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Friends;

The July party is history, and what a party it was! Dubbed a "normalization party" by hosts Kelley and Bette, it allowed everyone present to see the actual side of us.

The weather threatened not to cooperate as heavy clouds stayed overhead all day, but the swimming pool was a real treat to the dozen or so who ventured in. The children of some were thought to be Dolphins because they stayed in the water until they began to resemble prunes!

Seriously though, the food and companionship were enjoyable for the whole day. As usual there were a large number of people, including Frank and Muffy, Kelly and Bette, Jim and Gail, newcomers Mike and Gail, Brian and Susan, Rich and Karen and family from Albany, Tom and Monica and family and probably others I've forgotten. We missed all the others and hope they too can make it to the next party on the 10th of August at Dick and Pat's. Look for more info on this further on in the newsletter.

The whole attitude of the party was different and it was nice to see we could talk of other things besides our common interest in cross-dressing. I, personally, admit to some reservations about the day since I was planning to bring young children, but our whole family had a most enjoyable day and recommend it for any of the other members who also felt as anxious as I. Of course we'll have to wait 'till next year for the next party like that.

Tom.

This would be the normal place where we would put in a plug for the newsletter costing money to produce, send money, small bills, blah, blah, blah, but it's too darn warm to sit and type up all that baloney. Besides, these long stick-on nails I'm wearing as I type are getting to be a pain and slow down my typing form something fierce.

Let the only announcement about the newsletter be that we have not received any letters, stories, confessions, jokes, etc. from any of you out there and this writer is going to have a difficult time keeping up this lively banter month after month without your input. PLEASE HELP.

editors note....I agree with Tom, if you don't hurry and get your letters, etc. in to us we'll have to start making up stories about all you out there!!!

Dick.

One of the editors of this newsletter would like to report that a major theatrical production, "LOVERS and OTHER STRANGERS", will be presented in Syracuse at the Landmark Theater on August 8-10 and September 4-7. The good thing about this show is that this writer has two roles in it! I ask you to enjoy an evening out and take in a very funny play. If you attend, be sure to drop backstage afterwards and say "HI".

Tom.

MORE THOUGHTS.....
by Joanne Thomas

It seems that lately, I've been watching more television than has been deemed "medically safe" by the National Academy of Sciences (but that will be discussed at a much later date). The point of this is that while sitting and mindlessly staring at some nameless program, I was snapped awake by my wife as a commercial came on. Said she, "there's a commercial that Joanne can write about".

And she was right. You've seen the ad before, I'm sure of it, and maybe even thought of our plight as you watched it. It's the one where two or three different women are shown wearing only a shirt. Their line is that their boyfriends (husbands, fathers) Van Heusen shirt is so comfortable that they have to wear it. The catch phrase at the end states that "it was made for a man, but a woman can wear it too".

This commercial is rife with implications for the cross-dressing male. It suggests that wearing clothes of the opposite sex is appropriate and even comfortable. But we who are dedicated to cross-dressing have known that for years. But I find it hard to believe that these commercial women would really rather wear a cotton shirt than one of their own silk or polyester blouses. As a person who has to wear the cotton shirts constantly, I would gladly attest to the fact that theirs feel much better against bare skin.

Even though this commercial leaves open the possibility of one showing the other side (ours), I seriously doubt that prime time America is ready to see three hairy chested men wearing lace, frilly silk blouses crooning to the camera that its all right to wear these garments because they're so comfortable.

However, on the off-chance that I may be wrong, I'll just send in my resume and hope they choose me to be one of the actors.

editors note.....we welcome all contributions to our newsletter, however, we reserve the right to edit or refuse any article submitted. EON accepts no responsibility for contents of those articles submitted.

NOTES.....from Kelly & Bette

A general membership meeting will be held September 5TH at 8:30PM at Kelly & Bette's.

Topics of discussion;

- 1- Admission of new members
- 2- Election of a new treasurer
- 3- Decision of our members as to whether we should become an affiliated member (chapter) of the newly formed I.F.G.E. (International Foundation for Gender Education)

We regret that Susan can no longer fulfill her duties as treasurer due to her heavy work load in her every day life. She feels she cannot give the position the time it deserves, we look forward to having her back this fall and I'm sure even though she is so busy she will contribute whatever she can.

