

The **7th** annual
**Coming Together -
Working Together**
CONVENTION

7th Annual



Program Schedule

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'COMING TOGETHER - WORKING TOGETHER' 1993

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Transsexual Programs Coordinator: Christina Young

Female to Male Programs Coordinators: Jason Cromwell, Taylor Montgomery

Professional Programs Coordinator: JoAnn Roberts

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Female to Male Partners Programs coordinator: Rebecca Montgomery

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Trinity Awards: Jennifer Richards

Formal Awards Banquet: Naomi Owen

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Atlantic City: Emily Sheldon

Flowers: Evelyn Gerety

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AUDIO/VISUAL COORDINATOR: Michelle Martin

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» BASIC INFO & SPECIAL EVENTS «

REGISTRATION ROOM / IFGE BOOKSTORE:

The registration room and bookstore are in Concerto A&B, located on the 3rd floor. Registration formally begins 9:00 a.m., Monday, March 15. Unless otherwise posted, the registration room and bookstore will be open according to the following schedule:

Monday, 3/15: 9 am to 9 pm.
Tuesday, 3/16: 9 am to 9 pm.
Wednesday, 3/17: 9 am to 9 pm.
Thursday, 3/18: 9 am to 9 pm.
Friday, 3/19: 9 am to 9 pm.

Saturday, 3/20: 9 am to 6 pm. (Registration for all convention functions end 6 pm.)
Sunday, 3/21: Bookstore will remain open until 1 pm.

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ATTITUDE:

'Coming Together' is a serious minded event. It is an attempt to put our community's best foot forward, not only to the general public, but to ourselves. This emphasis on pride, dignity, and self-respect is why we will use only quality hotels for our conventions, and why we place such a high premium on our code of conduct.

We expect all our participants to conduct themselves in a proud and dignified manner, to respect the rights and feelings of other participants, the hotel staff, the hotel guests, and the general public.

CODE OF CONDUCT:

We expect all participants to exercise good manners, common sense, and to protect the security and peace of mind of all persons, including other participants, hotel staff, and the general public.

SECURITY:

We expect conference participants to comply with our code of conduct, and all hotel staff to conduct themselves in a dignified and professional manner at all times. Should problems arise they will be dealt with as quickly as possible between conference organizers and hotel management staff.

COMMUNICATIONS:

DAILY NEWSLETTER:

The Daily Newsletter will be our primary means of communication. A table will be set up outside Concerto A&B (registration).

There will be a collection box on the table for anyone wishing to place an announcement in the Newsletter. Also, when the Newsletter is printed (late evening), copies will be placed on that table. Copies will also be placed near the hotel's registration desk.

PROGRAM SCHEDULE:

A daily program schedule will be placed outside Concerto A&B, so you can see at a glance what's happening today and tomorrow.

BULLETIN & SIGN-UP BOARD:

A bulletin board will also be placed outside Concerto A&B. Any special announcements will be posted.

Sign-up sheets for special outside events (dining out, shopping trips, bar-hopping, etc.) will be posted.

PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Important announcements will also be made during each luncheon.

IFGE BOARD OF DIRECTORS, KEY STAFF:

For communications purposes, private mailboxes will be placed in the registration room. Please check your mailboxes twice a day.

BATHROOMS / POOL:

The Hilton has no specific restroom or pool policy, but we ask you to use common sense. Basically, don't use the public restrooms, except for those nearest our meeting areas, and stay out of the pool if there are other people, especially kids, using it.

THE MEDIA:

The media is not allowed in the convention without permission from either Merissa Sherrill Lynn or Eve Burchert. However, that doesn't mean someone won't sneak through. DO NOT TALK TO THE MEDIA!!! We have trained media hostesses specifically for that purpose.

Remember, the media's job is to sell something, and many of them are unethical, and don't care who they hurt in the process... so please, once again, don't talk to the media. If you are approached by a member of the media, and they do not have authorization, we would be most grateful if you brought the incident to our attention. Also, the hotel security has been notified of the possibility of "gate crashers".

PHOTOS:

IFGE uses many photographers to document the convention. Selected photos will then be placed in the TV/TS Tapestry, and the convention photo album, and a few will be used to promote future conventions.

It is an impossible task to ask for photo releases from everyone at the convention, and even more impossible for the photographers to know who does or does not want their photo taken. Although the photographers have been instructed to make every effort to ask first, and not "catch" people in the background, we ask that you take the responsibility of informing the photographer whether or not you want your photo taken.

The following persons are authorized to take photos on behalf of IFGE: **Roxanne DeLyon** (Coordinator), **Mariette Pathy Allen**, **Claire Roberts**, and **Debbie Sawyer**.

SPECIAL MEALS:

Vegetarian and Kosher meals are available upon request. Please see the Registrar upon arrival.

SPECIAL EVENTS:

SUNDAY FOR HIGH SOCIETY, 3/14

Museum of Art (free). Brunch at the Swan Room (\$27.50 plus tip & tax) (limited to 12 people). Concert (cost & location TBD).

