

# THE TRANSGENDERIST

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## PRESIDENT'S COLUMN - Winnie [REDACTED]

The major event of March was the IFGE Convention, billed as "Atlanta Action" with the aim of developing leadership in the transgender community. Unfortunately, this might have discouraged some "party girls" from coming, as well as the high cost of the hotel, and attendance was down from previous years. Fortunately, many of the familiar leaders *did* come. But, as Cyndi Lauper sang, "when the working day is done, girls just wanna have fun" - including leaders, too. And those who come to party should realize that if there is nobody to take the lead and do the work, the party will soon be over. So, maybe next time they will become leaders. That goes for TGIC, too.

The success of a convention depends heavily on close cooperation with the host committee responsible for local arrangements and events. The person originally given the chair for this duty failed to act and resigned. Taking over at the last minute, Terry [REDACTED] and others from the group that sponsors *Southern Comfort* in the Fall managed to put together a decent abbreviated program, and IFGE owes them thanks. The highlight was the performance by Kate Bornstein of her own one-woman, one-act play *The Opposite Sex is Neither*

at a theater across the street from the hotel. Her work presents the self exploration of transgender feelings, problems and search for solutions. She welcomed a most appreciative audience.

I attended the Convention as a member of the Board of Directors of IFGE, filling out the term of someone who resigned. No, I didn't win a seat in this year's election, but thank all of you who voted for me. Also, I participated as TGIC Representative to the CTO (Congress of Transgender Organizations) and Chair of the IFGE Nominations & Awards Committee. The Trinity Awards this year went to Dallas Denny, James [REDACTED], Laura [REDACTED], Leslie Feinberg, Linda [REDACTED], and Sharon Ann [REDACTED]. Sharon Ann is President of the LCL Chapter of Tri-Ess as well as a member of TGIC, but for personal reasons was unable to come to Atlanta and receive her award in person. Congratulations, Sharon Ann!

Callan [REDACTED] was the other TGIC member busy at the Convention. She played a major role in organizing and promoting the program, and delivered a notable keynote speech at one of the luncheons - see the article and her notes in this newsletter. Together with her pal Sabrina, Callan was also Mistress of Ceremonies at the Virginia Prince Award Banquet on Saturday night, honoring Yvonne Cook-Riley for many years of service. Yvonne left her business in Indiana and moved to Waltham to work for IFGE, where she is now Director of Operations.

This Convention marked a turning point in the affairs of IFGE. The founder, Merissa Sherrill Lynn, announced her resignation. Feeling increasing pressure in the day-to-day work she has performed over

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the years, she is "going back to the mountain" for a while to seek reinvigoration. She intends to continue writing and speaking on behalf of the community, and I hope you will all join me in giving her thanks for what she has done for us in the past and wishing her well in her future endeavors.

It was further announced that Alison Laing will soon be joining IFGE as Executive Director. Alison is well known in the community, being associated with *Renaissance* and the *Outreach Institute of Gender Studies*, for which she has coordinated *Fantasia Fair* in recent years. She has also served as Chair of the CTO and authored the book *Speaking as a Woman*. I believe that Alison is the best possible person to serve IFGE in this position and move the organization forward.

Another change is that IFGE has become a membership organization. Subscriptions to *Tapestry* will remain at \$40 per year (4 issues) but will no longer confer voting rights for the BoD. Basic membership dues are set at \$25 annually, including voting rights, a new quarterly newsletter, and 10% discount on IFGE products. Higher levels of membership make one eligible for further discounts and recognition. I urge all of you to support IFGE by becoming members, whether or not you now subscribe to *Tapestry*. IFGE is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization, and a portion of the dues is tax deductible. For full details, write to:

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**DINNER PARTIES**

A party of six came to dinner in March. The next party is scheduled for April 15; so get your tax forms mailed and sign up at the club room or call 436-4513 and leave a message for Joan by Thursday, April 13. **Leave your number** so we can call if there are any changes. Joan now has a telephone again, so you can call her at [REDACTED] for any last-minute sign-ups or cancellations.

The TGIC phone has been out of order for the past few weeks, due to another break in the answer recording tape. It should be working by the time you read this. Our apologies to those who have tried to call.


Our newsletter is only eight pages this month, plus an updated membership directory included for members only.

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## NOWHERE TO HIDE

or...

