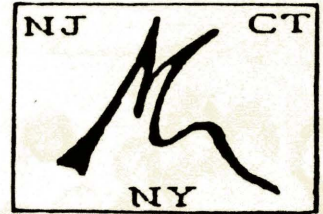


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Meetings *****

...Our October meeting in New Jersey was fantastic. We had a total of 19 Sisters, 6 wives/grilfriends, and two guests. Our thanks to all who helped organize and conduct the meeting, and to all of you who came! A very special welcome to new members and their mates; we trust that you were pleased as to our meeting and will come again. Also, good to see some Sisters who haven't been with us for a while, and we're sure you come soon again.

...Attending were: Patricia (CT-8-6), and wife Inga, Nora Helene (NJ-202-C), Wilma (NJ-300-Y), Renata Lee (CT-102-W), Joan (NY-9-F), Tina Lindsay (NJ-303-E), Karen (NJ-309-K), Lora (PA-5-W), and wife Pee-wee, Jane (NJ-312-T), and wife Millie, Mary Jane (NY-206-M), and wife Agnes, Terri (NJ-310-F), and friend Terri, Marlene (NY-314-E), Janna (NJ-304-T), Eileen (NY-11-J), and wife Priscilla, Carole (NY-207-S), Edie (NY-5), Frances (NY), Doreen (NJ-P), Joan (NJ-204-G), and Lisa (NJ-P).

...Our guests, Dr. Garrett Oppenheim and associate Fae Robin, presented a very interesting program for all. Dr. Oppenheim stressed that hypnosis can be used both to cure (?) TV and to help a person accept TV. We had some discussion about being "cured", but in general it was very informative. We told Dr. Oppenheim that he has an open invitation to our meeting. He said that efforts such as TRI-ESS and our Chapter are very helpful for people who are afraid, uncertain, confused, etc. We told him that if we came upon someone who we thought could be helped by him, that we would refer that person to him, and asked that he do the same for us.

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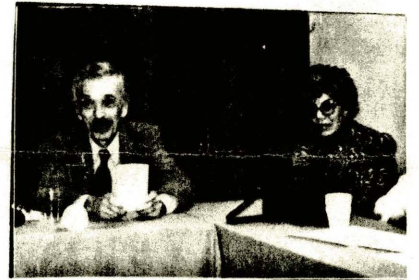
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October meeting. Above, left to right: seated on the floor: Frances, Jane, Renata Lee; seated: Joan (NY), Marlene, Mary Jane, Wilma, Tina, Jana, Nora Helene; standing: Edie, Karen, Carol, Priscilla, Eileen, Doreen, Patricia, Lora, Terri, and Joan (NJ). At right, Dr. Oppenheim and Fae presenting points at the meeting. (Photos: Karen)

FROM: our November hostesses Patricia & Renata Lee! Stay over! SPECIAL for

motel rates TRI-ESS members + guests Case below!

TRY-ON available

...NOVEMBER. We will meet in Westchester on Saturday, November the 12th. We will have a repeat of last Spring's lingerie shopping opportunity with Sandy of Undercoverware, Inc. presenting a showing of her new lines. Also, we will have the election of Chapter officers, so please come to the meeting (see next page for related item). Let your GAL know that you're coming (and wife/girlfriend), and please contact Karen who is coordinating the refreshments. Patricia and Renata will co hostess.

P.S. NO FLEABAG! add to YOUR NECESSITIES!



Come to our November meeting!

...DECEMBER. This meeting will be in New Jersey on December the 18th. We will have our annual holiday party with gift exchange, plus an optional field trip to Merle Norman in Ft. Lee. More next month.

send to:

K. Kroll
 P. O. Box 294
 Wrightstown, New Jersey 09562

Yes, I do plan on attending the November meeting in Westchester.

Name: _____

Phone: () _____ Date attending: _____

Directions/transportation needed: _____

NOTE!

SPECIAL MOTEL RATE IF YOU WANT TO STAY OVER. REG. ROOM - \$80.00, TRI-ESS RATE: \$50.00! IF WE HAVE 10 OR MORE ROOMS RENTED UNDER THE NAME "TRI-ESS" WE GET THE CONFERENCE ROOM FREE (\$75.00 SAVING)!

{ MOTEL MANAGEMENT 100% UNDERSTANDING + COOPERATIVE !!!

