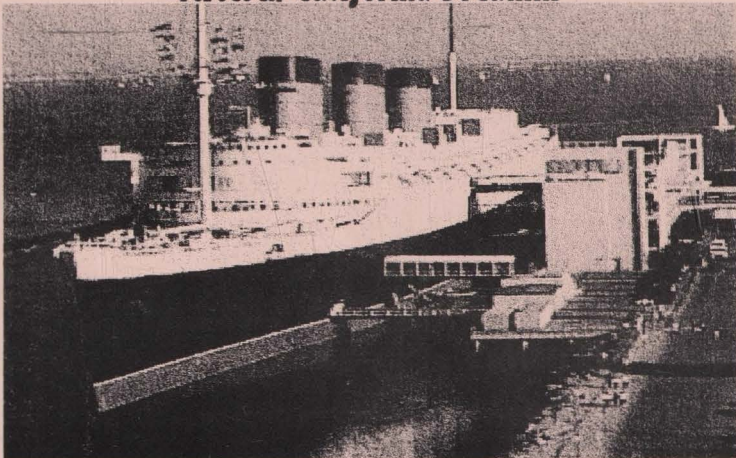


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Welcome to California Unity!



On behalf of the prime sponsors: The International Foundation for Gender Education (IFGE) and The Powder Puffs of Orange County (PPOC), Plus Southern California organizations; Alpha Chapter, Born Free, Neutral Corner, and Pathfinders, *WELCOME* to this important Gender Community Convention and Conference.

No matter where you are located on our wonderful gender spectrum this conference will have something of specific interest for you. If you want to explore serious issues, or would rather concentrate on improving your image, there are workshops and seminars with you in mind. There is only one cardinal rule to be applied during this entire five day conference - Be free in your gender expression and enjoy yourself while you're our guest.

All work and no play makes Jill a dull girl. Southern California is blessed to have some of the most unique fun and cultural sights in the entire nation that are within a short driving distance (or boat ride) of where the convention is located.

Please feel free to take advantage of these opportunities.

The Queen Mary Hotel, our home for the convention, is a unique historical site that demands exploration, so go right ahead. The hotel staff welcomes us and is here to provide for our comfort and safety.

Have a wonderful experience this week. Enjoy the Friendship and Hospitality of Southern California, and by all means, make lots of new friends. Take advantage of our wonderful convention staff. we'd love to meet you.

Alison Laing and Joan Goodnight

California Unity '97

What to expect in Long Beach - Mid April

'WEATHER'

Temperatures usually range in the high 60's to the low 70's. Evenings near the ocean can be quite cool.

"CLOTHING"

Medium weight clothing is best. Southern California is quite informal in its attitude. But there are a good many establishments that require proper attire. Please check attire requirements when making meal reservations at a restaurant.

"PAINTING THE TOWN 'PINK' - A WORD OF CAUTION"

California law allows alcoholic beverages to be purchased between the hours of 6 am and 2 am the following morning. California drunk driving laws are among the strictest in the nation so please be responsible and use extreme caution by not drinking and driving. If you want to imbibe in alcoholic beverages select a designated driver, or better yet *take a taxi*, to and from any establishment you wish to visit. Most destinations off site of the convention require a ten to fifteen minute drive from the Queen Mary. If the authorities pull you over and determine that your blood alcohol level exceeds the legal level you go immediately to jail - there are no exceptions. Needless to say it can get very embarrassing and also very expensive. Be responsible -

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CONVENTION RULES AND REGULATIONS

GENERAL RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. Have a good time but remember to be responsible for your actions. You are representing our community when you're out in public, so act accordingly.

2. We don't have a dress code but we do ask that everyone dress reasonably and responsibly. We expect conduct and dress to be within the normal, generally accepted standards of good taste that apply to any group of people attending an educational seminar and conference in a hotel. Please dress responsibly when you are in a public environment and avoid outlandish styles - lingerie only, extremely short mini-skirts that fail to cover the buttocks and genital areas, absurdly large breast forms, collars, leashed, etc.

2 Be considerate of others when you're taking picture (still or video). Ask permission before you take someone's photo. Recorders/Video Cameras are not allowed at any California Unity function without the written permission of the convention directors. No exceptions. Snapshot cameras are OK; just ask permission of anyone you wish to include in the picture.

