

Cross-Port InnerView

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The next meeting is January 20 at 8:00pm

A New View By Elaine

Well we set a record at the **Cross-Port** Christmas party this year. We had 65 ladies at this years party. That is the most people to ever be at a **Cross-Port** meeting. Congratulations to all the people at the party.

I had a very good Christmas. I spent the holidays at my mothers house and I didn't take any male clothes with me which made it easier to pack because I only had to pack for one instead of two. I also had sculptured nails put on for the **Cross-Port Christmas party** and just kept them for my whole vacation. From the 16th of December to the 31st. It was great having them and not as hard to get used to as I thought. At the Christmas dinner I wore a red satin blouse and a white lace jacket and black silk skirt. While everyone else was dressed in there good clothes also we made a splendid picture in all of our finery. Well here's hoping everyone has a great year.

THE VIEW INSIDE by Bobbi L.

Ladies, I think last month's interview with Paula went fairly well, considering the shaky start I had with Kristine's. This month I have one that I believe will also be a hit! The subject of January's view inside is none other than that vivacious, humorous, and gorgeous brunette, Diane Burke! Let's all get to know her a bit better....



T.V.I. Diane, how long have you been a member of our fine organization?

D. B. Bobbi, when you're as old as dirt, dates are irrelevant...but I think it's been at least 5 years. I learned about Cross-Port from the magazine, Tapestry.

T.V.I. Did you come to the meetings before becoming a member of Cross-Port?

D.B. Actually, for the better part of my membership, I would come to the meetings during the winter months only. Lately though, I've been coming year 'round.

T.V.I. Diane, what are your earliest and your most favorite recollections of cross-dressing?

D.B. My earliest memory is of the pink sleeper they put on me at birth (I guess my small genitals fooled them). After that, around age 10-11 going into my parents' bedroom when they were out for the evening. My mom's stuff fit so well! Even her

size seven shoes. Now at 43 and 5' 12", those days are long gone!!

My favorite memory is that of a trip to Atlantic City I took back in 1989. I flew up, back, and spent the entire time there dressed! It was fantastic! Three days of fun and gambling....

T.V.I. What a dream trip that must have been! Diane, are you involved in relationship at this time and is your S.O. aware of your other self?

D.B. Yes, I am married, but the 16 year is about to end. She didn't know about Diane until 3 years after we were married. She never did approve, but did tolerate it. She has never seen me dressed and wants no part of it.

T.V.I. Speaking of seeing Diane dressed... exactly what is Diane's style?

D.B. Well, in dresses and suits I like anything and everything... from tight fitting to baggy. I wear a size 14 to 16. My shoes (size 12 W) are usually either flats or pumps with a 2"heel.

To accent my square face I like shoulder length full wigs. My color choice is black with a mix of white strands.

T.V.I. If the girls from Cross-Port were to follow Diane around what would they most likely see you doing?

D.B. I love to do things with my 8 year old daughter (she doesn't know about Diane). Also, I love to play golf and to attend plays. My musical interests

include a good mix of classical, pop and country (I hate heavy metal). I especially like musicals!

T.V.I. Diane, for you what is the most satisfying aspect of being transgendered?

D.B. Being able to go places and not turn any heads. Being accepted as a woman brings me the utmost satisfaction. Within the past few weeks I applied for a new job as Diane. I am pleased to say that I have been hired. Sitting in one of the orientation meetings and being treated as a woman brought me much happiness.

T.V.I. Diane, I can't begin to tell you how happy I am for you! I'm certain that all of the ladies from Cross-Port offer you their congratulations and share your elation!! What most disturbs you as a cross-dresser?

D.B. The attitudes of the uneducated. Prejudgement from others without knowing me or talking to me.

T.V.I. Here I go again.... What is your favorite gripe?

D.B. It's related to my earlier response: totally ignorant people. Oh, and also...Sunday drivers - Monday thru Saturday.

T.V.I. How about a tip from one of our organizations prettiest girls?

D.B. Dress to fit in! Don't overdress or over make-up.

Dress NOT to be noticed -- except at Cross-Port meetings!

T.V.I. With all that is happening in your life, what do you expect the future holds for Diane?

D.B. I am hoping in the next two months to begin living part-time as a woman. My new job is a big step toward realizing this goal. Wish me luck!

