

Cross-Port InnerView

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NEXT MEETING January 15th At 7: 30
Wife/Girlfriend Support Meeting
January 26th At 8: 00

Cross-Port Basics

Well, the new year is upon us and as we look ahead we hope that each of you will be able to grow in your feminine self as much as Cross-Port has grown in the last year.

Kevin Palmer will be attending the January Meeting to discuss make-up. Kevin teaches classes in make-up, besides his work at "The Hair Works" and has done make-up for many of the Female Impersonators in our area and other TV's and TS's. He suggest you bring your own make-up with you. We will be starting this part of the meeting at 8: 00 PM and break for business about 9: 30

The December meeting drew 25 people tying our record for attendance. Linda's idea to bring a snack to share and make the meeting a Christmas Party went over well. We had plenty to eat and everyone had a good time. Silver, was our new face this month and we welcomed back Andrea from way up north. I thank everyone who has been able to attend at least one meeting this past year and a special thanks to those who come every month and those who drive long distances. We do need and appreciate your support.

Items discussed during the business meeting were many and focused on the possible future needs of Cross-Port. The first item concerned my personal telephone. I enjoy receiving calls and talking to all of you. In fact, I encourage you to call, however, it is reaching the point where some nights I receive so many calls that my wife can not use the phone. I requested that those present consider authorizing the installation of a second phone at my home which would be used only for Cross-Port. I have checked the cost which would run about \$24/month plus about \$90 installation. The topic will be discussed again this month.

The second item concerned a way to pay for the first. As many of you know I have consistently opposed the idea of dues or a meeting fee. I believe that it should not cost anyone an arm and a leg to receive support, just because they are TV's or TS's. I also believe however, that Cross-Port should not be a support group only for those who come to meetings. In the last year most of the support for the group has come from those who attend the meetings and some months the collections just got us by. We currently send out over 106 news-letters. About 46 of those go to other groups, professionals and support people. That leaves about 60 people who receive the "InnerView". I am proposing a dues of

\$1. 50/month (\$18/year) and a meeting fee of \$3/meeting. That is a total of \$4. 50/month for those who come to the meetings. This is \$. 50 cheaper than most groups charge just for meeting fees. Annual dues would be due on January 1. Those joining after that would be charged by the number of months remaining. See Proposed Budget later in this issue.

The third item concerned the idea of changing part of the screening process. In the past several months more and more of the people contacting me are from out of town. They want to come to a meeting but finding a time to meet with them prior to the meeting proves difficult. I proposed that I be authorized to invite the person to a meeting as their screening. They would be told that they may attend one meeting and then I will contact them about future meeting. It should be pointed out that the reason for the screening is not so much to say we don't want some one but rather to determine whether this kind of group is what they are looking for in a support group. To this end many times my talking to them by phone is sufficient to determine this, however, many times they must make the final decision after they attend a meeting. Some have chosen not to come back. Those present decided that this policy would be changed.

The next Wife/Girlfriend support meeting will be held on a Monday night, January 26, because of some schedule conflicts. Those planning to attend don't forget to call if the weather is bad to see if it is still on.

Those present approved the continuation of our ad in the "Downtowner" and the joining of GCG/LC. Checks for both were sent.

The business ended about 10: 45 and the party continued.

PROPOSED BUDGET

Income

Dues \$18 x 60	\$1080
Meeting Fees \$3 x 15 (min)	\$ 540
Total	\$1620

Expenses

Postage	\$ 360
Phone	\$ 286
Long Distance	\$ 100
Copier Toner	\$ 74
Envelopes	\$ 23
Mail Box	\$ 40
Magazines	\$ 30
NGA Dues	\$ 30
GCG/LC Dues	\$ 24
Advertising	\$ 65
Meeting Snacks	\$ 120
Misc Expenses	\$ 408
Total	\$1620

This budget is based on 60 people paying to \$18 dues and at least 15 people per meeting paying \$3/ meeting. Because of some special contributions toward the end of the year we closed the year in the black with about \$250.



C A N W E T A L K ?

So, here it is another new year and you still haven't found the key to the closet door, well cheer up you have another 12 months to look for it. If you do find the key, I suggest you think long and hard about using it. Opening that door will probably change your life and that kind of change is not for everyone. Don't let any of your TV/TS friends make that choice for you or pressure you into stepping out. Wait until you feel comfortable and you are ready. Remember, we are here for support, not pressure! God knows, we have enough of that. So, make your New Years Resolution read, "Be it resolved that I (your name) do intend to continue to be the best person I can be. To continue to search myself for my inner most feelings and to reflect, enjoy, and cherish those feelings whether male or female feelings, because I know that those feelings reflect the true me and that is something to be proud of, throughout this new year."

December was really a hectic month, starting with an interview on Alternating Currents. The show is aired on Mondays at 5:00 pm on WAIF 88.3 in Cincinnati. The show is hosted by Mike Lloyd and Mike Chanak (M & M because they melt. . .) who I know from "All Saints Chapel".

The interview lasted only about 15 minutes but with Mike Chanak's skillful questions I feel we were able to get more information out than many shows that have more time.

