



GIRL TALK

Powder Puffs of California — Serving the California Gender Community Since 1987

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February Meeting — "Dealing With Coming Out"

Powder Puffs continues with its 1998 program for our members. January's meeting with Kathryn Robbins dealt with everything from skin care to electrolysis to makeup to jewelry to comportment. Everyone in attendance thought the meeting was a huge success. Thank you Kathryn.

For February, we turn inward. Lucy Silvary, MFCT, will be talking to us about "Dealing With Coming Out." Country Harvest will again be catering our dinner, so come on out for an informative and enjoyable evening!

Date: Saturday, February 21, 1998

Time: 7:30 pm

Place: Placentia Holiday Inn, 118 E. Orangethorpe Ave, Placentia, CA. Take 57 Fwy to Orangethorpe exit. Head east.

Judd, Cyndi Lauper, and others. At the Found Theatre 251 E. Seventh St. Long Beach 562-433-3363. Saturday Feb. 7th at 8:30PM. \$10 admission. \$8 for anyone in drag.

Calendar of Events

- Feb 07 Theatre Night
 - Feb 21 ... Lucy Silvary, MFCT, "Dealing with Coming Out"
 - Mar 21 Kent McGuire
 - Apr 18 TBA*
 - May 16 TBA*
- * Meeting begins at 8:00 pm

California Dreamin '98
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Golden Gateway Holiday Inn — Joan Goodnight has informed me that *California Dreamin'98* has contracted for 75 rooms for our convention. "California Dreamin' has arranged a special room rate for the event *directly with the Golden Gateway Holiday Inn*, said Joan, "so please do not call the National Holiday Inn 1-800 number for room reservations." Event attendees must call the Golden Gateway Holiday Inn directly at (415) 441-4000 in order to receive the special *Please see Dreamin, Page 5*

A Night at the Theatre

We've finally found something everyone has been asking for. So, if you're not headed to the LKO meeting, let's all go to the theatre! We're not reserving or prepaying for any tickets. This should be a fun social event.

"Queen Mysterica Hangs Up Her Wig"

A play about a female impersonator who imitates Judy Garland, Wynonna

Editor's note: Since we will be including a *California Dreamin'* brochure with our newsletter, I'll will be keeping the newsletter to 6 pages in order to maintain the postage to a single 32¢ stamp.

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Coming Out ?

by Cyndi Silk

"The times, they are a changing."

— Bob Dylan

"Dealing With Coming Out." The topic of our February meeting.

Not for you?

Maybe, Maybe not.

In the past, Coming Out was an issue primarily for transsexuals. After all, SRS is not something that one can easily hide from family, friends, and coworkers.

On the other hand, crossdressing is something that can be, and is done, clandestinely. In fact, I know one couple who were married near the end of the Eisenhower Administration. Recall the time? No John Glenn. No manned-space program. No Super Bowl. No Watergate. Heck, the Kennedy - Nixon debates weren't even a rumor. Most people couldn't find Vietnam on a map. Anyway, his wife did discover his "interest" until the end of the Reagan Administration!

Clearly, security is the Number 1 issue for many crossdressers. Entire clubs have been founded based on security. We rent P. O. boxes to receive our mail. We change in motel rooms to avoid family, friends and neighbors. We do all these things for very sound reasons. So why do we need a topic such as "Dealing With Coming Out."

Well, over the last, say 10 years (I chose this time period since Powder Puffs celebrated its 10th Anniversary last year) the public reaction to crossdressing has indeed shifted to our advantage.

DISCLAIMER: No, the public is not yet accepting. Yes, you can still get fired. Yes, your family may disown you, etc, etc.

I will not chronicle all the movies dealing with transgender themes. That has been written about extensively. However, look at what Dee has been writing in her columns. Television shows such as *The Drew Carey Show*, *Suddenly Susan*, *Ally McBeal* are showing transgendered

characters in a very truthful fashion.

For example, in a recent episode of *Suddenly Susan* Tony Curtis' character came out to Susan's mother on the show. The show pointed out he was not gay, but that crossdressing was something he had to do. Of course, he (she) did not "get the girl."

Why? Because he was a crossdresser?

No. Susan's mother declared that she "got over that." No Susan's mother dumped him because "he was a Republican." I guess there are some things worse than crossdressing.

