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BUFFALO BELLES

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The August meeting was held on a clear, cool, lovely day! Just

perfect weather for the ladies to hold a picnic. Thankfully it wasn't one of those torrid days we have had lately! One's makeup didn't melt and run down your face. As the evening wore on, hose was a needed to keep warm!

We had a nice turnout. Attending were Jackie, Yvette and Dee Dee; Holly, Joan, Jenniffer and Debbie, Jean Louwellyn, Denise, Kathy, Patty, Terressa, Collean, Francis, Julie and guest Corinne. A big welcome to Julie, our newest member, making her first appearance! Very Lovely!!

It was especially nice to have three wives join us! Yvette finally had some company...Our group has generally been defined as a Tri-ess type. I believe the majority of members have wives. I have long wanted to do something to help these ladies. Afterall, us girls have each other to commiserate with! The wives, no one...I, being single find it rather hard to try to push something without a "key" to the club. I have taken part and listened to so many conversations about wives. Boy, I bet they have a few things that they would like to discuss!!!! I would venture that it would be to your benefit if your wife didn't have to stay at home thinking how she must be the only one out there putting up with this! And for those who don't know of your secret life, if the day of discovery ever comes, it may be to your advantage to have a group ready to comfort her rather than Seigel, Keller & Klahn!!!(For out of twoners, local high profile divorce lawyers).

If there is a wife out there who would like to see if others are interested, we will be glad to provide a mailing etc. to the members for the wives.

Love Vette

I want to thank Joan for the letter that follows. She was so instrumental in forming our little sorority. Her courage in trying to get a group started will always be remembered. She went 'public' back in February '89 with an article in the Buffalo News about her activities and desire to form a Tri-ess chapter here in WNY. She (and Jan) also did an article in the Niagra Gazette in Sept. 93.

I know it was Joan's article that first put me in touch with Tri-ess, along with a few of us others. Problems with meeting sites etc. never let the first group really get started.

Then along came Denise Miller. She took the task on of trying to get us going again. And succeeded!! For the September meeting will be our 2nd anniversary! We are two years old!!

We have held 22 meetings so far. Average attendance has risen from six brave souls at the first to where we have averaged 11 members/wives per meeting. We do have some gaps in attendance figures-three months were never reported.

We can to easily become blase' about what we have. A great group of gals. A beautiful meeting location. Fun. Helpful hints and kinks, and most of all a sense of sisterhood that replaced for many those feelings of 'being the only person in the world' so afflicted.

So at this time I want to give a big THANKYOU to Denise, to Joan for the ground work she laid, and also Janice who has done so much as our ambassador to the universe!!!!!!!

Be sure not to miss the icecream and cake at the September meeting.

BUFFALO BELLES NITE OUT I

March 19, 94

Front row-Kathy, Denise

Back row-Patty, Jennifer, Jean, Holly.

Camera shy-Janice, Jenniffer(guest)

Will you be at Nite II Aug 30?



Dear Sisters,

For the past year & a half, I have enjoyed meeting new sisters company of their presence.

I remember when we were just a small group trying to get started, and when it was just a dream.

Eight years ago I tried to start a group in Niagara Falls. It had a few members and tried every angle to keep members coming out. I even tried changing locations. It eventually failed. I was even thinking of merging with another group, but I couldn't. Then about four years ago Denise [redacted] came to me and said she was interested in coming to group meetings. I then had an idea: I told Denise she could have the charter.

Look at us now! We have a group that we can be proud of! I even approve the changes we have made over the last two yuears.

What I am trying to say is it is a dream come true. I am glad and proud to be a part of it. Denise, I am proud of you. You took this group from nothing and you made it into something. You accomplished what I couldn't do. And to all of you who come out to the meetings, you also get my thanks. This is your group. It was founded to help you grow... To give you a chance to socialize with others like yourself.

In closing, my only hope is to see more wives or siginificant others, come out to the meetings.

Love to all,

Joan [redacted]

EASY HOME REMEDY FACIAL

OATMEAL FACIAL

Ingredients: Cup of oatmeal

Warm water

Directions: Mix Oatmeal with warm water to consistency of paste.

Apply to face. AVOID EYES!!!!

