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The next meeting is January 18, 8:00 PM at Holiday Inn, I-275 & U.S. 42

Holiday Inn Lives Up to Name !

Potpourri



Bobbi [redacted]

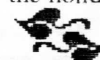
Party! Party!

The *CrossPort* Christmas party brought out the holiday in *Holiday Inn*. With about 50 guests attending, the party was a social success story. The hot buffet was delicious. The cool sounds from Sound Crest were perfect. The sophisticated guests were lovely (even the guys). Having the restaurant area all to ourselves, we danced and conversed the night away. Many new faces joined the regulars for a fantastic evening of femininity. Of course, **Paula Harmston** got many of those in attendance to stroll to the *Electric Slide*, while **Heather and Cindy** treated us to the strains of *Walkin' 'round in Women's Underwear!* It was a wonderful end to a wonderful year for *CrossPort*.

On Friday December 20, several *CrossPort* members attended a wonderful party thrown by the *Gay & Lesbian Community Center of Greater Cincinnati* (GLCCGC) in concert with *Stonewall Cincinnati* and our own organization. Beginning with a wine & cheese reception at the GLCCGC offices in Longworth Hall's Design Center, the **real** party blasted off downstairs at RJ's Restaurant. In spite of a late Fall thunderstorm threatening to ruin my suede sling-backs, I arrived to find **Linda Buten**, **Elaine B.**, **Ginger** [redacted] and her escort, **Scot**, looking beautiful and chatting with the other guests.

I had the very great pleasure of meeting Ms. **Jill Benevides** and **Cheryl Eagleson** of the GLCCGC. These adorable ladies seemed genuinely pleased to have *CrossPort*'s lovely representatives in attendance. Ms. Eagleson, also of *Aternating Currents* (WAIF radio) is anxious to have a *CrossPort* representative "do" an interview some-time soon.

Although she had to leave early, Ms. **Cindy Abel** (*Stonewall Cincinnati*) was present at the reception. All - in - all, the party was a wonderful evening of fun. By the time I left, **Diane Torrance**, **Jennifer Marquette**, **Melony** [redacted] **Gina Allen**, and an out-of townner, **Linda** (from Lafayette, IN) had all put in appearances. The donation of \$5.00 at the door was one of the better values of the holiday season.



Simplify! Simplify!

What with all of the other changes our organization has undergone in the past six months, Jennifer and I decided that one more really wouldn't be that hard to swallow (even though both of **us** have an aversion to "swallowing"). Thus, after 10 years of hyphenating (no, Linda that's **not** some sort of perverse sex act) our venerable name will no longer contain the hyphen. As Jenn pointed out, "Nobody spelled it correctly anyway!" So Girls, save the hyphen for yourselves and use it

when you find that mythological "Sugar Daddy" who wants to marry you and turn you into a "respectable" woman.



In the News...

"The January...issue of *Esquire* presents ...no fewer than five (Dubious Achievements) dealing with men wearing women's clothing."

Cincinnati Post, December 12, 1995:

"Postal clerk held after odd behavior"

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DENVER - A postal clerk, John Pitney, 50, is being held without bail after he reported for work...heavily armed and wearing a dress.

"When he reported for work he exhibited some bizarre behavior...besides wearing his (dress)," said John Freeman, inspector in charge. Postal authorities escorted him from the building and placed him on administrative leave.

Apparently angry over being ejected [from the facility], Pitney returned...twice, still wearing the dress but adding accessories including a gorilla mask and something described as a 'strap-on sexual device.'

That's when he was arrested.

Cincinnati Post, December 16, 1995:

"Male shoppers push up holiday lingerie sales"

By Mary Jo DiLonardo, Post staff reporter

According to Elizabeth Blake, district sales manager for *Victoria's Secret*, "Right now, about 60% of the store's purchases are made by men. As Christmas gets frighteningly closer, the stores will be packed with an almost exclusively male clientele.

Downtown in *Lazarus'* intimate apparel department, "We have a lot of men who come in and buy the *Wonderbra* for their wives," said sales clerk Chris Massa.

Of Dubious Distinction

The January, 1996 issue of *Esquire* magazine presents its annual "Dubious Achievements of 1995." There are no fewer than five dealing with men wearing women's clothing.

