



ETVC

## KIM'S

**O** I'm sure you are all surprised to see  
**R** Kim's Korner in place of Kaye's  
**N** Klostet, but due to some extenuating  
**E** personal experiences Kaye tendered  
**R** her resignation and it was  
reluctantly accepted. As the new  
coordinator I would like to thank  
Kaye for her efforts this year and for  
her six years of effort on behalf of ETVC.

Now that it's New Year's time it is a  
good moment to look back at ETVC's  
last 12 months of accomplishments and  
to look forward to next year as ETVC  
continues to lead our community as the  
most exciting and fun gender group in the  
U.S.

### Highlights of 1988:

- Our first ETVC International Support Directory
- A new and exciting speakers bureau
- Highest attendance at a social: Halloween 1988, 122 people
- ETVC activism at work in the Disneyland and Mariette Pathy Allen cases
- First Quad-Ess reception with over 100 professionals attending
- First triple Miss ETVC's riding in the Gay Freedom Day Parade

### ETVC Resolutions for 1989:

- Opening up the ETVC article library to all our sister clubs
- Letting other gender groups order and exchange with our video library
- Making ETVC a household name so we can help even more TVs/TSs/TGs and friends
- Increasing the number of volunteers so we can put on a "mahvelous" IFGE convention
- Having over 25 percent of ETVC on the Hostess Committee
- Having every member attend an Executive Committee meeting so that they can get involved in ETVC

At ETVC we believe in quality programs and most of all we believe in the ETVC motto: Every time we have a meeting, we have fun.

Have a happy, healthy and most of all, Fun 1989.

(ED. NOTE: Kim was unanimously elected ETVC Coordinator at the Nov. 16 Outreach Night social.)

## IT'S SHOWTIME



1988 Miss ETVC Cotillion (left to right) MC- Joanna Caron with contestants - Gloria, Cheryl, Kate, Sabrina, Davida, Barbara, Martina, Lauren, Kimberly Ann, Vanessa, Kim.

Be entertained and enthralled by some of the most gorgeous girls in the Bay Area when the curtain goes up on Saturday night, Jan. 14 for the Fifth Annual ETVC Cotillion on Jan. 14 at the California Club, 1750 Clay St. (between Van Ness and Polk), in beautiful San Francisco.

Make no mistake, this is the biggest event of the year and will feature a bevy of lovelies competing for the coveted title of Miss ETVC.

And what a deal! Besides a terrific show, admission also buys you our buffet dinner. As an added bonus, this is a FORMAL event. That's right, this is one night when you can wear that evening gown or "social occasion" dress you've been eyeing and be right in sync.

Oh, and did we mention the no host bar? The special guests? The surprise entertainment?

No Cotillion would be complete without a presentation of the debutantes. Anyone can participate in this part of the evening, and we don't care if you're over 18 and your Dad doesn't belong to the country club.

The Cotillion is being produced by Diane with Lynn Johnson co-producing and Leslie directing.

The featured entertainment is the competition for the title of Miss ETVC 1989. The crown will go to the person judged best overall after showing her stuff in the sportswear fashion show, the talent competition and the evening gown competition. The winner will succeed Kimberly Ann, who currently holds the Miss ETVC title.

The show will also feature some surprise acts, possibly including a male impersonator, and Marie will entertain on the keyboards.

The new Miss ETVC will win several valuable prizes and will be ETVC's official representative at the IFGE convention in SF this April as well as at the Gay/Lesbian Freedom Day Parade.

All of this, except for drinks, is just \$15 per person in advance, \$20 at the door. Tickets are being sold at Kimo's, 1351 Polk Street (at Pine) or send in your check, by January 3, 1989, with a self-addressed stamped envelope to ETVC Cotillion tickets, PO Box 6486, San Francisco 94101. Please make your checks out to ETVC. Parking is available at several nearby lots on Van Ness.

You can call Diane at 540-7938 for more info. Diane also asks that you let her know in advance if you wish to be presented as a debutante.



## QUAD-S RECEPTION

A contingent of more than 25 lovely-looking and personal ETVC members turned out Nov. 11 to meet and inform more than 100 academics and therapists attending the annual meeting of the Society for the Scientific Study of Sex.

Many of the sexologists were surprisingly unacquainted with cross-dressing but all were curious and eager to find out as much as they could in the limited time available. We managed to gather names and addresses to add to our network of sympathetic professionals.

## LEGAL FUND

The Disneyland crossdresser lawsuit has been put on hold for the person involved is considering the notoriety the suit will certainly bring. This would take a lot of courage for any of us to do.