Chapter Promotion & Activities

...A very special thanks to Camile, a new member, who donated \$25 toward the purchase of the Donahue tape. Fortunately, our Sister, Joan (NY) does have a copy of it, and it was played at the October meeting. Karen also has a VCR, and hopefully at the December meeting (Joan can't make the meeting in November), we will be able to make copies of the tape (cost: \$10).

...According to Edith Marie, our Chapter Librarian: "One of the benefits of membership is the privilege of borrowing books and tapes from our Chapter library. Here is how it works: Select one or more titles from the enclosed lists (write Edith Marie if you want the lists). Write to the appropriate person (Jana or me), and we will mail you the items as soon as possible. Keep them for 3 weeks and return them by, at least, the same class of postage. Use a new wrapper if the original is unfit for reuse. First Class postage, of course, is the most reliable while Fourth Class Book rate is cheapest. We have found that sending books by Fourth Class with a First Class letter attached gains the advantages of both classes. Your only cost is return postage." Write: Don Williams, Draw R, Valley Cottage, New York 10989.

...More discussion about having a Femme Fun-Filled weekend at some resort, even possibly hostessing the 1984 or 1985 TRI-ESS Annual Convention. We thought we should try the first, and several Sisters are very interested. Alice (FL-301-M), who lives in upstate NY during the warmer months, and Joan (NJ), have several contacts with understanding resort owners. These are nice places and not fleabags. We would have the place to ourselves, with all conveniences. I understand that prices are not bad either. So, if you are interested in attending something like this next Spring, let Joan know. She'll be coordinating things for this affair. No dates set yet. Contact Joan as follows: J. Gibbons, P. O. Box 291, Netcong, New Jersey 07857.

...We had some discussion about copying the Donahue tape, or even making our own video tape, and sending it out to the media. Channel 9 has already repeated the "Nine on New Jersey" program, and there appears to be much interest in us by the media. We have an active publicity program, chaired by Eileen, and are always looking for media contact. Edie made several suggestions at the October meeting which have a lot of potential, and she'll be joining the Publicity Committee to assist in this effort. Edie is also working on a Chapter Fact Sheet, which I think is a very good idea, and thanks Edie for your effort. Remember we have several Sisters who have already spoken to the media (television, radio and the press), and who are ready to do so again if we have the contacts we need.

...We forgot to remind all GALs to contact Karen by the Wednesday prior to our November 12th meeting.

Treasurer's Report

The report for September was included in the September newsletter. October's Treasurer's Report will be in the November issue of OUR SPECIAL JOY. For those of you whose dues is up for renewal, please remit same to our Chapter Treasurer, Lynda (address below).

Elections

It is time for us to pick Chapter officers. Several of us have gotten together and formed a "ticket". We are, for President: Patricia, Vice President: Karen, Treasurer: Lynda, and Secretary: Mary Jane. We believe that we have demonstrated our dedication to the Chapter and its goals, and are now ready to proceed with direction for our Chapter. Jana has also asked to be considered for the position of Vice President.

Please complete the ballot below and send on to your Treasurer, Lynda. Mark your envelop with a "X" in the lower left hand corner. All ballots will be opened at the November meeting.

To be eligible to vote, you must be both a Chapter member and a member of the National organization, in good standing.

