

# Cross-Port InnerV Jew

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**Next Meeting September 17 At 7:30**

At Christopher's Lounge (The Old Hangout)

## **CROSS-PORT BASICS**

17 girls found their way to the August Cross-Port meeting, as we conducted our first ever, Meeting Hunt. There were several new faces among the group and a drop in visit from Diane and Jan Dixon, of "Tapestry" fame.

There was considerable confusion prior to the meeting, as to where it would be held. Our thanks to Bob at 1470 West, for opening the back room to us. It was a last minute decision to go there and everything worked out just fine. See the article "The Place to Meet - Continued" later in this issue.

There was not a lot of business to be discussed so we took the opportunity of a large, private back room, to have a lively discussion about passing in public.

Yvonne Cook reported that she has been named Distribution Director for the "Tapestry" magazine. She is trying to get the TV/TS publication into book stores and needs our help. We need to create a demand by going to the book store of our choice and asking them if they have it or will get it. If you would like to help distribute the "Tapestry" or wish to give information to the book stores about ordering it write to: Yvonne Cook, Distribution Dir., P.O. Box 19, Wayland, MA 01778.

She also reported that the programs for the 1988 Convention are being firmed up and that there will be a large number of programs for the TS's as well as for TV's and significant others.

The collection for the night brought in \$40. The meeting ended about 11:15. Thanks to everyone who was able to attend.

### **Linda On the Road**

By Linda B.

I just recently returned from Chicago, where I spent some time with my family. While there, I had the opportunity to get out as Linda, so I thought I would share it with you.

The first night there I knew there was a Tri-Ess meeting, so I called and got directions. Upon arriving, I met Gloria in the hall and we went in together. There were many familiar faces and many new ones. I had a good time conversing with all the girls before the meeting started. They had approximately 50 members and a few wives. They

currently meet in a motel and charge a meeting fee of \$10. This includes soft drinks and food. The business part of their meeting started about 9:00 pm and then was followed by their guest for the night. She did a make up demonstration and helped many of the girls with their wigs and clothing. While this was going on they put out the food. Around 11:30, a large group went to "Charlie's Angels", a local gay bar. There we danced and partied until they closed. We all had a great time, and sore feet.

While in Chicago, I thought this would be a good chance to look for some heels, since there are a number of store's that carry women's shoes in larger sizes. I decided to visit "Little Max Shoes". they not only have shoes to size 14, but also heels to 6 inches. I've always wanted to see what it was like to walk in these skyscrapers. Although I was not dressed, I just told them what I wanted and they treated me just like the other ladies in the store. It's funny but I didn't feel strange walking around in the store as I tried on the shoes. No one seemed to pay any attention to me at all. The sales person says they sell about two pairs, of the 6 inch heels, a day and can't keep them in stock. Most of the customers that buy them are men. Everyone was more then friendly and I recommend a visit if you ever get the chance.

Well, I just had to own a pair for myself once I tried them on. I paid the man and went back to my room to practice the rest of the afternoon. (And I do mean practice.) I can now walk about 50 feet without falling over. I love it, but my wife thinks I'm crazy.

The following Saturday, the Chicago Gender Society had a social at the "Factory", which of course I went to. Again I met many familiar faces and had a great time with the gang. This place does not have dancing, so about midnight, some of the girls went to the "River's Edge". That bar was mostly female, and of course we were the best dressed in the place. Again a great time.

I'll say one thing, Chicago is a great town to live in if you crossdress. There's something all the time going on. Maybe someday Cincinnati will open up more and we will all feel good about expressing ourselves more often.

## *Dreaming of Normal*

By Heather Peerson

In the July Issue, I talked a little about my ideas of the word "normal". In this article, I return to the subject, but from a totally different angle. I apologize to those of you who may feel that the overall article is a little too religious in nature, but I do not apologize, as a Christian, for using what I consider to be the very best example of the points I am trying to make. The story is taken from a dream I had on 8/19/87.

It was the third Thursday of the month. The Cross-Port meeting was being held in someone's home and had just started when a large brown van pulled into the driveway. From the van emerged a boy and his mother. The boy however, was not an ordinary boy. In order for the boy to walk, he had a large metal cage built around him from which he was suspended. He could move his legs to walk, but they were not strong enough to support him. In addition, there were motorized wheels on the cage to help him move. The boy was good looking, bright and alert and looked normal in every way except for the cage. He was 12 years old and his name was Jeff.

