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BETTY ANN'S NOTES by Betty Ann Lind

Dearest Sisters & Friends,

SEASON'S GREETINGS AND BEST WISHES FOR THE NEW YEAR from the staff of OUR SORORITY and the various group leaders affiliated directly and indirectly with our little news letter. This is our little card of holiday tidings for you and your's.

Eileen Malley, President of the Northern New Jersey Chapter of GGA, has been forced to temporarily suspend meetings due to a need for a new meeting place. If one of our readers in the 07 ZIP Area would be willing to share an apartment or home (office/store) on the first Saturday of each month; <u>please</u>, contact Eileen Malley, POB 9034, Morristown, N.J., 07960. Other ideal places might be a Unitarian Church (which our Maryland group uses), an MCC Church (a western group highly recommends the MCC as a warm and friendly community), a beauty salon (Michelle's group has done this with great success), or a Female Impersonator Club (our Windy City Club meets regularly in such a club which even provides them with a free office and dressing area for transient dressing). If you can help you may contact me at 703-751-6271, and I can help answer any questions you have directly (Call in evening, if answering machine responds in woman's voice and says we are out of office, <u>leave a message</u>.)

Kathy Hivish, President of the Northeastern Pennsylvania Chapter of GGA, is delighted to announce that she is ready to resume her regular meetings for the Dallas, PA group. (See Calendar of Events.)

Linda Walker, Editor of the PHI JOURNAL of the Philadelphia Chapter of the GGA and I had a brief chance to get together before their Wives, Friends & Lovers Party and we thought that it would be nice to stick a copy of the PHI JOURNAL in with OUR SORORITY, so with Michelle William's help it is enclosed with love. By the way, the party was absolutely wonderful with dinner and dancing for seven couples.

Blossom Paster is enjoying the holidays in Florida and will be back in Philadelphia by the time this news letter reaches you. This beautiful person has served our sorority for over ten years through her parties and beauty services. Love.

Speaking of beautiful people, Muriel Olive, President of the New York City Chapter of the GGA, has developed a delightful catalogue for her Fem Fashions (\$5), with TV/TS models (including Dustin Hoffman's Dorothy Michaels which Muriel helped to create for <u>Tootsie</u>). So for expert help in <u>getting your act together</u>, write to Fem-Fashions, Suite 603, 157 W. 57th Street, New York, N.Y. 10019; or, call (212) 582-6823. For your first experience and meeting with a group Muriel's would be a nice place to go.

BETTY ANN'S NOTES CONTINUED

Speaking about getting your act together, Sandy Machin, President of the Delta Chi (Northern Virginia) Chapter of GGA, and the members of her chapter are running classes on self-improvement. The December session was ran by Liza Beal on a Color Me Beautiful theme. It was lotsa fun.

A call to Nancy Cooper, President of the Hampton Roads (South-Eastern Virginia) Chapter of GGA brought a glowing report on the growth of the chapter to ten regulars. In addition to her group there is a 'couples' version of TRI-ESS which helps to broaden the social season. Speaking of TRI-ESS, the good news is that the sorority's group and membership administration is moving to Chicago. I thought that Mary Ann and company of the Chi Chapter (Tri-Ess) did a fine job on the Donohue Show.

Liza Rouse, the President of the Baltimore-Washington Chapter of GGA, wants everyone to know that the group is continuing to meet on the third Saturday of each month with the exception being the April meeting which will be on Sunday. April 15th.

A letter to Ann Landers led to her endorsement of Parents & Friends of Gays and Gene Baker, Advisor & 'hostess' to the Janus/DC transexual group, (our Colonel Sanders look-a-like) found himself buried under mail for that selfhelp group as its letter answerer. So if your letter hasn't been answered by Gene please wait, it will be worth it.

SPRING MAJOR EVENTS

FEBRILARY.

• SAINT VALENTINE'S PARTY (So. N.J.) FEB. 11th Selma Blaker's House Party Sponsored for the Phi Chapter & All Interested. Doors open 7 P.M. for pre-dress-up. Party at 8:30. \$10. Call Selma between 11 AM to 4 PM (609) 428-8448

• ACADEMY AWARDS MS UNIVERSE BALL (DC) FEB. 10-11th Annual Academy Awards (Drag) Event. Open to Public. 7 PM Friday for Dinner and 8 PM Saturday. \$20 fee includes Friday Dinner. Capital Hill Quality Inn. Tickets: Contact Betty Ann Lind by mail with check or money order to ACADEMY AWARDS CLUB by Jan. 21st.

MARCH:
HASTY PUDDING SHOW (Boston) Mar. 10th The Outreach Institute & Tiffany Club are sponsoring an "En Femme" outing to attend Harvard University's world famous 'drag' musical production with live all male cast (some of the nation's presidents have been in past shows). \$60 fee includes ticket for show & Tiffany House Party. For tickets call Ari (617) 277 3454. For housing (not in \$60) call Merissa (617) 358-5575. Contact before January 20th.