ATLANTIC CITY CASINO TRIP, & EVENING AT LA CAGE, Monday, 3/15

Bus for casino leaves in afternoon (\$12.50). La Cage is optional (\$16.00). Return around midnight.

TOUR OF PHILADELPHIA, Tuesday, 3/16

Leave hotel at 2pm. Liberty Bell, Independence Hall, etc.

WIVES' TOUR & LUNCH, Wednesday, 3/17

Transportation provided. Advanced reservations are required. See Registrar upon arrival. (app. \$20.00)

NIGHT ON THE TOWN, Thursday, 3/18

Choice of eight restaurants (\$15-\$30.00)

CHIEZ RENAISSANCE CASINO, Friday, 3/19

Bingo, black jack, roulette, etc. Fundraiser to benefit the Make-A-Wish foundation. (\$10.00 contribution)

WHO'S WHO

The International Foundation for Gender Education Board of Directors & Alternates for 1993

The IFGE Board of Directors and Alternates is a body of elected officers whose responsibility is to serve the CD/TS Community as a whole without bias. The Board is our community's executive branch, designed to work cooperatively with the Congress of Representatives, IFGE's Standing Committees, and the IFGE Selections Academy.

1993 Board of Directors:

IFGE Executive Director: Merissa Sherrill Lynn ('93-'95, NH)

Chairperson of the Board: (to be determined)

Vice-Chairperson of the Board: Nancy Cole ('92-'94, CAF, KS)

Recording Secretary: Sheila Kirk ('91-'93, TransPitt, PA)

Treasurer: Yvonne Cook ('91-'93, IXE, IN)

Chairperson Winslow Street Endowment Fund Board of Trustees: Laura Skaer ('92-'94, GIC, CO)

Chairperson Educational Resources Committee: Eve Burchert ('92-'94, Chi Chapter, IL)

Chairperson Finance Committee: Yvonne Cook ('91-'93, IXE, IN)

Chairperson Programs Committee: Linda Buten ('93-'95, CrossPort, OH)

Chairperson Legal & By-Laws Committee: Naomi Owen ('93-'95, Chi Chapter, IL)

Chairperson Publications Committee: Holly Boswell (Non-member, Phoenix Society, NC)

Chairperson Nominations Committee: Ellen Summers ('91-'93, NWGA, OR)

Chairperson Marketing Committee: Kerri Reeder ('93 Alt, TCNE, NH)

Chairperson Fund Raising Committee: Laura Skaer ('92-'94)

Ren'ee Chevalier ('91-'93, KS)
Roxanne DeLyon ('92-'94, ETVC, CA)
Holly Devor ('91-'93, CAN)
Jane Ellen Fairfax ('91-'93, Tau Chi, TX)

Melissa Foster ('93-'95, PPOC, CA)
Wendy Parker ('91-'93, PPOC, CA)
Linda Peacock ('92-'94, Sigma Epsilon, FL)

Cynthia Phillips ('93-'95, WATS, TX)
Linda Phillips ('92-'94, Boulton & Park, TX)

Claire Roberts ('93-'95, Emerald City, WA)

JoAnn Roberts ('92-'94, Renaissance, PA)

Sharon Ann Stuart ('93-'95, NY)

1993 Alternates:

Holly Cross (ALT, Tiffany Club, MA)
Jason Cromwell (Alt, Ingersoll, WA)
Lynda Frank (Alt, Chi Delta Mu, NJ)
James Green (Alt, FTM, CA)
Nancy Ann Martine (Alt, ETVC, CA)
Taylor Montgomery (Alt, TX)
Kerri Reeder (Alt, TCNE, NH)

CONGRESS of REPRESENTATIVES for 1993

Each Representative's responsibility is to serve as the communications conduit between his or her organization and the rest of the CD/TS Community. Each Representative is responsible for expressing his or her organization's points of view, voting on its behalf, and presenting their organization's questions and proposals. The Congress is a grassroots organization representing the bulk of our community's active membership, and is designed to work cooperatively with the International Foundation for Gender Education.

1993 Congress of Representatives:

Chairperson: Alison Laing
Vice-Chairperson: Linda Phillips
Secretary: Victoria Mansfield

AEGIS: Dallas Denny
Alpha Chapter: Kymberleigh Richards
Alpha Rho: Mary Ann Lewis
Alpha Zeta: Lee Reynolds

Austin Second Image: Cheryl Clark
Berdache Society: Nora Jean York
Beta Chi: Rebecca Allison

Canadian Crossdressers Club: Janice Gnau
Cemptor: Docteur Joris de France
Central Illinois Gender Association: Jo Ann Fraser
Chi Delta Mu: Terri White
City of Lakes Crossgender Club: Jane Fee
Club Cherchez La Femme: Marlayna Lacie / Tasha LaBlush
Cornbury Society: Johanna L. Bolton
Cross-Dressers International: S. Kristine James
Cross-Port: Linda Buten
Diablo Valley Girls: Telzey Adams
Educational TV Channel: Cindy R. Martin
Emerald City: Judy Osborne
Expressing Our Nature: Charliss Dolge
Eta Tau: Linda Phillips
FACT-Quebec: Mrs. Patricia Fisher
FPE-NE Norway: Jenny Sand
FTM: Sandy Bernstein
Gender Dysphoria Trust International: Ms Fran Springfield
Gender Identity Center: Dianna L. Cicotello
Gender Transient Affinity: Phaedra Kelly
HOPE: Tammy Harkness
Illusions Social Club: B. Baker

