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# BUFFALO BELLES

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APRIL 1997

SISTERS IN CHARGE:

JEAN  
PATTI  
KATHY

Dear sisters,

We had another fine meeting on March 1st. The lamb part of the month was

in effect; as it was 52 degrees, I heard on the radio, while driving home. Of course, the lion had shown itself a couple of days earlier. With those 70-80 mph winds, many a wig would have gone flying! Take it from me, trying to do your makeup with a hurricane lamp for light doesn't work! Hope none of you gals suffered any damages in the great wind storm. Wigs, trees, roof or whatever.

Also blown away in the

wind was our plans for the showing of the movie, "Just Like a Woman". Blame it on a computer error. It is rescheduled for showing next meeting.

With the lack of the program, we held a good discussion meeting. Nothing too earth shaking came out. But what was most refreshing, was the interest shown by those present in getting some new things going.

The most ambitious plan was proposed by Patti. She presented the idea of whether we should put on an "event". This was partially suggested as an alternative, if Riverside Gala Weekend shouldn't be held next November. ATTENTION: DENISE, you finally have a cohort, for your long held dream!!

Planning for future meetings was another topic that received some excellent input. It was felt that we have more and better "topics" for our meetings. Even if it MEANS DIPPING INTO OUR TREASURY!!

It was also suggested that the newsletter carry a better listing of future events. Will do! More theme nights for the meetings was also thought to be a good idea.

Angella and Joy both expressed an interest in trying to put together

## ATTENDEES

PATTI  
ANGELLA  
CAMILLE  
JEAN  
JANICE  
HOLLY  
SUSAN R  
SHARON  
SHARON

KATHRYNN  
ALICIA &  
DOROTHY  
KATHY  
MICHELLE  
JOY

some of the meetings. The first to look forward to will be a visit from Newbury St. and a wig and makeup show. This is tentatively set for the May meeting.

Kathryn suggests having a discussion group. Now if we can coax her into being our facilitator! What would you like to see?? Please make your ideas known, whether by letter, phone call, in person, or a note tied to rock thrown through a window! (Jean's)

Before to long, it was time for us to depart and go off into the night. Many were not content to leave it at that however. Of the fourteen at the meeting, ten were soon found down at the Stage Door. This had to be a record for the "secretaries" out on the town following a meeting. And down there we were joined by Crystal and Tonya. They had been out with another couple from RaChaCha and after parting decided to go see if the gals were out. As it was Karaoke (sp?) night, they got to join us for seeing Sharon C. do a few numbers. Sharon's stage experience was very evident, as she was a top performer that night!

#### OTHER NEWS AND BITS AND PIECES:

KATHY T. our friendly tailor has closed her shop on Main st. in Clarence but can be reached for her usual

excellent services at 759-3841. Does that girl get around or what.



## APRIL MEETING

the movie night, will be held a week

later than usual. The meeting will be on the 12th. Sorry to make it so long between meetings but we must at our landlords request. At least we had a weekday meeting on March 12th to help compensate for this change. You did know about it, right?? It was on the hotline for ten days before being held.

ROBIN our one person support group, has written to tell of the excellent treatment she has received from two used clothing stores we have mentioned before. She was impressed with the courtesy and help she received from Irma of House of Randall in N. Buffalo and from Toni at Ritzy Rags on Union in Cheektowaga. Places to keep in mind if you have limited dollars (like a really unusual proposition!) but a need for a new frock. And don't have a professional shopper at your disposal. By the way, did I mention Colleen stopped by for a five minute visit at the meeting also?

MEMBERSHIP UPDATE the time for renewal has come and gone. We lost quite a few members. We entered the renewal period with 52 members-40 full and 12

associate. We now have 36 members-31 full and 5 associate. Only Paula [redacted], bothered to write and let us know she wouldn't be back. She sends her regards.

Although all the sisters we lost will be missed, it is especially hard to loose those who we all got to know. Girls who used to be regular attendees like Paula, Nancy, Michelle [redacted], Joan, Frances, Sharon [redacted] Sheryl, and others. Whatever has happened in their lives, we can only wish them the very best.

We lost a few do to moving away, others we really didn't really know. All are a loss, but not really unexpected. When the last few trickle in, we will still be at a 70% renewal range. Pretty typical actually, based on our past results.

What is interesting, is that the vast majority of our members regularly attend meetings. Of our 31 full members, only four weren't seen at least once in the last year! For some; the tides must be right, the moon blue, and the wife, kids, and boss away for a week.

With the influx of new members during last year, we ended up with a net gain of seven members from this time a year ago. With that, let us welcome our newest member. Our newest sister is Amber [redacted]! Hope we will be seeing you soon, sister!

