

TGIC NEWS - OCT/NOV 1992

A Publication of Transgenderists Independence Club, Albany, NY

PRESIDENT'S COLUMN: - Winnie [REDACTED]

Every August, I make a point of getting to the Saratoga Races at least once. This year, it was Sunday, August 30th. Just had to bet on a horse called *Mr.T.V.* in the 6th race, called *The Shady Character*. A real long shot at 60 to 1. Jumped out of the starting gate first, but finished among the also-rans. (So what's wrong with that? It's my money. Lots of women pick horses with cute names).

Oh, well! It's now Fall and getting darker. Let's expand our Thursday meetings by an hour, from 7:30 to 10:30 pm. Many of us have been coming between these times all along, anyway. To spice up our meetings, we are looking for Special Things To Do. Melodie and Tina have suggested we hold a *Poetry Reading* on October 8, and have promised to read some of their original compositions. So, you other poets out there, don't be bashful, come and let us hear your efforts. We'll publish the best in one of our newsletters. There will be a special contest for the best Limerick beginning: "*There was a TV from Schenectady*". Judging: by vote of those present. Prize: a free soda!

HOUSE-WARMING PARTY: Melodie W.

Melodie is moving into a new house, and has invited us all to join her in celebrating a "*Not Quite the Sixties' Party*" on Saturday, October 17 - come between 7:30 - 8:00 pm to her place in Schenectady at [REDACTED] Call her if you want to attend: [REDACTED]

Parking is on the street. Use discretion - don't come in groups. Either look good, or come as your male persona. There will be a keg for Oktoberfest-ivities, inside or out (weather permitting). Come as your favorite 60's character, or any other

character. Bring 60's music (CD, tape or records). BYOB if you want - but if you drink too much, we take your car keys!

DINING-OUT PARTIES: - Winnie B.

Our first dinner party at the Northway Inn was held on Saturday, September 26 and went well, I hope. Unfortunately, this News is being printed before that date, so I can't give you a report. If you were there, let me know your impressions and any ideas for improvement.

Our second Dining-Out Party is scheduled for Saturday, October 24 at 8 pm, again at the Northway Inn. This will have "*I Can't Wait for Halloween*" as a theme, and can be a "*dress*" rehearsal for the following week's celebration. Again, for those who cannot dress at home, I will open the Club Room at 6 pm that evening for changing. All coming should sign-up by Thursday, October 22 to ensure reservations. Please sign the sheet posted in the Club Room, drop a note to the club PO box, call the club any Thursday evening, or leave a message any other time.

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COOPERSTOWN EXCURSION: - Winnie B.

As announced last month in *The Transgenderist*, TGIC is sponsoring an excursion on Sunday, November 8 to Cooperstown for a private visit to the *Corvette Americana Hall of Fame*, a new museum which opened on July 31. Arrangements have been made with Arlene to open the place especially for us, after the normal closing time of 6 pm that day. The museum is located on Route 28, just South of the village. Arlene has also invited us to a party at her home in the afternoon before visiting the museum, and will have a room available for anyone needing to make a change.

The museum features 32 Corvettes, each in its own room against a backdrop of wall-size photographic scenes of Americana, such as Niagara Falls, the Golden Gate, the Capitol dome and the Devil's Tower in Wyoming, which appeared in the 1979 movie *"Close Encounters of the Third Kind"*. With cars from different years dating back to the '50s, the exhibit is like a time tunnel. Soundtracks play songs from each era, videos show excerpts from top shows of that year, and popular performers of the time are pictured. So, bring your camera and your favorite period clothes, and get yourself in the picture next to a 'Vette!

We have decided *not* to charter a bus from Albany to Cooperstown, but will instead organize carpools for those who want to share rides. All of you who plan to go must notify the Club by November 5 at the very latest, so that we can give you directions to Arlene's place. Let us know whether you would prefer to drive or be a passenger. We are asking a donation of \$5 per person party fee to the Club. Watch for any last-minute changes in next month's newsletter.

Di denies Prince Harry his doll

Princess Diana told friends that she denied **Prince Harry** the doll he wanted at a London toy fair this week because of the media's presence and her fear that No. 2 son would be dogged all his life by photos of him holding the toy. Harry, 7, insisted on the doll, but she held firm, feeling that the incident would not be reported or received empathetically. Harry came away with a toy car.

