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APOLOGIES, APOLOGIES, ETC.

In the October newsletter, your Editor indicated that because of date conflicts there would probably not be a November meeting of CHI Chapter, nor a regular November newsletter. Well, I guessed wrong and the Chapter decided to hold a meeting in November, on the 19th. Due to the short length of time between the October and November meetings it wasn't possible to write, edit, type, print, fold, and mail a regular newsletter, so a single page meeting notification was sent to local CHI members only. This newsletter will therefore be a combined November/December issue.

CHI'S OCTOBER MEETING

We were fortunate in October to be able to again meet "in the home," through the couresy of Kay. We were happy to see the following: Donna IL-11-s, Betty Ann IL-17-A, Deanna IL-35-G, Kay IL-44-N, Kathy IL-47-R, Lois WI-13-V, and our newest member, Ellen. We had hoped that Mitzi, Billie, Ruthann, and Lois would have returned from their trip to "Fantasia Fair" in the east by meeting date, but only Lois managed to attend. We are looking forward to hearing about their experiences in detail, and seeing the photos I am sure they took while they were there.

A very warm welcome to the newest associate member of CHI, Ann OH-26-S. Ann has let us know that she is interested in getting a Chapter organized in her area, and our Assistant Regional Coordinator, Nancy MI-22-H, will be working with her in this regard. Let's all wish them luck.

WE GET LETTERS

Dear Donna,

I know it's been quite some time since I've last written to you. Do hope you will forgive me for the long silence. Writing is not one of my points. I am very glad to be getting your Chapter newsletters. I find they are very good, and do help to close the gap of being inactive at this time. I am sure most of the members in your area do not know me, or have ever seen Maryann. But, please tell them, I'm with them in spirit on every meeting date, and think of the Chapter often

Chapter education within Tri-Sigma is fine, but it does not educate those outside it. The world outside fears a TV and are flustered by it. The average male fears a TV will destroy the "all male" image, and women feel it's just a route to violate them or to compete against them. These are just a few of the "nicer" points most commonly expressed. Yes, they fear us more than we fear them. This is why laws are so hard to change. And, they know our own personal guilt feelings will reduce us by 95%. The other 5% are passable, and are able to go forth and feel comfortable, and don't give a darn if the world does not accept them. They only live once, and life is too short to wait forever. Others use fear as their weapon; our only recourse is <u>education</u>.

How many Chapters have asked for a Priest, or a Minister, to come to a meeting and meet the members, their GG's, and other members of their families? Or even a greater

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dare, a Judge, Police Chief, a Lawyer, or a Socialogist? Or, best of all, a Legislator? You can bet the answer is 99.5%: None. Why not? Because of fear, on both sides. Until TV's are able to move that far, the stone wall of non-acceptance will always be there.....

Well, I better close. Take care, and tell everyone I said "Hello."

As Always, Maryann OH-6-J

CHI'S NOVEMBER MEETING

Last month Betty Ann, and her delightful wife Irene, opened their home to us for our monthly meeting. They have a beautiful home, on "the lake," and it's too bad that darkness comes so early so we couldn't enjoy the scenery. The only sour note heard that evening was that the directions to Betty Ann's home weren't clear, and there was a problem finding it. Well, your Editor wrote the directions, and didn't have any trouble finding the house; so, there! Seriously, we had a very nice time, and the refreshments were wonderful. We were glad that the following managed to "find the way," to spend the evening together: Mitzi IL-8-C, Donna IL-11-S, Betty Ann IL-17-A and GG Irene, Deanna IL-35-G, Cheryl IL-40-K and GG Meg, Kay IL-44-N, and Lois WI-13-V.

IT'S THAT TIME AGAIN

Yes, it's the time that comes every year which we can't avoid - Dues Time! CHI Chapter dues will remain the same as last year: \$6.00 for Regular Members who live in the Chicago Metropolitan Area, and \$4.00 for those who live outside that area who would normally be unable to attend our Chapter meetings on a regular basis. If paying by check, please make it payable to "Donna Martin." Let's try to have all dues in by December 31st, so we can start the new year off with a clean slate.

SPECIAL PHOTO

When Carol Beecroft was here in September, our downstate visitor, Vikki IL-48-M, took a group photo of all who attended. She very generously offered a print to all who attended. We wish that the photo could be reproduced in this newsletter, but our "printing" process does not permit it. Look for a copy in a future issue of the FEMME MIRROR. Thanks, Vikki.

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ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The election of officers for 1978 will be held at our December meeting. Nominated at our November meeting were: President, Deanna IL-35-G and Cheryl IL-40-K; Vice-President, ay IL-44-N and Cheryl IL-40-K; Secretary/Treasurer, Donna IL-11-S. Further nominations will be accepted just prior to the election. Come prepared to elect the best possible officers for CHI Chapter. CHI'S DECEMBER MEETING

Our Christmas meeting will be held on Saturday, December 10th, which is the <u>second</u> Jaturday of the month. This date was selected because our usual third Saturday was just too close to Christmas, and there would be conflicts with the usual date. Information on the location of the meeting will be found elsewhere in this newsletter. Since this is the Holiday Season, how about inviting your "special" GG to come with you? We think she will have a lot of fun, and there will be other GG's present to help break the ice if this is her first time, or if she does not attend often. As usual, we will exchange grab-bag gifts. If you want to receive a gift, bring a gift with you (not to exceed \$7.00). The gift exchange also includes the GG's on the same basis of bring a gift, get a gift. Place a card with your name inside the package, so it can be identified.

We expect a large group for our Christmas meeting. To help us in knowing how many to plan for, please return your post card promptly. If your GG will attend with you, put a note on the card.

Hope to see you all at the Christmas meeting!

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"It was very nice of you to drive me all the way from New York to San Francisco and I'm very sorry you thought I was a girl."



"Wow! What I go through getting ready for a Chapter meeting."