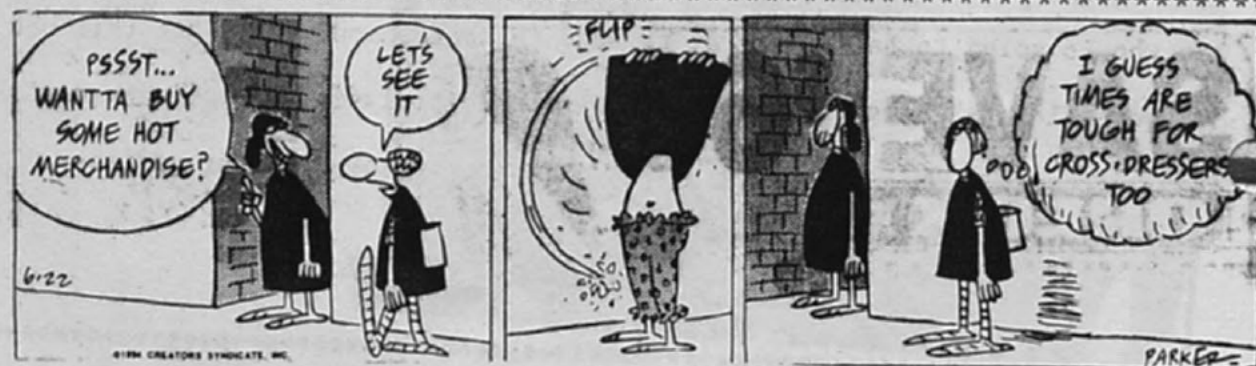
Let dry for ten minutes. Massage Off.

Warm water rinse.

As mentioned last month, we have a pair of silicon breast prothesis for sale. They are in good shape. Of medium size about a C cup. We have had an opening offer of \$100. Does anyone wish to up the antee? If so, please let Jan, Denise or myself know by the next meeting or show up with bid in hand! These cost about 400. at wildside not long ago. As a sidelight, I read today, the bra size most often sold is 34 C ...

Jackie would like to recommend a new vendor for our use. It is a clothing store that would welcome our business. They are willing to make private appointments on Tues or Thurs evenings. Absolutely. Luv-Lee is their name and they are located in Batavia. Their card is enclosed. They specialize in sizes 14-54 & 14½-34½. It is nice to have such support.

It may not be to late for you to participate in Buffalo Nite Out II, The date got 'bumped' by Eddie and Stevie to Tuesday August 30. We will already have closed reservations by the time you get this (but hopefully in time for your attendance). We are meeting a motel and sitting as a group. It may still be possible to sit near us as this probably isn't the type of show that the general public flocks too. Come join us dressed or come in drab and sit nearby!! We may be able to fit you into the hotel room up to last minute. Ticket cost \$19.50 and hotel about ten. What the heck, you can let it casually drop at the office that you caught Streisand the other night!! Of course it wasn't REALLY Barbra, and it wasn't REALLY 'ol Joe' either! Jim [REDACTED] is probably the best known female impersonator act out there. I remember him on Carson and also Night Court!!



CALENDAR

August 30-BUFFALO BELLES & FRIENDS NIGHT OUT II Twelve going at press

Sept 10-BUFFALO BELLES- Regular meeting- 2nd anniversary

10-Rochester CD-Fall Back Party-Suite at the Inn

24-Rochester CD meeting TS Salon

15-18-Paradise in the Poconno's

29-2 -Southern Comfort-Atlanta

October 1-BUFFALO BELLES Regular meeting

3-Rochester CD Mon. Nite TS Salon

16-23-Provincetown, Ma.

22-Roch--CD-2nd. annual Pizza Party

November 5-BUFFALO BELLES Regular Meeting

10-13-Holiday En Femme-NYC-

18-20-Riverside Weekend-Pa.-Good Buffalo Belles Turnout??

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So who is going to be the first to send in their money and get this new product?

No more close shaving, no need to think of electrolysis, why, it sounds like a miracle!!!

And maybe next month they will have a cream to reduce my height 5 inches!!!!

Kathy

Conclusion from last month-

A RETROSPECTIVE by JANICE

sites available and waiting. It turned out I spent more time visiting the tourist attractions, the beach, and the shops then attending the Fair seminars and events. It was an unparalleled emotional experience that I wish to expand upon but will never be able to repeat.

To expand upon Provincetown I decided to attend the IFGE Convention in Houston Texas. It turned out I also managed to do this in a big way. Before attending the event the only item of special interest I wanted to see in Houston was the Johnson Space Center. What I did not plan on or even dream of doing before arriving in Houston was to see the center dressed. Since I was staying over for a couple days after the IFGE Convention I think it was a gradual process that led me to go to the Center as I was dressed for the week. I wore only minimum makeup with a conservative long skirt and a brown top. The only jewelry I wore was my Star Trek earrings. This was only my second time out during the day (not counting Provincetown). My first time was less than a month prior where I visited the Planetarium and Tour of the Universe ride in downtown Toronto.