Howard's End?

And finally, I suppose I don't need to tell any of you about "shock jock" Howard Stern's newest book, *Miss America*. The cover features Howard in drag. And, he looks pretty good! (As do members of his staff who also bend their genders) Selling for about \$35.00 the book is available for free at your local public library branch. Look for it...but **not** for the articles.

So sue me if I'm wrong!

Stay Healthy. Stay Beautiful. Avoid Runners.



Jill's Ambrosia

by:
Jill Ambrose

Public Restrooms

As promised last issue, what follows are my thoughts on tending to one of life's most basic needs. Having only been out in public since the Be-All last May, I do not claim to be an expert, but I have observed the surroundings and have had the opportunity to use many women's restrooms since then.

In general, when you are going out, go to the potty before you leave home and limit your intake of fluids while out. Many fast food restaurants offer the opportunity to use their facilities, but look for those where the volume of traffic is light, and try to avoid those where large groups of children and teens congregate, such as *McDonald's*. Except at peak food serving times, you should be able to go at almost any fast food location without sharing the bathroom with someone else.

A few good places include *Hardee's*, *Gold Star Chili*, *Frisch's*, *KFC*, *Long John Silver*, *Burger King*, *Arby's*, *Captain D's*, *Taco Bell* and *White Castle*. I'm sure there are others, but my observations indicate that these places are usually safe and, except at very busy times, any of the above would be a good choice. Some, but not many, fast food establishments provide restrooms which can be locked. It would not hurt to scout out a few locations in areas where you normally eat and shop.

Shopping malls can present a problem, but usually one can sit in the food court near the restrooms and watch for a time when the facility is not being used. Many malls have multiple restrooms and at least one of them will be in a low usage area.

Most gasoline service stations have a single person facility which can be accessed quite easily, even though many require a key. Simply ask for the key and use whichever door the key fits.

Many businesses are going to a Unisex approach because of cost factors involved in providing separate facilities (which is good for all of us). Quite a few discount department stores, not situated in a mall, have restrooms which are open to the public and see minimal use.

Some places with high traffic volume, such as airports and bus stations, which at first glance one might tend to avoid, can be utilized, because most people there are in a hurry and are inclined to get in and out rather quickly. Another spot to consider would be any of the motel chains, which usually have public restrooms just off the lobby.

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Accessories:

"To err is human -
And feels divine."

♥XOX

MaeWest

Almost any restaurant with patron seating would be a good candidate for a relief stop, as would most public libraries. Many churches which are open during the day have public facilities.

On the road again!

Most of the above suggestions also apply while traveling. My gut feeling would be to avoid rest areas along the interstates, as well as truck stops. Some general advice. When the need arises to 'inspect the plumbing', it is generally best to head right for the restroom before making contact with anyone in the establishment, except in those cases where you need a key. The fewer people who have a chance to look you over, the better.

Act as if you belong there and walk right in without hesitation. If the restroom is crowded, you can always turn around and leave. If people come in while you are in a stall, simply wait until they leave. Sit down if possible, but always remember to lower the seat and **never** stand facing the toilet. Do not linger in the powder room.

If a situation arises where someone should challenge you, I would suggest an attitude of humility. Explain that you are only there to relieve yourself and hope that they will understand that it is more prudent to use the women's restroom dressed as you are. If they are still upset, apologize and leave quickly.

With experience in the real world, you will eventually acquire a knack of knowing where to go and which places to avoid. I hope that a few of my thoughts will be of assistance to you in the future.

Last, but not least, carry a portable potty in your car for those times when nothing else seems feasible.

Texas "T" Party

During the last weekend of February, I am planning on attending the *T Party* in Dallas. If you also are going and would like to share a room, please get in touch with me through *CrossPort* or at NKFN54F@Prodigy.com.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone the best of everything in the coming year.

Via con Dios!