4. The State of California has determined that the Queen Mary Hotel is a "NO SMOKING" facility except in designated areas. Consequently, smoking is not permitted in the meeting or dining areas. Your cooperation is appreciated.

5. California Unity reserves the right to remove anyone from the convention who is behaving in an irresponsible, dangerous, and/or illegal manner. This includes refusing to abide by the Rules and Regulation of California Unity and/or the hotel. Such persons forfeit registration, meal and activity fees.

HOTEL POLICIES

6. DO NOT abuse or be destructive to the hotel. This includes attaching signs, posters, etc. to the walls in your room, the hallways and the main convention area. Observe and follow all hotel rules

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concerning food, drinks, smoking (See No. 4) and restroom usage. Always be considerate of non-California Unity hotel guests. Please use proper decorum and behavior at all times. Showing respect and consideration for other guests helps our community make new friends and enhances our image.

7. **Rest room policy.** It is your responsibility as a California Unity Convention attendee to apply common sense with regard to public bathroom usage while at the event. Be considerate of others when you are using any public restroom.

The entire convention center of the Queen Mary has been set aside for our convention and one of the restrooms has been set aside for the use of our genetic female attendees only. Please be courteous and respect their privacy.

- Use the restroom appropriate to the gender role you are presenting.
- Be considerate of others who are using the restroom.
- Keep the restroom as clean as you found it.
- Keep the door closed if and when you use a stall.
- Absolutely no drugs, no smoking, no sex. (Anyone violating this rule will be removed from the convention immediately.)
- Please be mindful that negative comments to hotel management by other guests about our use of the restrooms causes major headaches for the convention staff.
- Exposing yourself is cause for immediate expulsion.
- Do not change your clothing (even pantyhose) in the restrooms. Go to your hotel room or, if you are not staying at the hotel ask at the Unity Information Table. They will be able to guide you to the appropriate area where you can take care of your needs.
- Remember that some genetic female guests using the rest room at the same time may be offended at you presence and we must be respectful to them.

8. **Interfacing with the hotel staff.** The hotel staff is there to provide for our comfort and security. Please avail yourselves of their services. If there is something in the convention area that in your estimation needs correcting, or if you would like an additional item provided, please contact the IFGE/California Dreamin' convention staff and they will coordinate with the appropriate hotel personnel.

EARLY BIRD TOURS

Monday Tours

Tickets and information for tours will be available at the Convention Information Desk in the hotel lobby for this day only.

Catalina Island via Catalina Express (round trip fares)

Adults - 12 to 54	\$36.00 per person
Children - 12 & under	\$27.00 per person
Seniors - 55 & over	\$32.50 per person

Tuesday Tours:

Tickets and information for tours will be available at the Convention Information Desk in the convention center.

Catalina Island via Catalina Express (round trip fares)

Adults - 12 to 54	\$36.00 per person
Children - 12 & under	\$27.00 per person
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Catalina Island at a Glance

Before or after California Unity take time to explore one of the truly unique attractions to the Southern California area - Catalina Island. Most trips via Catalina Express are one hour to the island. Catalina Island is just 26 miles from

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AWARD WINNERS FOR 1997

The Alicia Lichy Spirit of California Annual Awards are presented by the California Dreamin' Organizing Committee in recognition of outstanding endeavors and contributions for the California Gender Community.

1. Individual Awards.

A. Betsi Renyea, Born Free

Betsi is being recognized for her pioneering work in establishing the spouses and partners group network. The Pathfinders, and also for contributing of her many talents on behalf of the Southland and National Gender Programs. She has been active on the local scene by being one of the prime movers in the establishment of the Inland Empire's Transgender Organization, Born Free, and has also served in the past on the SPICE Board of Directors.

B. Alison Laing, Exec. Director - International Foundation for Gender Education (IFGE).

Alison works tirelessly on behalf of the transgendered community. She stepped into the breach a little over two years ago as IFGE Executive Director and is striving to build a stronger and more effective national community by being highly visible and active presence. She is being lauded for her outreach to the California Transgendered Community.

2. Group Awards.

A. Pathfinders.

The Pathfinders are being recognized for maintaining the important element of a spouses and partners network by providing quality programs that both comfort and educate women involved in a transgendered relationship. The Pathfinders are also helping women in others areas of the country establish their own independently operated organizations.

