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Calendar Of Events

12/25/89	MERRY CHRISTMAS
01/01/89	HAPPY NEW YEAR
01/07/89	TGIC party 145 Club
01/14/89	EON Party
01/19/89	Rap Group Loft
01/27/89	TGIC Business Meeting
01/27/89	TGIC PARTY Loft
01/28/89	Butterfly Rap Group
01/29/89	Butterfly Party
02/04/89	Mate Support Group
02/11/89	TGIC Party 145 Club
02/16/89	Rap Group
02/18/89	EON Party
02/24/89	TGIC Business Meeting
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Any questions on the above? Write or call us. TGIC PO BOX 13604 Albany N.Y. 12212-3604**518-436-4513

HELLO AGAIN

NATIONAL NEWS

Happy holidays to you all for the coming year we hope it is a wonderful year for everyone!
Dr. Richard Doctors new book is selling like hot cakes. "TRANSVESTITES and TRANSSEXUALS, Toward A Theory of Cross Gender Behavior". Now available from IFGE for indivuals for $29.50 plus $2.50 postage, there is a discounted price for non-profit organizations. Get yours before supplies run out.
The Book, The Transsexual Phenomenon by Harry Benjamin, is now available in limited numbers from the Outreach Institute for $39.95 plus $3.50 postage and handling.
Both of these books are very good reading material and will help you understand yourself better. The "Transvestites Transsexuals" book is the first printing. The "Transsexual Phenomenon" is a reprint and only a limited number of copies are available. Get your copy by sending $29.50 plus $2.50 shipping to IFGE att. Yvonne [redacted] PO Box 367 Wayland, Ma. 01778.
Or for the Transexual Phenomenon to Outreach Institute Kenmore Station, Box 368 Boston, Ma. 02215.

Keep an eye out for the Geraldo Revira Show, a few people you might know will be on it. (Renee, Diane [redacted], Arie, Carol [redacted] and many more) The show is planned for late January or February I set my video recorder for a daily recording of the show.
Are you looking for something to do this December or January try the Photo exibition in Syracuse N.Y. Mariette Pathy Allen is having a show of her, work in a very fine Gallery in Syracuse from December 1st to January 25th stop in you will be welcomed.
Convention plans are shaping up. There will be a lot of things to do, Boat tours of the bay, sightseeing tours of the city and many more things. I can't wait to get there and start the fun. Sign up now and avoid the rush for a good spot, the space is limited for the hotel so get signed up today.

LOCAL NEWS

We the people of TGIC hope all the people in the group, and people in other groups had a very joyous Holiday season! To some the holidays are not so joyous but here is wishing that your holidays were.
Dues, DUES, dues time to pay your

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dues!!!***!!!*****************************
!!!!DUES** those dreaded dues. One must pay there social dues to be part of what ever. The dues for TGIC go in full to outreach to individuals, PEOPLE, People like you. You are actually helping to contact others like yourself, and bring them out of the closet to a party and part of a big picture. You also insure the exsistance of a club in the area to serve you. So please pay your dues.

The Dues for TGIC are $35.00 per year or $40.00 per couple.(if mate wants full voting privileges) Make check payable to R. (or K.) Chevalier. The dues run from January to December. The first to join was Pete and Beth. So be the second.

We recently had a contribution to the libary of books and video tapes. We now have a sheet for rental of video movies on VHS. If you are interested please send a self addressed stamped envelope for a copy of the list, (there are 60 different tapes).

Dues don't forget the dues!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

From ETVC Newsletter 1/89 2/89
by Roxanne

WHO OR WHAT ARE YOU REALLY?

In 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, "Cromosome 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 incidencce range from one in 1000 to one in 4000 births. Some hermaphrodites, who are born with both male and femalesorgans have the female XX pattern and there are men who have the XX chromosome paattern, 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 necesssary, treated surgically and hormonally to correct their abnormalities."

"OK mister! Does this convince you I'm a man and don't want to be picked up?"

Submitted By our Daughter Dawn

As psychologist John Money explains in his book "Sexual Signatures: On Being aMan or a Woman", the easy assumption haas been that there are two quite separate roads (to gender identity), one leading from XY chromosomes at conception to maanhood, the other from XX chromosomes aat 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."

phasizes: "The difference between and female is not black and te; it is a biological continuum. Any viding line is a matter of contest. ce 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 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?