We will keep you updated on any progress in this action. Many thanks to those of you who have shown your support to this cause. We have collected almost \$500 in our legal fund. All donations to the legal fund will be held to help support this or other cases involving crossdressing and transsexual rights.

Just by sending them a support group directory we can possibly connect a client of theirs to a nearby gender group and that alone justifies our participation in Quad S's program.

The evening was quite successful and we could hardly get away at midnight due to a group of late arrivals who had been on a Bay cruise but couldn't pass up a chance to meet the fabled ETVC ladies.

Besides our group, other notables from the gender community included Ariadne Kane of the Outreach Institute of Boston and Virginia Prince.

## DR. WALKER RETIRES

Dr. Paul Walker has retired from practice. He will be very much missed by the gender community as a whole and ETVC in particular.

Dr. Walker is a previous president of the Harry S. Benjamin Society and was chairman of the committee that developed the Standards of Care.

Dr. Walker commented that he is "retiring and going camping." We wish him our best.



ETVC is a non-sexual, membership based organization with the purpose of serving the educational, social, and recreational needs of gender-challenged people, their spouses, significant others, family members, friends, and professionals in the helping services.

For details about ETVC programs, membership, newsletter subscriptions, and classified ads, please write to: ETVC Secretary, PO Box 6486, San Francisco, CA 94101.

## OFFICERS

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| Co-ordinator | Kim             |
| Secretary    | Donna           |
| Treasurer    | Nancy Ann       |
| Outreach     | Kim & Thalia    |
| Social       | Martina & Susan |

## SECRETARY'S REPORT

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| Membership (as of 11/30/88) | 286 |
| 1987 Membership             | 226 |

## TREASURER'S REPORT

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| Balance (as of 11/30/88) | \$1,468.32 |
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## AD RATES

|               | per issue | per year |
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| Business Card | \$10      | \$50     |
| 4" x 5"       | \$25      | \$125    |
| 8" x 5"       | \$40      | \$200    |
| 8" x 10"      | \$80      | \$400    |

## PERSONAL ADS

ETVC will accept personal ads from ETVC members at the rate of \$1 per 3 lines. We will not accept ads with a purely sexual objective.

Send ad copy and a check for the appropriate amount to: ETVC, PO Box 6486, San Francisco, CA 94101.

Ad Deadlines are the first weekend of the month of publication (June, August, October, December, February, April).

## NEWSLETTER

Deadline for the March/April newsletter is: Thursday, January 26, 1989. Please bring articles, artwork, poetry, announcements, etc. to the Social, or mail them to Newsletter Editor, 1212 Campus Dr., Berkeley, CA 94708.

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## HOLLYWOOD STARS

Some like it hot and if you've ever dreamed of looking like Marilyn Monroe or even Tony Curtis (as Josephine) come to the Chez Mollet on Jan. 26 for ETVC's Hollywood Stars Night. The fun starts at 8 p.m.

Think of all the memories you'll Cher-ish of a night when you can be just Divine. You can Bette it'll be fun to dress like your favorite entertainer, movie star, singer or Broadway actress.

Naturally, there will be a contest to see who best represents their intended character so put on your thinking caps girls and remember: every professional FI who ever lived has done Mae West and Joan Crawford.

The Chez Mollet is at 527 Bryant St. San Francisco. The cost is \$3 for members and \$5 for guests.

## VALENTINE PARTY

Bring your VALENTINE to dinner and join us afterward at the social. Who knows, Cupid's arrows may find their way to you and your loved one.

This mid-month event is on Saturday, Feb. 11, just three days before the day when all good girls express their love by exchanging valentines. Dinner is at 7 p.m. and the social starts at 8 p.m.

The Chez Mollet is at 527 Bryant St. San Francisco. For dinner reservations call 495-4527. \$3 for members and guests

## ETVC/RGA Rap Group

The San Jose Rap Group meets on the 2nd Monday of each month at the new Community of Faith Church at 6350 Rainbow Drive. The next meetings will be Jan. 9 and Feb. 13 from 8-10 p.m. Please call Kim at (408) 243-3919 or Martina at (408) 984-5619 for information.

## SPRING FASHION SHOW

You look great, you've got the look, you're ready to be a model at our Spring Fashion Show at the Chez. Who else but ETVC offers you the chance to go down a runway in some of today's hottest outfits? A well-known Bay Area shop will provide the clothes and one lucky model will win a dress of her choice.

