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OF  
THE FASCINATING WORLD OF TRANSVESTISM

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# DEAR JULIE

Do you have a problem or question concerning transvestism? Julie will help you personally through her column. Write her today. Dear Julie, c/o Empathy Club, Box 12466, Seattle, Washington 98111

Dear Girls,

I would like to thank you all for your wonderful helpful letters. Some of you may have noticed that when your letters are printed in my column that they are shortened or changed and my answers are usually longer and more detailed than when the answers I write to you personally. There are a couple of reasons for this: first because of the volume of mail I received. I cannot spend as much time with each letter as I would like to. Also because I want to cover as many and varied subjects as is possible. I shorten some of your letters to cover only the parts I think are most important.

If the amount of positive helpful letters is any measure of success then my column is a great success because I have received lots of mail all of it positive and none so far negative.

NEWS NOTE: According to Dr. James Defares of the university of Leyden in the Netherlands women who begin taking female hormones at the menopause seem to escape cancer of all types. In four studies involving more than 1000 women on estrogen Dr. D has found only two who became victims of cancer, against a statistically expected 74. In another group of 1422 women also on estrogen only 5 came down with cancer compared to an anticipated 96. Perhaps, someday they will be able to conduct a similar study on men.

JULIE

Dear Julie,

Thank you for answering my questions while I'm not new at the practice. I always am on the lookout for new tips from people, books, magazines, etc.

I am married and have one son. My wife

knows of my practice though she believes it should be kept strictly a private practice. Thus as yet I have not told her about my public appearances or about Empathy Club. And so that is why I use a P. O. Box. Eventually I'm sure that she will accept all of my interests in TVism as she has accepted my dressing.

Being as tall as you are, have you had any trouble when out dressed? I have found that because people don't accept us, they are willing to accept that what they see is actually so.

Last week I went to a Halloween Party dressed with my wife. Of course, I had to be a little sloppy to avoid too many questions from fellow party goers.

I have usually spent my times in public shopping. Trying on clothes in stores has been among my most enjoyable experiences as a TV.

How many people know of your practices? How have you approached people to tell them? Again, thank you for your kind answers and I hope I hear from you again soon.

Jean

Dear Jean,

Thank you for writing again so soon. I am glad I could be of some help to you. It would seem that being tall does present several problems in finding clothes, not looking too obvious in a crowd, etc. Actually people couldn't care less what you do as long as you don't do it to them! Most of the time when I am asked I tell them exactly what I am.. a male heterosexual transvestite.

Recently, I have come to the conclusion that there are only four courses of action for the TV to take:

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*A Note  
From  
Cathy*



Dear Girls:

First of all I want to bring to your attention that another company has started using the name EMPATHY CLUB. This company sells records with a sexual slant. Their mailing address as stated in their advertisement is: The Empathy Club, Inc., 20 Old Nyack Turnpike, Nanuet, New York 10954.

I am in no way connected with this company and have and will continue to have only one mailing address which is: Box 12466, Seattle, Washington 98111. Therefore if you happen to see any advertisements with the title Empathy Club that does not have the above stated Seattle Address, it is not 'Cathy', Charles Slavik's Empathy Club, Empathy Press or Empathy Club Magazine.

I have written this firm and have informed them that I am the owner of these names. I have not at this date heard from them.

Starting with this issue of The Transvestite there will be no longer any personal listings in the club magazine except for an advertisement like those found on pages 22 and 23.

The club personals will come to you in a new form on loose leaf perforated notebook paper. You can place these sheets in a Notebook for ready reference. The advantage of this new system is that you will receive only the listings of the new members with the usual News Notes to bring you up to date. You will not have to look through the whole listings in each new magazine to find the new members.

The average number of words in issue number 30 - 31 of The Transvestite was about 8600 (excluding personals) words. There were less copy in issue number 32-33 because of the added photos. All future issue will have no less than an average of 8000 with about 15 photos. If the number of words is about the same for each issue

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*Cover Girl EC-883 - Calif.*

*Back Cover EC-517 - W. Va.*

To Correspond with these lovely cover girls and hundreds of other TVs Coast to Coast see page 22 for details.

# Letters to the Editor

To Correspond With These Letter Writers See Page 22

Dear Cathy,

I was very glad to be able to find a club like yours that I can write to in complete confidence. I have had no one till now that I could tell this to.

First of all I would like to be known as Sandy.

I really don't know when I first started to enjoy dressing as a girl. All I can remember of my early childhood when I used to hear my mother say she wished I had been a girl. I am an only child. She used to dress me in little girl's clothes and say how cute I was. I guess the luxurious feel of girl's clothes never escaped me.

I remember my freshman year of high school I used to go and try on my mother's clothes when I was sure of my parents would be gone for a long while. Standing in front of a mirror and seeing the crude structure of a girl who resembled me was quite thrilling. I had just began to buy a few pieces of finery when I was called for army duty.

My first thought was how could I wear my girl's clothes at all the whole two years. I could just picture myself stuck in Viet Nam where I couldn't even buy women's apparel. But to my surprise I was sent to Hawaii where I stayed the whole 2 years.

Hawaii has a place called "*The Glade*" where true transvestites gather and can dress and have great fun! They also have a fabulous show. Since it is not against the law there anyone can walk down Waikiki dressed how they like, whether he maybe boy or girl or whatever. So the only ones I had to watch for was the MPS (military police.)

