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Jimmy Carper 00:02

Whoo. She is a bisexual woman, Michelle Negi cello. She has a child by her last lover. And she now has a female lover.

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Sarah DePalma 00:14

You know, it's one of the things that I find is hearing about more and more people who are coming out as bisexual. And I'm glad to hear that actually, it's about time.

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Jimmy Carper 00:26

Well, you know, technically, when you think about the years prior to Stonewall, and a lot of famous people like, like Oscar Wilde, Oscar Wilde was by no means gay. Oscar Wilde was a bisexual man. He had a wife and two children, all of whom he adored

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Sarah DePalma 00:51

Alexander Hamilton's another one, right?

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Jimmy Carper 00:53

Because we didn't have a gay lifestyle if that wasn't accepted, acceptable. And so bisexuality was a lot more prevalent.

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Sarah DePalma 01:03

As long as we're on this subject why don't we talk about the defensive marriage a little bit?

J Jimmy Carper 01:06

Okay. I had there was this wonderful woman marching down Westheimer a couple of weeks ago with the sign that says, I am

S Sarah DePalma 01:20

legally married. Oh, that was Richard. Yes. Right. Who's been on the show? Wonderful, Beth.

J Jimmy Carper 01:25

She's just

S Sarah DePalma 01:26

grant Beth Richard and was we were marked as as we talked about last show transgenders marched in the gay pride parade as a separate contingent for the first time. And Beth Richard curious sign that said, I'm going to leave legal same sex marriage asked me how, as we got down to the reviewing Stan, the person who was doing the reviewing, read it out loud and said, How do you do that? So bad stopped a looked at the audience and began to tell them how it's done. That's right. In the endure a lot of jobs, which is dropping, I thought, god I love that. You know, that took real guts.

J Jimmy Carper 02:01

Because Beth is beautiful. Absolutely. Who has this porcelain, perfect skin

S Sarah DePalma 02:08

in a classy individual on top of it. Yeah. There in today's front page of the Houston Chronicle, there was a story about the defensive marriage bill. Now, we've talked about the defensive marriage bill in this program before. And we've pointed out how the defensive marriage bill affects gay and lesbian marriages. If you don't know the defensive marriage bill, I guess you probably live in a cave of the defensive marriage bill says that marriage is between a man and a woman right and nothing else. Well, it raises some very interesting questions about transgenders in, it's an I, I predict you're going to see a lot of transgenders in court over this issue. In transgenders will be the people that will end up making this law unconstitutional. Oh, now here's why. Let's take state of Texas, for example. Okay, let us say, let's say let's take the case of a person of a couple who were married, they were man, they were married, legally married male and female. After several years of marriage, one of them changed, the male becomes a for a male to female transsexual. Okay. And let's say they go even further, they go through and they have a surgery. Now legally, and in every other form that you can think of

you have two women living together, right, married, and their marriage is still legal. Yeah. Now with the defense of marriage bill? That's an open question. Sure, because how was having to handle now, the whole point of the defensive marriage bill was supposed to be to St. B, the sanctity of marriage. This puts the federal government in a position of saying we will dissolve your marriage, even though it was perfectly legal, and it may not be in the best interest of the kids. That's, that's so odd. That's why I think it's going to be transgender. So we're going to take this to court, no kidding. Or let's, let's take the case of a person. Maybe the person changes from male to female transsexual, and doesn't have the surgery. They simply go on hormones and decide that they are going to be a non surgical transsexual, but you can have your but all of the identification says your female Yeah, you're illegally female.

 Jimmy Carper 04:32

So what's the deal here?

 Sarah DePalma 04:33

Will that still stand up in a court? Yeah. What's going to happen is you're going to force the government to define me male and female.

 Jimmy Carper 04:42

Gosh,

 Sarah DePalma 04:43

Now Kate Bornstein has gotta love this somewhere. I hear Kate Bornstein giggling say I can't define it. I want to hear the government.

 Jimmy Carper 04:51

I know it I mean, do you do it by the outward appearance or private? The the legal?