B. The International Foundation for Gender Education (IFGE)

In recognition of the efforts of the organization to promote unity by

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agreeing to co-host the 1997 convention on an equal-partners basis with the Southern California organizations

The Virginia Prince Lifetime Achievement and Trinity Annual Awards are presented by the IFGE in recognition of efforts performed on behalf of the community. The Virginia Prince Award is given annually to the person, who in opinion of the IFGE Awards and and Nominations Academy, has made the greatest lifetime contribution to our community.

Previous recipients:

1987-Virginia Prince, Co-Chairperson, Tri-Ess National Sorority; IFGE Board of Directors*

1988-Merissa Sherrill Lyn, IFGE Executive Director; IFGE Board of Directors*

1989-Ariadne Kane, IFGE Board of Directors*

1990-Sister Mary Elizabeth, Gender Dysphoria Program; IFGE Board of Directors*

1991-Betty Ann Lind, IFGE Board of Directors*

1992 -Naomi Owen, Chi Chapter (Chicago) Tri-Ess; IFGE Board of Directors*

1993-Carol Beecroft, Co-Chairperson, Tri-Ess National Sorority*

1994-Ellen Summers - Northwest Gender Alliance; IFGE Board of Directors*

1995-Yvonne Cook-Riley, IFGE Business Manager; IFGE Board of Directors*

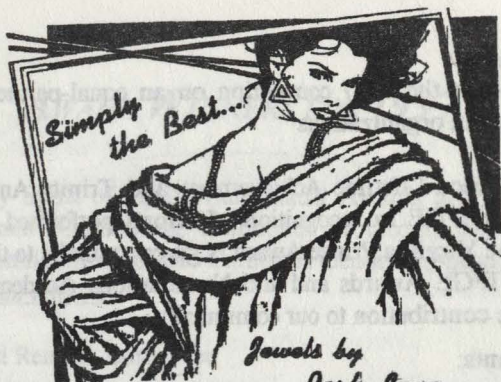
1996-Sheila Kirk, MD., IFGE Board of Directors*

*Denotes affiliation(s) at time of award

1997-Eve Burchert, Chi Chapter (Chicago) Tri-Ess, IFGE Board of Directors*

For many years, Eve has worked continuously on behalf of the transgender community, openly and behind the scenes, giving of her experience and talent. She has worked with every major organization and convention - teaching, supporting, interfacing, bringing information and understanding to countless thousands, both in and outside of our community. Eve may be best known as an articulate public spokesperson for the transgender Community. Her work with the media is outstanding. Since 1980, Eve has made over 200 appearances on television, before university and college classes, professional seminars, groups of law enforcement officers, and the military. Since joining FPE (now Tri-Ess) in 1965 Eve has been active in the Chi Chapter of Chicago, holding leadership offices. For many years, she coordinated the fashion Show and starred in the Follies at Fantasia Fair. She served on the Board of the Outreach Institute of Gender Studies from 1882-1986. Since 1987, Eve has been an effective Board member of IFGE, and was chair of the educational Resources Committee from 1987-1993. With roots in Europe, Eve has been active in international outreach and liaison. She was US Ambassador to the first Euro-Fantasia convention,

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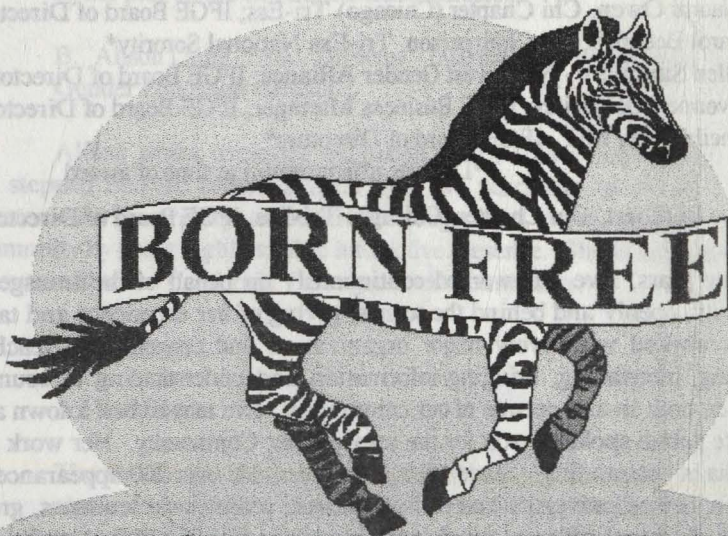


