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Dear Sisters,

The November meeting has a wonderful turnout. We had sixteen in attendance, our third best for the year and the best for this season. We accomplished our accustomed aim of providing a warm, accepting and secure place to come together and express our feminine joy!

We had a cool and wet evening but we were able to attract a long absent member to rejoin us. We like to welcome back Christine after a 22 month absence and also two new girls Paula and Melissa. Hope to see a repeat from all of them.



Al though the scheduled program fell through, a fine time was had by all. The usual pizza and snacks and organ music by our specially gifted Nancy and the five hours soon past and off in the night we had to go.

Our next meeting is our annual Christmas party. We ask if you could bring three gifts to this meeting. The frist hand most important is your company. This is the most important time a the year for us all. How better to spend one night of the season with your second family, the family of our shared sisterhood.

The other two items to bring, if you can, are gifts also. One should be an unwrapped gift for a child. These will go to

the agency that collects for the needy. If you can, make it a gift for an older child, especially for teenagers. They get very little this special time.

We also will have a grab bag gift exchange for a sister. So find a five dollar gift item and wrap it up. Try to make the gift like of one that you would like to receive.

Anybody that wants to bring along some cookies, etc. is welcome. Hopefully Nancy will be able to make it, as I'm sure that will be playing the organ once more. Her playing is absolutely beautiful.

We have a volunteer for program coordinator! Rene has stepped forward to take on the task. Hopefully by January we will start having programs once more. Any suggestions you have are more that welcomed! Thankyou for your help Rene! The meetings have almost become to predictable lately. It'll be nice to have something special to look forward to again.

We still need one of you to be our outreach lady. This would mean getting an ad in the News, listing on cable TV community bulletin boards etc. This isn't really too hard, but it has been pretty much ignored until now. How did you hear about us? There are so many CDers probably lamenting their loneliness in some closet right now that we could help if only they knew that we are here. How about it?

We have a need for a few big sisters for the new girls we been getting recently. Would you be willing to help a new girl out?

On another page is the notice for Xpressions Christmas Party. This is to be held Friday Dec. 1. The night before our meeting. This is a one night affair this time. We had about eight girls from our group at the spring event up in Canada. This should be of special interest for the girls who cannot make a regular meeting because of the day involved. Make vour own reservations, but let us know if you are going. This should be a grand evening. See you there.

Riverside weekend was a great

success. Making the trip down to Pa. was Janice, Patty, Tammy, Rene, Kathy and Cindy with Erica. This two hour drive takes one back one hundred years to the grand hotel at the healing waters. One of the various cults of the day. Now it was populated by the gender gifted. 68 out of the 75 rooms were taken. My guess is that there were 100 girls in attendance over the weekend. For the second year in a row, a Buffallo Belle brought back the "best dressed" award!! Last year Denise won with her pink satin period dress. This years winner wore a long black velvet dress. She was absolutely stunning! Congratulations Patty!

For those I don't see at the Christmas party, I want to take the time now to wish you a very Merry Christmas!! May the sprit of the season touch upon your soul. Bringing peace to your heart felt by all. Accept and love yourself, for only then can you love others. (tips are gratefully accepted) Love, Kathy



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(Editor, In your Riverside Gala

Weekend information packet you will see a flyer with the title "Hello, It's apparent that I am something other than what I am presenting myself to be." This flyer was made up with some help from others but primarily by one Susan Elisabeth

She has taken it upon herself to do this in order to perhaps make someone curious about us more at ease. I think it is a very nice gesture and a good idea to boot.

I am not sure it is what she intended but perhaps you could take this flyer back to your club and see if they might want to reproduce it and distribute it to the membership.

In order to show you where her heart is I want to publish part of her letter she sent to our chairperson Ann

"....lt's a small thing, but as a gesture toward "returning the favor," I am enclosing a flyer that I put together that might be useful to your members. There have been occasions where, in a mall or at a restaurant, I have encountered a person who is sincere and wants to know more about us. We sit and chat. After that conversation, I hope that I have given that person a positive view. It is not presumptuous to say that we all are ambassadors. Every successful encounter add up.

I got to thinking, "Wouldn't it be nice to have something to leave with that person?" I borrowed and drafted a number of thoughts that I felt important and came up with the enclosed draft flyer. The text has been edited and massaged by a few friends. I asked JoAnn Roberts to take a look at it, since the middle section originated with one of her publications. She liked it. I believe that it might be useful for those of us who can get out and interact with the general populace. Now, this isn't something that you would pass out to everyone on a street corner. Nor

would I proffer it to some obnoxious redneck jerk who had just called me a fag. Rather, it's something for the genuinely and sincerely curious... the waitress who reads you, but sincerely asks you how you like "putting all that stuff on your face in the morning"... the cosmetic saleslady who goes out of her way to help you find a cleanser that cuts Dermablend ... the sincere person who comes up to your table, smiles and says, "Excuse me, but may I ask you a question?"...

I am always looking for opportunities to give back to the community what has been given me in the last 16 months. (Yes, Susan is a mere 16 months old.) My home situation makes it difficult to do outreach on a larger scale. So I try to do a little here, and a little there, where I can. Even a favorable one-onone interchange helps. Perhaps copies of this flyer can help ease life for the TG community in northwestern Pennsylvania.

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DEAR SISTERS;

Here is the results of that survey some of you filled out and sent in.

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ANOTHER ITEM BROUGHT UP AT THE LAST MEETING IS: SHOULD WE HAVE A SECOND MEETING IN THE MONTH. THIS WILL COST THE CLUB AN EXTRA 25.00 PER DAY, DON'T NOW IF THE CLUB CAN AFFORD THIS EXPENSE AT THIS TIME, BUT AT LEAST WE WILL NOW YOUR INTERESTS ON THIS MATTER.

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Club needs a lady who will organize and arrange day and time with the meeting place and find out the cost for the extra day.