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Turning into our fifth year as a group, I did a lot of reminicing while I sat under the hair dryer getting my hair done, I thought of the past four years with the girls. Some of the originals are still with us, some have fallen off for reasons no one but they themselves knows. For those with a family it is financial, with others it may be family problems which stops them from coming. Then again with others it just became a routine because they could dress whenever they wanted too and didn't have to wait for the monthly meetings. Then we have those from out of state who could not make a meeting cancelled temporarily for one reason or another. I suppose 4 years things become pretty much the same sometimes new faces, sometimes the same group, but me I enjoy seeing them whether they be a large group or a small one you can be a little more relaxed with a small group because you get to talk to all of them. Sometimes in a large group it is hard for me to sit and talk with everyone, yet I don't want them to feel slighted. I enjoy talking to all the girls as they all have a different background and the conversations vary from their work to their family life. I notice when they get here and dress their faces light up with a radiance of complete happiness, and I think, Golly how happy they seem just to be here with all their sisters and have the chance to dress. Some of the sisters need a gathering place and some don't, but just think, wouldn't it be nice if those who don't need a place to meet would just give a little thought and consideration to those who are less fortunate than they are and give a helping hand instead of only thinking of themselves. There are enough problems in this world that a T.V. finds it hard to go out and be accepted for what they are. Some are strong willed enough to say " the Hell with it, if they don't like me the way I am, then who needs them, but stop and think, some of them do need help, because of their families or perhaps their jobs would be in jeopardy. So life for them is a complicated mess. Therefore I feel that they do need help, our help. Those sisters who are stronger, and in a position to help them, untill they are better able to help themselves. Therefore a club where they can meet is really needed for these sisters.

Going back over the four years we have together, I found many T.V.'s who came here at first were very nervous a bit self conscious, and truly in need of help. Some have outgrown the need for help, but some still need the help and encouragement of others. We will hold this club together for as long as

we possibly can, as to a place to meet, Financially it will depend on you sisters who feel the need for a club. For the sisters from out of state who are to far to attend a meeting, we are all grateful that you enjoy the newsletter enough that it makes you feel that you belong, and certainly you must realize that you have helped your sisters out financially and I personally hope you can find it in your heart to continue to help your sisters.

For an example, we have two Wilma's one is mine- who can dress whenever she wants and can go where ever she wants, but still deep down she is always trying to help others thru mail or phone, trying to answer their questions to the best of her knowledge. She just enjoys being with the girls, and puts a lot of time in the newsletter, always looking for interesting items to write about to further help the girls to understand themselves.

Our other Wilma (God Bless Her) belongs to more groups than one, and her support and help you can't overlook. She has helped a lot of the girls along the way with her own knowledge from her own experiences. These are dedicated people, I am sure there are more of you out there in T.V. land, but these two I know of personally. I always enjoy talking to Wilma, as she is always got some refreshing stories to tell. I met Wilma several years ago while visiting a couple in Long Island and I always find it a pleasure to see her at the door when she can make a gathering. I realize in winter weather it is hard for those who have to come a long distance. This is only one of the reasons I do my best to make them all comfortable.

It gives me real pleasure to be able to make the wives of the T.V.'s who come feel like they have been coming to the gatherings for years, and yet it is their first time in a large group. You wouldn't believe me, but you know I was probably just as nervous as they were, meeting them for the first time, wondering what they thought of me. Did they think I was off my rocker for letting the girls use my home for the meeting place. So the first time can be a trial for both the Host and the Wives This is my reason right from the beginning to run these gathering with no monkey business, every thing straight and clean. No reason for them to behave in any other manor. What they did when they left here was no concern of ours. They were all grown people, and I'm sure they would not do anything to hurt their own reputation. Those who were looking for more exciting things to do

can find what they look for in the Gay Bars. This group was formed mainly for the purpose of helping the T.V.'s find a place for themselves in this world. It is also a place for them to let their other side come out in the open. It is a place where they can come and dress and be with others that like to dress as they do. Here they are no ridiculed or harassed, or told that they are sick. I know the torture some go thru just waiting for this one night, when they can be with others and dress. I say this from my own experience, before I knew of my Wilma, once a month she had to go see her mother (supposedly) in N. Y. and I would notice that a few days before this monthly visit, she would be so miserable I wouldn't dare open my mouth for fear of a big squabble. Upon returning I found her to be the most gentle person you could ask for, this sorta puzzled me because I knew that Wilma and her mother were not that close. When I found out all about T.V.'ism, my puzzle was solved. I knew that when Wilma dressed and relieved all that pent up longing for dress she became a new person. This is what the club means to some of the girls now.