 Sarah DePalma 04:57

I think in a strip search you with the time of marriage to be sure this is legal. Well, it's it's a fascinating thing. And I predict that is going to be transgendered people who are going to take the government to court over this and have it declared unconstitutional, because it is going to force the government to be in the position of dissolving existing marriages. It is in fact, if the federal government is going to end up having to say, well, yes, you are legally married at the time, but you but it's not legal anymore because we say so. Oh, I don't know the Supreme Court will like any of it.

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Jimmy Carper 05:30

Well, you know that and there's when you talk about the religious right, they don't even acknowledge the concept of sex change.

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Sarah DePalma 05:43

Well, that's true. And I wanted to talk about something that happened with Sheila Jackson Lee. Now, first of all, I like Sheila Jackson, evening of her office is not returning any of my phone calls, even after she promised me that she would. She's a

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Jimmy Carper 06:02

very dynamic person. Yeah, I She has been a friend to this community. Yes, she has,

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Sarah DePalma 06:07

but her staff does not very good at returning phone calls, even after they promised me to my face in front of witnesses that will. Having said that, I see. Sheila Jackson Lee is quoted in the paper today. And here's what it says representative Sheila Jackson Lee may have been one member who fought or found herself caught in the box. She rose to speak in opposition to the defensive marriage bill, but in the end cast her vote as present. Every other member of the Texas House delegation voted for the bill. This is a hot potato anyway, you cut it set a source close to the congresswoman, adding that she had a problem because of opposition to gay marriages for many of her own constituents. Jackson Lee said after the vote that she felt the issues raised in the legislation were best left to the states and reiterated her support for measures that would end discrimination against gays in workplaces. But I must represent all of my constituents, she said, including the full and vibrant religious communities. Now, on this show, last month, I had a conversation with them. Yes. And I said at the time, that like it or not, we had to convince 535 heterosexuals or 530 some odd to vote for gay and lesbian, bisexual and transgendered issues. And then on that basis, whether you know anyone liked it or not the gay lesbian, the glbts, we had to learn to find ways to work with the heterosexual Yep. Well, here's a person and I believe Sheila Jackson Lee is a friend to this community I truly do. Who could not find it in herself at the end, to vote for this bill. Now to her I could not find her to vote against this bill. Now, to her credit, she's the only one of the Texas delegation who did not vote for it. But she didn't vote against it either. Now, I'm sure from her point of view, she has to say, well, the trend of the gay community is probably maybe 10 or 15% in her constituency. And the rest of them are heterosexuals, which precisely makes the point I made last month, Yes, precisely makes the point I was trying to get across last month. We are this is going to be a tough, tough, tough, uphill fight. One of the definitions of a liberal, I'm sorry to say a liberal is a person that leaves the room when the fight starts. And, well, I don't like that. But up till now, that's been the case. When when push came to shove, the transgender community was a bargaining chip, the gay shoe community shoved off in different states all around the country, when it came right down to the gay community said, Look, we'll trade you transgender rights if you vote if we get the rest of it. Here's a case where the Sheila Jackson Lee, in the end, couldn't quite find it in herself to vote against the bill. Anybody who thinks that simply because the gay and lesbian community has economic power or political clout than any of that really

means crap. And Congress doesn't understand how it works. Right. Bill Clinton is going to sign this bill. Oh, yes, he has no choice. Right. If he doesn't vote doesn't sign this bill. I guarantee you Bob Dole will be on the circuit tomorrow saying Bob Clinton is against the family values right?

J Jimmy Carper 09:35

He would just run with it that it's Clinton has no as doesn't have a choice.

S Sarah DePalma 09:41

You know, and I agree with Barney Frank Barney Frank was on the floor and He's no friend of the transgender community he has fought are being included in different from the word guy. But he raised a very interesting question. He asked how being in love with the person that he loved. How his relationship threatened heterosexual marriages, right Ask are your relationships so fragile? That people that you don't know can be threatening to you?

J Jimmy Carper 10:07

Well, that's true, legitimate question. And the other side of the coin is Barney Frank. Thanks, Steve. Gunderson.

S Sarah DePalma 10:15

Gunderson.

J Jimmy Carper 10:15

And what's his name?

S Sarah DePalma 10:18

I can't say his name, but he's leaving the house. Yeah. But all three of these Jerry studs

J Jimmy Carper 10:24

have got their spouses I identification so that their spouses can park and Senate parking places or house parking, you know, they've got the same identification as any wife.

