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February Meeting....

Snow began to fall early in the evening as the girls of Chi Chapter prepared to attend the February meeting. Yes, it is the dead of winter, however, we had been blessed (?) with less than 10 inches of the white stuff so far - we are all counting our blessings!

Those that did attend were: Linda, Fran, Deanna, Naomi & Rachel, Barbara, Eve, Laura, Leslie, Gloria, Kiki, Carole, Valerie, Terry, Jyneen, Harriet, Sherri & Janine, Billie, Amanda, April & Lydia, Barbara Lee, Karen, Barbara D, Darlene, Charlene, Mary Ann, Lenore, Connie & Barb, Sherry, Patti, Joanie, Maria, Lisa, Kayla, Kathy, Katie, Tammi, Emily, Norma, Jenee, Pat, Christine, Jackie, Jamie, Rhonda, Susan, Denise, Samantha, Natalie, Grace, and Tina. We were fortunate to have several guests among our audience; they were: Cheryl Gibisch from **CAMEO** electrolysis, Renee Baseman and Robert, from **CHOUETTE LTD**, lingerie sales, Judy Simmons, from **HEADLINERS** salon, and Dr Alan Lanning from **COLLEGE OF DUPAGE** with some of his students - Stacey, Pete, Andy, Tom, Gary, and Brian. Cheryl was our guest speaker, and her program will be discussed later; Renee was in "checking us out" for a possible later lingerie fashion show at our meeting; Judy got an early "night off" and dropped in to visit with her friends; and Alan brought his delegation from his class for a preview of our visit to College of DuPage early in March.

In an effort to get everything over at an early time, Naomi began the meeting at 8:15 PM by reading a letter sent to Carol Beecroft from the mother of a 13 year old crossdresser, who had watched the **Geraldo** show, and wrote for more information. It was a touching letter from a mother seeking to learn how to cope with this issue. As Naomi went around the room asking each member to introduce themselves, she asked them, also, if they saw the show, and what was their reaction to it. Naomi, then asked the group for their reaction to the mother's letter and how would we answer it. No names were revealed and the letter will be forwarded on to the psychologist who appeared on the show.

Next, Naomi mentioned the "**Be All You Want To Be**" weekend which is scheduled for June 7th thru 11th. Naomi discussed the slated program. (Brochures are expected to be back from the printer in time for this newsletter.) A quick reminder of the **I.F.G.E., Coming Together - Working Together**, third annual convention, which will be conducted in San Francisco April 4th thru 9th. For more information call: (617) 894-8340.

In the area of Outreach - the Chapter's spreading of the word to helping professionals and the general public - we will be at Dr Lanning's class at COD on March 7th; the University of Wisconsin - Green Bay later in March; and at Manchester College in North Manchester, Indiana, in early April. We will be installing Call

Forwarding to our telephone hotline in order that others can be responsible for answering the calls, however, Deanna is still hoping that the phone can be removed from her home as soon as possible. It is time for someone else to have control of it.

The final item on the business meeting agenda was nominations for office. The categories are: President, Vice-President (3), Recording Secretary/Treasurer, and Reporting Secretary/Newsletter Reporter. Those nominated this month were: Naomi - President; Gloria, Carole & Eve - Vice-President; Deanna - Recording Sec/Tres; and Gloria - Reporting Sec. Final nominations will be taken next month prior to elections. If you have not been nominated for an office, and you feel that you could do as good a job, please feel free to place your own name in nomination. Perhaps, your sisters are not aware of your care of the chapter. Some members, for various reasons, did decline nomination this month.

Our program for the evening began with an introduction from Eve, who is a client of Cheryl, and someone who has had 25 years of electrolysis on her body. Eve claims that Cheryl has been the most understanding of all the technicians she has had work on her.

Cheryl Gibisch then gave a brief discussion of her work and the two types of electrolysis that are recognized by the Federal Trade Commission as authentic: they are, Galvanic Current and Short Wave Radio. Cheryl claims that any other type of work is not true electrolysis. In describing the

differences between the two processes, Cheryl explained that with Galvanic Current, the technician must place the needle in your follicle for a period of 10-15 seconds, while with Short Wave, it is only for a period of 1/20th to 1/10th second. This is the method Cheryl uses at her shop. Another difference is that with Short Wave, more sessions will be needed for each follicle, however, the pain level is much less than Galvanic Current. Cheryl's main message was to shop around for a good technician. Like anyone in the service business, some are better than others - so be patient, and don't stick with someone you are not happy with. Cheryl then answered many questions from our group. A final point, costs do not necessarily determine a technician's competence.

March Meeting...

The next meeting of Chi Chapter will be held on the third Saturday of the Month, March 18th, at the Midway Motor Lodge in Elk Grove. Rooms will open at 5:00 PM to allow those in need a place and time to change. Please, if you are going to use these facilities, bring a towel and wash cloth as the Motel only provides these items in the adjoining sleeping room; only paper towels are available in the meeting room restrooms.