MARCH 12, MEETING: Our attempt at giving an alternative time for members who can't make the regular weekend meetings was poorly attended. Only five of the girls turned out. They were Jean, Janice, Michelle [redacted], Cindy, and Sharon [redacted] What was nice that

Michelle made her first meeting in eleven months. We learned that she has moved away and happened to be in town on business that night. Also, Cindy made her first appearance since October.

However, the attendance was quite poor. The idea of doing these nights out, was to give all another night they might get out. The primary reason, was to give a chance for those who say they can't ever make a weekend meeting do to job commitments, quilting bee, bowling leagues, etc. For this purpose, we've had only one attendee, Lisa last April! If you would like to take advantage of this second meeting, but another night would be better for you, just ask!! I know that personally, Wednesday has been bad for me. It is my night to try to be Gabrielle Reece at volleyball. Come on, you girls who say you would like to make a meeting, but can't on the weekend, this is your chance! If YOU promise to make one on another day, we'll try to hold one then. Just ask! OK,???



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## Victor/Victoria?

NEW YORK (AP) — Raquel Welch has been tapped to take over for Julie Andrews in the Broadway show "Victor/Victoria," the New York Post reported today.

Welch, 56, was among several stars under consideration for the lead role in the cross-dressing musical. Andrews, who recently returned to the show after a brief stint by Liza Minnelli, is due to leave June 1.

"Raquel starts rehearsals in April — and we're just thrilled to have her," producer Tony Adams said.

Welch, acclaimed in her last Broadway show, 1982's "Woman of the Year," is no stranger to gender-bending roles. In 1970 she starred with Mae West in "Myra Breckinridge," the story of a man who has a sex-change operation.

"I think I'm going to have a lot of fun with this character because I get to play the guy part and the girl part," she said. "My figure will be under wraps for some of it and we'll have fun playing with what's under the wraps."

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7/96

### BOOKS:

"Style is not a Size" by Hana Matano  
"Dressing up-Transvestism and Drag-The History of an Obsession" by Peter Akroyd 1979  
"Speaking as a Woman" by Allison Lang (pamphlet)  
"Transvestites and transsexuals" by Deborah Feinbloom  
"Hormones" 2nd edition by Sheila Kink (old)  
"My Husband Wears My Clothes" by Peggy Rudd  
"Cross Dressing with Dignity" by Peggy Rudd  
"What Sex Am I?" (lost)???  
"How to Be a Woman, Though Male" by Virginia Prince (copy, black 3 ring binder 0)  
"Voice-The Rap" (Speaking as a woman, body language mod., blue folder)  
"Inside Beauty" (Makeup application, blue folder)

### REFERENCE:

Complete set of Toronto Cross Dressing Club Magazines (3 ring binder)  
Complete set of Buffalo Belles Newsletters (3 ring binder)  
Miscellaneous Club Newsletters (3 ring binder)  
Buffalo Belles Photo Album

### VIDEOS:

"Girl Talk" (speaking as a woman)  
"The Crying Game"  
"Mrs Doubtfire"  
"Too Wong Foo, with love Julie Newmar"  
"Take a Walk on the Wildside"  
"Jerry Springer"-(Men Who Live as Women)  
-(Men Who Want to be Women)  
"Night Club Disc."  
"Crossdressing Shows" #1, #2, #3  
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**Halloween** October 31 - November 2  
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**Thanksgiving** November 27-29  
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WILLY 'N ETHEL



SALLY FORTH

## Buffalo Belles Library Rules

Librarian "97"

The Belles library consists of books, magazines, news letters and videos relating to crossdressing and transgender issues. The library is for the use of a belles full members in good standing. The literature ect., may be signed out on a monthly basis, with a maximum of 2 items per month. Reference material, (old news letters ect.) have been placed in three ringed binders marked with red stickers and, should be read at the meetings if possible. Ref. signout must be cleared with librarian or Belles leadership to help maintain complete sets if possible.

The Buffalo Belles photo album contains photos of belles past activities and members photos. The album is not to be signed out, but we encourage full members to take a blank page and fill it with your own photo layout of yourself.

The Belles photo album, current newsletter binders and the library list will be layed out each meeting for the memberships review.

Full members, in good standing may review library list and ask librarian for each item. The librarian will log members name, signout and due date on library log. The librarian will obtain items from library (locker) for the member.

The above procedures have be come necessary, as our group and library has grown. We have lost some good literature, hopefully these steps will assure a viable library for future members. Our library has grown thru the gracious donations of our members and we always accept donations that fit our libraries purpose, of supplying information on crossdressing and transgendered issues.





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Sincerely,

Diane Cummings Bennett  
Executive Director

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March 3rd, 1997

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Dear Friends of I.F.G.E.,

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Buffalo news 3/13/97  
**CRIME**

## Police link burglaries to man's fetish

By JAY REY

News Cheektowaga Bureau

Christopher [redacted] turned to burglary to satisfy his sexual desires, according to Cheektowaga police.

