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If at any time you find that the restaurant has gone out of business when you arrive the alternate is: (Pimbletts 263 Gerrard St. East 416-929-9525)

The April 26th dinner at Bumpkin's is being organized as a Novice's night. If you're not a regular, then this is the night to come on out. If you are a regular, then come on and be a big sister to someone with less experience than you. Here's how it will work for you gals who want a hand:

April Dinner is Big Sister Night

Arrive at Wildside (161 Gerrard St E., between Jarvis and Sherbourne,) 5-7 p.m. with your femme stuff. Big Sisters will be there to help those who want it, or merely to meet you and make acquaintances. (There is a \$10 service charge for changing at Wildside, and full makeovers by Paddy can be booked in advance: 416 - 921-6112.)

At 8 p.m. you will be driven right to the door of Bumpkins where you will be escorted to our private dining room. There you will enjoy a three course meal in the company of our sisters. Sos, as always, are more than welcome.

After dinner you have a choice. Those who need or want an early night will be escorted back to Wildside to change back to drab. Or.

Those who choose to can go on with their escorts to the TV Room, Toronto's brand new TV night club. If you come along for this part, bring your drab clothes with you as you can change back right there at the club's change room.

Costs: the changing fee at Wildside is \$10, and dinner at Bumpkin's is usually about \$30, prix fixe. The TV Room sells beverages at the usual pub rates, so that's up to you.

If you do not need change facilities or assistance or escorts, then you can just meet us at Bumpkin's like always. We're really hoping this special night brings out those of you who want to try a dinner but need some encouragement!

The First Friday of each month there will be a TS support group with Michelle Duff and guest speakers. 7 - 9:00 pm To be held at wildside Free photo personals in wildside publications now available ! The TV Room: 2318 Danforth Avenue By Laura

At long last the transgender community has a night club to call our own. In late February, a small bar called the TV Room opened its doors on Toronto's trendy Danforth Avenue and by March 19 all was ready for a grand opening party that drew a crowd of more than 100. And all branches of the rainbow transgendered community were out in force!

For novices to the transgendered community, the owners have proved to be quick learners. The main room features, of course, the bar. It also has a large dance floor, a pool table and a collection of nine high cocktail tables. There are long bench seats lining the walls and high bar chairs with backs dot the room. The room has two sets of multi-colored strobe lights, flattering pink lighting (to make the gals look even prettier,) mirrored walls and several stereo speakers pumping out dance tunes. The owners and staff have lots of ideas for future eventsweekly dress-up parties, CD fashion show nights, makeup demos by a show queen, and Xpressions galas were all discussed with VP Miqqi Alicia, who huddled with the owners at length at the grand opening.

A small change room has been built for those who need to change on the premises, and kitchen service with light snacks such as sandwiches and chips and salads is being added. But there's a pizza spot next door, if that's more to your taste.

The TV Room is a fun meeting place for our community and those who enjoy our com-

pany. It's open Wednesday to Sunday 8 p.m. to 2 a.m. at 2318 Danforth Avenue, though the entrance is actually around the corner. It's also available Monday and Tuesday evenings for private parties. Call (416) 421-5296. There's parking on both sides of Danforth Ave., and the owners have arranged with the adjacent Honda dealership that we can park in its large lot, too. A cautionary note to the community. If we want a night spot aimed at TGs, we'd better go there and support it. So, get out there and support this place—use it or lose it!!!



HAVE YOU PAID?

Xpressions needs your membership renewal! If you have not already sent in your \$50 to bring your membership up to date, please do so immediately!!!! Our club reaches out to many people and provides services that cost money. We need you in order to remain a thriving, vital club that helps its members lead richer and more open lives. Remember, student membership is only \$20, and anyone experiencing financial difficulties can leave a phone message for the treasurer we'll work something out.

Writers Wanted

We are always looking for writers to contribute to The Monarch Reader, so if you have a story or want to write up an event, please let me know at Gilbert@YorkU.ca or write to me care of our mailbox.

April Dinner for Newbies

Special arrangements are underway to make the April dinner especially attractive to those members who do not go out very often. Change facilities will be made available, drivers will take members from the change location to Bumpkins where dinner will be held in a private dining room. Afterwards, we will all travel en masse to the TV Room, Toronto's new and hospitable club for cross dressers. Old hand or newcomer, please join us for a special night!

A Note About Visitors

Any member is always welcome to bring a friend to a club dinner by way of introducing him or her to our club. That's one way we acquire new members, and it's always worked well. However, we expect that nonmembers will only attend as guests once. After that we are forced to add a 25% surcharge to the prix fixe meal cost. This is only fair as your dues also go to the hidden organizational costs that go into putting on these events. Of course, SOs, significant others, are always welcome and are exempt from this requirement.

