ETVC

Educational TV Channel Newsletter

Volume Four, Number 4 January - February, 1986

ETVC News

COUPLE'S SOCIAL GROUP

The Couple's Social Group meets on the third Thursday of each month at various member's homes around the Bay Area.

Everyone contributes to the potluck buffet, so there are plenty of good things to eat. The comraderie and conversation is delightful, which makes these "events" a fun time for all.

So, ladies, bring your ladies and join us for another great time dressed in your finery.

The next Couple's Socials will be on January 23 and February 20. Call 408-227-9490 for the location.

SIGNIFICANT OTHERS SUPPORT GROUP

An update on the Significant Others Support group reveals.....an active, healthy, sixteen member group of wives, lovers, mothers, fathers, children, and friends of TVs and TSs.

Come join our group and share the experience and understanding that prevails during these rap sessions.

We usually meet at 8:00 PM on the first Wednesday of each month at various locations around the Bay Area. However, because the first Wednesday of January is New Year's Day, the January meeting will be on January 8. Call Arlene at 415-[redacted] for location and directions.

The View From the Chair

KIM'S KORNER

In this New Year's issue I want to take the opportunity to thank a lot of people who have made ETVC the largest and most successful transgender organization on the West Coast.

In membership terms, we are at 158-- almost double the level from a year ago this time.

In the quality and diversity of our programs and services, I can say without a doubt that ours is among the best, if not the best.

It takes a lot of work to make a transgender group successful. So, I especially want to thank Andi, Arlene, Barbara, Charlotte, Clare, Dianne, Diahanna, Ginny, Gloria, Jan P, Jan W, Jo-An, Judy, Karin, Lyn, Nancy, Phyllis, Terry, and Vanessa for making ETVC a very special and wonderful place to be.

As a New Year's resolution, I would like everyone to become involved with ETVC in a "behind-the-scenes" way during 1986. Choose a committee to work with, become a hostess, give Jo-An some help at the check-in table, send your written contributions to the newsletter. No matter what your interest or skill is, there is a way to use it here. The pay isn't great, but the people are friendly!

To everyone, thank you so much for making 1985 our best year yet, and let's move into the New Year with the knowledge and confidence that even better times are possible.

Best wishes to all for a Happy Holiday season, and a joyous and prosperous New Year.

ETVC

Parties, Meetings & Social Events

PLEASE NOTE:

Unless otherwise noted, all official ETVC meetings/parties are held the last Thursday of each month from 8pm to 12 midnight at the Chez Mollet restaurant, 527 Bryant St. in San Francisco (see map & directions on p. 4). If you are planning to have dinner at the Chez, the management requests that you make reservations by calling the restaurant 415/495-4527. Though you can usually eat dinner in the back room where we hold our meetings (tables in our meeting room are usually set for dinner), no food will be ordered or served after 10pm.

For the dates, times or locations of all other ETVC-sponsored events, Support Group meetings, or functions, please see the Calendar on p. 5, read the party/event descriptions below or ask any member of the ETVC Executive Committee at the next party.

** PARTIES ** FUN ** SOCIAL EVENTS ** GOOD TIMES ***

START '86 WITH A FLASH!

This is it, vixens. Dress in your most provocative, sultry, stunning, sexy, surrealist, sensuous, sinful outfit imaginable.

And bring your cameras.

It's the January Hottt Flash Social!

Chez Mollet will be transformed into a heart-stopping, breath-taking, mind-blowing arena of the best looking ladies South of Market.

Special picture-taking sets will be designed for you to flash away at your hearts content.

Bring your own photo equipment-- anything you like or need.

Of course, discretion will prevail, as usual-- no pictures to be taken without consent. And picture taking areas will be defined to eliminate the possibility of someone showing up in the background.

This social is on Thursday, January 30th, 8:00 PM, at the Chez Mollet Restaurant, 527 Bryant Street, San Francisco. Admission is only $3.00 for members, $5.00 non-members.

Enjoy dinner at the Chez Mollet as well. Call 415-495-4527 for reservations.

See you there for a great flashing fancy!!!

CONGRATULATIONS!!!!!

