

The Monmouth & Ocean News

A Publication of MOTG
Monmouth Ocean Transgender
An Affiliate of Renaissance Education Association

MOTG, PO Box 8243, Red Bank, New Jersey 07701
Telephone: (908) 219-9094

August, 1995

HIGH NOTES

by *Marybeth, Editor, MO News*

Our brand new (we hope for the last time) meeting location is now the **Ramada Inn in Hazlet, NJ**. See **Elaine's article on page 5 for information and directions**. We look forward to seeing you on **August 26**.

Please send me your articles and announcements for the August newsletter by September 1. I need information about upcoming meetings, including our anniversary, and any schedule changes on that date. From now on, folks, the deadline will be the first of the month. The August issue brings us articles and announcements from Dana Terrell, Frani, Carol and Babs, Holli, Terry, Elaine, Stephanie, and Kate. We appreciate all our contributors but would like to remind everyone that articles and announcements represent the viewpoints of the writers and not necessarily of MOTG.

Our **June meeting** featured a vendor presentation by **Forever Chic Consignment Boutique**, put on by Lynne and our own **Frani**, and **July** brought us a group discussion led by **Stephanie**. Thanks!

Dana Terrell will be our featured speaker on **August 26**, and **September 23** is our **group anniversary!** Read on for more details about both meetings.

It is with great sadness that we announce the sudden death of one of our founders, **Danielle Richards**. Danielle was a dear friend to Terry and me, as well as to many others, and we will miss her very much.

Terry and I were also informed that Marilyn, wife of Barbie B., died several days ago at home after a lengthy illness. Our thoughts are with Barbie and her family at this time.

Robin, one of our members, who lives near **Wayne**, needs a ride to meetings. Please let us know if you can help out.

Transit, an open group with a focus on T.S. issues, meets the 2nd Wednesday of each month. There is a \$5.00 donation. Please contact **Kate Miller (908) 922-2332** if you are interested in attending.

CD CRUISE FROM MIAMI

Melanie and Peggy Rudd have announced they have reserved several rooms on the newest Norwegian Cruise Line ship sailing for 3 nights from Miami December 8 - 11, 1995. The cost is \$329.00 and the agent is Brenda at 1-800-345-9564. They report that NCL is rolling out the red carpet for us on this Dignity cruise. (special announcement contributed by Carol and Babs)

DANIELLE RICHARDS 1950 - 1995

CO-FOUNDER, CO-DIRECTOR, MOTG

by *Terry*

It is with deep regret that we inform all MOTG members and friends of the very sudden death of our dear friend Danielle Richards, of a massive heart attack at home, on July 8, 1995. Danielle is survived by her spouse Phyllis, with whom she and Elaine Monroe founded MOTG in 1990. Danielle was always dedicated to our group and always ensured that special attention was paid to our newcomers, as well as to the partners of our members. She was a constant source of strength, insight, support and friendship. We shall miss her very much. Yet we shall always remember her by celebrating her life and the lives of all those she touched. Many thanks to Stephanie for her very moving tribute to Danielle at our July meeting.

UPDATED SCHEDULE OF MOTG MEETINGS FOR 1995

General Meetings

Saturday evenings at 8:00 pm, Ramada Inn
August 26 (presentation by Dana Terrell)
September 23 (Group Anniversary)
October 28
November 25
December 16

Newsletter Meetings

Friday evenings at 7:30 pm, Elaine's condo
September 8
October 13
December 1

DATES OF INTEREST

August 18 - 20, 1995

First (Inter)National FTM Conference - San Francisco
5337 College Avenue, #142
Oakland, CA 94618
510-287-2646

August 19, 1995

Renaissance Greater Philadelphia Chapter
987 Old Eagle School Rd. Suite 719, Wayne, PA 19087
610-975-9119

September 2, 1995

Renaissance South Jersey Chapter
609-641-3782

Meets at the Atlantic Mental Health Center,
2002 Black Horse Pike, McKee City.

September 7 - 10, 1995

The 14th International Symposium of the Harry Benjamin International Gender Dysphoria Association - Germany
Alice Webb, Executive Director, HBIGDA
PO Box 1718, Sonoma, CA 95476
707-938-2871 (Voice or FAX)

September 9, 1995

Renaissance Delaware Chapter
PO Box 5656, Wilmington, DE 19808
302-995-1396

September 14 - 17, 1995

Paradise in the Poconos
Canadensis, PA
CDS, PO Box 61263, King of Prussia, PA 19406
610-640-9449 cdspub@omni.voicenet.com

September 16, 1995

Renaissance Greater Philadelphia Chapter

September 27 - October 1, 1995

Southern Comfort Convention
PO Box 77591, Atlanta, GA 30357
404-876-3318

October 1 - 3, 1995

1st National Gender Lobbying Day in Washington, DC
MOTG will be there!

