

Cross-Port Inner View

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Merry Christmas and Happy New Year

NEXT MEETING December 18 at 7: 30

Wife/Girlfriend Support Meeting

December 11 at 8: 00

Cross-Port Basics

November is the traditional Thanksgiving Time, and we were very thankful for the 20 people that attended the November meeting. Debbie, from West Virginia, was our one new face. She came all that way with Alona, to attend her first meeting with other sisters. She was heard to say, "Wow, I didn't know it would be this good." We also welcomed back several sisters who have not been able to attend for a while.

The business meeting opened at 9: 15. The first item discussed was the National Gender Alliance's first newsletter. Marked as a September issue, it didn't arrive until November, but it is a good first issue. Sharon [REDACTED] has said that even though this first issue was late, she does intend to keep her promise of three issues for 1986. This looks like a pressing schedule, and I hope it doesn't end up like the space shuttle. I, for one, would rather see one more issue done more in the tradition of the old "Phoenix". It's quality and not quantity that count.



Sharon, Rhonda, Marsha, Heather and Kathy, attended the 4th annual awards dinner for the Greater Cincinnati Gay/Lesbian Coalition on November 8 at the Carrousel Inn. The evening proved to be delightful with a very good meal and some fine entertainment including a number by Hurricane Summers. A number of organizations were given a Certificate of Appreciation for their services and support of the Gay/Lesbian community. Cross-Port was among those honored. Heather accepted the certificate on behalf of the entire group.


At the meeting, a motion was moved, seconded and passed that Cross-Port join the Coalition as an active supporter.

We are beginning to receive request for people from the group to speak about cross dressing and transsexuality to other groups. Anyone that would be interested in doing this please contact Heather.

By the time you receive this, Heather will have been a guest on the radio show, Alternating Currents, which is aired live every Monday from 5 pm to 6 pm. It's on WAIF 88.3 FM with host Mike Lloyd and Mike Chanak.

We have also been asked to appear on C6CN (Cincinnati Gay Cable Network), to talk to a group of medical students, and to talk at Metropolitan Community Church.

IDENTIFICATION



FOR PERSONAL
IDENTIFICATION

HEIGHT	5'11"	WEIGHT	178
HAIR	auburn	EYES	blue
SEX	TG	DATE OF ISSUE	11/86

SERIAL NO. 61914535

- Eileen Meredith
- CROSSPORT
- CINCINNATI, Ohio 45230

Eileen [REDACTED], has offered to make ID cards for anyone interested, the cost, I believe, is between \$5 and \$10. These are nice looking ID card but you are warned that they ARE NOT LEGAL DOCUMENTS. If you get one and are ever stopped by the police, do not try to use it as a valid ID. If you are interested, please write to Heather, at the PO Box and I'll give you more details.

Yvonne, stopped in from Chicago and brought us up-to-date on some of the Windy City News. Chicago's TRI-ESS group is having a Christmas Party on December 6, the same night as Paradise's Party. I really had planned to go to Cleveland that weekend, but once again my schedule won't permit it. I promise I'll get up there some time after the new year. There are about 65 people already signed up for the 1st National Convention. Yvonne reports that plans are moving along and that anyone going should sleep for a week before you go, since you may not get any while you are there.

Cindy, one of the persons who has been at the last two meeting, is interested in doing make up for people looking for help. If you want more information you'll need to write or call Heather.

Linda is asking all sisters planning to attend the DECEMBER MEETING to bring a snack, or a dish of something to share with everyone, so that we can have a mini Christmas Party. I'll leave it up to all of you to decide what to bring.

The meeting ended about 9:45 and the dance floor was opened.

TO CARE IS TO CURE

By Ginger

Sisters: Sometimes the most wonderful things happen just when you need it most, when its least expected, and in the most outrageous places. With a smile, a hand clasp or a kiss on the cheek, friendships are renewed, understanding and acceptance are reached, and we are all given the opportunity to "get it right this time."

I left Huntington with a heavy heart to visit a dear friend in the hospital in Dayton. The visit of laughter and sisterhood that had been planned for the Thanksgiving weekend seemed impossible, but Lee and I were determined to make the best of it.

We took flowers and spent a few hours of warmth visiting and sharing, and our dear friend seemed in good spirits and happy we'd come by.