The folks at the Ford Agency will be eating their hearts out so be a model, or just have fun as we show off some spring fashions on Feb. 23, 8 p.m. at the Chez Mollet, 527 Bryant St. San Francisco. \$5 for members, \$8 for guests.

## COUPLES GROUP

The couples group will be meeting again on Jan. 19 and Feb. 16. The group is alive and well and having fun at its buffet dinners in the lovely homes of our members around the Bay Area. Come and be a part of another party just for you and your loved one. To find out more call Ginny at (415) 664-1499.

## SOS

The Significant Other Support Group wants to invite all Significant Others to attend our SOS group meetings. Group members define Significant Others as wives, lovers, friends, children and others close to TV/TS persons but who are not themselves a TV/TS. We encourage you to ask the SO in your own life to come to these meetings, particularly if the SO feels they need support from their peers in dealing with their feelings about the TV/TS in their lives. It is important to emphasize that all meetings are kept STRICTLY CONFIDENTIAL. This is to help insure that a safe, supportive environment is created in which all attendees will feel secure enough to really be able to share and talk about their feelings. The SOS group meets the second Thursday of each month from 8 to 10 p.m. in the homes of members. You are all welcome with open arms. Next meetings are Jan. 12 and Feb. 9. For more information call Ginny at (415) 664-1499.

## SPECIAL INVITATIONS

Be a writer -- volunteer to write an article on a recent social or other event. Remember that the newsletter deadline is almost a full month before the newsletter is due to be delivered. Please send your items to Martina, 1201 Sycamore Terrace #135, Sunnyvale, CA 94086 or to ETVC P.O. Box 6486, San Francisco, 94101. Deadline is the 3rd Saturday of January, March, May, July, September and December.

The Decorating Committee meets the night before the regular social. Be a part of the crew that brings you your enjoyment. The Hostess Committee performs a critical function during every social. It needs people to take party fees, give newcomers introductions, and see to it that we do not have any beautiful "wall flowers".

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| <p><b>Chez Mollet</b><br/>PRIME RIB</p> <p>527 Bryant St. • 495-4527<br/>(BTWN. 3rd &amp; 4th STS. • 2 BLOCKS<br/>SOUTH OF MOSCONE CENTER)</p> <p><b>OUR 22nd YEAR</b><br/>SERVING<br/>SAN FRANCISCO</p> <p>CONTINENTAL<br/>CUISINE</p> <p>COCKTAIL<br/>LOUNGE</p> <p>DINNER 5:30 - 11 PM<br/>7 DAYS A WEEK</p> <p>BRUNCH SAT., SUN.<br/>&amp; HOLIDAYS<br/>10:30 AM - 3:30 PM</p> <p><i>Where dinner is a pleasure and parking is a blessing.</i></p> | <p>SUN., MON., TUE.</p> <p><b>Prime Rib</b><br/>Dinner<br/>Soup or Salad<br/><b>\$9.95</b></p>  <p><b>Brunch<br/>Special</b><br/>Ham, Bacon or Sausage<br/>2 eggs &amp; toast<br/><b>\$4.25</b><br/>Plus our regular brunch menu.</p> <p>PARTIES ACCOMMODATED<br/>IN OUR BANQUET ROOM</p> |
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# OUTREACH - They really do want to know

The last couple of months have been busy for outreach. Between the Quad-S reception and several speaking engagements we have been very active in public. We have also kept up our continuing projects and hope members will take advantage of them as well.

On October 18 Thalia and Evelyn spoke to Dr. Don Schneider's undergraduate Human Sexuality class at the College of Notre Dame in Belmont. In contrast to the large class that our speakers encountered at a recent SF State discussion, this was an intimate class of a dozen students.

Their questions were thoughtful, wide-ranging and very supportive. We talked about our childhoods, our relationships, our families, where we buy shoes and how we live day to day. If you have ever thought of public speaking, small classes are a good place to start because students are open, warm and generally a lot of fun. For them to find out that we aren't freaks and are probably their friends and neighbors is important and they do want to know about us.

We later gave a presentation to Dr. Anna McQuinn's graduate Sexuality class for students who are preparing for examinations to qualify themselves as licensed marriage, family and child counselors.