Images: Danielle or Melissa Hergenrader
Ingersoll Gender Center: Executive Director
Innvestments: Candy Scott
Iowa Artistry: Beverly Wayne
Jennifer & Friends: Diane Dodge
Ladies Knight Out: Jan Nagurski
Metropolitan Gender Network: Lynn E. Walker
Minnesota Freedom of Gender Expression: Mikki Post
Montgomery Institute: Jerry Montgomery
Monmouth Ocean Transgender: Terry McCorkell
Mu Sigma: Miss Danielle Storm
Northwest Gender Alliance: Ellen Summers
Outreach Institute: Ariadne Kane
Paradise Club: Ann DeJean
The Partner Group BM: Fran Springfield
Phoenix TG Support: Holly Boswell
Powderpuffs of Orange County: Joan Goodnight
Quebec Gender Identity Clinic: Viviane Belanger
ReCast: Aaron Davis

Renaissance Education Association: Alison Laing
Renaissance-Lower Susquehanna: JoAnn Roberts
Renaissance-Philadelphia: Maryann Kirkland
Renaissance-South Jersey: Emily Sheldon
River City Gender Alliance: Gloria Fredericks
Serenity: Brenda Johnson
Sigma Rho Gamma: Michelle Steadman
Significant Others Support: Ginny Knuth
St. Louis Gender Foundation: Jamie Edwards
Sunshine Club: Roberta Steel
Tenderloin Self Help Center: Christine Tayleur
Tiffany Club of New England: Joan Hoff
Transcare New Zealand: Leone Neil
Transgenderists Independence Club: Winnie Brant
Trans-WV: Miss Tabetha Ann Tambor
TV/TS Support Group: Dr. Derek Shaw

▷ THE VIRGINIA PRINCE AWARD ◁

The 'Virginia Prince' award for community service is our community's highest award. Named in honor of the award's first recipient, it is to honor the one member of our community who has given the greatest lifetime contribution to our community. It is to honor our leaders, founders, and pioneers... the ones who fought the battles, led the troops, and provided the effort as well as the inspiration over a period of years. It is to honor our sisters and brothers who created our community's history.

VIRGINIA PRINCE: Recipient, 1987

Virginia has been working on behalf of our community since the early '60's. In the very early 60's she founded FPE (the predecessor of Tri Ess). She conducted one of the first valid research projects designed to help us better understand the nature of the crossdressing phenomena. She has written many books (including the classic 'Understanding Crossdressing', 'The Transvestite and His Wife', and 'How To Be A Woman Though Male'), educational publications (such as 'The Public Speaker's Handbook'), and journals (for instance, over 100 issues of 'Transvestia'). She has served on the IFGE and the Tri-Ess boards of directors, and was and continues to be a lecturer, an author, and a researcher.

Virtually every organization and service worldwide in existence today can thank Virginia for their existence.

MERISSA SHERRILL LYNN: Recipient, 1988

Merissa began working with our community in 1976 when she joined the Fantasia Fair staff, serving as coordinator for two years. She also took a leadership role in the Cherrystone group in Boston. In 1978 She founded the Tiffany Club and the TV/TS Tapestry Journal. In 1981 she founded The Tiffany Club Spring Weekend, and acquired the first group housing/retreat facility for a TV/TS organization. In 1986 she founded IFGE. In 1987 she co-founded and became the director of the 'Coming Together - Working Together' convention. She continues to serve as executive director of IFGE, the director of the 'Coming Together' convention, and as an author, lecturer, philosopher, and planner.

ARIADNE KANE: Recipient, 1989

Ariadne has been working on behalf of our community since 1973. In 1975 she founded the

Human Outreach And Achievement Institute (the Outreach Institute), and Fantasia Fair. Ariadne has coordinated numerous conferences, and has conducted countless workshops and seminars. She has presented at top institutions including Harvard and Berkeley, and for professional organizations such as AASECT and SSSS. She has appeared on countless television and radio programs, and with the possible exceptions of Virginia Prince and Sr Mary Elizabeth has logged more miles in service to our community than anyone.

SR. MARY ELIZABETH, SSE: Recipient, 1990

Sister Mary has been a teacher, an author, a spiritual leader, and well known rabble rouser in service to our community since 1975. She is the author of 'Legal Aspects of Transsexualism', and has published dozens of articles on the subject. In 1976 Sister Mary joined Renaissance Gender Identity Services and lead their Legal Research Division. The same year she helped to found the Gender Dysphoria Program of Orange County, Inc. In 1980 she founded the American Civil Liberties Union's Transsexual Rights Committee, and was responsible for the enactment of California's transgender birth certification legislation and the defeat of SB-2200, which would have prohibited medicaid funds from being used for sex reassignment surgery. In 1986 she took over the JANUS Information Facility's worldwide information referral service, which has since become known as J2CP Information Services. In December 1987 she co-founded the Sisters of St. Elizabeth of Hungary. She also founded TerraNet BBS, serving transgendered persons, and a world-wide BBS for AIDS.

