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PPOC has a new, new address! Look again!!!

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No Meeting in December: Next Meeting January 20th

Let's see what's passed since our last newletter. There was the Tri-Ess convention - we all had a wonderful time.

There was the Alpha Chapter/PPOC Christmas Dinner - we were all stuffed.

There was a national election - we DON'T have a president, yet.

All in all everything seems to have worked out well.

As mentioned last month, we will not be holding a December meeting - too close to Christmas. Our **next meeting will take place next January on the 20th, 2001.** We should have a new president by that date - even if it is Dennis Hastert.

Joan indicates that she is planning on having Lynn Gold, speech therapist to talk on acquiring a more feminine voice! Stay tuned for further updates.

The next Powder Puffs meeting is:

Date: Sat. January 20, 2000
Time: 8:00 pm PDT
Place: Placentia Holiday Inn, 118 E. Orangethorpe Ave, Placentia, CA. Take 57 Fwy to Orangethorpe exit. Head east

2001 Transgender Cotillion

Information taken from *Alpha Bits*, Alpha Chapter's newlsetter, Dec. 2000

Cotillion Weekend: Thursday February 1st - February 4th, 2001

The 2001 Cotillion: Saturday February 3rd, 2001

Where:
The San Francisco Design Center Galleria
101 Henry Adams Street, San Francisco, CA.

What:

Thursday - Reception Suite at Host Hotel

Thursday - TGSF Show at Diva's Nightclub

Friday - Wine Tasting trip to Napa Valley

Friday - Dinner & Dancing

Saturday - Shopping trip to San Francisco Center

Saturday - The 2001 San Francisco Transgender Cotillion

Sunday - Brunch at the Host Hotel

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Thai beauty queen is a man

BBCNews November 17, 2000
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Thailand's transvestites have their own beauty contest

A beauty queen in Thailand has handed back her crown after organisers discovered she was a he.

It was Kesaraporn Duangsawan's good looks which won over the hearts of the judges at an annual beauty contest in the central Thai province of Ratchaburi this month.

But the 22-year-old beauty queen has been forced to abdicate after admitting she's actually a man.

A police officer says the truth came to light after fellow contestants complained that Kesaraporn was more than she appeared.

Now the disgraced beauty queen has handed back her $140 prize in the competition to the contest organisers.

Jumbo

Beauty pageants are extremely popular in Thailand, which also hosts an annual Jumbo Queen contest for larger-sized ladies.

And while this is the first known case of a Thai man winning a female beauty contest, there are other options for good-looking transvestites and transsexuals.

Each year hundreds of hopefuls flock to the popular Thai tourist destination of Pattaya to compete in the Miss Tiffany's Universe contest.

Last year's winner went on to take home the world title.

Sex-change vicar to return to the pulpit

Taken from http://anaova.com
Submitted by Barbara Johnson

A vicar who has become the first serving Church of England priest to undergo a sex change operation intends to return to the pulpit next month.

The Rev Carol Stone, 46, will return to her parish duties and take her first service at St Philip's Church, Upper Stratton, Swindon, Wilts on Advent Sunday, December 3.

In June, as the Rev Peter Stone, she announced her intention to become a woman with the full blessing of the Bishop of Bristol, the Rt Rev Barry Rogerson.

At the time, she said she had wanted to be female since she was young and prayed every night she would wake up as a girl.

A spokesman for the bishop said that Ms Stone, who is divorced and has a teenage daughter, did not want to comment but was planning to hold a press conference next Tuesday when she will be happy to answer questions.

Last updated: 16:39 Tuesday 21st November 2000

Perfume FAQs

Taken from www.ParfumsRaffy.com

What is the difference between cologne, eau de toilette, parfum, etc...?

Simple. The concentrations are different. Eau de cologne is the least concentrated form of a fragrance, then comes the eau de toilette, followed by the eau de parfum, and finally the most concentrated, the parfum.

What is a "nose"?

A nose is a person who creates fragrances. There was a time when the job of perfume-maker was handed down from father to son but times have changed and now there are several schools dedicated to the science of perfume-making. At this time only three major French perfume-makers (Chanel, Guerlain, and Jean Patou) have their own in-house blender. The following is a picture of a nose at work.

Is it true that fragrances change scent on different people?

Yes. Each of us has our own unique body chemistry based on our genes, skin type, hair color, and even the type of lifestyle we lead and the environment in which we live in. So it is important not to purchase a fragrance because you smelled it in a magazine ad or on someone else. Try it on your own skin to see how it reacts with your own body chemistry.

As one gets older does the sense of smell diminish?

Yes. As we age our sense of smell slowly begins to diminish. As a result some older individuals apply more fragrance than needed.

How long will a fragrance last on me?