Police have accused the 25-year-old Cheektowaga man of breaking into homes in the town's Cedar Grove Heights area with the intention of taking — not jewelry or appliances — but women's underwear.

The excitement of breaking into a home and stealing women's lingerie was sexually arousing for [redacted] police said after interviewing the suspect last week.

"Every so often we get some cases that are more unusual," said Lt. James Morath. "This is one of them."

Police are happy to put an end to the bizarre string of burglaries, as Hoessel is scheduled for a felony hearing today in Cheektowaga Town Court. He still was being held Wednesday in the Erie County Holding Center in lieu of \$5,000 bail.

[redacted] last Friday turned himself in to Cheektowaga police, who charged him with second-degree burglary and petit larceny in the Feb. 10 break-in at a home on Pendlewood Drive in Cheektowaga.

[redacted] for now has been charged with just the Feb. 10 burglary, but authorities connect him to a total of 17 burglaries and attempted burglaries where stolen underwear was the common link.

The age of the women burglary victims ranged from 16 to 61. Some were married, some were single, some had children. They were targeted for a reason.

How he would decide (whom to burglarize) was basically by just canvassing the area by walking or biking," Morath said. "He'd just find a woman that appealed to him and that would be the house he would break into."

The burglaries occurred on the north side of Cheektowaga — and two on South Forest Drive in Amherst — within close proximity of [redacted] Sandstone Drive home, police said.

It was relatively easy breaking into the homes, police said. In some instances, the doors were left unlocked or access was gained through a window, police added.

A few of the homes were broken into twice. Going back to the same house added to the excitement, investigators said. In some cases, personal effects were taken to connect with the women, police added.

In one burglary, photographs of the female were stolen; in another, a dress. Pornographic videotapes were taken from one of the homes, and a VCR to watch them was stolen from another, investigators said. Only once was cash taken.

Police earlier this month got a break in the burglary investigations which were led by Detective Dan Conley and included Detectives Gary Martz, Tom Wentland and Morath — after a man spotted a man trying to break into a Westbrook Drive home.

A composite of the suspect was made and police knocked on hundreds of doors showing residents the sketch.

Police, coincidentally, knocked on [redacted] door, too. Although he did not answer, it scared him into telling his girlfriend, minister and family members about the burglaries, police said. They persuaded [redacted] to turn himself in to police.

Friends and family members would not comment Wednesday. Dennis A. Kitchen Jr., [redacted] attorney, said this week that he just started handling the case and did not have a chance to meet with his client.

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February 10, 1997

Dear Friend:

After a four year absence from clinical medicine, I have returned to medical practice. Although my work with IFGE as their Director of Medical Research and Liaison, was and will remain rewarding to me personally and most importantly provides a vital service for our community, I am increasingly aware of the real and crucial need for experienced and dedicated physicians, like myself, to provide the highest standards of care and concern for all of our transgender community members in all stages of our medical needs. Inroads have been made, it is true, but they remain limited and few medical physicians have the knowledge and more tragically the interest in educating themselves in the unique medical circumstances that occur with members of our community.

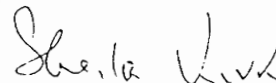
Because of that very real need in our community, I have chosen to shift my focus and return to medical practice. As a transgendered physician with over 20 years of experience in endocrinology, gynecology related surgeries and clinical management as well as a decade as a transgender medicine specialist, I offer valuable experience that will serve our community in the best possible way.

Although the majority of my practice will be devoted to the MTF and FTM person who is intending to or currently involved in contragender living, seeking SRS surgery and aftercare, my practice will not be limited to those individuals. Too many of us avoid routine medical care because we fear we will be "ostracized" if even our subtle feminizing or masculinizing is discovered and hence seriously jeopardize our health and longevity. All of us in the Transgendered spectrum deserve and need to receive the best possible medical care from an experienced, dedicated physician specializing in transgender medicine. In addition, concerned consultation with your mental health care provider, cosmetic surgeon and SRS surgeon is a vital component of complete "wellness." My medical practice takes into consideration all of these factors and I am dedicated to providing the best possible medical care to you in a safe, comfortable environment.

If you are in need of my services, please feel free to contact me. My medical office for patient care is located in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania at the Forbes Metro Professional Building Room 1500, Penn Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15221. An appointment can be scheduled by calling (412) 661-9972 during regular business hours. For general medical information and for medical consultations, I can be reached at (412) 781-1092. My fax is (412) 781-1096 and e-mail SheilaKirk@aol.com.

I'm looking forward to continuing my service and dedication to all of my sisters and brothers.

Cordially



Sheila Kirk, M.D.

Transgender Medicine Specialist