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NORTHEAST PLANNING MEETING

for the Second International Conference
on Transgender Law and Employment
Policy: - Karen Ann Kerin

When: November 7-8, 1992 (Sat & Sun), starting 10 am.

Where: Sheraton Springfield (Monarch Place), Springfield MA.

Room Cost: \$89 + 9.7% tax, per night.

Meeting Fee: \$40 (covers cost of meeting room).

Meals: \$55 (Sat. lunch & dinner, Sun. brunch).

Who should come? Attorneys and concerned activists in the transgendered, gay and lesbian communities who want to participate in meaningful efforts to establish social, legal, political, economic, employment and religious equality. Also welcome are concerned professionals from the legal, political and health care communities who want to provide themselves with a broader understanding or to assist in bridging the communications gap. Family members of deceased transgendered persons are welcome to participate.

For reservations and information, contact:
Karen Ann [redacted], P.E., meeting Coordinator

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Montpelier, VT 05602

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More details posted in the Club Room.

HALLOWEEN: - Paul K.

"It's the high holy day for crossdressers."
- Joanne Roberts.

Halloween is the one time of the year that people are allowed to wear anything they want in public, and for that reason it is a time that many crossdressers look forward to every year. Whether for the chance to attend a Halloween party, go out dressed, or to shop for feminine articles with a degree of honesty, Halloween is a great time of the year.

Choosing a Halloween costume is fun, but can be confusing, as there are so many choices. The first choice has to do with where you will wear the costume. If you are going to the office or a small party, you may choose a subtle costume that will take a bit of explaining or acting to explain. For example, in a suit you could be a tele-evangelist, an insurance salesman or Dan Quayle, depending on how you act. If you are going to a bar or large party, then you might want a costume with immediate visual impact, one that people can recognize from across the room.

There are four major kinds of costume:

1) **Types.** This is the most typical kind of costume. Nuns, French maids, gangsters, whores, space aliens, cave people, toga people, etc. are easy to do. For many of us, a pregnant woman or housewife can be easy to do and acceptable. The only trick in a type costume is making sure that it is very stereotypical.

2) **Characters.** These are costumes that are meant to represent specific people. These people may be stars, like Rosanne or the Landers twins, fictional characters like Scarlett O'Hara or Wonder Woman, personalities like Barbara Bush, or people you know, like a wife or a co-worker. Because you can get a likeness of these people, in photo or description, these are easy to do, but tough to do well. Unless you have a real physical likeness to the person, in a large party you will need some serious clues. This may be a rubber mask, or an icon, like a big turning letter for Vanna White. It is always easiest to use a character, fictional or real, who is already close to a type. For example, Cher is easier than Marilyn Quayle, Scarlett O'Hara is easier than Erica Jong's Isadora Wing.

3) **Things or Animals.** This covers a wide range of costumes that can be very simple, like a trash bag full of balloons as jellybeans, or cone hats and labels for crayons. Thing costumes can also be very complex, like fortune telling booths, or executioners with a live head in a basket. The vast majority of thing costumes are

uncomfortable and difficult to party in, but can be spectacular, and are often winners of big prizes at bar parties. The best part about thing costumes is that you often get to wear tights underneath them.

4) **Fantasy Costumes.** Like Mardi Gras or Carnivale costumes, these don't represent anything, though they often have a theme. These range from spangled feathered affairs to serious lycra to eclectic combinations. They are fun, and if complex enough can be winners.

The most fun is to put together two costumes to get a humorous spin on the costume. A pregnant Barbara Bush, Cher trying out for the part of Scarlett O'Hara, or a Saddam Hussein disguised as a dancing girl are all examples of how you can put a twist on a costume.

You need to decide your goals for Halloween. If you want to win a prize, then go as big and visually stunning as possible. If you want an excuse to look realistic, you can try going as Hillary Clinton or Liz Bishop. If you want to dress up, find a reason. All you need is a one-sentence description of who you are trying to be, and Halloween is open to you. Even if you don't want to dress completely, you can always find a reason to wear tights, makeup, or a wig.