Unfortunately there are homosexuals there too but you can tell them right away and they respect your wishes if you are just a transvestite and not gay!

I finally one night met and talked to one of the stars of the show who really seemed concerned and helped me in my pro-

blems. She took me home with her and for the first time in my life dressed me up like a real girl.

Black corset, bra, girdle, stockings, high heels, mini skirt (low cut), and platinum wig..... She wouldn't let me see myself until she was finished but when she did.... W O W! It almost took my breath away. I was beautiful. So that night we went out to town (since I had already



practiced walking and acting like a girl, it wasn't difficult to completely fool everyone. And when a doorman at the Illa-kai Hotel pinned an orchid on my mini dress, I felt a thrill which I can't describe. When I walked into the lobby- I could feel the men's eyes staring at my legs and breasts. I had a good cleavage since I exercise my chest muscles constantly. I was in gymnastics 4 years in high school so I can practice muscle control.

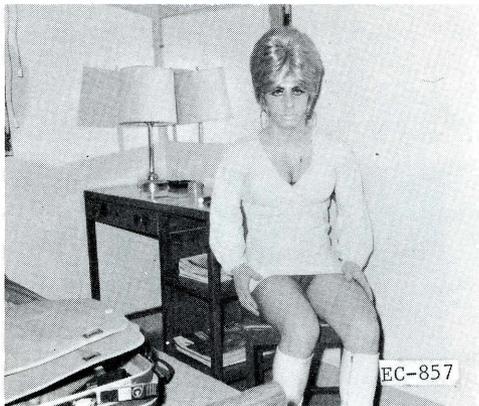
After the hotel show, we went to a discothe where Sheila and I were asked to dance time and again. One boy tried to kiss me but since I am not gay I warded off his advances. But the real clincher was when I was awarded 3rd place in a dance contest they held and the manager put the spotlight on me. That was when I

knew I had achieved complete female impersonation. I felt so feminine at the moment and I wanted to cry. The night ended and after I returned every chance I could to dress again.

When I was discharged in April, 1970, I took my mustering out pay and went straight to a department store to buy clothes. I had shipped my car from Hawaii to San Francisco so I was driving home alone.

I bought a complete set of cosmetics including fake fingernails. After my car arrived I went to my motel, paid my bill and told them I would be leaving in about 2 hours.

I took a shower and put powder all over my body. I shaved my legs, under my arms; and used dermatologist wax to completely hide my eyebrows. Then I hid my manhood with a strong black girdle. Over that went a front lace corset which really



set off my breast area. Then falsies and a push up black lace bra. Next came black mesh and also pink panties. Then came a pink - see - through mini dress with ruffled sleeves, long fingernails and pink polish. I next applied all make-up and bushy black eyelashes.

To top it off a platinum blonde wig came next.

I drove through 8 states like this feeling sexier every mile. It took me 2 1/2 days, since I only stopped for some food and gas. Then just before I arrived home I stopped at a motel I had reservations at and put my sexy self back in a suitcase.

Since returning home I dress whenever I possibly can. I have no one to help me or give me pointers but it is a beautiful life.

I usually go to a motel, dress, and go out on the town in my car, taking care to evade the policemen. That is such a stupid law here.

I now have everything from black push-up bras to custom corsets.

I buy my clothes myself and always say they are for my girlfriend if they ask.

I would like to meet an understanding girl who I could dress with and be her girlfriend. But I guess for now I will just have to settle for being...Sandy!

Very truly yours,

Sandy (EC-857)

Dear Cathy,

I've been meaning to write and congratulate you on the last two issues. They have been superb.

How many of us envy Barbara and Sandy, since our opportunities are so far fewer than theirs. I wish there was as good an organization and as much companionship in



the East as there appears to be on the Coast.

I was interested in Phyllis' letter to

Julie, regarding rubber clothing. While there are not a great many of us who follow this line, there are a number.

There are a fairly large number of suppliers, although some are much better than others. At least one does work from a customer's own design. I have designed some of my own clothes and they have done an excellent job. If anyone is interested, they need only to write me.

There was no EC number for Phyllis on her letter to Julie. If she has one, would you published it so that I might write her.

I am enclosing another year's dues, even though my membership has not run out, plus \$1.00 to help with your mailing costs. First class assures us of delivery and with the quality of Empathy I don't want to miss it.

Love,

Ellen (EC-442)

Dear Ellen,

Phyllis (EC-71) is deceased.

Yours,  
Cathy

Dear Cathy,

In both of the two major TV magazines, *Transvestia* and *New Trends*, each cuts the other down. I'm not saying one is right and the other wrong. Each has its place. Each of you have good points. For instance FPE is a more security-conscious organization than that of Empathy. Possibly arising from this topic is the second, that Empathy is easier to join than FPE. The questionnaire is simpler, it's cheaper and each is designed for a different purpose. FPE, with it's regular meetings is something of a social club. I enjoy the companionship of this, but I also the correspondence in Empathy, which is a very special deal to Virginia. It is my opinion, though, that the various factions of Empathy should have their own subhead. There should be the listings for the homosexuals separated from the fetishists who are separated from the true transvestites. This

seems a more feasible plan than the way it is set up now. When you write someone, you don't know what field his interests lie. This would lead to a lot less confusion when writing to someone through your club.

