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# BUFFALO BELLES

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AUG. 1995

Pres. Denise

Tres./VP: Janice

Newsletter: Kathy

Helper Wench: Jean

Dear sisters, (Kathy)

For the two thirds of you out there who didn't make the August meeting, our second annual picnic, what can I say but the usual. You really



missed out another splendid time!!

Mother Nature gave us one of the nicer nights of this Hot summer! Only my mascara ran all night. The food was outstanding. We had hot dogs on the grill, corn on the cob, a fruit salad, a macaroni salad, bread bowl/dip, chips, and cake. I won't mention the brownies (no the brownies wasn't a member with a uniform fetish!). And not to forget, the special fruit punch, complete with parasol!

The girls who were making reservations Monday morning with the diet center were Jean, Patti, Holly, Kathy, Francess, Michelle, Cindy and our newest member, the darling Kathryn. What was the most unusual about this meeting was the absence of both Janice and Denise. This is a first. Us kids were left at home alone!!

And the nice thing, it's all in Denise's name and she'll get the bill for damages!

**Item:** (Kathy)

The next meeting is Sept. 8th. not the usual first Saturday. This is because of Labor Day Weekend messing with us. I'm sorry.

**Item:** (Kathy)

At the picnic, a thermos was left behind. It will be available for pickup at the next meeting.

**Item:** (Kathy)

If you have been saving your Tops tapes and Quality Market tapes, please bring them or send them in by the September meeting. I'd hope we might get enough to make a presentation of them.

**Item:** (Kathy)

The first order of badges has arrived and have been handed out, except to Sharon, Linda and Denise. The cost is \$9.00 each. They are very nice. The magnetic attachment do the work very well. Mine never slipped all evening.

**Item:** (Kathy)

Another thing the survey shown a desire for the Hotline to have a new message on it about what's happening, ect. I agree. The questions is who's voice is going to be on it? Maybe we should have a contest for the Voice of the Buffalo

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**Item:** (Kathy)

The world of leveraged buyouts, hostile takeovers, free agency, and general social decay has arrived upon the doorsteps of the Buffalo Belles!!

Janice has optioned her year clause and entered the market. She was immediately picked up by the Buffalo Transition Support (previously Cross Roads). Accepting their presidency, wasn't so much of a salary difference, but her preference of BTS's Colorado Chalet over our beach house at the Hampton's played a part in her choice.

Seriously, Janice is continuing her journey. A strong argument could be made, she has been our most important member the last three years. She has always been the one to take the public role, making the reservations, checking account, hotline, interviews, out and about the most. I just wonder how many of us consider her our very best friend. I know I do. ((me too,)) Jean Just at the last meeting, our newest gal, Kathryn, asked where Janice was. When I said she wouldn't be here tonight, she was so disappointed! "She was so nice and made me feel so good about

myself" Now, this doesn't mean Janice is no longer with us at all. She'll continue to be our friend and sister. This is not really an unexpected event. But her life is changing, and we can only but watch her take flight.

**Item:** (Kathy)

let's all try to be a little nicer to one another. Think before we speak. Show some of the feminine qualities that we seem to often emulate in appearance, but nada attitude. Show some care. Show some concern for someone other than yourself. Leave those nasty male ego's at home! Get involved. Please!

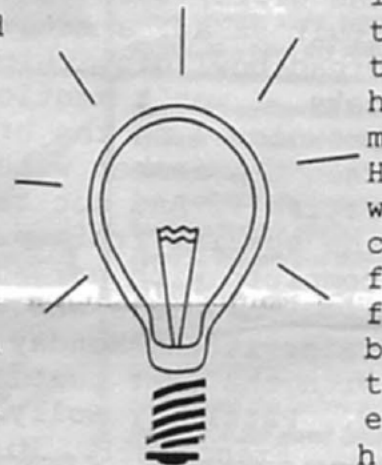
**Item:** (Kathy)

Our next meeting in September is our third anniversary. Our little sorority has grown steadily. We now have 33 members.

find it hard to believe that it hasn't been much longer! Hopefully with the coming of fall we'll finally get a break from this summer's excessive heat. Soon we'll be able to wear hose again, makeup won't just melt away. A wig won't be the seemingly equivalent of a wool sweater.