Write-In

President: Patricia _____

Vice President: Karen _____

Treasurer: Lynda _____

Secretary: Mary Jane _____

Vice President: Jana _____

send to: L. Frank
P. O. Box 9192
Morristown, New Jersey 07960

YOUR NAME _____

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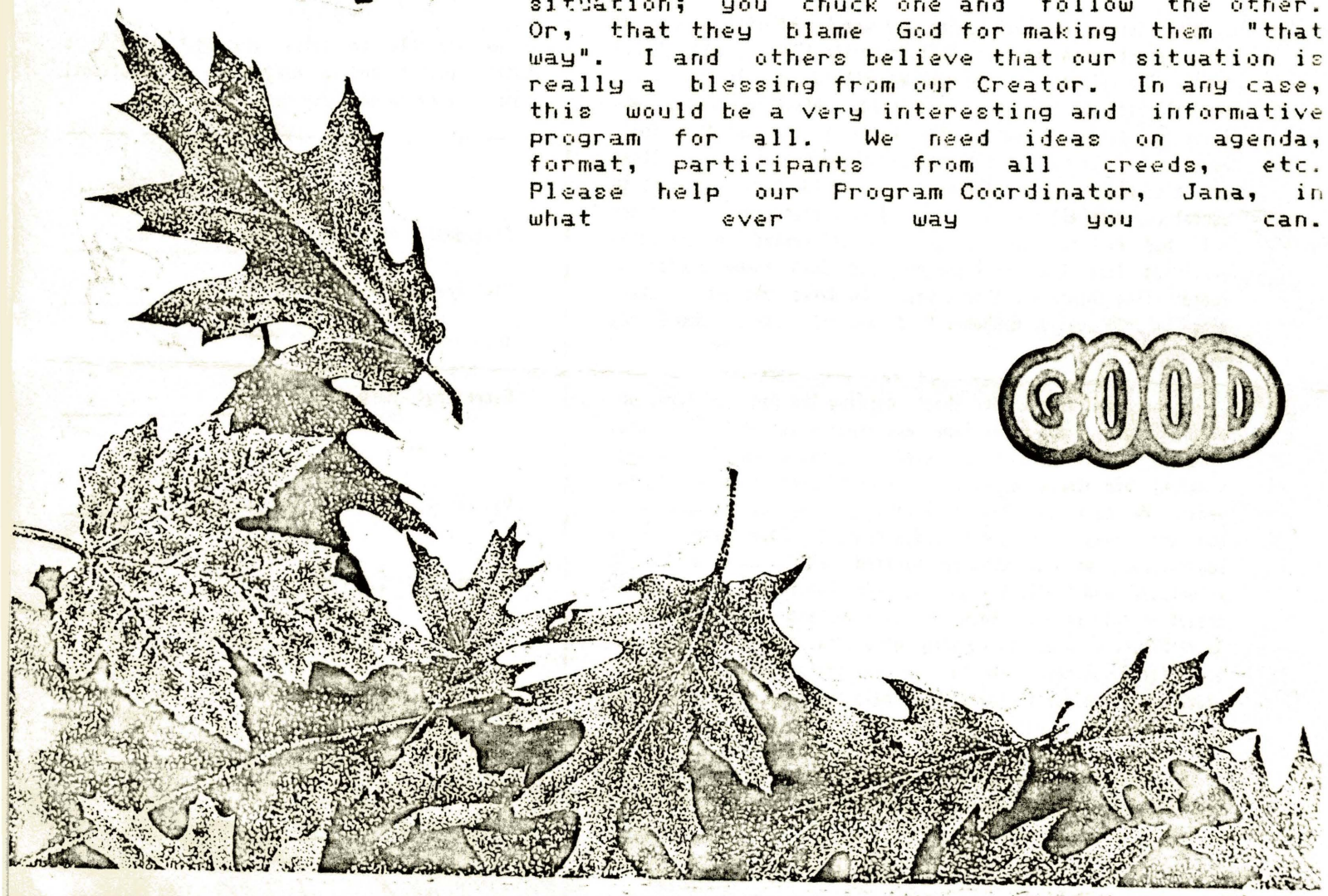
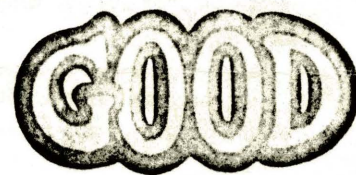
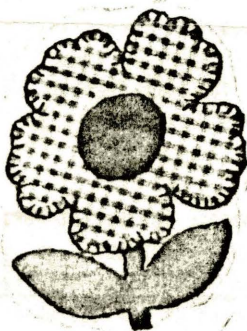
Questions & Answers

"While dressed, I went out of my house to the backyard to place something out there. It was in the early evening. Unknown to me, my next door neighbor was in his backyard and saw me. He did not know that I crossdress, and said, 'what's going on?' I said, 'oh, nothing', and returned to my house. How do I address this potential problem now that my neighbor knows that I like to wear a dress?" (No name)

(Ed. Note: we hope to make "Questions & Answers" a monthly article. However, to do this we need: 1) your questions; 2) your answers. If you have experienced a particular situation such as the one described above, I'm sure all Sisters would be interested in your answers. Please help and send in your, "Questions & Answers" for our newsletter.)