Last night was a small group, so we had more time to talk with every one. We know as the year goes on we will have a larger group. Those who made it were, Michelene from Canada, Wilma from the Bronx, Elanda from Rome, Kathy from Syracuse, Kris from Saratoga, Winnie from Schen., Joan from Colonie, Wilma & I. We had a sit down dinner of Barbeque Chicken, Rice browned, corn, pickles & Olives, rolls and butter, Red Raspberry short cake & coffee. It was very relaxing to sit and eat and be able to talk to all the girls. The conversation ran from a talk on the sex change to the Fantasia Affair.

Wilma told us about Joyce of Conn. having to go back in the Hospital for a third time. Good luck Joyce and we do hope you come out fine.

Kathy from Syracuse had a problem with her car had to stay over today to get it fixed. The mechanic said she was lucky her wheel froze otherwise she could have been killed. God was with her.

We were sorry that Sue & Betty did not make the meeting, but Sue had to be in the store for inventory. See you two soon.

Jean from Peru was missed, as well as all the gals too numerous to mention you are not forgotten. Happy 5th. Birthday

Elaine: A note to you from Wilma in the Bronx she is going to try to make the Feb. meeting hoping to see you after all the years absence. Hope both of you are here.

This is an answer from Micheline to my Paragraph of last month.

1. I think we all need a group, though not necessarily for meeting one another. For various reasons, such as distance, winter road conditions, other commitments to other T.V. groups etc. it is not always possible for some of us to make the meetings at Albany. However, I do think we should all contribute in what ever way we can to keep the Albany group going & thriving, particularly in the form of input of one form or another to the newsletter. The TVIC journal of Albany is the most valuable service of the group. It ties together T.V.'s from all over North America (and even Europe). It provides a forum for the exchange of ideas and concerns of T.V.'s that few other publications provide.

2. The second most important service provided by the group is the provision of a meeting place where T.V.'s without such opportunities elsewhere may do their thing in safety and amongst friends. This is most valuable for new TV's who have not dressed in public before, or for those who come from areas unsympathetic or intollerant of transvestism mostly through ignorance, particularly in regard to the common public misconception of a TV being a Homosexual.)

3. The fact that some TV's as a result of the help and encouragement given them by the Albany group are able to increase their own self confidence and get involved in activities other than quiet talking-type parties, should not be regarded as an act of disloyalty to the group, but rather as a sign of its success.

4. It is all very commendable that there should be a respectable meeting place where we can all meet, act and be ladies. But there are times when we want to be more than this. Variety is the spice of life. Sex is one motivation. We want to be sexual objects. It boosts our egos if we find we are able to physically attract others, whether they be male or female. We are no less a TV because of this natural desire. Heterosexual "homovestites" do it. Why not TV's too?

5. I enjoy cross dressing for non-sexual reasons. I like the styles of womens clothes better, When I am dressed, I feel better, and I feel I look better. However, everyone likes to be complemented on their appearance or their attractiveness. If, when at a dance for instance, a man comes up to me and says: "I am 'straight' (i.e. not a gay), and I know that you are a guy, but I find you Physically attractive as a girl", then naturally I am complemented, and I enjoy the kisses and embraces that follow. Thus this sexual side is another aspect of TVism that is valid and enjoyable.

6. You ask: "When is a TV's life fulfilled?" For me, my life as a TV is fulfilled if I have ample opportunity to cross-dress, if I have a large and pretty wardrobe, if I live in a city where it is acceptable for TV's to walk the streets, if there are places in town where a TV can go and enjoy herself, where one can dine out etc., and if I have an understanding and unpossessive girlfriend (GG) who finds me attractive as a girl. All these I have. How lucky I am. Given all this, an operation is not necessary.

To all the girls out there, it has been a wonderful 4 years with you. God Bless You All- Stay Healthy Untill next month, I give all my Love

HELEN

From Our Presidents Pen.....



Well, we made it: Four years I mean. This issue #43 of our TVIC Journal marks the beginning of our 5th year. I just started our TVIC Club because I wanted to meet and help others meet in person and try to get them out into the light of day and the light of understanding. I never imagined then that I'd still be doing it Five years later.