Since I wanted to see a part of downtown Houston, I caught a cab and picked up the Grey Line tourist bus at a downtown hotel. During the cab and bus ride I was close to being physically, emotionally and mentally ill. Physically, I never knew a body could shake so much, emotionally I was in a state of near panic and mentally I was asking myself how I could be so stupid. Here I was, by myself, out of my home state (maybe out of my mind), all my male clothes left back at the hotel that was an ever increasing distance in the other direction. However, I was committed, the bus definitely wouldn't turn around, it might not even let me off until we got to the center. There was no other choice but to continue.

Something wonderful occurred between stepping out the door at the hotel and stepping through the door at Mission Control of the Johnson Space Center. The shaking gradually slowed and then stopped, the emotions gradually calmed and the second thoughts gradually dissipated. Eventually I was walking up to complete strangers and asking them to take my picture.

It was interesting that in the whole time period, including merging with the other hundred or so tourists to see the command center, and the several hundred other tourists at the visitors center, and the other people on the tourist bus, nobody said a word.

What is even more wonderful is that my shakes, fears and second thoughts of that day has not reappeared. At times I have surprised myself by thinking that I should be more worried than I am. Why am I so calm?

There was no more apparent than a few months later when I decided to attend an event at Rich Stadium (home of the Buffalo Bills football team). The fact this was less than five miles from my house and I knew other people both from work and friends that were going to be there did not concern me. My only concern was the fact I was running late and I wanted to at the stadium on time since I still had to purchase my ticket, which I ended up buying from a scalper out front because it was quicker than standing in the ticket line. Was I the same person who only a few months prior told a friend you would never catch me out in Buffalo?

I took my first hesitant high heeled steps in a CD support group environment and have continued to be active in that environment ever since. I have expanded my affiliation from the CCDC in Toronto, Ontario; to the Rochester CD Network in New York; to the Erie Sisters in Pennsylvania and at last came home to join at the inception of a club in Buffalo (where I am listed as Co-President, Social Director and Assistant Treasurer).

I like to believe my hand is always outstretched (with or without the fingernails being polish) to lend a beginner a hand when a hand might be most useful and needed. Many a one need a steady, comforting and helpful hand when they decide it is time to take their first high heel steps. Hopefully and eventually these same individuals grow beyond the need for this hand and moral support, expand their horizons and begin to take these same steps, maybe in an ever higher heel, unaided.

This is an offering of a minute amount of my time, patience and support. I have escorted a number of visitors, beginners, and first timers out of Wildside and the CCDC to an accepting restaurant or bar. I have also greeted a number of first timers at the Buffalo support group and in certain cases gone out the door to meet them. Some of these I have interviewed previously as potential members who may wish to attend the Buffalo meetings. These interviews have concern me because I have serious questions who am I with all my flaws to have the ability to pass judgement on anybody.

While I try to give moral support and encouragement I try to avoid giving tips on make up, dress and deportment. I have never claimed in writing or in speech that I'm passing or that I'm passable. I'm not close to being that good. The most I will claim is that I have gone out and have not had a problem. I always try my best with make up (never as good as I like), try to speak softly and little, always dress to blend in, and try my best with my deportment. However I believe attitude is sometimes more important than dress and makeup. The attitude and belief that if society have a problem with what I am doing it is their problem and not mine. The belief this is a guaranteed right generated by the opening words from the Declaration of Independence, "We hold these truths to be self evident ... that among these are life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness." Well this is part of my life, part of my liberty and part of my pursuit of happiness.

A Retrospective concluded-

There is also a world beyond the CD support group environment. The world of museums, malls, theaters, restaurants, bars, etc. In a recent three week period I have attended a CD group meeting in Buffalo, had a few friends over for a pleasant night of girl talk, gone out several times locally and visited downtown Toronto with a stop at Wildside and the CCDC. In a three day period I have gone from seeing Psycho Beach Party at a college production in Buffalo to see the long running Phantom Of The Opera in Toronto. In a single night I have gone from a restaurant in downtown Toronto back across the border dress to close down a bar in downtown Buffalo with a couple friends.

This is my world where I always welcome company but have no apprehension about going out by myself. When I was leaving the Johnson Space Center and passing by the Saturn Five on my way out my overriding thought was the Earth is escapable and so should be the closet. There is a galaxy of stars waiting out there to be explored and they all can be ours if we only wish them to. That wish is mine and that galaxy of stars in this beautiful universe of ours is waiting.

Janice

We must give thanks to Janice for sharing with us her views and accounts of her activities!!!!

Her claim to go where no other cross dresser has before does loose some significance when you consider that there are over 3,000,000 trees in Erie county alone!!!

However her ability to turn her head 180° is something to see!!!!

Thankyou Jan.

Kathy

