Cross-Port InnerView

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The next meeting is July 21 at 8:00pm

A New View By Elaine

There were 29 ladies at the **Cross-Port** meeting. We wish to thank the people who came to the meeting and hope they had a good time.

We were wondering if there is enough interest in another meeting during the month still on a Thursday but at the OLD **TIME CAFE**. If there is any interest in having a meeting there contact me at the meeting and let me know. I can make arrangements with them for the meeting. The meeting would be on the second Thursday

Well I did something I have never done before I wore a bikini and a grass skirt. I wore it to the Jimmy Buffet concert. It did attract some attention and for some reason attract a lot of women. I had the bikini made for me at the **Thing Shop**. They did an excellent job on it. The bikini is floral metallic print and very bright and very revealing. Up the Street and Around the Corner by Heather Phillips

There is a time to be serious and a time to play. Last time I was serious, this time lets talk of lighter matters.

Okay, you are sitting home and the urge hits you. Go out, check out the scene. Where do I go? I would like to recommend a couple of places.

First, if you like country and western you have got to check out The Old Street Salon. This was formerly Christopher's. For those who are new and may not know where Christopher's was located, it is on Old Street in Monroe Ohio. I have been there several times, and every time I have had a great time. Most weekend nights you will usually find a nice crowd. Parking is good, Old Street has a large lot. There is also on street parking. The drinks are reasonably priced. The customers and employees are

friendly. It has been remodeled and the dance floor has been expanded. The music is, of course, country and western. It is the modern country that you hear on radio stations like Y Country. They also have been known to play rock-a-billy. Old Street has a D.J. and I have found that the D.J. is very good about playing requests. Most of the patrons spend the majority of their time on the dance floor. Line dancing is very popular. If you are like me and you don't know how to line dance, you are in luck. Each Friday night at 8:30 Old Street offers free line dancing lessons. Yes free. The instructor is very good and has lots of patience. The lessons last about an hour or so. The idea is that you stay and practice what you learned on the dance floor. If you prefer the two step, Old Street offers two step lessons on Wednesday night at 8:30 again they are free. Now there may be those who rather pay for lessons, for you there is Sunday at 4:00 PM. The charge is reasonable. The bar is not open at that time. For those who need directions, take I75 north to exit 29 Monroe US 63. Go west on 63 to Main Street (there will be a traffic light at the intersection). Turn left onto Main Street. Go one block turn left onto Elm Street. Go one block on Elm and turn left onto Old Street. Old Street Saloon is near the end of the block on the left.

I realize that as unlikely as it may seem, some of you may not like country and western. I have a recommendation for you too. Chasers formerly the Copa. It is located in Clifton near and behind Bogarts. Chasers also features a D. J. but the music is rock. The dance floor is large. There is plenty of seating and drinks are priced competitively. There is usually a cover charge on the weekends. Besides the dance floor Chasers has two pool tables for those who get the urge. The bar is a large oval shape with seating completely The patrons are around it. congenial. If you like drag shows, Chasers feature one every Sunday evening. The show starts at 11:00 PM. I have only attended only one show, and it was entertaining. Of all the places I have attended drag shows in Cincinnati, Chasers has the best facility. Parking at Chasers can be a problem, there is an honor system lot 1/2 a block from Chasers, but on weekends you may have to walk a bit. As with all places, it is best if you go with a friend. Directions for those who may need them. Take Jefferson Avenue to W. Corry. Turn onto W. Corry and the honor lot is on

the left at the corner of W. Corry and Glendora Streets. Chasers is located at 2640 Glendora.

At either place you can satisfy your urge for a good time. Well, until next time this is Heather, up the street and around the corner of Greater Cincinnati, see you at Cross Port.

> The Price of Cross-Dressing by Debbie Carter

Since my divorce on October 31, 1991 I decided that I would devote myself fully to being a crossdresser. While married I did not get to crossdress as much as I would have liked because my wife was not very accepting. Now I dress completely about 2 or 3 times a month and attend **Cross-Port** meetings and sometimes go to drag shows. I will usually only wear pumps and hose around the house and dressing to the hilt only when there is someplace to go.

Being a crossdresser has contributed to my being a lonely person I spend most of my time as Dave and I thrive on being in a relationship with a woman. An issue of Tapestry a couple of years ago said that crossdressers desire more closeness with their wives or girlfriends than the average man who does not crossdress. I find this to be very true because I believe that women are special and I very much desire one in my life. The problem is that being a crossdresser has cost me at least two potential relationships in the past two months.

The first of the two women I told on the first date. The reason I did was that she had a lot of church in her background. I knew that the issue of crossdressing would be either black or white with no middle ground or grey area. She told me that "I wear the skirts and you wear the pants"! I asked her if she wore pants and she said she did but that was different.

