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SPECIAL GUEST AT CHI'S SEPTEMBER MEETING

For our meeting last month we had a special guest, Ms. Ralla Klepak, who is a practicing attorney in the City of Chicago. Ralla is a friend of Sharon H., who arranged for the visit, and we only regret that we did not have enough notice of her being with us to give advance publicity for her visit in our newsletter last month. Ralla spoke to us on our most pressing concern: "What are the Laws in the City of Chicago regarding Cross-dressing?" The simple answer she gave was, "None!" She went on to explain, however, that although there are no longer any valid laws on that subject on the books, any thick-headed/insensitive Policeman can make life miserable for us if he chooses by citing the catch-all law of "Disorderly Conduct." The bottom line still is, "They can't legally stop you from cross-dressing, but they can darn sure make you wish you hadn't!" Ralla has handled a number of cases concerning "our" type of people, and gave us several first-hand examples of both good and bad Police Officers from her personal experiences. We were very glad to have Ralla with us, and hope that she will visit us again when we can give adequate advance publicity, and have even more people present to hear her.

After Ralla's talk, and the following general discussion, we proceeded into our regular Chapter meeting. Since there was no publicity given to our special guest, we have to assume that it was the end of summer and the start of another Chapter year that provided our very large attendance: Karen IL-3-M, Joan IL-6-C, Mitzi IL-8-C, Donna IL-11-S, Rachel IL-14-B, Linda IL-16-S and Gerry, Betty Ann IL-17-A, Elaine IL-22-A and Jeanne, Sharon IL-23-Y, Lillian IL-24-C, Sharon IL-25-H, Janna IL-28-P, Deanna IL-25-G, Kay IL-44-N, Maryann IL-203-B and Kathy, Mickey IL-204-S and Sandy, Patti IL-205-M, Kiki IL-207-L, Helen IL-209-R, Naomi IL-212-O and Carol, and Cheryl IL-213-M; Prospective members Evone IL-210-P and Shirlee, Karen, and Lynn. Deanna, our President, had a special word of welcome for our many new members, and by way of introduction had everyone stand one-by-one so both old and new members would be sure who each person was. We appreciate very much Linda and Gerry opening their home to us, and for their very kind donation of all of the refreshments except for the soft drinks.

Deanna re-capped our summer activities: In June, we had our regular meeting in our "old stand-by" motel; In July, we had a special outing at the Lite Factory Disco Lounge in Chicago, which was certainly different from our customary monthly meetings; In August, there was no formal meeting, but there was a small dinner-theater party for couples only, as well as a weekend outing sponsored by Outreach; and then September, with our monthly meeting in Linda and Gerry's home, with a very large attendance.

Deanna then brought up the subject of future visits to the Lite Factory Disco Lounge, since a number of members had questions and concerns about returning there. After a thorough discussion, the Chapter decided that we would not go back to the Lite Factory on a group basis, since it does not cater to "our" type of people exclusively and causes some of our members to feel uncomfortable. The consensus was that the Lite Factory is not a "bad" place, but that any visits by our members should be on a strictly individual basis.

A question was raised about the purpose and use of our Chapter Reserve Fund. Deanna, and others, explained that this fund was established in the spring of 1976 primarily as a cushion against the time the Chapter was short of cash for motel rental, refreshments, etc. It was also intended that this fund could serve as assistance for any member who had a legal problem concerning cross-dressing, and was willing to pursue it in the Courts. A suggestion was made that the use of this fund be expanded into other areas. After a discussion of the pros and cons of this suggestion, it was decided to table the matter until our October meeting when it would be brought up again.

FANTASIA FAIR IN PRINT

The November issue of Playboy magazine is expected to contain the long-awaited article on Fantasia Fair. This article was written following last fall's get-together, but has been delayed a number of times awaiting space availability in the magazine. This is expected to be an interesting and factual article, so watch for it!

CHI TREASURER'S REPORT

Balance on hand, August 31st:	\$ 68.81
Meeting Fees:	+110.00
Regular Member Dues ($\frac{1}{2}$ Year):	+ 27.00
Associate Member Dues ($\frac{1}{2}$ Year):	+ 2.00
Donations:	+ 40.00
Meeting Room (Refund Fee):	- 5.00
Refreshments:	- 19.00
Postage:	- 25.67
Supplies (Envelopes & Misc.):	- 4.06
Home-Hostess Gift:	- 15.00
Chapter Reserve Fund:	- <u>50.00</u>

