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International Foundation for Gender Education

cordially invites you to its second annual
international convention:

"COMING TOGETHER - WORKING TOGETHER"

FEBRUARY 24 - MARCH 1, 1988
at the Ramdada O'Hare Hotel Chicago, Illinois



The Convention is sponsored by the International Foundation for Gender Education on behalf of the entire Transvestite/Transsexual Community. The Convention is planned and coordinated by representatives from Alpha Zeta, Androgyny Unlimited, The Boulton-Park Society, the Butterfly Group, Chi Chapter, Chi Delta Mu, CHIC, Chicago Gender Society, the City of Lakes Crossdressers Club, Cross-Port, Crossroads Chapter, Dallas/Fort Worth, Delta Chi, the Educational TV Channel, the Emerald City Club, Eon, the Foundation for the Advancement of Canadian Transsexuals, the Gender Identity Clinic, Iota Chi Sigma, Janus, J2cp Information Services, Life, Metamorphosis Medical Research Foundation, The Neutral Corner, the Northwest Gender Alliance, the Orange County Gender Clinic, the Paradise Club, the Outreach Institute, People Systems Potential, Phi Chapter, The Rainbow Gender Society, A Rose, Renaissance, Shangri La, the Society for the Second Self, the Tiffany Club, TransCend Counseling, TransPitt, Transition, the Transsexual Voice, and the XX Club.

PURPOSE:

To have a Convention that is of actual and effective service to the Transvestite/Transsexual Community, and those affected by that Community. It is also intended to provide an educational resource to those persons who may be interested in issues related to Gender Expression and Identity.

OBJECTIVES:

To promote self-validation and self-respect, to develop a sense of togetherness and working together to benefit all, and provide an in-depth educational opportunity for all.

We will achieve our purposes and our objectives by providing a comprehensive program of workshops, seminars, moderated special topic raps, social activities, etc. There will be programs for **crossdressers, transsexually inclined persons, wives & significant others, helping professionals (therapists, educators, etc.), and those members of the general public who wish to learn.**

"Last year our objective was to have a convention that would pull us together as a community, give us a chance to tend to business, and an opportunity to reinforce our self-respect. We wanted a chance to learn how to help ourselves, and how to help others. We brought together nearly 150 representatives from 36 organizations and services from the United States and Canada. We talked, shared ideas, and learned from each other. We worked on issues important to our community as a whole, and found solutions to our problems. We emerged with an active Board of Directors working on projects such as a national speakers bureau, and educational publications. We emerged with a convention transcript, a 100-page publication that is bound to be the cornerstone of the future of our community. We emerged with a new spirit of togetherness, and an excitement for our future. Our success exceeded our hopes.

Last year's convention was terrific, but it was also a challenge---a challenge to build on what we've learned. Last year we talked about and found solutions. This year we must do more than talk. We must provide those solutions! We talked about a speakers bureau. Let's build one! We talked about networking. Let's network! We talked about outreach. Let's outreach. We talked (and talked) about the foibles of the helping professional community. Now let's work with the professionals to HELP them do a better job serving us.

Last year's convention challenged us, now let's meet that challenge. See you in Chicago."

Merissa Sherill Lynn, Director

"COMING TOGETHER", c/o I.F.G.E., P.O. BOX 19, WAYLAND, MA -01778 (617) 358-2305

CODE OF CONDUCT:

It is expected that all persons attending the "Coming Together" Convention will dress tastefully (whether that be in masculine or feminine attire), will exercise good manners and common sense at all times, and will protect the security and peace of mind of all.

It is our intention to project an image of dignity and self-respect, and we expect all participants and guests to act accordingly.

ACCOMMODATIONS:

The Ramada O'Hare is a beautiful 1st class hotel. The hotel staff is fully aware of the nature of our convention, and is willing to work with us and support us in any way they can. The Ramada has gone out of its way to help us feel welcome, and we are going to go out of our way to preserve that trust.

PROGRAMS:

We have taken the best programs of last year and refined them. We studied the transcripts and evaluations and emerged with several new and exciting programs including a Positive Action workshop and a comprehensive 18-hour program for helping professionals.

WORKSHOPS & SEMINARS FOR NON-PROFESSIONALS:

- Wives and Significant Others Program** (on-going)
- Transsexual Program** (on-going)
- Positive Action** (reacting to positive and negative media)
- Religious Aspects**
- How To Form And Maintain An Organization**
- Communications** (how to make the world hear your song)
- Networking** (how to work together for the benefit of all)
- Marketing** (how to sell our product)
- Peer Support** (how to become a more effective support organization)
- Counseling Techniques** (what works, and what doesn't)
- Newsletter Production** (a rap group for publishers and editors)

WORKSHOPS & SEMINARS FOR PROFESSIONALS:

(Certificate of attendance provided, APA approved CEU's pending)