October 5 - 9, 1995

Fall Fling - Cape Cod, MA
TCNE, PO Box 2283, Woburn, MA 01888-0483
617-891-9325

October 8, 1995

Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender Cultural Arts Festival
Garden State Arts Center, G..S. Parkway, Holmdel, NJ
MOTG will have a table!

October 9, 1995

Imperial Queens of New York and Long Island's "Gaye Gowns Galore" Dinner/Dance
Manhattan Penthouse, 80 Fifth Avenue, New York, NY
9:00 p.m. - 2:00 a.m. Entertainment/Music
Advance Tickets: \$85 Dress code: Semi-formal
R.S.V.P. 212-627-6100

October 14, 1995

NOW (National Organization for Women) NJ State Conference Edison, NJ
You need to be a NOW member by September 14 (30 days prior to the conference) to vote.

October 15 - 22, 1995

Fantasia Fair '95 - Provincetown, MA 01778
ATTN: Registrar, PO Box 941, Southeastern, PA 19399-0941

October 26 - 29, 1995

Fall Harvest - St. Louis, MO
St. Louis Gender Foundation
PO Box 9433, St. Louis, MO 63117
314-348-0410

A special thanks to Renaissance News and Views, THE IMPERIAL QUEENS, Terry, and Carol and Babs for these announcements. If you have an event or meeting that you would like listed in this column, please send a notice to PO Box 8243, Red Bank, NJ 07701, Attn: Marybeth.

Barbara A. Susinno R.N., C.P.E.

Jessica Lynn Porter C.P.E.



Main Street Electrology, Inc.

Members and Supporters of Renaissance

**Gold Disposable Probes
Day & Eves. Appointments
Multi-Pin Galvanic and the Blend**



(908) 341-7524

802 Main Street, Suite 4/A, Toms River, N.J.



 **MARY KAY®**

MARYBETH HAZEL

Independent Beauty Consultant

**119 Manor Drive
Red Bank, NJ 07701
908-741-8142**

**GENDER IDENTITY DISORDERS
(formerly known as Transsexualism)
TRANVESTITES
GENDER-RELATED LIFE SITUATIONS**

Special help for Marital & Family Crisis and Conflict

For several years Dr. A.S. Nubel, gender identity, marriage & family specialist, has been providing effective help to transgendered persons as well as to couples in distress.
You can trust her experience and understanding.

Marriage, Individual and Group

Communication Problems * Incest
Conflicts involving Affairs, Money, Sex, Parenting, Adolescents, and In-Laws
Depression and Anxiety, Low Self Esteem & Self Worth

English & Hebrew Spoken

908-722-9884

24 HOUR EMERGENCY CALLS

DR. A. S. NUBEL PH.D.

HADASSAH University Graduate

psychiatric & mental health clinical specialist

marriage & family specialist

BRIDGEWATER AREA

**American Civil Liberties Union
of New Jersey**

*Protecting and enhancing the rights
of the transgendered community.*

2 Washington Place • Newark, NJ 07102
201 642 2084

SELMA BLAKER

609-428-8448

Wig Service Shop

Specializing in the Sales and Service
of all Human & Synthetic Pieces

Barclay Towers
1200 East Marlton Pike, Cherry Hill, NJ 08034
Hours 11AM to 4PM, Monday to Saturday

GENERAL MEETING LOCATION

by Elaine

The new general meeting location at the Ramada Inn in Hazlet worked out very well on July 22. The room is very large, plants were provided, the lighting was dimmed to a relaxed level, and the air conditioning adjusted to a comfortable setting. The hotel treated us like royalty, doing everything possible to make the evening enjoyable for the members of MOTG who attended. In the event that some members missed the previous announcement, the Ramada Inn is at 2870 Highway 35, Hazlet, NJ. The hotel is close to exit 117 off the Garden State Parkway, South on Route 35. See the directions below.

There is generous parking all around the hotel. Entrance can be made from the front lobby where you will see an easel with MOTG on it, showing directions to our second floor terrace meeting room. For those wishing to minimize public exposure, make a hard right turn around the north end of the hotel, follow signs to MOTG and park near the door with an MOTG sign. This is the employees' entrance, ordinarily locked with a combination lock. Press the first button on top, the 3rd and 5th buttons, turn knob to open. Our meeting room is on the 2nd floor. Look for the MOTG sign.

