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Saturday, March 31, 1990

LOCAL EVENTS, GLOBAL EFFECTS by Diane Ingram

As the IFGE Convention progresses, representatives from cross-gender groups across the country are developing a more closely unified purpose. Each meeting and program engenders a greater sense of direction and provides tools for us to carry back home, helping us deliver our messages of tolerance and understanding.

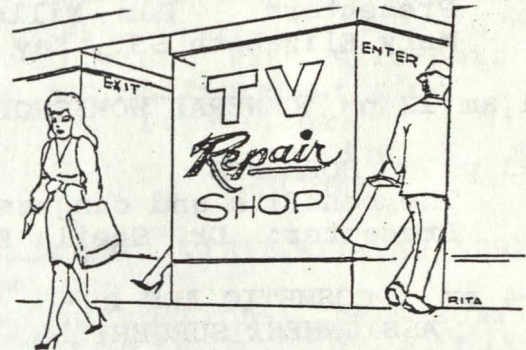
It is notable that during the convention sessions this year, we have agreed on more issues than not, set priorities for the future and reinforced an infrastructure for promoting growth in the community.

However, it is not at the convention that our true impact is felt. Here, we have opened up our own awareness, but it is at the local level that we do the real work. That's where the change in society begins. As the individuals or groups step out of the closet little by little, making it more apparent that we require acceptance from society, we actually change society. We push the envelope inch by inch, expanding the realm of our acceptance. Each group at the local level challenges the norms of society by the simple nature of its existence. As Holly Devore said in her keynote address on Friday, "We can change society, one person, by one person."

So alone or as a member of a local organization, we open up a new roads of acceptance in our families, neighborhoods and colleges, revealing that we are simply human beings, deserving of our dignity. And though we are different, we have

to coexist with others on this "terra", wherever they may be. We make local changes every day, but our impact is global, because our efforts are collective.

It is not the IFGE convention per say that makes the difference, it is what you, the representatives and the leaders of the crossgender community take home to help you change society and make all of our lives a lot easier.



SATURDAY, MARCH 31:

Theme of the day: Psychological insight

8-8:45 am CONVENTION STAFF MEETING
(TBA) (Harvard Room)

9 am - 5 pm ALL DAY TRANSSEXUAL
PROGRAM (open to all Convention
participants)

9-9:30 am LEGAL ISSUES

A look at the process by which one legally establishes identification and the changing of vital records (i.e., credit cards, drivers license, social security, birth certificates, etc.).

Presenters: Pam Miller, Sr.
Mary Elizabeth, SSE

9:30-10:30 am EMPLOYMENT

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: Christina Young, Wendi Pierce, Charlene Mann

10:30-11 am HOSPITALIZATION IN SURANCE

Presenters: Pam Miller, Sr. Mary Elizabeth SSE, Kay Metsker

11 am 12 pm GENERAL WORKSHOP

2-3 pm HORMONES

The benefits and dangers.
Presenter: Dr. Sheila Kirk

3-4 pm COSMETIC AND RE-ASSIGNMENT SURGERY

A thorough discussion of the various sources and types of cosmetic and sex re-assignment surgeries that are available.

Presenters: Dr. Sheila Kirk, Kay Metsker, Christina Young, Wendi Pierce

4-5 pm GENERAL WORKSHOP

5-6 pm WHAT NEXT?

Where do I go from here? Is there a post-op high? Is there a post-op blues? The signs to look for and the dangers.

Presenters: Christina Young, Wendi Pierce

9 am - 5 pm ALL DAY PROGRAM FOR FEMALE TO MALES (Except for the session with Holly Devor, which is open to all Convention

participants, all sessions are for female to male CD's and TS's only) (Harvard Room)
9-9:15 am INTRODUCTION, ORIENTATION

9:15-10 am THE INDEPENDENCE OF GENDER IDENTITY FROM SEXUAL ORIENTATION

Moderator: Chris Robins

10-10:45 am HORMONES/STEROIDS
Benefits of use, consequences, dangers.

Presenter: Dr. Sheila Kirk

10:45 am - 12 pm SEX REASSIGNMENT SURGERY PANEL

Discussion of some of the types and sources of surgeries that are available.

Moderator: Wendi Pierce

1-2 pm VIDEO TAPED INTERVIEW OF LOU SULLIVAN BY DR. IRA PAULEY

2-3:30 pm GENDER BLENDING: DISCUSSION WITH HOLLY DEVOR

Includes slide presentation.

3:40-4:25 pm LEGAL ISSUES

The process of changing one's legal identification and vital records (driver's license, soc security, birth certificate, credit, etc.)

Presenters: Pam Miller, Sr. Mary Elizabeth, SSE

4:30-5:15 pm THERAPY ISSUES - A DIALOGUE

General issues of counseling, usefulness of therapy, Harry Benjamin Institute's Standards of Care; getting a good grasp



of gender and sexuality issues.
Presenter: Roger Peo PhD

5:25-6:10 pm A TS TELLS HIS STORY
Skip shares his story through dialogue and presentation of examples of his artwork.

6:15-7:15 pm PASSING TECHNIQUES
A workshop on some of the finer techniques of passing and the use of make-up.
Presenter: John A.