The next woman I told was on the ninth date. This was also the last. On our eighth date we began to kiss and then when we were kissing on our last date I realized that things were heating up a little more than last time. I knew I had to tell her. Why! Because I respect women and cannot take advantage of them. I could of kept my mouth shut and probably eventually had sex with the most beautiful woman I have ever dated. Needless to say after I told her in a very nice way about being a crossdresser, this relationship was over within the next 24 hours. She said she would try to understand and then changed her mind.

Over the next few days after many tears and being overwhelmed with many different emotions I had a thought that maybe I would give up crossdressing because I don't know how much more rejection I can take. But after much

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

Kelly: My earliest recollection is of the time, around the age of seven, when I started wearing nylons and heels. When I was fourteen, I dressed completely for the first time.

My favorite recollection would have to be that glorious feeling of stockings the first time I wore them after shaving my legs.

T.V.I.: Kelly, how long have you been a member of Cross-Port? And how did you learn about us?

Kelly: I was one of the original members nine years ago. Heather invited me when things were just getting started. I attended the first six meetings but dropped out after I began having some marital problems. I attended maybe two meetings per year until August of 1993.



T.V.I.: Kelly, are you married or involved at this time? Does your S.O. know about Kelly?

Kelly: I have a girlfriend who knows all about Kelly. She has a very positive attitude about my cross dressing. She comes to the meetings with me and has helped me pick out several outfits. I told her about Kelly at the start of our relationship. From the beginning she has been very supportive.

T.V.I.: Kelly, what has become the most satisfying aspect of cross-dressing for you?

Kelly: There is nothing like the feeling that is produced by the "finished product." When my make-up is done, my wig is on and brushed...then, I am ready to enjoy Kelly to the fullest.

T.V.I.: On the flip side, what is the most disturbing facet?

Kelly: Not having enough time to be Kelly. Also, I am disturbed by my still not understanding "why" I want to

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dress. I have come to terms with this part of me but I intend to explore it to the fullest.

T.V.I.: Can you offer any insights on presenting a more feminine appearance?

Kelly: If you want to go "public" dress for your age. Develop good make-up skills (don't forget the beard cover) and get the best "hair" you can afford.

T.V.I.: Kelly, tell us a little something about your preferences in wardrobe.

Kelly: Well, I usually prefer blouse/sweater & skirt ensembles. My wigs are shoulder length, brown, with soft curls. In shoes I go for pumps with 2" or 3" heels.

T.V.I.: What do you do for fun?

Kelly: Dressing of course! Also, reading, listening to and recording music, and writing (when I get the time). My music interests include oldies from the 60's and 70's, some classical. I'm not much on art.

T.V.I.: And your favorite films?

Kelly: <u>Top Gun</u>, <u>Blazing Saddles</u>, and <u>Fantasia</u>.

T.V.I.: Do you mind revealing your statistical data?

Kelly: My measurements are 38 - 34 - 40. I weigh: 165, stand: 6' 1", and wear a size 14 dress. My shoes are 10 W (or 11 depending on the style). I am 40 years old and my birthday is May 14.

T.V.I.: And what gripes would you like to bring to light at this time?

Kelly: People who put us down, who assume that all cross dressers are perverted...socially and morally unacceptable. Those who are afraid of what they don't understand and who won't try to learn about our culture.

T.V.I.: Finally, what do you imagine the future holds for Kelly?

Kelly: I would like to live (as Kelly) full time, get on hormones and enjoy the femme side of my being.

T.V.I.: Kelly, let me say that it has been a pleasure getting to know you a little better. Thank you for your honesty and sincerity. It's nice to have been able to glimpse the view inside one of Cross-Port's early members. Stay Healthy. Stay Beautiful. Avoid Runners.

Fall - The Season of Change

by Nancy Snyder

I remember Mark confiding in me what he thought might be "dreaded" information. That he is a cross-dresser. I could see the anxiety and nervousness he was experiencing, so I reached out and held his hand. He squeezed back tightly as he somewhat hesitantly relayed his amazing story of Jennifer (Jenn) to me. I was moved yet confused by this new prospect. Never having had any real lesbian tendencies made me unsure of how I might react to the transformation of Mark to Jenn.

Out of fairness to me, Mark told me early on. In fact, it was on our very first date. Jenn entered my life less than one week later. The night of our first encounter I was enchanted by Jennifer's feminine presence. Excitement raced through me as I first laid eyes on her. I was compelled to touch her, experience her, kiss her and to love her. The newness of all of the emotions stirring in me was a mystery, though I welcomed the intensity...

