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P.O. BOX 13604 ALBANY N.Y. 12212 BUTTERFLY AND EXPRESSING OUR
NATURE A COLLABORATION OF NEW YORK STATE GROUPS

4/87

Calender Of Events

- 04/16/87 TGIC Rap Group
- 04/18/87 EON Party
- 04/24/87 TGIC Business Meeting
- 04/24/87 TGIC Party Mixed
- 04/25/87 Butterfly Rap Group
- 04/26/87 Butterfly Party Mixed
- 05/02/87 TGIC Mate Support Group
(mates of C/D's only)
- 05/09/87 TGIC Party Mixed
(at the 145 Club)
- 05/09/87 Butterfly Rap Group
- 05/14/87 TGIC Rap Group
- 05/16/87 EON Party
- 05/22/87 TGIC Business Meeting
- 05/22/87 TGIC Party Mixed
- 05/23/87 Butterfly Rap Group
- 05/24/87 Butterfly Party Mixed
- 06/06/87 CXL Mate Support Group
- 06/13/87 Butterfly Rap Group
- 06/13/87 TGIC Party Mixed at 145
- 06/18/87 TGIC Rap Group
- 06/20/87 EON Party
- 06/26/87 TGIC Party Mixed
- 06/27/87 Butterfly Rap Group
- 06/28/87 Butterfly Party Mixed
- 07/04/87 Mate Support Group
- 07/11/87 TGIC Party Mixed at 145

Any questions on the above write or call us.

WE MISS YOU WHERE ARE YOU

We miss all of you, we would like to hear from all the people who were unable to attend any meetings or functions for a while, Wilma II, Sandi, Eileen and Priscilla, Susan, Cheryl, Muffy and Diantha, where are you WE MISS YOU!



"I think tonight it will be the pink chiffon with the matching purse."

HELLO AGAIN

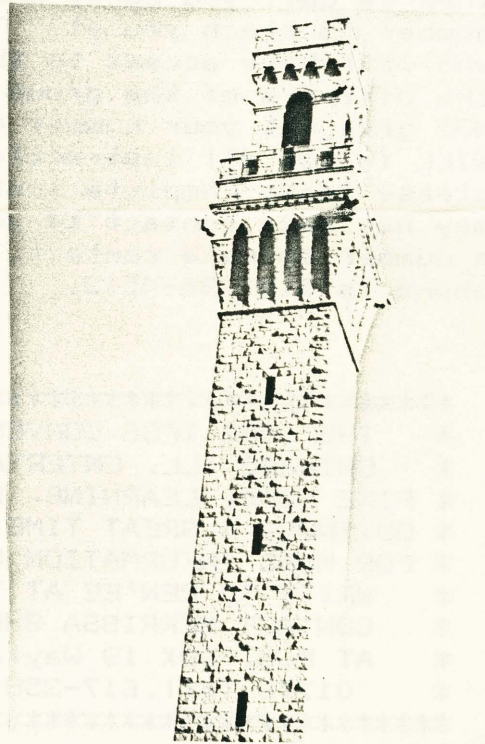
What a month a great time for one and all, busy, busy, month. We have been doing a lot of work for the club, Dawn has listed us in the community service section of the News Paper and we received our first inquiry the other day. It works, you can advertise. A copy is available for you to see if you would like. We sent out letters to the different medical doctors in the area to explain our existance. The Mate Support group is getting up a lot of steam and getting there people moving. We have had a flurry of new activity with new members and interest of some of the old people who were falsely swayed. All in all we are looking very good. We are growing rapidly, expect to see at least one or two new faces every month, all our work is paying off.

We need some envelope stuffers and lickers we have a large mailing to go out this month and will get it out on time with or without help, but it would be nice to have help.

Remember the dues for 1987 are due, if you would like to pay by mail make the checks or money orders payable to R.

Can you Identify this famous geographic location ??Clue?? It is in a famous resort village One that most Crossdressers and thier mates would recognize it

How about you, can you recognize this place? If you do you will win a gloden boobie award.



or K. [REDACTED]. The dues for 1987 are \$30 full membership \$5.00 more for significant other if they want to be a full voting member. If the person does not want to be a full voting member they are still entitled to attend the other functions. The newsletter only fee is \$15 per year. The party fee has been lowered for the party to \$3.00 both partys will be \$3.00 and the Rap groups will be \$2.00 per person. Join the fun once again we have a place to meet and talk without loosing the fun of being out

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* THE TAPESTRY THE TAPESTRY *
* GET THE TAPESTRY *
* WHY to help your self with *
* gender issues the only magazine *
* devoted to our community and *
* the issues we face on gender. *
* Make a difference *
* order TAPESTRY *
* Call or write Tapestry *
* P.O.Box 19 Wayland Ma. 01778 *
* Tell. # 617-358-2305 *
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If you are interested in working for the clubs growth attend a meeting and volunteer for a committee or to help we need you! The next meeting will be 04/24/87. For more information please call or write the club. The club has it's own phone with an answering machine on it so call, leave a name to ask for when we call you back, and also leave a number to reach you at. The only people who will have access to the machine are the officers of the group and they will NOT give out your number or name and WILL follow all instructions given so please leave complete instructions. You may not make contact if you don't leave a number to make contact. The club phone is 518-436-4513.

