response, 9 were 61-70, 1 was 21-30 years old, 1 was older than 70.

Member for: 10 were members for less than 1 year, 10 were members for 1-2 years, 14 were for 2-3 years, 7 were for 3-4 years, 4 were 4-5 years, 7 were 5-6 years, 4 were 6-7 years, 5 were 7-8 years, 4 were 8-9 years, 3 were 9-10 years, 8 were 10-11 years, 1 was 11-12 years, 8 were more than 12 years.

Membership in other groups: 32 no response, 25 DVG, 14 IFGE, 12 Other, 11 RGA, 6 TriEss, 3 TGIF, 2 SVGA, 2 NWGA. And AEGIS, NWGA, Emerald City, FTM International were each cited once.

Ever attend an ETVC Social: 75 yes, 15 no.

If yes, how often: 17 no response, 15 rarely, 11 many/most, 9 less often lately, 9 attended 5-6 times a year, 8 attended 1-2 times a month, 7 attended once, 5 attended twice, 5 attended 4-5 times a year, 4 attended 3-4 times a year, 7 attended 2-3 times a year.

If yes, what you like: 53 liked socializing with others, 23 no response, 14 making new friends, 14 opportunity to dress, 4 for support, 2 for dancing/food.

If yes, what you dislike: 32 no response, 14 cliques/unfriendly people, 12 location, 11 cigarette smoke, 8 too far away, 6 parking, 4 weekday meetings, 3 themes, 3 shyness, 3

overdressed individuals. Other reasons included too crowded, boring, punctuality, no dancing, too expensive, lack of planning.

If yes, what would improve them: 33 no response, 23 better location, 10 planned activities, 9 wanted hostesses, 8 would ban smoking, 5 wanted the club to buy a building, 5 wanted socials held in a private place, 4 wanted better parking, 3 wanted no activities. One TV wanted ETVC to provide GGs who like TVs. Other reasons cited: too fee gays, too many gays, lower entry fee, bring more S.O.s, meet in libraries, find better volunteers, hold meetings in Contra Costa Co.

If no, why not: 68 no response, 10 too far away, 2 weekday no good, 2 good job as is, 3 other. Too deep in closet and not into socials.

What could get you to attend: 44 no response, 16 nothing, 7 different day, 6 private place to dress, 3 ban smoking, 4 outside SF, 4 better venue and parking, 2 big sister program. Other suggestions included live music and holding a big event over several days.

Ever attended an Educational Seminar: 51 yes, 39 no.

If yes, how often: 41 no response, 6 often, 6 four to six times a year, 7 occasionally, 5 once, 5 twice, 5 three times, 4 ten times, 2 six times, 3 two or three times a year.

If yes, topics you liked most: 40 no response, 14 make-up tips, 13 hormones, 11 SRS, 10 image consultant, 8 TS, 7 therapist, 7 social/gender issues, 6 S/M, 4 family issues, 5 body shaping, 3 legal issues, 3 Lin Fraser, 3 voice. Other topics included photography, FTM and book authors.

If yes, topics you disliked 63 no response, 3 none, 3 clothing, 3 TS, 3 makeup tips, 2 SRS, 2 hormones, 2 political stuff. Other topics were S/M and legal issues.

If yes, what can improve them: 54 no response, 8 great as is, 4 better sound system, 2 better location, 2 "hands-on" workshops. Other suggestions were parking, alternate day, speech, diversity, movies, repeat self-defense, etc.

If no, why not: 58 no response, 14 too far away, 10 scheduling, 6 personal reasons.

What could get you to attend: 58 no response, 14 too far away, 10 scheduling, 6 personal reasons, 2 wanted 2-3 day events. Other suggestions were banning smoking, better location, parking, week day scheduling, use Internet, more privacy, in Contra Costa, more events.

You prefer that cigarette smoking be: 48 restricted, 33 banned, 11 don't care, 4 unrestricted, 4 no response.