S Sarah DePalma 10:42

Yeah. I'm so I understand Sheila's physician. And I don't want anybody think that I'm

I lambasting her, because the fact is, it took guts, she voted present. She didn't vote for the bill. And the truth of the matter is to choose between a hard place and rock. But I think it should give all of this community pause. If one of the most devoted friends that we have, in the end, finds herself in the position where she can't vote for us. Where are we really?

J Jimmy Carper 11:13

That's true.

S Sarah DePalma 11:14

Where are we really how hard is this fight? I think up till now, we've really been deluding ourselves. Now we give a sense of how tough this is.

J Jimmy Carper 11:22

So well, you know, the thing on this on this with this, this ID for the spouses, if the government has issued these IDs for these gay men spouses, isn't that already acknowledging a relationship?

S Sarah DePalma 11:40

Yeah, it is in here's here's what I think is going to happen. Now, I think what what will happen is in within fairly short order, I think this is going to occur, that some transgendered person in one of the states is going to challenge this. I mean, there's already talk about this on the internet. But it didn't take long. I think what's cool, you're going to see as a transgendered person is going to say, wait a minute, I have a legally valid marriage, you just declared invalid. Constitutionally can the government, void, existing relationships? And I predict that this is going to be the same kind of a fight like you saw with amendment two, and it'll go all the way to the US Supreme Court. Wow. So for the Gay, gay and lesbian community who say to us, well, I don't think gays and lesbians I don't think transgenders are part of the gay lesbian community. You're not what you're not one of us, you have nothing to do with us. You have no place here. You're struggling to offer you have nothing to offer us what good are you stick around folks, because it's gonna you may get a sense real fast of what the transgender community is meant to, you know, you wanted to get something in.

R Roy McCarthy 12:54

Like, I want to try and make this fast here. The main arguments that we hear against same sex unions or gay marriages, is that it's a threat to the family value, and it's also a threat to our the social structure of our country. Well, gay or lesbian marriages, transgendered marriages are not a threat to family value. What No, now didn't know the family is being threatened today in a very real way. Drugs, alcoholism, married partners, getting laid off losing their jobs, loss of

income, being threatened by all kinds of other exterior outside sources. spousal abuse, child abuse, these are the things that threaten the family. Yeah, not not, not us, not us. Not gay and lesbian marriages, not transgender.

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Jimmy Carper 13:56

I've been in I've been in a relationship for 18 years. With the same person, gee, you're a threat. And how threatening is that? Yeah, you're a real threat.

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Roy McCarthy 14:10

And instance, so these are the things that are these are the real threats and they are real threats to our family, including such things as corporate downsizing, where spouse is making 40 or 50,000 a year loses. That income has gone that's a threat because that's a lot of pressure. He thinks that all

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Jimmy Carper 14:31

Yeah, let's talk about real threats. Right. That's the real rather than these made up threats. You're listening to after hours queer radio with attitude on KPFT Houston, and ke O 's College Station. I'm Jimmy Carper. And my co host tonight

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Sarah DePalma 14:48

is Sarah dipalma. And we're not going to beat the subject to death. We're getting one we'll move on. We have a couple of interviews but I did want to bring this up because Every time I hear people say, Well, I'm looped back up and put this another way. Okay? The idea that the gay lesbian bisexual transgender community is fractioned is the way in the way that it is right now is no good for any of us. I think we've seen that in the defense of marriage bill. We are seeing, we have seen that certainly in Louisiana, not not in Louisiana. But in in Colorado where we had the amendment to Bill. One of the things Diane zicatela told me about about Colorado, is that Bill never would have gotten to the Supreme Court, had the communities up there not been so busy bickering among themselves. They were so busy fighting each other, no one could find it in their hearts to turn their attention to the actual enemy, which was the bill. Consequently, it went through without much opposition in the gay lesbian community in Colorado, and bisexual transgender community, nearly sank the entire nation on it. Now, that's a scary thought. And you'll when we hear it, play the interview, you'll hear Diane say it. This is why you'll hear me say over and over and over that we have to get over whatever it was. And we better learn to get along people because if we don't, we're beginning to see examples of what happens when we don't you bet, you know, we say let's go some music. Oh, yeah. And when we come back, we'll set up the interview with Jane Ellen. Okay.