We then went back to the house to get dressed and head to 1470 WEST Wait a minute; You say 1470? YES! I'd never seen the Sunday night show and so, Lee and I went only expecting a Drag show, but when we arrived it seemed we had stumbled on history in the making, for 1470, the Cincinnati/Dayton Gay Community and, as you'll see shortly, Crossport.

First, it was the absolute, most fabulous, glitzy, glamorous, "show bizzy", show ever held at the club. Possibly in the midwest. It was, in fact, an AIDS benefit titled "TO CARE IS TO CURE". All the "greats" were there : Singers: Lorn Gray, Lea Landis, Male Dancers: Todd and Jeff, Female Dancers: Thumper, Performers: Randy Maryland, Hurricane Summers, Amanda Kane, Ashley West, Bobby Holiday, Erin Davis and Carlene Lepera, and many more. The Gay Cable Television Network taped it all for posterity and broadcast. There were over 20 Acts and over 500 people came and shared and donated time and money to help find a cure for this disease which threatens everyone not just the "Gay" community. The evening raised over \$5,200.00, an incredible amount and a heart warming show of pride and compassion.

And speaking of compassion, as Lee and I sipped our wine and watched the fabulous event unfold, a contribution of \$1000.00 from the club's owner, Tom Utterback, drew a standing ovation. At that moment the thought "this is a kind and gentle man" crossed my mind. I let the thought pass, but later in the evening I discovered that my first impression of the owner was more than accurate.

Anyway, at about midnight the wine started to take its toll on me and I began to wrestle with the "Which restroom" question. I excused myself from the table and decided to play it by ear. The quiet side of 1470 with the booths and movie screens had been closed, as it was being used as a dressing room, but I knew where the restrooms were back there, so I slid past the door and went back. I pushed the ladies door open but there were some folks in there, so I went into the mens room instead. No one was there so I went into the stall. . . . Shortly I straightened my pretty pink party dress and started to leave the stall when I heard a friendly, jovial voice say: "Ah-hah! Caught you with your pants down!" I turned laughing and met the club owner, face to face. I introduced myself as Ginger of Crossport. Tom smiled, shook my hand and said: "Please tell Heather and all your members that CROSSPORT is WELCOME here ANYTIME. The problems that we had were never with Crossport and those problems have been solved. "We'd like to have you back. Your conduct as a group has always been fine and all we ask that you dress tastefully. "

At that point I winked and grinned and struck a pose in that flashy pink party dress, hand on my hip and said: "Is this enough?" He said, "Ginger, the dress is fabulous!" I didn't argue. I knew he was right. So anyway, right there in the Mens room, a conference of reconciliation, an outstretched hand of friendship and a chance for both CROSSPORT and 1470 to get it right this time.

Finally a few suggestions on deportment when you are at 1470 West:

- 1) Conduct yourself as a lady at all times when in the club; with class, taste and self respect.
- 2) Identify yourself as a CROSSPORT member. . . Let them know who you are.
- 3) Tip Big and Tip everybody. I would suggest \$1.00 at least for each drink and the waiters and bartenders will love you and probably light your cigarettes. If they are especially nice to you, be especially nice to them, this is the very definition of CLASS.
- 4) Use the mens room on the quiet side of the building. Take a friend to stand at the door till you are finished if you are nervous. Remember the Law is the Law.
- 5) finally, SMILE when you are there; remember, You are welcome and, You look Mah-velous!

Letters to Heather

Dear Heather,

This letter is to thank you for the many informative newsletters which I have received for Cross-Port, and to let you know how much they have helped me with being able to understand my own feelings.

Since I first wrote you for information about your group, in addition to moving, I have gotten married, and much to my surprise, courage surfaced, and I was able to inform my wife of my cross-dressing, and she was able to accept this facet of myself. She assists me with dressing and in purchasing clothing. I, no longer, am a closet dresser. It has brought much peace of mind to me to know that there are those that can accept all sides of me and not be horrified or judgemental.

My adopted name has also changed and is now Kimberly Ann. A much more suitable name my wife feels.

Please keep up the good work with the "InnerView" and maybe someday others will be able to feel accepted and comfortable with their second-self also.