MARCH: (Continued)

APRIL:

MAY:

JUNE:

• SAINT PATTY'S DAY PARTY (So. N.J.) MAR. 17th Selma Blaker's House Party Sponsored for the Phi Chapter & All Interested. Doors open 7 P.M. for pre-dress-up. Party at 8:30. \$10. Call Selma between 11 AM & 4 PM (609) 428-8448.

• SHANGRI-LA EAST (Biloxi, Miss.) APR. 25-29th. This Spring Fair is held 85 miles from New Orleans. As the 10th year for this major regional event it represents a fun en femme activity. For info contact: Nancy Watson, POB 18202, Irvine, CA 92713.

- ACADEMY AWARDS BANQUET (DC) APR. 27-28th Major Academy Awards (Drag) Event. Open to Public. 7 PM Friday for Dinner and 8 PM Saturday. \$20 fee includes Friday Dinner. Capital Hill Quality Inn. Tickets: Contact Betty Ann Lind by mail with check or money order to ACADEMY AWARDS CLUB by Mar. 15th.
- RITES OF SPRING (So. N.J.) MAY 12th Selma Blacker's House Party Sponsored for the Phi Chapter & All Parties Interested. Doors open 7 PM for pre-dress-up. Party 8:30. \$10. Call Selma between 11 AM & 4 PM (609) 428-8448.
- JOYCE DEWHURST POCONO WEEKEND (PA.) MAY 18-20th. A delightful en femme weekend near Stroudsburg. PA. in a beautiful resort in about 2 hrs from NYC & Phila. at \$175 (\$325 M/F Couple) which includes housing Fri. to Sun., all meals, state tax & gratuites. Contact Joyce (212) 335-3048. \$25 Deposit required to make reservation, if made prior to Jan 31 will count as a \$40 Deposit. Balance by April 16th. J. Dewhurst. 37-50 76th Street, Jackson Heights, NY 11372.
- TIFFANY SPRING FAIR (P-Town, Ma) This early June weekend in Provincetown, Mass. is a wonderful Spring vacation en femme. Wednesday & Thursday prior to the Spring Fair will be a leader's retreat for anyone wanting to help their sisters; Friday to Monday will be party time. Contact Merissa (617) 358-5575 for full details.
- (CA.) • SHANGRI-LA WEST JUN. 21-24 This is the 6th year for this western mountain resort fair weekend held in Stallion Springs, CA., which is about 118 miles north of Los Angeles. For info contact: Nancy Watson, POB 18202, Irvine, CA, 92713.

FALL '84 THREE GREAT WEEKS: *SUCCESS* *DREAM*

FANTASIA FAIR

TO FACILITATE COMMUNICATIONS MAKE ALL MAIL TO OUR SORORITY TO: BETTY ANN LIND, POB 11254, LINCOLNIA STATION, ALEXANDRIA, VA. 22312.

Season's Greetings and Best Wishes for the New Year

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

NOTICE: These Chapter Meeting Dates are your OFFICIAL NOTIFICATION of such meetings and individual notifications will NOT be sent. If you wish to contact a particular chapter please write to contacts cited below. All chapters pre-screen, are open to TV/TS's on an en femme dressed basis with dressing facilities on site, charge individual dues, are non-sexual in orientation. GGA is a national TV/TS organization which publishes a monthly newsletter PHOENIX. Contact: Gateway Gender Alliance, POB 62283, Sunnyvale, CA 94088, or call after 6 PM (PST) (408) 734-3773.

(GGA) BALTI-WASH ALLIANCE

Liza Rouse, President WRITE TO: Pam Haynes, Rt.#1 Box 651, Marshall, Va. 22115. Group meets in MARYLAND on Third Saturday of each Month, Except for meeting APR 15th.

JANUS/DC (TS ONLY)

Gene Baker, Advisor 5715 16th Street, NW Washington, DC 20011 Group meets in DC on Fourth Thursday each Month.

(GGA) DELTA CHI

Sandy Machin, President POB 11254, Lincolnia Station Alexandria, Va. 22312. VIRGINIA-DC Group meets 1st Saturday of each Month

(GGA) HAMPTON ROADS Nancy Cooper, President S-180 POB 2400 Virginia Beach, Va. 23452 Group Meets: Jan. 14th, Mar. 3rd, & May 14th.

(GGA) NORTH EAST PA (Scranton/Wilkes Barre Area) Kathy Hivish, President POB 268, Dallas, PA 18612 Meets the First Saturday of each Month.

(GGA) PHI

Linda Walker, Coordinator POB 7330, Newark, De. 19714-7330 Group meets in Collingswood, NJ (Just across Ben Franklin Bridge.) on the Fourth Saturday of each Month.

(GGA) NORTHERN N.J.

Eileen Malley, President POB 9034, Morristown, NJ 07960. Group usually meets 1st Saturday of each Month, but meetings are suspended until new site found.

(GGA) NEW YORK CITY

Muriel Olive, Advisor Penthouse, 157 W. 57th Street New York, NY. 10019. Group meets Second Saturday of each Month.

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