BETTY ANN LIND: Recipient, 1991

Betty Ann began serving our community in the late '60's by forming a local support organization in the Washington DC area. That organization continues as the 'Delta Chi Educational Association'. In 1976 Betty Ann joined the staff of Fantasia Fair, serving as

Fair coordinator for many years. She also served for many years on the board of the Outreach Institute. She coordinated the first 'Winslow Street' meeting, which was the first major attempt to get our community's leaders together in one place, and was responsible for laying the framework for the future development of IFGE and the TV/TS Tapestry. From the mid-70's to mid-80's Betty Ann was a pioneer and leader in the development of the Mid-Atlantic region. She first worked with Tri-Ess, and then with the Gateway Gender Alliance. Besides her own Delta Chi, she helped form such groups as the PI and PGH Chapters of Pittsburgh, the Phi Chapter (now Renaissance), the NU Chapter of Northern NJ, and the Capital Chapter (now the Baltimore/Washington Alliance). During that time she also worked closely with the Academy Awards organization of Washington. Betty Ann was also founder and publisher of 'Our Sorority', and 'Reluctant Press' publications.

NAOMI OWEN:
Recipient, 1992

Naomi began serving our community in 1980 at Fantasia Fair. Since that time she co-founded 'Be All',

was president of Chi Chapter for eight years, drafted the IFGE constitution, served on the Outreach Institute board of directors, and continues to serve on both the Tri-Ess and the IFGE board of directors. She has also served as chairperson of the IFGE Legal & By-Laws committee, director of the 'Be All' convention, and director of the 'Holiday En Femme' event. She is also an author, and lecturer with over 300 public speaking engagements to her credit.

CAROL BEECROFT:
Recipient, 1993

Carol began serving our community in 1969 when she first brought her administrative abilities to FPE and became the president of Alpha Chapter. In 1971 she founded Mamselle Sorority, and developed our community's first executive board. In 1973 she organized the first public event for our community, and in 1974 organized the first support group for wives. In 1976 her organization merged with FPE, and she became the director of the new organization, Tri-Ess. She founded the Femme Mirror and the Holiday En Femme event, and under her leadership Tri-Ess has become the largest and most successful organization of its kind in the world.

▷ THE TRINITY AWARD ◁

The 'Trinity' is Our Community's second highest award. While the 'VP' Award is to honor our leaders, the 'Trinity' is to honor our heroes and heroines. It is to acknowledge extraordinary acts of love and courage.

The 'Trinity' recipients for 1993 are:

HOLLY CROSS:

Holly's selection was based on love, to honor her more than 5,000 hours of volunteer service to our community. During that time she personally responded to more than 10,000 letters, and has talked with countless thousands of people on the phone. She has done all this while asking for nothing more than the opportunity to continue being of help.

JANE ELLEN FAIRFAX:

Jane Ellen's selection was based on love, to honor her work to bring a sense of cooperation and respect among all people in our community regardless of their gender or sexual orientation. It was also based on her work, together with her wife Frances, on issues concerning wives of crossdressers, and their families.

PHYLLIS RANDOLPH FRYE:

Phyllis' selection was based on courage, to honor her heroic struggle against legal discrimination which resulted in the repeal of the Houston anti-crossdressing ordinance, and her ongoing fight for individual liberties and lesbian/gay/transgender rights.

THE REVEREND CANON CLINTON R. JONES:

Canon Jones' selection was based on love, to not only honor his extraordinary 20-year contribution to our community, but to honor his compassion for our people. His benevolent work with countless members of the XX Club and the New England Gender Clinic and is without question one of the most beloved and respected friends of our community in the world.

PEGGY RUDD, Ed.D:

Peggy's selection was based on love. Peggy is the wife of a crossdresser who not only supported her husband with compassion and understanding, she used her skills as an educator, an author, and a leader to reach out with love to the entire cross-gender community.

CHRISTINA YOUNG:

Christina's selection was based on love. Christina is a new woman who for many years worked quietly behind the scenes without thought of personal recognition, motivated only by the desire to help others. Upon completion of her transition she had every right to withdraw and get on with her life, but because of the need people have for her, she continues to respond.

▷ PROGRAM SCHEDULE ◁

PHILADELPHIA '93

IFGE's 7th annual
'COMING TOGETHER' CONVENTION

*Sunday, March 14
through
Sunday, March 21, 1993*

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Unless otherwise stated, the programs are included in your registration fee.

Please check the Bulletin Board in the Registration Room (Concerto A&B) and your daily newsletter for schedule changes, program details, transportation information, etc.