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Jimmy Carper 16:23

And in the meantime, you can give us a call at 5265738 for your pledge of support for KPFT and the ~~the~~ ~~the~~ ~~the~~

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Sarah DePalma 16:33

five to six KPFT. If you can spell better than you can count. Yes, we need to raise \$63,000 Not on this on the show. No. But as Jimmy was saying, we can certainly sell by the end, we

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Jimmy Carper 16:46

certainly can because we figured out that the new tower is gonna cost us about \$25 an inch. So we'd like to know how many inches can you give us tonight?

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Sarah DePalma 16:59

Hey, only on this show. Could we use this kind of sales pitch? Okay, we're gonna go to some music. We come back. We'll set up the interview with Jane Ellen, what do you have there?

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Jimmy Carper 17:10

Okay, I've got Imperial drag one of my new favorite groups. And this This comes from the station. All cool. Yeah. I've been looking at this for quite a while and I've been playing for the last few weeks because it's a real cool song. It's upbeat and and rockin, rolly and kind of bouncy and pop ish. It's really good. And it's called boy or girl. Ooh, yeah, boy or girl, it really doesn't matter. It's, as I've heard it put by someone else. I don't fall in love with people's genitalia. I fall in love with people. Well,

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Sarah DePalma 17:49

thank you. Yes. We've heard that in the show a few times. Yes. I think probably of all the people in our community. Heterosexual cross dressers are the most misunderstood. Oh, absolutely. And I admit that I come to this subject with some difficulty. I am not always sure that I understand all of it myself. And for a person like me, who would basically like to see the whole concept of gender trashed, and just done away? Oh, yeah. Heterosexual cross dressers in one sense, sort of represent my worst nightmare. Because there are so many of the cross dressers go out of the way to be stereotypically female when they dress and I mean, often you can pick out a crossdresser because they're the ones with the shortest skirt. Oh, yeah. You know, and the highest of the heels and broadest of the jewelry. And but it was pointed out to me at the law conference by someone, then in another sense, maybe they are the most revolutionary of the gender of people as well. The idea that a man voluntarily dresses in a woman as a woman, that it's not a humiliation, that it doesn't threaten who they are. And that they can come and come through when they're all through the evening and say, I'm the same person. And boy, that was fun. Maybe that's the ultimate gender turnaround. Right? And I never really thought of it that way. I had to admit, that was an entirely new perspective for me. And so I decided I'd been wanting to get Jane Ellen Fairfax on the show for a long time. The Trius sorority is the largest cross dressing organization in the United States. And maybe the largest in the world, I'm

not sure. And there was an interview in transgender tapestry with Jane Ellen. And I felt that they sort of trashed her. Oh, now there are parts there are some parts of what Trius does. I don't understand. And there are some parts of what they do. That I don't agree with. I have lost long argued that the idea of of, of going around seeing your forehead or that the organization exists for heterosexual cross dressers and their wives. sounds extremely homophobic.

J Jimmy Carper 20:12

It sounds homophobic.

S Sarah DePalma 20:14

Yeah. And that was exactly the point after getting to know some of the people in the organization, I have found that way, the way it sounds and the way it's carried out are two different things. And so I have to say that coming to this interview, I come to this whole discussion both Trius wordy with with a new set of eyes. Were once I was one of the people who sat on the bandwagon and said, you know, these people are just, you know, they're a blight in our community. Now, I'm saying, you know, there's more to the character of these people than I thought. And that maybe I would be better off spending more time learning and letting myself be educated. And so that's that's what I've tried to do. And especially after, as I've gotten to know, Jane, Ellen, as a human being, I can tell you for a fact there is not a homophobic bone in her body. The Tria sorority issued a very strong statement not long ago about hate crimes, and endorsing the whole concept of hate crimes and making it very clear that, yes, of course, gay lesbians and bisexuals have to be protected. Yes. And as I started off by saying on the show, one of the most interesting connections to me, is in the issue of hate crimes, the two groups that I hear the most the most from in terms of actually being attacked our drags, who typically tend to be gay men, who are simply wearing female clothes for whatever reason, and heterosexual cross dressers. And it's one of those common bonds. Yeah, that's intriguing to me.