I've learned many things in the past four years as I hope we all have. One of the things that I have learned is what it is like to be a mother. (figuratively that is) and have your children grow up and leave. Because that is what happens to me right along, I feel like a mother to you who read these lines and to many others who no longer read them. Of you who do, some of you are young in the field--- not in age but in understanding ----- and some of you are pretty well developed. Many others have gone before you. They helped to find their way and they grew in acceptance and understanding till they were able to stand on their own two feet and no longer felt in need of the support and encouragement of our TVIC Club. ~~These~~ Thus they are no longer members or subscribers. When children grow up, go to college and leave home to make their own way, mothers are left with the younger ones to continue the task and can only look at those who now make their own way with a certain pride and awareness that they contributed to that independence of self assurance.

I think I am entitled to feel that my efforts have been instrumental in helping quite a number of persons to know, to understand, and to accept their feminine selves during these four years. I am sad about any that I have failed to help in achieving some peace of mind regarding their femmeselves and I am even sadder about those who may have taken the whole matter too seriously and gone to far and too fast without using discretion and moderation such that they have created new problems for themselves. I hope that these are few and far between but they do exist as I know of some.

Then there are those thousands still out there waiting to be found, waiting to have the opportunity to know that there are others like themselves with the same worries, fears, guilt and loneliness. For every fledgling that tries her wings and leaves the nest there are a half dozen more waiting to be hatched and to grow.

But those TV's coming on the scene now find a better world to grow up into. Better externally because social conditions have become more tolerant.

Well, so we have lived through our fourth year. What has been accomplished during it? First and foremost we have a wonderful TV Club where all TV's can meet in person to talk and help each other. Also we have helped many wives - meet other TV wives so that they could talk among themselves and ~~may~~ know why their husbands must dress now and then. In these four years I have contacted over 3500 TV's - have had over 2000 of them in my home at one time or another. Many have joined us, but many have been afraid of us, because many have been ripped off by others who are only interested in money.

My only regret is that I do not have the education to make public speeches on Radio or Television so that many others could be helped.

There will be a new membership list coming out with the February journal off all new members who have joined us since January 1st 1975. The names and address of those who did not wish their names listed will be omitted as requested. This will be sent to all paid up members. Dues are still \$12 per year, so if you have not paid it, please send it in.

The TVIC South East will be re-organizing to hold meetings. TV's interested in TV gatherings throughout the South contact Dianne [redacted] P.O.Box 12083, Atlanta, Georgia.

Our next TV gathering will be held on February 21st at which time we will have Areadne Kane and Betsy Shaw.

They will speak about the initial plans for the FANTASIA TV FAIR of 1976 and a NEW RESOURCE CENTER for the needs of TRANSGENDERISTS - TRANSGENDERISTS and TRANSEXUALS.

If you are coming please let us know 4 or 5 days in advance so that plans can be made.

**** WILMA

NEW MEMBERS WELCOMED

I am pleased to announce the enrollment of two new members this month.

LYNN ----- WILMINGTON ~~IL~~ DEL.
HELEN ----- Salt Lake City - Utah

We hope to see you new members in the coming months in person and may ~~too~~ find many friends among us.

Golden Slippers -- Banana peels
TEXAS -- Miles and miles of nothing
WILL -- A dead give away
PANHANDLER -- An intern.

Letters to the editor

Dear Wilm & Helen

Now I am always interested in whatever you two, have to say about Hormones. Some, really need them for their health, if there is any dis-functioning of the adrenal, or thyroid glands, and often there is. But some, like myself, are also allergic to these artificial hormones. What Then? I found the answer first with myself, before experimenting on others, - and - it Works! Yes, even better than I thought it would.

There is no need of mutilating the physical body, to make it appear like the inside, spiritual body, with sex - change operations, hormones, and the like, if only they develop. Imagination, and Greatness, and this can be done, believe me, if one is willing to try, and persevere. The Creative part of the mind can, and does influence, and change the glands, so that a normal, and natural sex change for either sex takes place, in a beautiful way, that corresponds with the soul. and with no loss of physical, or emotional sex force and action. I work hard with TV's, who want this, the natural, and careful way. I call myself, what my own TV's called me themselves, - an Artist on alive Humans. While surgeons are the ~~re~~ scientists, and deal only with the outer physical, I am the artist, that deals with the inner, and when it comes to dress, individual style, hair - d'os, make - up, etc, - well yes, I deal with that too, and VOICE PITCHING, But I do not receive any pay for this, unless, they come in person to see me, or to a regular weekly Sunday evening meeting, the donation there bring #3.00. Also, I bring right out, and develop the real, TV personality, for many here, are shy. There doctors here at Mass GEN. Hospital, Boston, who do sex change operations, and of course, hormone therapy. I've seen these operative sex change cases. I'M neither for, nor against them - each individual is at a different level of self understanding, soul development, and worldly adjustment. Some, have to have it done as cruel as it is, for their own emotional comfort, - it is the easiest way out, and most expensive - \$5000.00 here. BUT: - this is it: - to gain the change of sex they want, - they must, and do loose some thing! Always there is a sacrifice. I'M seeing it all the time and I don't like the sacrifice. For after these operations, they no longer are the interesting person they were before. They come out of them, phlegmatic, no magnetism - much of their sex appeal gone - though plenty of action, so they themselves are satisfied, but not their partners, - though their

