

Cross-Port InnerView

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NEXT MEETING July 17 AT 7:30

Cross-Port Basics

And we're off, to a new and exciting second year. The new meeting place seemed to work out fine. We had 18 people, with new faces that included Dr. Paul Bishop, Shirely Clark, Nancy, Andrea and a friend of mine named Judy.

One of the sadder things about the night was that we are saying good-bye to Sarah. Due to circumstances, she will be leaving Cincinnati and heading for California. We wish her the best and hope we can stay in touch with her. Her leaving not only leaves a void in our heart but on the board as well and we are looking for a secretary. Do I see a hand in the back of the room?

For those who didn't notice, on the header of this "InnerView" we do not say that we are a GGA Chapter any more. As of July 1, 1986 Gateway Gender Alliance will cease to exist. I'll talk more about the details under "Girl Talk". For now I'll say that as for Cross-Port there will be a minimal effect.

Without going into details, our copy machine has been repaired. The June issue was run very early one morning at work. Thanks EWB for the uses of the machine.

Sharon, brought up the fact that there are a number of motels very near the new meeting place. One is a DAYS INN at exit 29 off of I-75 and if people need a place to dress they might want to consider getting one room for the night and sharing the cost.

I also mentioned the Wife-Girlfriend-Spouse support meeting that Kathy is trying to put together for September with Dr. Carolyn Kowatch. There will be more about it next month, but if you'd like to attend please call or write and let her know what night would be best for you.

Something I failed to mention last month was the BIG THANK YOU to Kathy for the support she has given me and the freedom to have this group. I don't always say it, but I always mean it. Thanks! !

The meeting ended at about 9:40. The curtains were opened and the music turned on for dancing. Thanks to Kim for Tending Bar for us. She was really great and made us feel at home. Also thanks to Bob and Ed. We hope your feeling better Ed.

True Femininity

By Sharay

How many of you enjoy the full feminine experience of being a lady? Oh my, Look at all those hands go up. I believe everyone here has raised their hand in total agreement. We really enjoy womanhood, don't we?

Now that I have your attention, how many of you ladies would like to help clean up after the meeting? Ladies did you hear me? I don't see any hands. Where is everyone going? The room is empty! Well, I guess I'll have to do it myself.

How often do we dream of the ecstasy of femininity? The silky feeling of panty hose, the graceful steps we take in our finest pair of heels, and the cleverness by which we were able to pass the last time we went out. Yes, how ladylike we are.

The truth is we are only kidding ourselves. Blind to the fullness of womanhood with its inner beauty. We are only men in skirts unless we take an honest and realistic look at the inner character of womanhood.

How do we want the woman at home to be? Why - loving, thoughtful, considerate, gentle, pleasant, serving attitude, encouraging, willing to clean up our mess, etc. - of course. After all that's what a woman is supposed to be, right? Well aren't we ladies? There go the hands up again? You are paying attention girls, excellent!

Then I would like to challenge you to take a deeper step into womanhood. The honest effort you make toward that step will be a blessing that will really turn you on.

It will make you feel more truly feminine than ever before. You'll also find a deeper insight into the women you come in contact with. A serving spirit will replace the selfishness and authoritative attitude that always seems to stick up its ugly head when we should be loving and sensitive.

You see ladies when we become thoughtful, considerate, humble and serving toward one another, we lose that proud male ego which has ruined many relationships already in our life. We begin to be more concerned about the feelings, hurts, and pain of those around us. Just like a real lady would. Then our group will grow and become truly solid. New folks will feel that spirit as then come in. The leadership won't burn out every few months, and all of us will be able to say - "I'm a REAL lady.

I share these thoughts with you because they had a powerful impact on me at the "Be All" weekend in Chicago.



G I R L T A L K

Well, here's old wind bag again and have I got a lot to say. First, I thank Sharay for her thoughts in her article. I feel much of what she says is true. My only problem is in equating the fine qualities she speaks of with that of TRUE femininity. I know plenty of woman who are REAL ladies and they don't possess many of those qualities. As Human beings we are ALL called to possess those qualities both Male and Female. To place those expectations only on women is an injustice to all of us. It is one thing to say that you should try to Be the woman YOU EXPECT real women to be and another to say that to be a real woman you must possess these qualities.