To the newlyweds-- Barbara Ann Berwick and Judy Gaer. What is your last name now?

THURSDAY MARDI GRAS

Mardi, as in MARDI GRAS, is Spanish for Tuesday.

Since this is ETVC, and this is the Great San Francisco Bay Area, we have the 3rd Annual ETVC Thursday Mardi Gras!

What do you wear to a Thursday Mardi Gras?

Anything you wish, my dear. If you can get in off the street, you're safe!

Mardi Gras is a fashion free-for-all. Everything goes. This is Halloween, New Year's Eve, Ground Hog Day, Gay Freedom Day, Daughters of the American Revolution Day, and your birthday all rolled up in one.

This promises to be an eclectic and electric evening. Member admission is $5.00, non-members $8.00 for this mid-winter salsa.

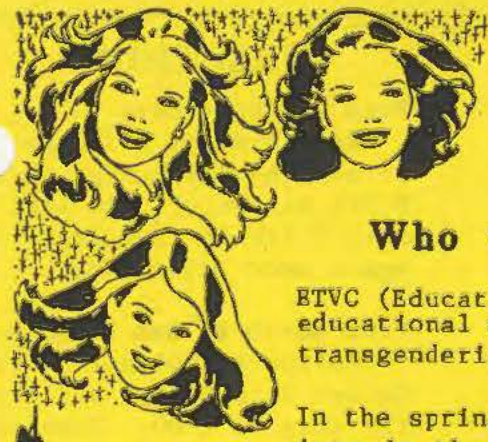
Drag yourself to dinner at the Chez Mollet and have a box seat for the parade that starts at 8:00 PM on Thursday, February 27th. Dinner reservations can be made by calling the Chez at 415-495-4527.

Much Gras for everyone, even you!

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE (ExComm)

Executive Committee meetings are held monthly at a location near you! Any member may attend, regardless of whether you've just joined ETVC, or have been a member for several years. Fresh ideas and insights are always welcome.

CONT. PAGE 10



Welcome to ETVC

Who we are... and how to find us.

ETVC (Educational TV Channel) is a social, recreational and educational support group for transvestites, transsexuals, transgenderists and their friends and/or Significant Others.

In the spring of 1982, a small group of cross-dressers and transgenderists in the San Francisco Bay area, wanting to create a safe social milieu for themselves, began getting together on a regular basis at various individuals' homes. We chose a name for our group (ETVC) and as word got around and more people started showing up at the gatherings, we established regular monthly socials at a San Francisco restaurant, the Chez Mollet. In less than a year, our "theme" parties were drawing an average of 40-60 people and ETVC had become established as one of the best places in the Bay area for TV's, TS's and TG's to go for a sociable night out.

Starting in 1983, we began to adopt a set of bylaws to provide a formal structure for the group. Under these Bylaws, ETVC is a membership organization (although non-members who share our interests are welcome to attend) wherein responsibility for coordinating its activities rests with a 5-member Executive Committee.

Since we exist to help meet the needs of TV's, TS's and TG's, we are delighted to welcome new people who share our interests to any of our regular meetings which take place the last Thursday of every month at the Chez Mollet restaurant, 527 Bryant St., San Francisco, CA from 8 pm to 12 midnight. Their specialty is French cuisine and reservations are usually advisable. Directions to the Chez Mollet are on the back.

We would like to encourage all our friends, new and old, to become members of ETVC. On the reverse is a mail-in membership form for your convenience. Anyone can also become a member at the door on the night of any ETVC function. Reprinted below is the Statement of Purpose and membership eligibility criteria from our Bylaws.