We felt it was especially important to reach potential therapists. These are the people to whom individuals and families may bring cross-dressing conflicts. It makes sense to make sure they have some idea of what our community is about. These were older and more experienced students and their questions were more in-depth but still very supportive. On this occasion the ETVC speakers were Evelyn and her wife Joyce, Thalia and Liana appearing as Eric. It was particularly gratifying for both us and the class to have Joyce there as she provided the spouse's perspective on a relationship with a cross-dresser. Also, as the majority of the students were women, it was good to have a woman on the panel who could speak to a woman's concerns about partnerships with other than traditional gender roles.

As a group we spoke about our childhood experiences, our working toward self-acceptance, our families and a range of other topics including the Rocky Horror Picture Show, which one student who had counselled young people had found was a way of exploring non-traditional gender roles. We were on for over three hours, but no one in the class asked for their usual break, and the discussion continued down the stairs and out into the parking lot. The level of interest was very high and it was extremely gratifying to be able to help those who may some day help one of us.

ETVC member Lou Sullivan continued to be a mainstay of the Institute for the Advanced Study of Human Sexuality's panels on

sexual minorities and AIDS. On Nov. 8, Lou was at the Institute speaking with a diverse group, informing sexologists about gender issues.

On Nov. 21 Susie Keels appeared on Jan Black's Journal on KCBS Radio. Susie spoke about transsexual issues and shared the microphone with Dr. Paul Walker, a well-known friend of ETVC and respected psychologist who has worked with transsexuals for many years.

Besides public speaking, we have begun some test advertising: placing ads in various Bay Area alternative newspapers as part of a continuing program to reach out to those of us who haven't heard about ETVC. We intend to run the ads and then, based on the responses, choose the most effective papers.

Thalia is also surveying other gender groups to find out their experiences with promotion, advertising and public speaking. We hope to find out what has worked well for our sister groups

and to use their successful tactics as well as avoid those that have been less valuable. We also plan to write up the results and feed it back to the participating groups to strengthen all our groups' efforts.

The continuing projects have been proceeding quite nicely, too. Lauren has put together an updated list of the video library holdings. If you made it to Outreach Night you may already have a copy. Otherwise send for one. Martina, besides being the able Social Committee co-chair, has been keeping the article library in good order too. Check out the latest listing for something you might have missed. Either library is always ready to accept new materials. To help out and contact one of the librarians.

The International Support Directory is still in process. Seems that just when we're ready to go to press there are "just a few more changes"... Suzanne is in charge of the Tip Sheet and always looking for more submissions. Those of you who started lists on Outreach Night can still help by getting them in now...Martina and Kim are still running rap groups monthly in San Jose. Check the calendar for more info...Telzey has been working on getting our name out via articles in local and national special interest papers.

On a personal note, as you probably know by now, Kaye has resigned as our Coordinator and Kim has volunteered to replace her. I can't think of anyone more able to coordinate this organization having worked with Kim on this committee these past few months. I have grown a lot with her help, been buoyed by her enthusiasm when I felt overwhelmed and I think we have gotten a lot done. I'm sorry to see Kim move on but I feel Outreach's loss is the whole group's gain. - Thalia

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For a copy of our Article Library (\$1), Video Library (Free), International Support Group Directory (\$2)

Please write to:

ETVC-Outreach Committee

Box 6486, San Francisco, CA 94101.

Next Outreach Meetings:  
January 3rd-Mountain View  
Call Evelyn-(415) 964-3655 or  
Kim-(408) 243-3919 for more information.