Fragrances are designed to last about 4 hours or so. Some people may notice that a particular fragrance lasts all day but by then it will not smell as it's supposed to. You must reapply once or twice a day.

Is it important to apply fragrance all over the body?

Yes. If a fragrance is only applied to the neck or behind the ears the fragrance will rise and disappear. It is important to apply a fragrance all over the body to ensure the scent lasts.

How does skin type play a role?

Oily skin holds scents much more than dry skin. So those with dry skin need to reapply more often.

Is it important to change fragrances according to the different seasons of the year?

Yes, since heat increases the intensity of a fragrance. There are certain fragrances that are more appropriate for summer and other stronger scents that would be better for winter use. A good guideline to follow is to wear lighter scents in the summer and stronger in the winter. Citrus scents are perfect for summer while orientals are better for winter.

How does the color of your hair make a difference?

Blondes -- with a fair skin will be happiest with long-lasting multi-floral creations. Their skin is often dry causing fragrances that are too subtle to evaporate rapidly.

Brunettes -- usually have medium-to-dark skin which contains natural oils, allowing scents to last longer. Dramatic orientals are often favorites.

Redheads -- have extremely fair and delicate skin which may be incompatible with fragrances which have predominant green notes.

How long can I keep my fragrance stored?

Fragrances don't last forever. There are certain precautions though that will ensure the quality of the fragrance. Keep the bottle in a dry, dark place. Heat can also destroy a fragrance so keep it from extreme temperatures. Colognes and eau de toilettes (not parfum) may be kept in the refrigerator in order to maintain their freshness. Fragrances usually last 3 years from the date they were manufactured, not the day you buy it. Certain clearance centers which I won't name but everyone knows who they are carry bottles that are at least 2 or 3 years old. Buy from department stores and reputable perfumeries to ensure the quality of the fragrance.

Are imitation perfumes like their original counterparts?

Like everything else, there are high quality and low quality imitation fragrances depending on the quality of the ingredients. Some last 30 minutes on the skin while others last up to 4 hours like their original versions. We have a site that sells some high quality imitation fragrances ... http://www.imitationperfume.com.

Will pheromones really attract the opposite sex?

Not that I know of but some people swear by it. I will research this subject and recommend a product in the future if I believe in it.

Can I make my own perfume?

This is the best book if you need that information..."Perfumes, Splashes & Colognes" by Nancy M. Booth. You can order the raw
materials from us at discount prices.. Perfume Materials.

Please join us for our Eleventh California Dreamin' Conference. The elegant 25-story Golden Gate Holiday Inn will serve as host for our event. The hotel is conveniently located at the corner of Van Ness Avenue and California Street in downtown San Francisco. The beginning of the California Street Cable Car is just a few steps from the hotel. The room rate is $110, single or double, with most rooms providing spectacular bay or city views.

California Dreamin' is proudly brought to you by a consortium of northern and southern California transgender organizations. The emphasis of the event is education and entertainment. Our program manager is providing a schedule of seminars and workshops from basic how-to information for our first time guests to cutting edge presentations on legal, medical, family and partner relationships, and a special workshop for spouses and significant others. Everyone is welcome no matter where you fit on the gender spectrum.

The daytime is devoted to our seminars while the evenings have been set aside for rest and relaxation. The program committee has put together a package of optional events which include a three hour hands-on makeover workshop led by reknowned artist Jon Davis, a Thursday night dinner at the world famous Westin St. Francis Hotel followed by a magic performance at the Squished Eye Theatre.

Event registration is separate from hotel registration and charges. Beyond the basic registration packages there is an opportunity to participate in these optional events. Tickets for these options are available through the registration process. Be sure and order what optional events you would like to attend because we expect to sell them out in advance.

San Francisco is the one of the more cosmopolitan cities in the United States and a most tolerant city to boot. Feel free to express your feminine or masculine side as you explore the wonders this great city has to offer.

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Preliminary Schedule

Optional Events requrie separate ticket purchase
All activitie are tenative and subject to change

WEDNESDAY

Early Evening	Staff Reception

THURSDAY

9 am - 4 pm	Registration Open
Morning	Seminars, Optional Shopping and Sightseeing
Noon	No Host Lunch
Afternoon	Seminars, No- HostTours
Evening	Welcoming Reception Option - Dinner at the Westin St. Francis Hotel + Magic Show at the Squished Eye Ball Theatre

FRIDAY

9 am - 4 pm	Registration Open
Morning	Seminars, Vendor Mall Opens Option - Jon Davis Makeover Workshop
Noon	Luncheon
Afternoon	Seminars, No-host tours
Evening	Cocktails and Dinner