**"My little run, run, run, run, runaway"**

It's April 1, 1997. I sit at my desk looking out through the slats of the tiny, tightly shuttered attic window. Sunlight streams unaligned through the upward turned louvers of the window which is my only source of daylight. The brilliant rays make it hard to see what the commotion is on the street below, but in my heart I know it's more of the same. I dare not adjust the louvers for fear of being spotted and taken away by the state vice squads which roam at will through this part of town, searching.

They search for those who are sick, who can't pay their way, who can't find employment, who can't make their obligations, who have been forced into lives as criminals, or who have been labeled 'pervert' under the newly enacted comprehensive vice laws. They search for society's most vulnerable, and, having spoken my mind for many years, I have fallen on their search list.

I hide here in a friend's attic listening to the street and the radio. Afraid to write for fear of reprisals if my writings should be tracked back to me. It once meant the fear of being ridiculed if I stepped outdoors; now, it means running the risk of almost certain imprisonment, possibly even death, under the civil disobedience offender statutes. How I long for those good old days not so long ago.

I tried to warn you. People called me unreasonable, extreme, even paranoid. "Remember what happened in Germany in 1942?" I said. "That could never happen here", they said. I don't blame them, I didn't want to believe it either."

. . . .

In 1994, sweeping changes in political philosophy were wrought on America. Some called it "the New American Revolution". People - American voters - wanted change. They were frustrated with more of "same old, same old", and any change was change for the better. After all, the voters had spoken. Promises were made - much as usual - and broken. When the promisers found that they were not fully capable or in some cases desirous of making the changes for which the voters had called, they diverted the anticipated wrath with a series of "red-herrings". They began making random restrictive changes to keep the focus off of their failures with major issues like government spending, taxes, health care, welfare and unemployment. They stirred the pot of controversy and began to change the direction of thirty years of civil and libertarian reforms. With aid from strong fundamental religious financial backing and a growing conservative movement, these changes were enacted almost from day one.

An ideal was held up for everyone to see: a Victorian, heterosexual family ideal, bolstered by commitment to strong Christian religious, family and moral values. The growing conservative movement mindlessly echoed these sentiments time and time again as they waved, high above their heads, the books of their spiritual leaders. Leaders with names like Gingrich, Helms, Limbaugh, and Pitaki. Many people recognized the desirability of this ideal and longed for the promised reforms. A choice few free thinkers weren't swayed by the rhetoric and dared speak the truth that the ideal was a sham. The fact was that this sort of ideal was just that: an ideal, a promise. Reminiscences of a simpler time were falsely slanted to glaze over the serious problems of "simpler times". Problems with names like racism, sexism, bigotry, bitter wars, depression, cold war, nuclear proliferation. Even the family ideal bears little scrutiny - when studied closely one learns that it was only during very few short periods in our history when we had the luxury of predominantly two parent families as the standard rather than

the exception. The ideal never worked well before nor was it likely to work now given the reality of our world today. To think that fulfilling this ideal will solve the very real problems of today's world is facile at best, but not very well thought through. But, how does this affect the gender community?

Even before Governor Pitaki was sworn in, cutbacks and reductions were announced in the Attorney General's office. These were changes which limited the rights of all citizens to redress grievances regarding violations of rights and other issues. One of his first acts as Governor was to repeal executive orders which had for years protected lesbians and gays (and transgendered) working in state government. Next, he totally did away with the Commission on Lesbian and Gay Affairs - effectively cutting off our voice in the executive branch of state government. Yes, I said our voice. Whether you like it or not transgendered people are perceived, either rightly or wrongly, as a part of the gay community. As gay rights go, so go our rights. Now, I don't know about you but I don't see how jeopardizing the rights of a whole class of citizens - "the most vulnerable" - has anything to do with the changes that the voters sought - which were basically to downsize government, provide worthwhile employment, reduce taxes and cut wasteful spending.

One night not too long ago, I pleaded before the members of TGIC to stress the urgency of the need for us to speak up, to act, to vote, to write our legislators, to support causes in our interest. When I finished, my pleas were joined by Katherine Hawkins - one of our alumnae who is serving an internship with the Pride Agenda. Our pleas were met with rhetoric and ultimately, fell on deaf ears - it was a frustrating evening.

