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HAPPY NEW YEAR

Season's greetings and the happiest of new year's to all members, associates and friends of Chi Chapter! May your lives be blessed with joy and cheer throughout this upcoming year.

1989 was a most quiet year in comparison of the past years for Chi Chapter and its members. Chicago did host the Seventh Annual **Be All You Want To Be Weekend** which drew 285 official registrants - representing 27 states and 2 foreign countries! And there was the usual outreach programs with members speaking to classes at several colleges and universities in the Mid-West, but total activity was below that of '87 & '88.

We are now entering the last decade of the 20th century. So what does 1990 hold for us. I am sure that we all have many conceptions of what is to be, but for now, let us look back at where we came in the '80's.



Back in 1980, I was Chi Chapter's President; our Vice-President was Kay, who later was to move to California, and Donna Martin, now National Tri-Ess membership Director, was our Secretary/Treasurer. Chi Chapter had just ventured out of the closet of home and motel meetings to the public's eyeview at places like the **Lite Factory** and the **Factory**. We had an infamous meeting at which Kay brought four "hookers" as 'guests'!

And, yes, Naomi had yet to attend a Tri-Ess affair.

During the '80's, Karen Baumgarden, now of C.G.S., was to become a chapter Vice-President; we were to find a permanent 'home' at the Midway Motor Lodge; the first of many guest therapists were to attend and lead us in group discussions; the number of wives and partners to



attend began to increase; and, in June, 1983, Chi Chapter members were to make their first appearance on National Television when Mary Ann Broer and Leslie B., along with their wives, Kathy and Linda, were featured on the **Phil Donohue Show**. Mary Ann and Kathy went on to appear on several local talk shows sponsored by Group W. We were overwhelmed with 600+ inquiries as a result of that show; a mere pittance in comparison to the over 2500 inquiries that followed the later Donohue show in 1987!

Yes, outreach was one of the greatest developments in Chi Chapter in the '80's. Led by Naomi and Eve, these two have appeared on several local and National Television talk shows, and countless hundreds of guest appearances at colleges and universities across the Nation.

But, I feel the single most significant change in the chapter this past decade in the devotion that many of our wives and partners have developed towards Chi. I can remember when

only a few wives attended meetings, and then only at private homes, hastening to another corner of the house, away from the crossdressers, only to hold 'bitch' sessions. Today, our ladies are an integral part of the meeting; lending advice, direction, and instruction, along with support, tolerance and understanding.

So, what of 1989. Well, 698 members, prospective members, wives, partners, mothers, daughters, fathers, and other guests attended our twelve monthly meetings and Awards Banquet. Plus another 40+ members and their families participated in the annual chapter picnic. That is an average of 58 people per function. Although down from previous years, it is still indicative of who viable and valuable the chapter continues to be.

Chapter programs continue to be the highlight of the year; fashion shows, self-development sessions in hair/wig grooming, poise, make-up and accessorizing, and group discussions led by trained professionals were all themes of this past year's meetings. And, for the first time, Chi Chapter sponsored a "Charitable Night" where our donations went to assist the needy.



The chapter hot-line continues to ring literally at all hours of the day and night! **HELP!** Yes, we need help with the telephone; if you are able to help one or two nights a month, please let us know so we can forward calls to you. The chapter

mailbox still receives a few inquiries each week, fortunately it has become much easier for me to handle with its decrease and my change in work schedule.

But, now, what of the '90's? What is in store for Chi Chapter in the future?

I don't have a crystal ball, so let me conjecture. I see



someone in the paraculture becoming politically active. Perhaps such that

crossdressing will become legal in Illinois. I see several newer members taking a more active role in the chapter; an actual change in the leadership, directing us to new heights. I also see our wives taking an active role in the leadership of the chapter!

Of course, I can see more in public relations as we appear on more talk shows, both radio and television. I see a more productive outreach program that will include a panel discussion at a major therapeutic conference. And, finally, I can see me 'faxing' newsletters to all of our members!

And, yes, I see one last item: our members continuing to submit their chapter dues late, causing me to drop them from the records, only to add them at a later date!

God bless everyone; May the new year be prosperous to you all! May you find love and peace in all your endeavors. And, may the new year be one of health and happiness to us all. See you next month. Keep on coming back!

SPECIAL THANKS FROM JUDY SIMMONS!

