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NEXT MEETING August 21 AT 7: 30

Cross-Port Basics

This hot July sure can spoil a girl's fun, but not for the LUCK 13 that attended the July meeting. New faces this time were Joey, Georgia and Ginger. I'll bet you can't say that 5 times after 4 Fuzzy Navals. My thanks to all of you for braving the heat (you old timers too.)

Jenifer Marquette has agreed to be our recording secretary but doesn't think she has time to handle the library. Linda volunteered to take the books and magazines and I'll handle the news-letter exchange and information section for now. Since it is rather difficult to carry the library around, you'll have to call one of us to tell us if you are interested in any of the books or information.

As far as I know "National Gender Alliance" has begun and we are hoping to be a part of it. Sharon Hart will keep us posted on how it is progressing. I'm sure we need to give it time to get rolling.

Tiffany Club is having some problems with neighbors and has begun looking for a new home. As a result the "Tapestry" is running a little late and other club functions have been put on hold with the exception of the International Convention. (See Linda's report later in this issue.)

Again the question was raised at the meeting about whether we should run the "Classified" section in every InnerView. The new people said they found it informative while others said that there is too much repeated each month. No real conclusion was reached but the suggestion that some of the information be placed into a "New Inquiry Package" seemed like a good one. Linda, as well as I, hope that more people will take the time to write an article about some of the things you girls are doing. Just send it to me (Readable) and I'll take care of the rest, though I won't promise how fast.

Another subject discussed was ways to spread the word about our group. Again we fell short of a real solution, short of taking out an ad in the daily paper. We do seem to be doing pretty good. Health clinics, the Switchboard, 621-CARE, Crazy Ladies Bookstore, the Tapestry and the many clubs we visit seem to be working. We can always use other suggestions though.

The collection this time was down a little, but was OK. What worries me is I know that there are a few who are carrying the weight of the finances while others just chip in. Come on now girls, if you can afford the clothes you can afford to share the cost of the club. I received half as much from 3 places in the mail as I did from 13 people at the meeting.

Thanks to those of you who took out subscriptions to the TV/TS Tapestry. We have received the money from them. I know Merissa is grateful also.

The meeting ended about 10:30 and the music and dance floor opened up for fun.

CONVENTION UP-DATE

By Linda B.



For those of you who do not know, the 1st International TV/TS Convention is scheduled for March 4 - to March 9, 1987 at the Ramada Inn O'Hare in Chicago. The convention is meant to be educational for the TV/TS community, the people who serve us and those interested in and affected by us. Only those who understand the nature of the convention, and are willing to comply with our security and code of conduct requirements (good manners, common sense, etc.) are welcome. The hotel is out by the airport and we will be taking over a large portion of the facility.

The Cost is \$50/night/person double and \$100/night single for the Hotel. The convention registration fee is \$150/person or \$225/M-F couple. Discounts of 20% for payment by Oct. 6, 1986 and 10% for payment by Jan. 5, 1987 are being offered for convention registration. This includes all sessions, meals, reception, shows and the banquet. Most of the planned activities run from Thursday evening to Sunday morning.

Since I am on the steering committee representing Cross-Port, I will be receiving the information and keeping all informed. If any of you have ever met Merissa from the "Tiffany Club", you know that she really has her act together and you can be certain that the convention will be run very well. I am hoping that many of you will be able to make it. I know I will. You can send your fees to the address listed under the Bulletin Board for Tiffany Club.

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By Julia

If you are planning a trip to New York City in the near future there are a lot of things for your Femee-Self to see and do.

First on your list should be a visit to Muriel Olive's Fem Fashions at 157 W. 57th Street (phone 212-582-6823). Muriel is a warm, compassionate, talented woman who works almost exclusively with cross-dressers, and performs a wide range of services. Her most important service is counseling which she provides in an array of areas like clothing, makeup and deportment. But she also has a wide array of merchandise which includes books, clothing, jewelry, wigs etc. You can purchase merchandise in person or by mail.

If you plan to see Muriel, you should call early. She sees people only by appointment, and is generally booked about a week in advance. Her charge is \$60 for two hours or \$35 for an hour. She is generous with her time, and will probably give you more time than she charges you for. Her makeup sessions run about two hours, and are very informative. You should plan to spend at least three hours if you can spare the time and the money.

