

THE CHICAGO GENDER SOCIETY

proudly presents

A FASHION STATEMENT

the first annual

SPRING & SUMMER FASHION SHOW

A night of fashion, food, and fun! Saturday night April 22nd, at Ann Sathers restaurant and banquet hall. Enjoy cocktails with your friends before sitting down to one of Ann Sathers' famous dinners. The menu, a hearty beef stroganoff fit for the czar, or if you prefer Ann's perfectly broiled ocean fresh white fish. And that's only the beginning.

The main event of the evening will be a feast for your eyes. You will view one of a kind, original designs, made for this show with your special needs in mind. Spring and Summer fashions for days, nights on the town and those special evenings. Models from size ten to twenty will show you how beautiful custom made clothes can look on you. Fun, and informative. You've never seen a show like this one.

And if that weren't enough there will be special entertainment, and dancing till midnight. So come early to enjoy the wonderful Ann Sathers cuisine or just for the fun, the fashion and the dancing. A splendid time will be had by all.

Complete this form and mail in the accompanying envelope.

CGS-FASHION SHOW
PO BOX 578005
CHICAGO IL 60657

Name _____

please send _____ dinner tickets @ \$25.00 each total \$_____.00

please send _____ show only tickets @ \$10.00 each total \$_____.00

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Please indicate entree choice.

Ann's Famous Beef Stroganoff _____

Ocean Fresh broiled whitefish _____

Cocktails (cash bar) 6:30

Dinner 7:30

Showtime 9:00

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March Meeting....

Sure 'n Bagoran! What a St. Patty's Day it was. Wearin' of the Green, election night, and an evening with our Tri-Ess, Chi Chapter sisters!

Those that were able to make the meeting were: Deanna, Naomi & Rachel, Barbara, Marilee, Eve & Carole, Laura, Leslie, Gloria, Carole, Valerie, Harriet, Rita, Ruby & Ann, Bobbi Kay, Sheila, Amanda, April & Lydia, Anna, Barbara Lee, Barbara D, Darlene, Mary Ann, Lenore, Roberta & Donna, Maria, Joanie, Lisa, Kayla, Emily, Lois, Laurette, Jenny, Pat, Kathy, Christine & Valerie, Jennifer, Jackie & Yvonne, Esther, Bobbi, Kathy, Grace & Mary, Tina, Kathy & Kathy, Sandy and Joanie. Julie from Puerto Rico and Wendy Parker from California were special guests. Yvonne Cook, now working on the I.F.G.E. staff, with Dan Riley, were also in attendance. David, Karen, and Lynne from CGS were guests, along with Laura and Diane, who entertained us with a fashion show. Laura and Diane are dressmakers and they put on a show of some of their fashions; Karen assisted them by helping with the modeling while Gloria graciously MC'd the affair.

Naomi began the meeting by having everybody introduce themselves and telling what some of their hobbies/interests were. Next, Naomi spoke of the upcoming **Be All You Want To Be Weekend** next June 7th thru 11th. She explained why there was a last minute change in hotel locations. Briefly, there were several little things that were just not right with the Sheraton, and

when they sent the contract to Naomi, they included a clause giving them the right to re-assign our rooms and re-locate us to another part of the hotel. When Naomi contacted the **O'Hare Plaza Hotel** and discovered that their rooms were available for those days, she quickly changed locations and signed contracts with the Plaza.

A reminder was made of the International Foundation for Gender Education's Third Annual **"Coming Together Convention"** in San Francisco April 4th thru 9th. Yvonne presented a brief report of the progress that the I.F.G.E. has made since its inception just three years ago. She also advised our members that if they can make it to San Francisco next month, not to worry if they do not have reservations, I.F.G.E. will fit them in somewhere. Yvonne was also selling the latest issue of the **Tapestry** magazine, issue #53, which features our own Eve as the Cover Girl, and articles from Naomi and Gloria, and Karen Baumgardner from CGS. At \$10.00, this magazine is a great buy for any crossdresser.

In the area of Outreach, our semi-annual visit to Dr Alan Lanning's class was, again, a huge success. Chi Chapter visits the College of DuPage each Fall and Spring to talk to the students of Dr Lanning's class. Eve made a presentation at the University of Wisconsin, Green Bay; later this month, Chi Chapter will be talking at Manchester College in North Manchester, Indiana, and in April, at a Law Enforcement Training Seminar sponsored by the FBI.

With the conclusion of announcements, final nominations for officers was begun. Gloria then asked that, in an effort for prospective nominees to better understand the officers positions, the duties of the Vice-Presidents be more specifically explained. Gloria stated that if a particular job was described than someone would be more apt to run for that position if they possessed the qualifications. However, no decision was rendered at this time. With that, nominations were accepted.

