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Dear Alice,

Thanks for your letter and especially for the \$\$ donation. As all expenses for the FTM organization come out of my pocket, any and all donations are greatly appreciated. I believe keeping FTM's services free of charge makes it infinitely more accessible and therefore have never assessed a fee to members. However, I encourage everyone to donate what they can toward the cause. Please do recommend FTM to your female-to-male clients (only) and urge them to send a donation along with their mailing address.

Funny you should think the picture of Paul Walker in the latest issue looked bad. I thought he looked pretty good! He has lost some weight, but not a lot, and has a great tan and a blond streak in his hair. He still smokes like a chimney, though.

Unfortunately I never had the luxury of being merely HIV+. I was diagnosed right away with pneumocystis pneumonia December 1986, never having had the slightest idea I was at risk. In fact, I figured I was pretty much invulnerable by virtue of being a biological female. The joke was on me! Then last year I was diagnosed with MAI (mycobacterium avium intercellulare) which has made me very sick. My spleen has shut down and shriveled up, and my liver is enlarged. There are "many, many" huge, swollen lymph nodes in my abdomen. The only medication they have for me are pain killers. I'm also experiencing the "wasting syndrome" and weight 105 lbs. I'm tired a lot, hurt a lot, but still get up every day and accomplish something, so I feel pretty lucky.

Thanks for keeping in touch, Alice, and for the bucks, and let me know when you have a new Los Angeles address.

Regards,

Lou Sullivan