

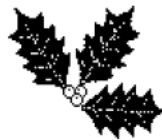


Chi Chapter Recipient of 1996 Commended Chapter Award

At the Thursday Luncheon of the Holiday EnFemme, it was my honor, along with Bridgit, Miranda and Candace, to accept on behalf of the chapter, a certificate naming Chi Chapter a Commended Chapter for 1996. Jane Ellen Fairfax, citing our Newcomers group, couples group, and newsletter for instance, caught us completely off guard and at a loss for words. I would like to name those whose efforts brought this about, Amanda, Dee Dee, Candace, Dawn and the editor, who's name escapes me at the moment and of course Aunt Babs who was mentioned., although she seems to be taking a

Miranda Writes....

December Meeting Bring a Gift and Some Goodies!



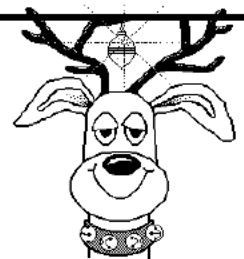
Our December meeting falls on the first day of Winter. Brrrr.... But what better way to start off the season than with an exchange of gifts. The weather outside might be cold and snowy, but inside we are going to be warm and toasty. Bring a gift for the grab bag, and a sample of your special home baked wazzu goodies, and we'll have a fine holiday party!

How is this all going to work? Well, first you go out to your favorite store and find an inexpensive gift that you would like yourself. Limit yourself to \$10! Wrap it up anyway you want, and put in a note so the recipient knows whom to thank. Yes, Kiki, gag gifts are entirely appropriate. When you put your gift into the grab bag, you get a ticket entitling you to take one later. **But... if you don't bring a gift, you won't get one, and you'll have no one to blame but yourself.**

The goody table will be entirely stocked with home made treats. Cookies or hors d'oeuvres, mince meat pies or potato latkes, whatever! I just love to bake, and I will be bringing one of my specialties, a Greek spinach cheese pie. You don't have to bake for everyone, just enough for 8-10 people. If everyone brings something, we'll have a bountiful feast! (If not, well...) Norma and Joyce are coordinating the table, so call them if you haven't already signed up to bring something. Their phone number is 815-██████.

We'll also be giving out our chapter awards. So come on out, exchange gifts, and wish all your sisters the best of the holiday season!

President's Podium



Behind the scenes.....

Well it's over....The Holiday EnFemme is a thing of the past but something I will never forget. For those of you who attended I don't think you will either. From day one when the first registrants arrived till Sunday everything (almost) went like clockwork. This was my first Holiday, and I hope it won't be my last.

This year was a learning experience, our new board members wanted to get involved in the creation and running of such an event, none of them, including myself, had ever participated in the operation and only two of us were ever to another Holiday or Be-All. Since Chi-Chapter was the host (hostess) it was our responsibility and YIKE's what do we do? When Naomi mentioned to me that she might like to step back and take it easy sometime in the next few years, I panicked....If Naomi is basking in the Florida sun next Holiday, WHO would do all the work????? My intention was to bring some 'new' people into the everyday planning of such an event. Not for the purpose of changing anything but to learn from an expert on how things are best done to have a successful event. Prior to the election last March, nothing at all had been done regarding the planning for this event or the Be-All next year. I called Naomi and said "what do we do?"

Naomi immediately began, I asked for volunteers for various committees and got them. We held our first organization meeting and began with the Hospitality, registration and vendors committees. Miranda and Amanda hopped on as Hospitality, Sunny and Toni M. as Vendor committee and Bridget and myself as registration. Naomi began locating a user friendly hotel. After

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Chapter News

It's Dues Time1/1/97 is the cut off date for 1997 dues. Because of the new realignment of local dues and national dues, and the new Not-For-Profit status, both dues have been combined into one for our purposes. If you pay the amount shown on your mailing label you will be up to date both chapter and national till 1/1/98. Some figures will contain amounts to prorate the national portion, for example, if you expire on 4/97, there will be an amount included which will extend your National to 1/1/98. If you have been a naughty little girl and let your national dues slip more than 6 months, well you may start afresh on 1/1/97 with a payment of \$55/\$65 couples. REMEMBER—DUES ARE DEDUCTABLE AS CHARITABLE CONTRIBUTIONS.

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Indicates
Dues of \$45.00 for
Jan 1998 expiration



January

Jan 18, 1997

In January, we've invited Dr. Michael Bailey, Professor of Psychology at Northwestern University, whose research has dealt with various aspects of the transgendered community.

