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HARTFORD TVIC



I'm Jean the acting chapter leader of Hartford TVIC. I will perform the duties of chapter leader until the executive committee decides who will be the permanent leader. Since this may be an interim position for me the chapter will continue as in the past with no major changes.

We were all sorry to see Sue leave our group and whoever takes her place will never be able to put in as much love, talent, and energy. She started with nothing and built Hartford into the best TVTS group in the country, which was also the first to have a group apartment. Without Sue, Hartford TVIC is going through an awkward period where it needs the support of all members for it to continue and to grow.

The first area where we can all help is to ATTEND MEETINGS. Please attend meetings if it is at all possible. This is what will make or break us and right now our group is suffering from a severe case of lack of interest. If time or circumstances do not permit sister to appear, come as brother. He's probably almost as nice, but I doubt it. The new members that came to the last few meetings to meet people could have stayed home and gotten the same action. The meetings are planned to be on the second saturday of each month. The next one is on Feb. 9.

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Another way we can help is to offer any suggestions, ideas, or talents which will benefit the group. For instance, anyone who dabbles in art and would like to draw the cover for the newsletter, or anyone who has something of interest to include in the newsletter, or anyone who knows people or places that cater to TVTSs, share it with us. You can call (203) 232-2126 anyweekend and ask for me or write to me at:

> Hartford TVIC P.O. Box 10085 West Hartford, Conn. 06110

This is the new address for all TVIC business.

I'll do the best I can as acting chapter leader and I hope you'll do the best you can to support the finest chapter in the country.

Peace,

Jean

GIRL OF THE MONTH

If you happen to see a classy chick at the apartment washing dishes or organizing a buffet no it's not our French maid, it's Wilma. Wilma puts words into actions. Besides being one of the most well known sisters on the East Coast, and now probably on the West Coast, she wouldn't miss the opportunity to participate in an event that would help liberate us all. Yet, with all her experience, we in Hartford consider her our housemother who has the sense to get the rug vacuumed and the time to sit down and straighten out a few wayward heads. Our group needs her wisdom, which wasn't gotten yesterday, and we thank her for being part of us.

WHAT'S HAPPENING

Black's Ball will be held in New York on the Friday before Lee Brewsters Mardi Gras Ball. Anyone interested in making a long weekend out of it contact Jean.

There is a Gender Identity Clinic in Hartford. Call the George W. Henry Foundation (203) 522-2646. The foundation also offers group therapy sessions and feminization help. Ask for Rev. Jones, Say year from Hartford TVIC

The meetings for Hartford TVIC will be on the second saturday of each month. Regular members are invited to come Friday night also. Make arrangements for staying overnight with Lisa, Caroline, or Jean. The next meeting is on Feb. 9.

There will be a new TVTS magazine coming out in Feb. The name is <u>Mirage</u> and is published by TAO(Transexual Action Organization, Box 1708, MIAMI BEACH, FLA. <u>33139</u>.

Executive Committee Report

Because the key members are supporting the apartment all use for monthly meetings, the executive committee has agreed that regular members should contribute a small amount for their use of the apartment.

The fees are:

regular members regular members \$2.00 for monthly meetings \$5.00 for overnight use

regular & key members

\$1.50 for buffet during meeting

Wilma or Joyce will collect for buffet Lisa or Caroline will collect other fees The committee believes that these are fair considering what the members had to pay when the group was meeting in motels

The committee also feels that it is their responsibility to report to the members on the general financial situation. As of now, Hartford TVIC is in debt about \$1000.00 This money was essentially used to renovate a broken down apartment into an attractive and comfortable sorority house and meeting place. This is not a financial crisis because the present membership is just meeting monthly expenses. Since it is at a break even point now, this debt will be paid in no time because with group support Hartford TVIC will grow easily.