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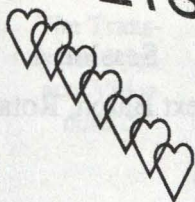
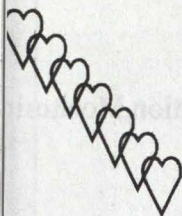
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UNITY '97 WORKSHOP SCHEDULE

Wednesday, April 16

10:00 🕒	Alison Laing I.F.G.E.
10:50	Opening Keynote Address
1:30 🕒	Leadership Institute
2:00	Introductory Session & Welcome
2:00 🕒	Leadership Institute
2:50	Session 1 Challenge for Leadership
3:00 🕒	Session 2 Everyone a Leader The concept of shared Leadership, Team Building and Motivation, Creating the Vision: Sharing the Vision, The Magic of Inspiration
3:00🕒3:20	Break
3:20 🕒	Session 3 Follow Me Boys Effective Communication and Direction, Delegation Monitoring and Support
4:00	Follow-up, Reward and Corrective Action
4:00 🕒	Session 4 Growing the Next Batch, Rotation, Monitoring






UNITY '97 WORKSHOP SCHEDULE

Thursday, April 17

11:00 🕒	Dr Vern Bullough/ Dr Jim Elias	Dianna Cicotella Things Your Mama Never Told You about Being a girl			
11:50					
2:00 🕒	Angela Gardner Fund Raising for Small Non- Profit Organization	Ann Smith Gender Issues in the Work place	Jo Ann Roberts Panel Discussion: Ethics in Publication	Marietta Pathy Allen Emergence of the FTM Community	Marsha Herman Step by Step Make-up That you Can Recreate at Home
2:50					
3:00 🕒	Angela Gardner Fund Raising cont'd	"The Trans- sexual Men- ace" Video by Roosa, commentary by Mariette Pathy Allen	Jo Ann Roberts Panel Dis- cus.: Ethics cont'd	Niela Miller Feminine Tool kit: How Women Behave with each other	
3:50					
4:00 🕒		The Trans- sexual Men- ace" Video cont'd	Jean Marie Stine Getting Your TG Book Pub- lished	Niela Miller Feminine Tool kit: cont'd	
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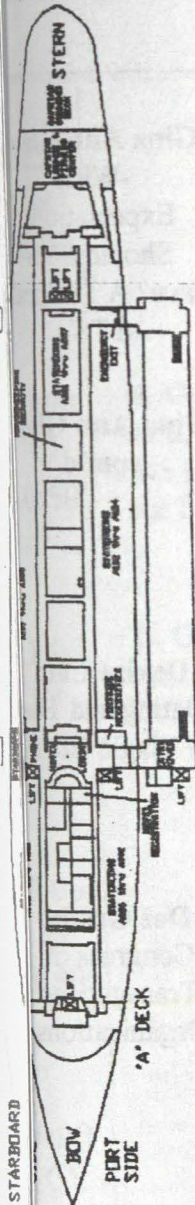
10:00 	Pat Conover What should IFGE's Role Be in Political Advocacy?	Jon Davis The Art of Con- touring Make-up	Rachel Miller Blending Our Mas- culine & Feminine Aspects
10:50			
11:00 	D.K. Ousterhout, MD,DDS Surgical/ Facial Feminization for MTFs	Jon Davis cont'd	Ari Kane Pathways to Real- izable Androgyny
11:50			
2:00 	Evelyn Lindemeth Raising TG Youth	Sheila Kirk, MD TS Health Concerns	Niela Miller, LCSW Counseling in Gen- derland: for the SO, Friends & Family of TG's
2:50			
3:00 	Sheila Kirk,MD Feminizing Hormones	Angela Gardner Fund Raising for Small Non Profit Organizations	Niela Miller cont'd
3:50			
4:00 	Sheila Kirk,MD - Feminizing Hormones cont'd	Richard Doctor, Ph.D. Sixteen Reasons for Crossdressing	Sandra Cole, Ph.D. -A New Model: Michigan Compre hensive Gen- der Services Program
4:50			