T.V.I. I'm certain that I speak for all of us in Cross-Port in wishing you only good fortune for you in all you attempt. You are a jewel in the TV community crown. Stay Healthy. Stay Beautiful. Avoid Runners.

ERIE SISTERS'
RIVERSIDE GALA
WEEKEND
by: Tami S.

Tami & Maureen decided to go to the Riverside Gala Weekend: a) because it is about as cheap a convention as you can find; and, b) because Joyce spoke so highly of it last year. Also, because of my job situation, it could be one last opportunity to do something like this in the U.S..

The event is held in the charming "Olde Worlde" (1885) Riverside Inn in Cambridge Springs, PA. Their advertising says "No phones & very few TV's," but on this weekend there was a "TV" in every room!

We arrived about 4 pm and checked in with the Erie Sisters Hospitality Suite. The scheduled

events for the evening were the SO's tea at 7 pm and the Wine & Cheese get together at 8 pm. Tami got changed while Maureen napped (the after effects of the journey having caught up with her). When Maureen awoke our only option for dinner was the hotel dining room, so Tami nervously entered and inquired about a table. A very nice waitress seated us at the back, away from the "ordinary people," and then picked up on our accents (which we don't have, of course). It turned out that her mother was English and she was mostly raised in England.

We decided to order from the menu rather than walk the length of the place to the buffet. Then, the waitress said, "Shall I bring your salads, or do you feel comfortable going to the salad bar?" She was so considerate, and obviously not embarrassed by Tami. We "went for it." Tami relaxed and started to enjoy a weekend totally en-femme. Later, a party of "ordinary people" was seated in a private room off to the side and they had to parade past us on their way to the buffet.

The SO's tea was set out in a gorgeous room with all kinds of snacks, etc., but hardly anyone came. Maureen did not like the idea of operating on a separate schedule so the suggested SO trips were forgotten, in favor of Tami & Maureen being together almost all the time.

The Cheese & Wine reception became a continuation in the same sense, where everybody came together &

mingled. We met Donna from the Crystal Club, Gina and Paula from Cross-Port, and two gorgeous girls from Toronto: Victoria and Yolanna. Victoria is a "musher"(sled dog racer) and drag show performer (though not at the same time). Yolanna is a very impressive girl: 6' 8", but all in proportion. She paid Tami the great compliment of not believing me to be 58.

When the wine was gone, we drifted into the lounge and mingled with the locals. there were a few smirks at first, but then the conversations got going, people started dancing, including the waitresses from the restaurant, and everyone had a great time. I think any ideas of hostility evaporated when Yolanna entered & said, "Anyone want to shoot pool?"

Saturday breakfast, what to wear? Tami's first breakfast in public. Low key...long sleeve blouse, but leather mini skirt, auburn wig - felt great! Tami & Maureen took a table for two (insular Brits!) by mistake; we ended up moving chairs and joining a larger table with our friends from the night before. After breakfast, Tami changed again: green linen-look career suit. I checked the schedule: vendors 11 am - 4 pm; seminars 12:15 - 4:30. Decided on the seminars. We chose "Make-up and Deportment" by Janet Jackson and her live model (spouse, Charlotte); and "Partners and Relationships" by Dr. Jim Huggins. All of these were excellent, the latter particularly so, Tami and Maureen felt were able to give something back with our positive

mutual experiences.

Saturday evening: the big Gala Banquet. I wore my new outfit(selected by Maureen): a sequined top and skirt, with a medium length blonde wig & pink bow (to match the sequined top). Many wore gorgeous outfits, including Victoria & Yolanna, but I was very flattered to be asked by several people to have my photo taken. The food was excellent, and a cabaret followed with the life-sized puppets of Bette Midler, Whitney Houston, Roger Whittaker, and others. After this, it was back to the bar with the "Dinner Theater Crowd," all of whom had been to see "Guys & Dolls!!" Some of them were plainly mystified by us, but once the conversation and the dancing (and Yolanna towering over the pool table) got going, it was another great night.

Sunday breakfast, Tami arrived in full make-up, heels, stockings, garters, satin lingerie, silk skirt & top. No table for two this time! Mingled with our new-found friends, some, like Tami, hanging on for the last hour or two en-femme, others in their male personae not seen before. The schedule said, "Tearful farewells." I don't think we went that far, but there was a lot of address swapping & promises to meet again. It was the end of amost memorable & enjoyable weekend.