I know a crossdresser from another club. When I first met this person, (s)he was very closeted. Now (s)he has started her own business within the Community and has told several of her friends and become a more visible. I was stunned.

At the last Powder Puffs meeting I talked with a couple who also has informed a few close friends. I was shocked.

Definitely, the past 10 years has seen a shift in public attitudes to crossdressing. What has fueled this change? I have my own theories, but that's for a later piece.

Admittedly, Coming Out is not for everyone. But a few of us are now being to come out. In the future, many of us may wish to deal with that issue so unthinkable a few years ago — Coming Out. Therefore, I encourage everyone to come to Powder Puffs next meeting. It really helps if you have some professional guidance.

I predict Coming Out will be the crossdressers' issue of the next decade (Century?, Millennia?).

California Dreamin'

April 30 - May 3

San Francisco



President's Page

by Dee Grady

I hope everyone enjoyed their holiday season. Mine was overwhelmingly heavy due to my programming staff at work resigning for various reasons. This caused me to miss my January message. So, I'll like to finish up some 1997 business before I begin 1998. First issue, if you have not already done so, **PAY YOUR DUES!** Enough said.

Second issue, remember last summer when NBC's *3rd Rock from the Sun* finished it's season? Dick was dumped by his girlfriend Mary. Why? Because he would not tell her his secret, he is an ET type. Well, so far they are not back together yet, because Dick wants to keep this part of his identity a secret. Gee, does this still sound familiar? Hope you've learned from it.

Third issue, attendance. It is getting better. We broke even on meeting costs for our November meeting. I did have to order inexpensive chicken dinner from a local El Pollo Loco, but everyone seem to enjoy it. Our guest speaker, Maria, did collect a few wigs for the Los Angeles Wig Bank. I just want to thank those of you who donated wigs. I was watching the cable network, OCN and saw an article on a 9 year old girl suffering from leukemia. She had lost all her hair due to radiation therapy. OCN reported she was given a wig from the Wig Bank's *Look Good, Feel Better* program. Who knows, maybe the wig she was wearing was one you donated. Makes you feel good too, doesn't it.

Okay, now on to 1998. Early in January, the Board of Directors held a meeting. After all, that is what the Board is suppose to do from time to time. So, here is what we've planned for 1998. First of all, **SOCIAL EVENTS!** We are going to plan some outings where the clubs treasury is not affected. If you noticed already, there is an outing to the play in Long Beach on February 7th. This is perfect for our group. "Normal" admission is \$10. But, anyone showing up in drag (sorry, that is how the ad reads) admission is only \$8. I know you people will do anything to save \$2, so this should be a good deal. And, what the heck, even Geezer might think about doing this one! Jeri Thompson was agreed to look into other plays at the Laguna Playhouse. And we may have a few other happenings in the works, too. Stay tuned on this one! I've been in contact with Richelle Griffith, current President of Born Free. I've ask for their help in planning and sponsoring our Halloween Party. Since we've move the party to Fullerton, we've lost money. We're trying to find another way to do this event. It's just been too fun to let this event die, because people won't support this

like they did when it was done in Burbank. Hopefully a good alternative will be found.

Next, we've taken strides to improve the food at the meeting. Diane Drake and I went to Country Harvest Buffet in Orange to check out their catering deal. It is a bit more expensive than what we are use to spending per serving. But, those of you at the January meeting experience a very nice roast beef dinner, with salad, smashed potatoes and gravy, veggies, and rolls. We order 25 servings, because that is how many we've budgeted for each meeting. We discovered that the portions were more than generous, so we'll be cutting back to 20 servings and hopefully save about \$50 each month on food. BTW, this month the dinner is scheduled to be a turkey dinner. So don't miss out.

Speakers and programs at the meetings was the next area which needed some improvement. So far, as of this writing, we've only got our February speaker scheduled. For March and April, we still in the planning stages, but this should be nailed down by meeting time on the 21st.

The Newsletter. I asked Cyndi how the newsletter was going. She said its been tough getting articles. So, if you see the newsletter drop from 8 pages to 6 or even 4 pages, be forewarned! If you see something print worthy and its not in the newsletter, well. I think the saying goes 'You snooze, you lose'.