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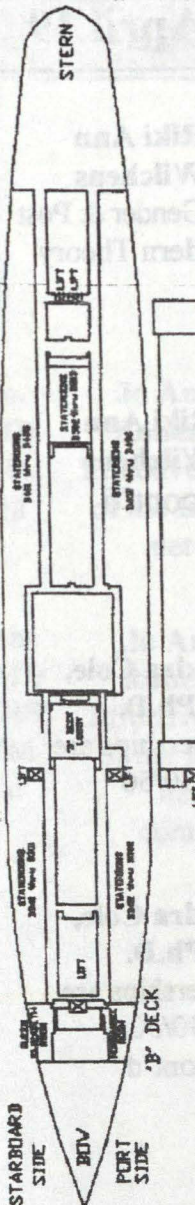
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10:00 🕒	Sandra Samons, DCSW Realistic Expectations & Effective use of Therapy	Melody Golden, MA A Healthy Balance	Richard Docter, MD
10:50			
11:00 🕒	Jane Peabody Panel Discussion The Joy of Being a Senior CD	Melody Golden, MA A Healthy Balance cont'd	Panel Discussion: Community & Professional Interaction
11:50			
2:00 🕒	Tonye Berretto Neto-Transgenderism & Law Enforcement	Jo Ann Roberts Effective Use of the Internet	
2:50			
3:00 🕒	Tonye Berretto Neto-Transgenderism & Law Enforc cont'd	Jo Ann Roberts Effective Use of the Internet cont'd	
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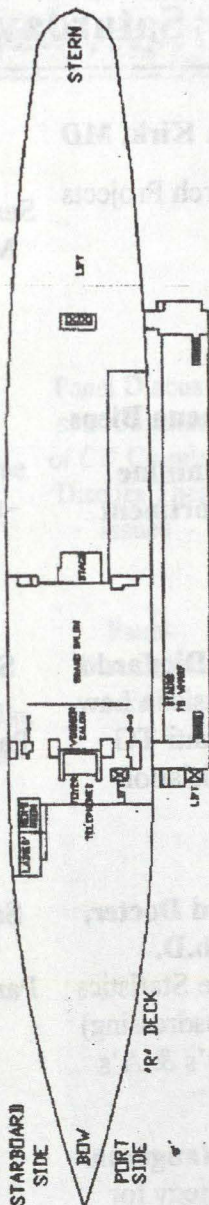
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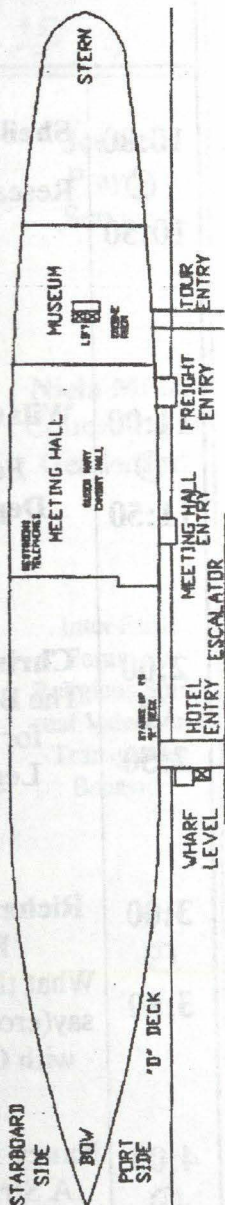
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Saturday, April 19

10:00 🕒	Sheila Kirk, MD Research Projects	Riki Ann Wilchens Sex, Gender & Post Modern Theory	Gina Ann Glass -What Expectations Should a TS Have? A TS Speaks to TS's
10:50			
11:00 🕒	Wilamena Biens Feminine Department	Riki Ann Wilchens cont'd	Gina Ann Glass cont'd
11:50			
2:00 🕒	Chris Diedardo The Basis in Law for anti-TG Legislation	Sandra Cole, Ph.D. Partnerships are 50/50	Denise Cain Dating and The Single CD
2:50			
3:00 🕒	Richard Docter, Ph.D. What the Statistics say(crossdressing) with Q's & A's	Sandra Cole, Ph.D. Partnerships are 50/50 cont'd	Dee Grady Congress of Transgender Organizations
3:50			
4:00 🕒	Nancy Nangeroni A Strategy for Effecting Positive Political Change		
4:50			