Next, Kathy and I attend a Christmas Potluck Dinner at "All Saints Chapel" which drew about 30 people. The food was plentiful and delicious. The evening lasted about 3 hours.

As reported earlier, the Cross-Port Christmas Meeting went very well with more than enough food for everyone. We thank the management who has been so great to us during the past year.

The following Saturday night there was a Christmas Party at the Hangout hosted by Ed (the owner, who is together again, I think?) There was free food all night and half price drinks from 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm. About 9 Cross-Port people attended and everyone enjoyed themselves. Most of us did forget that in Ohio the cutoff time for half price drinks is 9:00 pm so we didn't get there much before that in time for the low drink prices but we still had more than our share to drink.

I received a letter from, Cynthia Sue Pierce, one of our sisters who is representing two New York designers. They are interested in finding out what kind of clothes we would like. If there is enough interest they may be willing to design clothes for us. Enclosed with this news letter is a survey sheet and a place to send it. Please take the time to fill it out and return it. You do not need to put your name or address on it unless you want Cynthia to contact you directly. Don't wait too long, as I received this last month just after the "InnerView" came out.

Eileen, from Columbus Ohio, has sent me the names of a couple of places where cross-dressers are welcomed in Columbus. The first is a wig shop, "Lee's Wig City" in the Town and Country Shopping Center at 3976 E. Broad Street. The phone number is (614) 236-5584 ask for Elba. The other two are bars, Herbys Tavern at 349 Marconi Blvd., phone (614) 464-2270 and Trends/The Garage at 40 E. Long Street, phone (614) 461-0076. They have shows every Wednesday night.

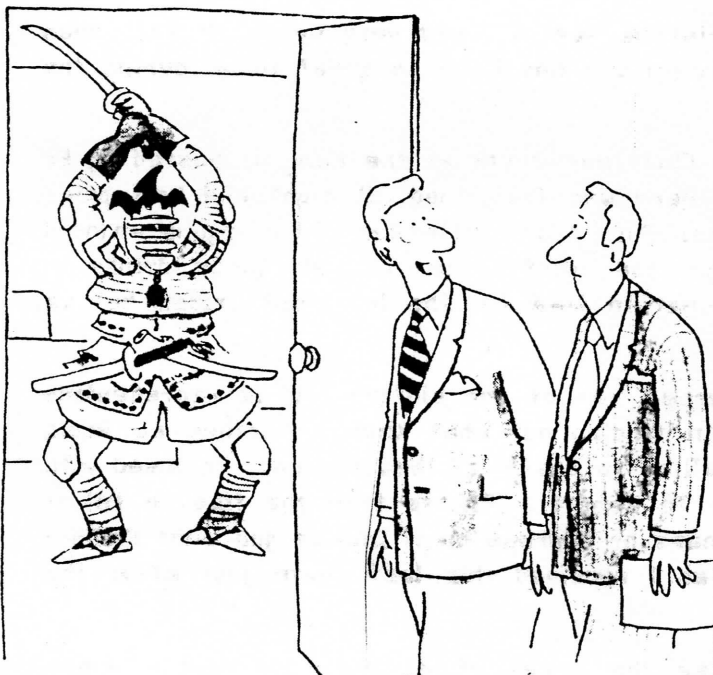
On February 23, a couple of us will be speaking to some of the UC medical students about, "How to Bake Cheesecake In A Microwave Oven and Still Get It Brown", oh no wrong subject. Well, whatelse would we be speaking about?

I also received a news-letter from LGAU. On Monday January 12 at 8 pm they will be talking about "Is It a DRAG to Do DRAG in the QUEEN CITY". They meet at Swift Hall at the University of Cincinnati.

Betty, from Indianapolis, called to let me know that a meeting is planned on January 29, 1987 at 9:00 pm at the 21 Club, 2101 N. Talbott, (317) 927-9000. This will be a get together for those in the area that are interested in Cross-Dressing. A kind of "Cross-Port 2" or "Cross-Port: THE MOVIE". You may come dressed in female or male attire. This meeting has been a long time in the making so I hope all of you will give it your support.

Because of the holidays and the short time between the 1st and the meeting, I do not have a feature article this time. But I hope to have part one of an article next month. (Note: After I finished writing this I entered the wrong command and Wendy (that's my computer) dumped the whole thing into the trash can. It took me 45 minutes to find a way to recover all but the first paragraph. Sob-Sob. There also seems to be something wrong with the spelling checker, so if there are errors than usual, you know why.)
Until then,

Heather



That's the companies Cross-Dresser, this week he's into Samuria-Women.



**DESPITE WHAT SOME PEOPLE THINK,
ADVERTISING CAN'T MAKE YOU
BUY SOMETHING YOU DON'T NEED.**

Bulletin Board

CROSS-PORT'S Meeting schedule for 1987 schedule is Jan 15, Feb 19, Mar 19, Apr 16, May 14, Jun 18, Jul 16, Aug 20, Sep 17, Oct 15, Nov 19, Dec 17

The Paradise Club's Schedule - For 1987 Not available

Write Paradise Club, PO Box 29564, Parma, OH 44129, Attn: Susan for Prices and Places

Transpitt's Meeting Schedule is the third Saturday of the month.