Must human rights decline to effect change in our society? Must that society survive on the ashes of the most vulnerable? Will we return to days of paranoia, harassment, even arrest for expressing our nature? Will people heed the warnings? Will

they believe the danger? Must people be personally affected to see the danger ahead on this road? Not if they speak up. You don't have to accept the doom and gloom to feel uncomfortable. You don't have to believe the doom and gloom to speak your mind. But, what if you don't speak up? Who will you blame if...

'Hail Caesar, the messenger has been killed and with him the message'. Today, I hide no longer in this attic. I am who I am, what I am no man can take from me. I've paid for the right to say that. I've paid for who I am. Today, as every day from now on I will walk in the sunlight, not hide in some attic. God bless Reverend Neimuller.

Who will stand up for me?  
None, for I stand alone.

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Transgenderist's Independence Club (TGIC) is a nonprofit, educational, non-sexual social support group for persons wishing to explore beyond the conventional boundaries of gender, including crossdressers, transsexuals and their friends.

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## Callan Williams Is Keynote Speaker At IFGE Atlanta Action 1995

"It's time to renounce the Benjamin/Prince models of transgender to move into the future," according to Callan [REDACTED]. "We have been living too long with models that reinforce the hetetrosexist bi-polar system of gender that limits all of us. These models reinforce the shame of being transgendered, forcing us to deny our essential transgendered status, by forcing us either to choose one box or another, or to stay in the closet and maintain the myth of "healthy masculine expression" as the Tri-Ess wives like to call it. Until we learn to be out and healthy as transgendered people, whatever we wear, we will always be oppressed, oppressed by our own ideas of the way things should be."

"Changes in social constructs, like gender, require a complex mix of spiritual change, reformulation of constructs, effective marketing, and political action, usually in that order. There is always a seed group, and this group must redefine their own place in the culture, educating all others about this place. This is a long process, but today's rapid communications and pace allow effective marketing to work on a much faster timeframe than ever before. Susan B. Anthony and Elizabeth Cady Stanton died before their vision of women's suffrage came to be, but today's transgendered people can be much more positive about seeing change in their lifetimes." says [REDACTED]

"Healing the world is a natural outgrowth of healing ourselves, and only after we start healing can we help others we come in contact with to heal. As long as we cling to models that require us to stay shameful so that we are stuck firmly in one gender role or another, either on a permanent or a part time basis, then we will never be able to come together as a true force. This shame based force is why people continue to leave the gender community, and worse, why we attract so very few people. If you do some very generous calculations, assuming 200 active gender groups in this country, with an active membership of about 100 each, and no overlap, then the gender community encompasses less than 20,000 out of 250,000,000 people, or about 0.00008 of the population, a minuscule fraction," continues [REDACTED]. "If we can't reach the transgendered, how can we ever expect to reach and educate the population at large? It is time for a change."

What do we need to do? [REDACTED] declares that we need to simply stop covering up for and "enabling" those who come from shame. "Renouncing shame in our lives means not buying into anyone else's shame. We cannot help people continue their patterns of failure by making sure that they succeed enough to keep on failing. We need to let people accept the responsibility they have for their own lives and actions and if that means that they hit bottom, we need to have the strength to let them fail. This is not easy, but often the loving thing to do is to let people grow up, take their lumps and learn from their mistakes. This is a lesson that every parent knows, but they find difficult to act on."

"Change requires an embracing of the whole life cycle. We need to understand that both death and birth, pain and joy, night and day have their parts in the process. If resist death,

don't learn to mourn and move on, then we limit the potential for change, and this limits the potential for growth and new successes," says [REDACTED]. "To balance compassion and reality is a tough balance, but learning how to make tough balances is what being a complete person - and being a transgendered person - is all about."

[REDACTED] spoke on March 19 at IFGE Atlanta Action 95, on the topic *Transgendered Pride In Action*.

### Callan's Notes

What a rush to speak in Atlanta! While there were a small number of people who attended (about the same as the first IFGE convention nine years ago), I was blessed to have some really powerful people in the room. James Green was in the back of the room, and my opening act was Kate Bornstein, who had blown away the conference with a special benefit performance of *The Opposite Sex Is Neither* the night before. Kate did a piece from her *How To Be A Girl In Seven Easy Lessons*, a monologue called *The Voice Lesson*, which leads a new collected CD called *Women's Voices*.