J Jimmy Carper 21:55

But don't you think that when you talk about, maybe they're homophobic or something like that, but maybe a group for heterosexual cross dressers only is there because there are special needs for heterosexual cross dressers that are different from gay cross dress?

S Sarah DePalma 22:15

Yes. Let me let me put it this way. You're right about that. With this. This

J Jimmy Carper 22:18

question has come up with the gay and lesbian switchboard a lot. And the issue is, should we have straight telephone volunteers? And we think about this and we think well, no, because when you call the gay and lesbian switchboard, you want to talk to a real live gay and lesbian or lesbian person. But isn't that discriminating?

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Sarah DePalma 22:43

Willing in a way and particularly if you find it needs actually is therefore? Yeah, it is. I started out with this by thinking by thinking about this in terms of the mic criticism of PFLAG, for example, that that there are an awful that I get several calls from the parents of transgendered people, but that I am not comfortable sending them to PFLAG because PFLAG admits they know nothing about transgenders, right.

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Jimmy Carper 23:10

And and they're putting all of their energies to gay lesbian, but at

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Sarah DePalma 23:13

least in Houston, they don't seem to want to know anything about transgenders nationally. That's not the case, by the way. And PFLAG nationally, has made tremendous strides. So I look at what PFLAG has done. I say to myself, why can't we get to try a sorority do the same thing? Well, one of the reasons is because the one of the chief focus of the trial sorority, our wives. The fact of the matter is, wives call and say I found my husband wearing my clothes. Was this mean, I have to be divorced tomorrow. Is this did I marry a pervert? There are issues of honesty in the marriage, issues of communication in the marriage. And those are issues that for the most part gays and lesbians probably wouldn't have to face. Yeah. And so I've changed my view about trial a lot. I really have. And I have genuinely come to respect the people that I've met in the trials, as they have told me the stories they've had to go through with their marriages. And as I've talked to the wives and had an opportunity to meet them, I've come out of it with a different attitude. And I guess, you know, maybe it's a little embarrassing to be on the air and admitting this saying, Well, you know, yeah, I'm a transgender leader, but boy, I really thought these folks were weird. And now saying, well, but that's not the case. On the other hand, maybe it's a sign that I can grow and listen, you know, that's exactly right. So, with that, I want to go to this interview with Jane Ellen Fairfax out let me apologize a little bit in advance about the sound quality of this. This interview was done on a handheld tape recorder. In fortunately, I am extremely loud and genuine is not quite so loud. So you may want to turn your radio down so it doesn't blast you out. But the content that the interview is definitely worth hearing. does talk about cross dressing in the past, and we've been very lucky to have some outstanding guests. We've had Brenda Thomas on the show. We've had Peggy rod and Linda and Cynthia Phillips. And now we have an opportunity to speak with one of the directors of it's naturally chair chairperson of the board, I get the Trius sorority, we're talking with Jane Ellen Fairfax.

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Jane Ellen Fairfax 25:28

Pleased to be here, Sarah, discuss cross dressing issues.

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Sarah DePalma 25:32

Good. I'm glad to have you here. Finally, the whole idea of concept is pretty frightening. And we get an awful lot of letters from folks. And they say essentially, we know I came home one time my husband was in a bra or, or something, something like that. But cross dressing actually is is a lot more common than most people think isn't it?

J Jane Ellen Fairfax 25:51

Certainly is. Studies are lacking. But it's very probable that cross dressers represent between one and 10% of the male population.

S Sarah DePalma 26:02

Okay, now I hear a wife out there just just just falling over. And saying You mean there's a 10% chance that my husband could end up a crossdresser? Is that possible?

J Jane Ellen Fairfax 26:16

10% is on the high side, I would think but there is a significant chance. It's certainly not unheard of that her husband may very well have a feminine side of his personality that he might like to express sometime in other ways, including cross dressing.

S Sarah DePalma 26:34

Okay, now when I talk to groups out there, I'll talk them about the possibility that a man can have a feminine side, or that a woman can have a masculine side, and their eyes start to glaze over and they look at me like as if to say they can do what? Why don't you talk a little bit about the expression of femininity since since primarily crossdressers tend to be men.