Sincerely,

Karen Mitchell

Dear Karen,

*The questionnaire for the Empathy Club is used only as a convenience and to classify the interests of new members and for no other reason.*

*This idea of FPE being more security-conscious is a lot of hogwash. I have never used direct mail to attract new members to the club. V.P. can't say the same. I don't sell mailing lists or give out anyone's name. The only people who receive material from me is those who request it.*

*The price of membership in the Empathy Club and its publications are priced lower for only one reason: I do not consider TRANSVESTISM a novelty. I don't believe people should be exploited because they are of this persuasion. There were some magazine stores here in Seattle that were selling the Club magazines at a higher price than I had wished and I stopped selling them magazines.*

*The reason the Empathy Club is the world's largest in its name. It has Empathy for people, energy, enthusiasm and dedication to only one purpose; producing a medium wherein people can attain a better understanding of themselves through the interaction of correspondence and meeting with people on all levels of involvement in transvestism.*

*The Empathy Club also has regular meetings, where everyone is at ease. I don't stand at the door and give everyone who enters orders on what to say or how to act. Everyone has a good time.*

Your friend,

Cathy

Dear Cathy,

I am the wife of a member of your club -EC-785. I approve of my husband's activi-

ties. Enclosed is a dollar for the 50¢ forwarding fee and an extra 50¢ for postage and handling. I have read your material and was very impressed. It helped me understand a lot of things.

Sincerely,

Mrs. EC-785

Dear Cathy,

Hi doll!

Have you had enough of me recently?

All is right with the world. Your darling Rhonda wrote and relieved all my frustrations. I didn't expect everyone I wrote to would answer but, I was beginning to think I'd never get an answer.

Can I make another suggestion?

All the stories we read are about these exotic male creatures who can pass themselves off as females or those who have enough nerve to appear in public despite their shortcomings. Now (with your help, I'm certainly not a writer) I might compose something that would relate to other. "CLOSET TVs" like myself. My point is we are not in a position to meet your photo requirements. We simply can't make



acceptable photos. Could you reconsider?

Hope you'll give this your consideration. Once again I don't expect a personal answer but hope you will comment on it in your column.

Rhonda made it all worthwhile and you can tell her I said so.

Keep up your good work.

Love you,

Wilma (EC-781)

Dear Wilma,

*Just look at this issue and you will see that the Emphathy does represent all TVs. No one has to be Miss Beauty Queen to have her photo in the Club Magazine.*

*Your closet TVs idea is excellent and I would be glad to work with you on it.*

*Cathy*

Dear Cathy,

Enclosed is a check for a 6 months subscription. The cover you sent from the Halloween issue looks very good. Sorry about the late renewal. I overlooked it.

You have certainly been busy improving the magazine. It has come a long way! How do you manage and still find the time earn a living?

Will you please take time to answer a few questions?

First, in my case, my wife is the only person who has seen me dressed up. Do you feel embarrassed being seen by friends while dressed? I would be so glad to go out or be seen, but just don't have the nerve.

Do you buy your clothes as a man or woman? Are you able to buy all new clothes? I am obliged to go to rumage stores with my wife. (She is very understanding.) Having two teenage daughters does stretch the budget!

Is it common for transvestites to enjoy being tied up while dressed? From past issues of your magazine, I gather I'm not the only one who does this.

Cathy, you are the only person (besides my wife) who I have ever discussed this with. Do most others have a shy feeling toward transvestism?

Thanks very much,

EC-261

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Dear EC-261,

First let me thank you for renewing your subscription to THE TRANSVESTITE. It is wonderful people like you who make the magazine possible.

Now to your questions: No, I do not feel embarrassed in front of people. The reason for this is because one must start dressing among other TVs at parties or social get-togethers at friends' homes. One reason a person feels unsure is because he has not talked to others of the same interests. When he does he finds their needs and anxieties are similar to his. There is less talk of "I don't have nerve" which is really another word for guilt, this guiltiness soon begins to dissolve when you realize that what you are doing is not all that wrong.

I buy my clothes as a man, I also buy clothing at "goodwill type stores" and some new things. The club is my only source of income. I don't make much money.

Yes, it is common for TVs to enjoy being tied up, just the number is hard to say because many won't talk about it.

Yes, most people are shy about TV because they are afraid that their straight friends will think that they are queer or if you like Gay. If you have any more questions please feel free to write at any time. Thank you.

Your friend,

Cathy

Dear Cathy,

Enclosed is a check for a year's subscription to *New Trends*. I have been a subscriber to "*Transvestite*" for sometime, but *New Trends* seems to offer many more opportunities for contacts. Apparently, we have several mutual friends, Joyce Ruff and Sandy Sanchez. At least they said to mention them whenever I got around to doing this.

In addition, enclosed are a few pics, as Joyce also said you were always interested in new faces for the magazine. I hope they are useable.

I would like to inquire too, about the

availability and current cost of back issues.

Sincerely,

Frances



Dear Cathy,

I would like very much to correspond with TVs who would like to meet a woman who understands. A friend of mine gets his mails here and is very pleased with his correspondence. I would only be interested in those who like regular fashion. In other words no rubber or fetishers. I am a quiet woman, separated from my husband, and have my own home. I enjoy writing and meeting people. I think TVs are paying the greatest compliment a woman can ever receive.