9-10 am OPENING THE SHUTTERS (Bay Park Room)
Slides of persons from the gender community. The audience will be asked to respond as to what they see and feel. They will then hear from a few of the subjects, and from the photographer.
Presenters: Mariette Pathy-Allen, Niela Miller

10 am 12 pm PROFESSIONAL PANEL (Bay Park Room) Brief presentations by five persons who have varied research, counseling and support expertise in men's issues and the gender field, followed by audience participation and discussion.
Moderator: Roger Peo, PhD
Coordinator: Niela Miller LCSW

12-2 pm KEYNOTE SPEAKERS LUNCHEON (Chow Goldstien) (\$15.00)
Speaker: Jennifer Anne Stevens
Menu: Stir fried chicken and oriental vegetables, spring

roll, steamed rice, bakery rolls, chef's dessert

2-5 pm DOMINANCE AND SUBMISSION (Bay Park Room)
The connections between consensual dominance and submission (D/S) activities, erotic power exchange, and transvestism; control issues and power dynamics in all human relationships, and the ways in which those dynamics interact with self-perception and self-presentation.
Presenters: William Henkin & Sybil Holiday

2-3:30 pm A VISIT WITH ARIADNE KANE (Hamilton A)
International perspective on cross-gender activity, crossdressing and aging, dynamics of gender shift, and whatever else Ariadne has uppermost in her mind, or you want to discuss with her.
Presenter: Ariadne Kane

3:30-5 pm ADULT CHILDREN OF ALCOHOLICS (Hamilton B)
How can ACOA extend to and help the considerable number of crossdressers whose early history was blighted by alcoholism in the family.
Moderator: Jennifer Brown

7-8 pm RECEPTION AND COCKTAIL PARTY (Hampton Ballroom)

8 pm - 12 am FORMAL BANQUET (Hampton Ballroom)



Honoring Sr. Mary Elizabeth SSE,
followed by a concert by Wendy
Parker of 'Mister Sister'

Menu: Fresh fruit medley,
mixed greens salad w/Italian
dressing, filet mignon, baked
potato, vegetable medley,
roles, chef's dessert

**LUNCHEON SPEAKER: JENNIFER ANNE
STEVENS**

Jenny Stevens is a practicing
"T" and has been for her entire
life. She presently lives part-
time on the West Coast in the male
role, part-time on the East Coast as
a female. As a male, Ms Stevens is
a highly successful business person,
author of more than ten books and
thousands of articles in trade
journals and business magazines, a
world traveler and nurturing parent.
As a woman, Ms Stevens devotes her
time to a fledgling publishing firm,
Different Path Press. She's a
recipient of the "Miss Congeniality"
award at the Fantasia Fair, and has
spoken to a number of professional
organizations and other groups on
the subject of "Sex and Gender-
Understanding the Differences".

VERNON'S SILK AND LACE

Vernon's Silk and Lace Shoppe will
be providing a shuttle service
between the Hotel and his location
in Waltham free of charge during
Saturday. You may pick up the
shuttles at the front door. For
scheduled pickups, see convention
staff in the Hampshire Room.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MARIETTE PATHY ALLEN - READINGS
FROM TRANSFORMATIONS:
Crossdressers and Those Who Love
Them

Mariette Pathy Allen will be
reading from her newly published
book, Thursday, April 5th at 8 to 9
P.M. in A DIFFERENT LIGHT
BOOKSTORE, 584 Hudson Street (West
Village), New York City. She would
be delighted if anyone from the
Convention would like to attend.
People in the book are encouraged
to participate. See you next week!

THE CHAIRMAN'S CORNER

by Wendi Pierce and Friends

Today I would like to introduce
a new expert in our community to
all of you and allow her to counsel
us on some relevant topics
concerning crossgender issues. So,
without further ado, here's Auntie
M.

Dear Auntie M, Will Dermablend
help hide my bikini line? - Lydia
O.

Dear Lydia, No, you will get
better results with a Black and
Decker "weed wacker"!

Dear Auntie M,
I have heard that video display
terminals can cause crossdressing.
- Steve Zenith

Dear Steve,
Due to the abnormal abundance of
computer technicians who are
crossdressers, we assume this to be
true. P.S. This is being written
on an IBM TS-2 30.

Dear Auntie M,



If I wear my wife's pantyhose to the office, will that effect my job performance? - Ben Dover

Dear Ben,
Don't worry unless the panty hose are too tight, then you may cut off circulation in a sufficient quantity causing a strange rise in your voice.

Dear Auntie M,
I'm 89 years old and am thinking of changing my sex, do you have any suggestions? - Ole' Dude

Dear Ole',
You're as young as you feel. Take two Premarin and call me in the morning.

EVERYBODY LEAVING THE CONVENTION

People leaving by way of the Boston Airport should know that there will be a bit more congestion on Sunday afternoon than when they arrived. In order to provide a lift to the train stations and airport, it would help if you could use the express bus to Logan Airport which can be picked up at the end of Shopper's World, across the street. Please allow an hour and a half travel time to the airport.

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PROGRAM CHANGES:

TRANSSEXUAL PROGRAMS

The Transsexual programs for Saturday will be held in the Hamilton Room instead of the Matrix lounge.

PROGRAMS COMMITTEE

Due to conflicting schedules, the Programs Committee was unable to meet on Friday. The meeting has been rescheduled for 2 P.M. Saturday afternoon. This committee's primary function is to



formulate all IFGE programs including the 'Coming Together' Convention. All interested persons are invited to attend.

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

IFGE BUSINESS AND PUBLICATIONS PROPOSED BUDGET 5/1/90-4/31/91

Tapestry Production	70,000.00
Sales/Commissions	38,000.00
Vehicle expense	4,000.00
Outside Purchases	20,000.00
Office Supplies	6,000.00
Postage	5,000.00
Rent	18,000.00
Telephone	3,000.00
UPS	1,500.00
Equipment Lease	4,000.00
Travel	3,000.00
Insurance	6,000.00
Equipment Service	1,000.00
Banking Expense	500.00
Accounting Expense	500.00
Legal Expense	1,000.00
Utilities	2,500.00
Miscellaneous	4,000.00
Rebates	2,000.00
Marketing	6,000.00
New Equipment	4,000.00

	200,000.00

PROGRESS AT HOME

At the luncheon address given by Sister Mary Elizabeth a suggestion was made that in an effort to educate the community, those of us who are able might contact their hometown newspaper and offer to give an interview. One of our more courageous sisters, Jo Ann Fraser of Peoria IL, has done exactly that.