And lest we forget, California Dreamin' in San Francisco. Joan, Diane, and myself will be going to the City for a meeting on February 15th. We'll be meeting with ETV, DVG, RGA, and FTM (gee, none of these groups are in my spell checker) just to see how things are progressing. I've heard the Bay Area Groups have some exciting things planned this year. We'll let you know about the at the next meeting. In the meantime, make your room reservations NOW! Don't be left without a room. You'll need to contact the Gateway Holiday Inn directly in order to get the convention room rate, If you call the 800 number for Holiday Inns, you most likely not get the convention rate. There, you've been warned!

Oh, did anyone catch the *Drew Carry Show* when his brother came out to him as crossdresser? I missed it too. Look for the rerun this summer. I heard it was well done. Did anyone see *Sudden Susan* on January 19th? Brooke Shields catches Tony Curtis crossdressed in a mall store. (Where else do crossdressers go?) Look for this rerun, too. How about that new show *Ask Harriet*? Except for the make over, the show needs work, huh? Looks like we're becoming trendy again.

Looks like I need to not skip two months in a row. Lots of stuff covered this month. Hope you weren't put to sleep.

See you all at the next meeting!

Hugs,

Dee



QUEENSPEAK

by Joan Goodnight

The Changing of the Guard

I had a nice long talk with Nancy Nangeroni a few days before Christmas and I liked what I heard. I believe she's a very sincere person who is going to do her very best with the tasks that have been laid before her as executive director of the International Foundation for Gender Education (IFGE). Nancy appears to be ready and willing to take on the burden of that leadership. Without a doubt, she's got a tough row to hoe with IFGE's continuing financial burden combined with the latest controversy concerning the betrayal of trust over the borrowing of funds from the Winslow Street Fund.

I've been reading the explanations posted on the Internet by some of the principals involved in the "loan" from the Winslow Street Fund (WSF) and instead of getting straight answers the whole mess has gotten a lot more complicated. To compound matters, WSF chairperson Abby Saypen is talking out of both sides of her mouth at the same time. She's still proclaiming that the WSF is independent from IFGE with the funds being earmarked for worthwhile community projects, while at the same time declaring that the fund belongs to IFGE by virtue of its being carried on their balance sheet. The IFGE originally based their decision to borrow fund money on the rationalization that it would be better to do so than to face the possibility of the money winding up as an asset in the case of bankruptcy. While the IFGE has fully accepted this lame defense they continue to request donations using the same old promise of WSF independence. This fund raising tactic reminds me of a line used in the old western movie, *The Magnificent Seven*. When the Mexican bandit chief is asked why he continually robs the poor villagers he replies, "If God had not wanted them shorn, He wouldn't have made them sheep!"

In her heated defense of borrowing WSF money Ms. Saypen also let the cat out the bag by stating that this isn't the first time that IFGE has tapped in to the fund. The first raid occurred in 1992 when \$10,000 was used from the fund to use as a security deposit for the Waltham St. IFGE headquarters. In all of this heated exchange of charges and defenses there is one important question that hasn't been asked: Would the IFGE have kept secret the 1992 financial arrangement plus this latest money borrowing scheme if one of the trustees hadn't blown the whistle? All these years the fund contributors have been kept in the dark, and all indications lead to the certainty that they would

have been kept there in perpetuity had not one single individual stepped forward to tell the truth. Contributors would have continually led believe that their donations were being used for worthwhile community projects, while these clandestine backroom dealings were occurring.

To be perfectly fair, I also don't think anyone would have begrudged the IFGE of using money from the fund if the intended action had been openly presented and above board. The IFGE is constantly seeking donations from the community and I think that if they're to expect any more financial support they'd better come up with a policy of truth and honesty and forget the back room dealings.

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The Jim Bridges Catalog

A copy of the new Jim Bridges catalog arrived the other day and the first thing I noticed and admired was how well produced the booklet is. The catalog is 16 pages, all in color, and carries a hefty price tag of \$10 per copy — or \$1.60 a page if you prefer to calculate it that way.

What about the contents and prices? Let me put it this way: If night-time dressing, short skirts, panne velvet in vibrating red or electric blue, and brilliant orange, green, and yellow 5" heels is your thing, then certainly this catalog probably has something for you. Jim also offers wigs, how-to videos, his cosmetic line, brightly-colored accessories, and an inexpensive line of non-silicone breast forms. On the other hand, if you're looking for daytime wear, sensible but stylish footwear with clothing and accessories in passable shades and tones, then you'd be better off shopping at one of the major department stores. The catalog content is definitely geared towards the standard Queen Mary Lounge Patron rather than the average transgender population.