- Opening The Shutters** (2 hrs) (Niela Miller, LCSW, Mariette Pathy Allen) (using photography as a vehicle for better understanding)
- The Helping Professional and the Paraculture** (1 hr) (Ariadne Kane, Ph.D. c.) (an examination of hypotheses that have shaped current thinking and

attitudes among professionals)

Dynamics of Gender Shift (2 hrs) (Ariadne Kane, Ph.D. c.) (what happens when an individual's principal mode of behavior is in conflict with established gender role)

Three Concepts of Gender Deviance (1 hr) (Richard F. Docter, Ph.D.) (the intrapsychic model, the socio-cultural model, the learning model)

A 5-Stage Theory Encompassing Fetishism, Transvestism, and Secondary Transsexualism (1 hr) (Richard F. Docter, Ph.D.)

Professional Support of Transgendered Clients (10 hrs) (Roger E. Peo, Ph.D., Niela Miller, LCSW) (a weekend training program providing information about human sexuality and transgender issues, an experiential perspective, and methods of therapeutic intervention)

In addition to the above named seminars and workshops:

We will have our annual formal Saturday evening awards banquet honoring one person from our Community who has given an outstanding lifetime contribution to our Community.

We will have keynote speakers (including Dr. Richard F. Docter and Merissa Sherrill Lynn) for the luncheons and dinners.

We have a committee to coordinate social activities (parties, receptions, etc.).

We have a committee to coordinate outside activities (nights on the town, guided tours, places to go, things to do while in Chicago, etc.)

We will have a reception room with informational literature, publications for sale, a browsing library, and informed hosts & hostesses to rap with anyone who wishes to talk with them.

We will have small conference rooms set aside for impromptu meetings, unscheduled raps, etc.

There will be vendors available to help with wardrobe, make-up, counselling, etc.

And more!

FEES:

Registration fees do not include accommodations fees. See: Ramada O'Hare Hotel Registration

CONVENTION REGISTRATION FEES:

(For both non-professional and professional programs)

FULL CONVENTION: \$175.00 PER PERSON; \$275.00 PER M/F COUPLE	
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\$35.00 WEDNESDAY	\$75.00 FRIDAY
\$75.00 THURSDAY	\$75.00 SATURDAY
	\$75.00 SUNDAY

(20% DISCOUNT IF PAID IN FULL BY OCTOBER 2, 1987, 10% DISCOUNT IF PAID IN FULL BY JANUARY 1, 1988 5% DISCOUNT IF PAID IN FULL BY FEBRUARY 10, 1988)

MISCELLANEOUS FEES:

SPEAKER'S LUNCHEONS THURSDAY, FRIDAY, SATURDAY (Not included in registration fee)

PARTICIPANT \$10.00 per luncheon

NON-PARTICIPANT \$25.00 per luncheon

AWARDS BANQUET SATURDAY EVENING (Included in registration fee)

NON-PARTICIPANT \$40.00

WORKSHOPS & SEMINARS

(Included in registration fee)

NON-PARTICIPANT NON-PROFESSIONAL

\$15.00 per hour

NON-PARTICIPANT PROFESSIONAL

\$25.00 per hour

DEPOSITS: A minimum \$100.00 deposit is required. Balance payable upon arrival. To guarantee registration in your preferred programs we must have your payment in full prior to February 10, 1988.

REFUNDS: Total refunds can be given prior to January 1, 1988 and 50% refunds prior to February 10.

PAYMENTS: All checks and money orders must be payable in U.S. funds. No personal checks can be accepted after February 10. Make checks and money orders payable to: I.F.G.E.

Visa and MasterCard are accepted (+ 5% service charge). Send your Name, Address, Account Number, Expiration Date, and Total Amount to: I.F.G.E., P.O. Box 19, Wayland, MA 01778.

REGISTRATION: We need your name (legal or adopted). (Address and phone number are preferred, but optional.) We need to know what requirements (if any) you may have, and when you plan to arrive and depart.

Upon receipt of your registration, you will be sent a letter of confirmation, and any other instructions you may need.

AIRLINES: American Airlines is our official carrier. They are offering 35% off regular fare, and 5% off any fare. To take advantage of this offer you must purchase your ticket before 7 days prior to departure.

You can only earn the exclusive fare by calling American's Meeting Services Desk or through your travel agent. Dial 1-800-433-1790. Ask for STAR File #S-81959. Tell them you are planning to attend the I.F.G.E. Convention in Chicago.

RAMADA O'HARE HOTEL REGISTRATION: Single \$69.00 Double ~~\$79.00~~ Triple \$89.00 Quad \$99.00 (Suites available by contacting hotel direct)

For reservations call 1-312-827-5131. Cut-off date for reservations February 1, 1988.

QUESTIONS: If you have any problems or questions, write or call MERISSA SHERRILL LYNN, Director, P.O. Box 19, Wayland, MA 01778 (617) 358-2305.