We are looking for members to host one of our parties, as of this date only Kelley & Bette and Jan & Pat have graciously offered to share their homes with us. Why not have the September or November party at your home, I'm sure there are some potentially lovely hostesses out there. (PLEASE CALL KELLEY OR BETTE ON THIS!!! PHONE #446-2950)

The International Foundation for Gender Education (I.F.G.E.) has just completed its constitution. It is the new organization of which Tiffany Club/TV-TS Tapestry is an integral part. To quote Merrisa, "it is a way for qualified non-profit organizations to become affiliated, a way for virtually everyone (organizations, services, professionals, commercial people, and just plain folk) to network and benefit, without compromising anyone's identity, security, or anything else". Our group is going to have to decide whether or not we wish to become an affiliated chapter. Copies of their new constitution are available from Kelley.

Kelly & Bette would like to host a BLOCK PARTY in September. A block party is a non-dress discussion group with 3 or 4 couples, they are very informative and especially good for these people just entering our group or the gender community in general. Contact Bette at 455-2316 days, or 446-2950 evenings if you would like to attend or just would like more information on the subject.

Please note that until we have elected a new treasurer, give your party hostess the five dollars per person-per couple gratuity. These monies are to help reimburse our hostesses for the expenses incurred in hosting a party. A minimum of \$25.00 will be given by the treasurer to the hosts. The hosts are responsible for providing wine and soda and incidentals, eg:

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peanuts, pretzels, deserts etc. Snacktrays will be provided, one from each couple or single guest.

We wish to thank Diantha and Muffy from Vermont for their literary contributions and welcome them as valued friends and members of our group.

To the following: Johnnie & Carol, Reggie & Charlotte, Sarah & Kathy, Donna & Bobbie, Carol & Ellen, Lynn & Pat, Janet Lynn & Pat, and all our other friends, we missed you! Hope to see you at the August bar-b-que.

To Christine from Rome, where are you? we haven't seen you since Christmas!

HALLOWEEN PARTY: Kelley & Bette will be hosting the Halloween party. We hope to see all of you at this one! It will give us a chance to fantasize and wear our favorite costume. For example; Cheerleader, French Maid, Nun, Fairy Princess, Movie Star, favorite character etc. It will be lots of fun and a great way to start the fall and winter season. Bring your camera for this one!

This newsletter is just as much for our wives and girlfriends. In fact, without them, where would we be? Lets make sure they all read this newsletter too!

RAINBOWS

Girls wear pink
and boys wear blue
I think that's silly
what about you?

My Daddy wears a tie that's pink
his shirt is flowered too
and I have a dress I like the most
it's color is royal blue,

Girls have blonde hair, brown or red
boys can have the same
making colors "his" or "hers"
is really quite a shame,

Walking through a shopping mall
with lady's shops and men's
there's quite a drastic difference
in the message each one sends,

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RAINBOWS cont.....

Women's shops are rainbows
colorful, bright and gay
free to express, through color and style
their feelings, every day,

Shops for men are boring
like muddy, stagnant pools
are they empty-feeling zombies
following color rules?

Flamingos are tropical birds
girls and boys are pink!
did mother nature make a mistake?
tell me, what do you think?

Peacocks are brightly colored
as roosters in the pen
animals dress in beautiful colors
why don't human men?

People should wear the colors
of the rainbows within
expressing themselves like nature
whether they're women or men.

M.V.K.

PARTNERS SUPPORT GROUP REPORT.....

The next Partners Support Group meeting will be September 2nd at Monica's, our guest speaker will be Allison Dendy. She will discuss with us the differences between TV's and TS's, bring your questions, this will be a very interesting meeting. Time for this meeting is 8:00PM, more info..call Monica, Pat or Bette

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS....

- August 10th EON Bar-b-que @Dick and Pats (adults, non-dress)
- September 5th General business meeting @Kelley and Bette's (8:30PM)
- September ???? Block party, date to be announced (see article)
- September 20th EON party, location yet to be determined
- October 18th Halloween party @Kelley and Bette's (8:30PM)