Taking off the wig & make-up was difficult. Eric drove back to Cleveland, but underneath it all remained Tami's lingerie and stockings. We both felt that we had had a weekend of togetherness like never before.

Guess what are our Fall vacation plans for next year (if we are still here)? Even if we aren't, we shall always have an absolutely idyllic weekend to remember. Thank you, Maureen.

Love, Tami

A Perfect Morning
By Roberta

I got up and shaved twice for I knew I would be dressing as Roberta today. I put my travel bag in the car and headed for the thrift store. On that morning I found a royal blue blouse in my size. I also picked up a teal blue long sleeve dress, size 16 but with an elastic waist. With the cranberry red long sleeve dress already in my travel bag. I was all set with my clothes for the day.

The weather was sunny with the temperatures in the upper 50's. The air was fresh with a very soft breeze that made being out doors refreshing. Joyce greeted me at the gate of the driveway being busy setting the Christmas display. It took about 20 minutes to change into the cranberry red dress and get my makeup done. I must say I did a fairly good job with the makeup in such a short time frame. Then with putting on my long blond wig Roberta was smiling in the mirror. The pearl necklace showed up very well and was the final touch of this outfit.

My camera was loaded with

film for 24 shots as I walked down to the living room I was starting to realize that special feeling of being dressed. Joyce commented on how well the dress fit as she took some indoor photos. Since it was so nice outside we took about 4 shots at the front of the house. Between the perfect weather and how well the dress fit I felt I was floating in air.

I went back inside to change into the new royal blue blouse and grey skirt combination. The blouse fit very well and felt very comfortable on me. While I walked around outside on the driveway my joy got the better of me, I let out in a loud voice YES!! I felt so wonderful and happy as I headed along the walk to the front door.

My last outfit was the new dress which turned out to be a little on the tight side. The dress had a row of buttons along the top left shoulder which I could not button, all thumbs for some reason. Joyce came to my aid and completed that for me. It was then that Joyce pointed out how sheer the dress was in certain light. When I picked it off the rack I only noticed the size and color. IT did not appear that thin in the store at all. Next time I wear that dress I will have to use a full slip. When I walked outside it felt so great that I spent 15 or 20 minutes just walking around the various parts of Joyce's yard and Christmas display. The final picture taken that day caught me with arms in the air and smiling from ear to ear. IT was a very

perfect time for me. The photos of that day reflect very well that wonderful time.

INSIGHT #44
by:Barbara Jean

Hello girls, this is Barbara back with some more insight. Last month I said that we would address the issue of fear this month, the fear that we must overcome in order to tell our wives or girlfriends of our feminine side. What is fear? Well Webster's defines it as painful emotions excited by apprehension of impending danger. Fear is a rather strange thing. Many of us have been in combat, W.W. II, Korea, Viet Nam, or Dessert Storm; yes wewere afraid, and I think it was because of that fear that we were able to return. It prevented us from letting down our guard. But the fear that we faced in combat or any otherdangerous situation just cannot compare to the fear that we face in telling our wives, our girlfriends, our parents our..... about our crossdressing. What is worst is the fact that our fear is self perpetuating, it is our fear itself that keeps us from overcoming our fear. What is there too fear in telling someone of ourfemside. We fear hurt on their part, rejection and ridicule.The rejection and ridicule I think is what makes the fear of telling so uniquely different from any other fear that we may experience. Any of you who have been thru a divorce know the pain that is felt. I think it is a pain that is most similar to that which we

fear will occur in telling that someone close about our femside. We desire love, and we desire to be loved, and we fear that we will lose that love that we cherish and desire. Ridicule, our society has not yet fully come to accept the idea of men dressing as women. We fear becoming the butt of the town gossip. Many of us are in a professional position and we fear that the ridicule will lead to loss of social and financial status. We fear being looked upon as someone less than normal. It is these things we fear that makes overcoming our fear so difficult, and yet we MUST overcome our fear if we are to overcome that which we fear. What is worst is that our fear causes us much mental anguish. As crossdressers we are people very strong in feelings. The inability to share those feelings with those we love, the need to keep those feelings secret, places an extra heavy burden on our mind. How much easier would it be to overcome our fear if we could reasonably predict the outcome from telling someone about our femside. If we could gauge the person's reaction, then we have a reasonable idea as to if that person will accept. The major problem here is that our fear has already caused us to make biased prediction against telling the one we love. In order to make a reasonable prediction we must put aside that bias, and become observers. There are a number of ways we can use to gauge a person's reaction. One way would be to watch some of the talk shows like Sally Jessie