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* THE 1988 IFGE CONVENTION IN *
* CHICAGO ILL. ENTERTAINMENT, *
* FINE FOOD, LEARNING, WORKSHOPS, *
* OUTINGS, A GREAT TIME FOR ALL, *
* FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL OR *
* WRITE TO REN'EE AT TGIC OR *
* CONTACT MERRISSA SHERYL [REDACTED] *
* AT P.O. BOX 19 Wayland Ma. *
* 01778 Tell.617-358 2305 *
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THE Mate Support Group!

The June 6th meeting is CANCELLED SORRY we hope it does not create too many hardships. Karyn

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* Helpful guides for the *
* Crossdresser *
*Hair removal-32 pages-covers *
*shaving techniques, electrolysis *
* $8.00 EA *
*Health & Beauty-84 pages-covers *
*make-up, skin care & health tips *
* $12.00 EA *
*Fashion Tips-56 pages-covers *
*finding sizes, colors, clothes *
*care $10.00 EA *
*Overview of Lifestyles-140 pages *
*covers trivia, opinion, viewpoint*
* $15.00 EA *
*Prices include mail ALL 4: $40.00*
*The window monthly news letter *
*for all lifestyles & preferences *
* $25.00 per year *
*Send name, address check or money*
*order to Alies, Inc. Box 2015, *
* Waukesha, WI 53187-2015 *
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If Dad's More Androgenous,
Son Can Benefit.

Boys may be more creative if their fathers are less macho, say researchers at Fordham and St. John's universities. After studying the fathers of creative high school boys with comparable grades but less creativity, the researchers report the creative boys have fathers who consciously express feminine as well as masculine aspects of their personalities. The study findings were reported in the Family Weekly Sunday newspaper supplement. DAWN.

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* THE 145 CLUB AT 145 BARRETT ST. *
* Sch'dy N.Y. Dance all night ALA *
* Fem or kick up your heels and *
* listen to Piano tunes in the *
* Lounge 1st time don't be shy *
* introduce yourself to Jerry or *
* Eve They will help you in any *
* way they can if you tell them *
* TGIC or Ren'ee Told you to come *
* Have Fun *
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* HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU *
* Happy Birthday Happy Birthday *
* There are no birthdays on *
* the books this month *
* HAPPY BIRTHDAY !!! *
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 * THE GALA MUSICAL ALL STAR REVUE *
 * AT THE 145 Club *
 * 145 Barrette St. *
 * A Crossdressing show with *
 * a difference April 26 th at *
 * 8pm and 10pm Reserve a table *
 * now tickets are going fast call *
 * 518-370-9865 for a reservation *
 * ask for Jerry or Eve *
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SENSE WITH SCENTS

Diet and stress can affect your perfume's scent. According to a recent issue of Mc Call's Magazine, garlic, curry, mexican dishes, and even some kinds of fish can come right through the skin. Stress can cause blood to rush to the olfactory areas and you loose most of your sense of smell as a result. Also, when selecting scents, don't test more than three at once or you'll overload your olfactory system. DAWN.

by Katherine Berrie* as told to Gail Greco

The man I love is not only my husband, but also the woman I feared would one day come between us.

Richard is a transvestite—a crossdresser.

When he comes home from work, he takes off his suit and tie, slips into one of his frilly frocks, makes up his face, dons a wig and becomes Annette—his female persona.

I've told very few people about my husband because most could never understand. What few friends we have are other crossdressers and their wives.

Richard, however, is more open about it because he wants to be accepted for who he is, not what he may appear. I remind him that he may think he's been accepted at face value, but when he leaves the room, they'll still laugh at him behind his back. That's why I haven't used our real names.

Now, after 13 years of marriage, I'm telling my story in the hope that I might help other women in a similar situation.

Transvestites, or crossdressers, are not transsexuals—people who have had a sex-change operation—nor are they necessarily homosexuals.

A crossdresser is a man who is inexplicably compelled to dress like a woman, right down to the nail polish and false eyelashes.

While some transvestites are outrageous drag queens, the majority are upstanding members of society. They're bankers, lawyers, doctors, real estate agents, public relations executives and professionals, like Richard, who work for major corporations.

I didn't understand it all at first.

Richard and I were married in 1973, and I hadn't the slightest inkling of his other side. He was the most attentive and loving man I'd ever met.

Tall and handsome, no one would ever suspect Richard's secret by looking at him. When other women

first meet Richard, I get compliments on how good-looking he is and how lucky I am.

I can't help but think to myself, *If they only knew...*

"It wasn't until after four years of marriage that I suspected something might be wrong.