partners pretend, and are not so heartless to reveal the truth. You see, their whole concentration has gone into this physical sex change surgery, and all that goes with it. Also their adrenal glands do not give out the same energy, they once had, no matter how many operations they've had, or hormone injections. It's just not the same - and you just can not do one better than nature, without nature taking her revenge. So, there is less energy, and one is more divided - one can not give all they've got, to any goal in life. Consequently, lives are wasted. Lives of fine, and noble people, as people. An unnecessary loss and waste, of energy, concentration, and whole lives. Much of their talents and intuitive powers, and sensitivity, that are normally superior to the straight person, are gone! Oh, is it worth it, these operations? Many of these doctors who do this special plastic surgery have no conscience, or respect for nature ----- just out for the money. I have talked to specialists on this a great deal, and some of them agree most heartily with me, and tell me they have made the same, lack of energy, observations I have, and lack of concentration on real goals they have set out to do in life. Yes the TS'S even give you a friendly, but limp, cold handshake. Oh how glad I am I didn't allow a surgeon to change me into more of a real woman - for I was not born perfect, but I have made myself happy as nature made me. A plastic surgeon begged to do this sex change operation on me. I wouldn't allow it. Wanting desperately to be more woman, for I am an androgen, - I spent most of my life taking estrogen in strong doses. I I have now stopped against Drs advice. I feel fine, and have much more energy, magnetism, and personality, than ever. I lost this on the hormones even without the operation. In India they know much more about glands than we do in the west. But of the Western countries Sweden and Demark know the most about endocrinology, even to this day. This is a long letter, but TVism is my work and life interest, So I go right deep into it from all angles, I admit, I've rambled on her, just as my thoughts flowed, but I thought also, Wilm, that you and Helen might be interested, with your sincere concern in TVism, in your way, like me with mine, in my way.

You may print parts of this letter, or the whole of it, in your newsletter, if you see fit, and think it would interest others - although they probably would not agree with ~~xxx~~ it - unless they've had a similar experience themselves - and even then, they might not see the change

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in magnetic enthusiasm, and energy loss, that others who knew them before, would notice. We've had many discussions on this in my Sun group of TV'S Some are for - some against,

Now I have got some very nice answers both in letters and phone calls, to letters I have written to your TVIC members.

I'd be happy to answer all who write or call.

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Dear Wilma;

Of great interest in the newsletter were the comments on dressing in public. While I agree generally with your observation I would if I may, make some observations of my own. Granted, anyone going in public should make every attempt to be as truly feminine as possible and as well groomed as possible. However, it might be well for all of us, prior to our first public forray, to take time to observe the different types of real women on the street. Spend fifteen minutes at your towns busiest corner at noon and you will be quite surprised at the number of real woman out and about who really don't look any better than we do when dressed. Perhaps all TV'S are trying to emulate the females of screen and print when in reality they are not true images of the women we meet and knew in our day to day lives. At your bussy corner you find women who are either over or under dressed, well groomed or not so, some whose walk and carriage is a lesson in fluid motion and some who walk as if to get some place in a hurry. Yet no one is stopping them asking for proof of their real sex. I have even seen women whose legs were more hairy than mine used to be who were not bothered. In short the world around us is much to pre-occupied with their own world to give more than a passing glance and thought to others.

When TV'S encounter trouble with their dressing in public is either when they break the law or use their dressing for purposes other than the theill of dressing. For instance; the TV who is stopped for speeding and then hassled by the law for being dressed. If she hadn't been speeding in the first place she would never been barthered. Or the TV who while dressed attempts to hustle drinks from some guy, only to get herself beat up and/or arrested later for impersonation. If you want to stop in a bar for a few while dressed go ahead, and if lonesome guy wants to buy a drink and you accept you may be headed for trouble. But if you refuse it the worse that may happen is that Romeo may figure you for a grouch. Now if its

company and adventure you want as a dressed TV then find a group. But if its just the pleasure of wearing female attire and looking like a woman then get dressed and go out.