**Item:** (Kathy)

Did you see the Sunday magazine section in the Buffalo



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**Item:** (Kathy)

Did you see the Sunday magazine section in the Buffalo News Aug. 20? They ran the article "Man For A Day". That's the same one we ran last month!! We scooped the News!! Now I understand why Jimmy calls it the snooze!!

See you at the next meeting.

**Item:** (Jean)

Thanks to Joan's encouragement we are fortunate to have another sister join us. But sometimes we take for granted God given gifts and fail to realize that we all don't share the same quilites. We don't seem to wake up until we fall into an awkward position of trying to communicate with a person we doesn't communicate the way most of us do. Nina is a very sweet person and is able to communicate and does add enjoyment and intelligence to our meetings. But for you to use the manual alphabet at times. Please try to learn it so we can all communicate. An instruction sheet is included.

**Item:** (kathy)

Survey results> So far we have recieved back about a third we sent out. Several have been quite interesting. Especially R.D. in Williamsville. One of our slent members. Another, like Frances who can't make our

Saturday nights. Hope they at least got out for Jim Bailey on Thursday. Hopefully we'll have a special meeting on a weeday someday soon. Anyone who didn't get a servey in the last newsletter, please call the hotline and let us know, we'll get one to you. Those who did get it and haven't returned it yet, please do. The swim party has basically defunct now. But the othe questions are still pertinent. Especialy, concerning what we are doing, right or wrong. What can you do, Ideas etc.

**Item:** (Kathy)

We have a person looking for members of the International Alliance for the Promotion of Hertosexual Male Femmiphilia. If anyone reading this was a member contact me.

**Item:** (Kathy)

Apologize's are issued to the following girls who were slighted. Cindy was at the July meeting but left off the list. Hey, at least you got a decent picture, I got a thumbprint! (What you see is what the camera see!) (Jean)

PattI - Learned that the correct spelling of her name from her new name badge. The first reported spelling of your name was in Nov. 92 Newsletter as Patty. Sorry it tok you 2 years to notice the error.

Misspellings: My ravishing slave girl down in the print shop, Jean, has been severely reprimanded.



## What Do You Do When You've Achieved All Your Goals?

by Jane Ellen Fairfax

Section top! 300 Masterpoints, with 25 Gold Points! For three years I had read to improve my game, asked advice, and played duplicate bridge several times a week. Now I had my Gold Card. I was a Life Master, the highest rank in bridge. How wonderful I felt!

For about three months. Then it hit me. Having accomplished my goals, I had no new barriers to hurdle. Somehow, I felt I had outgrown the masses striving for that gold card. To be as talented as Barry Crane or Paul Soloway was not within my reach. What else did I need to learn? I could play a hand, defend, and get to the right spot in the bidding. Besides, the squabbling at the table irritated me. Some people just took bridge too seriously. All those entry fees and books added up, too. It was time to go on to other things. And so, by degrees, I dropped away from the world of bridge, from a hobby that had given me much joy.

So many crossdressers perpetuate this same tragedy. How often do they accomplish their goals and then drop out of the community! Reading how-to columns, they improve their feminine self-image. From voice coaches they learn to modulate and inflect their voices like proper ladies. Finally, they are able to pass in public, to go out whenever and wherever they please. Suddenly, they begin to think condescendingly of their chapters as merely "bigger closets." Who needs yet another hair care symposium or makeover session? While they might not match the appearance of the girl of their fantasies, they are comfortable with who they are. "Ah, yes," they recall on reading of an emerging sister's struggles, "I was there once - long ago."