Write Transpitt, PO Box 59406, Pittsburg, PA 15211, Attn: Johnnie

Windy City Chapter's Meeting Schedule. They meet the Third Tuesday of each month at 8:30.

For Information about Nation Gender Alliance also: Write Windy City Chapter, PO BOX 2312, Chicago, IL 60690, Attn: Sharon [REDACTED]

IRI-ESS information Write Carol Beecroft, P. O. Box 194, Tulare, CA, 93275

Crossroads - Write Crossroads, P. O. Box 1298, Flint, MI 48501

Genesis- meets the second Saturday of the month.

Write Genesis, P. O. Box 0954, Elyria, OH, 44036-0954

Tiffany Club, Tapestry, and International Foundation for Gender Education.

1st International Convention March 4-9, at Chicago IL.

Write to Merissa Sherrill Lynn, Box 19, Wayland, MA 01778

North West Gender Alliance, PO Box 4928, Portland Oregon, 97208 (503) 641-6736

Connecticut Gender Alliance, PO Box 744, Branford, CT 06405, % Wendy [REDACTED]

Boulton & Park Cultural Society, PO Box 169652, San Antonio, TX 78280

EIVC, Box 6486, San Francisco, CA 94101, ATTN: Suzanne

Joyce Dewhurst's Poconos Weekend

Write Joyce Dewhurst, 37-50 76th St.,

Jackson Heights, NY 11372 or call (718) 335-3048

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Offered Free to those places that support us. Please support them.

Places to Go

The Hangout, 13 Old St. [Monroe OH], 534-4381, Cross-Dressers are welcome.

Jacobson's Downstairs Bar, 36 West Fifth, Dressing is OK.

Metro Lounge, Ruth Lyons Pl. & Sano Alley, [Off Vine near the square], Dressing is OK, mixed crowd, Drag shows on Fri. and Saturday nights.

1470 West at 1470 W. Dorothy [in Dayton], Drag shows on Sunday nights. Dressing permitted at all times for Cross-Port members.

The Subway - at 604 Walnut. No cover. Cross-dressers are welcome anytime.

Golden Lion - at 340 Ludlow, 281-4174. Cross-dressers are welcome anytime.

The Dock - at 603 Pete Rose Way [241-5623]. Open every night during summer. Cross-dressers are welcome.

Side Door Lounge - at 614 Walnut [721-4551] Cross-dressers are welcome.

Simon Says - at 428 Walnut [381-8146] Cross-dressers are welcome.

Spurs - at 318 E. Eighth St. [721-4007] Says No one is refused.

2601 Club - at 2601 Vine St. [221-3410]

Shoes

Payless Shoe Source - Near 7th and Race, Large size shoes to size 13.

Extremes 435 Elm St. - 241-4646, Large Size Women's Shoes.

Hair

Recent Fashion Wigs, 118 W. 7th St. , Very open and willing to help fit you.

Hairworks, Hamilton Ave, 681-8222, Call for appointment.]

Worship

Dignity Catholic Services, Call Jerry 621-4026 or Bev 541-7026 for times and places.

All Saints Chapel - Worship Service Sunday at 6:00 p. m. , 1222 Ida St. in Mt. Adams. We are welcome to come dressed. For more information call Associate Pastor Don Hicks at 381-2328

Make-Up

None at this time.

Clothes

One Stop Bra & Swim Shop - 4217 Reading Road, Call 764-6020 for appointment.

Counselling

Behavioral Science Center, Inc. - Doctors : William Wester II, Richard Baum, Paul Bishop, Carolyn Kowatsch, & Joseph Wicker - 2522 Highland Ave. , 513-221-8545

Radio

Alternating Currents - WRIE 88.3 FM , 2525 Victory Parkway, Cincinnati, OH 45206

Columbus OH

Lee's Wig City - 3476 E. Broad St. [614] 236-5584 ask for Elba

Herby's Tavern - 344 Marconi Blvd. [614] 464-2270

Trends/The Garage - 40 E. Long St. [614] 461-0076, shows every Wednesday night.

Indianapolis

21 Club- 2101 N. Talbott, 317-427-4000: Cross-Dressers are welcome but must show proper I. D. Shows on Tues, Thurs, Fri & Sat nights starting around 10:00 pm

Cynthias Sample Survey

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What is your favorite style of skirt, dress, gown, etc.?

What are your favorite colors? (Prints? Plaids? Solids?)

Do you prefer lace, ruffles, lots of trim or none at all?

What price range do you prefer to spend on an outfit? (One that you really love?)

Which fabrics do you prefer the most? (Silk, satin, knit, ect.)

What hem length do you feel more comfortable with?

If you could have any garment designed especially for you what would it be?

For the GI GI's

Please describe the type of dress, skirt or gown that you feel looks best on your lover.

Thank you for your help. Send to Cynthia Sue [REDACTED], PO Box 1359, Findlay OH 45839