The Other Woman

Sandra Cole, Ph.D.

reprinted from November, 1995

Contemporary Sexuality

AASECT newsletter

In treating couples that include a transgendered person, therapists often overlook the experience of the non-transgendered partner. In doing so, they miss 50 percent of the entire transgender experience, as well as a critical opportunity to help these couples move forward. How and at what point in the relationship a female partner learns of her

husband/boyfriend's transgender identity is critical. When the female partner learns of the transgender issues during courtship, the prospects for the development of a healthy long-term relationship increase because nothing is hidden.

"Often female partners may feel rushed to participate in the community before they are ready to do so."

However, finding out about transgender issues once the relationship has been established can be traumatic. For example, a transgendered man may be reluctant to reveal his identity because of fear that his partner, whom he loves, will leave him. But, like a person having an affair, he may leave clues around in hopes of being discovered.

Coming upon a bag of clothing tucked behind a drawer or a matchbook from a transgender bar can trigger feelings of cataclysmic anxiety in the female partner. Once the secret is revealed, she may be overcome with revulsion. Her partner's transgender identity seldom matches the image of a committed relationship that she learned growing up.

If the female partner comes from an abusive, alcoholic or otherwise dysfunctional family, finding out about transgender identity in this way can trigger familiar feelings of betrayal. Her trust in her partner may be shattered, and she's likely to ask: "What else don't I know?"

The female partner may feel: "I thought I knew you. I'm sharing my life with you. I'm having your children. And this is even worse than an affair, because I can't compete with this."

(Cole) has observed two basic trends in women who begin to integrate their partners' transgender identities. The first is to become "the best transgender partner ever." Once the shock of revelation is past, these women sign up. They attend meetings and assume leadership roles in the transgender community, help their partners choose clothing, and may join their partners in "dressing alike."

The other major trend is for the female partner to "neuter" herself. She may stop doing her own grooming and feel very threatened by her own femininity. When she comes upon this avalanche of discoveries reflecting that her husband has a very strong feminine side, she can feel confronted with her own fear that she is not feminine enough.

If she remains in the relationship - as most female partners do - she needs to be allowed to assimilate this knowledge at her own pace. Often female partners may feel rushed to participate in the community before they are ready to do so.

Once the woman accepts that transgender issues are in her life, she begins "the management syndrome." Because of female socialization, women tend to be the primary caretakers in families. They are often much more concerned than their partners are about the risks of discovery. A female partner typically takes charge of who is to know about the transgender identity, how they are to find out, and when. In conservative

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communities, female partners risk losing their entire support network if the secret gets out.

When surveyed about what it's like to be the wife or girlfriend of a cross-dresser, women answer to please. They give the best possible answer to every question, asserting that "Everything is just fine." But underneath that positive attitude lies a lot of turmoil, much of which comes from the burden of managing the secret.

The stress of managing the secret may cause women to lose track of their own struggles. Many couples collapse after years of functioning relatively harmoniously. Though no one has studied this trend, (Cole) hypothesizes that the woman's years of managing the secret may cause her to lose focus on her own feelings and needs. As she enters into the normal aging transitions of peri-menopause, suddenly she may become acutely aware that she needs some nurturing and attention herself. She may become impatient, blaming or negative as a result.

When such a couple comes in for treatment, the risk is that the therapist will focus on the transgenderism to the exclusion of the female's partner's issues. In fact, usually the partner has been dealing with transgender identity issues for most of his/her life. For the wife or girlfriend, on the other hand, this is a new experience and one that she has not been socialized to handle.

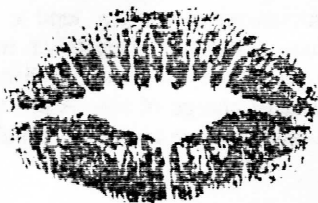
Unless we address her life experiences and expectations, we're never going to understand the impact that the revelation of transgenderism has on her. As therapists, we need to keep a healthy perspective and not make the transgender issue bigger than it needs to be, while dealing explicitly with how it affects the individuals involved.

A therapist should work to help the female partner get the mosaic of her expectations together so that the couple can go forward. When that occurs, the relationship can become extremely strong.

Some women find themselves not only surprised and anxious, but also intrigued by the feminine side of their partners. A woman may be surprised by the way that her partner is more communicative en femme.