5:00 pm Changing rooms 117 & 120 open
6:30 pm GG/Wives meeting in room 118
6:30 pm Newcomers meeting in room 120
8:00 pm General meeting begins

Those changing in the changing rooms are reminded to bring a towel(s) for makeup removal.

The location of the Holiday Inn Express is on Riverside drive just off RT83 in Elmhurst. RT 83 is reachable from I-290, North Av or St Charles Rd to RT83 then South. Or take Roosevelt Rd to RT83 then go North. Parking is on the South side of the building and we have our own entrance for those who do not wish to go thru the lobby.

It is advisable when making a room reservation, to make it at least a month early, we have been experiencing many FULL houses at the Inn. Reservations are available at (708) 279-0700. Please mention Chi-Chapter Tri-Ess.

Couples Group

The next Couples meeting will be on **Saturday, Jan 25th** and the location will be announced at the meeting or available on the hotline. Please phone the hotline for information and please let us know you are coming so we can have enough chairs. We need to know who is coming in case of last minute changes, etc.

Remember, this is a **NON-CROSSDRESSED** meeting. **PLEASE DO NOT** wear any feminine article of clothing, jewelry or decoration (Lipstick, nail polish) which can be seen. Also, no children will be allowed at the meeting for obvious reasons.

P.A.L.S.

P.A.L.S. (short for Positive Attitudes Living Side by side) is a women's group set up for wives, girlfriends and significant others whose partners are cross-dressers.

The November meeting brought forth the following wives/partners: Verna, Joyce, Donna, Bonnie, Dawn, Debbie, Laurianne and Linda

P.A.L.S. will meet the 3rd Saturday of the month coinciding with the Tri-Ess meetings. our meetings will run from 6:30 to 8pm in an adjacent hotel room. When you check in make sure you receive a name tag and an index card. In keeping with confidentiality you will have an opportunity to reveal a concern without disclosing your true identity by writing it on the index cards. The particular needs of each individual will be addressed in a positive manner.

The Chi Tribune

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Denise Peters

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Who You Gonna Call?

I have never seen such rapt attention from each and every one of you as I did at last month's meeting. Vernita Gray, courtroom advocate with the Victim Witness Unit of the Cook County State's Attorney's Office, presented one of the best programs we have ever had at one of our meetings. It was one of those programs that you need to have every once in a while to remind yourself that it's not all fun and games... that we live in the real world, and unfortunately not everyone in it is as rational about gender issues as we are.

It was quite a surprise to me to learn that hate crimes against transgendered people in Cook County are even more common than against gays and lesbians. And they are among the most violent of the crimes. **You've got to be careful out there! Don't go out alone to dangerous places! Be aware of your surroundings! It could save your life!**

If you are the victim of a hate crime, you do have resources to turn to, people who care about you, and will help you Call Vernita Gray at 773-890-7200, and she'll help you through the process.

Chi Chapter in Action!

I am sure that elsewhere in this newsletter, there will appear a recap of the Holiday En Femme. Naomi certainly deserves our gratitude for coordinating another highly successful event!

What impressed me most was the high amount of involvement of Chi Chapter members in the workshops. These included Lenore (GID in the DSM), Denise and Bridget (computers), Rachel and Velma (care and feeding of wigs), Eve, Candace and Naomi (outreach), Dee Dee, Christine and Amanda (looking good), Gloria (personal safety), Dawn (partners panel), and myself (gender activism). Not to mention participation in the special events: the fashion show coordinated by Lori with modeling by Jamie, Olivia, Robin, Carol, and me; the procrastinators costume contest winners Laura, Lori, and Faye; and our wedding couples Candace and Dawn, Colleen and Verna, and Brenda and Beth.

Without the willingness and dedication on the part of so many of our sisters, the event would not have been the huge success that it was.

Tri-Ess and Your Human Rights

The one disappointment that I had at the Holiday En Femme was the poor turnout for the Gender Activism workshop which I ran with Stephanie (It's Time Illinois). As far as I am concerned, this is one the most important and timely topics in the TG community, and one which certainly deserved a lot of attention at the national meeting of the largest transgender organization in the country. And, as you could see from last month's program, we need legislation to safeguard our basic human rights.