It was obvious that Jeff could not dress himself. He was permitted to choose the clothes he would wear, but his mother had to dress him. She had brought him to the Cross-Port meeting because of a growing concern she had for Jeff's overall mental state. Ever since he was nine, he had expressed to his mother his desire that she buy and dress him in girls clothing. She of course refused, but his demands were becoming more vocal. She hoped that somehow, we could convince Jeff that, the life he faced would be hard enough without adding the issue of crossdressing to it. She hoped he would see that, although his life could never be normal, he should strive to live the most normal life he

could.

My exact reply to her is lost, as are the words to so many profound speeches made in dreams, but in an effort to recall those words, this is the reply I would have made.

Why would you or anyone, wish for someone, something so insignificant as a "normal life"? I wish that everyone who has ever lived or will live could live the most wonderfully, extraordinary life that this world could provide. Living a normal life, takes little effort, and reaps few rewards, but living an extraordinary life, requires extraordinary dreams, extraordinary thoughts, extraordinary actions, extraordinary love and extraordinary understanding. The rewards from living such a life are also extraordinary. The boy can not possibly live a normal life so why not allow him to live an extraordinary life. A life he chooses to live and one in which he can be happy. Is that not, after all, what you are most concerned with, the boy's own happiness?

As a reader and student of the bible, I have often questioned why there is so little information about the life of Jesus before the age of Thirty. I have come to the conclusion that it is because he lived a normal life until that age. God does not call us to live normal lives and dwelling on the life of Jesus prior to his public life would have only reinforced our own natural instincts to be normal. The life of Jesus which is recorded is his extraordinary life. Whether you believe that Jesus was God and man, as I do, or just a man who lived in the course of human history, you must agree that his extraordinary life has had the most extraordinary influence, on that human history, as any one man who has ever lived.

Jesus, was a sinner, he was immoral, and lived with the wrong kind of people. That is what the religious leaders of his own church said about him. They accused him of a sin, which even today, is thought of by many churches as the unpardonable sin, blasphemy. They truly believed from all the scriptures they had read, and all the teaching and education they had, that what he was doing was wrong, and went against nature and God. They believed it so strongly, they killed him for it. Yet, we who believe in Jesus, know that the church leaders were wrong, and that, in fact, the very opposite of what they were saying, was happening. Instead of blaspheming God, Jesus was giving glory to God.

Jesus knew that living an extraordinary life would be demanding, and lonely. He chose for himself, twelve friends which he felt would provide some degree of support. Those twelve, though they did not always understand Jesus, his intentions or his motivation, remained the root of his support team through most of his three years of extraordinary life. Jesus was there for them when they needed him and they were there for Jesus.

During the course of his teaching, Jesus did not stop to ask, "I'm I infringing upon some ones rights, by confronting them with the truth or by exposing them to things they are not ready to deal with?". He always gave people the choice of excepting or rejecting his words, but he rarely gave them the choice of not hearing his extraordinary words or remaining in ignorance.

The lepers of the day were the outcast of the church because their sickness was considered brought about as a direct result of their own sins or as left over from the sins of their mothers and fathers. Jesus, not only, would not condemn them, neither did he condemn those who did. He simply offered his extraordinary love, and compassion and said that in the end each of us will receive our just reward.

Jesus could have chosen to live a normal life. I believe he did so for thirty years, but instead he chose to live an extraordinary life. For that he died somewhat alone, hated, and feared by many of the people of his day. Yet, I feel, it was those very extraordinary qualities of his life which made his impact on history so extraordinary. He was able to show that despite the opinions of the people around you, the world we live in, and even the church you belong to, living an extraordinary life is worth the extraordinary effort it takes. We have 2000 years of history to show the results that one persons extraordinary

life can have on the rest of the world.

I hope and I pray that I may never wish to live a normal life, or be considered to be doing so. It would be then that I will know that whatever I am and am called to be, I have given up in favor of a normal existence. One in which I do nothing extraordinary and in which nothing extraordinary happens. A life in which there is little effort and little reward and in which the extraordinary love I have for all of you would have no place.