My likes are swimming, dancing, exercise which I have taught. I am 36 years old and like fashion very much. I have no car and don't drive. I would enjoy the company of TVs in the privacy of my home where they would be comfortable to dress, talk and find a comfort knowing there are many women who do understand. Before I place an ad, I wanted to be sure it would be all right, as perhaps your club is just for TVs. If so, I will understand. Would it be too much to ask for you to answer my letter and let me know. I design some of my own dresses, do alterations and design jewelry, all works as a hobby. Do you think there would be any TVs interested? I would trust your judgement in placing the ad. Enclosed is a photo of me with some of my dear friends. If you would be so kind, please return them when you are finished. I have told many of my friends of your sincere club. My friends receive his mail and dresses at my home. I buy his clothes.

Sincerely,

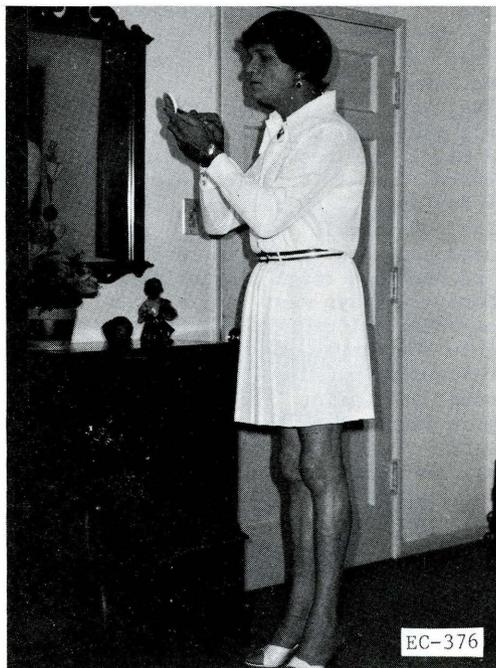
Florence (EC-890)

Dear Cathy,

It has been a very long time between letters hasn't it? There is really no reason, so please forgive me. Enclosed you will find my check for my renewal of my EC membership. To say thanks for the club is the understatement of the year you will never know the enjoyment I have had from it. Also the great help it has been in regard to my home life. It has eliminated ever so many problems at home plus several fine and great TV friends I write to and

swap tales and ideas with. Also I have been able to meet at least 2 TVs in person. On that subject I have a request to make of you if possible. We have a unique situation in my area. That being the miles of street and freeways that separate people. I mean it is very difficult to get together for many reasons too numerous to list here. Example, one friend lives 35 miles one way and another lives 56 miles away. Now this is the favor I'm asking, would it be possible to run my ad again but reword it in such a way I might attract some TVs much closer. The idea being we might form a chapter here in the San Fernando Valley.

I know you aren't familiar with our area so please let me explain. I live in Granada Hills in the valley which is 35 miles northwest of central L.A. This make



it almost impossible to meet others for get together. Due to the fact I do not go out dressed (as yet) the transporting of clothes, make up, etc, is very hard.

I'm sure you have nothing more to do than to worry about just one TV's problem but if you do have the chance or idea to

help on this problem I would be very grateful.

Unlike some of the younger, pretty TVs who pass beautifully, we old gals are a bit more reserved.

Please don't think of me as a weak or frightened character, just middle aged values, etc.

On a separate piece of paper I'll write up my new ad in event it can be re-run. I am enclosing also three pictures you may use if you want to. Let me give, a brief history to accompany them with. I'm 46 years old, grandfather a few times. I have been a TV my whole life and have never had the freedom I always desired until I got the present combinations of two things. The first being the EC club tied with my present marriage. By this I mean the club help my wife to understand and accept which I'm sure many TVs would love to have. I know the heart breaks and confusion that goes with TVism and marriage. My first marriage dissolved after 18 years due to being a TV.

The way I'm wording this probably doesn't make any reason or logic but believe me, I talk much better than I write.

Where was I before I began to feel sorry for myself. Oh yes, history. I weigh 155 lbs. of lovable blubber, stand 5'10" high and have a heck of a problems with make up due to a rough complexion. Also, if you note, I always wear long sleeves. The reason being tattoed I acquired when I was a kid in the service. This problem is being removed at present, but will take a lot of time and pain, but it will be well worth it in the long run.

Well, Cathy, I didn't intend for this to be a full length novel but rather after a long time I guess I just started to pour out being enthusiastic. I hope you do not find this too boring and that my request is out of place.

One of my most ardent desires is to know other TVs close by so I can dress and go out for a lovely visit, etc. Maybe one of these days I will hear the click of my own heels on the side walk as I go out for an evening of fun.

Love,

Fran (EC-376n)

Dear Cathy,

Please find enclosed \$5.00 for *The Astounding Transvestite Tales* and the extra is to help you with postage.

Your club is improving by leaps and bounds. I am EC-561 and have met the beautiful EC-683. I spent a lovely 4 days with EC-633 and corresponded with EC-608. I have written lots of letters that were never answered. But I'm happy with the ones I have already met. I am not putting the finger on anyone because I believe in Personal Freedom of Choice. Although I am young at heart, the calendar says I am older than most, but I am a full time TV.



Cathy, your Dear and Beautiful Julie and her column is a great help. She answered questions that many of us have in mind. I must write her soon about a beautiful experience I had last Friday night (1-29-71).