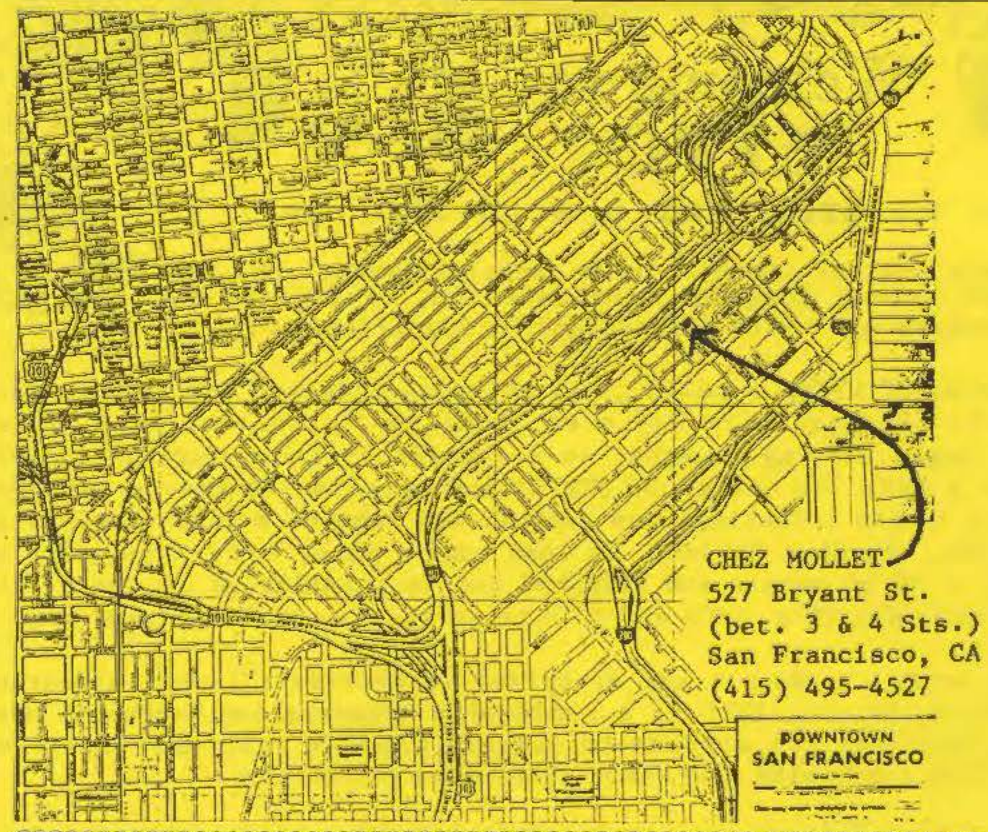
STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

The purpose of the "Educational TV Channel" (hereinafter "ETVC") is two-fold: (1) to serve the educational, social and recreational needs of transvestites (either female or male), transsexuals (either female or male), and all other persons (either female or male) whose social role differs in any degree from that role considered to be appropriate for an individual of his or her genetic sex, and (2) to undertake educational activities intended to assist the general public in comprehending transvestism, transsexualism, and transgenderism.

MEMBERSHIP (Eligibility)

Membership in ETVC is open to any person (male or female) who is 18 years of age or older and who believes that he or she is, or may be, a (1) transvestite, (2) transsexual, or (3) person whose social role differs in any degree from that role considered to be appropriate for an individual of his or her genetic sex. Membership is also open to (1) a spouse or significant other of one who is eligible for membership in ETVC under the preceding sentence, and (2) one who is 18 years of age or older and who has (a) a personal or professional interest in one or more persons who fall into one or more of the categories established in the preceding sentence, or (b) a personal or professional interest in transgenderism or gender dysphoria generally.

(BYLAWS adopted May 31, 1984)



DIRECTIONS

From the East Bay:
Take I-80 or I-580 to [illegible] across the Bay Bridge to the Fifth St. exit, turn left onto Fifth St. and left again onto Bryant St.

From north of San Francisco:
Follow US 101 across the Golden Gate Bridge and thru the city to I-80. Take the Fourth St. exit directly onto Bryant St. The Chez is straight ahead.

From the South Bay:
Take US 101 north to I-80 and the Fourth St. exit (as above). Alternatively, take I-280 to its end at Fourth St., cross over Fourth, go one block and take a left onto Third St. and go up 4 blocks to Bryant St.