SUNDAY, 3/14

Day: Sunday for High Society (Social Program)
This event begins with a morning visit to the Philadelphia Museum of Art (free), followed by a 12:30 PM brunch in the Swan Room at the exclusive Four Seasons Hotel (\$27.50 plus tip & tax). This will be followed by a concert in the city (concert and location TBD). The brunch requires reservations, and is limited in attendance to 12 people.
Sponsor: Renaissance

MONDAY, 3/15

Evening: Atlantic City Casino Trip & An Evening at La Cage (Social Program)
Board the bus late Monday afternoon/early evening in Center City, Philadelphia, to Atlantic City (\$12.50 - refunded in quarters and certificates upon arrival at casino). Optional attendance at Bally's *An Evening At La Cage* (\$16.00). Reboard busses after midnight to return to Philadelphia. The bus ride is approximately 90 minutes.
Sponsor: Renaissance

TUESDAY, 3/16

Afternoon: Tour of Historic Philadelphia (Social Program)

Tour of historic Philadelphia. Assemble in hotel lobby at 2 PM and walk two blocks to board a "trolle" to historic areas in Philadelphia. Visit Independence Hall, the Liberty Bell, Benjamin Franklin's printing shop and post office, the visitor center, and more. 4-5 PM board trollies, and return to hotel.

Sponsor: Renaissance

9am-12pm: IFGE Board of Directors Meeting (Chamber Board Room)

1pm-3pm: Convention staff meeting (Sonata 3 room)

This meeting is for everyone interested in helping with the convention (staff, hosts & hostesses, go-fers, etc.). The purpose is to review logistics, who's going to do what, when and where.

4pm-5:30pm: Building Our Community From Within (Group Development Program) (Sonata 3 room)

Presenter: Nancy Cole

7pm-9pm: Free Educational Seminar for the General Public (Aria A&B rooms)

This seminar is intended to provide the people of Pennsylvania an opportunity to learn more about the crossdressing and transsexual phenomena, and to meet many of the CD/TS community's educators and leaders. All convention participants are welcome, and encouraged to attend.

Coordinator: Eve Burchert

9pm-12am: Participant's Reception (Social Program) (Orchestra Room, 2nd Fl)

The purpose of this event is two-fold. First, it is an opportunity to meet the IFGE leaders and other participants in a pleasantly sophisticated atmosphere. Second, the newly elected members of the IFGE Board of Directors will be introduced, and their term in office will officially begin.

Menu: Dessert table

Sponsor: IFGE Board of Directors

WEDNESDAY, 3/17

Day: Wives' Tour And Lunch (Social Program, Wives)

Wives' tour and off-premises lunch.

Transportation to be provided. Estimated cost is \$20.00, for dutch-treat lunch and entrance fees. Details of when to meet & where are in the Registration Room. Advanced reservations are required.

Sponsor: Renaissance

8am: Key Staff Meeting (Chamber Board Room)

9am-10am: Pre-Congress Planning Meeting (Congress of Representatives) (Overture Room)

Coordinator: Alison Laing, COR Chairman

10am-12pm: IFGE's Report To Community (Business) (Overture Room)

12pm-2pm: Lunch & Keynote Speaker (\$15.00) (Symphony Ballroom)

Speaker: Reverend Canon Clinton Jones
Menu: London Broil

2pm-3:30pm: Community Initial Organization & Work Sessions (Business) (Rhapsody Room)

2pm-4pm: Congress of Representatives Meeting (Congress of Representatives) (Overture Room)

Coordinator: Alison Laing

4pm-5:30pm: Open Forum & Discussion (Congress of Representatives)

Coordinator: Alison Laing

7pm-12am: 3rd Annual Trinity Awards Night (Symphony Ballroom)

This is a very special evening, for this is the night we honor six extraordinary individuals ... people who have, through outstanding acts of love and courage, made other people's lives better. Help us celebrate their contributions!

Menu: Dinner Buffet

THURSDAY, 3/18

8am: Key Staff Meeting (Chamber Board Room)

9am-9:50am: Developing Support Group Programs (Group Development Program) (Overture Room)

In order to keep members in local support groups and serve their needs, it is necessary to know how to plan, organize, and carry out effective programs. Leaders and former leaders of support groups will discuss the ins and outs of planning and organizing annual programs, special events, and run effective support group meetings.

Presenter: S. Kristine James

9am: Transsexual Program Welcome & Introduction (Transsexual Program) (Aria A Room)

Presenter: Christina Young

9:10am: Who Am I? (Transsexual Program) (Aria A Room)

The first question is not "What sex am I?", but rather, "Who am I?" The value of knowing one's self.

Presenters: Sister Mary Elizabeth, Laura Skaer, Jason Cromwell

9:30am: Transition, Is This Trip Necessary? (Transsexual Program) (Aria A Room)

A journey of discovery, of growth, of rehabilitation. Where will the road end?

Presenters: Christina Young, Stacey Toon, James Green

10am-11am: Special Events: What to do & how to do it (Group Development) (Overture Room)

When the urge to get out and do things strikes, the range of possibilities is almost limitless. We will look at some of the more common activities that provide an opportunity for an enjoyable outing, and common sense approaches for planning and organizing them.

Presenter: Alison Laing

10am-11am: Religion and the Transgender Community (General Interest Program) (Aria B Room)

A discussion on the views held by organized religion concerning the issues of crossdressing and transsexualism, and some thoughts on coming to terms with your religion.