If you look well, you can often find a number of Halloween parties. Because Halloween is on a Saturday this year, you should have no problem finding parties on Friday, Saturday and Sunday, and TGIC will help with parties the weekend before and after Halloween. Get out of the closet for a day or two, and enjoy Halloween!

MEETINGS OF OTHER CLUBS: - Winnie B.

On September 12, I attended the "Coming Home Dinner" sponsored by EON, our sister club in Syracuse. While there were only eight at Candy's Restaurant, we all had a good time and went to a bar afterwards. It seems they also have a problem in getting girls to come out. However, they do have very nice meeting facilities, with a large

lounge, offices, and a changing room, which visitors from TGIC are welcome to use, with prior notice. Likewise, guests from EON and other groups are welcome at our activities.

I have a saying, taken from the conventional definition of an "expert": *A liberated TV is a closet TV with a suitcase, over 100 miles from home.* So, you Nervous Nellies out there, if you are skittish about showing your pretty face in public in your own backyard here in the Capital District, why not visit EON and first test the reaction of the good citizens of Syracuse? I will continue to print an outline of their calendar of events after our own calendar.

There are also groups in Rochester and Western Massachusetts; we have their newsletters at the Club Room. Also, a chapter of Tri-Ess, the national organization limited to heterosexual crossdressers, is forming in upstate NY, which may be of interest to some, especially if your wife wonders what you are doing on Thursday nights. Ask me for details.

SHOPPING IN THE CAPITAL DISTRICT: - Paul K.

I was asked to write some comments on clothes shopping for TGIC News. I can't give you inside dope, like manager's names and who is really accepting of those who come in dressed, because I haven't been shopping while dressed. But I do have some sense of where to get buys on various items. I wear plus sizes. If you wear normal sizes (under 18) you may have better sources than these.

My usual sources are One-Price Sportswear (various locations), the \$9.99 Stockroom (Northway Mall) and the Stuart's Plus (Jean Nicole Plus/Petries Plus) outlet stores (Rotterdam Square, Fayetteville Mall). I also do well at T.J. Maxx (Latham, Aviation Mall, Allendale, etc.) and sometimes Marshall's (Latham, Northway Mall, Mohawk Mall). These stores all carry various plus-size clothing, although their stocks are very variable. I keep looking, stop often, and buy what I consider to be values.

The plus chains may also have some useful things, often at a discount. Fashion Bug Plus, and Stuart's (Plus in Colonie, Mixed in Mohawk, Saratoga) are sometimes good. Burlington Coat Factory (Latham) has an OK plus clothing department, and is hard to beat for coats. I tend to avoid Stylish Women (Wolf Road, CCM, Westgate, Allendale) because I don't like the polyester stuff. For the catalog looks, you may do well at US Factory Outlets (Shoporama on Altamont Ave. in Rotterdam) who carry blowouts from catalogs, often for \$4. I have gotten some deals at the Kathryn Oliver BuyerSmart stores (20 Mall, Latham, Saratoga) including my favorite dress for only \$7, but it is very scattershot.

Note that I don't mention the Wexner stores (Lane Bryant, Sizes Unlimited, The Avenue, Lerner Women), all under the same ownership. They price high, tend to blow clearance out through the "usual sources" mentioned above. Still, you can always look.

If I am traveling, I look for 16 Plus stores (Newburgh, Springfield), which have left the area but still have some cute outfits, and good clearance. Dots \$10 stores, which I found in the Buffalo area, were good for plus sizes.

In K-Mart's battle with Wal-Mart, their plus-size clothes have gotten better. Take a look. I still don't like Ames, Jamesway (too Gitano!) or Hills, mostly because of the polyester focus. Sears, Penney and Ward's have some, but the prices are up there, and the classy stores give better value, considering the service.

Sometimes I like the classy stuff. The Answer, a chain, has a store inside Cohoes Manufacturing, with good quality stuff. While not cheap, you can sometimes find a real value. Diva, in Great Barrington, has quite a selection, a place to find something specific. Rumor is that both of these upscale stores are comfortable with well-behaved crossdressers. This makes sense, as they are not mass retailers. Peter Harris Plus (Rt 7, E. Greenbush, Queensbury) also has some quality stuff, though there is some

trend to polyester, both on the floor and in sales people. You may also try Wonder-Full Woman in the Shop & Save/Windsor Plaza on Wolf Road.