Submitted by Dawn C.

From the Times Union October 17 1988
CATHOLIC PRIEST HAS SEX CHANGE
by Bruce Buursma Chicago Tribune

Vatican City - The case of an italian priest who took early retirement and now works as a baby sitter has created a spectacular stir among Roman Catholic Church authorities, who are accustomed to dealing with delicate matters and peculiar stories within the fold.
But this episode has particularly vexed religious officials, because the priest in question-identified only as Father Paolo-left his parish in southern Italy after more than a quarter century of ordination to have a sex change operation.
The priest is now a woman, on leave from the priesthood, and the case is under study here at church headquarters.
The issue is especially nettlesome to Catholic theologians and canon law experts because church teaching holds that once a priest is ordained he remains a priest forever. In addition, of course, the church bars women from holding priestly office.
In an interview published in the Rome daily newspaper La Republica, one of the vatican's foremost experts on canon law, Venezuelan Cardinal Jose Castillo Lara, acknowledged the delicacy of the matter, which has never before come up as a legal issue in the church.
"If this person was a woman only sociologically - in other words, if he dressed as a woman but biologically remained a man - in this case he would remain a priest-a priest with a serious pathological problem," said Cardinal Castillo Lara.
But the prelate, who is the president of Vatican's commission for the authentic interpettion of cannon law, said it was his "opinion" that "this woman is no longer a priest," asserting that the surgical and physiological transformation of the priest, from a male to a female invalidates the sacriment of ordination.
"Ordination presupposes that a valid capable subject be a man," he said. "If the priest became, hypothetically, some other being, he wouldn't be a priest. Even if he became an angel. Angels cannot be priest."
The torment and secret life of Paolo became public knowledge last week in a lengthy profile of the transsexual cleric published in Turin's La Stampa newspaper, which withheld his full identity and whereabouts.
As Paolo insisted he never violated his vow of chastity during 25 years of the priesthood, but acknowledged he often wore woman's clothing under his clerical vestments and agonized over his identity.

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU

The Birthday's we have are January Dawn C., Rachel, Mindy, Linda, Wilma. February a very special person Lizzy and I say that because she is big help to me! HAPPY, HAPPY BIRTHDAY !!!

As Paolo moved into middle age, he sought out advise from church and medical councelors. But his spirtual confessor told him he was being tempted by the devil, urging prayer and remorse for such thoughts. And medical authorities were scarcely more consoling. "I asked for help from the church and from doctors," he said. "They advised me to do penance and to take tranquilizers."

At last, following further psychological examination, treatments were begun in the process leading toward the sex change surgery.

"I carried out my role as a priest always feeling like I was a woman," Paolo told La Stampa. "Now I want to be a woman and still feel like a priest."

"The Lord saved me," Paolo said, "and at times it seems I am His instrument as a woman and a priest-a living contradiction for the church."

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MATE SUPPORT GROUP!

We are receiving growing interest in the mate support group and we would like to set the records right so people might not feel strange about contacting us for a get together. We are scheduled to meet the first saturday of every month, and want to do so even if we go out to a nice place for a few drinks, and a little talk and a good time. Or we good just sit and talk about what ever we want. Call or write us today and get together with us you won't be sorry! Happy New Year to you all, we hope it is full of love and happiness for everyone.

Love,
Karyn and Tamie

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WE MISS YOU
WHERE ARE YOU

We miss all of you, we would like to hear from all the people who were unable to attend any meetings or functions for awhile: WE MISS YOU!

We need more information for the newsletter.

Remember the P.O. box is yours to use. Feel free to use it for correspondence you are not sure of. Send mail to: TGIC, P.O. Box 13604, Albany, N.Y. 12212-3604 ATT. your fem or masculine name first and possibly last name inital as we have it on our sheet and a stamped envelope for return.

"You should be happy he wears his hair long, you can't see his earring."

WOMAN'S DAY 10/25/88

Remember BE ALL YOU CAN BE!!
REN'EE and KARYN

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*   listen to piano tunes in the    *
*  Lounge. If its your 1st time,    *
*  don't be shy-introduce yourself  *
*  to Jerry or Eve. They will       *
*        help you in any            *
*  way they can, if you tell them   *
* TGIC or Ren'ee told you to come   *
*          Have Fun                 *
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