J Jane Ellen Fairfax 26:56

And that's no accident, Sarah. I think part of the reason for that is that society has a very confining macho prison in which it puts the males we have a limited range of emotions, we can express sadness, frustration, any unpleasant emotion and sort of shut up under anger. We have a limited range of colors, we can wear styles we can wear. Everything is very traditional. And society has things called your gay, your Assissi to label us with if they don't like the way we stay in that prison.

S Sarah DePalma 27:47

One of the things Emory when I first started my transition, how excited it was, I got to wear colors besides great navy blue, and brown.

J Jane Ellen Fairfax 27:56

You're all glad to have those color other colors to wear.

S Sarah DePalma 27:59

I know that probably sounds very strange to the listening audience. But that was the truth of the matter. As a guy, it seemed like you get your choice. You had brown, gray, navy blue, or navy blue, brown and gray.

J Jane Ellen Fairfax 28:11

One of the most fun feminine times I've ever had in my life is when I had my colors done and found out there were about 40 main colors I can wear mostly in the jewel tone range. And I look wonderful in them. And I feel wonderful in them. And that's one of the things that is a big joy about across gender expression and cross dressing.

S Sarah DePalma 28:32

Now when I first started out in my transition, Jackie Thorne with Tom Steyer, and a year before, but Jackie Thorne brought me to my first trade desk meeting. And I remember I had a wig that I looked like, I look like somebody's worst nightmare and Lucy program. But it got me out of the house, and it gave me a start. So Trius is a fairly good place for beginners to start, isn't it?

J Jane Ellen Fairfax 28:54

It's a great place for beginners to start. And it's a great place for experienced people to say, I too, had Jackie and do a bird's nest for me. So and the support you get that love and caring. There's just nothing that beats it. I found my feminine self image by going to a try us chapter. I've been eternally grateful and participating ever since. And I want to spread that joy to others.

S Sarah DePalma 29:23

Now that's one of the things we had a call we had to a letter that we received from somebody who said that the first place that they ever heard that you didn't have to get divorced from your crossdresser husband was on our show. And I referred her to try ask because I wanted her to know that. You know that my show is not the only place they can hear that. I talk about the role of the wives and try Yes.

J Jane Ellen Fairfax 29:46

What Trius was just about the first organization in the transgendered community to admit wives as full members, and we took the resulting heat this was back in 1988. Now 17% of our national membership consists of wives. And we've made them a part of our national vision. We put on

the spouses and partners international conference for education, also known as spice that moves around the country so that wives everywhere will have access to a convention that helps them build their marriages in the context of their husbands cross dressing. There's absolutely no reason and in fact, my own marriage is limited is a real proof. There's no reason why a crossdresser cannot actually have a better marriage for the cross dressing.

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Sarah DePalma 30:38

Yeah, I actually wrote an article for cat transgender tapestry that appeared a couple of issues ago. And it came out of the fact that so many people had contacted us and said, Well, if I might find out that my husband's crossdresser, automatically managed divorce, and I had to keep saying, but that's not true. You know, it's you could do worse, your husband come home and tell you that he has a fatal disease. If he comes home and says, you know, what I really want is, in some spare time when you know, it's be able to crossdress you know, life could be tougher, it really could,

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Jane Ellen Fairfax 31:08

life could be a lot tougher. And the biggest thing that wives face, Sarah, in dealing with her husband's cross dressing is it's unexpectedness, like you said earlier. It's a shot for a wife to come home and find her husband in her dress. And she wants to know what it means where it's going, as my wife put it, does this mean we're going to retire as a couple of little old ladies together? And those are wives main anxieties, and there's no reason at all if the CrossDresser treats his wife selflessly, and loves her that the relationship can, can not only survived, but actually be enhanced.

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Sarah DePalma 31:51

To try yes is one of the fastest growing of the gender organizations right now. And I know there's a good reason for that, once you explain to the audience what's going on with Troy is because I know they're just growing by leaps and bounds.