We received a lovely Thank You note from Judy Simmons, the recipient of a special award at the Awards Banquet and Christmas Party. She wrote to express her surprise and appreciation for the award and to wish all her friends in Chi Chapter Merry Christmas, Happy Hannukah, and a Happy New Year!

NAOMI NOTES....

The fifth annual Chi Chapter Awards Banquet and Christmas Party was held in the Ballroom of the O'Hare Plaza Hotel on Saturday evening, December 16th, 1989. Exactly 100 members and friends attended the special holiday buffet which was unanimously rated as outstanding. About 15 or 20 more persons joined us later for music and dancing.

The bitter cold evening began with hot hors d'oeuvres, a champagne fountain and open bar. Next, we proceeded to a beautifully decorated Holiday buffet which featured three entrees, but the highlight was the hot pasta and stir-fry station as evidenced by the many persons who came back for seconds (or thirds - but who's counting.) A special holiday dessert followed.

Following dinner we began the awards program. First, Naomi took care of some unfinished business by giving out special awards to Jim Bridges, Make-up artist, and our own Suellen Miller (in absentia because of the weather) for their work on behalf of the "Be All..." Weekend. We also saluted our friends in the Chicago Gender Society for their support and participation.

Next, our Vice-President and Recording Secretary, Gloria, made a special presentation saluting the new members of Chi Chapter who have joined TRI-ESS in the past year. She also read a beautiful letter from Betty Ann Arvidson, our oldest member at age 83, who couldn't make the banquet because of illness. Betty Ann, we miss you and wish you a speedy recovery, and return to chapter activities. We also introduced Barbara Lee and Lois who have been members of Chi Chapter since its foundation in 1962.

Deanna then made a special tribute to our wives and partners. They were asked to stand and receive our thanks. We note that one mother and one daughter of Chi Chapter were in attendance in addition to about 25 wives and partners.

And now for the chapter service awards. These are awarded to members of Chi Chapter who have provided leadership and service above and beyond the call of duty. The first award was presented to Pat Noel for organizing and leading the chapter picnic. Next, we presented an award to Maria, our chapter disc jockey for providing the music and dancing at all chapter functions and especially for her role at the "Be All..." Weekend. Then,



Rachel presented an award to Emily (our own Julia Child) for her ongoing "catering" at chapter meetings. Honorable mentions went to Sherry Anne and Laurette for their help on refreshments at meetings. Finally, we presented "team" awards to April & Lydia, Sherri & Janine, and Ruby & Ann for their help at meetings, and providing hospitality especially to newcomers. Cheryl & Chris, from Lexington, Ky, were also scheduled for an award but unfortunately they were snowed in and couldn't make the banquet.

The officers voted two special awards to be presented this year. The first, presented by our Vice-President and Librarian, Carole, was bestowed to Judy Simmons, the owner and operator of HEADLINERS Beauty Shop, for her continuing support and help in making us beautiful. And finally, our Vice-President, Eve, presented an award to Rachel for her variety of roles all of which have been done quietly, but with love and devotion. This includes providing the chapter with wigs and wig service and for leading and organizing the refreshments at all chapter meetings. Both recipients received silver "loving cups" with their names inscribed, and both received well deserved standing ovations. Our love and affection together with our thanks go out to both of them.

100 ATTEND ANNUAL AWARDS BANQUET!

On December 16, 1989, Chi Chapter sponsored its Sixth Annual Awards Banquet at the O'Hare Plaza Hotel and it turned out to be one of the most successful and pleasant of evenings in recent memory. Those attending the festive event were: Linda & Geri, Deanna, Naomi, Rachel & Mrs. Galan, Barbara, Eve & Carol, Leslie & Linda, Gloria & Debra, Kathleen, Kiki, Carole & Dora, Cindy & Theresa, Tammy, Sherri & Janine, Ruby & Ann, Bobbi Kay & Nancy, Sheila & Gerry, Billie, April & Lydia, Barbara Lee & Joan, Barbara Diane, Darlene, Tommie, Charlene, Jennifer & Diane, Mary Ann, Lenore, Helen & Geri, Sherry Anne, Barbara, Roberta, Maria, Joanie, Lisa, Tammi & Carol, Christine, Olivia, Laurie, Emily, Diane & Stephanie, Jamie & Laura, Dee, Lois, Laurette, Jenee, Pat, Wendy & Elaine, Susan, Laura, Danni & Joy, Stacy & Jan, Judy, Brenda & Melanie, Danny, Lisa & Julie, Esther, Tess, Leslie, Stephanie, Kim, Diane, Rosie & Sue, Karen, Brenda, Rhonda, Maryann, Jane, Edie, and Dick. Special guests for the night were Judy Simmons, Alan Lanning & Robin, Jim Bridges & Anthony. Judy Simmons was a co-recipient of a special Chi Chapter Award for outstanding service to the community and the Chapter throughout 1989; Rachel was the other recipient of the special Chi Chapter Award. A warm word of welcome to the C.G.S. gals who attended and celebrated with us at our banquet. We hope to see you back again in the future. And, finally, a special welcome to Alan Lanning, who is a past Award recipient of the Chi Chapter Award, for being with us and allowing us to speak at his Human Sexuality classes at the College of DuPage.