Rafial, or Jenny Jones and then to discuss the topic of the show with the person that we wish to tell about ourselves. By discussing topics other than that of crossdressing, we do not tend to lead suspicion as to our motive for the discussion, and tends to give us an idea of that person's attitude to all people of difference. If there is reason to believe that a person will be acceptant of crossdressing, it is that they are open minded enough to accept people of all differences. Another tool that we may employ are things like dressing for events like Halloween or Mardi Gras, or crossdressing for bedtime fun. Of course these kind of things can only be done if you are one who know to do things just to be somewhat silly at times. If you are one who is always serious, never doing anything just for a laugh, then there will be cause for suspicion. How well educated is your wife? It has been found that the better educated a woman is the more likely she is to accept your femside, but at the same time, many women who have an average or less than average education have been just as accepting. My own wife has never completed high school and yet she is very accepting and sometimes even helpful. We must of course be mindful of the "this kind of thing only happens to other people, never in our family" concept. This is the big shock, and the deeper we are into the relationship with a wife/girlfriend, the bigger the shock. With parents there may be the tendency for self blame, a

desire to know what THEY did wrong. Children pose another problem which will be discussed in a near future column. For the time being let us concentrate on telling the wife/girlfriend. Perhaps the biggest factor in determining if a wife or girlfriend will accept will be the condition of the relationship. IT MUST BE ON SOUND FOOTING! While things like ultra conservatism, personal bias, religious and family upbringing will play against us, if the relationship is sound and there is nothing that would make her otherwise considering the relationship, then the chance of acceptance is far greater than the chance of rejection. If there are other problems in the relationship, then THESE MUST BE RESOLVED BEFORE THE INJECTION OF ANOTHER CRACK! Of utmost importance also will be your attitude AS A MAN towards women and women's rights. Do you help in the house, do you encourage your wife to be all that she can be, how well could you accept the concept of her being the major bread winner in the household? If you do not consider her to be truly equal to you, then there is little likelihood that she will accept your femininity. Your chances of being accepted really are dependent on how you treat her, not only as a wife, but as a person. If you have always treated her as an equal, than you really have nothing to fear, but if you have treated her second class, then how can she understand your desire to be like one that you consider to be of a lower class of

being than you consider yourself to be? How should we tell our wives? The operative word here is GENTLE. While no matter how we opt to tell there will be shock, we should do all that we can to invoke as little shock as possible. I myself prefer the idea of a letter. The written word allows us to think out our exact wording beforehand, and we are unhampered by questions or the shock of the person we are telling. However this is not the only method, use what is comfortable for you. What should we say? Here compassion and concern for her, and our own education as to why we crossdress will be the rule. Of utmost importance will be that we also convey our feeling of love for the wife/girlfriend, AND THAT OUR LOVE FOR HER IS UNCONDITIONAL to her acceptance. We must recognize that our wives also have fears. Her first and biggest fear that she will have in finding out about our femside is that we are gay or that we are planning a sex change. She will view our crossdressing as a threat to the security of her marriage, and one which she will have no weapon that she can fight back with. We must calm this fear, and show her that our being crossdressers does not mean we plan to leave her for another man or to becoming a woman ourselves. If we are to have any hope of her accepting our femside, we must show her that our femininity is an extension of who we are, and is what makes us the person that we are. As I have said before, to

me femininity represents gentleness, it means being compassionate and concerned, loving and kind, and above all caring about others. Are we this when we are dressed as males? If not, it will be difficult to show her that our crossdressing is a tool used to improve our personality, to make us the type of husband that she can be proud of being married to. She will fear that her children will also be crossdressers and she will fear her own rejection by friends and family. These are also issues that will have to be addressed eventually, but they are not the major concern at this time. There are a number of good books on the market today that will help your wife to better understand this phenomenon of crossdressing. Having one or all of them prior to telling the wife is highly recommended. At the end of this column I will provide you with a list of those books and where to obtain them from. In the end I think the real tool to eliminating our fear of telling our wives or girlfriends of our feminine side is self education. Educate ourselves about our own crossdressing and our need to crossdress, and most importantly educate ourselves about our wives. Learn her feelings, and learn her fears. Once we know her feelings and her fears, we can prepare ourselves to address those feelings and fears. Perhaps the one biggest thing that will be done in telling our wives/girlfriends about our crossdressing is that we will further open the lines of communications between our

wives and ourselves. Once we open those lines completely, we will be able to discuss the issue without fear. Well that is all for this month. Do take care and be good to yourself. YOU are worth it. I love each and everyone of you girls. Now below are some good books to use in aiding your telling your wife of your femside and where and how to obtain them. I highly recommend all of them for your own personal library.

