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NEWSLETTER EDITORS Helen and Wilma [redacted]

\*\*\*\*\* copy of our newsletter to them. \*\*\*\*\*

Once again we had a nice group attending the monthly gathering. We had a new couple from Granville, N. Y. Gail and Joan were a very friendly couple. I had a nice chat with Gail, of course I asked her how she felt about her feelings of her man being a T.V. I was happy for her that she was able to understand about Joan after the initial shock wore off. It is only natural for a wife to be shocked when she first hears about her man wanting to dress in femme clothes. Thank God there are some of us women who at least try to see the T.V.'s side of life. My heartiest welcome to Gail and Joan for being in our growing group.

The gals who came last night were: Paula from R. Island, and her friend Kathy from Mass., Gerri from Vermont, Gail and Joan from Granville, N. Y., Lynn from Rochester, Joan from Colonie, Laura from Colonie, Winnie from Schen. Sheila from Colchester, Kristine from Clifton Park, Frances from Henrietta, Kathy from Syracuse, Elanda from Rome. Wilma and I.

For the Girls dinner I had made a Baked Ham, Potatoes Au Gratin, Creamed Cauliflower, Cole Slaw, Coffee and Boston and Lemon cream pie.

Jean up in Peru: Don't fret about your weight, I see a few more who will have to do some trimming down, as most went back for seconds last night.

To Jean: Wilma took off 10 lbs., I think after last night she just might have put a few back on.

Glad to see Laura from Colonie was able to make a visit with us last night as she has a problem getting out of the home week ends, same problem some of you gals all have. Not an understanding wife.

I'll take this opportunity to thank Sandy [redacted] for her lovely write up she gave our group, after she had been to one of our gatherings, with another one of our great members in the person of Wilma from the Bronx. I am very proud to have them as my friends in my home, two lovely people. Thank you for the paper Sandy.

Our thanks to Helen Root for the Copy of Hose and Heel. I enjoyed reading it.

To Francis Graig a thank you for a copy of the Monthly.

We appreciate receiving these papers and reading about the different groups, and we are happy to be able to send a

Had a call from Connie & Al in Fla. she tells me their group is doing a fine job, and they meet every other mo.

Donna one of our newer members had been ill from a foot operation on April 6th., had a large lump sear tissue removed. Donna comes from Greenwich, Conn. Donna our best to you and do hope you are feeling better. the Gang.

Picture taking time I guess is the thrill of the evening for most of the T.V.'s, and last night was no exception. I myself took twenty shots of the gals. Thanks to Kathy for the pictures she sends us, we'll have them in the Album for all to see.

Nancy B. I didn't forget about the things you sent, just waited for the right time, last month some of the less fortunate T.V.'s were able to use them, and I know you would be happy, as I was to see their face lite up when I was able to help them in their dream of being a T.V. They are T.V.'s but financially short to buy a wardrobe, so I felt it was better to help them acheive their dream than to auction off the artizles and build up the treasury. I do hope you can understand Nancy, and know that in your own way you were able to help a sister. Thank you and God bless you. Helen.

Winnie entertained us with slides from the Dream 74-75. and slides from the Fantasia Affair 75. We enjoyed the slides and tape telling all about the Affair.

A HAPPY HOME RECIPE

4 cups of love, 2 cups of loyalty 3 cups of forgiveness, 1 cup of friendship, 5 spoons of hope, 1 spoon of tenderness, 4 quarts of faith, 1 barrel of laughter. Take Love and Loyalty, mix it thoroughly with Faith. Blend it with Tenderness, Kindness, and Understanding. Add Freindship and Hope, sprinkle abundantly with Laughter. Bake it with Sunshine. Serve daily with generous helpings.

Hope you all had a good Easter. Untill we meet again next month may I say God Bless all of you and keep you happy untill we are able to meet again. For those who are far away and can't attend, All I can say is that you are swell people andwe miss you LOVE HELEN.

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HINTS TO MAKE THE BETTER WOMAN: (from our readers.)

PEARLS: To clean pearls, wash them in warm soapy water, then rinse and dry. DO not rub the pearls with anything but a soft piece of flanned or dry chamois. (From Hose & Heel April 1976.)

SUPPORT PANTYHOSE: Support pantyhose are good for people who have problems with their legs, or for those who are on their feet a lot. However, they should not be used in place of firming and toning excises. As for wear, they are like regular pantyhose - if you are careful and take proper care of them, they will wear well. (DIAN A., ALLENTOWN, PA.)