# TV/TS/TG GROUPS AND ACTIVITIES

## A Calendar of Events for January & February



| DATE            | WHO        | WHAT                       | TIME              | WHERE               | FOR INFORMATION |
|-----------------|------------|----------------------------|-------------------|---------------------|-----------------|
| <b>JANUARY</b>  |            |                            |                   |                     |                 |
| 3               | ETVC       | Outreach Committee         | Starts at 8 PM    | Mountain View       | (408) 964-3655  |
| 3               | .....      | Dressing Up                | 7 - 9 PM          | Oakland             | (415) 893-0123  |
| 3               | Pac Ctr    | TS Support                 | Meets 8 - 10 PM   | Berkeley            | (415) 841-6224  |
| 4               | Pac Ctr    | TV/TS Rap                  | Meets 8 - 10 PM   | Berkeley            | (415) 841-6224  |
| 6               | RGA        | Social                     | Starts at 8 PM    | San Jose            | (408) 988-0790  |
| 7               | ETVC       | Executive Committee        | Starts at 8 PM    | Oakland             | (415) 763-5247  |
| 7               | ETVC       | Cotillion Rehearsal        | Starts at 12 Noon | San Francisco       | (415) 540-7938  |
| 9               | ETVC       | Rap Group                  | Meets 8 - 10 PM   | San Jose            | (408) 243-3919  |
| 10              | Pac Ctr    | TS Support                 | Meets 8 - 10 PM   | Berkeley            | (415) 841-6224  |
| 11              | ETVC       | Cotillion Committee        | Meets 8 - 10 PM   | Berkeley            | (415) 540-7938  |
| 12              | ETVC       | Significant Others Support | Meets 8 - 10 PM   | Pleasant Hill       | (415) 664-1499  |
| 13              | ETVC       | Poker Social               | Starts at 8 PM    | San Francisco       | (415) 664-1499  |
| 14              | ETVC       | Miss ETVC Cotillion        | Starts at 7 PM    | California Club, SF | (415) 664-1499  |
| 17              | ETVC       | Social Committee           | Starts at 7:30 PM | Oakland             | (408) 984-5619  |
| 17              | Pac Ctr    | TS Support                 | Meets 8 - 10 PM   | Berkeley            | (415) 841-6224  |
| 18              | Pac Ctr    | TV/TS Rap                  | Meets 8 - 10 PM   | Berkeley            | (415) 841-6224  |
| 19              | ETVC       | Couples Social             | Meets at 8PM      | San Francisco       | (415) 664-1499  |
| 20              | RGA        | Social                     | Starts at 8 PM    | San Jose            | (408) 988-0790  |
| 24              | ETVC       | IFGE Convention Committee  | Meets 7 - 10 PM   | San Francisco       | (415) 664-1499  |
| 24              | Pac Ctr    | TS Support                 | Meets 8 - 10 PM   | Berkeley            | (415) 841-6224  |
| 26              | ETVC       | Hollywood Stars            | Starts at 8 PM    | Chez Mollet         | (415) 664-1499  |
| 27              | Pac Ctr    | Open Rap                   | Meets 8 - 10 PM   | Berkeley            | (415) 841-6224  |
| 28              | SGA        | Social                     | Starts at 8 PM    | Sacramento          | (916) 362-8131  |
| <b>FEBRUARY</b> |            |                            |                   |                     |                 |
| 1               | Pac Ctr    | TV/TS Rap                  | Meets 8 - 10 PM   | Berkeley            | (415) 841-6224  |
| 3               | RGA        | Social                     | Starts at 8 PM    | San Jose            | (408) 988-0790  |
| 4               | ETVC       | Executive Committee        | Starts at 8 PM    | San Francisco       | (415) 664-1499  |
| 6               | ETVC       | Outreach Committee         | Starts at 8 PM    | TBA                 | (415) 465-5701  |
| 7               | ETVC       | Social Committee           | Starts at 7:30 PM | Oakland             | (408) 984-5619  |
| 7               | .....      | Dressing Up                | 7 - 9 PM          | Oakland             | (415) 893-0123  |
| 7               | Pac Ctr    | TS Support                 | Meets 8 - 10 PM   | Berkeley            | (415) 841-6224  |
| 9               | ETVC       | Significant Others Support | Meets 8 - 10 PM   | T.B.A               | (415) 664-1499  |
| 10              | ETVC       | Poker Social               | Starts at 8 PM    | San Francisco       | (415) 664-1499  |
| 11              | ETVC       | Valentine Party            | Starts at 8 PM    | San Francisco       | (415) 664-1499  |
| 13              | ETVC       | Rap Group                  | Meets 8 - 10 PM   | San Jose            | (408) 243-3919  |
| 14              | Pac Ctr    | TS Support                 | Meets 8 - 10 PM   | Berkeley            | (415) 841-6224  |
| 15              | Pac Ctr    | TV/TS Rap                  | Meets 8 - 10 PM   | Berkeley            | (415) 841-6224  |
| 16              | ETVC       | Couples Social             | Meets at 8PM      | Berkeley            | (415) 664-1499  |
| 17              | RGA        | Social                     | Starts at 8 PM    | San Jose            | (408) 988-0790  |
| 21              | Pac Ctr    | TS Support                 | Meets 8 - 10 PM   | Berkeley            | (415) 841-6224  |
| 23              | ETVC       | Spring Fashion Show        | Starts at 8 PM    | Chez Mollet         | (415) 664-1499  |
| 24              | Pac Ctr    | Open Rap                   | Meets 8 - 10 PM   | Berkeley            | (415) 841-6224  |
| 25              | SGA        | Social                     | Starts at 8 PM    | Sacramento          | (916) 362-8131  |
| 25              | Coronation | Empress/Emperor            | Starts at 7 PM    | Gift Center, SF     | (415) 664-1499  |
| 28              | ETVC       | IFGE Convention Committee  | Meets 7 - 10 PM   | San Francisco       | (415) 664-1499  |

### OTHER GROUPS

Pacific Center for Human Growth, a counseling-oriented growth center, sponsors drop-in support groups for transsexuals each Tuesday at 8:00 PM. All-inclusive gender support groups meet on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays, and last Friday of the month at 8:00 PM. The Center is located at 2712 Telegraph Avenue, Berkeley.