The interview included photos of her transformation and was published in the Journal Star of Peoria on the last page of the Sports Section on Super Bowl Sunday of this year. Jo Ann had stipulated that her last name not be used and that anything clearly identifying her male persona not be published. These wishes were respected by the paper.

The photos and personal information in the article were specific enough when she went to work on Monday, many of the people she worked with had copies of the article and knew that it was about her. She dealt professionally with the reactions she encountered. She found that in a number of cases the reactions were positive and she had succeeded in enlightening a number of people. Through a series of circumstances precipitated in part by the article, her professional situation has changed...for the better.

When asked if she would do it again, Jo Ann replied "Yes, and I wouldn't change a thing." Jo Ann can be contacted at CIGA. POB 126, Washington IL 61571 for copies of the article.

THE PRISONER

There is an old legend of the Middle Ages that is very instructive. It seems that a citizen was arrested by one of the Barons and shut up in a dungeon in his castle. He was taken down dark stairs, down, down, down, by a ferocious-looking jailer who carried a great key a foot long.



The door of a cell opened, and he was thrust into a dark hole. The door shut with a bang, and there he was.

He lay in that dark dungeon for twenty years. Each day the jailer would come, the big door would be opened with a great creaking and groaning, a pitcher of water and a loaf of bread would be thrust in and the door closed again.

Well, after twenty years, the prisoner decided that he could not stand it any longer. He wanted to die but he did not want to commit suicide, so he decided that the next day when the jailer came, he would attack him. The jailer would then kill him in self defense, and thus his misery would be at an end. He thought he would examine the door carefully so as to be ready for tomorrow and, going over, he caught the handle and turned it. To his amazement the door opened and upon investigation, he found that there was no lock upon it and never has been, and that for all those twenty years, he had not been locked in, except in belief.

At any time in that period he could have opened the door if only he had known it. He thought it was locked, but it was not. He groped along the corridor and felt his way upstairs. At the top of the stairs, two soldiers were chatting, and they made no attempt to stop him. He crossed the great yard without attention. There was an armed guard on the drawbridge at the great gate, but he paid no attention to him, and he walked out a free man.

He went home unmolested and lived happily ever after. He could have

done this any time through these long years since his arrest if he had known enough, but he did not. He was a captive, not of stone or iron, but of false belief. He was not locked in; he only thought he was. Of course this is only a legend, but it is an extremely instructive one.

We are all living in some kind of prison, some of us in one kind, some in another; some in a prison of lack, some in a prison of remorse and resentment, always the prison is in our thought and not in the nature of things.

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F₂M

INTERNATIONAL, NON-PROFIT,
PEER-SUPPORT NETWORK
FOR FEMALE-TO-MALE
TRANSSEXUALS AND CROSS-DRESSERS

CONTACT: JOHN A.; % S.G.; P.O.B. 615; TENAFLY, N.J. 07670

DEAR COMRADES:

"F₂M" IS AN INTERNATIONAL SUPPORT-NETWORK OF FEMALE-TO-MALE TRANSSEXUALS AND CROSSDRESSERS. WE HAVE REGULAR MEETINGS IN NEW YORK CITY; AND WE HELP OUR MEMBERS ORGANIZE LOCAL MEETINGS WHERE-EVER POSSIBLE. WE ALSO MAINTAIN A WIDESPREAD POSTAL NETWORK, WHICH WILL SOON BECOME A "CONFIDENTIAL CONTACT LIST".

WE HAVE NO MEMBERSHIP FEE. TO JOIN JUST SEND US YOUR NAME (OR PSEUDONYM) AND ADDRESS ON A STAMPED-ENVELOPE, AND WE'LL SEND YOU MORE INFO. AND OUR MEMBERSHIP FORM. PLEASE JOIN US, REGARDLESS OF YOUR OTHER AFFILIATIONS; TO HELP US FORM A BROAD-BASE OF MEMBERS, TO PROVIDE A FIRM FOUNDATION OF SUPPORT AND BROTHERHOOD.

WHETHER YOU'RE JUST STARTING OUT AT CROSSDRESSING, OR A POST-OP. OF 10+ YEARS, YOU WILL BENEFIT FROM THE WONDERFUL FEELING OF TOTAL UNDERSTANDING, THAT WE ALL EXPERIENCE IN A ROOM FULL OF 15-20 "BRO.S" WHO ALL SHARE A UNIQUE SECRET. AND THANKS TO STRICT CONFIDENTIALITY (& ANONYMITY), (Y)OUR SECRET REMAINS A SECRET!

OUR 16-PAGE MAGAZINE "RITES OF PASSAGE", SELLS FOR \$5 A COPY; BUT IT IS AVAILABLE TO ALL MEMBERS, ON A SLIDING-SCALE OF WHATEVER YOU CAN AFFORD.

YOU DON'T HAVE TO BE ISOLATED ANY LONGER... WE CAN ANSWER YOUR QUESTIONS AND PROVIDE FREE PEER-COUNSELING! SO GET IN TOUCH-TODAY! TO AVOID DELAY, WE SUGGEST THAT YOU ALSO CONTACT JOHN ARMSTRONG, DIRECTLY, AT (201) 224-7843. YOU CAN CALL ANY TIME OF DAY OR NIGHT, 365-DAYS-A-YEAR. YOU WILL GET AN ANSWERING MACHINE (USUALLY JUST MUSIC), JUST ASK FOR "JOHN OF F₂M" AND GIVE YOUR NAME AND NUMBER, AND TELL US THAT IT IS OKAY TO CALL BACK COLLECT (UNLIMITED COUNSELING IS FREE - BUT WE CAN'T AFFORD TO PAY LONG-DISTANCE.) IF JOHN IS THERE, HE'LL PICK-UP AND GIVE YOU AN IMMEDIATE RESPONSE TO YOUR QUESTIONS. PLEASE DON'T HESITATE TO CALL - WE LOVE TO HELP!

HOPING TO HEAR FROM YOU SOON,

The United Brothers of the F₂M Fraternity



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16 PAGES FULL OF IMPORTANT
INSIDE INFORMATION IN EACH ISSUE!