Naomi was the only person nominated for President, therefore, she was elected by acclamation; Gloria, Eve, and Carole were nominated for the three Vice-Presidents, and, they also, were elected by acclamation. Deanna, too, was the only one nominated for the new position of Corresponding Secretary/Treasurer, and Gloria was the only person accepting nomination for the new position of Recording Secretary; they were elected, too, by acclamation.

Two brief final announcements were made; The Sixth Annual Family Picnic will be held on Sunday, August 20th, in Busse Woods in Elk Grove Village. Our picnic permit was returned and we will be in **sheltered area #11**; Naomi was then looking for a chairperson for the picnic committee. If you are interested, please contact one of the officers. David Maxwell from CGS announced that the **Chicago Gender Society** will be presenting **A FASHION STATEMENT**, the first annual **SPRING AND SUMMER FASHION SHOW** at **Ann Bathers** on April 22nd, featuring more of the designs of Laura and Diane, and that all Chi Chapter members are invited to attend. (See enclosed flyer.)

April Meeting...

The next meeting of Chi Chapter will be held on the third Saturday of April, the 15th, at the Midway Motor Lodge in Elk Grove Village. Meeting rooms will again be open at 5:00 PM. to allow those in need a place to change. Please come early if you intend to use the changing facilities; remember to bring a towel and wash cloth for your personal use as the motel provides only the minimum in linen.

Enclosed with this month's newsletter, as usual, is a return post card; please return it to Naomi as soon as you know what your plans for this evening will be. The post card helps your officers in planning the evening's refreshment needs and room accommodations. You need only circle the appropriate statement that pertains to you. If you will be bringing a guest (wife, girlfriend, family member) please indicate that with the word - GUEST.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS.....

Apr 4th - 9th
3rd Annual I.F.G.E. Convention
San Francisco, Ca

Apr 15th
Chi Chapter Meeting

Apr 22ND
CGS Spring Fashion Show
- Ann Sathers

Apr 25th
CGS Social

May 20th
Chi Chapter Meeting

June 7th - 11th
Be All You Want To Be Weekend

....Karen Baumgardner from CGS has informed me that a new support organization for the crossdresser has been established in the Springfield, Illinois, area. This organization is called the Chameleon Club. Their first meeting was to occur sometime in March. Crossdressers, their family members, friends, spouses and significant others are all welcomed to attend. For more information, write to: G. [REDACTED], [REDACTED], Springfield, IL 62704.

ELECTION RESULTS

Elections of Officers for Chi Chapter for Fiscal Year 1989-90 were conducted at the March Meeting. Although not as exciting as the Chicago Mayoral race, and much more ethically conducted, the results are extremely exciting!

All five Officers from last year were re-nominated and re-elected to their office, with Gloria being nominated and elected to the new position of Recording Secretary as well as Vice-President.

Naomi was re-elected to her fifth term as President, surpassing Deanna as the only five term President! Deanna was elected as Corresponding Secretary/Treasurer for her sixth consecutive term. This is the eleventh time in the past twelve years that Deanna has been elected to an officer's position. (In 1982 Deanna stepped down from President of the Chapter for personal reasons.)

Gloria, Eve, and Carole were re-elected as Vice-Presidents for their second terms. It is assumed that this vote by acclamation is a vote of confidence from the membership in the strong leadership that has been demonstrated by your officers over the past years.

As Secretary/Treasurer, I would like to express my gratitude to you for your confidence in my abilities to serve you, and this vote of trust from you in me to act as Treasurer for another year. In May, 1975, Chi Chapter and Tri-Ess was there for me when I needed support and friendship; for this reason, I am still here for those of you in search for this same support and friendship. I will continue to help you as long as you continue to help me.

BE ALL YOU WANT TO BE WEEKEND...

Announcing, the coming of the Seventh Annual "Be All You Want To Be" weekend to be held in Chicago, Illinois, at the O'Hare Plaza Hotel, just outside of O'Hare Airport, the weekend of June 7th thru 11th. In just seven years, **BE All...** has become the biggest and best event of its kind in the World. At this gathering you will have an opportunity to personally speak with the major personalities in our para-culture, some of whom have opened the doors to the freedoms that we have today.

Enjoy the excitement of the Chicago City Highlights Tour; a Broadway Musical at the Candlelight Dinner Playhouse; a Square Dance and Bar-B-Que Chuck Wagon Dinner; and laugh at the antics of our sisters as they entertain us at the "Strut Your Stuff" talent show.

This, plus seminars on personal improvement and developing better feminine mannerisms, to rap sessions with professionals, such as, Dr. Richard Docter, Sandra Cole, and Barbara McCoy, to sessions with your spouse/partner on communications. Special networking sessions among the wives and informal get-togethers will also be featured.