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Jane Ellen Fairfax 32:01

Well, we're growing pretty well. And part of the reason is that we've got chapters all over the country, and each one of them is recruiting new members. We've got programs going that serve our members, our mirror is one of the one of the premier magazines and the cross gender community. We are a real refuge for cross dressers who live far away from chapters. Our membership directory is such that crossdresser 300 miles to the nearest chapter can write someone and get the support he needs. We reach out around the globe, we've got our literature is available in in not only English, but also German. And Portuguese, Spanish is coming online and French is going to come online in the next month.

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Sarah DePalma 32:49

One of the things that that I liked about Troy is that it's one of those the one of the places

One of the things that I liked about Traya is that it's one of those, it's one of the places where I've gone to where people are almost always friendly. rarely have I seen gone to a Trius gathering where it turned out to be a bunch of snooty people, on the contrary, has been very welcoming. And I wanted to point that out because for the person that's sitting at home, and all they do is they cross dressed in the bedroom and think, gee, I'd go somewhere if I knew where to go. I want them to know that trust is a place that can recommend.

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Jane Ellen Fairfax 33:18

Absolutely. Trius chapters tend to be extremely friendly places. When you walk in, you're sort of engulfed by lots and lots of tender loving care. You're immediately made a part of things. As much as you want. You're allowed. You're invited to participate as much as you want. You're included in gatherings. It's a relaxing atmosphere. We even got a nonprofit dressed meeting called Toys R Us. So this is a great way to get even the most timid wife out to a meeting. Once she finds out. We don't have two heads. She's ready to come to the cross dress meeting. And then she'll find out the only thing different is our clothes.

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Sarah DePalma 34:01

Yeah, that's one of the interesting things. It's one of those areas that cross dressers and transsexuals have in common. And that there's a there's a general belief that that clothes, make the person and that in and you'll find that there's a unified belief regardless whether you're crossdresser or transsexual clothes have nothing to do with the person at all.

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Jane Ellen Fairfax 34:20

Absolutely, I wish that were actually more true than it is Sarah. One thing Trius absolutely emphasizes is the need to feminize our souls. Otherwise, our femininity is only as deep as the bright silver jewelry we wear around our necks. We encourage our members to develop sensitivity, to learn to freely express the softer Kinder or emotions. That's where the real fulfillment and cross dressing is is the feminization of the soul. It's a beautiful thing that you see it happening. You see that all macho cross come scrubbing away.

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Sarah DePalma 34:54

You know, one of the things we did a show one night talking about cross dressing unterlinden So Your thoughts were on I got a letter from somebody who said, What do you mean, there's a softer side to men men have this role they have to play. And if they don't play this role, they're not real men. And are and I, I finally wrote back and said, I really feel sorry for you that you're an honest to God, role view of life. And one of the things that I think the truth is does is it does give people a chance to express another part of themselves that never get to do otherwise.

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Jane Ellen Fairfax 35:25

Absolutely. I can't do much with that statement except just agree with it. We do develop a softer side, we do get to the point fairly quickly, where we learned that there's something else

to ourselves as human beings besides when when when we learn to root for the underdog, and it's a nice fulfilling experience. We learn to just be the natural people we are without a lot of artificials stilted I've got to be first mentality.

 Sarah DePalma 35:58

Yeah, what the lesbians tend to call male energy. We hear a lot about that. If folks want to get a hold of the tri tri, yes sorority, how would they reach you? And what would they expect if they went to a meeting?

 Jane Ellen Fairfax 36:14

Okay, they can reach us by writing 8880 Bellaire Boulevard de to suite 104, Houston, Texas 77036. If they have email, the email address is JEFTR i s@aol.com. If they come to a meeting, what they expect is we socialize for the first 45 minutes or so just being rejoicing and being seeing our friends again. And then we have a program for the next 45 minutes or so. And the programs there's a program every month. And it's something new and fascinating every month, there's a little something for everybody. For the novice, there's there's self help programs such as nail care wig care makeovers, when a new person comes to the club, and we have a makeover expert. It's always the new person that gets nominated for the makeup if she the makeover if she wants one. Sometimes a photo session follows and there's nothing that a crossdresser likes more than than seeing herself and all our feminine glory. We've had representatives from the Houston Women's Center give us a talk on feminine self defense. One time we even made a video to share with other tribes chapters, my funniest experience on them. We've even experimented with split meetings were the folks that were afraid to go out in public state Hall stayed in our home and socialize, while others went on a shopping trip with a mall that agreed to stay open for them. So we we have thought