Rainbow Gender Association (RGA) meets on the 1st and 3rd Friday of the month at 8:00 PM at the New Community of Faith Church, 6350 Rainbow Drive, San Jose. RGA can be contacted by writing: Rainbow Gender Association, PO Box 700730, San Jose, CA 95170.

Sacramento Gender Association (SGA) meets at 7PM on the fourth Saturday of each month at the Town & Country Inn's restaurant 2060 Auburn Blvd. Sacramento;

Lady Garnet's Show is upstairs at 9 & 10:15 PM; call (916) 441-8045 for directions. Write Jennifer Richards, PO Box 417701, Sacramento, CA 95841.

The Tenderloin Self Help Centre meets every Wednesday from 4-6 PM at 191 Golden Gate (at Leavenworth), San Francisco, CA. This is a project of the Central City Community Hospitality House funded by the Community Mental Health Services. Call (415) 554-0518.



## TV Kids

Telling the children—Yes, they should know

By Linda of Cincinnati

(Linda is the father of three, a boy 11, a girl 8 and a girl 3. This appeared originally in Inner View, a newsletter for Cross-Port, Cincinnati.)

Before the first child got old enough to know what was going on, I was quite an active cross dresser around the house...I could freely dress around the house in whatever and however I wanted. I really had it made. I had found true peace of mind between my two selves and I wasn't sure if I wanted or could give it up.

We (Linda and her wife) both felt they should have it explained to them as soon as they could understand it. We didn't believe I could have kept everything secret and hidden well enough, that sooner or later (the kids) would find out. We also considered what if they found things that didn't seem right. and if so what conclusion would they come to, perhaps years before we found out they already knew.

We also realized that truth and honesty are the stepping stones to a good relationship in both a marriage and close family. We wanted our children to grow up knowing that we keep no secrets from them, and we hope they will never feel the need to keep one from us...

...As our first child got older we told him that most fathers don't dress this way. We emphasized the fact that this was a family secret and that no one should be told...They all seem to take that so-what attitude.

I believe it probably bothers my son to a degree. After all, he's in junior high and it's very important to have a manly father to brag about. He's just at that age when everyone wants to look and act like the other guy. I hope this doesn't last too long.

Some men keep their feeling all bottled up inside never letting the girls all the way out. I'm sure everyone has good reasons for doing so, it's just that I believe one can never be truly happy until this is done. I think one's happiness is reflected in everything one does...Therefore I justify my dressing around my family. I feel good about me and it shows.

## No, it's better kept private

By Cindy of ETVC

(Cindy is also the father of three, all under 10 years old)

What would a child gain by learning that their dad enjoys wearing women's clothes? In my opinion, not much besides confusion, conflict and the unnecessary burden of having to keep a "family secret."

I would never presume to speak for all the TV fathers out there, but I have not told my kids about my dressing and frankly see no need to. Certainly it might make things a little easier for me, but other than that I see no benefit for the rest of the family.

This is not intended as criticism of those TV dads who have spoken to their kids, more power to them. Certainly if I dressed all the time, or needed to, I might feel differently.

But like many of us I am a part-time dresser, who does drag a few times a month and goes out to the ETVC socials for my public excursions. At this level of dressing, there is virtually no chance they would encounter me dressed.

Since that is the case, what is the point of causing them possible confusion and conflict.

There are other reasons for my not telling them, but first and foremost is the question of secrecy.

Sadly, the great intolerance towards TVs in this society makes it imperative for most of us part-time dressers to keep our activities from our employers, neighbors and so forth.

This creates a conflict: we know our dressing is not wrong, yet unfortunately most of us must keep it secret. The question here is do we burden a child with this conflict. I see this as a burden, since the child would be asked to keep quiet about something which itself implies that their father is doing something that isn't quite right.

There is also a "need to know" aspect.

I like to use the example of sex education: A child needs to know the truth about sex, for example, but does the same child need to know the intimate details of one's particular bedroom interests?