Crossdressing & Religion

In our August newsletter we said that one of the programs in the planning stage for the Spring of 1984 concerned crossdressing and religion. Since then a number of Sisters have expressed great interest to me concerning this topic. My own personal belief is that many Sisters view crossdressing and belief in God as an "either/or" situation; you chuck one and follow the other. Or, that they blame God for making them "that way". I and others believe that our situation is really a blessing from our Creator. In any case, this would be a very interesting and informative program for all. We need ideas on agenda, format, participants from all creeds, etc. Please help our Program Coordinator, Jana, in what ever way you can.



A proposed Tri-Ess business service directory

Several weeks ago I wrote Carol Beecroft:

"Here's an idea for another service Tri-Ess could offer members: A business service directory -- by and for sisters only.

"It would list those of us whose 'brothers' operate firms offering products or services that the brothers of other sisters (or the sisters themselves) might use.

"For example, Lynda owns a travel agency. Although it's 25 miles from my home, I would use Lynda's services in preference to dealing with a nearby agency, unless time was a critical factor.

"Also, I offer free-lance advertising consulting and copywriting services, specializing in business-to-business promotion. I'd love to pick up an account ... (from) a Tri-Ess sister.

"Neither Lynda nor I would expect any favoritism. And any sister whose business would be listed should expect to perform competitively.

"Many sisters could not participate. But some could! And if only 10% of the membership could help other sisters, what a wonderful opportunity for both the individuals and the national sorority!"

CAROL REPLIED: "I think it is a GOOD idea. And I am most grateful to you for volunteering to handle the details of establishing guidelines, receiving replies, compiling the results and typewriting the listings."

BUT WILL THE IDEA WORK?

This is what I need to learn from my Chi Delta Mu sisters.

If you do offer a product or service of value to individuals or firms, will you be willing to have the company name, your male name, your address, and phone number listed in a directory Carol would distribute to Tri-Ess members only.

If security is important to you, is there a P.O. box number, nickname, or code under which you'd be willing to be listed?

Could/would you supply a catalog or prospectus if requested by another Tri-Ess member?

And are there any specific guidelines or restrictions you would like to see incorporated in this listing?

I'd like to respond to Carol quickly! So if you would be willing to participate, please fill out the bottom of this sheet and return it to me.

Jana Thompson - NJ-304-T

Type of business: _____

Firm name: _____

Address &/or phone: _____

Individual's name to be listed: _____

Comments: _____

New To TRI-ESS

by Edie, (NY)

OVERCOMING FEARS TO HELP MYSELF

"This last summer was the summer I decided to help myself. I happened to see a promo ad, 'Happily married men who dress as women...Tomorrow on the Donahue show'. My pulse quickened. Did I really hear it?

The next morning I cancelled appointments so I could watch the show. I listened to stories that were like my own. I listened to a description of a national organization of heterosexual transvestites whose purpose included helping others 'out there', who thought they were alone and didn't know where to turn.

I couldn't believe what I had heard. It sounded too good to be true. I was skeptical and a bit afraid but not so afraid that I couldn't write and ask for more information about TRI ESS. I knew in my heart that if TRI-ESS was really like it was described in the show, then I'd join, if I could find the courage.

In a few weeks I received a letter and literature from Chicago. Then a letter came from the leader of the local chapter. I also was sent a recent newsletter from the local group. Everything sounded exactly as I hoped and I knew I wanted to join.

My history as a TV was like others. I had the 'curiosity that never went away', and I tried self cures. During all my years as a TV I never told anyone my secret. I never was seen by anyone dressed, and I never had a friend to talk with about being TV. I thought that I was the only TV who liked being male, being married and having an otherwise normal life. When I read the letters from the TRI-ESS members, I knew I wanted to join, but...I was still afraid.

I was afraid of meeting new people. I was afraid of being seen in public or semi public dressed as a female. I was afraid I'd look stupid. I was afraid of group pressure. I was afraid of others finding out my secret. I was afraid I'd get stage fright and back out. In general, I was afraid of the unknown.

But what were my alternatives? If I didn't generate up the courage to go to the meeting, what would I have to look forward to, alone?

- * more self-doubt and confusion;
- * sneaking around being dressed by myself;
- * lack of companionship;
- * lack of assuring friends who share my 'special interest'.

*A
Beautiful
Beginning*

So, I decided to go the the 1st meeting in September.

The night before I prepared my clothes and stuff as best I could. I had directions from my GAL, and her regrets that she wouldn't be at the first meeting. I went to sleep that night with anticipation.