I had a chance to discuss this topic with Jane Ellen Fairfax, the Chair of the Tri-Ess Board of Directors. Tri-Ess, as you know, is a participant in GenderPAC. GPAC is the national transgender lobbying organization, and it maintains a full-time lobbyist in Washington DC. Jane Ellen has gone on record as supporting this organization, and Tri-Ess has a designated representative to GPAC. With support like this from the top, why is there so little interest in gender activism among the membership?

Jane Ellen felt that the subject of the workshop, "Gender Activism," was misunderstood and therefore avoided. She suggested that next year, we repeat the workshop, call it **Tri-Ess and your human rights**, and make it a panel discussion with members of the Tri-Ess board, including Jane Ellen herself. She also felt so strongly about it that she suggested running the panel as the only session in the designated time slot, to avoid competition. It is important that you be informed about what Tri-Ess is doing for your human rights. We'll do it right next year!

Opportunity to Meet the GenderPAC Executive Director

Here's a great opportunity to find out what GenderPAC, with the support of Tri-Ess, is doing hate at the national level. Riki Anne Wilchins, Executive Director of GenderPAC, will be in the Chicago area on Saturday, January 11, 1997. I've arranged to have her meet and speak with the Chicago TG community that afternoon around 2:00 at the Femme Underground (Rori's Transformations). Mark the date on your calendar. Details in the next Chi Tribune.

Rori Goes Crazy in December

Rori has scheduled not 1, not 2, but 3 (count 'em) events at the Femme Underground and/or outings during the month of December. The first is on December 8. Honey West, who fell in love with Tri-Ess after meeting us at the Holiday En Femme, is conducting a class called Honey's Secrets. If you marveled at her portrayal of femininity during her performance at the Holiday, here's your chance to find out how to do it.

This will be followed by dinner at Buddy's Restaurant, and a chance to participate in a live radio show, with Honey West and Alan Amberg from Lesbigen Radio at Gentry on Halsted. There is no cover at Gentry, but you'll have to pay \$15 to learn Honey's secrets.

Then on December 15, Rori is coordinating an outing to the Baton Club, where we always have a blast, and on December 28 she is having a pre-New Year's Party at the Femme Underground.

Call her at 708-██████ for details on these great events, and to RSVP for the outings.

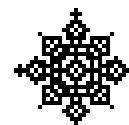
Have a Wonderful Holiday!

I would like to wish all of my sisters the absolute best for a joyous holiday for yourselves and your loved ones. And thank you for helping make this year something really special, filled with so many delightful memories that I am running out of room to store them. I think of you all as my extended family, and I am very lucky to have so many wonderful sisters.

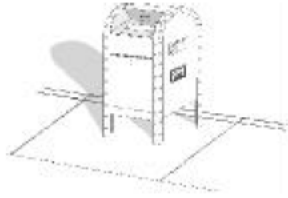
Now get busy baking those holiday goodies!

Love,

Miranda



Holiday EnFemme Hi Lite



HOLIDAY ENFEMME

Holiday En Femme
What a wonderfully festive event
The ladies all dressed
In their Sunday best
And through their planned days they went.

Now the holiday didn't just happen
It took commitment above and beyond
Naomi spent days
Arranging the ways
The ladies could meet, greet and bond.

The hotel was tastefully elegant
The meals were a flourished affair
There were smiling faces
Naomi covered all bases
The evidence was just everywhere.

The activities were varied and many
You could learn safety if that was your goal
You could get a new do
If you wanted to
Or learn if crossdressing is bad for your soul.

Each lady comes with her own story
The telling is both touching and witty
I saw Samantha in the bar
Smoking her cigar
And marveled how she still looked so pretty.

What a joy I felt in being there
What a sisterhood of friends
As I think to depart
I make room in my heart
For the love each of you extends.

Thank You

dawn 1996

Monday, November 11, 1996

Dear Naomi and Chi Chapter Members,
Thank you for the effort and energy put forth
to create and execute the Tri-Ess Holiday
EnFemme. You were most successful.

This was my first such gathering as the wife of
a crossdresser, I was uncertain as to how I
would fit in, The cordial and attentive welcome
I was tendered was over shadowed only by the
warmly kind responses and conversations
engaged with some several members. It was
stimulating to make new friends, gratifying to
renew old acquaintances.

I look forward to doing so again next July at
the S.P.I.C.E. gathering in Ontario, California.
You put on --- and ARE---- one CLASS act!

Onalee Graham

Director, Wives/Partners of Beta Gamma
Planning Board S.P.I.C.E.

E-Male

Dearest Denise and all the lovely and caring Chi Tri Ess members
who helped change my life with your compassion and friendship
at the June 15th meeting---Thank You!!