Time preferred for events: 27 Friday, 27 Saturday, 18 Thursday, 13 weekends, 10 Sunday, 12 no response, 10 Wednesday, 8 Saturday afternoon, 9 don't care, 6 Monday, 6 Tuesday, 3 current schedule, 2 week nights, 2 evenings.

Suggested venues: 64 no response, 4 suggested East Bay, 3 peninsula, 3 Golden Gate Park, 2 Embassy Suites Hotel, 2 dancing. Other suggestions: South Bay, San Jose, Russian Center, private home, Fort Mason, Presidio, and museum.

What can ETVC do to get your SO to attend: 43 no response, 24 nothing, 11 had no S.O., 7 do have S.O.'s who attend. Other suggestions were to ban smoking, arrange to have vendors, pool table, different location, and lower price.

Suggestions on improving the Cotillion: 47 no responses, 15 this year was great, 11 other, 6 bigger space, 5 dancing, 4 make it shorter, 2 no food, 2 lower price, 2 less Imperial Court involvement, open up to more members.

Suggested Cotillion venues: 74 no responses, 6 Russian Center, 2 California Club, and other responses were Holiday Inn, Fort Mason, Palace of Fine Arts, Great American Music Hall, Dunfey Hotel, Press Club, Castro Theatre.

Talking back to ETVC is the only way to let everyone, both the Executive Committee and the general membership, know what is important to you. Thank you each and every one of the sixty-five members who took the extra time to respond to the essay question. Your thoughts and ideas count because remember, ETVC exists solely to serve its members: you and I, and all the rest of our companions in the gender community.

Judging from the responses we got to this question, ETVC is a valuable asset to its members. Thirty-nine of you told us that

it is very important in your lives. "A sanctuary" one of you called it, "a wonderfully important part of my life," said another. And thirty-three of the respondents think ETVC is currently doing a great job. One typical comment: "It's a good, supportive environment in general, the people I have met are sincere and genuinely nice. ETVC offers a valuable service and is a good resource for support and information." "I'm glad you're there," said another. A number of you specifically mentioned that you "love the people," "the positive feelings," and the "variety of events." "ETVC" is vitally important." "It provides a safe and fun environment for me, the events are my excuse to go out."

Nineteen of you praised the newsletter as an excellent source of information about both ETVC, and gender issues in general. The most poignant comments came from those who find themselves in situations where they can't readily express their gender identity: "I love the newsletter, it makes me feel right at home," "I read every page of the newsletter," "I even read all the advertisements." Obviously, the newsletter is a lifeline for those individuals who cannot attend our social and educational events.

Seven of our members mentioned that it is important to increase our outreach efforts, and four recommended that we reinstitute the hostess program to assist those shy newcomers at social and educational events. They also suggested a "big sister" program could prove very helpful. Both of these are excellent ideas, and hopefully some volunteers will step forward soon to help implement them. Other suggestions included using the Internet for outreach and information referral, building ties with other gender groups in the area and across the country, and finding a permanent meeting place as good as the old Chez Mollett.

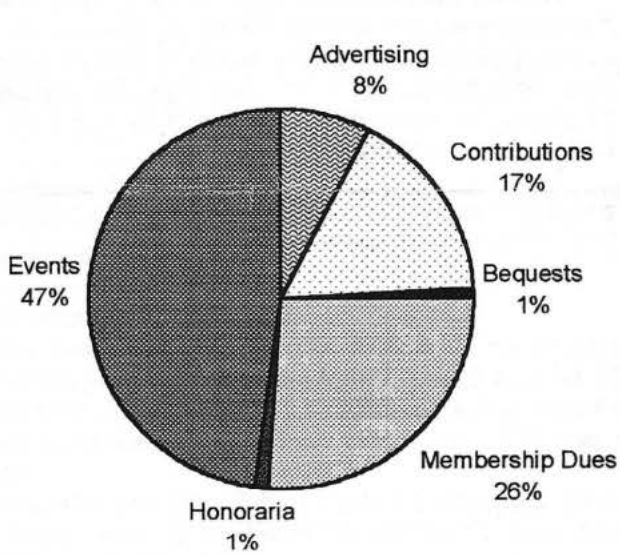
Several people mentioned that they seem to have outgrown their need for ETVC as they have developed and gained more confidence in their preferred gender roles. But they also acknowledge that ETVC played a vital role during their transition, and they continue to view the group as an invaluable resource for beginners.