The second place on your list should be Lee Brewster's Mardi Gras Boutique at 565 10th Ave. (2nd floor- phone 212-947-7713 Lee sells merchandise including wigs, books, magazines, lingerie, makeup, clothes and prostheses. The place is large and the merchandise is plentiful. In addition, the staff is courteous and helpful. Lee's is open from 10 am to 6 pm, Monday through Saturday with no appointment necessary.

Michael Salems is at 300 E. 46th Street (phone 202-371-6871). An appointment is necessary and he doesn't keep regular hours so if you plan to see this place be sure to call ahead.

Once you are all dressed up you'll need some place to go. There is a place at 165 W. 47th Street called Casa Daria and is reputed to be a TV/TS hangout, but is not highly recommended. A very good night spot is the Greenwich Pub at 73 8th Ave. (phone 212-777-1800). A large number of TVs and TS's congregate there. On a weekend evening about 40% or more of the patrons may be cross-dressed.

Finally, another place with a good reputation is Christopher's which is on Christopher Street between Hudson and Bleaker Streets.

Muriel Olive can also put you in touch with one of the local TV/TS chapters of which there is a sizeable number of people that get together fairly regularly.



G I R L T A L K

This has been a hot July in more than one way. One day last week while home sick with a sinus infection, I thought I'd print out an article I wrote to send to girls who's wives find out suddenly. This was after receiving a call from someone at 6 am who had just had that happen. Somehow I managed in twenty minutes to wipe out the disk with all the original copy of the news-letters, and the master disk with all of the headings on it. Talk about being HOT. I did have a backup of the news-letters with the exception of April and May of 1986. I also have the original printouts so all is not lost, but I did have to redue all the headings.

This is an up-date to the G6A news from last month. Georgia in the final issue of the Phoenix has decided to try to continue publishing a quarterly magazine. It will be called GenderNet Chronicles and will cost \$40/year. In addition she will put out a Correspondence Directory which will be an additional \$40/year. A third publication By The Mistress of The Mistress Lair may also be published for a cost of \$40/year. Pricing is such that if you take all 3 you get 20% off and any 2 you get 10% off. All this is contingent on the number of replies she receives before September 1, 1986. If there is sufficient interest to carry the cost of the publications she will go ahead with her plans. Regardless of the outcome, G6A is no more. If you are interested in any of these publications write to 484 Lake Park Ave., Suite 428, Oakland, CA 94610 before September 1st.

Closer to home, it's been rumored that Jacob's Downstairs Bar was closing on August 1, 1986. The rumor is true and false. During the week of the "Cool Jazz Festival", Bill Jacober closes all his downtown bars for clean up and maintenance. Afterwards it will be business as usual. They still have 2 shows a night on Friday and Saturday, the only

nights they are open. Bill is interested in finding a partner who knows the food business and would like to add food to Jacober's. That would sure be a great addition. A place we could go eat and drink.

The Hangout is having shows every other week on Saturdays. They will also be having shows every Saturday night during October to benefit AIDS research. Our very own Marsha and Valerie will be in the show on October 18. This would be a good weekend for some of you OUT-OF-TOWNERS to come to town. There will also be a Male Strip Show at The Hangout on September 5. This might be a good time for the married people to bring the wives along.

Speaking of wives, the Wife/Girlfriend support night has been scheduled for September 25, 1986 at 7:30 pm. at my home. Doctors Paul Bishop and Carolyn Kowatsch will be here to help answer questions but for the most part it is hoped that our "significant others" will simply be open and share their feelings with each other. We girls are not invited. I strongly encourage you to encourage your wives and girlfriends to attend. It is time for them to have their say without feeling that they may be threatening us. Don't deny them the same opportunity you ask them to give you by not telling them that they are welcome to participate. If they are leery of coming alone offer to bring them and pick them up. If you don't know where I live call us at 631-7752 ask for Steve or Kathy. Also try to let us know who is planning to attend.

A special hello to Wendy Gwynne who has gotten the Connecticut chapter rolling. We wish you every success and hope your group will continue to grow.