Although the meeting starts at approximately 8:00 pm, members who desire to dress at the hotel can come as early as 6:30 pm to do so in the adjacent men's room marked "Out of Order" (for everyone but MOTG members, that is!). Any member is welcome to come as early as 6:30 pm to enjoy socializing in our special setting in the Terrace Room.

If you have any questions please call Elaine at 908-918-8230.

DIRECTIONS TO THE RAMADA INN IN HAZLET, NJ:

FROM NJ TURNPIKE NORTH OR SOUTH: Take exit 11 to the Garden State Parkway South to exit 117. Take Route 35 South approximately 2 miles. The hotel will be on the right.

FROM GARDEN STATE PARKWAY NORTH OR SOUTH: Take exit 117, follow to Route 35 South. The hotel will be approximately 2 miles on the right.

FROM ROUTE 18 SOUTH: Follow 18 North to Garden State Parkway and follow above directions.

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT FROM DANA TERRELL

To the members,

I would like to take this time to thank you for asking me to speak to your group. Female impersonation - The Show Biz Style - has been a great inspiration and help to me.

I hope to bring to your group a light and entertaining lecture. I have run the gamut and seen just about all an entertainer could wish to see. I have headlined at such popular locations as The Haymarket in Boston; The Rogue and Fantasies in Washington, DC; The Anvil; The Goldbug and The Round Table in New York City; the Sweet Gumhead in Atlanta; and was a part of the Powder Puff Revue and La Cage in NYC. Last year I participated in one of the most profitable benefits to raise money for Stonewall 25 and organized the highly successful "Beach Party '94 and '95" which was the kick-off event for the New Jersey Gay Pride Festival in both 1994 and 1995.

We all NEED to feel accepted in this world. Self-acceptance is the first step.

Thanks again. See you in August.

Dana Terrell

"CD" MINUTES

by Stephanie

Kudos to Elaine and Company for the new location for our monthly meetings. I am extremely pleased with the location and the amenities that go with it. I hope all of you are pleased as well.

Remember to use the rear entrance door with the proper entry sequence, one three five and turn the knob. Newsflash: Don't try to exit out the same door; use the exit stairway at the rear of the hotel hallway. I found out the hard way that you can't exit through the entrance. Go figure!

Programs, anyone? Let us know if you want to see or hear a specific topic. Suggestions are most encouraged.

Adventure, travel, reasonably priced? Let's go do something! A night at the movies or dinner or shopping - let's plan it and do it! New York, New York, it's a helluva town!

BE THE WOMAN OF YOUR DREAMS...

without spending a fortune at

FOREVER CHIC CONSIGNMENT BOUTIQUE

...Featuring One Stop Shopping...

..Chic Outerwear for the

INNER WOMAN.

...specializing in Plus Sizes

including lingerie & shoes.

...Makeover & Manicure Appts.

...changing rooms available

We are proud to announce

FRANI on Friday's...

call for details

775-7781

Rt.35 & 3rd Ave.

Neptune CITY

Mon - Sat 10-6



**Consignment
Boutique**



PARTY TIME

Hello girls,

Well, it hardly seems like a whole year has gone by already [Actually it hasn't. It's only been 11 months!], but it's time to get out the good stuff and step into the **MOTG 5th Anniversary Gala!**

That's right, five years of splendor and happy memories, and that's definitely worth celebrating.

This year promises to have music and **dancing** as well as some yummy treats to go with the festivities. Hopefully as many of you who can will show up and party down with me and my wife. Yes, she is planning on attending with all the rest of the SO's, and enjoying a fun-filled evening.

Please see me at the August meeting and let me know if you can be of assistance. Perhaps you can bring some food or refreshments [non-alcoholic] and/or some of your favorite music [tape or disc]. Let me know any ideas that you have that would make the night **MAGICAL**. I can't wait to get my cocktail dress out of the "closet" and boogie out on the floor. After all, what better way to feel like a party girl than to experience it?

Hope to see all of you.

Until next month,
Love, Stephanie

SPECIAL DUES NOTICE:

Some of you will notice that we have sent you a dues notice in this issues of the MO News. If you wish to remain or become a member and continue to receive the newsletter, please remit \$25.00 for full membership or \$10.00 for associate membership. Make checks payable to MOTG and sent them to PO 8243, Red Bank, NJ 07701. Anyone experiencing financial difficulty at this time is asked to let us know that you still wish to remain a part of MOTG. We do not want to exclude anybody simply because s/he cannot afford to pay, but we need to know that you are still interested. Confidentiality, as always, will be strictly observed.