On a scale of 1 to 10, with 10 being the best, here is how the catalog stands up.

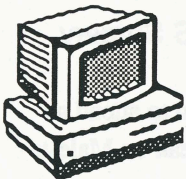
Production	10
Content	5
Prices	5
Catalog price	1
Overall product	5.5



AEGIS AND ITA Initiate Merger Negotiation

WASHINGTON, DC and ATLANTA, GA--- January 16, 1998

The Boards of Directors of two national transgender organizations, the American Educational Gender Information Service, Inc. (AEGIS) and It's Time, America! (ITA) are pleased to announce that they have initiated serious discussions in pursuit of a merger of the two groups, with the intention of creating a new organization designed to meet the changing educational and advocacy needs of the transsexual, transgender, and other gender-different communities. The boards recently approved mission and values statements and are working to develop goals and projects to meet the community's needs. To better determine these needs, AEGIS and ITA have developed a survey form which solicits input from all interested persons and care providers. The respective boards hope to reach agreement on this merger in the near future, but in the interim, the independent operations of both organizations will continue. The American Educational Gender Information Service has provided a variety of educational resources for professionals, transsexuals, and other persons since 1990. It's Time, America! has advocated on behalf of transgendered and other gender-variant persons through state-level chapters since 1994.



From the Internet

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FYI

Speaking of the Internet, here is Powder Puffs webpage address and California Dreamin'98's web address. The addresses will continue to be posted at the bottom of Page 2, Column 1.

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DREAMIN'

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rate. The special room rate is available only for Wednesday, April 28th through and including Sunday, May 3rd."

Also, we are contractually obligated to pay for each room in our block that we do not use. Therefore, setting aside the optimal number of rooms is a difficult art at best. What that means for you is that you might wish to reserve a room at the Gateway Holiday Inn in San Francisco before we use up our allocated rooms. California Dreamin participants are being offered a special room rate of \$95.00 per night (single or double). To receive this rate, you must tell them you are part of California Dreamin 98.

Please make your reservation directly with the hotel, (415) 441-4000, FAX: (415) 776-7155.



Taken from a recent issue of the Ladies Knight Out newsletter.

Transgender-Friendly Nite Spots

Orange County

Ozz- 6231 Manchester Blvd, Buena Park (714-522-1542) dinner and dance club. Sunday is Drag Nite with FI show at 11pm.

Victor, Viktoria's- 1305 S. Coast Hwy, Laguna Beach (714-3476-8809) Gay/Lesbian restaurant/bar with Ts- most welcome for dinner and drinks. Special events throughout the year.

LA County

Executive Suite: 3428 E. Pacific Coast Hwy, Long Beach (310-597-3884). T- friendly

Dragstrip 66: 2500 Riverside Dr (Silverlake district), L.A., (213-969-2596). Different theme every month.

Rudolfo's: I-5 Freeway at Fletcher Drive -- no other info except that it is most outrageous TV club in LA.

Jewel's Catch One: 4067 W Pico Blvd, LA, (213-734-8449), Sunday - Erotic City FI show; Monday - Divas for Dollars, drag show; Thursday - Girlbar, all welcome.

Queen Mary: 12249 Ventura Blvd, Studio City, (818-506-5619), the major LA drag club Wednesday through Sunday.

Circus: 6655 Santa Monica Blvd, West Hollywood, Dance club. Tuesdays - Pink Feather Lounge drag show 11-30pm; \$3 cover after 9pm.

Club 7969 (formerly Peanuts)- 7969 Sta Monica Blvd West Hollywood, Two full bars & disco. Often has cover charges. Monday - Queen'sThrone; Friday - Illusion; Saturday - Sin-a-matic. Totally T-friendly.

Love Lounge: 657 N Robertson, West Hollywood (upstairs) (213-896-9099) Tues - Dragville FI shows; Friday - Cherry-Alternative and New Wave. Theme nights.

Tommy Tang's: 7313 Melrose West Hollywood 213-957-5733 Tuesday - Drag Night.

Trilogy: 2214 Stoner Ave, W. L. A., (310-477-2844), T-friendly restaurant featuring female impersonators serving "California Cuisine" while performing. Call for reservations or special event information.