Do they really need to know that I am a TV? Well, there are lots of things about me and my wife that my kids don't know and they seem no worse for it.

Think about it this way: do you really know everything about your own parents? Do you want to? Do you really need to know their every wart and secret? Does this mean I have to be somewhat discreet when I do dress? Sure, but that's hardly enough reason for me to open up my closet door to my kids.

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Dear Renee, I want to be beautiful so badly, but I shudder at what the mirror says to me: "My Duckee, you're a dog!" And I am, it's true. But I don't want to spend thousands on cosmetic surgery and electrolysis. Can you help me come to terms with being ugly? Yours truly, Duckee

Dear Duckee,

*It is time for a serious talk with your mirror! Figure out who exactly you're dealing with, i.e., what part of your own inner psyche, and explain that however nice it might seem to be a knockout, the Goddess gave you other gifts this lifetime: courage, integrity, wit, health, children, love, money, whatever they might be in your case.*

*Don't confuse being beautiful with being a woman. There are many more "dogs" than divas out there and the ironic thing is that it is much easier to pass if you are not attracting all the attention that a gorgeous-looking female attracts. In fact, short and dumpy wins this race.*

Dear Renee, My girlfriend is terrified she will lose me to Weirddom if she doesn't sabotage every effort I make to express myself as a woman. So I'm stymied, torn between the security of her love and my own inner yearnings. What should I do? Sincerely, Stymied

Dear Stymied,

*Bite the bullet when you're ready. By this I mean prepare a support network of friends, therapist, rap group, whatever in*

*case she really does follow through on her threat too leave you. then you won't be left quite so high and dry should the worst happen. If there are no children, your inner needs come first.*

*When you feel strong enough share your feelings of strangulation and frustration in a non-blaming manner. If she really loves you, your evident pain and implicit ultimatum will force her to confront her own choice of lover. After all, didn't she really choose to be with you because you were different from other men?*

Dear Renee, There are so many skin care products available (cleansers, creams, masks, etc.) it seems I could spend half my life and income on my face. Which, if any, are necessary, and which are available "generically"? Love, Prunella

Dear Prunella, Products help, but most important is protecting your skin from the elements. Sun, wind and intense cold do more to wrinkle your skin than anything else.

*Next is smoking, for all the drag wrinkles it creates as well as draining your body of needed vitamins, which caffeine does too. Try to get a solid night's sleep and do find ways of reducing stress (baths, meditation, golf). Eating well and moderately is also important. Watch out for too much sugar, red meat and alcohol!*

*Once you've really covered these crucial bases, then a specific cream might be helpful. I prefer neutrogena soap and Nature Cosmetic, Inc.'s Aloe Vera All Day Moisture Cream. Good Luck!*

**PHOTO SHOW**

Mariette Pathy Allen, a photographer who has done many photos of people in the TV community over last five years, has a show of her work at the Photographers Gallery, 540 Ramona St., Palo Alto 415-328-0662.

One of her works is of our own Diahanna. Allen has a book of photos that is being published by a major publisher. Come out and support someone who has been a terrific supporter of our group and has done wonders for our image.

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In a continuing dialog with Kimberly and Renee it was proposed as fact that we are all female at conception (Oh blessed be!) and via different sets of hormones some stay female and others transmute to male.

While pondering this topic, I was attracted to the October MS magazine cover photo of the Olympic sprinter "Flo-Jo" where there is an article, "Chromosome Count" by Alison Carlson, on the sex-testing of Olympic women athletes. Now grab your garters girlies and check this out.

"Normally, the female chromosome pattern is XX and the male is XY. some people have internal organs of the opposite sex due to a birth defect. Estimates of incidence range from one in 1000 to one in 4000 births. Some hermaphrodites, who are born with both male and female organs have the female XX pattern and there are men who have

the XX chromosome pattern, although these are extremely rare."

There are children "born with the male chromosome pattern and testes but an impaired ability to either produce or respond to testosterone. Most are raised female and, if necessary, treated surgically and hormonally to correct their abnormalities."

As psychologist John Money explains in his book "Sexual Signatures: On Being a Man or a Woman", the easy assumption has been that there are two quite separate roads (to gender identity), one leading from XY chromosomes at conception to manhood, the other from XX chromosomes at conception to womanhood. But...scientists are uncovering a different picture. The fact is that there are not two roads, but one road with a number of forks where each of us turns in either the male or female

direction. You become male or female by stages. Most of us turn smoothly in the same direction at each fork."