INSERTS: Cold breast of chicken is fine, but cold inserts (the kind you use to fill out that B or C cup bra) are a shock to start out a chilly morning. Darn things feel as though they are filled with mushy ice. If you have not discovered this trick, just put them in the basin filled with hot water, and presto, what a thrill - a nice warm bossoms. Get a thrill not a chill.

If you have not found out about the inserts and covers, (Sears and Wards) used to cover latex mastectomy pads, try'em. These will give you a protective covering between you and the plastic. They come in cup sizes. If you use these covers it is not necessary to remove the inserts to warm'em up. Just put the covered inserts in a plastic bag, then in hot water.

One advantage of the covers is the tab on top. If your inserts tend to sag, sew half of a snap on the tab and the other half at the top of your bra where the strap joins the bra cup. Instant uplift! MICHELL, ALBANY, N.Y.

WITHDRAW into yourself and look about. IF you do not find yourself beautiful yet, act as does the artist who is creating a beautiful statue. HE cuts away he straightens, he makes this outline less heavy, that one he purifies, until a lovely image shines forth. SO should do. CUT away what is gross, straighten out what is crooked, lighten the over-heavy, labor to bring forth one glow of loveliness. WILMA, ALBANY, N.Y.

YOUR PHOTOS: TV'S have their pictures taken, yhey should take advantage of a few professional photo tips, to display their dresses, gowns and other TV attire. One photoflood, electronic flash or flashgun should be placed low and behind the TV with the light directed across and behind her. This will give much better modeling of the figure and do away with those drab shadows that darken so many pictures. If possible two smaller similar lights should be used in front., one to each side about 45 degrees from the front of the figure and with one light about waist-to-bosom high and the other about head high. (about this time you should have run out of lights ED.)

In addition the camera should be fairly close to the figyre. After all, all of us girls want to see how others dress, the feminine fit, the fabric, the grace. Taking only staid standing position or a routine sitting one does little or nothing to show the femininity we desire to display. TV's should have a variety of photo shots. Take up a glamor girl photo book, or even the SEARS OR WARDS Catalog. Look at the beautifully feminine poses. (then sit down and cry. ED.) There are full figure shots, half figure shots, femininity-accentuating shots. And notice, there is plenty of LIGHT. SUSAN B., SPRINGFIELD, TENN.

THIS page is new. I have tried it because I have received many request for the better women on clothes-make-up-& etc. Also have received over the past 6 months many hints to help others.

NOW IF YOU like this page and want it continued, write to me and let me know, and also send me what you think others would like to know. THIS is how your paper is made. WE try to give you what you want. SO lets all help. WILMA

ANYBODY who doubts that the truth will out doesn't have children who talk to the neighbors.

YOU can't stretch the truth without making your story pretty thin.



HONEY, IF YOU MUST CROSSDRESS'S WHY NOT BUY YOUR OWN THINGS

# From Our Presidents Pen.....



My editorial this month will be by Bonnie [redacted] P RHO. Her article was in [redacted] Hose & Heel newsletter, I have [redacted] most interesting and hope all our readers will also.

## FEAR, REASONS & "COP OUTS"

To attain mental contentment when an individual is a Transvestite (TV), is probably one of the prime obstacles or challenges facing a TV. The issues of homosexuality, social conformity, family loyalty and self respect are a few that seem to get all jumbled up. The values one had as a child and observed values of parents are the tools that we have to use to build our decisions and commitments. These values are blended with the emotions that we experience that excite or impress. Sometimes it is ~~an~~ an escape into a world of pretend that seems so real that one may think he can do whatever he wants to do. Some can and some can not; some should and some shouldn't.

To those that are of the persuasion of free thought, believe one should do whatever he feels is right for him, I respect your opinion, however I do not agree with you. As we move through life, we interact with others. Some are impressionable and some are fearful of change or that which they do not understand. I feel that consideration of other's feelings and emotions, especially those close to you are as admirable as free thought. Many fears about public exposure are, I agree, all in one's mind and that strangers under most situations will probably not notice or even care. However self respect and your own expectations of yourself and what others close to you may think of your actions may be of some importance to a TV. Just as a TV may look up to an acquaintance or relative who is a doctor or plain good person, so others will form an opinion of you.

A fear to me may not be a fear to you, a reason to me may be a cop out to you; a cop out to me may be a reason to you. Firm convictions are good in most situations, that's a fact. Also a fact is that misery likes company.

Enthusiasm is also contagious and a TV that has a persuasive attitude may pull into the pathway of no return some that are uncertain about which course to choose.

