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CHI'S APRIL MEETING . . . .

For our meeting last month we were "still in the motel," but were fortunate in obtaining what is becoming our standard extra-large suite, with adjoining room. We were glad to see the following in attendance: Karen IL-3-M, Joan IL-6-C and Pat, Mitzi IL-8-C, Donna IL-11-S, Betty Ann IL-17-A, Sharon IL-25-H, Deanna IL-35-G, Kay IL-44-N, Mary Ann IL-203-B and Kathy, Mickey IL-204-S, Kiki IL-207-M, Naomi IL-212-O, Karen IL-216-P, Iorna IL-222-J and Teri, Susan IL-225-J, Josephine IL-228-C, and Iois WI-13-V; Guests Barbara and Joan, Dee, Michelle, Alicia and Cindi, and Lynne. A special word of welcome to our newest prospective members Dee, Barbara, and Josephine.

Although unannounced, Donna had planned to bring a video-taped movie for our enjoyment since there was no formal program planned. However, due to the inclement weather, she would not bring her equipment out "into the rain." So, we will hold this until some future time, if the membership is interested.

During a brief business meeting, Deanna announced that Mitzi will again be our Hostess f the May meeting; since this is a special occasion, with a long distance to travel for the m\_\_\_\_\_\_ority of our members, she suggested that the meeting fee for those attending be reduced to a nominal \$2.00, for that month only. This suggestion was accepted by vote of the membership.

Deanna also announced that the next monthly Chapter "Social" will be held at the lite Factory on May 6th. Unless otherwise announced, the monthly social gatherings are held on the second Wednesday prior to our monthly Chapter meeting (which is normally the third Saturday of the month), at the Lite Factory. If you think that the preceding is confusing, you should have been at the April meeting and heard Deanna try and explain it! If it doesn't make sense to you, look at a calendar and hope for the best.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned in favor of the refreshments.

## DOINGS OF LAMEDA DELTA CHAPTER . . . . .

Thanks to the many who responded to the invitation to attend our March meeting. The attendance was better than expected, including: Laura IN-8-W, Linda KY-100-B, Alice KY-5-D, Dianne TN-202-P and Dottie, and Anne from Ohio. A special thanks to wife Dottie who shared her views with us, and honestly answered our many questions. During the business portion of the meeting an agreement was reached that our dues would be set at \$5.00. This will help pay our expenses, and build the treasury.

We agreed to hold bi-monthly meetings, ratating between Louisville, Cincinnati, Dayton, and Indianapolis. However, We must have volunteers from those cities to be our Hostesses. The first responsibility for a meeting sponsor/Hostess is to locate a meeting room. The July 18th and September 19th meeting dates are still open, so if you have a suitable place (at no cost to the Chapter), please let me know. The May meeting will be held on the 16th, in Sellersburg, Indiana. At this meeting Vikki IL-48-M will show her films of Mardi Gras 1976, Shangra-La 1978, Phil Donahue's interview with Ariadne Kane, and impersonators from tbo "Baton" in Chicago. All Tri-Sigma members are welcome to attend, and should promotly c. .act me for full details: Alice The May Batter of the state of the

/s/ Alice KY-5-D

Dearest Friend,

The cross genderest as a human being is subject to the same weaknesses and problems as any other human being. This burden is enough. To subject this person to an ordeal of self guilt combined with social persecution because of gross genderal behavior is an unwarranted cruelty. This is especially true when it is well known that this natural behavior pattern has existed in human society at all times and in all cultures.

As cross genderests, who have watched "Bosom Buddies" or "M.A.S.H." one night and heard horror stories from real life about our dearest friends the next, we feel that the time has come to do something constructive about improving our condition in life.