It is ironic that I can only account for 98 in attendance and the Plaza charged us for 100 meals!

MORE NAOMI NOTES.. SPECIAL THANKS FROM RACHEL....

Rachel and I are thrilled that so many Chi Chapter members and their wives and partners attended our "Puttin' On The Ritz" Christmas Party and Awards Banquet. We have received many cards and letters this holiday season and many many of you wrote to tell us of your pleasure attending the banquet and the "Be All..." Weekend in June. Thanks! Your appreciation of our efforts makes it all worthwhile.

I also want to thank the chapter for the beautiful briefcase you gave me at the banquet. I shall enjoy using it because it will bring to mind an exciting event and some very beautiful and special friends. Thanks again.

Rachel joins me in wishing all our friends a Happy, Healthy and prosperous New Year! May Chi Chapter and all our members continue to grow.



Mariette Pathy Allen's long awaited book, **TRANSFORMATIONS: Crossdressers and Those Who Love Them**, has finally been published. The book, which costs \$24.95 is available at Kroch's & Brentano's downtown stores and may be available at other book stores and from I.F.G.E.

A number of Chi Chapter members are featured or pictured in the book. They include Eve, Naomi, Rhonda, Barbara C, Jyneen, Elizabeth Ann, Jennifer, Samantha, Felicity, and Yvonne Cook. If you would like a copy, we may be able to acquire a minimum batch of ten at a slight discount, directly from the publisher. Please let us know of you are interested.

It was such an unexpected, wonderful and pleasant surprise to receive an award that this particular action brought tears to my eyes.

All my efforts and all the preparations and services have been enjoyable and satisfying throughout the many years that I have been attending the Chi Chapter meetings. During these years, I have met some caring, friendly, remarkable people and because of all of you my volunteered services have become more rewarding with each passing year.

I would like to thank all the members especially the board of directors from the bottom of my heart for honoring me with this award.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank the following people who are always willing to volunteer and cooperate - They're my right hand without them my job will be more difficult and I feel they should share in some of this recognition. My thanks go to Emily, Pat, Gloria, Sherry Ann, Laurette, and Carole.

Happy New Year!

Rachel

CHI TREASURER'S REPORT

INCOME

BALANCE ON HAND	\$50.00
REG MEMB DUES	\$210.00
ASSC MEMB DUES	\$60.00
DONATION	\$5.00
BANQUET	\$1,855.00
SUB TOTAL	\$2,180.00

EXPENSES

PRINTING	\$5.00
BANQUET	\$630.00
NOW ACCT	\$1,495.00
SUB TOTAL	\$2,130.00
BALANCE ON HAND	\$50.00

HERE IS WHERE THE GRASS IS GREENER

by Ruby

I always figured that when I got a little older it would be great to move down to the Florida Keys. It would be nice to sport a tan year 'round, become a fishing charter boat captain and live happily ever after.

Then, a few years ago, I got the nerve to go to a few C.G.S. and Chi Chapter meetings and become involved with our Chicago Cross Dressing culture. They made me feel pretty good about being out on the town. I met a lot of nice people (and a few wierdos). Everybody was interesting.

Suddenly there were lots of places to go and people to meet. There were meetings, socials, picnics, dinner shows, holiday parties, pageants, fashion shows, conventions, parades - and I'm sure I forgot a few! There is always something going on.

I decided Chicago is "where its at" - not the Florida Keys. I might be a frustrated fisher person but I'm a satisfied crossdresser. I hope you are as happy with where you live. If not, come to Chicago.

My thanks to C.G.S. and Chi Chapter.