Balance on hand, September 30th: \$129.08

PROSPECTIVE NEW YORK CHAPTER

"As a result of the item in the last newsletter, I've made contact with some old members, new members, and potential members. The members include Carole NY-207-S, Patricia CT-8-G, Mary Jane NY-206-M, Jeannine NY-204-B, Dee Dee CT-7-W, Rita NY-1-M, Eileen NY-11-J, and Felicity NY-16-M. My wife Nancy and I have written to everyone asking that they attend a meeting at our new home on September 17th. Please keep your fingers crossed that we get a good turnout, and everything goes well. I'll write again right after the meeting." /s/ Diane NY-203-W

HALLOWEEN ACTIVITIES IN THE CHICAGO AREA

There are a number of places to go during the Halloween period, and it's certainly a good time to go out "dressed" without having any problems. How about one of the following for a night out on the town?

- 10-29: Felicia's annual Ball, at the Bismarck Hotel in the Loop. Deanna and Sharon H. have reserved an entire table for the evening. Contact either of them for details.
- 10-31: Party at the Lite Factory Disco Lounge, sponsored by the owners, Jack and Gayle.
- 11- 1: Party at the Lite Factory Disco Lounge, sponsored by Outreach.
(No reservations required for either night at the Lite Factory, but admission charged at the door).

PROSPECTIVE "TRI-STATE CHAPTER

"During the past six months, I conducted a survey to determine interest in a local Chapter. Chicago was just too far for a meeting, and I knew that there had to be other Tri-Sigma members who were just as eager to socialize as I was. My survey proved me correct. I found about 12 members from the metro areas of Indianapolis, Evansville, Louisville, Cincinnati, Dayton, and Columbus. All that was needed was a meeting place, and Heather Anne KY-2-H volunteered her home. Since Heather Anne's wife is also an Avon representative, we were provided with both a meeting place and a program. Our first meeting was arranged on very short notice, and only Chris IN-6-M, Laura IN-8-W, Heather Anne KY-2-H, and myself were able to get together. Chris and Laura will locate a meeting place in Indianapolis, and our next meeting will tentatively be held on October 18th. Advance notice will be sent to everyone who expressed an interest in a Chapter, and we hope that many will be able to attend our second meeting. If there were any doubts in my mind about a new Chapter, the first meeting erased them. I enjoyed myself so much that I am more determined than ever to see that our other members have the same opportunity in October. I cannot remember the last time that I felt so at peace with the world."

/s/ Alice KY-5-D

ADVANCE NOTICE

Another joint meeting of CHI and Delta Chapters is tentatively scheduled for the Holland, Michigan area next spring. Neither the date or the place is firm, but the information will be published in this newsletter as soon as it is available. The weekend activities will be open to all Tri-Sigma members in the Great Lakes Area (you need not belong to either CHI or Delta Chapters to attend), as well as prospective members of the Sorority.

CHI'S OCTOBER MEETING

The next meeting of CHI Chapter will be held on the third Saturday of the month, October 18th, in a new location. Details of the meeting place and time will be found on a separate sheet (Chapter and Associate members only). Regular members please promptly return the post card enclosed with this newsletter; Associate members who plan to attend the next meeting please drop a note to your Hostess, so we will know to expect you.

Donna



"You're lucky you've got me, Dad. Lots of kids wouldn't eat this stuff you cook."



"But Mom, I did everything you asked: Got rid of my hippie beard, bought an entire new wardrobe of nice clothes, and completely changed my personality. So, now what's troubling you?"



Meeting the new dress code?

Double standard?

CHICAGO—Now that the government has ordered most public buildings to raise their thermostats above the human comfort zone, I think it's time that all employers abolish the male dress code requirement of a coat and tie in hot weather.

Not only is it a hot nuisance, but it also constitutes discrimination, since the female employees are allowed to show up for work in nice cool outfits.

Lawrence Nudelman

Our October 18th meeting is scheduled for the chalet Hyatt Motel, 1920 E. Higgins Road, Elk Grove Village. The motel is located just southeast of the intersection of Route 83 (Oakton) and Route 72 (Higgins Road), just a few miles northwest of O'Hare Airport. We have reserved a two room suite (Rooms 126/127), which is located on the first floor of the inner court on the southwestern leg of the Motel "U." The rooms will be open after 6:00 P.M., with the usual sign on the door for identification. If any members who are traveling long distances would like the room opened earlier for their convenience, telephone Maryann (Paul) or wife Kathy at (312) [REDACTED] to make arrangements. If you can't locate the Motel or our rooms, or have a last minute problem or change of plans, contact the Motel office and ask for the room of Paul [REDACTED].

DROP A NOTE TO
YOUR HOSTESS
IF YOU PLAN TO
ATTEND

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