Are you on a course that may drag you down to a lower level of self respect or are you raising yourself up? Where are you going? Are you going to be a man to be looked down upon by others or a man with principle and a part time woman, also with principle?

Remember that in reality, life is not a perpetual high unless you're staying that way with the use of drugs. How hard we try to achieve the letter perfect deception or impersonation and once arrived what should we do with it? Public or private exposure, male or reassignment, hetero or homo-sexual: Indeed, these are serious questions. Everyone sooner or later reaches his point of incompetency as explained in the Peter Principle, a man is an excellent worker, then is promoted to area manager and excels again but when promoted to department head, does a lousy job. The man has reached his point of incompetency.

Some facts to remember in regard to "full time women" that are based upon personal interviews and research is that it would be impractical with few exceptions, to continue the same lifestyle as you did as a man. Theoretically you should be able to, but based on the facts of those who have tried it, they leave behind a trail of broken homes and a loss of much that was attained to the point of the change. Sure there are some for whom the dream has come true of an increase in status but remember, many are called but few are chosen. The facts of those that have attained their dream, almost all are well educated or have amassed enough funds to make the change in style. For the rest it is a meager existence of hand to mouth. In view of all this what can one do who has principle and desire? You might accept your fears as reasons which can be explained is a pre-good foundation for a decision with which we can live.

Whatever we do, we would want good luck. What is good luck? "Good Luck" is when opportunity and preparedness meet at the same time! Consider too when you are 60 yrs. old, as a woman, what can you do unless you have really prepared for that eventuality? Will you be able to live your life to the fullest.

What is important to you as a man should continue to be important to you as a part time woman. Mannerisms, gestures, inflections and reflections may change but not your integrity and not your values. If you are not a bar fly or a window shopper as a man, why be one as a woman?. It seems logical that to function on familiar turf would be much easier and permit proper planning.

## G A T H E R I N G S

Our next gathering will be MAY 15th and June 19th.  
NO gatherings in July & August.  
The first fall gathering will be September 18th.  
So let's get these dates on the CALANDER NOW.

WHY must we have memory enough to recall to the tiniest detail what has happened to us & not have enough to remember who we have told it to.

MANUSCRIPTS

CAROL is looking for Original Manuscripts and art work on TV's and TS's, write CAROL AVERY % EXECUTIVE EMPORIS, SUIT 1102, 210 FIFTH AVE, N. Y., N.Y. 10010.

THERE is quite enough grief when one is alone. WHY compound it by getting MARRIED?

H O S E & H E E L

WE are receiving the Hose & heel newsletter from Washington, D.C. each month, and we want to, again say thanks to Helen [redacted] for sending it to us. SHE is doing a tremendous job with her chapter. [redacted] hope to be able to renew our acquaintance with them again soon. A copy of Hose & Heel is in our library for all members to read.

HAPPINESS is when you send in the last car payment in your three - year installment book. - and your car still runs.

N E W M E M B E R S

I am pleased to announce the enrollment of one new member this month.

JACKIE F. ----- MIDDLETOWN ----- NEW YORK

We all hope to see you in the coming months in person. AND may you find many friends among us.

A good husband is one who stands by his wife during the troubles she would not have had, had she not married him.

## letters to the editor

Dear Wilma and Helen;

I would like to thank you for lettering me come to the gathering of T.V.I.C. last night. I had a wonderful time. I plan on coming every chance I get.

Your hospitality was very generaus and I hope that this group stays together for a long, long time to come. Because there great.

I was very nervous when I arived at your home. This bring my first time out of the closet . But once I was inside and had dressed, I felt real calm.

I built up enough confidance in myself that the next time I come to Albany I will get changed at the motel instead of your home. LOVE

FRANCES G., HENERIETTA, N,Y.

Dear Wilm;

NOW, for a comment on JOANNE R's (Glen Falls) letter, if you think it of any help, I will re-iterate what has been taking place with myself.

I take it from her letter that she is a transvestite. Ilove her for her feelings towards those of us that are TS's. Most of the TV's that I have met seem to think that I am some kind of a nut.

ANYWAY, my path on transexualism started with the desire to take hormones, then I found that this wasn't enough, or what I wanted. THE next step was to that 'minor' surgery, wich I imagine every TS has experienced, then came the long, involved and frustrating procedure of having the 'final' by a surgeon.

MY first experience started with the Gender Identity Clinic, made up of psychiatrist and psychologists, these people are the ones who say 'go or no-go', and rightly so it should be. THERE has been cases of a person wanting this so badly, then afterwards, find that it isn't all that they had expected.