I will have my dues in before my membership expires. But right now I would like more information on how to get a Franchise to start a club and meeting place in this area like you have there. EC 683 is most interested and it would probably be in the Chicago area or Northern end.

I do have my own all modern cabin and welcome TVs to come, dress and do their things but it seems to be so far away from the TVs that are interested. I live about 90 miles from Karen, EC-683. But as much as I love TRANSVESTISM I am in a position to spend at least 3 weeks as care taker, maid, cook, photographer and secretary each month of course with only a minimum of cost to the club.

I close with love to you and transvestism.

Sincerely,

Charlene (EC-561)

Dear Cathy,

Received my issue of *The Transvestite*. Keep up the good work, trying to help in your mailing costs, \$5.00 and stamps.

What lovely girls in the 32nd issue. I am enjoying dressing very much and have learned plenty since joining your club although I have very much to study up on. It is a rough life but we transvestites are sturdy "GIRLS". Here's another pic, taken 1 week out of hospital.

Yours for transvestism,

J. (EC-411)



Dear Cathy,

Thanks so much for the lovely things you said about me in *The Transvestite*. I was thrilled! Here's another photo of me taken a week ago. I think it turned out rather well and hope you will use it in a future issue.

Did you get the other drawings I sent? If not please let me know and I'll do some more right away. I have such fun doing them.

A couple of weeks ago I attended a party in San Francisco where I served as a maid in full costume! If you're interested in all the details, I'll write later and



tell you all about it. I had a real blast! I'm only sorry I didn't start dressing years ago. It's so much fun!

Much Love,

Daphne (EC-481)



Dear Cathy,

Recently you put a little notice that I had moved from Los Angeles to Chicago. Because of your thoughtfulness I have made many new friends here. It is the personal-

attention you give that makes your club the tops in my estimation. Your magazine and club caters to the young TV more than any I have found. Please accept this donation and my appreciation.

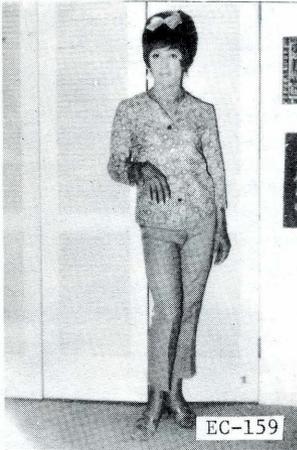
Enclosed also is my picture which you can use if you wish. I would enjoy writing and meeting young TVs, girls or couples.

Love ya,

Linda (EC-439)

Dear Cathy,

Just a note (which you don't have to answer) to let you know what an utterly fantastic job you're doing! Also, to thank you for all the groovy friends I've met through the pages of EC. Prior to the 1st of this year, I had a job I hated, now I'm doing something I really dig. I might add, I've become great friends with Linda Marsh



and she told me she just got a letter from you. Enclosed is \$2.00, please send issue #32. I will remit the \$4.00 balance for my subscription shortly (i.e/ I now make exactly 1/2 what I was making last year, but I'm having a ball.)

Thanks again,

Lisa (EC-159)

Dear Cathy,

I unfortunately had to enter the hospital before I received your magazines -*Empathy* and *The Transvestite*. So I just got around to reading them about a week ago. I just love your magazines and I praise you for publishing such a wonderful magazines. I hope to receive many more. You stated in *The Transvestite* issue #30 that you could use some help with the postage bill. Well, I will volunteer a dollar and I will do most anything I'm capable of doing to help make the EMPATHY CLUB one of the best clubs going.

I read where some people ask why a TV is a TV. I've wondered that myself. I've been a TV as far back as I can remember. I used to portray the part of the Female in my dreams and solo games. I was dominated by two sisters and my mother as an excuse. I was quite shy and did not make friends easy so I was mostly a loner. I used to go to the Park or down by the lake and pretend I was a beautiful woman. The first time I ever dressed in drag was when I was about 16 years of age. I was spending the summer vacation at my uncle's farm.

This particular day my aunt and uncle had to go visit a sick friend some miles away. So they told me I would be alone and in charge of the farm until the next day. After they left which was about 10:00 A.M. I started my games as a female and got an idea... to dress in my aunt's clothes. She was a small woman very close to my size. When I go to her room and laid out the outfit that I decided to wear, I was so excited I could hardly wait till I was dressed. I stripped off all my clothes and started with a frilly pair of red with white lace trim panties, I proceeded with a back lace-up corset which was the hardest task as by that time I was so excited I was shaking. Finally I got it tied, then on with a pair of seam stockings, a blue bra filled with cotton to make a size 32 bust, a yellow full slip, white blouse with frilly collar and sleeves and a black wool shirt. I managed to get my feet into a pair of black shoes with 2" heels. There was no wig so I had to brush my hair up to look like a bob hair-do. The next thing was to apply make up. I was shaking from excitement so hard that I had to put off the make up till later when I calmed down.

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Well, I finally did get the make up on and not bad for the first time. I paraded around the house and the farm (I didn't care if the animals saw me) all day. And, that evening I changed into a white silk nightgown, leaving my pants, bra, corset and stockings on all night.