I had never before met another CD face to face "en femme", and
I almost turned around and went back to my room rather than
walk in to the Elmhurst Room. Thank God I didn't !

You may take for granted the monthly meetings you are able to
enjoy. But I was overwhelmed by the acceptance and caring I
encountered as a newcomer and - - as I quietly discovered - - the
ugly duckling of the gathering. I shall never forget your
kindness - - and I hope someday I can return.

Special thanks to Dee Dee, Candace and Amanda for the
newcomer welcome.

And special thanks to Karen and Sunny for helping out with us
newcomers. And special love to Brenda and Jamie, my fellow
new comers. I will never forget you!

HUGS!!!

Lacy

Holiday EnFemme Hi Lite

Continued

Micheline was at "Holiday en Femme" in Chicago from November 8, 1996, to November 10, 1996 and she must tell you that she had had a very pleasant time and interesting. During all this time, Micheline has had joy in her heart and a big smile.

By example, she has participated to a seminar with more than 80 young students who were enlisted in a course of psychology and who have been invited by their professor to have a meeting with people from TRI-ESS.

It was interesting to hear three of our sisters talking about their own experience and listening the questions from the students.

The Procrastinator's Halloween Ball on Friday evening was a success and the girls have worn some magnificent dresses and outfits.

The "Looking good clinic" on Saturday morning was interesting and full of surprises; thank you to Amanda, Christine, Dee Dee and Eve.

The dance class of Saturday afternoon with Amanda was excellent; Amanda is a very good dancer and all the girls have had a lot of fun in listening their explanations and dancing. Thank you very much Amanda.

The "Wedding Ceremony" and the "Puttin on the Ritz" of Saturday evening were perfect. Micheline has greatly appreciated to be one of the bridesmaids and she must tell you that this was a very special sensation to be a bridesmaid; my heart was full of emotions, love and, believe it or not, Micheline was a little bit shy.

Finally, the brunch buffet of Sunday was perfect. The staff of Hyatt Lisle was perfect and Chriss, the chief of the staff for the service at the table, is a lovely lady who have done every thing possible to give the best service of her life. also, The rooms of the Hyatt were fine and very comfortable.

Next time, I must go on the scene and sing something; I was feeling so good.

For finishing, a big thank you and a huge kiss to Denise, the person who has run this convention with a master hand.

You may be sure of one thing; Micheline will come back and stay longer.

Thank you

Love

Micheline :-){8<==
Charlesbourg, Quebec

Out Of Focus



IT WAS A LOVE IN!

Honestly, I just don't know what else to call it. I could call it a happening because it was that too but "love in" fits much better. I am referring of course to the weekend at the Douglas Dunes Resort in Saugatuck, Michigan a couple weeks ago. This is the fifth time Mary Ann Foster has organized it and it was sponsored more or less by CGS, Tri Ess, and IME of Grand Rapids, Michigan, and it was the fifth time I have gone. The three groups well represented

The beauty of this thing is its simplicity. No meetings, no lectures, no time schedule, nothing planned for us except breakfast and dinner!

And the weather was as beautiful as you could ask for. All the weather reports the week before and even the day before, predicted high winds, horizontal rain, and cold! We had none of that. The sun was shining Friday, Saturday, and Sunday and the temperature reached the mid- 60's each day!

The fall colors were magnificent and seemingly did the impossible by becoming more vivid as the days went by! It was such a pleasure just to drive through the many forested areas to town, to Mary Ann's, and up and back.

Bernice and I had decided to go together and share a room in the motel. I had made reservations at least 6 weeks ahead of time for Thursday night but because of business, Bernice was unable to leave on Thursday and we drove up as Thelma and Louise on Friday.

I had called The Dunes late Thursday afternoon to alert them we wouldn't be coming in until Friday and talked to a Mike. I asked if any gals were there yet and he said, "Yes, Olivia and Jackie are here and a few others too". I was relieved to hear that because if some of the girls were there I obviously had the right weekend. It sounds stupid I know but when I'm Kiki, anything can go wrong and frequently does. The last Tri Ess meeting I forgot to put my wallet, my money, my credit cards, the whole shebang, in my purse.

Bernice wore a short grey skirt, black hose with two inch heels, a red blouse and fluffed her own hair up which looked great, I wore black leggings, a white blouse with a black and tan vest, black flats and my new blonde Page Boy do. It made me look better than any wig I had ever worn before. were I even took a brown eyebrow pencil and colored in some dark roots on the top to be more believable.

