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Editorial

Three years ago this month I made a long, self-debated decision to join the TRI-ESS organization. It was not an easy decision to make, for I had many fears about exposure and just did not know what I'd get myself into. My fears were outweighed by my need to meet others who were like myself, so I took the bold step and joined.

Well, I was very happy once I wrote that letter to California and received the standard brochure. An organization which met my needs to an exact fashion! My second letter to Carol concerned how I could make contact with local Chapters in the New York area. Much to my sadness, Carol wrote and said that there were none.

Unbelievable, for this IS New York! Well, time passed, and I met several other Sisters who felt the same as me. We all agreed, "let's do something about it".

As you know, we've been joined by others such as yourself who also share the same concerns and needs. We have and will continue to, "do something about it"! Our growth has been fantastic, both in numbers and in the kind of Chapter Sister we want in the group. Events over the past year such as the radio and television programs, a visit with us by someone of Dr. Judith Kuriansky's reputation, our Chapter meetings, are events which most of us never thought possible for a new Chapter. They did happen, and more will!

Someone, somewhere, once said to the effect that we are only limited by those limitations which we place upon ourselves. Well, my Sisters, let's continue to strip those limitations away! Together, it will be done; alone, there is little hope.

Chapter Promotion & Activities

...As March is TRI-ESS "Library Month", enclosed with this newsletter you'll find several of the organization's library cards.

As to their effectiveness, see the last page of the latest FEMME MIRROR. All you do is deposit the card in the appropriate section of a library's card catalogue. Consider having done a very important job for the organization, for someone desperately looking for CORRECT information, and for yourself, as we all ultimately benefit from the promotion of the TRI-ESS cause.

...And while we are talking about libraries, we have some very good news for you about our own Chapter Library. See Page 6 of this newsletter.

...You will see from items in O. S. J. that we are in the process of implementing several recommendations made by you in the questionnaire. See Page 7 for the final results. More will follow in the months to come.

...We should be very proud of several CHI DELTA MU Sisters. The latest FEMME MIRROR contained: a delightful recount of a trip to the circus by Felicity, cartoons most humorous by Sylvia Kay, and a brief article with more to follow concerning Eileen and family's television appearance. I'd say that that is a very healthy contribution to the national organization by your Chapter Sisters of CHI DELTA MU!

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Chapter Promotion & Activities (continued)

...The "For Couples Only" program is about to get underway. We had discussed this program at a Chapter meeting last year. The general consensus was that it may divide the Chapter and cause other problems. As indicated in the questionnaire, the membership apparently continues to feel the same way (#3). Yet, there does seem to be a desire for us to bring more wives/girlfriends into our activities (#13). Perhaps this is really not a contradiction. What is needed, I believe, is a volunteer Chapter Sister with an understanding mate who will serve as a liason between CHI DELTA MU and Gloria Ann, who is responsible for the program. This would provide for a better means of explaining the "For Couples Only" program. Our concern about Chapter solidarity is paramount, and our initial reaction may be premature due to lack of information. A liason couple for this program would be of great benefit for the Chapter, for we may be missing significant opportunities by not pursuing it. Again, a volunteer?

...Ideas for activities at Chapter meetings, articles for the newsletter, your comments, etc., are ALWAYS welcome.

Going Out....to see TOOTSIE !

by Suzy (NJ-G)

"This past Friday, the three of us (wife Joyce and friend Norman), went to see TOOTSIE!! The movie was all the more exciting for me because Tootsie and I were both dressed as women. It was a TV dream. I got home from the office, removed my suit, and went right to work. After freshening up, I shaved and dressed. Since it was cold, I selected a skirt and sweater outfit, and my boots. I took extra pains with my makeup and after an hour or so we were ready to go. After a quick bite to eat, we hopped in the car for the short drive to the theater. The place was jammed. The lobby was full and there was a short line outside.

We waited until the doors opened and the crowd thinned out a little and then we purchased our tickets and entered. By now, the downstairs was crowded so we opted for a balcony seat. I was nervously excited as I walked up the open staircase knowing I was in full view of the lobby. Once upstairs, we took seats in the rear and waited with anticipation for the movie to start. After about 10 minutes the house lights dimmed (whew!), and TOOTSIE began.

As the audience laughed at some of Tootsie's trials and tribulations, I sat quietly smiling. Tootsie was right there with them enjoying the movie.