While Monica Pedone joked that Kate needed no introduction, but that I did, she ended up not giving me one, not giving the audience (or me!) a space to breathe after her powerful performance. I started cold, but I soon heard, from over my left shoulder, Kate's applause and laughter. She helped the audience accept me, and I thanked her for it. Her reply:

Dear Callan,

Thank you so much for the text of your speech, and for your kind words about anything I might have had to do with how your words were received.

Lemme just say this: I "don't" applaud during speeches. I just don't. That's a "great" talk, and it filled me with hope for the future of us all. I'm so proud that you're there, that you're saying what you're saying, as eloquently as you do. You made me cry several times during your talk, and you filled me with such pride and strength and... community. Bless you for that gift. It's not one I'll forget, kay?

Please "do" write a book! Please. Let me know if I can be of any help along the way.

Love and respect,

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One high point was Dallas Denny, head of AEGIS, coming up to ask for the script I used for the Transgender Archives. "That was an historic speech and an historic moment," she told me.

It was an historic lunch in more than one way. Merissa Lynn stepped down to make room for Alison Laing as head of IFGE, responsible to the board. Changes come.

I closed with a story that James Green tells. A big shrink comes up to the a booth, and is told that it is about transgender, transsexualism. He replied "Don't need it. I don't believe God makes mistakes." James simply replied "Neither do I." You are not a mistake, a diagnosis, or a behavior. You are a perfect child of God with your own special gifts. We must reject the stigma & shame that this culture tries to control us with. We must know that while transgender may make us less of a man or a woman, it can make us more of a full, complete and authentic person.

The April 95 issue of Esquire has an article on Transsexual activists. Riki Anne Wilchins, of The Transsexual Menace, put together this leaflet to distribute at a protest on 3/25 about the article.

## Esquire to Transsexuals: Third Sex Freaks

"What makes the transgendered particularly fascinating is the almost mythological proportions of their strangeness... their very freakishness that conveys their magical, quasidivine status."

Are we fascinating, John? Gee, we thought maybe it was Esquire and its bizarre obsession with us that was so fascinating. If we're truly magical, maybe we can get you to take us seriously, like the preceding article about African-American youth in the projects. But don't worry, we still respect your quasi-mystical, semi-divine status as a mythological Esquire senior writer.

"The Third Sex... Now the men who have decided they're actually women are on the march. Welcome to the transgender revolution."

Tell us Esquire, what happened to our transsexual men? How is it that their identities were erased? Are they the Fourth Sex, the Fifth, the Sixth, or what? And can you guys count beyond 13 without taking off your jockstraps?

"Merissa Lynn pulled back her black cardigan together over her ample, estrogen-induced breasts."

Gosh, John, don't you think maybe your readers would like to hear if her eyes were riveted, similarly to yours, on you pulling your bluejean's zipper over your adorable, ample, testosterone-induced dick?

"Merissa is pale and heavyset. She wore her short blond hair in curls and had on lipstick, eyeliner, and a flowery scent... Phyllis is broad-shouldered and stocky..."

Would you describe an African-American having "a wide nose and thick lips?" No, because Esquire naturally allows **other** minorities to act as their own reference point for normative appearance.

"Many transsexuals train themselves to speak in the upper register, and... as she relaxed, her voice grew progressively lower until she sounded much like a man."

If we have to learn to raise our voices, John, it's so we can hold jobs, get served in restaurants, use the women's room without getting arrested and not get the shit kicked out of us on the street. YOU try speaking in a high, feminine voice for a few days, and see how many teeth you have left and how long Esquire keeps you on staff. Oh, and just for the record, I don't sound "like a man." I sound just exactly and precisely like a transsexual woman: I know I do, because I am a transsexual woman and this is what I sound like.

"[Cheryl] was a tall, ungainly woman [who] radiated self-conscious awkwardness and greeted her lawyer's arrival

with relief... She hunched her shoulders in an unsuccessful effort to make herself less conspicuous. Pale, downy hairs grew on her chin."

Hmmm... Let's try a little reversed perspective here: "John was a gaunt, bookish man, radiating a University of Chicago self-importance and anxiety over his desire to do the usual, Geraldo-style trans-hype for his intellectually-challenged magazine. He greeted the arrival of more transsexual stereotypes into his article with a sigh of relief. He hunched his shoulders in an unsuccessful effort to make his note-taking less conspicuous. There were pale, downy hairs growing bizarrely down the backs of his hands, his knuckles, even (yecch) down his back: it was all we could do to avoid hurling and blowing chunks on the spot."