In such a diverse community as ours, it would be surprising if everyone was totally satisfied. Five people complained about cliques, divisiveness, and politics. Another is unhappy with the dues and finds treasurer's reports incomplete. One questioned the value of family memberships. Yet another wants us to open a full-time office with a manager.

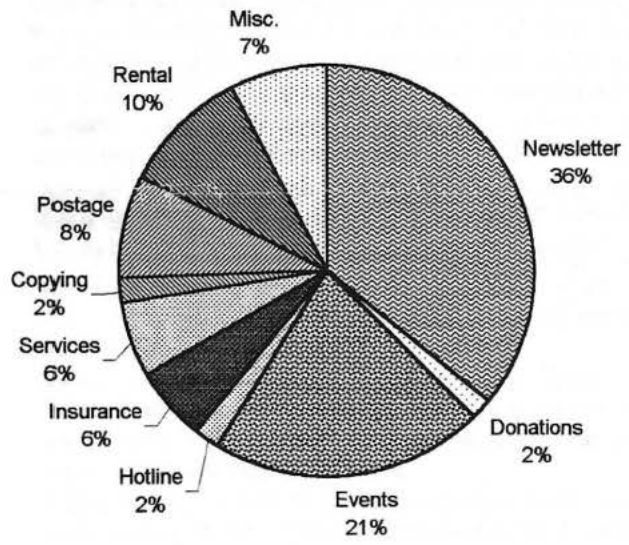
Thanks again to all of you who responded to the survey. As a number of you reminded us, one of the main goals of ETVC is to have fun, and for all to work together.

Treasurer Lisa's Fiscal Findings

Assets		Liabilities	
Current Assets		CURRENT LIABILITIES	
Checking Account—Regular	4719.38	Refundable Library Deposits	660.00
Cash - Savings	3075.53	Accounts Payable	0.00
Petty Cash	0.00	Library Deposits	680.00
Home for ETVC	2000.00	Postage Deposits	229.84
Inventory	515.95	Royalties Payable	147.00
Library	6051.20	Sales Taxes Payable	250.00
Bulk Mail Deposit	100.00	Local Taxes Payable	0.00
Prepaid Expenses	0.00	Federal Unrelated Business Taxes	0.00
Event Tickets	0.00	State Unrelated Business Tax	0.00
Total Current Assets	16462.06	Accrued Royalties	0.00
Fixed Assets		Other Accrued Liabilites	0.00
Machinery & Equipment	3700.00	Current Part of Long Term Liability	0.00
Furniture & Fixtures	162.34	Leases – Short Term	0.00
Accum. Deprec.—Mach & Equip	(1618.42)	TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITES	1966.84
Accum. Deprec.—Furn. & Fix.	(23.19)	LONG TERM LIABILITES	
Total Fixed Assets	2220.73	Deferred Revenues	0.00
Other Assets		Deferred Grants	0.00
Organization Costs	0.00	Mortgages Payable	0.00
Accum. Amort.—Organ. Costs	0.00	Notes Payable	0.00
Total Other Assets	0.00	Leases – Long Term	0.00
Total Assets	18682.79	Suspense	0.00
EQUITY		TOTAL LONG TERM LIABILITES	0.00
Fund Balances	11599.60	TOTAL LIABILITIES	1966.84
Home for ETVC	2000.00		
Retained Earnings	3116.35		
Other Paid in Capital	0.00		
TOTAL EQUITY	16715.95		
	18682.79		



Revenue



Expenses