By the middle of the show, nature called and I entered the ladies room. Fortunately the room was empty, so I got into a booth quietly. Afterwards, I freshened my lipstick and returned to my seat.

All in all it was a night to remember!"



Meetings

As you might have expected the February 11th storm required that we cancel the Chapter meeting of the 12th. We were all disappointed, but there was not much choice in the matter. I believe that our communications network was satisfactory and that all who were planning to attend were contacted prior to the 12th.

The proposed meeting schedule for the next several months is as follows:

March 12	New Jersey
April 9	Westchester
May 14	New Jersey
June 11	Westchester

We hope that the membership approves of this schedule; we can make adjustments at the March meeting if so desired. Our March Chapter meeting will take place in a new motel, with more space in anticipation of good attendance.



Due to scheduling problems, we had to change the date of the lingerie shopping opportunity to our April meeting.

We anticipate a good deal of Chapter business matters to be addressed at the next several meetings, so try your best to be there. By the way, if transportation is a problem for you, let us know! I'm sure that we can get someone to give you a lift. Note this on the back of the reply form (below).

Again, wives/girlfriends are always welcome to the meeting, and there is no additional charge.

Please complete the form below and send in to Ms. Patricia Gallagher, P. O. Box 158, Old Greenwich, Ct. 06870 if you plan on attending the April meeting in Westchester. Thanks, because it would help us plan the meeting better.



Yes, I plan on being at the April CHI DELTA MU Chapter meeting.

Name:-----Wife/Girlfriend
 attending-----Directions needed-----
 Phone (in case of last minute cancellation)
 (-----)-----Transportation needed-----

Membership

...There follows a listing of the Chapter membership; some of you (unfortunately), have been remiss in your dues. Please use this as a reminder to renew, to provide me with updated information in case I don't have your code #, and for one other important item of information. The questionnaire indicated that Sisters wanted to promote local contact with one another. The last item for most Sisters is the zip code where we send you O. S. J. We are now providing a mail-forwarding service, like Carol provides on a national basis. Write your letter to the Sister that you want to contact, put it in an envelope, seal, post, provide your return address, and write, in pencil, the member you want to contact on the front of the envelop. Place this envelop in a larger one and send on to me. I'll address the envelop and send it on through the mail. This is a FREE service to all members who are current on their dues.