"Pre-op transsexuals, I was to learn... the night before the operation, perform a ritualistic farewell masturbation."

Actually, we all performed ecstatic, ritualistic masturbation after you left, John. It's one of the things we third-sex, wannabee girls do. Especially after speaking with non-transsexual writers from trendy, up-market magazines. Especially after they read Sandy Stone's "The Empire Strikes Back - A PostTranssexual Manifesto", and fail utterly to recognize her references to "wringing the turkey's neck" before surgery as an in-joke. Now, THAT really gets us off. Hey, I'm, wringing my turkey's neck right now.

"[The members of my Mom, Mrs. Taylor's, women's Bridge Club]... frequently adopt mannerisms that are a caricature of femininity... referring to themselves as 'old gals.' Instead of trying to be somehow 'genderfree', they mince, they flounce, they chatter and shriek over their cards... In fact, even my Mom once excused herself to the bathroom, saying 'I have to go to the pitty-potty.'"

Ooops, sorry there, Big Guy. That was us, not your Mom's bridge club you were so busy condescending to.

HEY ESQUIRE: Get a life! Do some real journalism for a change. Try taking the challenges and oppressions we face seriously. Try understanding us within our terms, not yours. Maybe your readers aren't as dumb as Esquire (obviously) thinks.

The Transsexual Menace. We're here. We're queerer. Get used to it. (Except for Krissy, who hates the word "queer")

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# Götterdämmerung

The Smallbans Experience, April 1995

## By your pal, Miss Take

*"The true history of conservatism in America, and of the Republican party is very simple. We believe in the principles of the Constitution and the Declaration Of Independence. We believe in keeping government out of peoples lives, and of insuring liberty and freedom of expression for all Americans. That is why it is natural for Republicans to fully support any movement based on liberties and discrimination, including movements we don't all approve of, like the Gay and Gender rights movements.*

*To talk about moving government out of people's lives and claiming the conservative high ground while enforcing the moral agenda of the Right and the economic agenda of helping to subsidize private business is outright hypocrisy. You can be sure that no matter how many talk show hosts try to sell that agenda, the American public will see through this ruse, and we will lose ground in our battle for freedom and liberty. If we do not practice what we pretend to preach, supporting true personal freedom and conservative attitudes towards the responsibility of the private sector, we stand the real possibility of a serious backlash."*

Wow! Aren't Republican position papers fun to read!

### I Love The Nightlife!

A legendary local queen and her friends are finally sick of it. Rumor is that a new disco & bar, **Lipsticks** will be opening up in the old Reflections East space on the Hudson in Watervilet. Three floors of dancing and fun, all with a very cosmetic (if not cosmopolitan) theme. Lots of giant cosmetics decorate the place, with a lips theme.

Think of *Priscilla*, open to all, with drag shows on the weekends, go-go dancers, classic disco mix, and a week full of activities like performer training classes. With a transformation salon and boutique on premises, Lipsticks should be able to be both a hot, fun place for the general public who want a little fantasy and escapism on the weekend, and for our queer brothers and sisters.

It's about time we got someplace fun to go in this town! Kudos!

### GUMP Happens!

The Gender Unified Marketing Program (GUMP), should be an incredible step forward in gender support. An umbrella organization with roots in King Of Prussia PA, it combines established conferences, magazines, support groups, bookstores, and gender research & education groups under one roof, to allow true one stop shopping and achieve economies of scale otherwise unavailable.

This "food court" approach, with distinctly different groups available through one focal point, should quickly make GUMP the dominant organization in Gender.

On a related note, rumor is that JoAnn Roberts has got her tickets for Trinidad! Another Biber baby, like our lovely Lisa [REDACTED]? (Her girl birthday: 3/22/95.)

### Transgender Mud Wrestling

The "grudge match to end all grudge matches" was promised in the annual Transgender Mud Wrestling Competition at the International Foundation For Gender Education (IFGE) Atlanta Action 1995 conference. Merissa Sherrill Lynn's oft stated claim that "I am the most reviled and misunderstood person in the gender community," was put to the test as a wide range of transgendered people climb into the ring to see who can throw mud farther and better, demolishing their opponents (and themselves) in the process. This year, new mudders like Riki Anne Wilchins promised to give old contenders like Jheri Lee [REDACTED] and Laura [REDACTED] a real challenge for their titles.