Oh, how I loved the feelings of the tight corset, the silk stockings and ruffling nightgown. I stayed in drag till about noon the following day and regretfully had to go back to male attire before the return of my aunt and uncle. I dressed every chance I could get from then on as long as I was home. Since I have moved out and been on my own I dress every night in my apartment. I have met many friends since then, but none from the TV world. Mostly straight people or homosexuals which I am not. I hope to meet via correspondence or contact more of my kind or people through your club. I have never worked up the courage to go out in public in drag and very few close friends have seen me in drag. Mainly because I got very seriously 3rd degree burns over half of my body (arms and legs). I hope to do better in the future. I have been building a nice wardrobe and could very easily dress completely from head to toe. All I need is the courage and a place to go. Well again I say the club is beautiful as far as I'm concern and hope for a bright future.

All my love,

Diana (EC-725)

Dear Cathy,

Thank you so much for the kind compliments coming from you. I regard them very highly.

I'm afraid I can't relate too much about TV experiences, as I've only been dressing for about a month or so. I just moved to Los Angeles and really enjoy meeting other TVs and even straight people. Making friends I think, is the greatest thing in the world. I really love long

wigs, "mod" fashions, and hippie jewelry. I also enjoy going out in public, but don't get out too often as it's hard to find other TVs who will go out with you. Rock music, football (?) camping and photography are among my other interests, but

there isn't really much in this world that I don't like. I feel that life is so short and the world is so large, it's a shame not to enjoy everything you can.

Thank you again for the kind word.

Your friend,

Denise (EC-533)





ance completely "dressed" and a chance to answer the big question - "Would I pass the test and be accepted as a woman?" It did not take long to find out! The first show was in progress and the mimics were giving thoroughly professional and realistic feminine performance - it was first class! We joined several other club members at a nearby table who had arrived earlier (Dick and his wife, Michelle, and a new member Arline). I quickly lost my earlier nervous jitters and suddenly felt completely comfortable in this mixed setting of "dressed and non-dressed" TVs. I was busy enjoying the music and conversation when I felt a tap on my shoulder and looked up to receive an invitation to dance from a rather solidly-built but not unhandsome gentleman. My pulse quickened a bit but I said to myself - "Marilyn, you have come this far and been accepted -let us go all the way!" I love to dance and it was a simply fabulous experience to be dancing while dressed as a woman. It was both mentally and physically a complete feminine sensation. I then danced several more times with the same gentleman and also with Larry. We stayed for the second show and left when it was closing time. We stopped for a bit to eat on the way back to Charles' place and talked over plans for the big Valentine Party to be held the next evening. It was quite late when I got back to the Motel but I was still exhilarated from the events of the evening and the thrilled of being accepted as a woman at the Cavalier Club. I slipped into my pink silk-satin nightgown and was soon asleep with pleasant dreams of what lay in store for the following evening.

Most club-members had been eagerly planning for the Valentine Party to be held on Saturday evening and largely because of the "setting" - One of the top floors of a new Hotel where a private suite was reserved for the club. There was complete privacy, a beautiful view of the city at night and a perfect relaxing atmosphere in which to enjoy "dressing" and the companionship of club-members.

I slept until noon that day - had breakfast and then shopped for several needed feminine items - a ring, bracelet, and nail polish. I had made another make-up appointment with my lovely cosmetician but for an earlier hour so had to get back to shave, bathe and dress. It was still

daylight when I arrived at the Cosmetics Parlour so another "test" was at hand - had to "run-the-gauntlet" with coat and wig in hand from the parking lot. I was amazed to feel so relaxed and natural and a few uneasy glances in my direction didn't bother me a bit. My cosmetician had lost none of her skill or patience of the previous evening and she was quite pleased at my request for a new set of softer and longer upper and lower lashes which she gently put in place for me. She also gave extra attention and care to the styling of my wig.

When she finally stepped aside, I could see the transformation had her complete approval.

It was still early evening and my failure to remember a package of forks and spoons for the party required a return-trip to the Motel to get items. As I plan to set out again, I passed the Motel office and a curious thought entered my mind - "Why not step in and thank the understanding woman-manager for her help and also see if I passed the critical-test with her?" She started to ask if she could help me about a room but, when I spoke, she stepped back and said - "Hey - not bad, not bad at all! You look lovely!" Another guest came in at that point so I said "Thank you" and left.

I arrived at the Hotel and while parking my car another "unforseeable event" occurred! I had to park in an uphill-position and in rolling back to get parked, my "trailer hitch" got stuck solid under the front bumper of the car behind - I could not believe it but it had happened. I tried to detach it but no luck - it was a 2-person job. So, I assumed my best feminine pose and in a soft voice asked for help from a young man coming down the street. He didn't look twice so I got in the car and handled the gas while he lifted the bumper and I was free - and exhausted!" After finding a better parking place I walked the two blocks to the Hotel and felt much more feminine.

It was a lovely evening for the Valentine Party and the panoramic night-view of Seattle from the suite was an entrancing sight. This was my first chance to meet many of the club-members and I sincerely enjoyed talking with Phyllis (and wife Carolyn), Ronda, Dee, Arline, Nikki and others. There were many pictures taken and

# SOME PASSING

Written By: Kim

## THOUGHTS

Having recently been in Seattle and met some of the club members some obvious reservations on the part of some of the club members on their ability to pass in public has prompted me to write this article. Some of the members who obviously can pass in public hesitate to do so because of one inadequately developed trait---CONFIDENCE.

I am 6'1" tall and weigh 160 lbs. and if I have the confidence to attempt to circulate among society as a female then I'm sure that there are many who are more passable than I am.