The recent successes of the homophile movement in proving that to be gay is to be simply human has caused us to start an effort through the Harry Benjamin International Gender Dysphoria Association to present the case for the cross genderests. Therefore, on March 7th, Michelle Williams, Betty Ann Lind, Glenda Jones, and Ariadne Kane framed a resolution and presented it to the 7th International Gender Dysphoria Association Conference. The signatures represent a cross section of the association: surgeons, psychiatrists, psychologists, social workers, and various leaders of the paraculture of cross genderests. It was passed unanimously:

## RESOLUTION

WE THE UNDERSIGNED MEMBERS OF THE HARRY BENJAMIN INTERNATIONAL GENDER DYSPHORIA ASSOCIATION PROPOSE, AS AN ITEM OF NEW BUSINESS, THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT OF PURPOSE WHICH UPON FUTURE DISCUSSION WILL SERVE AS A PRINCIPAL POSITION OF THE ASSOCIATION BEFORE OTHER PROFESSIONAL SOCIETIES: "The desire to emulate the behavior of the opposite gender/sex in dress, modes of behavior activities, and the like is a transcultural transtemporal phenomenon. As such, it must be regarded as a natural varient of human behavior which in and of itself is not an illness or psychiatric disorder." WE HEREBY MOVE THAT A COMMITTEE WITHIN THE ASSOCIATION BE APPOINTED TO STUDY THE ABOVE AND TO FORMULATE A STATEMENT OF POSITION FOR THE ASSOCIATION AT ITS NEXT REGULAR MEETING.

/s/ (18 signatures)

This is the first step in a long journey! But, we need your help: a) to publish what has been done, b) to support and reinforce our efforts, and c) to avoid side ventures which may cause disunity when we most need to avoid it.

Love,

Michelle Williams & Betty Ann Lind

Editor's Note - Betty Ann Lind is the Tri-Sigma Regional Coordinator for the Mid-Atlantic Region, and Michelle Williams is the President of PHI Chapter, Philadelphia.

## CHI TREASURER'S REPORT . . . .

Balance on hand, March 31st:	\$201.00
Meeting Fees:	+154.00
Regular Member Dues:	+ 30.00
Associate Member Dues:	+ 16.00
Donation:	+ 2.00
Reserve Fund Interest:	+ 11.68
Meeting Room:	-185.16
Refreshments:	- 35.00
Postage:	- 28.20
Supplies (Envelopes):	- 2.38
Miscellaneous:	- 21.00
Chapter Reserve Fund:	- 11.68

Balance on hand, April 30th: \$131.26

OUR MAY MEETING . . . .

The next meeting of CHI Chapter will be held on the third saturday of this month, May 16th. Mitzi has again volunteered to be our Hostess, at her home in Rockford, as has become a custom for our May meeting for the last few years. Directions to Mitzi's will be found elsewhere in this newsletter (Regular and Associate Chapter members, and invited guests only). As a special bonus, Mitzi is again having her fabulous annual garage sale the week after our meeting, so she will have a lot of items on hand which may be of interest to you. Knowing Mitzi, she will have a good selection of clothes and shoes on hand for the tall/large sizes, as well as other items which might be of interest to the wives. If the interest displayed in past years was any indication you won't want to miss the annual sale this year, with everything at very reasonable prices. As usual, we ask that you return the post card (if one was enclosed h this newsletter), or telephone your Hostess so that she will know whether or not to expect you. If your wife or girlfriend is coming with you, please let us know this too.

Hope to see you all this month!



"Keep those press and TV people out of here until we've had a chance to explain what's wrong with him."



Our May 16th meeting will be held in Mitzi's home,	Road, on the
southeast side of Rockford. If you are coming from Chicago on the	
get off at the exit. Take Avenue	west to Road
(the stoplight) and turn right (north) to Road.	Turn left (northwest) on
Road for one block. Mitzi lives in a Gold and White	
the corner, just across from a	faces Road,
but park on Road (side street) and use the side entrance	to enter directly into
the family room. If you have any difficulty in locating the home,	telephone Mitzi (Don) at
(815)	

If you received a post card with this newsletter, please fill it out and return it promptly so that your Hostess can make the necessary arrangements for the anticipated attendance; Associate Members please telephone Mitzi in advance, for the same reason, if you plan on attending.