SATURDAY

9 am - 4 pm	Registration Open
Morning	Seminars, Vendor Mall Open
Noon	Luncheon - Keynote Speaker
Afternoon	Seminars
Evening	Cocktails and Banquet with Entertainment

SUNDAY

7 am - 11 am	Farewell Brunch
11 am -	Golden Gateway Railroad Museum (No-Host Option)

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APRIL 26 - 29, 2001

At the Golden Gateway Holiday Inn In Beautiful San Francisco, CA

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The Diablo Valley Girls (DVG) - Concord
The Rainbow Gender Association (RGA) - San Jose

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http://www.flash.net/~dhome/cadreamin

EARLY BIRD (BEFORE 03/05/01) EVENT RATE SCHEDULE - CIRCLE CHOICES

Schedule	Singles Rate	Couples Rate
Full Event (2 days of seminars & 5 meals)	$225	$425
Friday and Saturday ONLY (2 days seminars, 4 meal	$210	$375
Single day (Friday or Saturday and 4 meals)	$110	$200
Single day (seminars ONLY)	$55	$100
Saturday banquet and show *only*	$55	$100

ON-SITE REGISTRATION PRICES EFFECTIVE 03/06/01

Schedule	Singles Rate	Couples Rate
Full Event (2 days of seminars & 5 meals)	$275	$475
Friday and Saturday ONLY (2 days seminars, 4 meal	$230	$425
Single day (Friday or Saturday and 2 meals)	$130	$225
Single day (seminars ONLY)	$55	$100

OPTIONAL EVENTS

(PRICES ARE PER PERSON)

Schedule	
Jon Davis Makeover Workshop - 3-hour event LIMITED TO TWELVE (12) PERSONS	$60
Haunted Theatre + Dinner at the Westin St. Francis Hotel (Thursday, April 26) Includes Transportation (LIMITED TO TWENTY FIVE (25) PERSONS	$85

Total Payment Due $ _____

The event is presented for the benefit and enjoyment of rergistered participants only. Un registered and casual observers in the workshops/seminars and banquet areas are not welcome.

Roommates: Sorry, but we don't offer roommate matching services.

REFUND POLICY: Full refunds, less a $25 handling fee, will be made to those who cancel their reservations via letter postmarked on or before 03/06/00. Cancellations after 03/06/00 and up to 03/31/00 will have refunds based on a formula determined by the California Dreamin' Organizing Committee with each case reviewed on its individual circumstances. Absolutely no reufnds after April 5, 2001.

REGISTRATION FOR CALIFORNIA DREAMIN' *'01*

MAILING NAME: _____

MAILING ADDRESS: _____

CITY _____ STATE___ ZIP _____

TELEPHONE (Optional): _____

BADGE NAME _____

PARTNER' BADGE NAME _____

EARLY BIRD CONFERENCE RATE - In order to obtain the Early Bird conference rate, registration forms must be postmarked by March 5, 2001. All registrations received after March 6th are subject to On-Site Registration Pricing

Payment Method:

[ ] Check [ ] Money Order

[ ] Visa [ ] MasterCard [ ] American Express
[ ] Discover

Card Number: _ _ _ _ - _ _ _ _ - _ _ _ _ - _ _ _ _
Expiration Date: _ _ / _ _

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Via Internet: http://www.flash.net/~dhome/cadreamin

REGISTRATION FEES INCLUDE

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

Friday - Sunday: Friday luncheon & 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.

Hotel Accommodations

Attendees are responsible for securing and paying for their hotel rooms. The Golden Gateway Holiday Inn is offering California Dreamin' participants the special room rate of $110.00 per night (single or double). In order to receive the special room rate you must tell them you are part of California Dreamin' 2001. Room rates do not include applicable state and local taxes.

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

IMPORTANT HOTEL RESERVATION INFORMATION AND DEADLINE

The Golden Gateway Holiday Inn has allocated a block of rooms for California Dreamin, however, rooms not reserved by participants prior to April 5, 2001, will be released to the general public on April 6th. Accommodations will then be on a space available basis at regular room rates.

For hotel reservations call (415) 441-4000

Golden Gateway Holiday Inn
1500 Van Ness Avenue
San Francisco, CA 94109

Air Travel: San Francisco is served by all the major airlines

2001
San Francisco
Transgender
Cotillion Extravaganza

This year's theme:

Carnivale Brazilia

Thursday, February 1st -
Sunday, February 4th, 2001

Come join the members of TGSF and several other bay area groups in the midst of the most friendly TG city in the world, for our 18th annual Cotillion Celebration

Call (707) 824 - 0860 to make reservations or
See the Cotillion web at:
www.tgsf.org/cotillion

Attendees will be staying at the Renoir Hotel
Reservations can be made through TGSF or directly with the hotel at (415) 626-0916
(Be sure to indicate that you're with TGSF)