ISSUE #1 - (\$5): Answers to questions about referrals, breast-binding, penile-prostheses standing urination, and hormone-therapy. Synopsis of biography of Dr. James (Miranda) Barry (d. 1865). Description of Holly Devor's F-M Research Project. "I Am That Man" F-M/C-D Fiction. Billy Tipton News Item. F-M Rap Lyrics. Assorted Resources.

ISSUE #2 (\$5): Les Nichols: Cover & article with explicit photos of his new body. Letter from Adam Society's Dan Riley. Poetry & art by Al Wallach. Our new columnist: Andros of Pennsylvania. Dr. Biber discusses F-M surgery. F-M/C-D's currently in performance. "The Best of Both Worlds" song lyrics. Info. on Testosterone tablets. F-M cartoons. Assorted resources.

in the future: Info. on: Hormone Injections; Phalloplasty; Genitoplasty. Cover Stories about: Lou Sullivan & "Tornado" Frank on Sally Jesse!

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FRIDAY, MARCH 30 SCHEDULE:

Theme of the day:
Living in the Real World

IFGE COMMITTEE MEETINGS (Harvard Rm)

2-3 pm	NOMINATIONS
3-4 pm	MARKETING
4-5 pm	FINANCE
5-6 pm	PROGRAMS

9 am-5 pm ALL DAY TRANSSEXUAL PROGRAM (N Hampton) (open to all)

9 am Welcome and Introduction

9:10-10 am WHO AM I?

10-10:30 am FANTASY vs REALITY

10:30-11 am TRANSGENDERISM

11 am - 12 pm GENERAL WORKSHOP

2-3 pm DEALING WITH OTHERS

3-3:30 pm THERAPY

3:30-4 pm RELIGION

4-5 pm GENERAL WORKSHOP

9 am - 5 pm PROGRAM FOR MENTAL HEALTH PROFESSIONALS (E Hampton) (\$75.00)

9-10:30 am BEYOND THE LOOKING GLASS (Hamilton A&B)

10:30 am - 12 pm SUSTAINING THE ORGANIZATION (Hamilton A&B)

10 am - 12 pm LATECOMERS WELCOMING TEA FOR WIVES (Harvard Rm)

12 pm - 2 pm KEYNOTE LUNCHEON (SW Hamilton) (\$15.00)

Speaker: Holly Devor, Fashion Show by Gloria-Lauren, presented by Eve Burchert

2-3:30 pm A VISIT WITH VIRGINIA PRINCE (Hamilton A)

2-3:30 pm CLOSE ENCOUNTERS IN PUBLIC PLACES (Hamilton B)

3:30-5 pm LIVING WITH MEN (Hamilton A)

3:30-5 pm TV FANTASIES (Hamilton B)

5-8 pm AUTHOR'S RECEPTION AND BOOK SIGNING (Hamilton A&B)

8:30-9:30 pm A PREVIEW OF 'METAMORPHOSIS' (Hamilton A&B)

7-11 pm COUPLES MTG (either in N Hampton or at TCNE's residence, Wayland)

7:30-9 pm PIZZA/SALAD PARTY (ala carte) (location to be announced)

9-10:30 pm "CIRCLE" (location to be announced)





CHAIRWOMAN'S CORNER
by Wendi Pierce

I would like to emphasize a few points that I feel pertain to our theme today, that of self realization. I would assume that all of us at some time, would agree that this basic concept has contributed greatly to our current situation. Through self realization, we have learned that we are all multi-faceted. In addition, we should keep aware that we are constantly evolving. This evolution does not stop. Today we feel we fit a given set of definitions, but what will tomorrow bring?

I feel the correct attitude to take here is to open up the doors. Open up our minds and hearts to others within and beyond to our immediate segment of the community. From these people, we will learn and will also teach them more about ourselves. Through this sharing, a better realization of ourselves will also be attained. In addition, through sharing such expression of our inner-selves to others, we tend to solidify our own internal self image. Once formalized, this self image then be better understood by us ourselves and more easily available for the development of our identities.

If we allow this process to flow, our lives can then follow a smoother evolutionary process. We will experience growth in areas where necessary for self-fulfillment. Along the way we may move into or back away from one segment of the community to another. The point here is that although we identify

with certain segments of the community today, through interaction with others, we may evolve to embrace concepts and philosophies of others which will better suit our needs tomorrow.

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... letting him
wear your things.

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TIFFANY WIVES SUPPORT GROUP NEWS

Welcome Tea:

TCNE Wives Support Group will have a welcoming tea for wives. It will be held as scheduled in the Harvard Room on Friday from 10 A.M. until Noon.

Couples Meeting:

The Tiffany Club Wives Support Group will hold a meeting for M/F couples involved in a committed relationship. This gathering will be held Friday evening 7 to 11 P.M. in the North Hampton Room.

FANTASIA FAIR

by Ari Kane

There will be a program/planning meeting of Fantasia Fair Ltd. on Friday evening at 7 P.M. in the Harvard Room. All past Fair invited.

TKG CLOTHING (dba Gloria - Lauren)

We will be open for your private shopping on Friday evening from 6 to 8 P.M. We are located at 410 Boston Post Road (Rt. 20) in Sudbury. Sudbury is located 4.5 miles north of Natick on Rt. 20 (which runs parallel to Rt. 9).

Directions: Take 9W about four miles to the Edgell Rd. Exit, turn right on Edgell Rd. and follow it to its end (approximately four miles), then turn right and you will find us on the left side of the Sudbury Inn Market Place next to Longfellow Books.

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EVALUATIONS, SUGGESTIONS, AND IDEAS SOUGHT

Most participants received a sheet in their registration on which to take notes during Convention functions, and to record ideas and suggestions as they come to mind. More copies of these forms are available in the Registration Room or from Robin Esch. This two-sided sheet (not to



be confused with the evaluation form handed out at the sessions) provides IFGE with valuable feedback and an all-important influx of new ideas in a manageable form that will be very easy to tabulate and use.