REDEMPTION

by Holli

Deep within covert fear
I'll offer diverse persuasion,
To bribe the virile complexion
with sympathetic coercion
of the patriarchal Taboo.

To pervert the oppression
of bridled estrangement;
of the imposing gender
from within the guise of vulnerable valor.

Into the radiant ensemble
I'm redeemed to my virtue
to evolve toward pure autonomy.
To submerge in complete immersement
of this absorbed vision.

NEWS RELEASE: THE COURTLY LADY--A NEW MAIL-ORDER BUSINESS

CINCINNATI, OHIO: August 15, 1995--The **Courtly Lady** is a new mail-order business designed to provide quality fashions at reasonable prices. We are selling petticoats and Pettipants, skirts and blouses, country western fashions and our newest fashion line "Fabulous 50's Doo Wop Outfits." Our intention is to make mail-order buying easy, affordable, and convenient. We offer private, personalized service and sizes for the big and small girl. We have outfits for that special occasion, dance or evening out. Catalog \$5.00 refundable with first purchase. Contact: **Courtly Lady**, PO Box 2165, Cincinnati, Ohio 45201-2165, Attn: Julie Gilbert, Owner.

RAINBOW MOUNTAIN RESORT

by Babs and Carol

Inspired by the recommendation of friends who have gone there in the past, we brought a group to this "Gay" resort for an informal weekend in the beginning of May to enjoy one last fling before the summer, the season for short sleeves and body fur!

Located in the Poconos just a few miles north of Rt. 80, it is within reasonable driving distance from NYC and Northern and Central NJ. The Rainbow features a warm and "Gender Friendly" atmosphere, superior food, clean accommodations, and a friendly yet professional staff headed by the manager, Barry, who along with others, dressed up in drag in our honor to make us feel welcome.

We were joined by seven other couples, friends we have met at various "gender community" social functions over the past few years, with whom we keep in regular contact to expand our open-ended social network. Joining us were "Couples Dinner Group" regulars Dyan and Sheila from Philadelphia, who conceived the idea; Karen and Ruth from North Jersey; Stephanie and Suzie (Sigma Nu Rho); Susan and Heidi (Chi Delta Mu); and new MOTG members Donna and Diane. Traveling the greatest distance, from the southern shore of Lake Ontario, were "Cover Girl" Nancy Anne and Sandy, and a little closer, from New York's southern tier, Jodie and Char, who originally told us about the place. Both couples are from the Rochester CD Network.

Coincidentally, both Lynda Frank of Chi Delta Mu and the Rainbow had independently worked together to promote a "CD Weekend," so we were joined by several other couples and singles.

The Rainbow Mountain Resort is owned by Georgeann and Laura, the same couple that now owns the Cartwheel Club and Restaurant in New Hope, PA. Accommodations are on 4 levels. There are 6 "Deluxe" Motel rooms with a "TV" and private bath, and the "Cherry House," featuring "cozy" rooms with private bath. The main lodge has rooms with shared bath. In season, large and small cabins up the mountain are available. For better or worse, the only telephone was in the main lodge house. The rooms included a Modified American Plan, full breakfast and dinner. With the exception of some of the seafood dishes, the meals were very good to excellent in preparation, presentation and quality of service. We will give you a separate report on the restaurant, which is also open to the public.

For evening entertainment, there is a night club that is open to the public. Lodge guests pay no cover charge when they show the room key upon entering the club. Upstairs is a bar and disco where the DJ keeps the place jumping without trying to put the decibel level in the Guinness Book of Records. Downstairs in the Lizard Lounge, there was karaoke on Friday, and a piano bar on Saturday. We danced, we sang, we listened, while "New Joisey Boobs" Karen held court on the pool table in the corner.

There is a court for volleyball and badminton, as well as hiking trails and paddleboats on a small lake. A large swimming pool and patio adjacent to the main lodge gave these observers a spectacular view of the valley below and the nearby mountain ridges beyond.

While some decided to relax, chat, or explore the grounds on Saturday afternoon, the lure of a very large flea market in the valley at the base of the mountain was too much for us to ignore, especially since a few items of casual apparel were on our current shopping list. We found our business was quite welcome in this predominately "blue collar" market, and were satisfied that we found what we were looking for at bargain prices. All that shopping built up an appetite, so to hold us over till dinner, a group of us walked across the road for a light lunch at the Pocono Queen Diner. Somehow, with such an appropriate name, we knew we would be welcome there!

We had a wonderful, glorious time, but before we realized it, it was time for our goodbyes. We all promised to come back for a reunion in the fall. The Rainbow has indicated they'd like to host another CD weekend, November 10 to 12, with special rates for "The Group."