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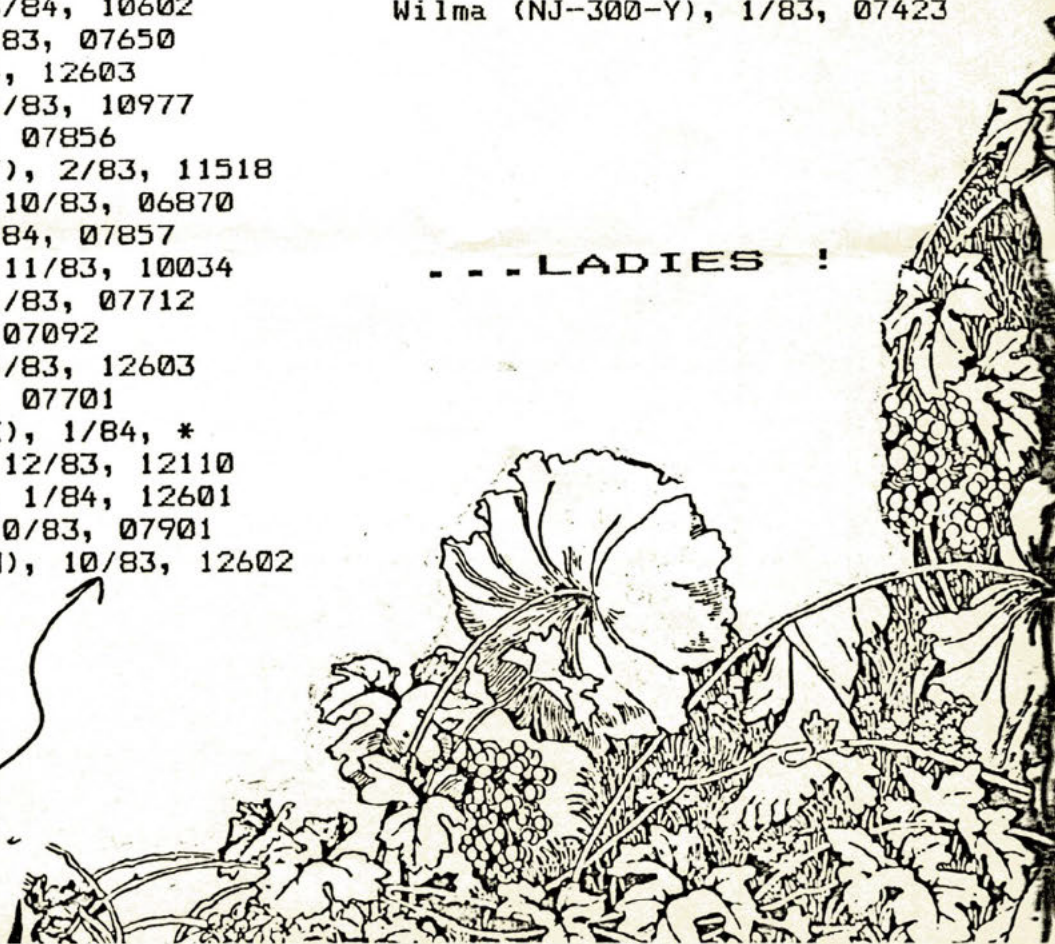
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 Barbara (NY-307-B), 6/83, 11735
 Josephine (NY-302-C), 12/83, *
 Nora Helene (NJ-202-C), 10/83, 07036
 Nancy (NY-D), 12/83, 11433
 Elizabeth (NY-D), 3/84, 10602
 Tina (NJ-303-E), 4/83, 07650
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 Laura (NY-304-F), 1/83, 10977
 Lynda (NJ-F), 4/83, 07856
 Janet Lee (NY-303-F), 2/83, 11518
 Patricia (CT-8-G), 10/83, 06870
 Joan (NJ-204-G), 5/84, 07857
 Marion (NY-210-G), 11/83, 10034
 Dorothy (NJ-1-G), 1/83, 07712
 Suzy (NJ-G), 2/84, 07092
 Eileen (NY-11-J), 5/83, 12603
 Janet (NJ-K), 1/84, 07701
 Sylvia Kay (FCQ-1-K), 1/84, *
 Carole Ann (NY-M), 12/83, 12110
 Felicity (NY-16-M), 1/84, 12601
 Joyce (NJ-206-M), 10/83, 07901
 Mary Jane (NY-206-M), 10/83, 12602

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dues payable*

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 JoAnne (NY-S), 12/83, 10950
 Claire (NY-208-S), 10/83, 10598
 Carole (NY-207-S), 10/83, 11418
 Jana (NJ-304-T), 1/84, 07093
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 Lynne (NY-313-T), 3/83, 10952
 Sheila (CT-102-W), 1/84, 06878
 Sharon (NY-311-W), 3/83, 10602
 Edith Marie (NY-319-W), 12/83, 10978
 Wilma (NJ-300-Y), 1/83, 07423

...LADIES !



Our Readers Write

..."I am so pleased to receive the copies of O. S. J. and to be kept informed of your Chapter activities. It seems as if you have a wonderful time together and are quite active. I especially enjoyed reading of Dr. Judith's interview with Eileen and family...Hopefully, before the end of the year we'll have a group here in Kansas City. Your newsletters will give us lots of ideas for programs and communications with our members." (Julie [redacted] National Publicity Director for TRI-ESS.)



..."Felicity's remarks re publicity are well taken. If a significant number (1%, .1% ?), of the people you see in public are crossdressed, what does the public do as a reaction? Do (or will), they accept and ignore it? Will there be a public demand for more stringent laws? I feel that Eileen and her committee should give very careful thought to these matters. Perhaps, at least as an early effort, the publicity ought to be aimed at the psychological counseling profession." (Edith Marie, NY-319-W.)



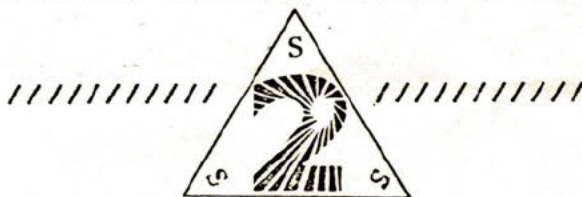
..."Enclosed find my info for membership renewal; I have no excuses, but can say that I am sorry to be tardy. I have absolutely no wish to part company with the Chapter, it has meant so many new and lovely girlfriends for me and of course I especially am delighted to get my "Joy" bulletin." (Sylvia Kay, FCQ-1-K.)