MEMBERSHIP IN ETVC

Under the Bylaws, the membership year runs from June 1 to May 31. An annual membership is $7.00 when purchased between June 1 and November 30, and $4.00 when purchased between December 1 and May 31, and offers the following benefits:

1) reduced rate for parties;
2) a membership card which facilitates your entrance into our parties;
3) a subscription to the ETVC Newsletter which is published bi-monthly in June, August, October, December, February and April of each membership year;
4) free or reduced cost for other ETVC publications and services;
5) a say in how ETVC is run for your benefit: a vote for the members of the Executive Committee at the May Annual Meeting and the right to attend meetings of the ExComm.;
6) provides ETVC with funds needed to continue growing as a stronger and more supportive organization, able to offer more benefits and services to its members.

********** MAIL-IN MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FORM **********

(Please print)
MAILING NAME: _____

MAILING ADDRESS: _____

_____ ZIP: _____

PREFERRED NAME: _____

Remit $7.00 by check or money order to: ETVC
P.O. Box 6486
San Francisco, CA 94101

TV/TS/TG GROUPS & ACTIVITIES

A CALENDAR OF EVENTS

* * * JANUARY * * *

Date	City	Organization	Event	Time	Information
1	Berk	Pacific Center	TV/TS Rap Group	8:00P	
1	S Jose	B deFrank Ctr	Female-to-Male TS	8:00P	
3	S Rosa	GGA	Social	8:00P	
3	S Fran	CPSCL at MCC	Open Forum	7:30P	415-928-3008 x-4567
3	S Fran	HAI- Lone Mtn	Open Forum	7:30P	408-978-9927
3	S Jose	GGA	Social	8:00P	
4	S Fran	ETVC	ExComm Meeting	7:30P	408-227-9490
7	Berk	Pacific Center	TS Support	8:00P	
8	TBD	ETVC	Sig Others Support	8:00P	415-928-3723
8	S Jose	B deFrank Ctr	Female-to-Male TS	8:00P	
10	Sacto	GGA	Social	8:00P	
10	TBD	ETVC	Poker (Really!)	8:00P	408-227-9490
11	S Fran	ETVC	Outreach Comm	8:00P	408-227-9490
14	Fos City	ETVC	Social Committee	8:00P	408-227-9490
14	Berk	Pacific Center	TS Support	8:00P	
15	S Jose	B deFrank Ctr	Female-to-Male TS	8:00P	
15	Berk	Pacific Center	TV/TS Rap Group	8:00P	
17	S Jose	GGA	Social	8:00P	
17	S Rosa	GGA	Social	8:00P	
21	Berk	Pacific Center	TS Support	8:00P	
22	S Jose	B deFrank Ctr	Female-to-Male TS	8:00P	
23	TBD	ETVC	Couple's Social	8:00P	408-227-9490
28	Berk	Pacific Center	TS Support	8:00P	
29	S Jose	B deFrank Ctr	Female-to-Male TS	8:00P	
30	S Fran	ETVC	Social (Hottt!)	8:00P	408-227-9490
31	Berk	Pacific Center	TV/TS Rap Group	8:00P	

For your convenience....check with organizations to make sure programs will be held as scheduled. Holidays and other considerations frequently cause last minute changes.

**********INFORMATION ON CALENDAR-LISTED GROUPS**********

EDUCATIONAL T.V.CHANNEL
ETVC
P. O. Box 6486
San Francisco, Ca 94101

A Bay area "TV/TS/TG and friends" membership-based, social group. Membership is $7 per year but not required to attend Social events/meetings held the last Thursday each month from 8pm at: Chez Mollet Restaurant, 527 Bryant St., San Francisco, (415) 495-4527 (for dinner reservations only). Sponsors a Significant Others Support Group (not for TV/TS/TG's) which meets first Wednesday of each month at 8pm. Also sponsors a Couples Social Group which meets third Thursday of each month at 8pm. Call the coordinator (Arlene) at (415) [redacted] for location or write to ETVC.