When the question is asked "How do WE WANT the woman at home to be?" It is OUR expectation, of what a woman should be? The answer given is a good one but can also be the same answer to the question "How do our women WANT US to be as men? Should they expect less. It is true that most women tend to be more sensitive and share their feelings easier, but is this Femininity or Social upbringing. Regardless of the answer, the truth of the article stands. If we develop those qualities we will be the better for it as women or as men.

The article leads to my second topic, 66A. In an article by Georgia, the head of 66A, in the June Phoenix she begins, "I'm tired. I'm burned out." She goes on to speak of the few people that have helped her through the years and the many who have not. She mentions a time when at a meeting she asked those present to help with the Phoenix and got the reply, "Hey, I come to these meetings to enjoy myself not work". For some reason, people are becoming less and less organizational in nature. This is also true of many groups and organizations that have been around a long time, a few do the work while many reap the benefits. It is very hard, and time consuming to run any organization today, but can you imagine what it is like being head of a group that more than half the people don't even want to admit they belong to it.

How quickly many of us forget the loneliness we felt before we met our first TV/TS friend. How soon we decline to offer to others the same help that was so freely offered to us before we gained our confidence. And how fast we are willing to walk away and let others do the work. That is one reason I don't believe in dues. To many people dues are a way of saying, I paid my share now what do I get for it. Well, friends, you get your share of nothing, because all any group has to offer is each other and if no one in the group is willing to give themselves then the group has nothing to offer. The words of JFK are as true today as they were when he said them (with a minor change). Ask not what a group can do for you but what YOU can do for the group, because without your willingness to help, and be a part of it, there can be no organization.

So we say, a fond farewell to 66A and wish Georgia love and success in the future. Thank you for the long, lonely hours, expensive hours you gave us so freely in the past.

We also want to announce the birth of a New Organization, NGA, National Gender Alliance. It will attempt to pick up the pieces of 66A and start anew. Sharon Hart of the Windy City Chapter has announced her plans to head up the organization with almost all of the 66A chapters behind her. She doesn't plan to purchase the "Phoenix" but will try to begin putting out a national news letter, hopefully bi-monthly at first, starting around September. She is offering a membership dues of \$15 for the rest of 1986 in the hopes of raising some funds to get this thing off the ground. She plans to maintain the same values, ideas, and goals of 66A.

I know many of you are saying we don't really need a national organization. Several of the clubs have done fine without being a part of a national group and the same question keeps coming back. What do we have to gain from joining a national group? Again, the answer is nothing, if all you plan to do is take from the group. If on the other hand you really are doing well as a group then you should be asking "What do we have to offer to the national group?" "How can our being part of it make it stronger?" If you think you are doing a great job on your own then why did it take me 18 years to hear about you? Why do many of the mental health clinics know nothing about you? And why are there still thousands of people out there looking for a group like yours and can't find one? Could it be there is a lack of coordination? A lack of communications? And a lack of organization? We do need a national organization, not for what we can get from it but for what we have to offer those thousands of people. I sincerely hope we can all get behind Sharon and make NGA a true national organization.

The International Foundation for Gender Education, which is a by product of Tiffany Club and TV/TS Tapestry, has also been formed. It is a Non-Profit corporation of the state of Mass. and is also offering chapter status to other organizations. As a registered corporation, however, there are a number of requirements which must be met in order to be a chapter. I suggest you look over the IFGE's constitution and if you meet the requirements, you may want to join them. You can be a chapter of both organization if you want to be.

Reports I've heard about the "Be All You Want To Be" weekend all agree that it was a big success as was the P-Town outing. Thanks to all the groups who get together to put on these wonderful weekend. Each one, seems to offer a little something different and that says a lot for the people that plan them.

I've been invited to speak to the volunteers who answer the phones for The Switchboard. I'll be doing that on the first Sunday of August to tell them a little about Cross-Port and cross-dressing.

Finally, I've been accused of not making it "Very Clear" that wives and girlfriend are welcomed, encouraged and wanted at the meetings. I must plead guilty, not because they are not welcomed but because until recently none of our wives wanted to be involved with the group. For those of us who are married, having our wives involved with our dressing and coming to the meetings has always been our hope. The one thing we have said is that we would not try to have two separate meeting going at the same time, one for wives and one for cross-dressers. Everyone is together at the same meeting. We have had a wife or two come to the meetings as well as a couple of other woman who were there for other reasons. I encourage you to come! Get involved! Write an article! As Uncle Sam says, "WE WANT YOU! "

I must add a word about the resent supreme court ruling about sex in the bed room. It looks as though they have finally stuck their nose up some ones ass and said that's all there is room for. I for one think they should keep their nose out of my bed room and stick it in the Congress. There seems to be a lot of ass kissing going on there. Enough said.