## THE INDY REPORT

By Heather

The Indiana CrossDresser Society is off the ground and running. By arrangements with Betty, it was agreed that "InnerView" would carry the groups news letter until they became established. They have been putting out a news letter since the first meeting and since theirs is currently free for the asking, Betty and I decided that those wishing to follow the groups progress should write to :IXE, P.O. Box 20710, Indianapolis, IN 46220, to receive your very own copy.

To that end, the Indy Report will no longer appear in the "InnerView". We certainly wish IXE continued success and plan to support them in any way possible.

## Names, Names, Names

This month we continue with more Names as taken from "The Best Baby Name Book in the whole wide world" by Bruce Lansky.

September's Birthstone is the Sapphire and the Flower is the Aster.

Dee -(Welsh) "black, dark" short form of Delia; Dianna

Karen - a Danish form of Katherine which means "Pure" spellings include: Caren, Carin, Caron, Caryn, Karin, Karon, Karyn, Kerrin.

Tracy - (Irish Gaelic) "battler" (latin) "courageous" familiar form of Theresa

Pamela - (Greek) "all-honey"

Ellen - (Old English) Eileen - (Irish) both are forms of Helen which means "light"

Holly - (Old English) "holly tree"

Jacqueline - Jackie - (Hebrew) "supplanter"; (Old French) "little Jacques" A feminine form of Jacob

Afton - (Old English) "one from Afton"

Beverly - (Old English) "one from beaver-meadow"

Nina - (Spanish) "girl" A form of Ann

Stephanie - (Greek) "crowned" A feminine form of Stephen

# THE PLACE TO MEET = CONTINUED

As hard as I tried to keep up on the News about the Hangout, it's sale still caught me by surprise. It was sold the Friday before our meeting and was closed for remodeling during the week of the meeting. At the last minute it was decided to send everyone to 1470 West. I was able to reach Bob on Wednesday night. He graciously agreed to let us use the back Video Room. It worked out very well.

I have spoken to Chris, one of the owners of the new "Christopher's Lounge. They are very interested in our continuing to meet there, however, they have taken out the wall between the two rooms. This means there is no way to have a private meeting or a way to block out the music from the front room.

Some of the suggestions that have been made include, starting the meeting at 6:00 pm. Since the bar opens at 8:00 this would give us two hours for a meeting.

Move the meetings to 1470 West. Bob has offered to allow us to meet there on a regular basis. The meetings would start at 8:30 and run until 11:00.

Move the meetings to someone's home or to a motel room.

All of these suggestions have there good and bad points and many of them have been discussed at previous meetings. The time has come when a decision must be made. We will have our meeting at Christopher's this month and will evaluate the impact of the removal of the wall, but by the time we leave a choice will have been made.

If you want input on where we will be meeting, I suggest you come to the meeting.

## CAN WE TALK!

By Heather Peerson

Here it is Labor Day, and the summer is gone. In some ways this has been a very mixed summer for me. I have gone places and done things that one year ago I only dreamed of doing. Heather is becoming a real person or at least my feminine side is. I don't always use Heather as my femme name. There is a price to pay for that freedom and I am feeling many of those effects at home and emotionally. I am experiencing both the most happy time of my life and one of the saddest times also. For those of you who are still dreaming, I hope you will consider some of the cost before you start turning your dreams into reality.

Those of you that know me, will agree that I pass marginally, but that has not stopped me from going out and to my surprise, without incident.

One of the things I have enjoyed doing, this past summer, is laying in the sun on Sunday morning, in my bathing suit, getting a tan with strap marks. It is something I've dreamed of since I was about 11. Things I have done, besides the trip to Washington D.C., in and around Cincinnati, include eating at The Blue Moon, Garcia's, Casa Lupita and several fast food places. I've been shopping at Eastgate Mall, Gold Circle, Fashions at Large and Fashion Bug Plus. I've gone to the Show Case Cinemas and computer shopping in Dayton. In all of this, while I may have received a look or two, I was always treated with respect. That says something about the openness of Cincinnati and the surrounding areas.

Most recently I received a speeding ticket on my way to church. I presented my license which has a current picture and a form of my real name which could go either way. The officer called me Miss and on the ticket put F for female even though the license says

male. Once again I was treated with respect. As I see it, it is not the town that is not open but those who simply fail to take advantage of the opportunities to go out.

For those who would like to go out to a nice place for dinner and entertainment, I encourage you to consider the "Annual Gay Awards Banquette" coming up on November 7. This is a Saturday night and the cost is around \$17. I'll have tickets available by next month. It is held at the Carrousel Motor Inn so this would be a good opportunity for you out-of-town people to come in for a femme weekend. If there is interest we'll plan that Friday night at one of the clubs.