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Saturday, April 19

9:30 ⌚				Jewish Prayer Service
10:00				
10:00 ⌚	D. Grenwald, MD GRS (SRS) for FTM	Jo Ann Roberts Effective Use of the Inter- net	Panel Discus- sion Children of CD Couples Discuss Their Issues	Niela Miller Counseling in Genderland
10:50				
11:00 ⌚	D. Grenwald, MD GRS (SRS) for FTM cont'd	Jo Ann Roberts Effective Use of the Inter- net cont'd	Panel Discussion cont'd	Inter Faith Forum on Religious/Spiri- tual Values and Transgender Behavior
11:50				
3:00 ⌚				
3:50				
4:00 ⌚				
4:50				

WIVES/SO SCHEDULE

	WEDNESDAY April 16	THURSDAY APRIL, 17	FRIDAY APRIL 18	SATURDAY APRIL, 19
9:30 ⌚ 10:20	MEET 10:00 Lobby Starboard Lounge - Deck "A" ⇕	MEET 9:00 Lobby Starboard Lounge - Deck "A" ⇕	AQUITANA Coffee & Donuts Sandra Cole Ph.D. PRACTICAL AND CREATIVE SOLUTIONS FOR PARTNER' CHAL- LENGES	Wives/SO Breakfast "THE CHELSEA" Restaurant
10:30 ⌚ 11:20	10:30 Leave Ship for Shopping ⇕	9:30 Leave for Tour of Getty Mu- seum	AQUITANA Sandra Cole Ph.D. cont'd CHALLENGES	AQUITANA Sandra Cole Ph.D. Sex? and "Who is going to Wear the Night Gown?"
11:30 ⌚ 12:20	Trip to SOUTH COAST PLAZA		AQUITANA Sandra Cole Ph.D. cont'd Chal- lenges	AQUITANA SANDRA COLE Ph.D. - <i>What is All this Commotion about Boundaries?</i>
2:00 ⌚ 2:50			AQUITANA Sandra Cole Ph.D. cont'd Chal- lenges	AQUITANA Lynda Helfend, Ph.D. Expectations the Grieving involved with Changes
3:00 ⌚ 3:50		4:00 Reception Wives/ SOs Lobby Starboard Lounge - Deck "A"	AQUITANA Sandra Cole 4:00 Wine & Cheese Lobby Starboard Lounge - Deck "A"	Lynda Helfend Ph.D. Expectations Attach- ments & Griev- ing involved with Changes cont'd

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DE'AN DREW	PARKLANE
DEE DEE'S	ROSALIE'S
FACE IT	SAVILLE
FAIRY GODMOTHER	SUN SEEKERS
GRACE'S	TRANSFORMATIONS
GLENDENNING	WORLD OF WIGS
HIDDEN WOMAN	

***"We don't see things as they are.
we see them as we are."***

ANAIS NIN

***" So we do not lose heart...Because
we look not to things that are
seen but things that are unseen."***

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***for all your work, dedication,
perseverance and leadership,,
seen and unseen, thank you.
karen adler***



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held in Denmark. Eve is a tireless worker for all transgendered people and all transgender organizations. Her impeccable feminine presentation and warm personality make her a role model and advisor for others, and she never hesitates to give her best to each. Her awards include Miss Dream, 1977 & 1980. At Fan Fair, she has been elected Miss Congeniality (1982), Miss Best Dressed (1984, and Miss Fantasia Fair (1985). Eve received the Trinity

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LISTING OF PARTICIPATING CALIFORNIA GENDER ORGANIZATIONS

Powder Puffs of Orange County (PPOC) is based in Orange County, California, and is the co-sponsor of California Unity '97. Powder Puffs is a not-for-profit social and outreach organization and support group serving the transgender community. We are an open organization and welcome all mature and responsible individuals. The organization publishes a monthly newsletter, Girl Talk which is mailed to the membership and sister organizations throughout the world. Powder Puffs was formed in 1987 and we are affiliated with the Renaissance national organization. We are also the sponsor of the California Dreamin' annual convention.