Sincerely yours, --- Kimberly

Dear Kimberly,

I must confess that of all the letters I receive it is the kind you wrote that I love most to read. I have stated from the beginning that I wanted Cross-Port to be a support group, not just for those who can come to meeting, but to anyone who just needs to know that someone cares and understands.

I hope someday to meet with you and your wife, but if that day never comes, know that you have touch my life as I have yours, and that is what life is really all about. I wish the "3" of you many years of happiness and a sensitivity to the wants and needs of eachother.



C A N W E T A L K ?

I must start by saying, I was very pleased to hear that 1470 West feels they have cleared up the problems they were having, enough that they have welcomed CROSS-PORT'S girls back, any time. As Ginger pointed out, it does help, you, us and 1470 if you let them know you are from Cross-Port. Let them know we are supporting them, and thank them for supporting us. I apologize to both Bob and Mary if I made it sound as if they did not wish to come to one of our meetings. That is not the case, Mary works on Thursday nights and Bob had another commitment. My biggest regret is that it sounds as if we all missed one really nice show which was held for a very worth while cause. Whether we care to admit it or not, AIDS is not just a problem in the Gay Community and it can effect all of our lives either directly, or indirectly through someone we love. We support any function which will help to stamp out this dreaded disease. I also hope that in the future we can keep the lines of communication open between Cross-Port and 1470 so that we can offer our support to this type of function. We thank everyone at 1470 including Bob, Mary and Tom for opening their doors and hearts to us.

Last time I reported that Ed, from the Hangout, had gotten married. Indeed, he did, but things didn't work out, so he's single again. Welcome back Ed.

Speaking of the Hangout, several of us spent Halloween (Saturday night) at the party there. It was a small, but somewhat lively crowd and we all had a good time, even though none of us managed to win a prize this year.

A special hello to Loretta and Lynn, I hope you are both feeling better.

A couple of the girls did go up to Transpitt last month and reported that they had a wonderful time. My thanks to Sheila and Johnnie for making them feel right at home. That certainly is the way our sisterhood should work, and we hope we can return the favor some time when you or your people are in town.

I've gotten several letters from sisters in Columbus, OH lately and I now have someone up there who is willing to act as a contact person to try to pull some of you together. If any of you are interested, write or call me and we'll start the ball rolling. Don't let this chance go by. It isn't often someone comes forward with an offer like this.

For the passed few Sundays, I have been attending services at All Saints Chapel. Afterwards we all go to dinner at a nice restaurant. Everyone there sure knows how to make a girl feel welcome especially Pastor Sam and Reverend Don. If you are looking for a place to worship and would like to go as your fem self I do recommend it. A couple of them have asked me to join them at WinterFest, at King's Island. I hope to be able to do so.

JANUARY MEETING - Kevin Palmer, from HairWorks, will be at the January Meeting to discuss make-up. Kevin has worked with TV's, TS's and Female Impersonator for several years and besides doing hair and make-up at HairWorks and for many of the show girls here in town he also teaches classes in make-up. He suggest that you girls looking for help, bring your make-up to the meeting and he will help you decide if the colors are right for your skin and he will show proper ways to apply make-up to give the cover, we girls need. You won't want to miss this meeting.

For those of you looking for large size shoes, there is a place in Fountain Square Plaza called "Extremes". One of the girls visiting Cincy, said she called them and they told her, not only were men welcome to try on the women's shoes, but, if you are shy, call first, and they'll let you go in the back room. I have not checked it out, since I wear size 10.

With Christmas just 3 weeks away, why not treat yourself to something new from "One Stop Bra and Swim Shop" or "Accent Fashion Wigs". Both places have been very good to us over the last year and a half and this is a good time of the year to repay them.

To everyone that I won't see before the New Year and to those of you I've never met, I hope you all have a Blessed and Merry Christmas and a Very Happy New Year. It is because of people like you, that I am still around. My year started out bad (with no job, and no prospects) but having people like all of you to write to and talk to gave me the courage and the strength to keep the faith. My job is now great and even though I still have some things I need to work out, I believe time will prove to be my friend and not my foe. May God look upon you with love, and grant you peace of mind and heart.