The theme for the night will be "Green" as it is the day after St. Patrick's Day; so when you sober up, and start to dress, put on something green! It will also be election night. Final nominations will be accepted and the voting will take place. Election is for a one year term, and you must be present to vote.

Fashion Show at Next Meeting...

There will be a special program for this night - a fashion show presented by dress designers Laura and Diane. These girls have been designing and making dresses for several years and have

had several of our chapter members, and CGS members, were their gowns. Laura and Diane, along with a third model, will demonstrate their designs; our own Gloria will act as M.C. I am sure that we will all be anxious to see this special program. Starting time is tentatively scheduled for 9:30 PM, after elections of officers.

I.F.G.E. -

Coming Together - Working Together

The International Foundation for Gender Education cordially invites you to its third annual international convention to be held April 4 thru April 9, 1989 at the San Franciscan Hotel in San Francisco, Ca.

The purpose of the convention is to provide actual and effective service to the Transvestite/Transsexual Community, and those affected by that Community. It is also intended to provide and educational resource to those persons who may be interested in issues related to Gender Expression and Identity.

Some of the objectives of the convention are to promote self-validation and self-respect, to develop a sense of togetherness and working together to benefit all, and provide an in-depth educational opportunity for all.

The convention provides programs, workshops and seminars for all. Wives and significant others programs; Transsexual programs; Educational Programs; Workshops, seminars and raps for the 'movers and shakers'. For further information contact IFGE at: P.O. Box 367, Wayland, Ma 01778. Or call (617) 358-2305; or the host organization, ETVC at: P.O. Box 6486, San Francisco, Ca. 94101. Or call (415) 664-1499.

Happy Anniversery, Chi Sisters!

IL-1151-M	Fran	Feb 80
IL-1980-W	Ruby	Feb 86
IL-2318-P	Toni	Feb 87
IL-2525-M	Barbara	Feb 88
KS-2401-B	Marie	Feb 88
WI-1485-V	Lois	Feb 77

CALENDAR OF EVENTS.....

Mar 14th

CGS Regular Meeting

Mar 18th

Chi Chapter Meeting
Election of Officers

Mar 28th

CGS Monthly Social

Apr 4th - 9th

3rd Annual I.F.G.E. Convention
San Francisco, Ca

Apr 15th

Chi Chapter Meeting

May 20th

Chi Chapter Meeting

June 7th - 11th

Be All You Want To Be
Weekend

Happy Birthday, Chi Sisters!

MARCH

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	Fran					MTG
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			Kathy	Laura		
26	27	28	29	30	31	
				Conde		

Once Upon a Sidewalk

by
Kathy Balicki

Have you ever wondered what it would be like to walk down the sidewalk of Main Street, Your Town, USA, in your best dress? Sure you have. You thought about the movement of the dress' material as you strode our with nylon clad legs and high heel pumps. And felt the way the wind gently blew through your hair. It was a glorious feeling unmatched only by, perhaps, that electric sensation of being out in public dressed in femme clothing. But wait, someone is approaching you on the sidewalk. Your heart begins to pound and your legs start to shake. You suddenly wish to become the incredible shrinking crossdresser. You're trapped.

What about these people. Who are they? What are they doing to cause you to shake and quiver? Lets take a closer look at some of these not so ordinary folks you might meet while strolling the sidewalk.

A little old lady - you're standing at the curb waiting to cross the street when she turns towards you. She sneers and starts bashing you with her umbrella while repeatedly asking you this same question: " Does your mother know you do this, Sonny? Eh?" Just when you think you're a goner, a boy scout rescues her (and you) from this uncertain fate. Your reward is you get to wait for the traffic to clear before crossing the street.

A minister, priest, and rabbi - all three simultaneously gasp, briefly roll their eyes skyward and begin shaking their heads. The minister boldly steps closer to you and plants his palm on your forehead while chanting: "Devil get out, Devil get out!" Meanwhile, the priest is exorcising in Latin and splashing holy water on your wig. The rabbi is asking you if you're circumcised or not. After answering all questions and surveying the damage to your wig and makeup, you manage to

escape them. You admit to them you are a crossdresser poltergeist who got a little bored and was on her way back to never-never land.

The local street gang - now you know you're really in trouble. The leader, Spike, walks up and blocks your forward movement. He slowly looks you up and down, blows cigarette smoke in you face, and says, " Hey, dude, you know you are on our turf? " You manage your best feminine smile and squeak out, " No. " He looks back at his pals and says, "Lets escort this lady off our turf, compadres. " You calmly assure Spike this won't be necessary, turn and do the 3-city-block-dash in your heels.

Two good looking jocks - as they approach, you're running through a mental checklist: shoulders back, swing those hips, take small steps, and don't make eye contact, for goodness sake. Both of them are looking you over (with x-ray vision, of course) and you smile just a tiny bit. As they pass by, you stop holding your breath so you don't pass out. Now you can overhear them talking behind you. " No it isn't. " " Yes it is. " " No it isn't. " " C'mon, you're crazy!"