As the phrase "being dragged through the mud" implies, transgendered mud wrestling is a classic tradition in the gender community, dating back to the early days of Virginia Prince in the 1960's. "There has always been a problem of 'all dressed up and no place to go' in the gender community, and throwing mud has been a great way to release the pent up rage that comes from shame without actually coming out of the closet," says Yvonne Cook-Riley, who has officiated at many of the most famous mud slinging contests. "Contestants take a position, usually indefensible, and begin to throw mud at all who comment on it. This can whip the other participants into a fury, resulting in a massive display of flying invective and rage. While all the participants are rendered ineffective by their actions, strangely enough they seem to actually enjoy the abuse, taking it as further affirmation of their shame."

"A great mud wrestling event is a glorious thing to watch," says Linda Buten, chair of IFGE. "It can totally take your mind of both your problems and the business at hand, especially if there are a few hunky guys around! I know why those Romans loved their bread and circuses!" continues Buten. Most observers agree. "I love to see a good match, especially if they are wearing lycra and sequins," said one observer who asked to not be identified. "I can go up to my room afterwards, spank the monkey, go to sleep and wake up refreshed, ready to go right back in the closet."

This may be Merissa Sherill Lynn's last year as IFGE title holder, although the premise of mud wrestling is to claim your own title and try to defend it against the onslaught. The competition was expected to be fierce, with lots of new tiffs and unscheduled bouts. New venues like the Town Meeting and the Political Caucus offered more opportunities for massive mud wrestling events. "This year was great!" says Sabrina Marcus, one of The DramaQueens who depend on messy situations as the basis of their humor.

### Finale

This is Miss Take saying: "Take it all with a grain of salt!"

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### TRI-ESS MEETINGS IN SCHENECTADY

The Lambda Chi Lambda Chapter of Tri-Ess meets in Schenectady once a month on Saturdays at 7 pm; interested TGIC members may attend as guests, call us for more information: Apr 22, May 20, Jun 17

### CALL FOR PAPERS

The *Harvard Educational Review* is planning a special issue on Lesbians, Gays, Bisexuals, Transgendered People, and Education. Deadline for papers is September 1, 1995. For more information, contact TGIC or:

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## CALENDAR

Regular Meetings are held every Thursday at the TGIC Club Room on Central Avenue in Albany, 7:30 - 10 pm. Some come earlier and stay later, but it is wise to call if you are not a Keyholder or if it is your first visit. Come dressed either way, meet and talk with friends. Many continue to socialize at one of the Central Ave. night spots after the meetings.

### APRIL 1995

Apr 6 Thursday Meeting, 7:30 pm  
Apr 13 Thursday Meeting, 7:30 pm  
Apr 15 **Saturday Dinner**, 8:00 pm  
*Northway Inn*  
Apr 20 Thursday Meeting, 7:30 pm  
Apr 27 Thursday Meeting, 7:30 pm

### MAY 1995

May 4 Thursday Meeting, 7:30 pm  
May 6 **Oregon Trail Party at Melodie's**  
May 11 Thursday Meeting, 7:30 pm  
May 13 **Saturday Dinner**, 8:00 pm  
*Northway Inn*  
May 18 Thursday Meeting, 7:30 pm  
May 25 Thursday Meeting, 7:30 pm

### MAJOR COMING EVENTS

- Contact TGIC for more information.

Apr 20-23 *California Dreamin'*, Burbank  
Apr 20-23 *Moonlight in Manhattan*, NYC  
Apr 21-22 *First Annual Transgender and Transsexual Health Conference*, New York City  
May 17-21 *Esprit '95*, Port Angeles, WA  
May 26-29 *Sunshine Club Weekend in Vermont*, Warren, VT  
5/30 -6/6 *Tiffany Spring Fling*, Provincetown, MA  
Jun 7-11 *Be-All '95*, Cincinnati, OH  
Jun 14-18 **TRANSGEN'95** (4th Annual Transgender Law & Policy Conference), Houston, TX  
Jul 26-30 *Spouse/Partner International Conference for Education (SPICE)*, Memphis, TN  
9/28 -10/1 *Southern Comfort*, Atlanta, GA  
Oct 15-22 *Fantasia Fair*, Provincetown, MA  
Oct 26-29 *Fall Harvest*, St. Louis, MO