I mentioned "Fashions at Large", they are a new store in town with plus size clothes. The unique thing about them is that everything sells for \$14.95 or less. They have two locations, one on Beechmont Ave. in the Central Hardware Shopping Center and one on Hamilton Ave. right at I-275. I went to the one on Beechmont. All three sales people were very helpful and pleasant. I had no problems trying on my selections and was told to please come back. The clothing was very nice and stylish. Most summer stock was on sale for \$10. This place may see a lot of my business.

I had made plans to attend a picnic at Alum Creek State Park, which was being held by Alpha Omega, a sister group in Elyria Ohio, but at the last minute plans got changed so I did not get to go. Hello to all of you AO sisters. Sorry I missed the picnic but I hope to meet with some of you sometime soon.

September 19th is the annual Transpitt Dinner Party which will be held at New York-New York. If anyone wishes to go please call me for information.

There is a new show coming out at the theaters called "He's My Girl". I hope to see it and have a review for you next month. Of course I'll be going dressed.

I've included a clothing size chart which appeared in the July issue of Alpha Omega's Outreach, as well as an interesting news item. There is also a handy Ring Sizer and a new size chart from Levi Strauss & Co..

*Heather*

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MISSES SIZES

SIZE	12	14	16	18	20	22	24
Bust	34	36	38	40	42	44	46
Waist	26	28	30	32	34	36	38
Hips	36	38	40	42	44	46	48
BkLen	16.2	16.5	16.7	17	17.2	17.5	17.7

NOTE: petite Misses are about 1" shorter in back length.

WOMEN'S SIZES

SIZE	36	38	40	42	44	46
Bust	40	42	44	46	48	50
Waist	34	36	38	40	42	44
Hip	41	43	45	47	49	51
BkLen	17.4	17.5	17.6	17.8	17.9	18

HALF SIZES

SIZES	14.5	16.5	18.5	20.5	22.5	24.5
Bust	37	39	41	43	45	47
Waist	31	33	35	37	39	41
Hip	37	41	43	45.5	48	50.5
BkLen	15.5	15.8	15.9	16	16.1	16.2

The half size is for the woman who was a Junior who has started to lose her figure. The size is shorter overall, with a higher bustline, smaller shoulders, and shorter sleeve lengths. Most Crossdressers do not fit into this category. Please remember this when you shop.

NOTICE: There is a lot of overlap in the bust, waist, and hip measurements, particularly between Misses and Womens sizes. Now look at the measurement called back length, that is where the real difference is. This is the distance from the base of the neck to the center of the waist.

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The Dock*	603 Pete Rose Way	241-5623
Golden Lions*	340 Ludlow Ave	281-4179
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Metro*	616 Ruth Lyons Ln	421-3760
Pipeline*	241 W Court St	241-5678
Side Door*	619 Walnut St	721-9551
Simon Says	428 Walnut St	381-8196
Spurs*	326 E 8th St	721-9007
Squeeze Inn*	2401 Vine St	421-9040
Subway*	609 Walnut St	421-1294
2601 Club*	2601 Vine St	221-3910
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EXAMPLE:  
 CURRENTLY WEAR 34      NOW BUY 20W

For your convenience, all women's hangtags will show both sizes.

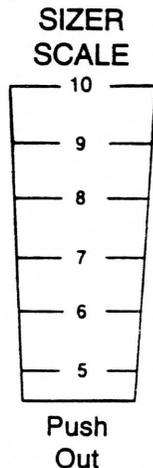
THE CHART BELOW WILL HELP YOU FIND YOUR NEW SIZE.

Old Size	New Size
32	18W
34	20W
36	22W
38	24W
40	26W
42	28W
44	30W
46	32W

## THREE WAYS TO DETERMINE YOUR RING SIZE...

(Rings are available only in six sizes—5, 6, 7, 8, 9 and 10)

See instructions on back of this card...



(Do not cut this chart) Start by wrapping a narrow piece of paper around your finger. Pulling snugly! Cut off paper so that ends meet. Lay paper on the line at point "A" of the size chart above. The number appearing at the other end of the line is your ring size. Important: Measure your finger to the nearest whole size. No half sizes available.