And they're ever mindful of the cost of living in the community: "Thirty-five dollars a year to be in Tri-Ess. And the chapter wants money, too. Now IFGE is into my pocket for a membership fee. You know, I could buy a nice dress with that money - maybe some earrings, too. And what do I need the magazines and directories for? My wife and I go out as two girls, and I've got sisters who will go out with me. Besides, everyone's got their knives into one another over philosophical stuff that means nothing to me. Who needs the hassle?" So they drop by the wayside - those who have accomplished, and those who think they've accomplished, what they desired. All of us are the worse off for their loss.

Thanks to three kind friends, I did not drop out of bridge. My beloved friend Joyce inspired me to use my love for teaching to help novice players. Two other friends, both expert players, taught me how little I really knew about bridge. When I play nowadays, I don't even know how many masterpoints I have. Every hand is different; one never knows when a completely new situation will come up. Without struggle, or even realization of improvement, I'm getting better at the game. Learning the fine points and teaching others has made bridge even more fulfilling. Now I play, not for achievement of goals, but for the love of the game.

The same fulfillment is available for crossdressers. Probably no one needs Tri-Ess less than Virginia Prince. Virginia is a full-time crossdresser; she spends her whole life en femme. How easy would it have been, once she found her own peace, to go her way and leave the community! Had she

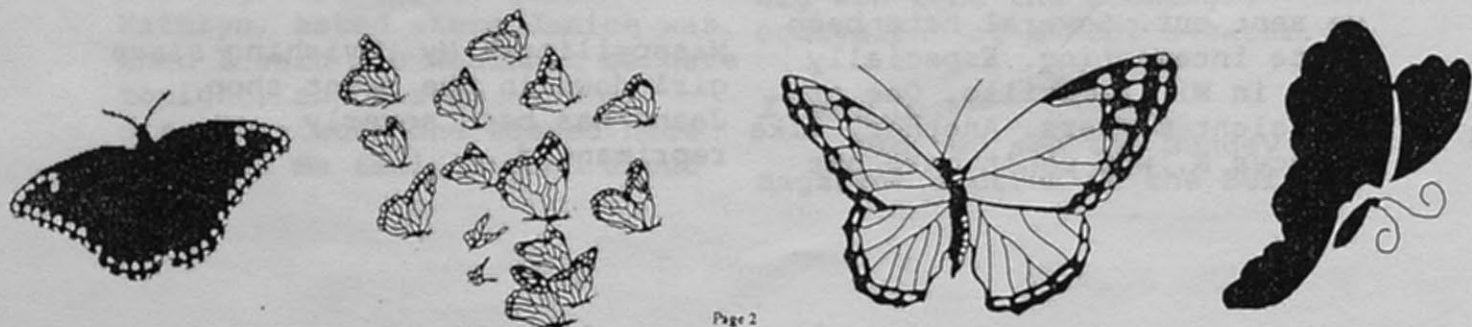
done so, we would never have had her books of wisdom, nor would the far-flung gender community have flourished as it does now. But Virginia is always enrolled in that University of Life, looking for new insights and ways to help others.

Several years ago, JoAnn Roberts helped a crossdresser in her emergence. Later, grateful for JoAnn's gentle encouragement, the sister asked JoAnn how she could ever repay her. Replied JoAnn, "Help another crossdresser." Sisterly love and support are two gifts that keep on giving - not only for the new sister, but also for the giver of the gift. "I've outgrown you" is a statement of the ego; "I will help you" is an outpouring of the heart.

Staying involved will pay enormous dividends. Experienced crossdressers can yawn along at presentations on accessorizing, or they can listen and glean nuggets of information that will add a whole new dimension to their feminine image. They can moan about the cost of dues and publications, or they can witness the miracle of emergence, the miracle that never grows old. They can lock their knowledge smugly away, or they can share it with those in need. They can bewail the backbiting in our community, or be a voice for peace. They can bask in self-satisfaction, or they can emulate the heroines of history. There are some who don't need to crossdress anymore, who have fully integrated the masculine and feminine within themselves. For these there is the sweetest part of the crossdressing experience - crossdressing for artistic expression, for fun, "for the love of the game."