Ventura County

Club Alternatives: 1644 E Thompson Blvd, Ventura, primarily a gay-and-lesbian bar but is accepting of T-community. Nightly DJ. FI shows on Saturday nites.

Santa Barbara

Cameleon: 421 E Cota St, Santa Barbara, (805-965-9536), bar/restaurant, Mostly gay and lesbian but T- friendly. Classy dining area.

Fathom: 423 State St., Santa Barbara, (805-882-2082), Premier dance club, mostly gay and lesbian but T- friendly. Weekly events, drag shows.

San Diego-

The Brass Rail: 3796 5th Ave, San Diego, (619-298-2233), Great FI shows Monday & Tuesday. Great dancing all other nights.

The Caliph: 3100 5th Ave, San Diego, (619-298-9495). A nice piano bar with an older crowd that loves T- folk. Tell them Kelly sent you.

Tidbits Deli, Bar & Cabaret: 3838 Fifth Ave, San Diego, (619-543-0300), Show Bar

Dr. E. Schrang to Speak on M-t-F SRS Surgery.

The Los Angeles Gender Center invites you to attend an evening with Dr. Eugene Schrang who will speak on Male-to-Female Transsexual Surgery.

Date: February 9, 1998 (Monday)

Time: 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm

Where: Sidestreet Projects, 1629 18th Street, Workroom #6, Santa Monica, CA (just north of Olympic Blvd)

Dr. Schrang is board certified by the American Board of Plastic Surgery and is an active member of the American Society and the International Congress of Plastic and Reconstructive Surgeons. He presently reside sin Neenah, Wisconsin. He attended the University of Notre Dame and the Stritch School of Medicine at Loyola University in Chicago, Illinois. His three years of Plastic Surgery Residency were spent with the world renowned Truman G. Blocker Jr. at the University of Texas in Galveston. He has been in medical practice since 1965 and his professional interests are Cosmetic and Reconstructive Plastic Surgery in addition to Male-to-Female Transgender Surgery.

For more information and/or to RSVP, call (310) 475-8880. The Los Angeles Gender Center offers counseling, support, referrals and informational meetings for the transsexual (FTM and MTF) transgender communities, partners, families and friends.

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Accommodations are held until 6:00 pm on arrival date unless guaranteed by a major credit card or deposit for the first nights lodging.

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The Golden Gateway Holiday Inn has allocated a block of rooms for California Dreamin', however, rooms not reserved by participants prior to April 8, 1998 will be released to the general public on April 9th. Accommodations will then be on a space available basis at regular room rates.

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WELCOME TO THE CITY BY THE BAY

California Dreamin' is pleased to offer its eighth conference serving the transgender community. Please join us for our weekend of seminars and activities. The ladies and gentlemen of ETVC, RGA, DVG, and FtM International are delighted to have you as their guests. Check in early and enjoy the sights, sounds, and tastes of San Francisco. Most of the great city attractions are within a five or ten minute taxi ride, plus the California Street Cable Car starts its journey to Nob Hill and other destinations only a few feet from the hotel.

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Experience workshops on improving your femininity or personal fulfillment. There are seminars for spouses and partners plus workshops for couples issues. All programs are staffed by caring and knowledgeable members of our community along with working professionals sensitive to the needs of the gender community.

[Partial List of Presenters]

(Subject to Change)

Alison Laing, James Green, JoAnn Roberts, Ph.D, Linda and Cynthia Phillips, Kathy Swarhout, M.S., Melinda Whiteway, Jane Bolig, Mildred Brown, Ph.D, J. J. Allen, Linda & Cynthia Phillips, Jeani Adams, Dr. Toby Meltzer, Dr. Ann Lawrence, Dr. Joy Schafer, Wilhemina Beins, Joan Rowe, Juana Smith, Yosenio Lewis, Ann Grogan, Melanie Yarborough, Lin Fraser, Bill Jones, Leslie Bailey, Nancy Cupps, Veronica Smith, Francine Lougandice and the Empress Norton, and others.