How could I wear leggings with just a blouse tucked in and hide my ah, er, whatyamacallit? It is so simple and so comfortable even on a long ride that I just have to tell everyone! I bought some control panties (Ask your wife or therapist) and wore them over another pair of regular panties. I ended up as smooth as anyone could ask for.

Our room was on the first floor near the end where everyone passed on the way to the main building. Our door was open and several people dropped in and had a drink or two. That was wonderful.

Friday evening I wore my black mini skirt, a low cut lace bustier with spaghetti straps with a silver over- blouse that tied in the front, jet black stockings, and 4" black pumps. I took off my conservative Page Boy and put on my outrageous wild silver fun hair. Instantly I went from a normal everyday crossdresser to a transvestite and--felt empowered! Rose said when we gathered for dinner that I looked like a cheap slut. Someone said to her, "Don't say that, she loves it"! Its a compliment". Well, she's right. It was a compliment because....., just because.

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a run-a-round at the Ramada and several choices which fizzled out, she called and told me about the Hyatt. Naomi and I, in drab, met with the hotel and over lunch the contracts were arraigned and we had a hotel....(The Be-all contract was also signed at the same time)....get it while it's available as they say...

Naomi would send over the layouts for the brochures and together we were able to get the brochure printed and out the the various distribution areas, Chapters, IFGE and the Femme

Mirror.

The brides and grooms were getting their participation ready, and from two bridle couples we ended up with three.

Sunny and Toni were out contacting our vendors and as you know we had a large turnout there.

Candace womened the Hotline and took phone registration and fielded questions from callers regarding the event.

Several meetings were held for discussing the various items, in addition, we were also discussing the upcoming Be-All.



A couple of way-out dudettes at the Holiday (Kiki & Gloria)



Robin P. & Susan [REDACTED] 'Puttin On The Ritz'

CGS AD

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Sometimes the Holiday and the Be-All discussions got intermixed and the focus lost temporarily.

Three weeks before the Holiday I began printing tickets and stocking up on toner for my LED printer. I rushed the Tribune out so we could have it ready for our guests. Bridget would get the mail, pass it to me and the registrations would be made into the custom designed 'Holiday EnFemme' registration program. Naomi and Eve went to the Hyatt Lisle, enfemme, to meet with the hotel management and staff to acquaint them with our group and to let them know what to expect. This information was passed on down to every hotel employee.

Bridget and Debbie came over and we stuffed envelopes, Naomi came by and we stuffed them again with additional info. Miranda was working on several programs and at the last minute was asked to "get the pumpkins" for the Halloween dinner.

I didn't get a chance at the Holiday to thank everyone involved, I had intended to make a short recognition speech Saturday night but with running around with last minute registrations and unlocking doors, it never came to pass. But without the help of the group we had we could never have gotten off the ground. We had great success and at times disappointments. Of course without Naomi's experience we would never have been able to do it in the eight months we had to work in and we have learned from her many-many things.

Thank you! Naomi, Bridget, Miranda, Candace, Sunny, Debbie, Amanda, Toni and all the others I may have missed who worked their butts off on this. A special thank you to my wife Kim who had to put up with me hiding in my office on the computer and never being around, and to Tanya, the manager of the Hyatt and Maria the Catering manager and all the other hotel employees, wait staff, construction, electricians, locksmiths, etc who were great.

SEE YOU ALL HERE AGAIN for the Holiday EnFemme; '2001, The Tri-Ess Odyssey

November meeting:.....

The meeting started off kind of slow, many of us were worried that because of the Holiday, everyone was too pooped to pop. Well as the evening lingered on people started coming in by the droves. (A Texas term I learned from Samantha). Present were; Bridget, & Debbie, Bonnie, Miranda, Dana, Alicia, Rachel, Andrea, Naomi & Rachel, Carol, Carole, Sheila D., Barbara Diane & Barbara, Lenore, Olivia, Denise, Jackie, Amber, Athena, Candace & Dawn, Amanda, Christine, Lee, Carol R., Barbara Ann, Janet, Norma & Joyce, Karen, Colleen & Verna, Toni, Vickie, Pamela, Robin, Vanessa, Rori, Loraine, Jamie, Sherri, Laurianne & Debbie, Shelley & Linda, Renee, Aries, Fay, Beth, Laura, Janie, Andrea, Amanda, Liz & Bonnie, and newcomers; Heidi, Jeri, Joanne, and Jennifer. In all at least 62 attended, not a bad showing out of 190 members.