Don't forget that some men's clothes can work well. This season, the "menswear" looks with vests, ties, tuxedo shirts, etc. is very "in". Look for things like large T-shirts and use them with shoulder pads. Creativity is the key!

Shoes

Locally, I can only use PicWay (Northway Mall, Johnstown, Gloversville, Utica, Onieda, etc.) for 13W shoes. Payless has some 12 and 12W, but they run small for me.

I also keep an eye out for men's shoes that will work. Usually, these are low-throated loafers, casual/athletic shoes, or cowboy boots. No heels, but they are comfortable. Take a look at The Wild Pair in Crossgates for espadrilles and such.

I keep hearing about mail order, but most go only to 12WW and I, wearing a men's 13, really need a woman's 15. Sexy Shoes will sell a 14WW, but only with a 5" heel, which is too much for me. I have heard of a place in Louisiana, but don't have an address.

Wigs

I like to buy value wigs. There is much to be said for buying a good wig from someone who can style it, but I like variety. You will find that the price for the same wig can vary greatly depending on where you buy it. If you get choice, service, styling and support, the higher prices can be worth it, but that has not been my style. I often buy wigs when I travel on business trips. I especially like the wig shops in Atlanta and Dallas. There are a couple of decent stores in downtown Rochester.

C.C.Foxx, run by Barbara, also sells wigs, and will help you find a piece that you can work with, and our own Jennifer Wells has been known to sell wigs. I have also heard rumors that the legendary Cara-Lee is

selling wigs out of her car. Cara-Lee is the woman who sold Bob Keeshan (Captain Kangaroo) his first toupee.

Locally, value wigs can come from Harder's Hair Supply (Albany, Schenectady) who will order for you. Note that most value wigs are made for black women, and are much easier to get in dark colors. Other locations are Big Daddy's Beauty Supply (Utica) which has a good range at good prices, and Sook's (Albany), which I have not heard many good words about.

Some local beauty salons deal in wigs. Jean Paul and Valerie have the high end staked out, and you will pay for location. Places like Elizabeth's (Amsterdam) and Theresa's (Albany) also have a good wig business. Note that many of the wigs are designed for older small women, and will come in small caps (Eva Gabor wigs are notorious for this) and primarily in grey. No comment on The Wig Tree by Esther (Schenectady).

In general, if a salon sells wigs, they will also style your wigs. They may encourage you to buy more at the same time, but that's life. I often call salons and ask if they can style wigs. Many older beauticians have worked with wigs and can do great B-52 kinds of things, if you like that style.

There are mail order sources, from Franklin Fashions (notoriously slow delivery) to places like Jean Patee (Salt Lake City), Crowning Glory (San Diego) and the Brockton Bunch (Carla, Paula, etc.). I have no information on these.

Underwear

Bottoms. I am currently into power stretch panties I buy at US Factory Outlets, but there are many choices. Gaffs from Vernon's (Waltham MA) or Lee Brewster's Mardi Gras (NYC) are favored by those who want to wear small or sexy panties over them. Both of these stores carry a wide range of specialized clothing. Rene's Ultra Boutique (Seymour CT), Dressing for Pleasure

(Upstate NJ) and Dream Dresser (Camden NJ, Washington DC) have a good selection of sexy things for crossdressers, too.

Tops. One big question here is how to fill them. From JoAnne Roberts Baggie & Rubber Bands, though mastectomy prostheses to the Mirage, which costs over \$800, there are a multitude of choices.

For everything, keep an eye out at the Maidenform outlets (Lake George, Manchester) and the Leggs/Hanes/Bali places (Lake George, Cohoes, Lenox, Saratoga Outlets, etc.). I have heard that Mme. Pirie's (Albany) and Petticoat Lane (Pittsfield) both are very supportive of crossdressers, but have no direct experience.