ANYWAY, after many sessions, the final decision was (NO-GO), the reason

GIVEN was because of age, and I was advised to crawl back into my little closet again. I did agree to continue with psychiatry. SINCE the many visits with himI find that their main consern was that they didn't feel that this is what I really wanted, that I expected a great miracle to take place, wich now they realize that I am not thinking such thoughts, THAT I truly want to be of the feminine gender, and that I know of all the hazards and the possibilities of less than perfect results. NOW I am under review and the possibility is that they may sanct on my going ahead. (by the way, this Gender Clinic is under the Provincial Medical Plan, wich if recommended means that the Plan will underwrite the expences)

I am also discussing my problem with  
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I'D BETTER TELL YOU  
MY REAL NAME IS GEORGE!



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the top surgeon in this field. HE agrees with me, but still wants the psychiatric results.

AT present, this surgeon, my own M.D. and an endocrinologist all agree that I should complete the transformation. I find that every one concerned with me, want to know of my mental attitude, so that there will be no regrets, AND no legal entanglements afterwards. (which I understand has happened)

OH, I know that there won't be any great change, but, at least I will be of the feminine gender, legally, and emotionally.

THANKS for being so nice to listen to all my woes. LOVE  
JACQUILINE, CAMPBELLEKOF, CANADA.

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THER'Es a chance for advancement when you become dissatisfied with yourself instead of with your job.  
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Dear Wilma;

FOR some time now I have travelled around Canada as Micheline quite freely, without any hassle from the law, and practically none from the public. BUT I was wary of travelling thus into the United States for fear of breaking some law, and getting arrested by American officials at the border. LAST summer, I was determined to test it out, to see if any such laws were enforced by US Customs officers. THEN I drove down to the border with a friend, saying to myself that the worst they could do to me was to deport me back to CANADA. I was dressed in a short plain green skirt, a flowery green matching top, white high-heeled shoes, and a large white purse.

WE crossed into the USA at the Ogdensburg, NY bridge over the St. Lawrence. THE Customs officer was polite and asked the standard questions ("What is your name? Where were you born? where do you live? Where are you going? Are you leaving anything in the United States?"). WE answered truthfully, and showed our (male) identification. NO reference was made to my voice pitch and identification ~~not~~ not corresponding to my mode of dress. WE were welcomed into the US as tourists and wished Bon Voyage. NO hassle, no bust.

Just in case we had been unusually lucky with the officials at that particular crossing on that particular day, we decided to repeat that test at another crossing. WE drove down the ST. Lawrence on the New York side, past Alexander Bay to the Thousand Islands Bridge (Interstate 81), did a U-turn in the No-mans land between Border Posts, and drove back into the USA through their customs. AGAIN the same questions, the same responses, the lack of reference to cross-dressing or any other kind of hassle. WE were through again with no problems.

WE returned to Canada over the same bridge and went through Canadian Customs. THE lady customs official asked us a few questions and soon smiled us through. SHE must have read me, but gave no indication of it.

MORE recently I wanted to show my giel friend Ausable Chasm (near Keesville, NY.) I went as Micheline again. WE crossed over at the Cornwall, Ont. bridge. AGAIN-no problems, no comments. AFTER spending a beautiful day driving down through the scenic Adirondacs and seeing the river at the chasm, we returned to Montreal via the border crossing at Champlain, NY. AGAIN there was no hassle or comments at the Canadian customs.

My only conclusion to all this is that the supposed danger and obstacles to international TV travel are over-rated. I look forward to travelling all the way from Ottawa to Albany, as

Micheline, for the next group gathering.

MICHELINE J., OTTAWA, CANADA.

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SUCCESS is more likly when you strive to deserve it when you strive to attain it.  
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Dear Wilma;

Lots of us I know, would like to be female impersonators if we had the wherewithall. But haw about a TV dance band?

Who really cares what drummers, etc. look like? I used to play a pretty mean trombone in high school and music has been very important to me for most of my life. I'd love to have the opportunity to play again and I wouldn't have to take off my dress to go to work. I'd just have to change it, wouldn't that be great?

There would be lots of other frinfe benefits to numerous to mention here. And it wouldn't be treading on anyone's toes, WE could call ourselves the "PLAY GIRLS" That would be appropriate all the way around. MAXINE, SCHENECTADY, N.Y.