Gary, the guy who works with you - you whisper several times to yourself: " Don't look, don't look! " Instead, you look for the nearest garbage can to jump into, but it isn't pick-up day in the neighborhood. Now you're resisting the urge to walk backwards as Gary walks closer. Oh no, here he comes. There he goes. Nothing. It's over. On Monday morning, Gary tells you he's in love with this gorgeous woman (in your dress) he passed on the sidewalk the other day and wants you to help him find her.

I intentionally left out your mother, the boss, and your bowling buddy. I guess I didn't want to spoil all your fun. Next time WE pass each other on the sidewalk, why not keep it simple by exchanging earrings and wish each

other well. P.S.: But, if you meet the others, at least now you're prepared.

Glasses for Her

by
Lisa Evans IL-2701-W

So, after visiting every tall girl, catalog outlet, or designer boutique in Chicago, Milwaukee, Indianapolis, Grand Rapids, etc., you FINALLY found the perfect outfit to wear to the next Tri-Ess party! You found the perfect shoes, purse, and jewelery, but when you try everything on, something is still missing! Your Glasses!

When you look in the mirror, those brown or black or wire-rimmed glasses just don't add anything! You could try contact lenses, or just go to your friendly optometrist and say " Show me something in a Diane von Furstenburg!" But there is another alternative: Glasses by mail!

The company I have dealt with is called: Prism Optical, Inc of North Miami, Florida. Their catalog states "prescription eyeglasses by mail since 1959." When you receive the catalog, you will find sections for both men and women's glasses. The women's section consists of four and a half pages of eyeglass frames in many feminine styles. The price range is quite wide, with frames selling from \$18 to over \$100. Descriptions are complete, listing frame color, and size of applicable lenses.

In the back of the catalog, you will find complete information on how to order your lenses and correct frame size. The frame guide is easy to use, and lets you measure your temple and bridge size right off your current glasses. There are many lens options listed, including tinting, coatings, etc. A small extra charge is made for heavy prescription or special grinding. When I added it all up, the total price of Lisa's glasses came to \$60, including a \$22



GLORIA'S GO-GUIDE

By Gloria Wright

Well, I've got good news and bad news this month. The good news is that our paraculture has matured greatly over the months that I've been writing this monthly column for the two Chicago newsletters. My goals in writing this column were two-fold. One was to let you all know places that accept us when we go out for a good time. The other was to be a vehicle for disseminating general information to both groups at the same time. Well, I've come to believe that this job is no longer so necessary. It's gotten to the point that people now tell me where to go (Especially one place where it's warm year round!). And the exchange of information between The Chicago Gender Society and Chi-Chapter Tri-Ess has never been greater. Therefore and consequently, this is my last "Go-Guide" column. It's simply outlived its usefulness. With the editor's consent, I still hope to write periodic articles that I think may be of value to you, but I now plan to move on to other projects. As for a summary of places in Chicago where we've come to frequent, there's:

1. Charlie's Angel's bar - Kind of our flagship, initially cultivated by your's truly by the way (Okay, with some assistance). It's at 8710 Golf Road, in Niles, just west of Golf Mill shopping center. Our very own Maria Inez is D.J. on Fridays and Saturdays.

2. Hunter's Bar - Near the Tri-Ess meeting place at 1932 W. Higgins Road, in Elk Grove. Large, loud, somewhat impersonal, but still fun.

3. Hideaway II - At 7301 W Roosevelt Road, in Forest Park.

4. Riversedge bar - At 3548 N. River Road, in Franklin Park. This is a "girl's bar", as in GG, and they are alternately nice and not so nice to us, in my opinion, but is still a fun place to go.

5. Cheeks - At 2730 N. Clark, in Chicago. Some "working girls" are known to frequent this place, but a lot of "us" like it too.

6. L.A. Connection - At 3700 N. Halsted. Marsha Michaels (Miss OGS 1989, by the way) "drags" a bunch of us there after OGS meetings.

7. La Cage - In Milwaukee. In my old age I've forgotten the address, but Jenni Venus from Tri-Ess will be more than happy to direct you there.

8. Two Doors South restaurant - Quaint, nice little restaurant that knows how to treat us like ladies. It's at 3220 N. Clark, in Chicago.

I'm sure there are many, many other places. If you need to know more, just ask around. We're a lot more mobile than we used to be. Thanks for listening over these months. Take care!

Glasses for Her

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frame, special grinding in one lens, and shipping.

For regular prescriptions, they promise shipping in four working days from receipt of your order, however, I found this to be a tad optimistic, as it was about twelve days until I received my order. (This is still fast!) My glasses fit perfectly! Size and style were exactly what I wanted!

Special services you might be interested in: You may order a pair of frames sans lenses, just to see how they look on you. If you don't like them, they will refund your money. An express shipping option is available for an extra \$25, which gets your glasses made and shipped to you in one day.

For more information, you can contact Prism Optical at:

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