I just got off the phone with Sharon Hart and for sure NGA is out of the starting gate. The first issue of the news-letter is scheduled for September and bi-monthly after that, so if you wish to receive your copy, send \$15 (for the rest of 86) to Sharon Hart at the Windy City chapter's address under Bulletin Board.

She also proposed the idea that Cross-Port and The Wind City Chapter pick a date and meet in Indianapolis for a weekend. We'll be discussing it at the next meeting and for those of you that can not make the meeting if this sounds like something you'd be interested in write me.

Heather made her first money as a "Working Girl" running the sound system (playing DJ) for a "DRAG" show at The Hangout last week. It was a great time and thanks to Valerie for her help. I needed the support.

Letters to Heather

Dear Heather,

Thank you so much for keeping me posted on the activities of Cross-Port. The evening in Cincinnati has meant so much to me. I will be forever in your thanks. Clearly it was a major bench mark in my life.

I enjoyed talking with you and would very much appreciate you sending me a copy of the snap-shot that was in a recent "InnerView". Please keep me on the mailing list.

Love ---- Cindy

Dear Cindy,

I was sure good to receive your letter and the phone call. I hope you enjoy your move to Washington DC and I will continue sending the "Innerview". I am pleased to know that coming to just one meeting has made such a change in your life and that you now feel much more free to express your feminine side. That is really what we are all about. We wish you the best.

Dear Heather,

Hi, I'm writing to tell you that I really enjoy your news-letter. I don't know if you remember me but I use to be Edya's manager. We both really enjoyed being there awhile back and Edya really enjoyed performing the numbers for everyone. I really support your group and agree with you that the Supreme Court should stay out of the bedroom. I really up sets me when people start to stick their noses in other people's business. I'm not gay myself, but many of my best friends are, and I support them. I consider you a good friend and I really enjoyed meeting you, Linda, Sarah and the others. I want you to know that you can count on me for support.

Love You All ---- Mary Ann

Dear Mary Ann,

I certainly do remember you. You were the first GG to attend a Cross-Port meeting. I'm happy to hear you are doing well and I thank you for your continued support. We look forward to your returning to a future meeting.

Dear Heather,

I was very pleased to receive the information about Cross-Port in the mail today. I'm returning the survey and in the hopes that I and Cross-Port can help and enjoy eachother. I was also very pleased with the InnerView.

As for contacts in Cincinnati area, I've dressed while shopping at the Tri-County Mall, Tall Girls downtown, and at Benniton in the Kenwood Mall Area. Also, I've been to Rags to Riches and some specialty shops near the university. These people were all receptive, helpful, friendly and asked me to return. It is most helpful to know where we are welcome. I thank you for the other contacts.

Yours in Sisterhood ----- Cynthia Sue

Dear Cynthia,

Thank you for the wonderful letter. As you see I couldn't put the entire thing in the news-letter but I do understand what you mean and what you are looking for. I am sorry but the club policy is that I don't give out names or addresses to anyone. I am hoping that in the near future the newly formed "National Gender Alliance" will be able to put together a social directory that will allow people to exchange names and numbers by mail. As for meeting the right woman, that will come if you are open and honest with the women you do meet. You don't need to tell them on the first date but I believe you should tell them as soon as you both decide that you have a relationship worth exploring. Give them the chance to know both sides of you from the beginning. Even as I was typing this, I talked to you on the phone so I thank you for the nice talk and hope that you will get in touch with me if you plan on coming to town.

Your Sister in Dress,

Heather

Bulletin Board

CROSS-PORT'S Meeting schedule for 1986 is Aug 21, Sep 18, Oct 16, Nov 20, Dec 18
 NGA - For information write Cross-Port.

The Paradise Club's Schedule - For 1986 - Aug 16 (Guest Speaker), Oct 18 (Meeting & Drag Show), Dec 13 (Christmas Dinner)

Write Paradise Club, PO Box 29564, Parma, OH 44129, Attn: Susan for Prices and Places

Transpitt's Meeting Schedule is the third Saturday of the month.

Write Transpitt, PO Box 59406, Pittsburg, PA 15211, Attn: Johnnie

Windy City Chapter's Meeting Schedule. They meet the Third Tuesday of each month at 8:30.