When in Syracuse, I stop at the MarketPlace mall (next to PennCan) to go to Bare Essentials, a lingerie outlet with a decent collection of plus sizes. There is also a T.J. Maxx and a Picway in this mall, along with a unique dollar store and one of the Wexner stores, so I often do well here. My other main stops are Carousel for the unique plus shop there and Filene's Basement, and Fayetteville for the Stuart's Plus outlet.

To be continued in the next TGIC News: Accessories & Cosmetics.

SHOPPING GUIDE UPDATE: - Winnie B.

Our last shopping guide was printed in June 1990 and needs updating. We need one or more volunteers to review the old guide, delete stores that may have closed or become unfriendly to us, and revise listings of places that may have moved or changed managers, etc. All of you can contribute by collecting information on new stores and services where we are welcome; send in your recent experiences on shopping excursions while dressed (or not) - ask for a business card and note any special caveats. The last guide included a Mid-Hudson area supplement; it seems we could add supplements for the Pittsfield, Saratoga and other nearby areas. We also must find a Chairlady with a computer to

compile, keyboard and edit the new guide for printing. If no one comes forward, the job won't get done - I don't have the time.

PLACES TO SHOP

POLICY: Short notices of places to shop submitted by Club Members are published free for two consecutive months (once each in TGIC News and The Transgenderist), and then transferred to a file for updating the TGIC Shopping Guide.

The Dressing Room,

508 Broadway, Saratoga Springs, NY 12866.
(518) 584-5950. Owners Jan Park and Cyndy Bouyea will make appointments before or after hours and prefer you dress, for best possible service.

Associates in Vision Care,

575 Glen Street, Glens Falls, NY 12801.
(518) 792-0518. Ask for Julie Bock - she will set up appointments on evenings or Saturdays if you wish to dress.

Lady Emma,

454 Broadway, Saratoga Springs, NY 12866.
(518) 587-6750. Lingerie, etc. Located in a small mini-mall; you can shop dressed. Contact Cynthia Finger or June Simmons for appointments before or after hours.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

POLICY: Short announcements and advertisements from Club Members are published free for two consecutive months (once each in TGIC News and The Transgenderist), unless cancelled by the originator or a specific request to continue is made.

ROOM WANTED

Sister in need of a room to rent, while attending school in the Albany area this Fall and Winter. Very neat and clean. [REDACTED], after 7 pm is best.

ROOM WANTED

Furnished or unfurnished studio or 1-B.R. in Albany area. Please leave message for Vanessa at Club room or call Club phone. (518) 436-4513.

STUDY GROUP

Anyone interested in forming a study group based on the 12-step AA program, please contact Vanessa, as above.

LOCAL ADVERTISING

Budget constraints preclude the Club from advertising in many area newspapers that might reach many people currently unaware of our existence. Wouldn't it be nice if you knew a few more "ladies" in YOUR particular area, such that you might come to the Club together, socialize, etc. Would you be willing to sponsor the placement of an advertisement in your local paper? Even a week's run would be helpful. The wording would use the Club's phone number and P.O. box, so your sponsorship would be completely confidential. Check your local classified ad rates and contact the Club if interested! Our advertisement in *Metroland* weekly is listed under the category "SUPPORT GROUPS" and reads:

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TGIC News

Bimonthly (Feb, Apr, Jun, Aug, Oct, Dec) to Members, Subscribers and prospective new members. Devoted to TGIC business and inreach from others, containing Club business matters, local news of little interest outside of our membership, selected reprints and other outside items such as clippings and cartoons.

Submission of Articles

Members and friends are encouraged to submit original articles and stories for either publication, preferably on a 5.25 in. DOS floppy disk with files in ASCII and/or their own WP format. Letters and artwork are also welcome. The opinions expressed in TGIC publications are those of the authors and are not necessarily endorsed by the Editor or the Club membership. Sexually explicit material will not be printed.

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Couples	\$45/yr
Key Club / large closet	\$40/mo
Key Club / small closet	\$30/mo
Key Club / attic storage	\$15/mo

All the above categories include a one-year subscription to both TGIC News and The Transgenderist, mailed First Class.

Subscriptions:

The Transgenderist, 6 issues:	\$25
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ACTIVITY SURVEY RESULTS

Here are the results of the survey included in our August TGIC News, designed to help us determine what kind of activities we should plan. If you have enthusiasm for specific activities, please send in your ideas for our Programs Committee and help to plan them. There were 19 survey forms returned - thank you all.