The female partner may discover that the feminine side of her partner arouses some same-sex interest in herself. This doesn't mean that she's "bi-sexual" or a "lesbian" or any of the other labels that produce fear and anxiety. Instead it's an opportunity for her to start on her own gender journey.

When partners trigger the whole spectrum of gender in each other, they can explore that spectrum together in a non-shameful way. Her masculinity can arouse his femininity; his masculinity can arouse her femininity, and so on. Once there's nothing hidden, these couples can become amazingly strong. Each partner can be unconditionally respectful of the whole of each other. And as they explore the entire spectrum of their gender identities together, the resulting symbiosis is very erotic.



**Up
the
Street...
and
Around
the
Corner**



Heather

If you missed the CrossPort Christmas, shame on you, you missed an outstanding Christmas party. I have attended the last five and this certainly was the best. The food was great and the music was excellent. -- With *Sound Crest* as your DJ you can't go wrong. They're great!

On December 16th, I moved. Nikki and Marjorie, along with several friends from New Spirit MCC, helped me move. They did a great job. A million thanks! Now I need to unpack all those boxes. Ugh!

Without any fanfare I celebrated two very important anniversaries. In October 1994, I began full-time transition and November 21st marked the anniversary of Judge Stephen Powell legally changing my name to Heather Jean. It gave cause for me to look back. (This is a luxury I usually don't have the time to indulge.) What struck me was how much better my life is, and yet if I hadn't lived through some dark times, I wouldn't appreciate where I am now.

This time of year I believe it is natural to want to dwell on the past, even the media promotes it. The year is ending. If it was a good year we don't want to let go, but if it was not so good we can't wait for it to end. I believe that we need to reflect on where we have been and the kind of person we are.

1996 is fresh and waiting for us to accomplish our dreams. No matter what your dream is...it is in your power to bring it to reality. Napoleon Hill's philosophy that, if the mind can perceive it -- you can achieve it, is a very powerful tool. If you want something and are willing to work hard for it, you will get it.

You have worth. Trust in yourself, trust in God. You will make it; you will realize your dream. Find the opportunities in 1996.

The problem with some is that they forget to work for it. We can't expect to sit back and wait for God to hand it to us. I am reminded about the man who was caught in a flood, but he had faith in God's protection. As the waters rose he found himself out on the top of his roof. A man in a rowboat offered to remove him to safety, as did a man in a power boat and finally a helicopter offer him a way out. Each time he refused

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them stating his faith that God would save him. After he drown he stood before God and asked why with all his faith God didn't save him from drowning. God answered "I sent you a row boat, a power boat and a helicopter. God is sending us 1996, whether or not we recognize the opportunities are up to us.

I don't mean to sound like a preacher, but at times in my life I have been in the depths of despair. I lost sight of God in my life. If you are a TS and you may find yourself alone, maybe without a job. Or maybe you are a crossdresser and you told your family and they have rejected you. You feel all alone and the loneliness is unbearable.

You are **not** alone. God is with you. There **are** people out there who will accept you. Your life **will turn** around. There **is** a job for you. You **are** okay. You **are loved** by God. You are special.

You have worth. Trust in yourself, trust in God. You will make it; you will realize your dream. Find the opportunities in 1996.

On a personal note, tax time is upon us again, I start back to work at the IRS on January 8th (God and Newt willing). I will continue to work at the Fairfield Center on some weekends.

Going back to IRS means I will not be able to attend any meetings during the tax season. Oh well, I have to take the bitter with the sweet. I am looking forward to seeing my friends at IRS again.

Until next time, this is Heather, up the street and around the corner of Greater Cincinnati. May God bless and keep you in His love.



Accessories:

"If Michelangelo had been heterosexual the Sistine Chapel would have been painted basic white and with a paint roller."

♡XOX

Risa Mae Brown

The Perils of Paula: a continuing saga:

"Boxer Shorts
&
Other Brief
Topics"

by: Paula Harmston-Ison

There is another "Paula Harmston," a genetic girl from whom I took my femme name. She was a secretary in my office, but now resides in Florida. She is tall, slender, very attractive with hair falling below her shoulders. She was only twenty years old when I met her. When fantasizing about being a girl, I often thought to myself that I would like to look like her. When it came time to take a femme name I took hers.