Rainbow Mountain Resort
RD #8, Box 8174
East Stroudsburg, PA 18301
Phone: 717-223-8484
Fax: 717-421-3453

Bra & Girdle

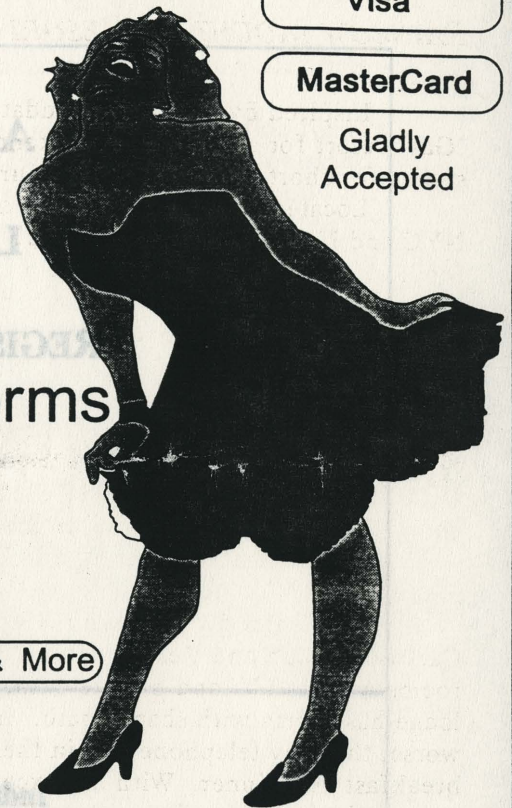
New Jersey's Largest!
Intimate Apparel Stores

Full Size Intimate Apparel
The Largest Selection Of Breast Forms
Bras From Size 32A to 56DD
And Panties To Match
Always At 20% Off Mfg. Prices
We Also Carry A Complete Line Of:

Daywear Shapers Leisurewear Swimwear Hosiery Loungewear & More

Ocean Township
Wanamassa
Ocean Plaza
Rt. 35 & Sunset Ave
908-922-0755

Lakewood
Town & Country Plaza
Next To Home Depot
Rt. 70 Lakewood
908-477-2227



Visa

MasterCard

Gladly Accepted

Call For Store Hours!

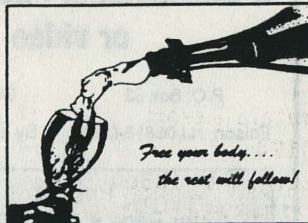
Pssst.....We've Moved!!!

THE LOVE SHACK

is pleased to announce our new location:

Village Point Mall
651 Arnold Ave.
Point Pleasant, N.J.
(908) 899-8880 / (908) 262-1413

And, in addition to our fabulous line of Lingerie & Accessories, we will ALSO offer you:
Safe, Sterile & Affordable Body Piercing
Unique Body Jewelry & Adornments
Unusual Clothing & Swimwear
Rare Gags, Novelties & Gifts
& SO MUCH MORE!



Free your body...
the rest will follow!

GRAND
OPENING
JUNE 20th

JOIN US
FOR THE
PARTY!

(8-11 PM)

SUPER COUPON

SAVE \$15.00 on
(1) Body Piercing

25% OFF Treasure
Chest Hoodies

An additional 10%
OFF Sale Miso!

Coupon MUST be presented. Special restrictions may apply. Expires 6/30/95



NOW OPEN

Middletown Electrolysis

State of the Art, Safe, Permanent Hair Removal
April Harris, B.S., C.P.E.

Union Square Shopping Center
Second Floor of Office Commons
Route 35 South, Middletown, N.J.

(908) 224-1344

Special Discounts for the Gender Community
and their Families



AMY L. ALTENHAUS, PH.D.

Licensed Psychologist # 1479

REGISTERED CUSTODY EVALUATOR

**80 EAST MAIN STREET
FREEHOLD, NJ 07728
908-780-6644**

Hours by appointment

Psychotherapy

Individuals, Couples, Families, and Groups

For children, adolescents, and adults

Custody and visitation evaluations

Relationship and Gender Issues

By Appointment only 908-922-3757

**Professional Dressmaking
& Alterations**

by

Roz Lewis
Neptune, NJ

1st time
10% off with this ad



Thomas H. Hansen
Page: (908) 293-6365

**2-Dimensional and
3-Dimensional Photographs
or video**

P.O. Box 53 ON LOCATION
Edison, NJ 08818-0053 By appointment only

Paging:

1. Enter Page # (908) 293-6365
2. After 3 beeps...
Enter your phone number
Then press # symbol
3. Wait 3 seconds for rapid beeps
that transmit your message

DINING OUT AT THE RAINBOW RESORT

by Babs and Carol

During a recent weekend with a group of 16, we had ample opportunity to test and enjoy the fare at the dining room at this popular gay resort in the Poconos. Set in an atmosphere of sort of comfortable "contemporary cozy colonial," those who are seated in the outside rooms are treated to a spectacular view of the valley below and the mountains beyond. Comfortable we were.

