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The response to my letter and questionnaire concerning the development of a social club has been more than encouraging. To date we have achieved the following; 1) the dedicated and responsible leadership we need to see our goals met in the form of Diane Berry (co-director of RF '8), Carole Mayfield (director of Tri Sigma Boston), and myself. 2) The support and cooperation of the Outreach Foundation, and 3) a committed core membership of approximately 20 persons, and the verbal and tentative signed support of another 30. It is time to get together, and get things rolling.

May I suggest getting together at 7pm Sunday November 26 at my apartment here in North Hampton. That would give people who plan to respond to my questionnaire the time to do so, while giving the rest of us a chance to review the project, talk about it, and possibly find new recruits. Also, it would not interfere with TVIC Albany's meeting, or with Betsy's party. Sunday because it is not a work day, and my place because it is no more than one hour from the majority of responders, it is a comfortable atmosphere, and I have overnight space for anyone who wants to stay over. (I am enclosing a map. Please let me know if you can come. Also, if anyone has a better idea of when and where we can get together, let me know so I can let everyone else know.)

I'm sure everyone has thoughts about this project, pet ideas and dreams about what can and should be done. I have a dream too, and would like to share it with you. I dream of a social club conceived from need, and developed and managed in a businesslike way free of selfish interests and petty personality squabbles. I dream of a facility. This facility would be of the highest quality and comfort possible. This facility would be located in the North Shore area within the Rt 128 perimeter (since that is where most of the people who would be financing this facility are located). It would be private, secure, and have ample parking. It would be large enough to accommodate one, perhaps two full-time rent paying residents, overnight facilities, a combination library and lounge, private office space (for business, printing equipment, meetings, etc), ample storage space, a consignment boutique, and enough space for social functions with as many as 50 or 60 people in attendance, and of course kitchen, bar and bathrooms. The organizational structure of this club would consist of an executive secretary, board of directors, and elements of Tri Sigma and Outreach. This organization would be simple, functional, and above all else, above board and legal. This club would maintain an image of dignity free of crass sexual exploitation. It would provide an active schedule of social activities and educational programs for its members. It would provide two weekly meetings (mid-week and Saturday), the privacy, office facilities and support needed by Tri Sigma, and the office space and support needed by Outreach. It would provide mail boxes for members, and free forwarding to members living out of the area. It would provide a membership directory, monthly newsletters, and perhaps a club magazine.

Once this first facility is established, who among you can dream of the possibilities? Perhaps the development of a network of facilities

and services, first regionally, then nationally, then God knows. Think, an organization that would provide for our sisters and friends any number of reasons to belong, opportunities to grow, opportunities to have fun, and to help others, or simply achieve peace of mind. That to me is a beautiful thought - and we now have the machinery to do it. Let's do it.

Thank you for listening to me, now you talk to me and give me the opportunity to listen to you. I am available Mondays if you would like to talk to me in person.

God bless you.

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If you are unable to attend the November 26 meeting, let me know. Also, if you want to stay over, I have beds, but no linen. I would appreciate it if you could bring your own. Sleeping bags are of course always in vogue at this house. See you soon.

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