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Support Group: No need to be alone. Attend meetings and social events with others who enjoy expressing their ferminine nature. Make new friends, have more fun, and learn more about yourself. Write: EON, PO Box 6293, Camillus, NY 13031. (Affiliated with the INTERNA-TIONAL FOUNDATION FOR GENDER EDUCATION).

The above notice appeared in the May 2 issue of SYRACUSE NEW TIMES newspaper, posted under the personal services section. It is scheduled for four consecutive issues.

As of May 7 EON has received eight responses to this new listing, and we can rest assured that Cheryl D. has already made her prompt and caring reply to each and every one. Hopefully, this process will mark the beginning of the end of isolation for both the respondents to our listing and the EON group itself.

As often mentioned in discussions among the active members of EON, our goals include the end of isolation for all crossdressers ...and the significant others in their lives...who want this for themselves, and increased viability of our organization. Viability of the organization...that is, its workability, its pertinence, at the level of community, at the level of social and spiritual responsibility, must also be wanted...<u>first of all</u> wanted...for it to occur.

Those of us who want it will be willing to take all the small steps, and all the smaller steps in between, in order to bring the larger picture into manifestation.

MEMBERSHIP DUES

One small step...in fact, the first: in order to be considered a member of EON, in order to receive any newsletter after this one, or any invitation to an EON event, your dues must be received by the end of May. Again, dues are: \$25 for a single membership, \$30 for a couple, payable by check or money order to EON.

Also, please note that if you wish to submit articles for newsletter publication, your dues must be paid before your material can be considered by the EON newsletter editor.



PROGRESS

This is the second newsletter of the new open group of EON. EON is now an open group...a natural progression from its origin as a couples group. As a non-sexual support group for all crossdressers...TVs, TSs, male to female, female to male, transgenderists, whether heterosexual, bi-sexual, or gay...and their significant others, we intend to create a safe and non-judgemental social environment that is nurturing and responsible...that promotes the unfolding of individuality and the growth and harmony of relationships. We thereby intend to increase the growth of our own EON group in terms of numbers, inclusiveness, and effectiveness at the level of our local community and in relationship to the crossdressing community at large.

We are concerned not only with our crossdressing community locally and at large, but also with our viability as a contender and advocate for our community's rights and experience of justice and fairness within the context of society itself. In this regard we intend to align ourselves in a responsible fashion with other like-minded groups, organizations and movements.

Yes...expressing our nature turns out to be more than just dressing up in a house-size closet once a month. The key here is <u>more than</u>. Whether at a member's house or at the regular meeting place we are currently searching for here in Syracuse, this level of activity is important, it is fun, and it fills a need. However, as your needs mature, if your individuality requires this, EON will eventually provide you with the opportunity, the ability, to express your nature at the level of organization and relationship to society.



This is indeed exciting! In our next newsletter, Angela S., EON's representative to I.F.G.E. will have more to say regarding this level of relationship.

On May 5, Angela, Cheryl D. and Charliss D. attended the Tiffany Club Of New England Spring Dinner in Waltham, Ma. In addition to the opportunity to pull out some new wardrobes and generally act up in their individual ways(these three girls often team up for out of town functions) they were able to spend some quality time alone with Merissa Sherrill Lynn, Executive Director of I.F.G.E. One of the benefits that one receives from listening and exchanging with an articulate woman with experience, ideas and commitment is that she comes away from the encounter with a clarification of her own truth, a closer contact with what's so for her within her own heart and soul...whatever that may be. We all can look foward to Angela sharing this experience with us.

We also would like to make note of the success of the Eon Spring House Party that was hosted by Angela and Gail on April 21. Four others attended this event: Cheryl D., Charliss D. and (here's why it was a success) newcomers Eve W. and her significant other, Marilyn.



I.F.G.E. CONVENTION, NATICK, MA BY ANGELA SHEEDY, I.F.G.E. REPRESENTATIVE

Since I could never cover all of the enjoyment and the rewarding moments of the convention, let's just say that I had a great time...and that I can relate some of the experience in this space.

It was truly wonderful to have six members of EON present at the Crowne Plaza Hotel for this event. I was joined by Charliss and her significant other, Donna; Carol and her significant other, Ellen; and the wide-eyed Cheryl.

This was a working, having fun, and learning convention. Charliss, Cheryl and I arrived together in my Jeep, with Cheryl squeezed in the back seat and with no room to slide a piece of paper between the roof and the massive amount of luggage that we three girls found necessary to bring along.

We were prepared to stay for eternity, if so inclined. Actually, it was kind of an embarrassment to be seen carrying this great amount of luggage into the hotel.

We stopped off at the hotel cocktail lounge to say hello to a few friends, but soon left for our rooms to get some much needed sleep...we had a long four days of adventure ahead of us...

Over this time, we went mall shopping, went out to some nice restaurants and a jazz club with our friends from Maine and San Francisco - Dawn and Charlotte - attended many seminars, lectures and luncheons. We saw a great fashion show...and dresses exquisitely for the Saturday evening banquet, which will be remembered for its emotional moments and great entertainment.

It was a wonderful experience, meeting old friends and making new ones. Also, I could not be more proud of the members of EON who did attend. We are all looking foward to next year's convention in Denver.

The most difficult experience was this...saying goodby to all our sisters, leaving all that warmth in exchange for snowy Syracuse. Thank God for warm and wonderful memories!



THE NEW EON OPEN GROUP: ITS FUTURE

Note that, on the calendar of events, we are planing for a party in Syracuse on a Saturday evening, November 3, 1990. We have placed our deposit with the caterer and his private facility for this event. Angela and Charliss paid a visit to this banquet facility and found it be to be truly appropriate for our purpose and needs. In addition to being adequate in size and very tastefully decorated, it offers total privacy and security for anyone for whom this is a real concern. Plan on hearing more in the near future about this important event in Syracuse...and plan on attending and lending your group the support it needs. The projected cost for this banquet is \$ 30 per person.

At this time we are also in need of a location at which to hold our regular monthly meetings...ideally a place that is not a member's home, and yet a place where we can appear en fémme if we want. Such a place does exist in Syracuse...it is really just a matter of finding it. Any ideas...let us know.

- May 17-20 Paradise in the Poconos Creative Design Services, Box 1263, King of Prussia, PA 19406
- May 29-June4 Tiffany Club Of New England Provincetown Spring Outing Box 2283, Woburn, MA 01888
- June 2 Dinner cruise on the Hudson TGIC, Box 13604, Albany, NY 12212 518-436-4513
- June 6-10 Be All You Want To Be Be All Weekend, Box 38304, Pittsburgh, PA 15238

June 8 CD Network meeting, Box 92055, Rochester, NY 14626

July 13 and Aug 10 CD Network meetings

- Aug TBA, 1990 4th annual Mardi Gras (Canada) Kandi Kane, Box 185, Perkinsfield, ON LOL 2JO Canada
- Sept 14 CD Network Sock Hop, Rochester, NY Dinner, live DJ, advance tickets \$25.00 -- CD Network, Box 92055 Rochester, NY 14692
- Oct 12-21 Fantasia Fair in Provincetown, write Fantasia Fair, Lincoln Station, Box 11254, Alexandria, VA 22312
- Nov 3 First annual EON Banquet, Syracuse, NY -- write EON Box 6293, Camillus, NY 13031