The morning of the meeting I was looking for an excuse not to go. I drove to the meeting place and drove past three times. I really had the urge to forget about it and drive home. But it came down to comparing what I had to gain (friends, understanding, and self confidence), with what I had to loose if I didn't go in (more loneliness, self-doubt and self-anger).

Since I was told I didn't have to dress if I didn't feel comfortable, I really didn't have that much to fear. I decided to face down this part of my fear, and I went in.

At this point I had overcome two of my fears: 1) making initial contact and, 2) going to a meeting. My third fear was the self disclosure that comes meeting new people.

FACING THE FINAL FEARS

While I was anticipating the first TRI-ESS meeting, it came to me what I hoped the 'talk' of the meeting wouldn't be like.

I hoped the climate of the talk would not be heavily theraputic in tone. I didn't want the type of talk you expect from therapists or zealous self-help groups.



I hoped the talk wouldn't be full of strategies and ploys like some of the techniques moonies use to recruit members. And, I hoped that the group wouldn't be evaluative, snobby, or difficult to talk with. I was relieved to find that I would not be disappointed.

I found the members to be talkative. They made inquiries about my situation, but it was not the repetitive, one-way probes you might get from a non-TV. Instead, it seemed that the questions were a way to facilitate a two-way, equal exchange. In other words, any topic a Sister asked she was ready and willing to disclose about herself. The inquiries were a way to get to know each other and let the newcommer know 'you are not alone'.

The second element of the communication climate I found to be a relief was the spontaneity of the talk. Members didn't gang-up on you with prepared arguements or pressure. They were friendly, natural, and relaxed. It seemed that we were always talking about the male heterosexual TV and his problems rather than the general topics of all TV's.



I didn't find snobbery or excessive evaluating either.

The Sisters were accepting and supportive. They were easy to approach and gentle in the way they approached and began conversation.

Within a few hours the atmosphere of the group made me feel like part of the organization. I didn't feel new or awkward. It was this climate that made it easy for me to get my clothes bag in order to join them.

The moment I had feared for so long, walking out dressed in front of others, turned out to be 'no big deal'. In fact, I wanted to be dressed to feel more a part of this special group. There were no announcements, no embarrassments, no special notice. I walked out, received a compliment and congratulations from Sisters I had been talking to shortly before.

The night sped by, although I was hot, tired, and faced a long drive home, I felt great. I found an organization of men with the same pleasures and problems. As it turned out, TRI-ESS was exactly what I hoped TRI-ESS would be. The fears I had for so long were gone. And that, was the greatest relief of my life.

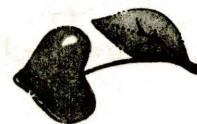
THE REWARDS

Since that night, I've been feeling the rewards of overcoming my fears. I feel more self-confident, motivated, relaxed, and better about myself in every way. I don't feel guilty, disappointed, or mad at myself. In the last few weeks I have had a different and better perspective on

things in my life. I can see the difference at work and with my family. Joining TRI-ESS was the best thing I could have done for myself.

All of these positive changes are somewhat amazing. It was only this summer, not even three months ago, that I decided to do something to help myself."

(Ed. Note: a very warm welcome to us, Edie, and thank you for expressing your most inner feelings about the 'special joy' which you and your Sisters share. We hope that your experiences, as so-well related in this article, will encourage others who are still groping with fear and guilt, to reach out and give the Chapter and its Sisters the chance to help them! Again, most thanks. We would love to hear from you new Sisters. Words like Edie's are most inspirational and could make the difference for a new Sister to take that 'bold step' and reach out by joining us and coming to our meeting.)



OUR READERS WRITE

...The fictional 'newspaper article' about Ronald Reagan bridging the Gender Gap which appeared in your September issue of O.S.J., was most timely. The political cartoon photocopied on this sheet appeared this week in our newspaper, The KANSAS CITY STAR. Perhaps you can use it in the October O.S.J....I'm also pleased to learn about Eileen's publicity activities on behalf of TRI-ESS and your Chapter. The Donahue Show has given us a boost and the time is ripe for us to capitalize on this increased exposure...Keep up the good work! One of my 'special joys' is reading of your success in 'Our Special Joy!' (Julie Daniel, TRI-ESS Public Relations Director. Thanks, Julie. Ed.)