Please give Robin your suggestions and thoughts in any form you wish, whether verbal or written. She promises to listen. But please also return the evaluation sheet before you leave the Convention.

Many thanks and much love!

Robin

JIM BRIDGES: ACCESSORIES

There's magic in those eyes - and to really bring out the sparkle, come in and check out the latest edition to Jim Bridges' cosmetic line, "Magic Dust Eye Highlighter." This product is now available in ten exciting shades and is the perfect eyeshadow for that glamorous night out on the town! Also for some sparkle at your fingertips, take a browse at our new rings. We have plenty of large sizes (7-10). We are located in the Harrod Room and are open 10 A.M. to 8 P.M.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS:

NOMINATIONS / AWARDS.

The IFGE Nominations Committee will meet Friday, March 30 from 2 P.M. until 3 P.M. in the Harvard Room. This committee is composed of Diane Ingram, Betty Ann Lind, Karen Baumgardner and Ellen Summers. The Committee will discuss plans for its

1990-91 activities. Anyone who wishes to attend the meeting will be welcome.

MARKETING

The Marketing Committee will meet at 4 P.M. in the Harvard Room. The chair of this committee is Maureen Taylor, however, since she will not be present at this convention, Wendi Pierce will conduct the meeting.

Marketing is one of the primary subjects that we must discuss at this convention. Therefore, all interested persons, especially those with some marketing background are encouraged to attend this meeting.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

The Finance Committee will meet from 4 to 5 P.M. in the Harvard Room on Friday. Yvonne Cook is chair for the Finance Committee. Other committee members are Cathy Andrews, Mary Ann Foster, CPA, Al McRay, CPA. This is the second meeting that this committee will be holding. All persons involved with financial-related issues discussed in other committees are encouraged to attend this meeting.

PROGRAMS AND CONVENTION

This meeting will be held from 5 to 6 P.M. in the Harvard Room. The Chair of the Committee is Robin Esch. If you have suggestions that you feel should be heard concerning IFGE's current or future programs, be sure to attend.



THOUGHTS FROM
CHARISSE MICHELLE SEBASTIAN

I know some of us are or will be looking at the weekend with some trepidation because of saying goodbyes and having to return to the life of a man. But, if you approach it as having established new friendships and leaving this convention empowered with new information and ideas to make your life better, this trepidation will quickly disappear.

TO ALL OF THE MERMAIDS

The following is an excerpt from Robert Fulghum's best seller, All I Really Need to Know, I Learned in Kindergarten.

Giants, wizards, and dwarfs was the game to play.

Being left in charge of about eighty children seven to ten years old, while their parents were off doing parenty things, I mustered my troops in the church social hall and explained the game, It's a large-scale version of Rock, Paper, Scissors, and involves some intellectual decision making. But the real purpose of the game is to make a lot of noise and run around chasing people until nobody knows which side you are on or who won.

Organizing a roomful of wired-up gradeschoolers into two teams, explaining the rudiments of the game, achieving consensus on group identity -- all this is no mean accomplishment, but we did it with a

right good will and were ready to go.

The excitement of the chase had reached a critical mass. I yelled out, "You have to decide now which you are -- a GIANT, a WIZARD, or a DWARF!"

While the groups huddled in frenzied, whispered consultation, a tug came at my pants leg. A small child stands there looking up, and asks in a small, concerned voice, "Where do the Mermaids stand?"

Where do the Mermaids stand?

A long pause. A very long pause. "Where do the Mermaids stand?" says I.

"Yes. You see, I am a Mermaid." she said.

I said, "There are no such things as Mermaids."

"Oh yes, I am one!"

You see, she did not relate to being a Giant, a Wizard, or a Dwarf. She knew her category, Mermaid. And was not about to leave the game and go over and stand against the wall where a loser would stand. She intended to participate, wherever Mermaids fit into the scheme of things. Without giving up dignity or identity. She took it for granted that there was a place for Mermaids and that I would know just where.

Well, where DO the Mermaids stand? All the "Mermaids" -- all those who are different, who do not fit the norm and who do not accept the available boxes and pigeonholes in society.

Answer the question and you can build a world.

What was my answer at the moment? Every once in a while I



say the right thing. "The Mermaid stands right here by the King of the Sea!" says I.

So we stood there hand in hand, reviewing the troops of Wizards and Giants and Dwarfs as they rolled by in wild disarray.

It is not true, by the way, that mermaids do not exist. I know at least one personally. I have held her hand.

NEWS FLASH: TIFFANY CLUB TOUR OF BOSTON
by Carol M.

Several members of Tiffany Club escorted a group of conventioners on a whirlwind tour of Boston on Tuesday. The tour ended with a lovely dinner at the Town Lyne Inn in Lynnfield.

There were unconfirmed reports at press time that there were an unusual number of emergency room cases in Boston of people along the route of the tour. People were complaining of neck problems after the group passed through the area.

The tour included the Hancock Tower Trinity Church, the Copely Plaza Hotel, First Church of Christ Science and the Christian Science Publishing Society. This Society publishes the Christian Science Monitor and many other international publications. Also, many other sights were included in this tour of Boston. Pam and Karen of Tiffany Club conducted the tour.

A high point of the tour was the mapporium at the Christian Science Publishing Society. This is like a globe of huge proportions, into which the visitors enter and get to

see our world from the inside out. The acoustics of this globe are such that any whisper can be heard by anyone in the globe. A couple of other visitors noticed our group and remarked to each other about it. The whispered remark could easily be heard by all in the room. Not realizing that the effect would be reciprocal, Cathy whispered to Michelle, and confirmed the folks' suspicions.