MY HUSBAND WEARS MY CLOTHES

By: Dr. Peggy Rudd Ed.D.
P.M. Publications
P.O. Box 5304
Katy TX. 77491-5304

THE TRANSVESTITE AND HIS WIFE

By: Charles Virginia Prince PhD
Chevilier Publications
P.O. Box 194
Tulare Ca. 93275

COPING WITH CROSSDRESSING

By: JoAnn Roberts Ph.D
CDS
P.O. Box 1263
King of Prussia Pa. 19406

CROSSDRESSING WITH DIGNITY

By: Dr. Peggy Rudd Ed.D
P.M. Publications
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WIVES PARTNERS & OTHERS

A collection of articles
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An open letter to
the ladies of
Cross-Port.

LINDA'S CORNER

Dear Ladies

I want to thank each and every one of you for making me feel so welcome and at ease at the Christmas party. If I seemed stand offish, I apologize for it. It was only my second time out dressed and I was really nervous for a while.

All of you really made me feel like one of the girls, and I adore each of you for it. A special thanks to Elaine for doing my makeup (I love you dear) and to Joyce who remembered my name and has been such a help to me over the last year and to Candy who was with me at our first Christmas Party last year, she always remembers me no matter how seldom we see one another. Also to the lovely red head who took my picture (I'd like to see what it looks like).

There is so much I would like to say, but I don't have the words to say them and if I wrote them down you probably could not read them. If Joyce will translate this and put it in the newsletter I'm going to include my address and phone number, and any of you ladies who would like to chat are welcome to call me.

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Your loving sister
Della

New thoughts on Issue 3 and the pending lawsuit. I predict the repeal that was passed by the voters in November will be over turned in court. Not because the court agrees with the original ordinance passed by city council, but because the repeal was so poorly written. You see, the authors of the repeal were so hung up on the "sexual ordination" issue, that they didn't take the time to think through their actions. They claim the issue was "special rights". If that was truly the issue, then they should have fought to have the whole ordinance repealed. Instead they singled out only one group that is named under the ordinance. By doing this, they discriminated against that group by saying, what's ok for one party, is not ok for the other. Thus the repeal itself is discrimination, and not permitted under state or federal law. There's no question about it. Especially now that a court in Colorado has ruled on a similar case and set precedence.

One individual always comes to mind when I hear "discrimination." And that would be Heather, the founder of Crossport. When she started living full time, her boss fired her because of the gender change. Feeling down, she took a blue collar job at a Hills Department Store. As soon as they found out, she was told that she could not use the rest rooms in the store. (among other

things) After much hassle she quit. As her confidence and determination grew, she went for a good job in a small office. In no time, she was making more money then when she was a man. Again, the office found out. But this time she had proved herself as a valuable employee, and the owners loved her. A law giving her the "right" to work in her chosen gender was not needed. She not only became a better and stronger person because of her early experiences, and now she knows that they want her for her ability, not because some law says that they must hire her.

I actually think the original ordinance, as written, was rather a self-centered, self-serving, selfish document. I can think of dozens of afflicted individuals who are discriminated against everyday in all walks of life. For example; because of your appearance, or maybe your overweight, too old, too short, uneducated, speech or hearing impairments, and on and on. Who speaks for them? Doesn't everyone fall under the term "Human Rights"?

About 2 years ago, when this ordinance was first being drafted, I contacted those individuals who were having regular meetings on this topic. I told them as an individual who represents the gender community, I would like to be involved in it's drafting. I explained that the term "sexual orientation" did not really apply to Transvestites and Transsexuals, that sex and gender were different. And that in many cities where a Human

Rights Ordinance was adopted, we were included under the term "Gender Preference". I gave them all the information they needed to contact myself or Crossport. They not only showed no interest, I would never hear from them again.