There was a wide variety of appetizers, all of which were enjoyed with an honorable mention for the shrimp kabob. Entrees, were, in general, well prepared, with adequate sized portions. Among the outstanding dishes were the duck, very crisp and tender with a choice of semi-sweet fruit sauce that was unanimously enjoyed and the Chicken Oscar, a well-prepared dish that featured very generous portions. The steak au poivre was enjoyed. The only complaints were about the seafood, as the shrimp scampi and the tuna steak were a little dry. All three platters of the red snapper served on Friday night were consistently overcooked.

We were reminded to save room for dessert, which was difficult considering the lure of the thick homemade style multigrain bread that was light, yet with body and almost a semi-sweet taste, and was abundant on each table. Somehow we did save some room. The strawberries with the Chambord sauce were simply heavenly, just sweet enough, like us! the "Santa Fe" apple, a dish of warm apple over vanilla ice cream presented in a cinnamon tortilla, took the concept of pie a la mode to a new height.

Service ranged from good to excellent. On Saturday night, our hostess was decked out as a lovely "Queen" and constantly made sure there was no problem. Bill, our waiter on Saturday night, somehow kept our large party wanting of neither nor laughs. He was professional, quick and accurate, with an infallible memory for our names as well as the food orders, plus he displayed a lively sense of humor.

With such a positive experience - since the restaurant is open to the public - it's worth a trip even just for dinner!

**Rainbow Mountain Resort
Mount Nebo Rd.
Marshalls Creek, PA
717-223-8484
Reservations suggested**

DIARY (of a Cross-Dresser)

by Frani

June 2, 1995: Lynne said wear the black dress and take the boa - I did. Terry said it was at the Howard Johnson's in Asbury Park near Convention Hall at 9:00 pm... Fear, no, paranoia, because the fear is not justified. Fear of getting stopped on the road, an accident, a confrontation in drag. So I enter the circuit at the Palace Amusement end, yes, I'm driving dressed. I pass the new go-go lounge "Extreme Fahrenheit," then people, many people. "The Stone Pony" is open big time (a concert?); wow, the bar on the opposing corner is open too -- ah, a few cars, a police car. Whew, through the fenced off areas of the circuit. Where is Howard Johnson's? It had a "spiral" cement ramp years ago. At least it's dark out. Gee, it wasn't the ramp at the other end of the boardwalk where I started, was it? No, there is a ramp, ah, there is a beat-up not lit Howard Johnson's sign. Where do I park? These spaces are taken on either side of the main strip. Ah, to the left opposite the ramp there are slots to park. Wow, there are no lights. Is this place open? I sat and waited. There are people walking up the ramp; everyone is in blue jeans and tee-shirts! That can't be it!! Why are they going to the top floor of the Howard Johnson's? Why is the whole place dark? There is a glow coming from the round satellite room. Now I recognize the shape. It reminds me of the top of the old carousel (now gone) at the other end of the circuit, but the building top is still there. Oh no, am I really going to get out and walk across the wide circuit over the front of the ramp on the boardwalk and head up the ramp? Okay. Cute walk, do you think those dressed down men at the top of the ramp are noticing you? Who are they? Just to see one cross dressed and I'd relax!

I step on the boardwalk, my first time ever in high heels. How I always dreamed of strutting down the boardwalk. I did not even know that was my dream until just this second. I guess closeting and locking away your desires helps make you forget them. Ah, but the dream takes a crash dive; my heel goes right through the boardwalk! Pout!! I head up the ramp, it is cement. Listen to the ocean; it is the most beautiful sound, crashing on the beach with the "years long ago forgotten" wind and mist in my face. Oh how I loved the boardwalk late at night when I used to race on the circuit and play carnival games forever! Now it's so silent, a twilight world. I want to walk to the rail and look into the spirit, but my heels will get stuck. If I go in stockings I'll probably get a splinter. Why do I think so much?