Presenter: Sister Mary Elizabeth

11am: Building Your Team (Transsexual Program) (Aria A Room)

An exploration of the questions: Who do I need on my team? Why is therapy needed? What are the available sources of therapy? How do I select a team?

Presenters: Jason Cromwell, Sheila Kirk MD, Jeffrey Walper

11am-12pm: (Panel Discussion) Open or Focused Support Groups (Group Development Program) (Overture Room)

Leaders from an open support group, from a closed heterosexual crossdresser support group, and a closed transsexual support group will present their views and discuss, in an open forum, the pros and cons of each approach. Followed by an open Q&A period.

Facilitator: Nancy Cole Panel: Jane Ellen Fairfax, JoAnne Roberts, Christina Young

12pm-2pm: Lunch & Keynote Speaker (\$15.00) (Symphony Ballroom)

Speaker: JoAnn Roberts

Menu: Chicken/Shrimp Kung Pao

2pm: Dealing With Others (Transsexual Program) (Aria A Room)

How do I deal with family, friends, children, and significant others? These are questions that we all have to face. What are the problems? How do I handle rejection?

Presenters: Nancy Reynolds, Beth Marshall, Taylor Montgomery

2pm-3pm: A History Of Crossdressing (Crossdresser Program) (Overture Room)

A look at the history of crossdressing from the days of the femasaurus to the present.

Presenter: Wendy Parker

3pm: Employment (Transsexual Program) (Aria A Room)

Within the context of this topic, the related issues of re-entering the workplace and actually getting that job. Do I transition on my present job? How do I get

a new job?

Presenters: Laura Skaer, Taylor Montgomery, Stacey Toon, Vickie Mansfield

3pm-4pm: Emerging From Secrecy (Crossdresser Program) (Overture Room)

This discussion will center on some thoughts on the subject of emerging from the secrecy of one's home. The need for security, boundaries, and one's own personal safety are some of the subjects that will be addressed.

Facilitator: Mary Ann Kirkland

4pm-5pm: Legal Rights (General Interest Program) (Aria A Room)

A look at the issues of legal rights as they apply to all of us when crossdressed, to include some common sense legal do's and don't's, the latest on cross-gender legal issues, and the military and cross-genderism.

Presenters: Naomi Owen, Laura Skaer

Evening: Night On The Town (Social Program)

Gather in hotel lobby at 7:00pm and walk or ride to your choice of eight different restaurants. (Restaurant selection and menus in Registration Room, transportation to be provided.) Estimated dinner cost ranges from \$15.00 to \$30.00 plus drinks. Optional: After dinner, we will all meet at a local club for socializing, cocktails and dancing.

Coordinator: Renaissance

FRIDAY 3/19

8am: Key Staff Meeting (Chamber Board Room)

9am-10am: Close Encounters of the Phone Kind; How To Do Telephone Counseling (Group Development Program) (Overture Room)

Dealing with people who use crisis intervention or gender community hotlines can be trying and tricky. This seminar is to help you gain skill and knowledge dealing with someone over the phone.

Presenter: E. Larson

9am: Subconscious Communications (Transsexual Program) (Aria A Room)

How does your subconscious communicate? The four steps of learning, zones of comfort.

Presenter: Yvonne Cook

9am: Female-To-Male Program Welcome & Introduction (Female-to-Male Program) (Aria B Room)

9:10am: Transition Issues Unique to the F-M (Female-to-Male Program) (Aria B Room)

What steps are not necessary to make this a successful journey.

Presenter: Aaron Davis

✓ 9:45am: **Socialization (Transsexual Program) (Aria A Room)**

How do I make new friends? How do I handle intimate relationships?

Presenters: Vickie Mansfield, Christina Young, Sister Mary Elizabeth

10am-11am: **How To Create A 501(c)3 And Why (Group Development Program) (Rhapsody Room)**

Should you establish a tax-exempt non-profit organization? What exactly is 501(c)3? What does it do for an organization? How does an organization file for and receive this status?

Presenter: JoAnn Roberts

10am-11am: **Fantasies & The Crossdresser (Crossdresser Program) (Overture Room)**

We each have our fantasies. Some can be exciting, and some can be troublesome and destructive. An examination of some of these fantasies.

Presenters: Mariette Pathy Allen, Linda Buten

✓ 10:30am: **Profoundly Female Issues (Transsexual Program) (Aria A Room)**

How do women communicate with women? What do they talk about? How can you overcome the differences in your life experience and participate in their conversation?

Presenters: Sister Mary Elizabeth, Niela Miller, Dottie Laing

11am-12am: **Socialization (Female-to-Male Program) (Aria B Room)**

In What ways can you expect to be treated differently. How can you make new friends? What about intimacy?

Presenter: James Green

11am-12pm: **Effective Partner's Support Groups (Wives Program)**

Partners of crossdressers often need as much support and advice as the crossdressers themselves. This panel will discuss the various methods of organizing an effective partners group and working with partners in a group setting. Followed by a Q&A period.