...Thank you for your newsletter, but you should not waste anymore stamps on me! I merely congratulated your colleagues for their bravery on the Donahue Show. I have no leanings in this area. Please continue your efforts at contacting and communicating with others in your situation...Good luck. I am sorry if I misled you (I'm female and admiring of your efforts). (E.G., N.Y.)

...You gals really did a number on my Millie at my first meeting in October...While it helped when I told her about my meeting with Karen (GAL for southern/central New Jersey), she was still skeptical when she finally agreed to go...We had a wonderful evening. Millie loved you all and in fact was quite impressed with the gathering...This was my first venture outside the closet and it was very gratifying. I'm looking forward to the next meeting." (Jane, NJ 312-T) (Thanks, Jane, and a warm welcome to you and Millie. As we have said, often it takes just one meeting and your life can be very different then on, especially if your wife or girlfriend comes with you. Ed.)

...If you want professional quality, go to the original source! Let me tell you what happened to me last week, but first I want to go back a few years...When I finally came out of the closet, I was looking for everything and anything to read on crossdressing. I came across an advertisement from Lee Mardi Gras. I wrote to him and asked for two books at that time I could get their catalog...I found the brochure intriguing to say the least, besides the

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'Our president, in his ultimate wisdom, decided to correct his anti-feminist image.'

books from Chevalier Pub., they also had books on exotic TVien like Drag, bondage, TV teens and so forth...Since I was intrigued, I bought over a period of time some of these books. Being that this establishment is on the East Coast, their mail delivery was a little faster than from Calif...I was told about a book put out by Chavalier Pub. called the 'Birth of Barbara', and I should enjoy reading it...At that time Virginia was in the process of selling Chavalier to Carol E. and I did not know how long I would have to wait before I got this book from California, so I decided to buy it from L.M.E...At the time I received this book along with other books, I was behind in reading with books I bought from the Chev. previously, so it was over a month when I got around to reading the 'Birth of Barbara'...The first thing I noticed was that some of the letters in the book were broken and thin, I was suprised for I have read othe books I bought printed from Chavalier and the letters were nice and crisp. It was obvious that this book was printed by 'xerography' and to make matters worse, pages 37, 38, 59, and 60 were missing...The person who xeroxed the book left out that sheet, and the last page was so badly blurred I could hardly read it. With disgust I threw it in my box where I keep all my books, on crossdressing and promised myself not to buy any more Chevalier books from that place again and promptly forgot about it...A few weeks ago I got an advertisement from L.M.E., telling me about a get to gether he was going to have in Provincetown for the Columbus Day weekend and along with the info he had a brochure on some books he was selling. It has been a few years since I bought anything from L.M.E., so I thought I'd give him another try and buy something and mention about the poor quality of the book I bought from him previously...Now if he was anykind of a professional and on the level in selling his books, you'd expect an 'apology' for selling me this poor quality book and offer to replace it with a good one, 'right'?, 'wrong', what I got was an indignant note, returning my check for the order placed, and telling me they would not check any books that I have ordered to make sure they are in good quality. Then, he ridiculed me by calling me 'childish' for wanting them to make sure the quality of the books they sell is good. Now I'm not saying he xeroxed this book or am I saying that Chevalier Pub. did. What I am saying is when he puts his name on the back of this book, and received money for it, I think that it is his responsibility to make sure what he sells is in good quality...So I am writing this to warn our Sisters in our Chapter; and when Carol E. reads this in our newsletter, I hope that she will print it in the FEMME MIRROR so all our Sisters, national and international, will beware of what kind of practices this L.M.E. does, and avoid it if you can...I know he advertises in our publications, but there is no excuse for poor quality." (Patricia, CT-8-5)

Shopping

Our Sister Cindy (CT-101-V), has found some stores in Hartford, Ct., which are very helpful to meet our needs:

Nationwide Wig Imports
318 Farmington Avenue
Hartford, Ct. 06105
(203)-249-3562

Ask for Florence. According to Cindy: "They can get you any wig you want, provided you know who makes it. They also style wigs; you are welcomed dressed. Private dressing rooms are available."

Rare Facts
222 Pearl Street
Hartford, Ct. 06103
(203)-522-9930

Ask for Sid. Says Cindy: "They feature lingerie, bras, panties, garters, stockings, etc. A lot of experience with TVs. Private dressing room, and you are also welcomed dressed.

"Anytime you are in the area, you might want to check out these shops. I've gotten good service at both."