Registration fees will include all lunches and dinners/banquets (except for drinks) and entrance to all seminars - **no hidden costs.** Plan on being there.

Happy Anniversary, Chi Sisters!

IL-1150-A	Betty Ann	Apr 74
IL-1155-B	Deanna	Apr 75
IL-1164-O	Naomi	Apr 80
IL-1585-H	Kathleen	Apr 84
IL-1737-H	Cheri	Apr 84
IL-2121-P	Anna	Apr 88
IL-2454-O	Lenore	Apr 87
IL-2486-B	Helen	Apr 87
IL-2553-Z	Roberta	Apr 88
IL-2662-M	Susan	Apr 88
IA-1615-B	Beverly	Apr 85

NAOMI'S NOTES:

My congratulations to the newly re-elected officers: Eve, Gloria, Carole, and Deanna. Each one has special abilities and talents which can greatly help the Chapter. We are fortunate to have such competent and capable leaders.

And, my thanks to Chi Chapter for re-electing me to another term as your President. I appreciate your support and confidence by honoring me with a fifth year in office.

Chi Chapter has experienced unprecedented growth over the past four years. Our average meeting attendance is three or four times larger than it was in 1983 or 1984 and we now offer programming every month.

Our Outreach program has expanded to the point that it is difficult to fulfill all speaking requests - Eve and I average 25 to 30 appearances per year.

Over the past several years Chi Chapter has received several thousand requests for information which have been answered by Deanna. This chapter is directly responsible for adding 300-400 new members to TRI-ESS.

We have initiated new activities such as the annual awards banquet, and group trips to the Baton and the Candlelight Dinner Playhouse.

We published an excellent Chi Chapter Membership Directory.

In 1986 we organized and ran the BE ALL Weekend which was the largest gathering of its type, anywhere. And, in 1988 we ran the HOLIDAY EN FEMME Weekend which was the largest TRI-ESS meeting ever.

These accomplishments could only happen with the leadership, support, and participation of the officers and members of the Chapter. For this I am grateful.

However, there is much to be done; old projects to be completed, new projects to be initiated, and needs to be met. For example:

We need to find a meeting place that will provide us with the same convenience, comfort, privacy, and security that we presently enjoy but with more room and better ventilation for the 70, 80, or 90 people who regularly attend our meetings. And, we need to develop some new ideas for programming at the meetings.

We need a volunteer to coordinate the annual family picnic in August and another one to plan the 1989 awards banquet.

We need to improve the quality of our publications and renew our efforts to publish a flyer focusing primarily on Chi Chapter. Perhaps we ought to update and revise the Chi Chapter Membership Directory which was so well received just two years ago.

We need volunteers to help "man" our telephone hotline which has been a valuable service to the crossdressing

community and a source for recruiting new members.

We need to provide an opportunity for new members, and for wives and partners to become more involved, if they wish.

We need to make sure that our library continues to function and that the chapter is aware of its existence and utilizes its resources.

In short, just like any organization, we need creative thinkers and doers.

At the last meeting Gloria addressed some of these issues indirectly, and in her own unique style, when she asked for more definition of the duties and responsibilities of our three vice-presidents. Gloria has been around long enough to recognize our needs and thus I appreciate her willingness to be elected Recording Secretary. In this new position she can demonstrate her excellent creative abilities and utilize her impressive talents as a writer for our newsletter. Thank you, Gloria!

I am or have been an officer and director of many other organizations that have from two to five vice-presidents each. In each case the chief executive of the organization, including myself, have been able to obtain better results by delegating duties to the vice-presidents based on each vice-president's wishes, talents and ability.

It is human nature for people to do what they want to do and no more. We have

experienced that in Chi Chapter. Job descriptions tend to be too rigid and inflexible often resulting in a situation whereby people respond with: "That's not my job!", when asked to take responsibility for a non-listed or unfulfilled task. I want to avoid that kind of response. Volunteers tend to be happier, and avoid burn-out, when they do what they enjoy doing rather than what they are forced to do.

Thus, my style of leadership is to look for volunteers and to gently lead officers and members into finding their own niche.

Now, I ask you to go back and re-read my "wish list" of needs. Perhaps you will identify additional needs. Perhaps you have a suggestion or solution that will enable the chapter to satisfy these needs. If so, I ask you to bring your thoughts and ideas to me or to an officer. Better yet, do as Gloria did, and volunteer to be a part of the solution. You will find it personally rewarding and your participation and assistance will be greatly appreciated by myself and by the chapter.

Naomi

HAPPY BIRTHDAY, CHI SISTERS !

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