Panelists: Linda Peacock, Evelyn Kirkland, Cynthia Phillips, Dr. Carol Cobb-Mettleton

12pm-2pm: **Lunch & Keynote Speaker (\$15.00)**

Speaker: Laura Skaer

Menu: Vegetable Lasagna

✓ 2pm: **Speaking In A More Feminine Manner (Transsexual Program) (Aria A Room)**

A discussion and demonstration of techniques and principles for speaking. These techniques include projection, modulation, inflection, vocabulary and structure.

Presenters: Alison Laing, Dr. Bud Heuer

2pm: **Hormones (Female-to-Male Program) (Aria B Room)**

A discussion on male hormones and their mental and physical effects on the female body.

Presenter: Sheila Kirk MD

2pm-3pm: **Crossdressing And You As A Person (Crossdresser Program) (Overture Room)**

Crossdressing is only one aspect of the human being we call "me." While each of us must find a means of dealing with our crossdressing and placing it within our lives, there are resources available to help us put our crossdressing in proper perspective, and deal with the society in which we live.

Presenter: Nancy Cole

3pm-4pm: **Voice, Attire, Behavior (Female-to-Male Program) (Aria B Room)**

Prior to hormones how can you modify your voice, your appearance, and behavior to gain acceptance as a man?

3pm-4pm: **Hair Removal, A to Z (General Interest Program) (Overture Room)**

A discussion of hair removal techniques available, and the pros and cons of each.

4pm-5pm: **Videos (Female-to-Male Program) (Aria B Room)**

Missed that episode of Jane Whitney, Sally Jessie, Oprah, or Donahue? See it now.

4pm-5pm: **Hormones (Transsexual Program) (Overture Room)**

A discussion on female hormones and their mental and physical effect on the male body.

Presenter: Sheila Kirk MD

7pm-9pm: **Free Educational Seminar for the General Public (Maestro A&B rooms)**

This seminar is intended to provide the people of Pennsylvania an opportunity to learn more about the crossdressing and transsexual phenomena, and to meet many of the CD/TS community's educators and leaders. All convention participants are welcome, and encouraged to attend.

Coordinator: Eve Burchert

9pm-12am: **Chez Renaissance Casino (Special Fund Raiser Program benefitting the 'Make A Wish' Foundation) (Overture & Symphony Ballroom)**

Begin with a reception (cash bar) in the "Casino" lobby. The Casino opens at 9:00 for roulette, black jack, bingo, and more. The ladies of Renaissance are at your service. Your \$10.00 to *Make A Wish*, a Foundation dedicated to providing a special treat for terminally ill children, buys you 100 Monas with which you can try your luck. Your winnings can be used to bid on special prizes.

Sponsor: Renaissance

SATURDAY 3/20

- 8am: Key Staff Meeting (Chambers Board Room)**
- 9am-12am: IFGE Board of Directors Meeting (Chambers Board Room)**
- 9am-10am: Public Speaking: Organizing Your Thoughts & Subject (General Interest Program) (Rhapsody Room)**
There will come a time when someone will hand you a microphone and say, "Speak!" In this session we will look at some ideas on how to create and prepare a speech that will convey our message clearly and concisely.
Presenter: Roxanne DeLyon
- 9am: Options (Transsexual Program) (Aria A Room)**
What are the alternate lifestyles? Can I find a place for me? An area of comfort? Do I need to take the next step?
Presenters: Rachael McGregure, Nancy Reynolds
- 9am: Surgeries & Other Options (Female-to-Male Program) (Aria B Room)**
What types of surgeries are available? What type is right for you? Is surgery necessary?
Presenter: James Green
- 9am: Change of Lifestyle Issues (FtM Partners Program) (Sonata I Room)**
Did you meet your FtM partner prior to, somewhere in between, or following his transition? Has his changes caused a change in your orientation?
- 10am: Body Work (Female-to-Male Program) (Aria B Room)**
Tips on re-contouring the body; getting rid of bulges in the wrong places and adding muscle to the right places. (If possible, we will meet in the hotel gym.)
Presenters: Anne Bolin and Jason Cromwell
- 10am-11am: The Transgender Alternative (Crossdresser Program) (Rhapsody Room)**
Between crossdressing and transsexualism lies a third choice - transgenderism. This session will examine this alternative.
Presenter: Virginia Prince
- 10am-11am: Lessons Of The Native American Shaman (General Interest Program) (Maestro A&B Room)**
Rena, a Kiowa/Chiricahua medicine woman and Maho (berdache) will present a view of life and spirituality as practiced by Native Americans for centuries.
Presenter: Rena Swifthawk
- 10am: Being Read (FtM Partner Program) (Sonata I Room)**
How does it affect us when our partners are read?

What happens to us when our partners decide to come out to others? What do we say to our partners when they decide that only they should be able to come out?