If at some future date TVism becomes the most accepted thing in the world, those of us who hetro-sexual will still only be regarded as men who want to wear womens clothing. Those of us who are gay will be accepted as a gay male who likes to dress as a woman. If you want to be accepted as a woman then you'll have to go the full route of surgery and hormonex therephy and become a woman. But if that is the case then it's doubtful if you are a TV. For the very definition of a TV is one who receive pleasure in dressing as a member of the opposite sex.

I myself once felt that I could never pull off a public appearance due to my size - 5'10" 230# - until I ordered a size 48 dress from a catalog. It was nine miles to big for me. It was too big in the shoulders, waist and hips. This told me that there must be women somewhere much larger - fatter - than I and I am sure they don't all stay in the house all their lives.

Of course some care is needed if your going out but not months or maybe years of preparation. Make sure the beard is covered, either do your hair in a femine style or wear a wig instead of a flat - top, for instance. With just simple preparation, such as above, the worst that may happen is that the world around you may think your an add girl

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This is Wilma from the Bronx, NY. Having a good time? You bet look at that smile.

I will try and put a photo of a member each month in our journal. So send in your pictures. ~~Edw~~



Two years ago this luscious eye-ful was a man

If any of Robert Parisi's old friends bumped into him today, they wouldn't know him—he's sprouted breasts like a woman. They measure at an eye-popping 40.

He's got very feminine hips, too — caressing the tape at 36. The waist in between is 24 and he's got long blonde hair, a sensuously-opened, feminine mouth and the kind of skin you love to touch.

Robert's got a new occupation, too. He's now what he calls an "exotic dancer." That means he gets right up there in public with all those womanly assets and twirls and bounces and bumps and grinds them till men in the audience whistle like an old fashioned steamboat.

And Robert Parisi's got a new name — Risa Bella. The exotic dancing is done under the tag "Naughty Lola."

That dance is plenty naughty, too; just as naughty as a nearly-naked girl can dance this side of a stag movie.

Add all those things up and you would have to say that Robert Parisi of the Bronx looks like a woman, and lives like a woman.

Just recently he got the court papers to prove he is a woman.

But there wasn't any question that up till two years ago, the human being known as "Robert Parisi" was traveling as a man.

True, he got rejected by his Bronx draft board as unfit for military service. But, otherwise, "he" lived like a

Authorities opposed to allowing Robert Parisi to become Risa Bella legally, as well as in social life, held he was a transvestite — a person compelled to wear the clothes of the opposite sex. In non-legal language, a queer who loved to dress "in drag."

"Robert Parisi" testified that two years ago he had begun the sex switch — a course of hormone treatments to ready his body, then surgery in Casablanca.

A sex specialist took care of her post-operative medical needs.

He told the court:

"Robert Parisi can no longer be considered a male, as the male organs have been removed. There is no chance for this person ever again to function as a male, either procreatively or sexually. However, Robert Parisi is now capable of having sexual relations as a woman. Robert Parisi should now definitely be considered as of the female gender."

The judge ruled the person before him was a true trans-

sexual, not a transvestite. He should hereafter be regarded as the woman "Risa Bella."

When she learned of the history-making decision, Risa heaved her very heavable bosom and sighed: "Beautiful. Some day I hope to get married."

A judge, hearing an application by "Robert" to be legally recognized as Risa Bella, was told that "Robert" was born a true transexual—a person who has the physical characteristics of one sex (in his case, male) but the mental make-up of the other.

Up until now formal, legal recognition of a sex switch by a transexual has never been granted by the Health Department by altering birth certificates, so there was opposition.

Quite a Sight

Luke and his wife were known as the stingiest couple in the valley. At 78, Luke died, and a few months later his wife was about to join him.

She called a neighbor and said weakly:

"Ruthie, bury me in my black dress, but afore you do, you might as well cut the back out and make yourself something from the material."

"Couldn't do that," said Ruthie. "When you and Luke walk up them gold stairs, what would them angels say if your dress ain't got no back on it?"

"They won't be looking at me," Luke's wife answered. "I buried Luke without his pants."

Peeler Naughty Lola was formerly known as Robert Parisi.