JANUARY MEETING....

The next meeting of Chi Chapter will be held on Saturday, January 20, 1990, at the Midway Motor Lodge in Elk Grove. Doors will open at 5:00 PM to allow those in the need a place to change. If you plan on using the changing facilities, please allow sufficient time so others may also take advantage of the room.

Don't forget to bring your pictures of last month's Awards Banquet; we all looked so good that I am sure those who were unable to attend would be quite interested in seeing all those beautiful gowns!

Please remember to return your postcard as soon as possible in order that we can properly plan the refreshments for the meeting. Indicate whether you will be attending or not

and just drop the card in the nearest mail box. The cards are already coded in order that we know who you are. If you will be bringing a guest, your wife, girlfriend, mother, friend, other crossdresser, just indicate "GUEST" on the card. This too helps in planning refreshments. See you at the meeting.

NOMINATIONS...

Nominations for election to office will be conducted during the February meeting; in order to be nominated to an office, one must be a member in good standing with the National Organization, and a regular member of Chi Chapter in good standing. Please, if you have not so, remit your annual dues to both the National and Chi Chapter. National membership fees are now \$35.00 annually, while Chi remains at \$15.00. If you are unable to remit these fees for financial reasons, please discuss this with either Naomi or Deanna. No member has ever been refused membership because of financial hardships. But we can only assist you if you let us now of your difficulties.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS.....

Jan 1st
Happy New Year!
Chapter Dues now payable.

Jan 9th
CGS Business Meeting

Jan 20th
January Chi Chapter Meeting

Jan 23rd
CGS Social Night

Jan 27th
CGS Saturday Night Social

Feb 17th
Monthly Meeting -
Valentine's Day Theme

Feb 23rd - 25th
Texas "T" Party
San Antonio, Texas

March 27 - April 1st
I.F.G.E. 4th Annual
Coming Together Convention

CHI CHAPTER ANNUAL DUES NOW PAYABLE

1990 Chi Chapter annual membership dues are now payable. Regular membership is \$15.00, while associate membership, to those outside a 150 mile radius of Chicagoland and who do not attend more than four meetings per year, is only \$10.00.

Chi Chapter has been the most active and most progressive of all the Tri-Ess chapters; you wouldn't want to become ineligible to participate in any of the many planned programs throughout the upcoming year. Please send your check or money order to the chapter mailing address. Chapter membership cards and receipts are mailed to you with the following newsletter.

In order to participate in the election of officers, or to hold any of the elected positions, you must be a paid in full regular member of the Chapter. Why not get your check book out now, while reading this newsletter and the thought is still fresh in your mind, and pay your annual dues!

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Library Report...

by Carole IL-1672-A

As your Vice-President and Librarian I have always tried to maintain the best library possible. We have acquired many new books and tapes in recent months both by the chapter purchasing them and by loans and donations. Enclosed you will find the latest edition of the Chi Chapter Library bibliography. Please take a few minutes to review the list and make a note of anything you think should be changed, added, or deleted and give my your feedback at the next chapter meeting. I am particularly interested in the kinds of items you sisters and partners think should be added. Also, if possible, please tell us how and where any new items could be obtained and the approximate cost. Any items that would require the chapter outlaying money will then have to be approved by the executive board at the next board meeting. As the largest, most well run chapter in the country, I feel it is our obligation to the crossdressing community as a whole to put forth the best, most complete library possible. Remember, this is your library and I feel it should be something to be proud of. The impression we put forth in this or any other endeavor reflects on the entire chapter, not just the officers.

Thank you again for your continued support and I hope to hear from you soon. If you are unable to make it to a chapter meeting, please drop me a line at my post office box, P.O. Box 3373, Skokie IL 60076-3373.