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Of course I ask myself, "am I a lesbian or perhaps bisexual?" But Jenn is the only woman that I want and I am equally stimulated by Mark. Jenn and I go to the theater (ballet/symphony) often and I wait on the steps for her arrival. She walks in confidence and has an alluring, graceful stride. Head held high, shoulders back, magnificently dressed -- she illuminates pure class. I have to refrain from rushing into her arms and showering her with my devotion. It is a struggle to contain my emotions until it is appropriate. When the night develops into making love, it pleases me to look down and admire her pretty face, to stroke her pretty body. I pull her panties down and appreciate her completeness.

A wise friend told me upon learning of my new relationships, "It just goes to show you that there is someone for everyone. Remember for every Jack there is a Jill." And I swiftly replied, "Yes, but I get Jack and Jill." The best of both worlds.

Jenn goes away for the hot summer months. It is June (sic) now and I miss her so. I think the Fall will become my favorite season. Fall - the season of change.

INSIGHT #54 by:Barbara Jean

Hi girls this is Barbara back with another insight.

In the spring 93 issue of the TRI ESS Femme Mirror there was an article entitled "Interview with a Daughter". Here it is in part girls.

"I'm 11 years old and my name is Alice. I found my dad's suitcase full of women's clothes in the basement about six months before my parents told me anything about Joanne. They never knew that I knew and I didn't tell them.

When my parents told me about Joanne they explained her in a very open minded way. I was curious about how Jo looked, so they showed me a photograph.

At first I thought it was Halloween. They promised me that dad hadn't changed, that he was the same as he always was. It was important for me to understand this and it made me feel a little better.

The way I see it, Joanne wants to understand more about women and that's why she likes to dress up like one.

Some of my friends were over one day, and one girl noticed how long my dad's fingernails were. I told her my dad was an electrician and needed his nails to work with long wires.

I am learning to cope with stress because of my dad's hobby. I worry that one of my friends might drop in when he's dressed up. My mom and I are the only ones who know, and sometimes I think I want to tell one of my friends , but I am afraid they will not understand. It's hard keeping a secret. I can't have anyone over for a slumber party because Daddy's dressed up. I go out with mom and Joanne for dinner, and I'm afraid someone will see us, even though we go to smaller out of the way places.

If I hadn't heard about the good side of crossdressing from my mom and dad, I might not have understood their side of the story. If I had learned about how some other people think of it, like the ones that don't like it or think it's bad it would be harder for me to accept my dad when he does it.

I think they told me about it at the right time. I want to be an actress, so I understand about having fun dressing up."

Joanne ought to be very proud of her daughter Alice. To have a son or a daughter that knows, accepts and understands is something that I think all crossdressers who are parents desire. In the article I see a little girl who has an immense love for her father, a love that would make any father proud of his son or daughter.

But sad to say girls I also see pain. Because of Alice's love for her father she is willing to give up part of what would be a normal childhood for a little girl. While Alice is willing to give up of herself for her father, I don't think she should have to. Is it right that she can not have friends come over, is it right that she can not have things like a slumber party? These are things that are important to a little girl, things that she can share with her children when the time comes.

In Alice I also see the pain that many wives feel. The need to keep things a secret and the need to have someone that she can talk to and share feeling with. The fear of what might happen if she did confide in someone.

In the article Alice said that some of the people at her fathers group were uncomfortable when they saw her at the club simply because she was only 11, and yet how much better would it be for Alice if one of the other members had a son or a daughter who knew, who also attended the meeting then Alice would have someone she could talk to and confide in.

As crossdressers we have strived hard to show society that we are normal males who simply wish to express rather than suppress our feminine qualities. But how much normality is there in causing pain for those we love? groups should provide more in the line of family type of activities, activities that do involve the wives and children.

Perhaps Joanne could arrange to spend a night at a motel so that Alice could have a slumber party. Perhaps she can arrange a few nights per week where she does not dress, or does not dress before a certain hour so that Alice can have friends come over. I am certain that Alice's friends would understand if Alice said that certain days of the week were family days where it was only the family and no friends at her house. This of course would allow Joanne to come out at home and still relieve Alice of her fears of friends dropping in when Joanne was around.

I hope that Joanne see's this article, and I do hope that she has as much love for her daughter as Alice has for her, enough love that she is willing to work with Alice to help insure that Alice has as much of a normal childhood as any other little girl.

Just as it is important that we COMMUNICATE with our wives, I think it is also important that we communicate with our children, especially when they know of our femside, and remember girls, communications involves listening as much as it does talking.

Just as our children have an immense love for us, let us also show them our immense love for them. Let us do all that we can to insure that they have as normal of a childhood as any other boy or girl.

Well that is all for this month girls. I love each and every one of you out there and you are all worth that love.

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