Merry Christmas/Happy Holidays

Denise



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After dinner, we hung around for a little bit and Olivia and Jackie asked all of us to come back to their cabin for a drink and we talked until things got going in the bar.

Saturday night was a dressy night. I wore my black turtleneck top with the shoulders cut out with a long matching skirt with a slit up the side, 4" black cloth high heels, my long blond hair with bangs and pulled back with a black velvet bow, basic black you know, and of course--pearls. I felt ravishing!

That night we all went back to Olivia's and Jackie's again before the drag show in the bar.

There has never been a Drag Show I didn't like but I have to tell you this one came close. Their best performer was terrific, Magnolia Doom but the others, eeh.

Sunday was fab at breakfast. We all sat around and chewed the fat until way after it was time to leave.

This is what made it a love in! The spontaneous get togethers and gab fests we had gave it a comradeship that we never had with a larger crowd.

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Some of my friends who know I'm a crossdresser have asked what we do at these things. And you know damn well they think the worst so I have come up with a mind bender. "It's sort of like a retreat", I say. "We try to explore our inner unconscious. For some of us, getting to the bottom of our unconsciousness is a little more difficult than others". I stop and let it sink in. At this point their eyes have a quizzical look but their heads are nodding in agreement and understanding that only someone who is into this sort of thing would appreciate. "How do you achieve that?", they ask sincerely. "The classic therapy", I respond. "First thing we do is go to the bar"! Usually, they just give a faint smile and I know they decided right then and there that deep down I must be a Red Neck in disguise and beyond hope.

And as Jeff Foxworthy said, "You know you're a Red Neck cross-dresser when you go to Saugatuck in the afternoon in high heels, mesh stockings and a mini skirt"!

Bye.

Chicago Area Transgender Activities

DECEMBER 1996

(Great Lakes Gender Leadership Coalition)

Week of November 24-30

Tuesday, Nov 26, 8:30 p.m. CGS Thanksgiving . Social, Temptations, 10235 W Grand, Franklin Park. Bring a dish to share, CGS provides the turkey!

Thursday, Nov 28, 7:00 p.m. T.O.N.I meeting, call 219-929-8533 for info

Week of December 1-7

Wed Dec 4, 9:00 p.m. South Side Girls, Clubhouse Players, Blue Island (708-389-6688)

Thursday Dec 5, 7:30 p.m. It's Time, Illinois 146 N. Oak Park Ave (call 708-535-1506)

Saturday, Dec 7, CGS Holiday Dinner at Harvey's Prime Rib. Get your tickets early. Call (708) 863-7714 Today!

Week of December 8-14

Sunday Dec 8, 2-3 p.m. Class with Honey West at the Femme Underground (\$15) followed by dinner at Buddy's and Cabaret at Gentry. RSVP Rori at 708-383-8338

Tues Dec 10, 8:00 p.m. CGS Meeting, Stardust, 5688 N. Milwaukee (708-863-7714)

Saturday Dec 14, Gemini Gender Group, Milwaukee Area, (call 414-297-9328)

Saturday Dec 14, T.O.N.I. Social, (call 219-929-8533)

Week of December 15-21

Sunday Dec 15, 8:30 p.m. Party at the Baton. RSVP to Rori at 708-383-8338

Thursday Dec 19, C.A.T.S, 4751 W. Touhy, Suite 203, Lincolnwood (708-266-8626)

Sat Dec 21, 8:00 p.m. Chi Chapter Tri-Ess, Holiday Inn Exp, Elmhurst (630-262-8707)

Week of December 22-28

Tuesday, Dec 24, 8:30 p.m. CGS Social, Temptations, 10235 W Grand, Franklin Park.

Thursday Dec 26, 7:00 p.m. T.O.N.I meeting, call 219-929-8533 for info

Saturday Dec 28, 8:00 p.m. CGS Social, Black and White Ball, Femme Underground, Oak Park (708-383-8338)

December 29-January 18

Wednesday, Jan 1, Chi-Chapter dues are due.....

Tuesday Jan 7, 8:00pm, CGS Meeting, Stardust, 5688 N. Milwaukee (708-863-7714)

Saturday Jan 18, Chi-Chapter Tri-Ess, Holiday Inn Exp, Elmhurst (630-262-8707)

BE-ALL June 4-8, Hyatt Lisle

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