..."It would be especially gratifying to me at this time to help new and perspective members, both because of the great kindness shown me by Carol B. and yourself, and also because of the tremendous burst of joy and enthusiasm that I feel for my new-found family." (Sheila, CT-101-W.)

..."We will be having guests from Texas and one from Mass. The wife of a member in Texas is one of the guests. She is an author and has completed a manuscript for wives of crossdressers. It is good and I hope that I can eventually publish it." (Carol B., national leader of TRI-ESS.)



(FEMME MIRROR,
February, 1981)



You've probably noticed that we've been using cartoons from past issues of FEMME MIRROR in the last several issues of the newsletter. We hope that you've enjoyed them, and that you understand that they are only one small benefit you receive as a member of the TRI-ESS national organization. Carol has announced that the dues have DROPPED (!) from \$30/year to \$25. My dues are up for renewal this month, and considering all that I have and will continue to receive as being a member of the national organization, I'm continuing my subscription of \$30. Perhaps with a healthy Treasury Carol will be able to visit us again.

Chapter Library

I am very pleased to announce that Edith Marie (NY-319-W), has accepted the position of Chapter Librarian. On top of that, Edith Marie has offered to lend her collection of literature and cassette tapes to the Chapter Library! Below is a listing of the materials which are available to CURRENT (i.e., dues paid), members of the Chapter. Items will be available for 3 weeks, and we're asking that you limit your request to no more than two items. We have duplicate copies of some items, and will serve the membership on a first come, first served basis. YOUR only cost is the return, 1st class postage of the item (note the cost of postage when Edith Marie sends you the material).

"Mirror Image: The Odyssey of a Male to Female Transsexual", Nancy Hunt.

"Dressing Up: Transvestism and Drag: The History of an Obsession", Peter Ackroyd.

"Sexual Variations: Fetishism, Sadomasochism and Transvestism", Chris Gosselin and Glenn Wilson.

"The Lingerie Book", Mitchel Gray.

"The Transvestite and His Wife", Virginia Prince.

"Understanding Crossdressing", Virginia Prince.

"The Mysteries of Sex", C. J. S. Thompson.

"The Man-Maid Doll", Patricia Morgan.

"A Conversation With Linda Lee", (cassette tape).

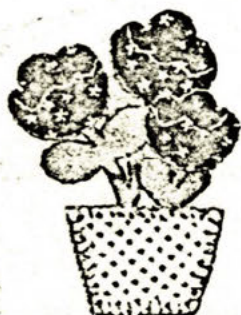
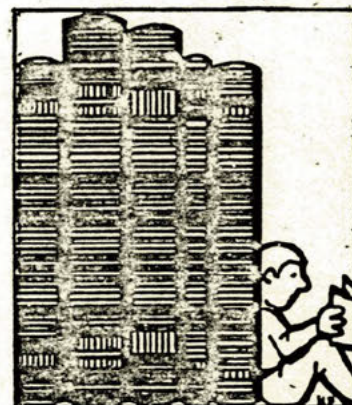
"The Male Transvestite", Confide (cassette tape).

"The Way of a Transsexual, Joanne's Story", Confide (cassette tape).

Of course a donation to the Chapter Library in the form of books, tapes, magazine articles would be most welcomed.

You can contact Edith Marie as follows:

Don [REDACTED]
Draw R
Valley Cottage, New York 10989



Spring



1. Chapter meetings have been well-planned.
2. The newsletter provides Chapter members with adequate material.
3. The Chapter should promote the auxiliary group, "For Couples Only".
4. Considering the area we cover, we should become one regional organization, with more local Chapters.
5. The organization of the Chapter as it is now is satisfactory.
6. The Chapter should offer more services: shopping guides, special events, etc.
7. We should have more frequent meetings.
8. A more private meeting place, other than a motel, should be found.
9. More counseling and referral services should be provided by the Chapter.
10. The Chapter should have an elected slate of officers.
11. There should be special committees for specific purposes: to plan meetings, welcome new members, etc.
12. The newsletter relating Chapter activities and other items is needed.
13. Efforts to bring more wives/girlfriends into more Chapter activities are necessary.
14. An important objective of the Chapter should be publicity of the Sorority and its goals.
15. The promotion of local contact with Sisters who live near one another should be pursued.
16. Chapter activities such as the lending library and mail-forwarding are needed.