Let me give you my first attempts in writing and chances are they are the same that most novices in the art of transvestism who got out have experienced.

My feelings of inadequacy were so strong that I refused to try to pass in public without the help of someone who "knew the ropes". Fortunately I knew a transsexual in town who passed exceptionally well. I told her that I was ready to venture out if she would help me over the first difficult situations. I had all sorts of vision--people laughing, police arresting us, men beating us up, etc.

Then the first advice that I can give to you is find someone who already passes regularly and feels completely at ease in public. The next bit of advice is to, as I will describe below, go for the first few times to a gay bar.

A gay bar has certain distinct advantages, even if you are not gay. Most of us are not but the atmosphere is much more relaxed. In the big cities the bars are accustomed to "drags" coming in and most gay bars will just ignore you. This gives you exposure and starts you on your way to circulating in straight society.

I remember my first night in Portland. As we walked from the car I felt tense. It

was after nine and the music could be heard coming from the club. As we walked up to the entrance a man walked up and followed me inside. We sat down at a table and the girl I was with immediately left to see some friends she hadn't seen since her last visit to Portland. So here I was alone, scared, nervous, afraid that everyone knew that I was in reality a man.

I soon learned that the man that followed me in was not there just to have a drink; he came over to our table, although unfortunately at that time it was my table, and sat down. We started to talk he bought me a few drinks. After nearly an hour he asked me if I was really a girl. Well, you can imagine how good I felt. It was my first time out and I was passing unsuspectingly already. I told of course I was a girl. When he asked me why I was in a gay bar I told that my friend and I were lesbians. I was really laughing inside, my nervousness was rapidly being overcome by the talk and liquor.

Well, unfortunately my exuberance was short lived. Having had no experience at circulating I was not that convincing yet. He worked around until he had an opportunity to touch my face. Then he felt my beard and the masquerade was over. We laughed and had a good time the rest of the night. But, I made up my mind that night that my beard was not going to give me away again. To that end I have had over fifty percent of it removed.

But that night did something for me. It gave me that first nudge I needed, that first bit of confidence which has grown to the point where today I wear my own hair and travel, shop, dine, etc. as a woman with the confidence that even though people may look and say--"What a tall woman!"--my air, demeanor, carriage is such that I can say to myself, "Barbara, you're doing all right."

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and all the listings are repeated plus the new listings added, the magazine becomes larger and larger with no increase value to you, the members.

Included with this issue, for members and subscribers only, is the annual issue of the Empathy Magazine bringing up to date all the club listings. Now before you drop this magazine and run for your pen and write and tell me you paid to have your listing in six, twelve or whatever in The Transvestite and you want what you paid for, WAIT, all new members will receive all of the loose leaf supplement sheets from the current Empathy Magazine on. So every new member will see your listing for the full term you paid for. With this policy more time can be spent on The Transvestite which enables the club to print more magazines in less time. It will mean also that your letters and personal experiences will appear in print faster as a result meetings and/or correspondence will be more fruitful because one's enthusiasm will still be high.

Many of you girls have written and told me you are confused about just what magazines you receive when you join the club, the only magazine you receive is The Transvestite as a part of membership.

New Trenns Magazine and Astounding TV Tales are separate magazines and available only if purchased in addition to the regular membership joining fees. The exception being that as a promotional membership campaign a sample of New Trenns Magazine may be given on a one time basis as a sample copy, additional copies must be purchased.

The Empathy Annual enclosed with this issue (for subscribers and members only) counts as one issue towards fulfillment of the number of issues in your subscription.

The current issue of New Trenns Magazine is now ready for mailing, about 375 of you have bought one, this leaves over 300 of you girls that don't have one. It is one of the best magazine I have put out. I have received many many fine compliments from the girls who have received issue number 5 of New Trenns Magazine. ORDER ONE TODAY.

The next magazine to be out will be ATT. It will have more photos and drawing than the last issue.

You will find in this issue some new

items of interest. I am presenting the first of a series of items from the club's own women's store, Cathy's Boutique. These items are of first quality and priced reasonably. Of special interest are the padded girdles. They will give you that very feminine look. Once you have worn one you will not want to be without one again.

As Cathy's Boutique expands it will have a complete line of beautiful women's accessories to make you the woman you desire.

I received many many requests for a photo of Cathy. You will find in this issue a portrait offer for a larger poster of Cathy looking her best. This portrait was done by Jonita (EC-592) who has painted some of most beautiful Queens in the country.

In closing, I once again wish to thank all of you for your infinite patience in waiting for this issue and your donations. As you can see by the cost of stamps on the envelopes this magazine came in, plus printing costs there is a word that is seldom heard around the club: PROFIT. There is something more important to Cathy than profit and that is her desire to bring understanding and happiness to TVs and TTs and to those who are still in the dark as to just where they are in respect to femininity. Be that as it may, we all know that altruism is not negotiable. Think about IT.

Yours for TV

'Cathy' Charles Slawik

P.S. I receive many fine letters from you 'girls', some of the most interesting letters go unanswered and are never printed because many of you just sign your letters with your *Femme Name*, and no return address. One by the name of Betty (there must be 60 Betty's in the club) suggested a birthday club. It was a very interesting letter but I could not answer it. So please always use your *Code Number* if you have one and your complete *PRINTED* name and address.