CALENDAR continued on next page-

A CALENDAR OF EVENTS

(Continued from p. 5)

* * * FEBRUARY * * *

Date	City	Organization	Event	Time	Information
4	Berk	Pacific Center	TS Support	8:00P	
5	TBD	ETVC	Sig Others Support	8:00P	415-928-3723
5	Berk	Pacific Center	TV/TS Rap Group	8:00P	
5	S Jose	B deFrank Ctr	Female-to-Male TS	8:00P	
7	S Rosa	GGA	Social	8:00P	
7	S Fran	CPSCL at MCC	Open Forum	7:30P	415-928-3008 x-4567
7	S Fran	HAI- Lone Mtn	Open Forum	7:30P	408-978-9927
7	S Jose	GGA	Social	8:00P	
8	Fos City	ETVC	ExComm Meeting	7:30P	408-227-9490
11	Berk	Pacific Center	TS Support	8:00P	
11	Fos City	ETVC	Social Committee	8:00P	408-227-9490
12	S Jose	B deFrank Ctr	Female-to-Male TS	8:00P	
14	Sacto	GGA	Social	8:00P	
14	TBD	ETVC	Poker (Really!)	8:00P	408-227-9490
14-16	S Rosa	Helen & S Dale	Sex Workshop	7:00P	707-528-3093
15	S Fran	ETVC	Outreach Comm	8:00P	408-227-9490
18	Berk	Pacific Center	TS Support	8:00P	
19	S Jose	B deFrank Ctr	Female-to-Male TS	8:00P	
19	Berk	Pacific Center	TV/TS Rap Group	8:00P	
20	TBD	ETVC	Couple's Social	8:00P	408-227-9490
21	S Rosa	GGA	Social	8:00P	
21	S Jose	GGA	Social	8:00P	
25	Berk	Pacific Center	TS Support	8:00P	
26	S Jose	B deFrank Ctr	Female-to-Male TS	8:00P	
27	S Fran	ETVC	Social (Mardi Gras!)	8:00P	408-227-9490
28	Berk	Pacific Center	TV/TS Rap Group	8:00P	

For your convenience....check with organizations to make sure programs will be held as scheduled. Holidays and other considerations frequently cause last minute changes.

***

SACRAMENTO G.G.A. — Meetings are held the second Friday at 8pm each month at the M.C.C.Church, 2741 34th Street (34th & Broadway) in Sacramento. Contact Pati Fink at (916) [redacted] for info.

****

FEMALE-TO-MALE TRANSSEXUAL GROUP

San Jose, California

New support group for female-to-male transsexuals. Meetings are held every Wednesday from 7-9pm at the Billy DeFrank Community Center, 86 Keyes Street, San Jose. For more info, call the Center at (408)293-4525 and leave a message for Hal at (408) [redacted].

PHONE SERVICE FOR MEMBERS NOW AVAILABLE

ETVC members and their friends now have a way to be quickly in touch with ETVC.

A telephone number and message recording facility is now available 24 hours a day for your convenience.

The purposes of this new service are to:

- o give members updated information about ETVC events,
- o provide a quick and easy way for members to communicate with the Executive Board and Committee Chairpersons,
- o and to assist your friends who are just "coming out" to make contact with ETVC or other supportive groups.

The phone number is 408-227-9490.

It is NOT the purpose of this service, nor will it provide:

- o crisis intervention,
- o psychiatric, psychological, health, or social service counselling,
- o dating or relationship referrals.

Members and other interested persons may also contact us by writing:

ETVC
PO Box 6486
San Francisco, CA 94101

THE EDITOR'S TWO CENTS WORTH

OK, so I bitched about the newsletter, and how I thought it should reflect a higher quality of content and style. And I also offered to help clean it up. We're not "there" yet (I know of at least two typos in this edition that I made). And I HATE, HATE, HATE dot matrix type style. See, my meticulous pattern is more than skin deep, ladies!

But, not to worry about all that. A few requests I'd like to make are.....

First, if there is something you see that needs to be done in ETVC-- do it! Chances are that what you know how to do, you also do well-- and with a fair amount of ease. If you've had the courage to "come out," you can surely handle something here, something there.

Second, I want some feedback on the newsletter. What do you like about it? What don't you like? What kinds of articles do you want more of? Or less of? What would make the newsletter better? You're the customer. Whatta ya want??!!!

Third, send us your contributions. We're especially interested in newspaper and magazine articles on gender-related topics, favorable or not. Send us short pieces on your experiences-- what's going on with you, what's working, what isn't. We'll protect your confidentiality, for sure. (I'm even interested in collecting TV/TS fantasies-- so send 'em in.) Don't worry about your grammar, diction, syntax, spelling or any of that stuff.