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- 5 = Very important, strongly agree
 4 = Important/agree
 3 = No opinion or feeling on this item
 2 = Not important/do not agree
 1 = Very unimportant, strongly disagree

Final Results.

Only 34% of the membership responded.

In Case You Missed It

HE WEARS SILK UNDIES TO BED

Dear Meg: Do you think there's something wrong with a man in his forties, bright, good looking and a super jock, who likes to wear women's silk undies to bed?

Identity crisis

AS if the ins and outs of fashion trends don't cause enough confusion, Magique is taking it all one step further on March 9 with a party for the cast of the long-running *Cloud 9*. Guests are required to observe "cross-dressing." In other words, boys dress like girls and girls dress like boys, which is what the actors do a lot of in the show. There'll even be a "cross-dressing costume contest." Sounds like an early Halloween.

This guy is single, dates a lot and has a high-paying job. He doesn't see anything wrong with silk undies and says he wears them because they feel good. I know it's none of my business, but I'm curious to know why he does it. Curious Cathy.

Dear Curious: You're right, it's none of your business. If your friend is into silk, it could be he's allergic to everything else. My advice is, if you want to keep him as a friend, drop the subject, FAST.

N. Y. POST, 2/24/83

(al:ler:gy...."a feeling of antipathy or repugnance", Webster's 7th. Any truth to that for us??? --Ed.)

Treasurer's Report

Beginning Cash Balance (2/1/83).....\$350.87

Receipts

Contributions.....5.00
Membership Renewals...30.00
New Memberships.....20.00

Total.....55.00

Expenses

Postage.....20.00

Ending Cash Balance (2/28/83).....\$385.87

A warm (as usual), welcome to the following new Chapter members: Rachel and Elizabeth. Again, we are confident that your decision to join with us is one that you will cherish. And, thank you Joan (NJ), Suzy, and Sylvia Kay for your dues renewal.

FACTS: #1. As of this month we have \$70.00 in receivable dues.

#2. If all Chapter members joined the national organization we would provide \$275 in additional revenue which, I'm sure, Carol would put to very good uses.





I want to thank Suzy for her "Going Out" article, and all you who have written to us. Also, I did not have the chance last month to thank Sheila for a very beautiful piece in the "Food For Thought" column. Sheila says that she is writing several articles for us, and we can look forward to seeing them in future newsletters.

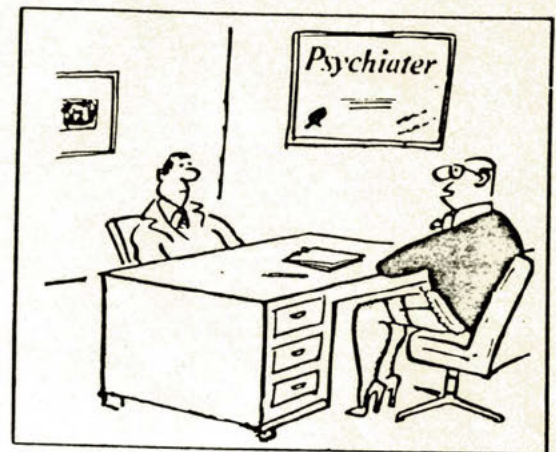
As always, the newsletter is YOURS. Your letters, articles, thoughts, etc. are welcome and needed! At times I find it hard to complete the newsletter, and any help you can provide would be appreciated.



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"Well, Mr. Kazinkis, don't worry about your crossdressing tendencies. You are not alone in ah..... wanting to wear women's clothing!"

(FEMME MIRROR,
February, 1981)



"Will he be surprised to learn that we decided to come over and visit him this evening!"

Best Regards,
Mary Jane.

- NOTICE -

MARCH 14 MEETING WILL BE AT THE
HOWARD JOHNSON MOTOR LODGE, RTE 80, SADDLEBROOK, NJ.
EXIT 159 - GARDEN STATE PARKWAY (YOU CAN SEE IT
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