*NOTICE ABOUT PHOTO STAMPS on page 19. If you desire your whole photo printed so state. Size number Three is the best size for whole photos.*



Every Transvestite loves to send and receive photos. If you send a photo in every letter you write you soon realize that over a period of time you spend quite a bit of money. I have the answer to this problem. **PHOTOSTAMPS.** Photostamps are genuine glossy photographs, with gummed back and perforated just like a sheet of postage stamps. Photostamps can be made from any photo you may have or a negative (black and white only). They come in three sizes. See photos.

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it was a wonderful opportunity to have my first photos taken. I love to model and had brought several outfits for pictures. In turn, I modeled a 2-piece black and white silk suit with matching skirt and jacket; a black silk dress with white print front shadow panel and matching black belt; the newly-acquired multi-color silk dress; a blue swing-skirt and pink crepe short-sleeve blouse; and finally a lovely floral - design, white silk-satin evening gown. Food and drink was served by our Social Secretary Julie and her committee and many photos of precious parties were viewed. As the hour grew late, a group of seven of us (Charles, Greg, Julie Phyllis, Nikki, Arline and myself) decided to see the last show at the Cavalier Club. Although it was a bit difficult to equal the events of the previous night, the show and performers were great and we had a good time. We stopped for food and then back to the Hotel for a last get-together and goodbyes. It was late when I got back to the Motel but I had thoroughly enjoyed one more day and night in the soul satisfying feminine world.

When I left Seattle on Sunday afternoon it was raining - but the sun was shining for me with the memories of a most fabulous Valentine weekend.

Marilyn EC-691



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1. Progress into transexualism
2. A marriage which alleviates or controls his dressing
3. Complete rejection and confusion
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Sincerely,

Julie

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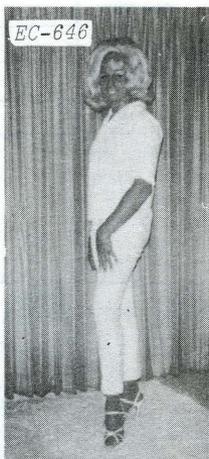
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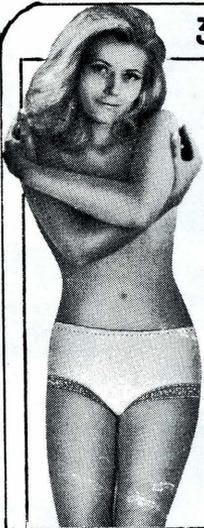
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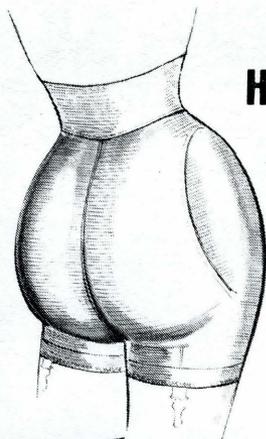
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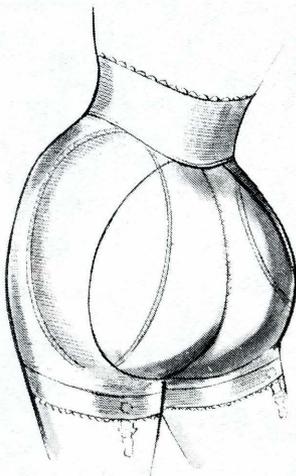
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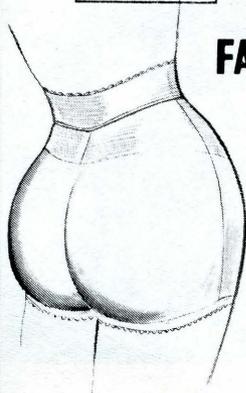
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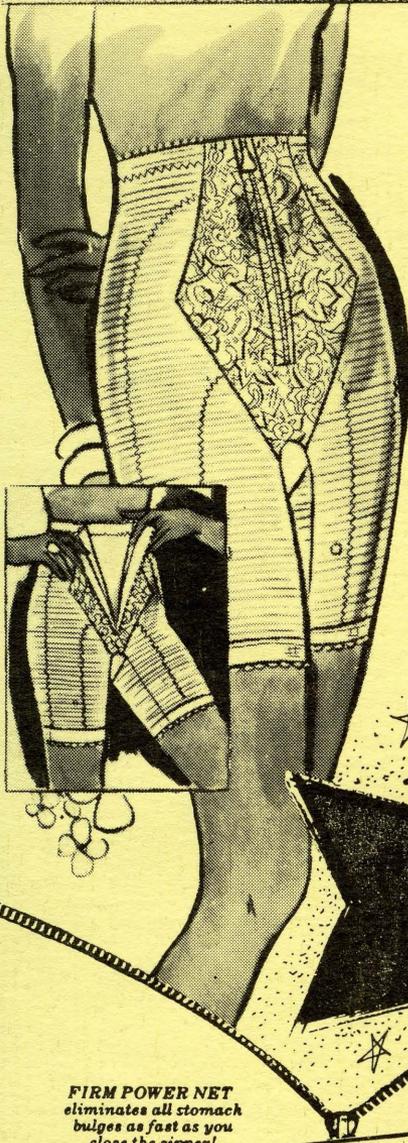
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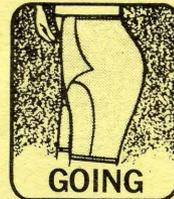


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