Now that my femme personality has grown it's time for me to take a page out of Bobbi Robertson's playbook and change my name. Changing my first name is too impractical at this late date, but I can drop the last name and find one that's more appropriate. So, I've thought of the perfect last name, one of which I'm proud; it's my legal family surname, Ison (eye-sun). For this month's article I used "Harmston-Ison," but beginning next month I'll become "Paula Ison."



We all know that genetic women are the biggest group of cross-dressers, wearing pants and butch haircuts (and all of the other stuff they get away with). I know that many women even wear men's boxer shorts. J.C. Penney and Hanes advertise them in their catalogs. Recently, however, this phenomenon took on new proportions.

Last month I was in a boot shop buying cowgirl boots, dressed as my male self. I told the female clerk that the boots were for "Paula" so that she could help me with the size and style. We had a nice discussion with her remarking that girls get to wear **anything** they want. I added that some girls even wear men's boxer shorts when she suddenly became very quiet. I then asked her if **she** did.

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She confessed, "I steal my boyfriend's boxer shorts and wear them." I asked her why and she replied, "Because they feel good!" I responded, "Same for me, except I wear women's panties!!" Since then I've asked a number of women if they wear boxer shorts and I've found six who admit that they do. All of them said that **lots** of women do. My twenty year old college daughter tells me that many girls in her dorm do it. To all of those women I say: "Turn about is fair play!"



On another brief topic: From the line dance hall comes the encouraging news that, after ten visits, the locals are warming up to my dance partner, Steve, and me. We've recently had several pleasant conversations with some of them and we are often the first one's on the dance floor. We get the dances started then everyone comes out and joins us. It's almost scary how accepting people can be if you just take the chance.



Lastly, speaking for myself, I had a great time at the *CrossPort* Christmas party. Thanks to everyone who came and helped to make it a success. Special thanks to Heather Cox and Cindy [redacted] from *SoundCrest* !



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Diane Torrance

What a rush!! Somehow I've managed to land on my feet. After losing the career for which I had striven all my working life, I have tentatively been hired as the administrative assistant to a division vice president at a major corporation. Because they do a background check (including fingerprints), I felt compelled to tell the two people I work for of my past, before they discovered it. I guess times are changing. Each responded identically with a "So?" I can only conclude that

by not being stereotypical and working hard at the position before they were aware of my status, I managed to convince them it was not an issue. This does not mean I am "out" at work, there are 70 people in the immediate department and probably 1000 in the building who are not clued in. My goal is to keep it that way. Does this mean I am turning into a "stealth" transsexual? Not a chance. I just know there are areas of my life where I am better off if people don't know my past.



So here I am, picking my "spots" again. Last month I had the distinct honor of being appointed to the *Stonewall Cincinnati* board of directors. This is good! Because we really are in this together, adding our voice to that of the gay/lesbian community will not hurt us. My goal as a transgendered member of the board will be to have the mission statement amended to include us. Although it is not policy, *Stonewall* has unofficially supported trans-inclusion and several other members of the board are openly supportive of that concept. But this being politics, we need to be sure we are openly supportive of issues affecting those in the gay/lesbian/bi community. Active involvement in each others' organizations is the best way to destroy the stereotyping that has separated us.

Some of the other organizations which accept transgendered members are: the *Metropolitan Community Church* (MCC), the *Queen City Careers Association* (QCCA), the *Gay and Lesbian Community Center* and the *Log Cabin Club*. If you are a cross-dresser, not all functions these organizations have would be appropriate to "dress" for. However, when it is time to try again on a Human Rights Ordinance, we will need their support in order to be included.

One of the events for which "dressing" **was** appropriate was the *Community Center* Christmas Party. *CrossPort* provided the best dressed contingent (excluding me, of course). We mingled with members of the gay/lesbian community and made friends for the future. What a concept!!



An all inclusive "queer" organization at the University of California - Northridge came up with a name that Phyllis Frye has latched on to: "Lesbigaytrs" (rhymes with alligators). Perhaps we ought to be promoting **that** concept also!