What to do?

The numbers in the columns are the number of responses at the rating level (1-5) for the activity. The % Rating is a calculated measure of overall popularity; it would be 100% if everyone had circled (5=yes), 50% if everyone had circled (3=maybe), and 0% if everyone had circled (1=no). The activities are sorted in ascending order of popularity, and those rated higher than 50% should be considered first in our planning. Conclusion: most crossdressers like to eat!

Rating Level	Yes	4	May	3	No	% Rating
Karaoke Sing-along	0	0	3	7	9	17
Night at Starlite Theatre	1	2	7	5	4	38
Limo/Bar Cruise	1	4	6	1	7	38
Sewing/Alterations Class	1	4	5	3	6	38
Night at Proctor's	1	3	5	6	4	38
50's - 60's Party	2	3	10	2	2	39
Jazz Concert	0	2	12	1	4	41
Night at Berkshire Theatre	2	3	6	3	5	42
Swing Dance Party	1	0	14	1	3	43
Night at Comedy Works	1	6	4	5	3	46
Pot Luck Dinner	2	2	9	4	2	47
Dance Class	1	5	7	3	3	47
Victorian Party	3	3	6	3	4	47
Makeup Class	4	2	7	1	5	49
Bus Trip to NYC	2	5	5	4	3	49
Wig/Hair Styling Class	4	2	6	3	4	49
Poise/Department Class	4	5	2	4	3	51
Boat Cruise	3	2	10	2	2	53
Lingerie Sale Party	4	4	7	0	4	55
Makeover Party	4	5	4	3	3	55
Charity Fashion Show	2	6	8	1	2	57
Photography Session	4	6	4	2	3	58
Voice Lessons	3	6	7	1	2	59
Volunteer Work	3	5	9	1	1	61
Outdoor Picnic	6	3	7	1	2	63
Gourmet Restaurant Dinner	6	4	6	0	3	63
Dinner at a Restaurant	8	4	4	2	1	71

When

(1) About how often would you like to go out during the fall/winter? (Number of responses)

Twice a week	6
Once a week	5
Bi-weekly	1
Once a month	6
Bi-monthly	0
Less often	0

(2) What is the best time to schedule an evening event? (Number of responses)

Early (e.g. 6 - 10 pm) 11

Late (e.g. 8 pm - 1 am) 8

(3) What day of the week do you prefer to go out?

Rank them in order, 1 for best day, 2 for second best, etc.

The numbers in the columns are the number of responses at that rank.

Rank	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Monday	0	1	0	1	1	1	8
Tuesday	0	0	0	2	2	6	1
Wednesday	1	0	1	1	6	1	1
Thursday	3	2	3	4	0	0	2
Friday	5	6	2	1	1	0	0
Saturday	12	3	1	0	0	0	1
Sunday	1	5	4	2	0	1	3

Fees

What would you feel comfortable paying for the following types of activity? The numbers in the columns are the number of responses at that cost level.

Cost	\$50	\$35	\$25	\$20	\$10	\$5
Class	0	3	5	6	4	1
Party	1	3	7	4	2	2
Dinner	2	4	7	3	2	1
Show	0	9	3	3	2	2

Where

Where would you prefer to go, or not to go, while dressed? Choose one answer. Leave blank if you don't care. The numbers in the columns are the number of responses.

	Yes	Blk	No
Albany/Colonie	10	6	3
Schenectady	10	6	3
Saratoga	7	6	6
Downtown Troy	6	8	5
Glens Falls	7	6	6
Pittsfield	6	8	5
Kingston	3	9	7
Amsterdam	4	7	8
Clifton Park	7	8	4
Guilderland	8	7	4

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No names will be asked.

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MATURITY

Maturity is the ability to control anger and settle differences without violence or destruction.

Maturity is patience. It is the willingness to pass up immediate pleasure in favor of long-term gain.

Maturity is perseverance, the ability to sweat out a project or a situation in spite of heavy opposition and discouraging setbacks.