Write Windy City Chapter, PO BOX 2312, Chicago, IL 60690, Attn: Sharon Hart

TRI-ESS information Write Carol Beecroft, P. O. Box 194, Tulare, CA, 93275

Crossroads, Meetings April 5, May 3.

Write Crossroads, P. O. Box 1298, Flint, MI 48501

Genesis- meets the second Saturday of the month.

Write Genesis, P. O. Box 0954, Elyria, OH, 44036-0954

Tiffany Club, Tapestry, and International Foundation for Gender Education.

Wife Support Group Weekend at P-Town, Oct 3-5

1st International Convention March 4-9, at Chicago IL.

Write to Merissa Sherrill Lynn, Box 19, Wayland, MA 01778

North West Gender Alliance, PO Box 4928, Portland Oregon, 97208 (503) 641-6736

Connecticut Gender Alliance, PO Box 744, Branford, CT 06405, / Wendy Gwynne

Boulton & Park Cultural Sorority, PO Box 169652, San Antonio, TX 78280

ETVC, Box 6486, San Francisco, CA 94101, ATTN: Suzanne

12th Annual Fantasia Fair October 17-26 at Provincetown, Write to Fantasia Fair Ltd., Kenmore Station, Box 368, Boston, MA 02215

Joyce Dewhurst's Poconos Weekend Sept 9-12, Write Joyce Dewhurst, 37-50 76th St., Jackson Heights, NY 11372 or call (718) 335-3048

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Places to GO

The Hangout, 13 Old Mt. [Monroe OH], 534-9381, Cross-Dressers are welcome.

Jacob's Downstairs Bar, 35 West Fifth, Dressing is OK, Drag shows Saturday night at 11: 00 and 12: 30.

Metro Lounge, Ruth Lyons Pl. & Gano Alley, [Off Vine near the square], Dressing is OK, Drag shows on Fri.

1470 West [in Dayton], 1470 W. Dorthy in the Hill and Dale Shopping Center, Off I75 take Exit 47, go east until you come to the shopping center. It's on the right side of the center towards the back. Dressing is OK, Drag shows every Sunday night at 10: 30 and 12: 00.

The Subway - at 609 Walnut. No cover. Cross-dressers are welcome anytime.

Golden Lion - at 340 Ludlow, 281-4174. Cross-dressers are welcome anytime.

The Dock - at 603 Pete Rose Way [241-5623]. Open every night during summer. Cross-dressers are welcome.

Side Door Lounge - at 619 Walnut [721-9551] Cross-dressers are welcome.

Simon Says - at 428 Walnut [381-8196] Cross-dressers are welcome.

Spurs - at 318 E. Eighth St. [721-4007] Says No one is refused.

2501 Club at 2501 Vine St. [221-3910]

Shoes

Paula Lee Shoes, 7332 Kenwood Rd., Has large sizes but is not open to men trying them on in the store.

Payless Shoe Source - Near 7th and Race, Large size shoes to size 13.

Hair

Recent Fashion Wigs, 118 W. 7th St., Very open and willing to help fit you.

Hairworks, Hamilton Ave, 681-8222, Call for appointment.]

Worship

Dignity Catholic Services, Call Jerry 621-4026 or Bev 541-7026 for times and places.

All Saints Chapel - Worship Service Sunday at 6: 00 p. m., 1222 Ida St. in Mt. Adams. We are welcome to come dressed. For more information call Associate Pastor Don Hicks at 381-2328

Make-Up

Marilyn's Make-Overs - Write P. O. Box 632, Vandalia, OH 45377

Bnn's - Make-up, custom clothing and wig styling. 858-7161 for appointment.

Clothes

One Stop Bra & Swim Shop - 4217 Reading Road, Call 764-6020 for appointment.

Counselling

Behavioral Science Center, Inc. - Doctors : William Wester II, Richard Baum, Paul Bishop, Carolyn Kowatsch, & Joseph Wicker - 2522 Highland Ave., 513-221-8545

Indianapolis

21 Club- 2101 N. Talbott, 317-427-4000: Cross-Dressers are welcome but must show proper I. D. Shows on Tues, Thurs, Fri & Sat nights starting around 10: 00 pm