Carole IL-1672-A

Fated For Femininity

\$7.00

From Martin To Marion

Fund Raising Project

His & Hers Equals Theirs

I am a Male Actress

Ideal Marriage

Part 1 The Wedding

Part 2 Lucy's Party

Part 3 The Weekend At Standen

If You Can't Lick 'Em-Join 'Em

Part 1 Down To Defeat

Part 2 Marilyn Makes It

La Boutique Sissy

Men In Skirts

Book 9 Your Shoes Or Mine

Legs' We Love 'Em

Book 16 Domestic Arts

Tricking Into TV

The Queen of the Square Dance

A Schoolgirl in the Secret Service

She's A Boy

Skirted Men

Book 12 The Story of Jan

Men As Maids

Sorority Slaves

Book 2

Tales From A Pink Mirror

Train Journey

Transvestite Sissy

The Turnabout Party

Transvestite Tales

Book 2 From Cop to Coquette

IDEOTAPES VHS

\$25.00

Tootsie

Dustin Hoffman

Female Impersonator Pageant

Lyle Waggoner & Ruth Buzzi

Operation Fred

Danny La Rue

Just One Of The Guys

Joyce Hyser, Clayton Rohner

Tri-Ess Awards Banquet

11/16/85

Tri-Ess "Be All" Weekend 6/7/86

1. Make-up and Wig Care

2. Strut Your Stuff-Interviews

3. Fashion/Talent Show

Second Serve-The Renee Richards Story

Vanessa Redgrave

Interview, Talk Shows

contains:

a. What Sex Am I? Cable TV show

Directed and Narrated by Lee Grant

b. David Suskind-Transvestites

Naomi, Eileen, Sheryl, Ariadne Kane

c. Oprah Winfrey-Transsexuals and Families

Talk Shows \$25.00
 a. Sally Jesse Raphael-Transvestites
 b. Oprah Winfrey-Transsexuals
 c. Oprah Winfrey-Female Impersonators
 Ginger Spice, Daffanie Davis, Dana Klein, Alan

Carr
 d. Donahue-Female Impersonators
 James Regan, Brian Winston, Marsha Michaelaels
 e. Donahue-2/18/87:Deanna, Rhonda
 f. Good Company-Seattle: Mary Ann, Gloria
 g. A.M. Chicago-Female Impersonators from Club Victoria
 h. Thicke of the Night-La Cage Au Folles
 i. Donahue-Baton Show Lounge

Image-Creating Your Own Self-Portrait
 Hosted by Jill Eikenberry

The Secret Of The Sexes
 From the PBS series NOVA

Adult/Pornographic
 1. She-Male Vacation
 2. Ittichi Puzzi (edited by Kiki)

ENTERTAINMENT

DEPOSIT

LACE-A NOVEL
 Shirley Conan

\$20.00

Second Serve
 Renee Richards

\$20.00

The Queens
 George Alpert

\$10.00

A Touch of Lace
 Peter Barry

\$15.00

A Touch of Silk
 Peter Barry

\$15.00

Erotic Lingerie
 Peter Barry

\$15.00

The Lingerie Book
 Mitchel Gray

\$15.00

INFORMATIONAL

DEPOSIT

Transvestia
 No. 1,3,5,10,11,13,14,15,19,20,21,22
 23,24,25,28,30,31,32,33,34,35
 36,37,38,39,40,41,42,43 44,45
 47,48,49,50,51,52,53,54,55,56,57
 58,59,60,61,62,63,64,65,66,69
 70 72,73,74,76,77,78,79,84,87
 88,89,90,100,102,103,104,105
 106,107

\$6.00

The Transvestite and His Wife
 Virginia Prince

\$10.00

My Husband Wears My Clothes
 Dr. Peggy Rudd

Make-up For Blacks
 Susie Rogol

\$5.00

Make-up For Brunette's
 Susie Rogol

\$5.00

SHORT STORIES

Accidental Murder

\$7.00

Astounding Transvestite Tales

3 Yvette's Bondage Predicament

10 The Change in My Life

The Obedient Femme

13 Andy Takes A Feminine Name

Sweet Sobriety

17 I Wish I Were A Woman

A Girl Who Would Be Green

25 Sam's Adventures As Cindy

TV For A Week

The Adventures of Leslie

Baby Faced Bride Groom

Book 2

Book 4

Bound In Dresses

The Corset

Escape Into Transvestism

How to Impersonate A Woman
 Michael Salem

\$15.00

How to Be a Woman Though Male
 Virginia Prince

\$20.00

Transvestites and Transsexuals:
 Towards a Theory of Cross-Gender Behavior
 Dr. Richard F. Docter

\$25.00

How to Create the Illusion of a
 More Perfect Figure
 Baker & Petty

\$20.00

Color Me Beautiful
 Carole Jackson

\$20.00

Dressing Up TVism and Drag
 The History of an Obsession
 Peter AKroyd

\$15.00

How To Stay Pretty & Slim
 Family Circle

\$15.00

The Language Of Clothes
 Alison Lurie

\$20.00