HE'S ONE OF OUR BEST UNDERCOVER AGENT'S

# Here's How 'Klinger' Finds Those Zany Costumes

Jamie Farr, Cpl. Klinger on "M.A.S.H.," feels right at home in the crazy women's costumes he wears on the show.

"Dressing in women's costumes might upset some other men, who equate women's clothing to a loss of masculinity, but not to me," he told MIDNIGHT. "It's always been fun on the set and I enjoy it.

"Anyway, I've always had great legs."



LAUREN BACALL's costumes may fit Klinger, but those legs... Wow!

Farr and Nat Tolmach, "M.A.S.H." costume manager, see to it that while Klinger may be a clothes horse, only a horse would wear what he does.

Once a month or so, Farr and Tolmach wander around the women's wardrobe of 20th Century-Fox looking for dresses that have already seen action in the movies or on television. They look for the worst fit and most outrageous effect.

Farr, a perfect size 12, has worn a lot of Lauren Bacall's hand-me-downs and once did a miscarriage of justice to a dress worn by Betty Grable in "How to Marry a Millionaire."

Sometimes, of course, Klinger appears in garb too outlandish to find anywhere, as he did in his favorite "M.A.S.H." episode, which aired last year.

The script called for a visit from Gen. Douglas MacArthur. Klinger, whose dress-up games represent a constant campaign for a discharge, saw it as his big chance.

"I dressed up as the Statue of Liberty and stood at the gate, waiting for MacArthur to drive out," Farr explained. "When he did, he spotted me. But instead of becoming outraged at a soldier in drag, he stood up and saluted me.



JAMIE FARR is a star now thanks to Klinger. Wherever Jamie appears people recognize him.

"People fell out of their chairs. We still get mail about that one."

On the show, Farr is likely to appear in anything, from a smartly tailored suit to a robe and curlers.

But it's not the first part he's played in drag.

When Farr was a regular on the Red Skelton show, Skelton played a man who wanted to adopt a child but couldn't do so without a wife.

"Guess who played the wife?" Farr said.

After Skelton, he was a semi-regular on "The Dick Van Dyke Show." He made his acting debut 20 years ago as Santini, the mentally-retarded student in "Blackboard Jungle."

Nowadays, Farr lives comfortably in Granada Hills, a

suburb of Los Angeles, with his wife of 13 years, Joy, and their two children, Jonas, 7, and Yvonne, 4. In his spare time, he collects memorabilia of Hollywood, including old fan magazines and movie posters.

He's a big name, now, and he's putting together a nightclub act that will open in New Zealand when the season's shooting schedule for "M.A.S.H." ends. Needless to say, his suitcases will contain some women's clothing, because he can't get away entirely from Klinger.

But he doesn't intend to let success turn his head.

"Klinger has opened up doors for me," he acknowledged. "When you're famous, you get special treatment. Wherever I go, someone's willing to buy me a meal, hotels are willing to pick up the checks, pilots even come out of the cockpit just to say hello.

"But that's what success brings you. I enjoy it, of course, but it's not going to my head.

"I still remember the days when I was too broke to even see a movie. I have great respect for being hungry."

ELANDA was pater-nizing one of those haircutting establishments that cater to both men and women. As she was leaving, she heard the next customer say to the hair stylist, "I want

something to please my wife, who likes nice long hair". After hearing these words, Elander said to herself "this guy has to be a TV. I must get to meet him and get him to come to Albany and meet others who like long hair". To please a wife, HA

## 2 S.F. men arraigned in castration case

Two San Francisco men, a cook and a former counselor of trans-sexuals, were arraigned today in Redwood City on charges which could send them to prison for life for the kidnap and castration of a young hitchhiker.

William Edward Johns, 35, the counselor, and Rudy Werner Brink, 18, were charged with kidnap for robbery and assault with a deadly weapon. The first charge requires a life sen-

tence without possibility of parole.

They are accused of kidnaping a 16-year-old Pennsylvania hitchhiker near Devil's Slide last Saturday, taking him to a remote area near San Gregorio, and rob-bing and castrating him there.

### ANOTHER WARNING ABOUT PLATFORMS

Platform shoes may still be in fashion, but according to a University of Missouri study, they're not so stylish when you're behind the wheel of a car. In fact, they're downright dangerous.

Tests showed platforms increase the distance it takes you to stop your car. Two test sessions were conducted, one in which participants wore platforms and another in which they wore normal footwear.

Although the participants were used to wearing both types of shoes, their braking response while wearing plat-forms was .91 second versus .81 second for those wearing flat shoes. This represents an increased stopping distance of 1.42 feet for each 10 miles per hour of speed.