Thanks, Cindy, for helping out. And if you do use these shops, make sure the owners know that you heard about them from TRI-ESS!

Your Editor has also received very good mail order service for Eva Gabor Wigs, from Paula Young. Prices are good and service is prompt. Address:

Paula Young
P. O. Box 483
Brockton, MA. 02403
(800) 3439695

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Crossdressing and the Law

Part 4

(Ed. Note: this is a continuing presentation of our June meeting when Mr. Chris Hansen, Esq., of the American Civil Liberties Union, visited us to discuss this topic. "Q"=question, "A"= answer, "C"=comment.)

"(C). I must say that I agree with you that if you are stopped while out (by the police when dressed), to tell the truth and not try to deceive them.

(C) Someone raised an issue on the phone with me about a child custody issue. (Q) Yes, that was in Bergen County, New Jersey. (A) That doesn't matter what state you are in because the custody laws are basically the same all over. (C) That person is not here tonight, I'm sorry she isn't. (A) Well, I'll tell you the answer anyway. The standard for deciding who has custody of the child is what is in the best interest of the child. So, what is going to happen is that the judge is going to toss everything possible fact he can into the 'pot', and if it ultimately is decided by the judge, he is going to consider all the relevant factors. Therefore, if the issue actually goes before a judge and there is a custody fight, I would strongly recommend a good deal of education of the judge if the issue (crossdressing), is going to arise. With a degree of education, I don't think that it is an incurmountable problem. I've never seen a case in point, but it has come up a



lot lately in the gay rights context and gays are generally starting to win these, especially in the last 5 years, getting judges to hold that fact, alone (being gay), is insufficient to justify custody denials. So, I would be reasonably optimistic in a child custody context. (C) She has two children, and the oldest daughter 'knows' and the son doesn't 'know'. It has also been brought up in court because the wife has been trying to get the children. (A) Its still true that wives generally win custody issues. It is less true than what it used to be, particularly the younger the kid the better. I think that visitation cases are winable, even if she (the Sister), is denied visitation rights. If she wants to put herself through the agony of taking it further, you have to start with that as a premise, I think that if you fought it further, that there would be a very good chance of getting somewhere. Never a guaranty, I can't give that. (C) The children would rather be with the father than the mother.



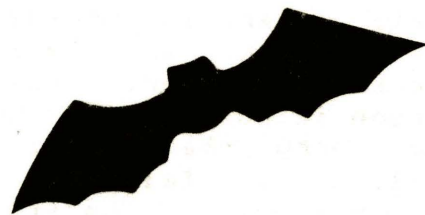
(C) Ok, let me go into another area. I'm driving home in New Jersey and the tail light is out and a cop pulls me over. How would you advise me in dealing with a state trooper or a local cop? Things to say, things not to say, specifically.

(A) I don't think there is a guaranteed way to handle that. I would try to handle it, as normally as possible and hope that the cop says, 'fix your light, lady, and goodbye'. If there is an additional problem he wants to talk about, then I would be honest about what the problem is. If the cop says, 'let me see your driver's license', I wouldn't hand him up a phony driver's license. That, by the way, is an additional crime. (C) Which is, point blank, telling the guy I'm a transvestite dressed this way because I like to. (A) I wouldn't volunteer that. If the cop says, like, 'you can't do that', which I can imagine a cop saying, or, 'that is illegal', I think you can adequately say that, 'it is not and we have consulted lawyers about that'. I'd be very non-confrontational about that. The more you confront cops the less happy they are. Cops are very unhappy about being confronted. So, I'd be very non-confrontational about it and say: 'say,

maybe you better check with the stationhouse, because I don't think it is'. We've talked to a lawyer and he told us it wasn't. You may be right, officer, but I don't think you are'.

(C) When you say that you talked to your lawyer, they usually stop and listen. (A) Yes, and if he pushed it a little further, and you did find a lawyer whose sympathetic, I think that I'd suggest to him that he call your lawyer. Say, 'look, I don't think I'm doing anything wrong, would you call my lawyer and talk to him about it?' If it gets to that point, he is probably going to take you in anyway.

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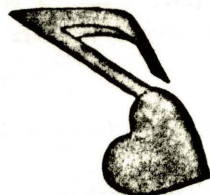


"Look, Jim, I know that crossdressing is now in vogue, but do you have to carry it to extremes?"