PPOC can be contacted at:

PPOC

P.O. Box 1088

Yorba Linda, CA 92885

(Voice mail) (714) 779-9013

e-mail PPOC@aol.com

Diablo Valley Girls (DVG) is a non-profit, non-sexual support group for transgendered individuals, families and friends. We were formed in 1991 by several local members of ETVC, the largest single chapter gender group in the world. Although mainly serving the needs of the those in the East Bay area of Northern California, we have over 130 members in six states. DVG is an open group and welcomes all mature and responsible persons. The organization also associates with AEGIS, IFGE, and local groups in the Northern California area.

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DVG can be contacted at:

DVG
P.O. Box 272885
Concord, CA 94527-2885

Phone - (510) 937-8432 (Answered weekdays from 7:00
to 10:00 p.m. Pacific Time) Recorder always on.
E-mail dvg@rwr13.vip.best.com

Neutral Corner is a self-help group to assist transsexual and crossdressing individuals to adjust and understand the phenomenon through education and social programs. To give each member a sense of being someone special and not loveless. To offer assistance to the medical profession, family, friends, general public, churches and law enforcement agencies in understanding the transsexual and the crossdresser. We meet once a month, publish a newsletter (Reflections), and can provide contact with vendors, mental health professionals, and other gender groups in the area.

Neutral Corner can be contacted at:

Neutral Corner
P.O. Box 12581
San Diego, CA 92112
Phone - (619) 685-3696 (leave message)

Androgyny is a social and support group for those exploring Gender Identity. Our group provides: Friendship and understanding in a safe and supportive environment. A place to explore being a Transsexual, Crossdresser, or Transgenderist. A place to meet others like yourself. Meetings are on Tuesday nights from 8:00 until 9:30 p.m. in Santa Monica, California

For further information:

Call: (213) 962-9175 (Ask for Shirley or Sheila)
Please mention that your call is concerning Adrogyny.
Call between 9:00 am and 9:00 p.m.

The Transgender Menace Southern California is a direct action group dedicated to using any means necessary to make the world, especially our Southern California corner of it, a safe, just place for all transfolk and genderqueers.

For Further Information:

(213) 962-9175 Shirley [Shirley@earthlink.net]
(213) 665-1130 Jacob [Jacob.Hale@email.csun.edu]

Born Free is a non-profit organization created as a self-help, non-sexual support group and social club. We assist the gender dysphoric, cross-dresser, transsexual and their loved ones to develop a better understanding and acceptance of who they are so that they may give themselves the permission (which they erroneously seek from others) to be themselves, to be real, and to be free of guilt and shame. We request the assistance of the gender euphoric to help us reach this goal.

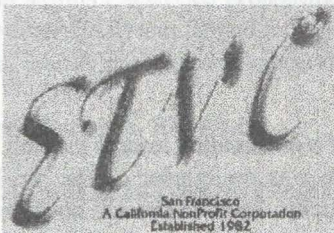


Born Free especially seeks the individual who is experiencing gender dysphoria. We also welcome their families, friends and loved ones, along with helpful professionals and vendors, to become members. Membership is open to all loving and supportive individuals.

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Members and non-member guests are invited to meet with us on the second Saturday of each month. For location, time and directions, please drop us an email or call our Hot Line (909) 875-2687

Pathfinders was founded in October, 1995 in the Southern California area. We are the wife's and significant others of Crossdressers and any other man in the gender gifted community. It is our focus to provide support and understanding for genetic women in need in a safe and friendly environment. The issues we live with are not easy to discuss with our friends or family so this group provides the means to discuss openly with other genetic woman that have crossdressing issues. We share experiences and learn from each other the tools needed to grow, love and respect ourselves and our mate. Pathfinders, P.O. Box 2973, Corona, Ca. 91718-2973



The Educational TV Channel was created in 1982 and became a 501 (c)3 non-profit organization in 1994. Based in San Francisco, it was established to provide support services for transgender people and educational materials to the transgender commu-

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Award in 1992.

The Trinity Award are presented annually by IFGE in recognition of the heroes and heroines of the transgender community. Everyone is eligible to receive this award; they need not be transgendered themselves. They can be any living individual or couple. Also eligible are small groups of individuals (events and conventions excluded) who have closely collaborated in performing the acts for which the award is intended. The Trinity Awards are given to the person(s) who, in the opinion of the Awards and Nominations Academy, have performed extraordinary acts of love and courage. The recipient receives a bronze statuette of masculine and feminine hands clutching a rose.