Of all the documents I have seen on this subject, the Minnesota state statute 1992, section 363.01, subdivision 23, was the best to date. It includes both gay and transgender individuals, and does so on a state wide level. The girls of CLCC (City of Lakes Crossgender Community) worked months getting the wording just right. If I would try to get legislation passed in my state, I would use it as a model. I don't know why people waste their time and money on a city or county level.

By the way, if you read your Tapestry, you probably know that IFGE is working with the International Conference on Transgender Law and Employment Policy, Inc., on many legal issues that do effect all transgendered persons. Because of their 501(c)(3) tax status, IFGE cannot directly be involved in a political forum. However, the ICTLEP, which is made up of many qualified gender bending attorneys, and led by Phyllis Randolph Frye of Houston, is active working on many projects, which include future national legislation. Areas of focus are on employment law, health law, and military law

Bob spoke of how the gays in San Francisco fought an ordinance against crossdressing in the early 50's. Was this done

to help the gender community, or was it because it interfered with their lifestyle? While Bob's intentions are well and true, I'm not about to bestow an award to the gay community for their efforts to improve our lifestyle.

He said, "what affects Gays also affects Crossdressers". Well then, would the Human Right Ordinance have had an effect on Heather's job problems? How is being gay anything like being transgender? Our only common ground is the fact that we're both minorities. Even putting on a dress doesn't count, because we both do it for different reasons. Our agenda's are different, theirs is sex, our's is gender.

Then on the other hand he's right. For a transsexual who is struggling to survive in the real world, crossdressing is a serious issue. Quite the opposite of most Drag Queens. This reminds me of an occurrence at 1470 West in Dayton years ago, when many of us went there on a regular basis. A group of gay men in drag came into the bar and made a scene. The following week, the owners enforced a new rule that no one in "drag" was permitted in 1470, except on Sunday night. The gay men who made the trouble were welcomed back, but all of your TV & TS sisters, including myself, were refused admittance. A few months later, Heather met the owners in private and finally worked it out so we could return. So I guess you could say that, the comportment of one party, can have an effect on the other.

Bob called "Special Functions", great support groups for Crossdressers. I think not!

The very small number of us who do attend such events, is not for reasons of support. We are just out for a good time like everyone else. Knowing that the proceeds go for a good cause make it legitimate.

Joyce lumps Crossdressers together with Gays and speaks of the "'Good old days', when we as Crossdressers had to fear walking the streets, less we be molested or arrested for trying to be ourselves." We never "had to fear" anything. Through groups like Crossport, the general public may now better understand why we dress, but the fear she spoke of is created in one's mind. For those transgendered individuals still in the closet, their fear is as real as ours was, years ago. What Crossport did, was provide the grounds for interaction with more experienced CDs, that gave the newcomers confidence by showing them that 99% of the things they feared never existed. Like a child who fears the first day of school or the mysterious light he sees on the wall of his otherwise dark bedroom, fear is created because of the unknown. Fear of the unknown is part of human nature. Fear of death is the reason Religion exist. Think about it!

Joyce also states that "discrimination against one group eventually leads to discrimination against all". Discrimination is not passed around like the flu. It is a learned social behavior. Education is the cure, not creating new laws. It's up to us. We all have a moral obligation to improve the sphere in which we exist, and return knowledge

to that entity for future prosperity.

Some of you obviously take me as a bigot, and in fact, don't even understand where I'm coming from. Truth is, I do have a few minorities in my employment, and always have. Stirring controversy by discussing current affairs keeps us on our toes, and in reality with how the real world views us. Besides, Miss "I told you so's" opinions and predictions are many times based on articles read in the gay newspapers pick up locally, that carry national news.

There probably is no one you know personally, who had spent more time and money as I over the last fifteen years trying to improve things for the Gender Community. And right now, I don't plan to slow down.

Well enough said for now. Hope you all had a good Christmas, and that you will have a great upcoming year. By the way, I'll be out on the west coast doing "gender business" during this month's meeting, so I will see you all in February.

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Here is the current status of the Cross-Port Treasury:

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August Expenses:

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Envelopes & Stamps: \$29.00

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Envelopes & Stamps: \$34.29

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Newsletter Subscriptions: \$51.50

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The smooth transition into retirement, seems to have eluded Frank!