He emphasizes: "The difference between male and female is not black and white; it is a biological continuum. Any dividing line is a matter of contest. Once the chromosomes have given their message to the embryo to develop testes or ovaries at the first fork in the road, they never again play a role in in the process of sex differentiation. Hormone levels, internal and external organs, and overall body build all have greater influence on gender. The label boy or girl has tremendous force as a self-fulfilling prophesy."

Next time I'll explore the social and political implications and address the question: Why not have endorphins for breakfast?

**PASSING COMMENTS**

On the way out of the reception for the Quad-S convention someone asked our Ginny if the poker social that was scheduled for the same night was still on as there were so many ETVC members at the reception. She replied that the poker game was still on and that many of those attending would probably not even think of doing something so public as appearing at a reception. She stated that for some who come and dress at the poker game it is the only time they get to dress outside their homes. They show up in "drab" and put on their finery for those brief few hours, then undress and go home.

This set me to thinking about what kinds of services the group can and should be providing and also if we haven't, in a way, set up a kind of hierarchy where those of us who dress a lot in public are seen as "better" than our more closeted sisters. I think it would be wonderful if everyone who wanted to could dress any time, but this is America in the '80s and we seem to be slipping back towards more tradition-bound gender roles.

Those of us who choose to be more public with our cross-dressing are not better people than those who choose to remain out of the public eye. We are simply more willing or able to put up with the reactions we produce. Of course, there is always that Holy Grail of "passing" to spur us on. So magical and

yet so often unattainable.

For those who choose to remain closeted or those who have tried going public and have retreated I hope ETVC can provide the peace of mind of belonging to a group of supportive friends who will accept your decisions free of the snobbishness of the "passing elitists".

I would like your response to this and other issues. How can this organization best serve all its members??

Thalia

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The convention registration fee is \$205 per person or \$350 per male/female couple. Discounts for payment are being offered and more details are available on materials enclosed with the newsletter. The fee includes all sessions, receptions, shows, Bay cruise, and banquet. Speakers luncheons are \$15 each and most planned activities run from Tuesday evening to Sunday afternoon.

Hotel and airline reservations must be made separately. There are also daily rates

and two-day registrations for Friday and Saturday as well as three day registrations. You can also make reservations for luncheons separately.

Start making your plans now for an exciting time with very interesting people from the gender community from around the nation. ETVC is the host group and we need many volunteers to help with the local entertainment planned by our group for the convention. If you can help please call Ginny or Nancy Ann at 664-1499 We need hostesses at the registration desk, mini-van bus drivers, people to work on the daily convention newsletter staff, tour guides and assistants for backstage for the ETVC Showtime.

ETVC IFGE committee meetings will be on Jan. 24 and Feb. 28, please call Ginny and Nancy Ann for more information.

## **LIBRARY DONATIONS**

ETVC is accepting books, magazines and tapes for the ETVC book library. Make room for more dresses in your closet by donating some books or magazines to ETVC P.O. Box 6486 San Francisco 94101. A few of our members have even made sure that when they pass on their gender library will go to ETVC by setting up living trust. So give us your books, magazines and articles so we can help even more transgendered persons... you'll be glad you did.

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Using Anne as his model Jim's explained the basics of effectively transforming the male face to an attractive female visage.

Summarizing, here's what Jim recommended:

Beginning with a clean face, shave as close as possible and then use ALOE VERA as a non-alcohol astringent. All drug stores carry this. For beard cover, use DERMACOLOR CAMOUFLAGE CREME. This fantastic opaque oil-base foundation and many of the other special products he recommended are available at California Theatrical Supply, 130 9th St., San Francisco. It's expensive, but well worth it.

For this and all other theatrical cosmetics (or any make-up) talk to store personnel about what's appropriate for your skin color. Jim recommended spreading Dermacolor just on beard areas, but you might try spreading it thinly over the whole face for evenness. All else you will use is water based. Set the Dermacolor with translucent Kryolan powder.

Then with a damp sponge daub on pancake powder. He recommends MAX FACTOR PANCAKE, but you might also consider high quality MEHRON CAKE MAKEUP. For eyebrows and eyeliner use Aquacolor applied with a stiff thin paint brush. Apply blusher with a soft brush and use the blusher around the frame of the face and along the jaw line to contour and soften. Use sparingly. Do your eyeshadow, remembering to use the darkest color in the crease over the lid. After applying lipstick, go over the whole face with translucent powder.

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