- 10:30am: Hospital Insurance (Transsexual Program) (Aria A)**
Presenters: Sister Mary Elizabeth, Christina Young
- 11am-12pm: Our Roles (FtM Partners Program) (Sonata I Room)**
What is our role as a support person? Do we go through this with them?
- 11am-12pm: Going Into The Classroom (General Interest Program) (Rhapsody Room)**
In this workshop members of our community who have conducted numerous outreach programs will share with you some ideas on how best to present yourself, our community, and get your message across when working with students.
Presenter: Patty Kline
- 11am-12pm: Transformations: a Photo Essay on Crossdressers (Crossdresser Program) (Maestro A&B Room)**
Over the last 14 years Mariette has captured on film many aspects of the crossdressing community. During this presentation she will share not only those images, but the stories behind them.
Presenter: Mariette Pathy Allen
- 11:15am: Standards of Care & DSM III-R (Transsexual Program) (Aria A Room)**
What are the Harry Benjamin Standards of Care, and the DSM III-R? How do they effect us?
Presenters: Sister Mary Elizabeth, Jason Cromwell, Stacey Toon
- 12pm-2pm: Lunch & Keynote Speaker (\$15.00)**
Speaker: To Be Announced
Menu: Stuffed pork chops
- 2pm-5pm: Professional/Student Program (Maestro A&B Room)**
This program is designed for college undergraduate and graduate students and teaching professionals to get a better understanding of transgendered behaviors.
Presenters: Bill Stayton PhD, Holly Devor PhD, Sheila Kirk MD, JoAnn Roberts, Virginia Prince
- 2pm-3:30pm: Crossdressing And The Family: Children Coping With A Crossdressing Partner (Couples Program) (Rhapsody Room)**
A hands-on workshop for couples about communication and negotiation in a committed relationship. Written and verbal exercises designed to point out the similarities and differences in the way men and women communicate and negotiate issues. Development of communication and negotiation skills.
Carol Cobb-Nettleton, MS, DSW

2pm: Cosmetic Surgery (Transsexual Program) (Aria A Room)

Breast augmentation, eye lifts, etc.
Presenters: Nancy Cole, Christina Young

2pm: Sexuality, Love & Sex (Female-to-Male Program) (Aria B Room)

Are we straight, bi, or gay? How we feel about our bodies affects who and how we love.
Presenters: Sky, Michael, Taylor, and Jamison

2pm: Hormones (FtM Partners Program) (Sonata I Room)

How do the hormones our partners take affect us? How can we effectively deal with the changes that hormones cause them to go through?

3pm: Sexual Reassignment Surgery (Transsexual Program) (Aria A Room)

A thorough discussion on the subject of SRS, from pre-op care, the operation, post-op care and recovery.
Presenters: Stacey Toon, Nancy Forrest, Vickie Mansfield, Rica Fredrickson, Sheila Kirk MD

3pm: Transgenderism Cross-Culturally (Female-to-Male Program) (Aria B Room)

A survey and discussion of our cross-cultural heritage, including "third-sex" traditions among the Navajos and other Native American groups, the Siberian Chuckchi, the East Indian Sadhins, among others.

Presenters: Jason Cromwell and Anne Bolin

3pm: Other Issues Unique to FM Partners (FtM Partners) (Sonata I Room)

What about finances? Where's all that money going to come from? What about children? What do we tell them about the men in our lives? What about intimacy, sex, and sexuality?

3:30pm-5pm: Crossdressing and the Family: Children Coping With A Crossdressing Parent (Wives Program) (Rhapsody Room)

This workshop will focus on children's issues about a parent who is "different," specifically a crossdresser. Topics will include a discussion of a child's cognitive development, whether and when to tell a child, how to tell a child, what to tell a child, and what are the potential issues that might arise for the child immediately and in the future.

Carol Cobb-Nettleton, MS, DSW

4pm: What Next? (Transsexual Program) (Aria A Room)

Where do I go From Here? Is there a post-op high? Is there a post-op blues? Your life is just beginning.

Presenters: Sister Mary Elizabeth, Christina Young

4pm: In Our Own Voices Slide Show (Female-to-Male Program) (Aria B Room)

Slideshow presentation of our unique and diverse

history.

Presenter: Leslie Feinberg

4pm: Outreach/Networking (FtM Partners) (Sonata I Room)

How do we support each other? Do we need support?

5pm: Brainstorming/Evaluation (Female-to-Male Program) (Aria B Room)

What didn't you get this year that you'd like to see take place in the future? What did/didn't you like about this year's program?

7pm-8pm: Reception and Cocktail Party (Ormandy Ballroom)

A reception line consisting of our awards recipients and our community's most prominent leaders will greet you, followed by a cash bar and the warm company of your brothers and sisters. A lovely way to begin your evening.

8pm-12am: Formal Banquet & 7th Annual 'VP Award' Presentation (Ormandy Ballroom)

IFGE's annual formal banquet followed by the presentation of the 1993 'Virginia Prince Lifetime Contribution' award. This year we will be honoring Ms Carol Becroft.

SUNDAY 3/21

8:30am-10am: Non-Denominational Religious Service (Maestro A&B Room)

10am-1pm: Wind-Down Brunch (Symphony Ballroom)
Menu: Brunch buffet

11am: Closing Ceremonies (Symphony Ballroom)

Traditionally, these ceremonies include the all-important "passing of the IFGE football," with Renaissance passing host responsibilities to the Northwest Gender Alliance. It's always fun.