L. B. STOCKETT, MSW, LCSW

SERVING THE GENDERED COMMUNITY FOR 16 YEARS

Member HBGDA, AEGIS, RENAISSANCE

(908)-563-1497

WARREN TOWNSHIP

(Located in Central New Jersey)

INDIVIDUALS-COUPLES-FAMILIES-GROUPS

SPECIALIZING IN:

GENDER DYSPHORIC ISSUES

CD & FAMILY COUNSELING

GENDER CONFLICT RESOLUTION

BI GENDER INTEGRATION

PRE & POST-OP SRS COUNSELING

INITIAL CONSULT - NO CHARGE

My Philosophy is that we are all unique and special.

You don't have to live in pain.

DIARY...

(continued from page 11)

What? A loud cheer from the convention center. Look, it says Convention Hall; finally it's verified, that building is the Convention Hall. For some reason I never cared to remember that (now I'll always remember it is next to Howard Johnson's, as I stare, a solitary figure half way up the ramp looking at the colorful dingy doors). Uh oh, maybe that is where the movie and Drag Show are!!! There are no lights!!! No people, maybe the roar is the voice of a thousand ghosts? No, there it is again. Partially up the ramp and now I don't know where to go. Was it Convention Center? Is that where I'm supposed to go? I'm dazed, the roar of the distant ocean; the ghosts. I'm not even thinking about Lynne's boa at this point, but it is in the plastic bag I'm carrying. Here I go back down the ramp. No, the Convention Center seems ominous; I could walk right through those large iron doors to face a thousand people watching a wrestling match or something. Isn't that what goes on there? Wow, all my life I've lived here and I don't know about the Convention Center. I must have been preoccupied. How can I make a decision if I don't know?

Oh!!! Back up the ramp I'll take my chances with the few dressed down men. AAAHHH!!! Ah, hello. He was older, stocky semi-shock across his face? He's the owner? Ah, hello. Hello. Am I in the right place? We don't know, are you?! Is this the movie? What movie? (Now I'm scared.) Priscilla Queen of the Desert? Uh, (pause) yes. (Whew.) Now my heart was pounding, but I caught on to the treatment. Oh! Then! I! am! in! the! right! place! (Assertive - me?) (Some people were having fun, while I was being paranoid.) I walked in and paid seven dollars - I had to ask that also - they did not say. Even the girl there did not want to say her name after I asked her; why were they like that? Maybe it was a forward question? Well she did tell me, but I forgot. Hold it. Stop. They were just standing in the doorway; they were not attendants. I was the one carrying baggage they were jostling. (Forgive me.) This was truly round one of reality - through the door.

Wow, no one in the room is in anything but jeans and tee shirts. I'm it! Stand here, look (one minute). Stand there, look (five minutes). Yes, I'm the only one. Wow, I don't feel like a minority, I feel alone! Well, I guess I'll sit over here. Let go, relax! Go slow, breathe, BREATHE! Whew. It's getting warm. Talk about stepping off a cliff. Take off your jacket and reveal this dress from outer space. AAAHHH!!! Done. I feel a tremendous smile coming on. I'm revealed now. Well, if I ever wanted to stand out in a crowd I am, but no one seems to care?! (I think I feel a let down.) This is different! You know those seats are in a better location, not right next to this bar; I'll sit there. Well, I guess I'll get a wine. I'm living now. A red wine please, a port. Not a port - ah the man from outside (stocky), he's the bartender. Owner? Who knows? I give you a cabriolet (or whatever it's called), a white wine, it is very good! I say, "okay." "Three dollars." Is he taking me? No. I sit down. You know he just treated you like a lady!!!!!!!!!!!!!! He nicely pointed out and helped you to a better wine since he knew better than me. That was wonderful, he was very cordial, accepting. You know the whole place is actually very accepting. Wow. I think my male perspective keeps wanting to assume that I'm being taken or teased. I'm glad I found my better half, my femininity, that seems to be a better person not on the lookout for conflict, but relaxed and happy and unassuming. I think the male side showed up from the fear, protective and honestly not needed or desired in this place. Wow, I'm letting go a little and it is great. Oh, look, Terry!!! (Finally sees me) "Hi!" She looks terrific!! But I didn't say anything, I think I'm half in a daze, happy to see someone. Wow, there she goes. She knows people. She's up front talking to people, wow, everyone must be able to see her standing there. This seat is just fine for me - inconspicuous by the popcorn. Terry wants to sit here - absolutely! What? (Someone thinks we're part of the drag show?) What Terry?! A picture by the plywood table top against the wall? Well okay, but maybe not in front of the plywood. What?! Up front? In front of the movie screen?! Ah everyone is already noticing me! AAAHHHHH! Okay! Oh my, well, how is this for a pose!! Hands on hips! Again!! I think the crowd likes it! Actually, I'm loving it!!! Now my turn, okay Terry, the crowd says get closer; I decide to crouch and hold the camera long ways, within the frame, click. Someone taps me on the shoulder, "Now it's both your turns, I'll take the picture." AAHHH, I've got to turn around and face everyone again? (I hope I did not cut a part of Terry out of the frame. I only took one picture, I hope it turns out, please!) Oh here we are in front of the crowd, hand on hip, smile! Uh oh, where do I get a copy of that picture? Who was that? Where is that photo going to show up? AAAHHHH!!! (Keep quiet, man.) Who cares! Wow, I don't want to sit down now. Oh well, wave bye to the crowd; walk back to my seat maturely, just a little sway - ooh lah lah!