 Sarah DePalma 38:04

that's the important thing. We hear from crossdressers. In the end, they are often they're, they're pretty isolated. They're they're sitting at home and they're scared to death. And they will call us and say well, but I could never go to the meeting cross dress, when nice things my training says you don't have to do that. Show up, show up. As you normally dress at home, there are safe places for you to dress. And you can relax in that setting you can get when you're all through, you can take your feminine clothes off, go back home is whatever you want, it's safe. That's the key word. It's safe, and you're no longer so isolated.

 Jane Ellen Fairfax 38:42

Absolutely true, Sara, we encourage people to come across stress to our meetings. Obviously, it's an it's an important step in your development as a whole person, but we don't require it. What we find though, is that people that come on home, that is in their masculine selves, frequently feel a little out of place, and the next time they bring at least they bring their feminine clothing and dress at the meeting site. We converted one way or the other.

S Sarah DePalma 39:12

And I know you've been married, you've been married a long time. I mean, really how many years you've been married now. My wife

J Jane Ellen Fairfax 39:17

and I recently celebrated our 25th year of happy marriage.

S Sarah DePalma 39:22

I won't give any money over the year but but I have to say that she's one of the sweetest people that I've met I thoroughly agree. In truth she's one of those people that if you meet her and talk to five minutes you say how you know everyone in the world has to like her so Jane Ellen, it's always a pleasure to get you on the show. Women are long overdue to get this interview done.

J Jane Ellen Fairfax 39:42

And I'm certainly glad to be here at last I'm finally in town the legal conference anchored me

S Sarah DePalma 39:48

when we get through here we're going to talk about spice a little bit because I promised Peggy road that we would do that. Jane Ellen, thank you very, very much.

J Jane Ellen Fairfax 39:55

So nice to be here, sir.

S Sarah DePalma 40:02

Jane Ellen is, is one of the is one of those people and are in the transgender community. Every community has people like this. I'm thinking about people like for example, folks associated with the cold 40 fives, there are some people in the communities who simply work there, you know what's off? Yep, get virtually no credit for it. And the community would be so much poorer without them. In Jane Ellen is just one of those people, she she puts in incredible hours, and she's not paid for any of this courses. Sounds familiar? Yeah. And she is completely dedicated to the issue of cross dressing. And she has such a healthy approach. She is one of the most centered people that I that I know. There are some things about the Trius sorority that from a transsexual point of view, sound almost schizophrenic, for example, they will talk about themselves, I will hear them say, well, Tony, did this and Tony do this, and then they're talking about their male side. But then say, but Sandra did this and standard did that. And I often

confuses me, because I'll find myself so are we talking about to people? And and so I find that I it's sort of greats in in that's a transsexual point of view, because transsexuals will say, Now, wait a minute, you know, you're one or the other. But that's not necessarily true. And maybe that's the point that the cross dressers can make to us, that you can be either or both, or none. There you go. And so I

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Jimmy Carper 41:39

think it's very similar to a lot of gay men who use the pronoun she, yeah, for everyone.

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Sarah DePalma 41:46

I have genuinely learned a lot from being around her. And I have to give her credit, because there's probably very next to Phyllis fraud, there's probably no one in our community who takes more crap. And truthfully than she does, because she defends your organization, and she defends what they do. But when I talk to the wives, the wives tell you that this these that this organization saved their marriage. It kept it saved. It helped the children to understand. And you know, you can only go by the results, and the results from what I can see coming out of the trials are pretty doggone good. Yeah. So I really respect them. One of the things that we talked about during the interview is something called spice. Spice stands for spouses partners, international conference for education now and why it's called spice and they are going to have their convention July the 24th through the 28th in the Wilmington hotel, assuming Bertha didn't just level no kidding at the Wilmington Hotel, which is load miles north from Philadelphia.

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Jimmy Carper 42:52

Now that's Delaware. Yeah,

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Sarah DePalma 42:54

this is Delaware. Okay, now, I was looking at it. They're listing out who's going to be