And last, I want to acknowledge the work that Jo-An does to coordinate the production of this newsletter and get it out on time. Super job!

Let's hear from YOU! Send anything to: Karin Ulsted, PO Box 53192, San Jose, CA 95153.

SHARON'S HINTS & TIPS

Fabulous Fakes for Free

Have you had any of these problems with fingernails? They're flimsy. They don't fit right. The shape isn't what you'd really like. Or, they simply don't last.

Take heart. With a few hours of careful sculpting, you can have nails that last a long time, look great and don't require hours of maintenance.

This technique involves the use of thin, clear plastic-- plexiglas.

Go to a local plastics supply store- like Corth or Tap- and buy two strips of plastic. Each one should be 12 inches long, 2 inches wide, and 1/16 of an inch thick.

First, the piece must be formed to the exact curve of your fingernail. Hold the strip over stove heat until a section of the strip near the center gets soft. Then bend the strip gently, so that a bend of the correct radius forms across the two inch width of the strip.
You may have to practice with this a few times. I found that after getting the feel of the plastic, I could do the bend at the end of the strip by pressing the end on a flat surface. Fitting the curve of the plastic to the curve of your nail must be done by eye, since the plastic is too hot to touch.
Cut out the bent section with a hacksaw blade. You will now have what looks like a section of tube, cut lengthwise.
Sculpting the plastic is most easily done with a Moto-Tool miniature grinder. If you don't have one, sandpaper will do.
Next, cut the piece so the width matches the widest part of your nail. Then round one end to the shape of your cuticle. And finally, trim the nail to the length and shape you prefer with sandpaper and grinder. Work the edges and ends thin, while leaving the centers a bit thicker. This will give your nail a natural looking curve and still be strong.

Finish the nail with fine sandpaper, and buff it with wool or flannel fabric so it takes a good polish.

Repeat up to nine more times, or for however many nails you want to do.

Paint the nails carefully with at least three coats of polish, letting them dry completely between each coat. A good polishing can last a long time, provided you don't change your mind about the color!

I use "Super-Glue" (cyanoacrylate) to mount my nails. A tiny drop will secure them for weeks.
Remove the nails by droppping a bit of nail polish remover to the underside of the nail between it and your own nail. Allow it to soften the glue for two or three minutes, and then gently pry the nail off with a thin blade. If the first attempt doesn't work, apply more remover, wait a few more minutes, and try to pry it off again. Forcing nails off could be a painful mistake! Be patient!

My nails have lasted almost two years, with only minor touch-ups. They look natural, wear well, and require very little time for upkeep.

SOCIAL COMMITTEE ACTIVITIES

Here's a chance to make a contribution to ETVC and have fun at the same time.

The Social Committee will meet at Vanessa's on Tuesday, January 14 and February 11, beginning at 8:00 PM.

The Social Committee is the hot hot group that comes up with all the neat stuff at the monthly socials.

You don't need to be a creative whiz or super organizer to play in this sandbox. Just come and let your imagination run wild. And we'll all share in the fun results.

ETVC MEMBERS ATTEND MENSA SEXYG

ETVC members participated in the 2nd annual national gathering of the Sex Special Interest Group (SeXyG) of Mensa.

The event was held at the Miyako Hotel in San Francisco's Japantown on the three days following Thanksgiving. About 150 people from all over the U.S. attended.

Barbara Ann, Judy, and Natalie participated on the "Transvestism" panel. Crystal and Karin also attended throughout the weekend.

Other panels, discussions, and activities focused on open relationships, sex in the Age of AIDS, sex and the law, conversations with call girls, phone sex, SM, intimate explorations, and sexual astrology.

There was also a "field trip" to the Institute for the Advanced Study of Human Sexuality.

The highlight of the event was the Saturday night banquet where widely known sexologist Stan Dale was the keynote speaker. Things then came to a head and the proceedings climaxed at the Gender Fantasy Ball.