# DID YOU EVER NOTICE THAT ALL THE BAD THINGS THAT HAPPEN TO WOMEN HAVE "MEN" INVOLVED IN IT?

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INFO. TO YOUR MEMBERSHIP ON THE  
COURTLY LADY. THANK JULIE

AUGUST 10, 1995

DEAR EDITOR,

I WROTE TO YOU THIS PAST WINTER REQUESTING YOUR ASSISTANCE IN INTRODUCING THE COURTLY LADY TO YOUR READERSHIP. IF YOU HAD AN OPPORTUNITY TO PUBLISH OUR PRESS RELEASE I SINCERELY THANK YOU FOR YOUR KIND ATTENTION.

FOR THOSE OF YOU WHO MAY NOT HAVE HAD A CHANCE TO RELEASE OUR PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT I AM PROVIDING AN UP TO DATE PRESS RELEASE OR A PASTE-UP CAMERA READY NOTICE. TWO SIZES ARE ENCLOSED. PLEASE FEEL FREE TO PUBLISH AS A FOLLOW UP TO THE PRESS RELEASE.

AGAIN, I DO NOT INTEND THIS REQUEST TO BE PRESUMPTUOUS OR TOO FORWARD. I RECOGNIZE THE INTERESTED POPULATION IS SMALL, THEREFORE, THE COST/BENEFIT RATIO TO ADVERTISING MAKES IT DIFFICULT TO "GET THE WORD OUT"—PLEASE UNDERSTAND. IF YOU'RE THINKING "NONE OF OUR GIRLS WILL BE INTERESTED", BELIEVE ME THERE ARE SOME WHO WILL BE AND THEY WILL REALLY APPRECIATE YOU GAVE THEM A CHANCE TO FIND OUT.

AS A MEMBER OF THE CD COMMUNITY I UNDERSTAND THE DIFFICULTY IN FINDING SPECIAL FASHION NEEDS AND IF FOUND, BEING TREATED WITH RESPECT AND DIGNITY. I HAVE ASSISTED GIRLS OF ALL REQUIREMENTS FROM SPECIAL NEEDS TO BIG GIRL SIZES. THE COURTLY LADY CAN MEET THOSE FASHION NEEDS—PLEASE GIVE THIS A CHANCE.

I EXTEND MY GRATITUDE FOR YOUR ASSISTANCE. IF YOU HAVE ANY PARTICULAR REQUIREMENTS CONCERNING YOUR NEWSLETTER OR ANY QUESTIONS PLEASE FEEL FREE TO CONTACT ME PERSONALLY.

THANK YOU, JULIE [REDACTED]

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# MANUAL ALPHABET



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**Dateline: Houston**

On June 24, 1995, the Tri-Ess Board of Directors passed the following Resolutions:

Tri-Ess is firmly committed to ending intolerance, disrespect, harassment, intimidation, bigotry, racism, hatred and bias in society and strongly encourages its members to work toward the elimination of such discrimination wherever it exists.

Further, Tri-Ess believes that crimes based upon such intolerance, disrespect, harassment, intimidation, bigotry, racism, hatred and bias should be firmly punished, and we strongly support the enactment of hate crimes legislation that will incorporate such punishment.

Further, Tri-Ess stands firmly for an end to discrimination in the workplace and supports legislation prohibiting discrimination against any person for any reason that is not related to bona fide occupational qualifications for the relevant job classification or job performance.

We, as a Tri-ess chapter, are asked to either endorse or reject this proposition. Unless anyone has any reasoned response in the negative, Shall we consider this motion endorsed by us?



No I didn't get rejected  
because of flat feet.



"Oh, good, my new shoes must have come."