Note:

**Deadline for February articles
is Wednesday January 31.**

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INCOME

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General Donations 375.00
Meeting Collections 1,458.23
Newsletter Subscriptions 1,178.50
Total General Income 3,011.73

TOTAL INCOME 3,011.73

EXPENSES

Bank Charge:
Maintenance Service Chg 33.00
Per Item Check Charge 6.60
Returned Check Charge 5.00
Returned Check Debit 18.00
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Charitable Donations 100.00

Dues 35.00

Mailing Expenses:
Envelopes 27.59
Money Orders 2.00
Postage 562.23
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Meeting Expenses:
Fees for Entertainers 150.00
Meeting Food 557.44
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Outreach Activities:
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Long Distance Charges 80.25
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**Ice Fishing
in
Patent Leather Pumps
Jennifer Marquette**

Greetings and welcome to the new year. I hope everyone had a wonderful holiday season and that after Santa filled your stockings, you had the opportunity to wear them a time or two.

So wasn't that a fine Christmas party we had last month? What a difference a pleasant environment makes. We even had heat this year! We must have been good girls, I know I was. The party really was a pleasant contrast to years past as far as the accommodations and decorations go. The buffet served by the hotel was terrific, having a live DJ (SoundCrest, thank you Heather and Cindy) was a great addition and a surprise visit by Ms. Santa Claus topped off the evening.

The one thing that didn't change was the primary ingredient to any successful party - the wonderful people who make up our organization, new and old alike. It was so good to see faces I haven't seen for awhile and I was very pleased to make the acquaintance of a number of new people, especially the new couples that were in attendance.

The hotel gave me a count of fifty people but I know we had several more than that show up throughout the evening. Certainly a good turnout especially considering the newness of our venue and that this was the first year we charged for attendance. My only regret is that the evening didn't last long enough.

I do want to thank Paula for all the work she did in organizing the party and all of you who attended. I hope everyone enjoyed themselves as much as I did.



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Another great time was had by all who attended the Christmas party down at Longworth Hall the week before. It was organized by the Community Center and was co-sponsored in part by *CrossPort*. Apologies for not having this function announced in the newsletter but a number of our members did manage to show up along with a sister from Lafayette, Ind. who enjoyed her first real time out en femme.



Speaking of meetings, I hope many of you can make it to the January 18th meeting. Our guest speaker will be Patricia Gagne, sociologist from the University of Louisville. Many of you know Pat or know of her research over the past several years with transgendered folks. She will be basically bringing us up to date on her study and then we'll take time for questions and answers afterwards. Pat is also interested in getting more feedback from our group so it should make for an interesting evening. Remember to call the *CrossPort* line by Sunday, Jan. 14 if you would like to have a dinner reserved for you.

As part of the March or April meeting we are thinking of having a clothing swap for our members. So don't discard (or Purge) anything prior to that time. We will use it as a small fundraiser for the group and hopefully you will find that certain something. After all, one man's trash is another woman's treasure.



I am also continuing to make arrangements to coordinate the load out of Fountain Square to be another *CrossPort* fundraiser. I am aiming for the 3rd or 4th weekend of January as moving days. As long as the moving company can arrange the trailer delivery on the weekend, we'll be in business. This will be just like moving a friend with very weird furniture. It will be laborious and a long day, but the more people we have volunteering, the easier for all. Please give some serious thought to helping out and let me know if you would like to take part.

A small fundraiser we're doing now is selling name badges to all members. I had a sample (please see actual size copy below) made up to wear to the Community Center party and took a handful of orders that were then ready for our party the following week. A number of you have already seen these and I have orders for more. The badge itself is nicely done in a gold metallic plastic with the copy engraved in black. The badge is affixed by a magnet (an upgraded style to keep it secure to the heaviest clothing) so as not to ruin your delicates with a pin. They are very attractive and a definite upgrade from the address label name badges we've been using.

If you are interested in having one of these made for you, the cost is \$10 and you can send your order and money to the PO Box. Make sure you spell out your name **exactly** how you would like it written. I would prefer that everyone has a last name printed on the badge - real or fictitious. I will be placing the next order on January 15, so any requests I have by that time will be ready for me to bring to the Thursday meeting.