DREAM FILM FESTIVAL

The Dream

He dreamed of
an open window.
A vagina, said
his psychiatrist.
Your divorce, said
his mistress.
Suicide, said an
ominous voice within him.
It means you should
close the window
or you'll catch cold, said
his mother.
His wife said
nothing.
He dared not tell her
such a
dangerous dream.

--- Felix Pollak

LADY DI ON THE WILD SIDE

In a recent Newsweek article about the royal couple, it was noted that "her set...is in many ways the most decadent group of young people English society has seen since Regency days-- heavily into drugs, homosexuality, crossdressing and,...getting 'hog-whimpering drunk' as often as possible."

Sounds like an intriguing lifestyle!

"Thanks for everything, doctor. I'll let you know how I'm doing at Vassar the minute I get my transfer from Yale."

The Pacific Center in Berkeley has initiated a transsexual support group that meets each Tuesday from 6-9pm. It is a drop-in format in which an open discussion of the issues in people's lives takes place. The co-facilitators are Christina Taylor, who has facilitated the Wednesday night TV/TS rap group for some time, and Janet Taylor (no relation), a sex therapist who is a member of the PC staff and also associated with Wardell Pomeroy's Institute for the Advanced Study of Human Sexuality. Recently about 8-10 people, apart from the facilitators, have attended. Although there has been some discussion of changing the date of the group's meeting, it is listed on the calendar in this newsletter for Tuesday. You should check the dates with the Pacific Center (415/841-6224) before attending your first meeting.

ADVERTISEMENTS

ETVC sells advertising space at the rate of $10/business card-size ad per issue; $50 for same per year. If you would like to advertise here, just send us your business card or camera-ready ad copy, along with a check for the appropriate amount, to:
ETVC, P.O. Box 6486, San Francisco, CA 94101
Deadlines are the first weekend of the month of publication (June, August, October, December, February & April). Information on rates and terms for ads larger than business card size is available by writing to us at our P.O. Box address above.

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 c[illegible]tive. Send ad copy and a check for the appropriate amoun[illegible]
ETVC, P.O. Box 6486, San Francisco, CA 94101.
Deadlines are the first weekend of the month of publication (June, August, October, December, February & April). Information on rates and terms for ads other than the standard size is available on written request to our P.O. Box address above.

The next ExComm meeting will be at Nancy's in San Francisco, on Saturday, January 4. Vanessa will host the next meeting in Foster City on Saturday, February 8. Both meetins will start at 7:30 PM.

Call the ETVC information number---408-227-9490-- for directions.

Random ExComm notes....membership up to 158 compared to 81 at the same time last year....net proceeds from the Halloween and Fifties parties were $135.57 to bring the Treasury balance to $654.50.

"I want a dress!"

TVIC

APARTMENT TO SHARE WANTED

TV would like to share an apartment with TV/TS. Will spend about $200 a month. Call [redacted]

FURTADO'S HIDEAWAY

Bed & Breakfast
Come taste the Quiet
Secluded 350 acre ranch
Complimentary wine • Full breakfast
Private baths and spa
For complete privacy
3 room – 2 night minimum
707-895-3898 • P.O. Box 650, Boonville, California 95415

TV-TS TAPESTRY
P.O. Box 19
Wayland, MA 01778
(617) 358-5575

Tasteful, comprehensive, non-profit journal for all persons interested in cross-dressing and transsexualism
Single copy $10, Subscription $30 ($40 1st class)
** With this ad $10 of each subscription will be rebated to ETVC

STUDIO OF ELECTROLYSIS
PERMANENT HAIR REMOVAL
415-821-6643
MICHELE LACRETE, RE
ALAN SILVERMAN, RE
2120 MARKET STREET #102
SAN FRANCISCO, CA 94114

NEW BREASTS NEW
Prostheses you will believe.
Sensational mastectomy Bras, Bathing Suits, and classic TV books, 50¢ for information.
Breast Buyers Guide still $3.00
Ken/Kathy Pool
P. O. Box 10031
Berkeley, CA 94709

HAIR TODAY, GONE TOMORROW
Permanent Hair Removal
GWEN CHELGREN
Registered Electrologist
1645 So. Bascom Ave., Suite C
Campbell, CA 95008
(408) 559-3500