It's starting, they are introducing Dana Terrell, a Drag Queen, the parade hostess for the New Jersey Pride Parade on Sunday. Wow, energy. Now I feel at home; everyone is looking at a Drag Queen. I'm dressed, too. Whew, you people are missing everything. This one performer is extremely hot. The people at the Stone

(continued on page 14)

DIARY...

(continued from page 13)

Pony are missing the best entertainment I've ever seen - the hottest show on the circuit. I don't think Asbury Park is gone; its spirit is alive and well!

Ah, the movie. Wow, Dana sat behind us for a little bit. Terry, did you see? Well, as programmer why don't you ask her to come speak? I was thinking about it. I wrote this note to give to her.

Well, there is too much more to write about. Let it be said that at the end of the night I walked up to Dana and said I'm from MOTG and handed her the note. She stopped everything she was doing and actually started reading the note. She asked who I was; I said I was Frani from MOTG. I said, "I know you're busy, but maybe one year you might come and speak to MOTG?" She said, "Call the center and leave a time and place and I'll be there!" She gave me all the consideration in the world.

When she comes to our group this month give her a lot of respect. She truly is a person who pays you respect and gives you attention and love. Dana helps others in a big way all the time! How could I ask for anything more in life from a night like this! I'm still crying the fifth time I've proof read this. What a magical night.

It's time. I'm heading down the ramp. Listen to the ocean; it is wonderful, the strength, the mist, the sound, the salt breeze. Empty, no one around, ghostly, the spirit of Asbury Park. This is truly heaven! Do I have to go?

I want to go back again.

Love and Light to all of you,

P.S. Lynne is not getting that boa back, not after what it went through, it's mine forever.

P.S.S. One day I'll play Springsteen songs on the piano in Asbury, dressed. Don't run back in - side, dar - ling, you know just what I'm here for. So you're scared and you're think - ing that may - be we ain't that young an - y - more. Show a lit - tle faith, there's mag - ic in the night.

P.S.S.S. You know I think Thunder Road is the roaring ocean Circuit.



CDS Premium Videos

CDS, serving the transgender community since 1985, is committed to producing only the highest quality VHS videos and that's a money-back guarantee. Here's the lineup.

- **The Straight Dope on Hormones** — Delia VanMaris, M.D., provides you with the essential basic information you need about the effects of taking hormones. (Order VCD1)
 - **Cosmetic Surgery Options** — This video with Dr. Delia VanMaris discusses the most common cosmetic surgeries and what results you may expect. (Order VCD2)
 - **Coping With Crossdressing: the couples' video** — Three couples candidly discuss their relationships and how they cope with crossdressing. (Order VCC1)
 - **Accessorizing Your Wardrobe** — Laurie Lamoureux shows you how to stretch your wardrobe budget with fabulous jewelry and scarves. Features the Lady Remington line of jewelry accessories. (Order VCL1)
 - **Speaking As A Woman™** — Alison Laing's most requested voice workshop. (Order VCA1)
 - **What Is Femininity?** — Alison Laing takes you through the construction of a feminine persona. (Order VCA2)
 - **LadyLike™ Deportment** — Noted columnist, Paula Jordan Sinclair, teaches proper feminine grace and poise. (Order VCP1)
 - **Art & Illusion™ Tricks & Tips** — Here are ideas you just won't find anywhere else. Based on the popular workshop presented by JoAnn Roberts. (Order VCJ1)
 - **Basic Makeup Application** — JoAnn Roberts lets you look over her shoulder during a complete makeup application. (Order VCJ2).
- Coming soon — Developing Fashion & Style (VCJ3).**

All videos now: \$30 plus \$3 s&h each.

Ask your local vendor about CDS videos, or contact CDS directly at PO Box 61263M, King of Prussia, PA 19406, 610.640.9449. VISA and MC accepted.

CDS IS WIRED! Contact us by e-mail: cdspub@omni.voicenet.com