I spoke with Roger Naylor this evening. Some of you will recall he is the writer I arranged to have tell the story of the Be All convention. The article was supposed to be printed in *Cincinnati Magazine* but due to a series of editor and publisher changes, it didn't make their cut. Their last editor really wanted to print it but when he was demoted it was no longer his call.

The good news is: the demoted editor quit and joined the staff of *City Beat* and one of his first moves was to call Roger and ask for printing rights in that publication. Roger tells me the article will need to be cut considerably to fit their space allotment but it will still find print. Also, the focus will be less on the convention since that aspect of the article is not as timely as it was last summer. Roger thinks it is due out in late January. As of this writing I haven't been able to talk to the publisher about using Mariette's photos, but I'll be pushing the one of Kristine wearing her Ms. Be All crown and sticking her tongue out in Looney-Tune style.



And speaking of Mariette Pathy-Allen, an exhibit of her photographs will open at Indiana University in Bloomington sometime in February if I'm not mistaken. Mariette is away from home so I haven't been able to verify her exhibit date. Those of you who are not familiar with her book "Transformations" and all her visual records of the gender community for many years need to make some attempt to see her work. The exhibit she had at the 1994 AASECT convention was absolutely and wonderfully intriguing; I expect this exhibit to be even better.

Also upcoming in Toronto, Canada the weekend of Feb. 10 and 11 is a party honoring the Godmother of Crossdressing - Virginia Prince. For those of you that don't know who Virginia is (God forbid) she is one of the true pioneers of our community. Indeed, she is both the *Lewis and the Clark*. *This event is being hosted by Walk on the Wildside (home of the Canadian Crossdressers Club)*.

JoAnn Roberts, who also has a lengthy list of credentials in our community, will also be honored. Events include: dinner with Virginia at the CN Tower on Friday night, an all day party and buffet on Saturday and JoAnn and Virginia co-hosting a show at Tallulah's Cabaret on Sunday evening. You may attend any or all these events. For more information contact the "Wildside" at 416-921-6112 or write to them at 161 Gerrard St., Toronto, Ontario, Canada M5A 2E4.



Finally, we are planning to have a "couples only" *CrossPort* get-together sometime in late February. This would probably be a non-crossdressed event (yeah, I know, I know) as an opportunity for some of our couples to get to know one another outside a regular meeting.

We haven't decided exactly what we'll do but I thought a pot luck dinner hosted at someone's apartment or condo clubhouse might be a comfortable evening. If anyone has a clubhouse available to them or another suggestion, please give me a call on the *CrossPort* line.

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If the clubhouse has some recreation facility such as indoor trap-shooting, so much the better.



I do want to make special mention to those members, some of which we see and some of which we've never had the pleasure of meeting who have made special financial contributions to our group lately. Most have asked to remain anonymous, so I won't name names. I do wish to thank you though, it does help a lot. I hope this spirit of giving continues so we are able to accomplish other planned programs.

My best wishes to all of you individually and to us collectively for this new year.



Future Fun

- January -** *InnerView* subscription rate increases to \$24.00 (due 01/01/96)
- January 14 -** Deadline for *CrossPort* dinner reservations; call: (606) 581-3711
- January 18 -** CrossPort Meeting; dinner @7:30; guest speaker: Pat Gagne, U. of L.
- February 3 -** *Stonewall's* annual Casino Party
- February 4 -** *CrossPort's Michelle Duvall* performs at *Pipeline*, 8:30 PM, proceeds go to *AVOC*
- February 15 -** CrossPort Meeting
- February 22 - 25 -** 8th Annual Texas T Party, Dallas, Texas
c/o PO Box 700042 San Antonio, TX
78270 (210) 980-7788
- March 24 - 31 -** Minnesota Pride '96 *IFGE* Convention
Minneapolis/St. Paul. c/o *IFGE*, PO Box
229, Waltham, MA 01754-0229
- May 18 -** *Stonewall's* Annual Dinner
- May 31 -** *Pride* Rally on Fountain Square at noon
"Happy Hour" events (TBA)
"Cruising on the Ohio" Boat Ride
- June 1 -** *Pride* Parade and Festival Special
Events (TBA)

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