Maturity is the capacity to face unpleasantness and frustration, discomfort and defeat, without complaint or collapse.

Maturity is humility. It is being big enough to say, "I was wrong." And, when right, the mature person need not experience the satisfaction of saying, "I told you so."

Maturity is the ability to make a decision and follow through. The immature spend their lives exploring endless possibilities and then do nothing.

Maturity means dependability, keeping one's word and coming through in a crisis. The immature are masters of the alibi. They are conflicted and disorganized. Their lives are a maze of broken promises, former friends, unfinished business and good intentions that never materialize.

Maturity is the art of living in peace with what we cannot change, having the courage to change what we know should be changed, and the wisdom to know the difference.

ELECTIONS: - Winnie B.

This is a National Election year, and the time has also come to hold elections for Club Officers and Directors. Our constitution provides for elections every three years, and I am the only elected person remaining from the last election in January 1990, succeeding from VP; all the others have been appointed to fill vacancies left by resignations.

Therefore, I am asking that nominations be given or mailed to our Secretary, Joyce, as soon as possible. Yes, you may nominate yourself, but be warned: this is a volunteer organization, and she who volunteers usually gets the job! Much larger groups than ours, such as ETVC or TCNE, often have difficulty in fielding more than one slate of candidates. But is important that our leaders feel validated by endorsement of the general membership. Ballots, along with dues renewal forms, will be included with the December TGIC News.

While everyone, especially crossdressers, should strive to achieve maturity in their lives, it is particularly important for leaders of CD organizations. Maturity has nothing to do with age, and the best criteria I have seen are those given by Ann Landers: please read her reprinted column. If you do not consider a person mature, please do not nominate her! Many CD groups have floundered because of immature leaders.

CALENDAR

Regular Meetings are held every Thursday at the TGIC Club Room on Central Avenue in Albany, 7:30 - 10:30 pm. Some come earlier and stay later, but it is wise call if you are not a Keyholder or if it is your first visit. Come dressed either way, meet and talk with friends. Many continue to socialize at one of the Central Ave. night spots after the meetings.

OCTOBER 1992

- Oct. 1 Thursday Meeting, 7:30 pm
- Oct. 8 Thursday Meeting, 7:30 pm
Poetry Reading
- Oct. 15 Thursday Meeting, 7:30 pm
- Oct. 16-25 *Fantasia Fair, Provincetown*
- Oct. 17 Saturday, 7:30 pm
"Not Quite the Sixties' Party",
at Melodie's (see p.1)
- Oct. 22 Thursday Meeting, 7:30 pm
(Nov. News deadline)
- Oct. 24 Saturday, 8 pm, Dinner Party,
"I Can't Wait for Halloween",
Northway Inn.
- Oct. 29 Thursday Meeting, 7:30 pm
- Oct. 31 Halloween! - Party on your own

NOVEMBER 1992

- Nov. 5 Thursday Meeting, 7:30 pm
- Nov. 7-8 Law Conference Planning
(see p.2)
- Nov. 8 Sunday, Cooperstown Excursion
Corvette Americana Hall of Fame (see p.2)
- Nov. 12 Thursday Meeting, 7:30 pm
- Nov. 19 Thursday Meeting, 7:30 pm
(Dec. News deadline)
- Nov. 21 Saturday, 8 pm
Thanksgiving Dinner,
Northway Inn.
- Nov. 26 Thanksgiving - No Meeting

EON Calendar - Saturday Events

EON, 523 West Onondaga St., Syracuse, NY
13204. (315) 475-5611 / 475-7013

- Oct. 3 EON Meeting 8 pm
- Oct. 10 Video Night at EON
- Oct. 17 EON Open House, 3-6 pm,
EON General Meeting, 8 pm
- Oct. 24 Talk by Roger Peo, 7 pm
Reservations by Sep. 25 - \$15
- Oct. 30 Halloween Party, 8 pm
- Nov. 7 Moderated Rap Group, 8 pm
- Nov. 14 Workshop with Mary Lynn White,
9:30 am - 3 pm, with lunch
Reservations by Oct. 17 - \$65
- Nov. 21 Thanksgiving Dinner,
Candy's Restaurant, 8 pm
Reservations by Nov. 7 - \$20