Love

Heather

Bulletin Board

CROSS-PORT'S Meeting schedule for 1986 is Dec 18. The 1987 schedule is Jan 15, Feb 19, Mar 19, Apr 16, May 14, Jun 18, Jul 16, Aug 20, Sep 17, Oct 15, Nov 19, Dec 17

The Paradise Club's Schedule - For 1986 - Dec 6 (Christmas Dinner)

Write Paradise Club, PO Box 29564, Parma, OH 44129, Attn: Susan for Prices and Places

Transpitt's Meeting Schedule is the third Saturday of the month.

Write Transpitt, PO Box 59406, Pittsburg, PA 15211, Attn: Johnnie

Windy City Chapter's Meeting Schedule. They meet the Third Tuesday of each month at 8:30. For Information about Nation Gender Alliance also: Write Windy City Chapter, PO BOX 2312, Chicago, IL 60690, Attn: Sharon [REDACTED]

TRI-ESS information Write Carol Beecroft, P. O. Box 194, Tulare, CA, 93275

Crossroads, Meetings April 5, May 3.

Write Crossroads, P. O. Box 1298, Flint, MI 48501

Genesis- meets the second Saturday of the month.

Write Genesis, P. O. Box 0954, Elyria, OH, 44036-0954

Tiffany Club, Tapestry, and International Foundation for Gender Education.

1st International Convention March 4-9, at Chicago IL.

Write to Merissa Sherrill Lynn, Box 19, Wayland, MA 01778

North West Gender Alliance, PO Box 4928, Portland Oregon, 97208 (503) 641-6736

Connecticut Gender Alliance, PO Box 744, Branford, CT 06405, % Wendy [REDACTED]

Boulton & Park Cultural Society, PO Box 169652, San Antonio, TX 78280

ETVC, Box 6486, San Francisco, CA 94101, ATTN: Suzanne

Joyce Dewhurst's Poconos Weekend

Write Joyce Dewhurst, 37-50 76th St.,

Jackson Heights, NY 11372 or call (718) 335-3048

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SHERRY



SHARON

Halloween at the Hangout



HEATHER



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Offered Free to those places that support us. Please support them.

Places to Go

The Hangout, 13 Old St. [Monroe OH], 534-4381, Cross-Dressers are welcome.

Jacobson's Downstairs Bar, 36 West Fifth, Dressing is OK.

Metro Lounge, Ruth Lyons Pl. & Eano Alley, [Off Vine near the square], Dressing is OK, mixed crowd, Drag shows on Fri. and Saturday nights.

1470 West [in Dayton], Drag shows on Sunday nights. Dressing permitted at all times.

The Subway - at 604 Walnut. No cover. Cross-dressers are welcome anytime.

Golden Lion - at 340 Ludlow, 281-4174. Cross-dressers are welcome anytime.

The Dock - at 603 Pete Rose Way [241-5623]. Open every night during summer. Cross-dressers are welcome.

Side Door Lounge - at 614 Walnut [721-4551] Cross-dressers are welcome.

Simon Says - at 428 Walnut [381-8146] Cross-dressers are welcome.

Spurs - at 318 E. Eighth St. [721-4007] Says No one is refused.

2601 Club - at 2601 Vine St. [221-3410]

Shoes

Payless Shoe Source - Near 7th and Race, Large size shoes to size 13.

Extremes 435 Elm St. - 241-4646, Large Size Women's Shoes.

Hair

Recent Fashion Wigs, 118 W. 7th St., Very open and willing to help fit you.

Hairworks, Hamilton Ave, 681-8222, Call for appointment.]

Worship

Dignity Catholic Services, Call Jerry 621-4026 or Bev 541-7026 for times and places.

All Saints Chapel - Worship Service Sunday at 6:00 p. m., 1222 Ida St. in Mt. Adams. We are welcome to come dressed. For more information call Associate Pastor Don Hicks at 381-2328

Make-Up

None at this time.

Clothes

One Stop Bra & Swim Shop - 4217 Reading Road, Call 764-6020 for appointment.

Counselling

Behavioral Science Center, Inc. - Doctors : William Wester II, Richard Baum, Paul Bishop, Carolyn Kowatsch, & Joseph Wicker - 2522 Highland Ave., 513-221-8545

Indianapolis

21 Club- 2101 N. Talbott, 317-427-4000: Cross-Dressers are welcome but must show proper I. D. Shows on Tues, Thurs, Fri & Sat nights starting around 10:00 pm