The Town Lyne Inn restaurant was excellent and extremely accommodating. A problem arose when our guide locked her keys in the car, giving half the group some anxiety. But the problem was resolved quickly. At the end of the meal, Carol found that her coat was missing from the coat room. It was obvious that another lady had taken her coat by mistake. Carol reciprocated and wore the coat that had been left by the other lady. She will arrange to exchange coats with the other lady today. Film at 11...

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SUNDAY, APRIL 1:

Theme of the day: Reverence and dedication

9-10 am NON-DENOMINATIONAL
RELIGIOUS SERVICE (Hamilton A&B)

10-11 am OPEN FORUM (E Hampton)

10:30-11:30 am FEMALE TO MALE OPEN
RAP (Harvard Room) (F-M's only)
Discuss everything but the
Kitchen sink, carry-over of
unfinished conversations.
Moderator: Dan Riley

11 am - 1 pm WIND-DOWN BRUNCH
(Bay Park Room)
Menu: Scrambled eggs with
mushrooms, bacon, potatoes,
breakfast bakeries, fresh
squeezed OJ, coffee etc.

1:30-3 pm ADAM SOCIETY MEETING
(Harvard Room) (F-M's only)
Guests will include Sr. Mary
Elizabeth SSE, and Holly Devor

1-4 pm IFGE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
MEETING (Hamilton A&B)
Open to voting members and
alternates to the IFGE Board,
members of the IFGE committees,
and members of the IFGE
Congress. All others
interested in attending should
clear it with Wendi Pierce
(Chairperson of the Board)
prior to the meeting.

PUBLICATION'S COMMITTEE UPDATE
by Roger Peo

The Publications Committee is
looking for persons who are
interested in reviewing publications
for possible re-sale by IFGE. A

portion of the task is to write a
review of the book for possible
publication in Tapestry.

If you are interested, contact
Roger Peo, P.O. Box 4887,
Poughkeepsie, NY 12602; or, at the
convention, Room 332.

NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE

The Nominations Committee led by
Ellen Summers will recommend
increase the scope of the meeting
to the IFGE Board. This Committee
oversees Board nominations and the
Virginia Prince Award as well as
oversees the integrity of the total
election process. The Board would
like to recognize local groups and
persons within our Congress with a
series of awards.

COMMUNICATIONS CENTER
by Diane Ingram

I would like to recognize the
Communications Center staff for the
wonderful job they did on helping
to publish the newsletter and
operate the Center. The following
is a partial roster of our staff:

Diane Ingram (Editor, Mother Hen)
Shirley Kay (Asst. Center Director)
Renee Smith (First Assistant)
Wendi Pierce (Big Sister)
Jill Benedict (Word processor)
Gwen Spencer (Layout artist)
Sister Mary Elizabeth (Consultant)
Kay Metsker (Chief Perfectionist)
Carol Mathis (Reporter at Large)
Winnie Grant (Helper)
Jan Rupard (Consultant)

And all those unsung special people
who selflessly contributed their
time and efforts to the production
of our little newsletter each day.



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MERISSA SHERRILL LYNN JOINS CONVENT

Following a marathon session with Sister Mary Elizabeth, Merissa Sherrill Lynn has decided to move to San Juan Capistrano and become a nun. When asked if she intended to move IFGE headquarters to California so she may remain as Executive Director, Sister Merrissa Sherrill replied, "I have no choice in the matter, IFGE has become my habit."

**ROGER PEO ARRESTED FOR
FOR INDECENT EXPOSURE**

Renowned author and lecturer Roger Peo was arrested Friday night in Natick for attending a cross-dresser's 'coming out' party in a suit and tie. He was seen kicking and screaming as the police physically removed him from the premises. Dr. Peo will be flying to New York tomorrow to appear on the Geraldo Show, which will preempt the show originally scheduled: ANIMALS IN LACE PANTIES AND THOSE WHO SHAVE THEM. A book deal is in the works.

**BRIDE-TO-BE LEAVES GROOM BEFORE
WEDDING**

Just as a wedding was about to take place in the same hotel where IFGE was holding their annual 'Coming Together' Convention in Natick, Mass., the bride-to-be was immediately attracted to Daniel L., F to M attending the convention. Love was instantly in the air and the 'new' couple was quickly joined in Holy Matrimony, by the most reverend Sister Mary Elizabeth. The happy couple will be celebrating their honeymoon in Brussels's Belgium, in eager anticipation of pioneering surgery by Dr. Feelgood.

NEW IN THE MARKETPLACE

You have effectively used epilady, and you have also heard of the epi-sauna, but newest rage in the market place is the new and improved epi-tuck. This simple device will turn a male instantly into a normally appearing female with the push of a button. Sold in most drug and department stores, epi-tuck will soon be coming to a neighborhood market near you.

**WENDI PIERCE ANNOUNCES PLANS TO
RUN FOR GOVERNOR OF ARIZONA**

Wendi Pierce, Chairman of the Board of IFGE, has announced that she will make a bid for the Governorship of Arizona, a position now held by Rose Mofford. Asked if she would adopt Governor Mofford's behive hairdo, Ms. Pierce replied that "...if it works for Rose, go for it!"

**CROSSDRESSERS DISCOVERED NAKED
IN HOTEL POOL**

Two crossdressers were detained following the accusation that they had been swimming in the hotel pool without any clothing on. When asked the reason for this strange behavior, one replied, "They told us that we weren't allowed in the pool when "dressed," so we had no choice but to obey the rules!" Police were force to release the prisoner, because of insufficient evidence, when Pam Miller, Attorney for the distressed undressed (who is normally cross-dressed) proclaimed, "How do you know it's a crossdresser, if they aren't wearing any clother!"