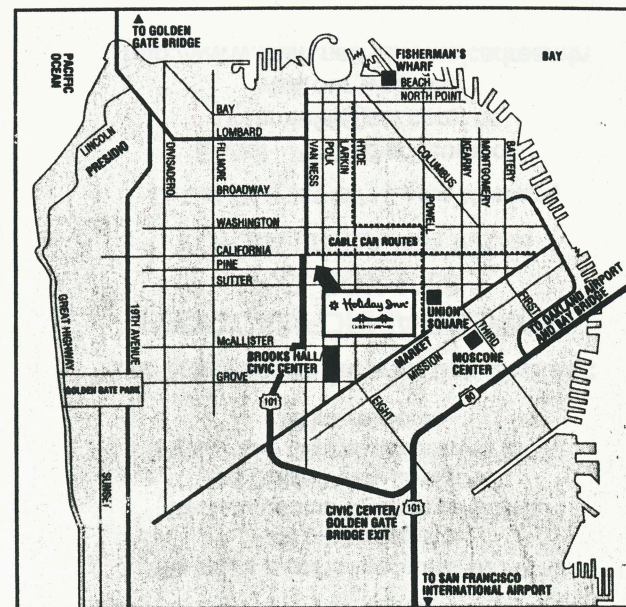
CALIFORNIA DREAMIN' '98 WILL FEATURE:

- ◆ Special Friday and Saturday luncheon keynote speakers Linda & Cynthia Phillips and Alison Laing speaking on "Trends and the future of the TG movement."
- ◆ Three different tracks for you to choose from: Cross Dresser, Transsexual (MtF and FtM), and Couples Issues.
- ◆ Vendor Mall - for everything from makeovers, wigs, nails, jewelry, clothing and accessories.
- ◆ Sightseeing/Shopping tours of the magnificent San Francisco city.
- ◆ Optional Wine Tasting reception hosted by world renowned gourmand Alison Laing featuring the fine wines of California
- ◆ Thursday Reception aboard one of the boats of the Blue and Gold Fleet with a cruise of San Francisco Bay.
- ◆ An Educational and Resource Center offering the greatest selection of information concerning the transgender community.

TOPICS, TOPICS, TOPICS

- ◆ Steps towards living full-time.
- ◆ TS Profiles
- ◆ Voice
- ◆ Feminization
- ◆ Sexuality
- ◆ Benjamin Standards: Discussion of Revisions
- ◆ Hormones
- ◆ The Law and Your Rights
- ◆ Becoming One: Blending the Feminine and Masculine
- ◆ Dating and the Single CD
- ◆ Make-up, Hair
- ◆ Gender Diversity
- ◆ Women Together: How GGs interact with each other
- ◆ Religion and the Question of Transgenderism
- ◆ Information and Networking for the FtM Transgendered
- ◆ SRS
- ◆ Body Shaping

■ AREA MAP



REGISTRATION FEES INCLUDE:

Full Registration: Thursday reception social, Friday luncheon, Friday dinner, Saturday luncheon, Saturday banquet & show, Sunday brunch. All workshops and seminars.

Friday - Sunday: Friday luncheon, Friday dinner, Saturday luncheon, Saturday banquet & show, Sunday brunch. All workshops and seminars.

Saturday - Sunday: Saturday luncheon, Saturday banquet & show, Sunday brunch. All workshops and seminars.

Saturday only: Saturday luncheon, Saturday banquet & show. All workshops and seminars.

REGISTRATION FEES DO NOT INCLUDE HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS OR ANY OTHER MEALS NOT SPECIFIED ABOVE, OPTIONAL EVENTS, OR EXCURSIONS.

SCHOLARSHIPS: California Dreamin' maintains a policy of not turning away any person in need of information and support. Anyone facing financial difficulty issues is encouraged to contact California Dreamin' to make suitable arrangements. California Dreamin' regrets that we cannot provide assistance with transportation, housing, or meals.

CODE OF CONDUCT: Dress and act responsibly. The event is catered for the benefit and enjoyment of registered participants only. Casual observers in the banquet areas and workshops/seminars are not welcome.

ROOM MATES: Sorry, but California Dreamin' does not offer a roommate matching service. We will, however, maintain a listing at the event registration desk of those people wishing to share a room.

REFUND POLICY: Full refunds, less a \$25 handling fee, will be made to those who cancel their reservations via letter postmarked on or before 2/16/98. Cancellations after 2/16/98 will have refunds based on a formula determined by the California Dreamin' Organizing Committee with each case reviewed on its individual circumstances. Because the meal counts must be presented to the hotel staff each day of the event, no refunds will be issued for at-the-door registrations. Refunds will be processed and mailed in May 1998.