Richard was depressed and edgy. He hardly spoke to me. When I couldn't stand it any longer, I confronted him. I begged him to open up to me. "I can handle it," I told him. It was then

David Barlow, professor of psychology at the State University of New York and expert on gender identity, estimates that about 1 percent of American adult males are crossdressers. "There are basically two types," says the expert, "men who crossdress for

that he told me he was a crossdresser, and I *couldn't* handle it.

I went off the deep end. I felt lonely and insecure. I had no idea what I was dealing with.

It was his obsession, yet I felt it was my problem. I began to have self-doubt. *Is this the only kind of man I can attract?* I wondered.

There was no one for me to talk to. I couldn't go to my family. I didn't feel comfortable with a therapist. Divorce crossed my mind dozens of times, but I rejected it.

I still loved Richard and realized that I'd be happier with him than without him.

I decided I'd beat this thing, never imagining how hard it would be.

For the next eight years, Richard and I dealt with one crisis after another. I saw him dressed for the first time about a month after he revealed his secret. I was shocked—no, more than shocked, I was disgusted.

Richard started going to meetings with other crossdressers and their wives. He asked me to come, but I wanted no part of it. I kept hoping and praying that one day the problem would simply disappear.

Unhappily, there is no cure for crossdressing.

Finally, something happened that forced me to face the reality of the situation. Richard was seeing another woman.

I was insanely jealous. But worse still, the other woman was accepting Richard for what he was—letting him be himself, letting him be Annette.

I, on the other hand, had been forcing my husband to hide a part of himself.

When I went out, he'd slip into his women's clothes. When I came home, he'd throw off his dress, run into the shower and wash off the makeup.

I knew this charade must stop if we were to stay together. I also realized I had no choice but to make Annette part of the family. I would try to accept her.

As Richard started dressing up more often, it made

me nervous. I was afraid to touch Annette's shoulder or hand. It made me feel like a lesbian. Slowly, however, I realized that it was my husband—the man I love—underneath the wig, the dress and all that makeup.

Sometimes I find it difficult to relate to Richard as a man. In summer, for instance, he shaves his arms and legs.

In accepting Annette, I also made a rule. She was never allowed into the bedroom. For some women, it may be a turn-on, but not for me.

Through the crisis periods, Richard and I have grown closer. We share a oneness that many married couples only wish they had. By facing the problem, our relationship has become stronger.

How many husbands willingly go wardrobe shopping with their wives? Mine does. We go out to lunch, and I help him select clothing for Annette.

Once I became accustomed to seeing Richard dressed like a woman, I was able objectively to critique his appearance.

Annette was a stodgy, schoolmarmish woman from the 1950s. I told Richard

and the preppie look had to go and it was time for Annette to move into the '80s.

Since then, I've learned it's not unusual for crossdressers to appear frumpy and old-fashioned. They pick up their fashions from the Salvation Army or Aunt Tillie's attic.

While I've accepted Annette, I won't let her take over our marriage. There are times when I need Richard as a man, and Annette gets in the way. When Richard is under pressure, for instance, he seems to escape into his other self. It's at times like these that I question our relationship.

There are many women in my situation who need help. The first thing they must learn is that, if they accept their husbands' problem, they're entitled to make rules.

For some women, that means telling their husbands they don't wish to see their female alter egos more than once or twice a week or that they can't dress up in front of the children.

We don't have any children, and it's not for the lack of trying. But maybe it's for the best.

One of the ways I've found to survive is by being part of a support group. I meet with other wives of crossdressers. They're the only people who can understand.

There's also a magazine for crossdressers and their wives. It's called *Tapestry*, and the articles deal with our predicaments with the feelings you have of betrayal once you've discovered your husband's other side.

I believe our marriage will last because we work at it every day and because I chose to deal with the situation and not to run away.

Richard is still my husband and best friend. And Annette... well, she's no longer the mysterious intruder she once was.

For information about the wives support group, write to Butterfly Couples Club of Northern Virginia, Box 3234, Manassas, VA 22110. All inquiries are kept strictly confidential.

sexual arousal and those who feel more relaxed thinking of themselves as women. Symptoms usually appear between the ages of three and six." The professor advises Katherine, however, that crossdressing can be successfully treated with therapy.

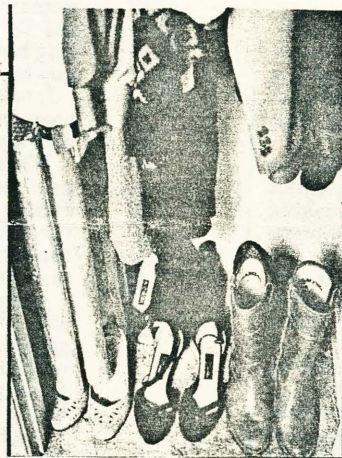
Katherine and Annette often go to lunch and shop together.



My Husband

The Crossdresser

A surprising number of women are married to transvestites—and don't even know it.



The his 'n her closet that Richard shares with his alter ego, Annette.