Letters to Heather

Dear Heather,

I just finished reading your June 1986 newsletter and want to offer my congratulations on the one year anniversary of your group.

Our doors remain open to you and your group and it is our wish that your group will be on the "scene" for a long time.

We really appreciate the mention that you give "All Saint's Chapel", and I hope in the future you might include the day we meet (Sunday) so people match it with the time you mention, 6:00 pm, which is correct. Also anyone may call the Associate Pastor, Don Hicks at 381-2328, to learn more about our group. Maybe you could include the phone number as a piece of helpful information?

Again, our best wishes. I do mention from time to time in our opening announcements your group and display the newsletter on our literature table after service so people know what your group is about.

Best regards, - Mike

Dear Mike,

Thank you so much for your open invitation. I am hoping that I can get back up there for your service, now that I'm not doing sound for Sunday night concerts (for the Summer). I enjoyed it very much the last time. Consider your wishes done, starting with this issue.

Some of our girls were thinking of asking your chappellets if they wanted to get together to put together a show for the fall. You might pass the message on.

Dear Heather,

Linda, from KY, passed on your name and card for Cross-Port. I'm very interested in the group. Could you send me some information? I'd like to attend a meeting, also.

I'm 42, married and still the the closet. If Cross-Port is what I'm thinking it is I've been looking for it for quite awhile (several years).

I'm looking forward to hearing from you and joining Cross-Port.

Until that time, -- Joey

Dear Joey,

Sorry I took a while to get back to you but I knew I was going to be sending out the "InnerView" and wanted to get you the latest copy. I to hope Cross-Port if what you are looking for since I understand the long search involved in finding us. We are trying every way we know to let people like yourself know we (and others like us) are here.

I look forward to meeting you and hope we can meet your needs.

Heather

Bulletin Board

CROSS-PORT'S Meeting schedule for 1986 is Jul 17, Aug 21, Sep 18, Oct 16, Nov 20, Dec 18

NGA - For information write Cross-Port.

The Paradise Club's Schedule - For 1986 - Jun 14 (Picnic - Rummage Sale), Aug 16 (Guest Speaker), Oct 18 (Meeting & Drag Show), Dec 13 (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.

Write Windy City Chapter, PO BOX 2312, Chicago, IL 60690, Attn: Sharon Hart

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

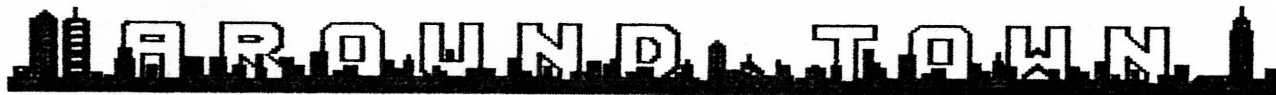
Tiffany Club, Tapestry, and International Foundation for Gender Education.

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 Gwynne

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



Harp's Rollerdomes has been sold and at least for the summer Gay Skate Nite is cancelled. We hope the new owners will resume it in the fall.

Jacob's has not been doing that well on Friday nights so they no longer have shows that night. At last report they did still have a show on Saturday night.

1470 West has opened a Patio Bar. This is a good place to go to enjoy the night air and softer music.

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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, Drag shows Saturday night at 11: 00 and 12: 30.

Metro Lounge, Ruth Lyons Pl. & Gano Alley, [Off Vine near the square], Dressing is OK, Drag shows on Fri.

1470 West [in Dayton], 1470 W. Dorothy in the Hill and Dale Shopping Center, Off I75 take Exit 47, go east until you come to the shopping center. It's on the right side of the center towards the back. Dressing is OK, Drag shows every Sunday night at 10: 30 and 12: 00.

The Subway - at 609 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

Paula Lee Shoes, 7332 Kenwood Rd. , Has large sizes but is not open to men trying them on in the store.

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

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

Marilyn's Make-Overs - Write P. O. Box 632, Vandalia, OH 45377

Ann's - Make-up, custom clothing and wig styling. 368-7161 for appointment.

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