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Thursday, March 29, 1990

DAILY SCHEDULE - THURSDAY

Theme of the day: Self-realization

IFGE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

(Harvard Room)

8-8:45 am CONVENTION STAFF MEETING

9:30 am CONGRESS OF REPS

2-3 pm LEGAL & BY-LAWS

3-4 pm EDUCATIONAL RESOURCES

4-5 pm MEMBERSHIP

5-6 pm PUBLICATIONS

9-10:30 PEER COUNSELING WORKSHOP
(NE Hampton)10:30 - 12 ALTERNATE PERSONAS
(NE Hampton)12-2 KEYNOTE SPEAKER'S LUNCHEON
(SW Hampton) (\$15.00)2-3:30 pm THE QUEST FOR THE
FEMININE SELF (NE Hampton)3:30-5:30 pm HEALING WORKSHOP (NE
Hampton)7-? pm A NIGHT WITH TIFFANY
(ala carte)7-? pm CONGRESS OF
REPRESENTATIVES DINNER (ala carte)Opening Congress of Representatives
by Josephine W.

Following a good opening statement of mission by Wendy the Congress set about the daunting task of addressing 17 agenda items. The real challenge was that all 17 of the ideas were valuable and enjoyed considerable support. The first portion of the meeting was used to clarify the nature and scope of the agenda items by way of a question

and answer session. Dealing with questions of implementation of specific ideas was avoided to allow the concepts to be clarified in the time allowed. The items receiving the most questions did not necessarily get picked as the most important. Once the questions were answered it was time to prioritize. A ballot form listing the short name of each item was completed by each representative. Each idea was given a different number value of one to seventeen with one indicating the highest priority and seventeen the lowest. The sum of the priority numbers for each item resulted in ordering the items in their order of priority (see Table on the next page).

The pattern which emerged from this ordering process showed that there was considerable interest in three conceptual areas. These areas are Organizational development, Regional issues and Outreach. The Congress determined to work toward implementing the highest priority item in each of these areas in the next year. Because of the closeness of several items in priority parts of those items may be included.

The meeting was completed by getting volunteer "Project Mothers" for the three areas of interest. Alison Lang will be nurturing the Organizational Development area with the production of a groups "how to" manual being the specific project. The Regional Issues area will be handled by Jane Fee with the regional events calendar being the first task. Barbara McClorey will mother the Outreach area starting with the regional speakers bureau.

During this week these three leaders will be forming groups and

scheduling meeting to get additional input and work out an implementation plan.

Check your news letter for further announcements. Anyone wishing further information may contact Josephine in room 326 or the three project mothers.

One final outcome was that the Congress expressed considerable support for beginning an

advertisement program in the mainstream world to let potential members of our community know there is support available. This would also let the mainstream world get to know us. This type of project would require the IFGE to commit to the initial production and design but the Congress could use their local community resources to get the ads placed.

TABLE OF RESULTS

<u>Priority Number</u>	<u>Total Points</u>	<u>Item</u>
1	137	Regional events calendar
2	142	Regional speakers bureau
3	146	Cooperation with the gay and women's movements
4	146	Groups "how to" manual
5	149	Regional coordination & events
6	171	Helping professionals man
7	180	Gender community guide
8	186	Political action & phone
9	186	National advertising
10	187	Guide for professional help referrals
11	202	Computer E-mail
12	210	Gender community census
13	218	Remove crossdressing from DMS-III-R
14	224	Significant others group guide
15	228	Cooperative fund raising
16	248	Ambassador guide lines
17	256	Travel host/hostess

FRIDAY, MARCH 30: Theme of the day: Living in the Real World

IFGE COMMITTEE MEETINGS (Harvard Room)

2-3 pm	NOMINATIONS	3-4 pm	MARKETING
4-5 pm	FINANCE	5-6 pm	PROGRAMS

9 am-5 pm	ALL DAY TRANSEXUAL PROGRAM (N Hampton) (open to all)
9 am	Welcome and Introduction
9:10-10 am	WHO AM I?
10-10:30 am	FANTASY vs REALITY
10:30-11 am	TRANSGENDERISM
11 am - 12 pm	GENERAL WORKSHOP
2-3 pm	DEALING WITH OTHERS
3-3:30 pm	THERAPY
3:30-4 pm	RELIGION
4-5 pm	GENERAL WORKSHOP

9 am - 5 pm PROGRAM FOR MENTAL HEALTH PROFESSIONALS (E Hampton) (\$75.00)

9-10:30 am BEYOND THE LOOKING GLASS (Hamilton A&B)

10:30 am - 12 pm SUSTAINING THE ORGANIZATION (Hamilton A&B)

10 am - 12 pm LATECOMERS WELCOMING TEA FOR WIVES (Harvard Room)

12 pm - 2 pm KEYNOTE LUNCHEON (SW Hamilton) (\$15.00) Speaker: Holly Devor,
Fashion Show by Gloria-Lauren, presented by Eve Burchert

2-3:30 pm A VISIT WITH VIRGINIA PRINCE (Hamilton A)

2-3:30 pm CLOSE ENCOUNTERS IN PUBLIC PLACES (Hamilton B)

3:30-5 pm LIVING WITH MEN (Hamilton A)

3:30-5 pm TV FANTASIES (Hamilton B)

5-8 pm AUTHOR'S RECEPTION AND BOOK SIGNING (Hamilton A&B)

8:30-9:30 pm A PREVIEW OF 'METAMORPHOSIS' (Hamilton A&B)

7-11 pm COUPLES MTG (either in N Hampton or at TCNE's residence, Wayland)

7:30-9 pm PIZZA/SALAD PARTY (ala carte) (location to be announced)

9-10:30 pm "CIRCLE" (location to be announced)

CHAIRWOMAN'S CORNER
by Wendi Pierce

Today's theme has been our business, our future. These issues are two of the primary functions for which this convention has convened. We come here full of ideas, expectations and dreams. We leave, hopefully, with a rejuvenated commitment to make things happen. Today we have begun to delve into the issues that we, as a community, face. As Wendy Parker put it, "The solution is obvious, we have to commit ourselves both financially and bodily to support the programs we collectively identify."

Our Congress has been challenged with the task of guiding our leaders via their proposals and we have been reminded that, as representatives, our task is to inform this organization of what we feel is important. Our future is, as Merissa puts it, one of "sybiotic synergism" with our sisters and brothers in those other communities also "on the margin," to use Rev. Kim Harvey's so well put terminology.