(Q) That's legimate to say, 'call my lawyer'? (A) Yes, the patrol cop is unlikely to do it. It's likely to be the sergeant who would. And you get a phone call, and they call ought to ask to who you say you should be sure that you can reach your lawyer after hours. Some police stations only give you one call, and if your lawyer is away for the weekend your're in real trouble. (C) We have a member of this group who was stopped for exactly that reason you mentioned, for a tail light, and it was a state trooper and they took him to the barracks and held him for 2 or 3 hours and finally let him go without informing his employer. Another suggestion I'd make, is that you not tell the police who your employer is because they take great pleasure in informing the employer.

(A) That's probably good advice. (C) It happened to me. (A) It will come up, they'll ask you probably. Its certainly not anything you have to tell them, and I certainly probably would not either. (C) Just say that you do not wish to disclose who your employer is. (A) Right. You're balancing things there. Its going to make the cop a lot angrier when you say that, because it confrontational and cops are very uptight about that stuff. So what you are balancing is the degree to which the cop is going to hassle you more, which he is, if you say that no matter how nicely you say it, with the degree to which it would be ten times worse if he called your employer. As I balance it I wouldn't tell the employer. (C) Another way to handle it would be to say that you don't wish to discuss it because it might be embarrassing to the employer. (A) That's a good way. (C) It might work. (A) Can't hurt; its worth a try."

.....more, next month



Joy's Greatest Hits (Vol. II)

- Side I
- 1) The Sweetheart of Chi Delta Mu
 - 2) It Could Happen To You
 - 3) The Impossible Dream
 - 4) It's Not Unusual
 - 5) Thou Swell
 - 6) The Way You Look Tonight

- Side II
- 7) The Most Beautiful Girl In The World
 - 8) Me And My Shadow
 - 9) It's D'Lovely
 - 10) Make Yourself Comfortable
 - 11) Our Day Will Come
 - 12) Tenderly



Thank you, again, Diane (NY) for some lovely music!

Autumn



Editorial

As we enter our third year of publication, I want to thank all of you who have helped in the newsletter effort. From sending in clippings, writing articles, taking pictures, and making suggestions as to how we can improve OUR SPECIAL JOY.

And how's about Nora Helene who produces the newsletter and sends it out to you, and I as the newsletter's Editor, patting ourselves on our (bra clad), backs. For Nora Helene, who drives several hours on a snowy Saturday morning, to do the newsletter, and for me who bangs away at the PC in my upstairs office while wife and kids are in the backyard pool cooling off from temperatures near 100 degrees. We do this because we want to, I guess you could say that its, "a labor of love".

We need your continued support. Please help us in the newsletter effort and in every other effort to make our successful Chapter even more successful.

In the end, we ALL benefit! And who is against that?

'Dear Dr. Brothers: I'm so shocked and disturbed, I can hardly write this letter. Last week, I called on my cousin and his wife without phoning first. I normally would have called, but I just happened to be in the neighborhood and to get to a telephone, I'd have to drive out of my way.

When I went to the door, there was my cousin, a six-foot-two male, dressed like a woman about to go out to an evening party. In fact, that's exactly what he and his wife were going to do. This man has two children, both of whom are now away at school. I'm sure they don't know that he's homosexual. Let me assure you, this wasn't a gag. They weren't going to a costume ball. E. E.

Dear E. E.: A transvestite isn't the same as a homosexual. Transvestites are heterosexual men who want to experience both the male and female sides of their personalities, but who restrict their sexual activities to females. Less than one percent of crossdressers are homosexual.

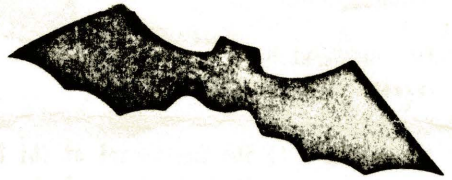
Transsexuals, on the other hand, are men who feel trapped in their male bodies and wish to escape to live as women who are sexually attracted to men.

A recent study of transvestites in California revealed that they're above average in intelligence and, usually, in earning capacity. They're achievers, aggressive and competitive, and attracted to high-pressure occupations. Most are married and have a great desire that their wives know and understand their crossdressing.

They tend to be in macho-type occupations. They're much more apt to be truck drivers than hair dressers. Many say they leave the pressures and competitiveness behind them when they put on women's clothing.'

(repeated from December 1982 newsletter)

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*Best Regards,
Mary Jane*

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