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1994-Marsha Botzer, Marilyn Irving, Ginny Knuth, Alison Laing, JoAnn Roberts, Wendy Parker.

1995-Laura Caldwell, Dallas Denny, Leslie Feinberg, James Green, Linda Peacock, Sharon Ann Stuart.

1996-Sandra Cole, Jane Fee, Joan Sheldon.

1997 recipients:

A. Linda Buten

Linda is one of the transgender community's outstanding leaders on both the local and national scenes. In 1981, she was co-founder of the Tri-Ess Lambda Delta Chapter in Louisville, Kentucky. In 1985 she was co-founder of the CrosPort in Cincinnati, Ohio, and remains active on the board today,

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as well as representing CrossPort on the CTO. Linda was Chair of the Be-All Convention held there in 19905, and hosted the AASECT conference in 1994. She is a member of the Imperial Court of Cincinnati. Linda is a familiar face at many of our transgender events, and has attended all 10 of the IFGE Conventions. She was chair of the IFGE Programs Committee for three years and has been a board member for seven years. Since 2003 Linda has been Chairperson of IFGE's Board of Directors and has spent many hours helping to guide IFGE through some stormy times. She has been involved in numerous outreach programs, including lecturing to college audiences, and is always willing to talk to anyone - at almost any hour - to help them cope with gender confusion. Linda deserves recognition for her devotion to the transgender community.

B. Nancy Nangeroni

Nancy is a dedicated supporter of IFGE and has served on the Board of Directors since 1993. She has been a regular contributor to Transgender Tapestry since 1991. Nancy has presented workshops and seminars on transgender issues nationally since 1992, including AASECT in 1994-5. She has appeared on local and national radio and TV in support of transgender causes and has been host and executive producer of GenderTalk radio in Boston since June 1995. Her publications include SCHE Mair, 1994-5, and In Your Face since 1995. Nancy has supported Fantasia Fair in Provincetown since 1990 and the first EuroFantasia in Denmark. She has some musical talent and is a member of the trans band "Tranzgrezzion". A leading activist in promotion gay and transgender rights Nancy is committed to standing up against anti-trans violence. She has led the trans contingent in Boston's Gay Pride parade since 1994, founded Boston's TG Pride, brought The Transsexual Menace to Boston, and led the largest ever anti-trans violence vigil in December 1995 in Boston. Nancy instigated the Brandon Teena vigil and helped to lead demonstrations on behalf of Sean O'Neill ((Colorado Springs, Christian Paige (Chicago), Deborah Forte(Lawrence, MA), and Tyra Hunter (Washington, DC). Most recently, since June 1996, she has been Board President of Project 10 East (high school based GLBT youth support services). She authored an amendment to the Cambridge Human Rights Ordinance protecting freedom of gender expression and identity (September 1996) and helped to organize the first-ever intersexed anti-"Intersex Genital Mutilation" demonstration in Boston (October 1996).

C. Vern Bullough, RN, Ph.D.

Vern is a Fellow and past president of the Society for the Scientific Study of Sex.

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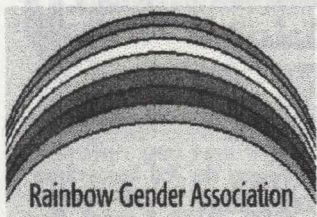
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Vern has given extraordinary time and love to have the transgender community take its rightful place in history. With his late wife, Bonnie, he authored the book "Cross Dressing, Sex and Gender" published in 1993 and has written many articles on cross-gender behavior. He has received several professional awards, including one from the American Civil Liberties Union for establishing ACLU policy on gays, lesbians and crossdressers. Vern and Bonnie organized the first International Congress on Gender, Cross Dressing & Sex Issues at California State University, Northridge, in 1995. He is organizing the Bullough Collection to document the history of the transgender community in which he has worked for over 30 years.

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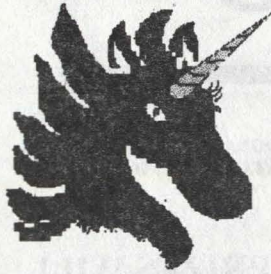
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