In closing, let us be reminded that it is also our task to take back to our local organizations the enthusiasm and messages that we have gained here so that our efforts will be multiplied by those back home.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

CIVIL RIGHTS PETITIONS

Don't forget to sign your Civil Rights Petitions and return to Sister Mary Elizabeth! Only six

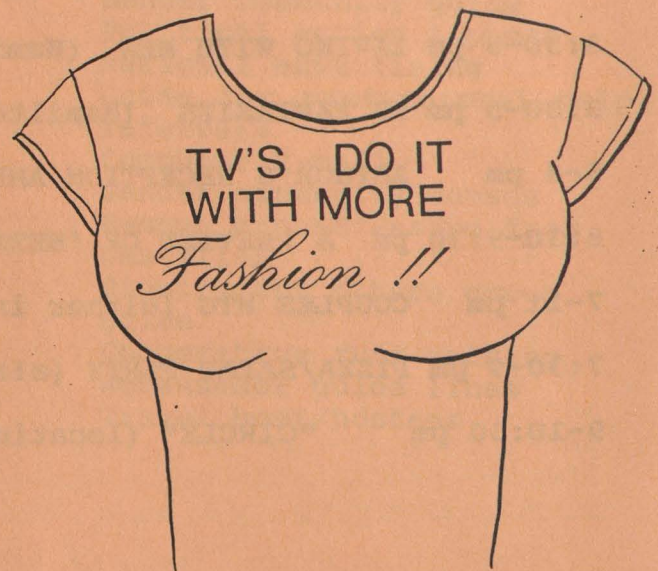
have been signed and returned as of this date. Your civil rights are at stake. ò

PHOTO SESSIONS

Atlantic Photo Studios will be taking professional portrait photographs on Friday and Saturday nights from 2 to 8 P.M. in the Herrod Room. Head and shoulders, and full length photographs will be taken and polaroid shots taken at various events will be available. Proofs from the Friday sittings will be available for viewing on Saturday. Cost for five head and shoulder poses is \$25. The approximate cost for 10 poses including both head and shoulders and full length poses, will be \$50.

LIMO TRIP AND DINING OUT

Those signed up for the Limo Trip and dinner at Pier 4 on Thursday should be informed that the limo will be at the front door ready for departure at 7 P.M. on Thursday evening.



TIFFANY WIVES SUPPORT GROUP NEWS

Welcome Tea:

TCNE Wives Support Group will have a welcoming tea for wives. It will be held as scheduled in the Harvard Room on Friday from 10 A.M. until Noon.

Couples Meeting:

The Tiffany Club Wives Support Group will hold a meeting for M/F couples involved in a committed relationship. This gathering will be held Friday evening 7 to 11 P.M. in the North Hampton Room.

FANTASIA FAIR
by Ari Kane

There will be a program/planning meeting of Fantasia Fair Ltd. on Friday evening at 7 P.M. in the Harvard Room. All past Fair invited.

TKG CLOTHING (dba Gloria - Lauren)

We will be open for your private shopping on Friday evening from 6 to 8 P.M. We are located at 410 Boston Post Road (Rt. 20) in Sudbury. Sudbury is located 4.5 miles north of Natick on Rt. 20 (which runs parallel to Rt. 9).

Directions: Take 9W about four miles to the Edgell Rd. Exit, turn right on Edgell Rd. and follow it to its end (approximately four miles), then turn right and you will find us on the left side of the Sudbury Inn Market Place next to Longfellow Books.



COMMITTEES:

LEGAL COMMITTEE
by Naomi Owen

The Legal and Bylaws Committee will meet on Thursday at 2 P.M. in the Harvard Room. "Legal Eagles," members of the Committee, and all those interested in the legal issues facing IFGE are welcome. Items for discussion include: the possibility of establishing a legal resources directory; the establishment of guidelines for political action for IFGE; the issue of liability for IFGE, its officers and directors; and encouraging donations and bequests to IFGE.

EDUCATION RESOURCE COMMITTEE

The Education Resource Committee will meet from 3 to 4 P.M. on Thursday in the Harvard Room. The Committee will be chaired by Eve Burchert who will review activities during last year. The agenda will also include; restructuring the Committee, Committee membership;

define objectives, assign specific objectives to members. Topics to be discussed include:

- Reference of Speakers
- Videos
- How to Form and Organization
- Speaker's Handbook
- New Avenues of Public Relations
- Press Kit
- News Releases

Designated members and invited guests of the Committee include Naomi Owen, Virginia Prince, Stephanie Wong, Diane Ingram, Jane Fee, Janice Rupard, Nicole Snow, Linda Buten, Joanne Roberts and Linda McKim. Everyone else who is interested may also attend.

PUBLICATIONS COMMITTEE by Roger Peo

The Publications Committee is chaired by Roger Peo and members include Merissa Sherrill Lynn, Yvonne Cook, Maureen Taylor and Samantha Walls will meet Thursday at 5 P.M. in the Harvard Room. The Committee will review the 1990 budget items and make proposals for the IFGE Board of Directors on such issues as editorial support and review. Interested parties are welcome to attend.

WHERE ARE WE GOING IN THE 90'S by Kay Metsker

Where are we going in the 90's? Yesterday, Wendy Parker delivered an informative talk on this topic and generated spirited discussion. The following is a sampling of the

comments made:

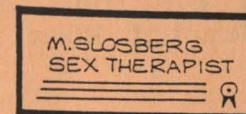
Is there 'unity' in 'community'? Is there even a community?

If life hands you a lemon, don't just make lemonade, make pink lemonade.

The ultimate goal in the 90's is to change the feeling of Gender Dysphoria into Gender Euphoria.

We should be willing to give acceptance as much as we ask for it.

Watch for a summary of Wendy's presentation in a future newsletter.



"Put on two falsies and call me in the morning."

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