



# THE CHI TRIBUNE



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## NAOMI ELECTED TO 5TH TERM

GLORIA, CAROLE & JOANIE WIN VICE-PRESIDENT POSITIONS  
DEANNA RE-ELECTED TO SECRETARY/TREASURER POST!

With the freshness of spring in the air, March 'madness' on the screen, and Chicagoland 'politics' just around the bend, Chi Chapter was set to hold its March meeting and annual election of officers. Those who braved the 'chilling' breezes from the North and attended the meeting were: Fran & Mercita, Deanna, Barbara, Eve, Carol, Gloria, Connie, Kathleen, Carole, Cheri, Valerie, Tammy, Sherri & Janine, Ruby & Ann, Rhonda & Marie, Barbara Lee, Karen, Jennifer & Diane, Mary Ann, Connie & Barb, Maria, Sherry Anne, Roberta, Kathy & Myrna, Kathy, Joanie, Lisa, Kayla & Kim, Christine, Jamie, Danni & Joy, Lois, Emily, Laurette, Jenee, Pat, Wendy & Elaine, Jackie & Yvonne, Suzan & Shana, Karen, Mimi, Pamela, Marie & Ann, Rose, Joanie, and Marie & Joan from Kansas City (Overland Park), Gina from San Juan, Puerto Rico, and Jessica, a young lady staying at the Hotel who found some of our people 'interesting'. There were also four other 'guests' in attendance, however, the member(s) who invited them failed to introduce them nor did she(they) bother to check with one of the officers to see if it was all right.

Yes, this was meant to say something! People, rules are rules; they are incorporated for everyone's safety and security! No one is above them! It is bad enough that some of you feel that you can come to the meeting and not pay the fees, but to think that you can bring 'guests' and not clear them with your elected officers is another matter. Please, follow the rules of the chapter; contact one of the officers

prior to bringing a crossdressing guest to a meeting. Once you and your guest have arrived, please check in with at the appropriate place. Thank you.

In the absence of Gloria's report, I will try to relate the events of the March Meeting.

**CONSERVATION  
RECYCLING**  
Summaries were given on the past month's activities in the area of Outreach - including a trek to the University of Wisconsin, Green Bay, and to Bradley University in Peoria. An announcement of an upcoming visit to Manchester College in North Manchester, Indiana next month.

**SOUTHERN HOMES**  
There was also a report of Eve and Naomi's attending of the **Night of 1000 Gowns** in New York, a charitable event sponsored by several Gay/Lesbian organizations in an effort to raise funds for AIDS research. This is a formal ball frequented by many well-known individuals.

**TELECONFERENCE**  
Gloria next made a pitch for the April outing to the Pheasant Run Dinner Theater's production of **La Cage Aux Folles** in St Charles, Illinois. This event will be held on Saturday, April 28<sup>th</sup>. (See flyer for further information)

Lastly, nominations for officers continued from last month's meeting. At this time, Eve, who has served as Vice-President for the past two years, tearfully removed her name from consideration for re-election, citing business and personal reasons

as being prohibitive of her continuing to do the job she has in the past. Although we know that you will still be a driving force within the chapter, this reporter wishes to thank you for your past contributions and also wish her the best of luck in her future endeavors.

Pat [redacted] from Wisconsin, and Emily from Indiana were then both nominated and accepted the nominations for Recording Vice-President. Thus, along with Carole, current Vice-President, created the other challenged office. Mary Ann and Joanie, running for Outreach Vice-President, was the additional contested office.

The elections were then conducted; after the first ballot, a runoff election between Carole and Pat was conducted for Recording VP. The results of the elections were as follows:

|               |        |
|---------------|--------|
| PRESIDENT:    | Naomi  |
| (uncontested) |        |
| PROGRAM VP:   | Gloria |

## WE'RE LATE!

*I would like to apologize to all of you for being late this month with the Chi Tribune. Your editor has just returned from Disney World (Hey, Deanna, you won the election. Now what are you going to do?). The regular edition will return in May.*

BILLIE CLUB





(uncontested)

RECORDING VP: Carole

OUTREACH VP: Joanie

SECRETARY/TREASURER: Deanna

(uncontested)

The business portion was conclude with Eve making her presentation on poise and propriety, you know, where she takes the rough edges off several of our 'truck drivers'!

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

April 1st

All Fools Day

U.S. Census Day

April 10th

Passover

April 15th

Easter

April 21st

Chi Chapter Meeting

May 13th

Mother's Day

May 19th

Chi Chapter Meeting

May 29th - June 4th

10th Annual Provincetown

Spring Outing

June 6th thru 10th

**Be All You Want To Be Weekend**  
Pittsburgh, PA

**GFWE CONVENTION**

## APRIL MEETING....

The next meeting of Chi Chapter will be at the Midway Motor Lodge in Elk Grove Village on Saturday, March 21<sup>st</sup>. Doors will open at 5:00 PM to allow those in need of a place to change the opportunity to do so. If you plan to use these facilities please come early and bring your own linen as the Hotel provides only paper toweling in the meeting room and a minimum of linen in the adjoining bedroom.

**SPRING FLING**

**THROUGH THE SOUTH**

## I.F.G.E. UPDATE...

The International Federation for Gender Education, I.F.G.E., has just released the following **UPDATE** concerning the election of members to its Board of Directors:

The following persons have been elected to a three-year term on the IFGE Board of Directors: Linda Buten (Cross-Port, OH), Robin Esch (Tiffany Clud, MA), Merissa Lynn (NH), Naomi Owen (Chi Chapter, IL), Roger Peo (NY), Wendi Pierce (A Rose, AZ), Virginia Prince (Alpha Chapter, CA).

The following persons have been elected to a one-year term as alternates: First Alternate - Nancy Martine (ETVC, CA), Second Alternate - Mrs Patricia Fisher (FACT, CAN), Third Alternate - Janice Rupard (Boulton & Park, TX).

Chi Chapter wishes to extend its congratulations to these individuals, with hopes that their terms are fruitful and their deeds are rewarded with the recognition from their peers.

Also from the IFGE:

Dear Members and Friends of Chi,

We acknowledge your contribution of \$55.00 to the IFGE General Fund, and we extend to you our gratitude. Normally we would send a standard response to say thank you, but I wanted to respond personally...

...I wanted you to know that I am personally grateful to Chi Chapter, not just for your financial support, but for your contributions to public education and to our community as a whole. Also, I wanted you to know your contribution will now be of service to our community as a whole forever.

Once again, thank you!

With love and appreciation,

Merissa Sherrill Lynn,  
Exec. Dir., IFGE

**DIVERSIFICATION OF PROGRAMING & GRAMING & TIONS**

**FUTURE CONVENTIONS**

## BE ALL YOU WANT TO BE WEEKEND...

Announcing, the coming of the Eighth Annual "Be All You Want To Be" weekend to be held in Pittsburgh, the City of Bridges, at the Hotel Sheraton-Warrendale, in Mars, Pennsylvania, the weekend of June 6th thru 10th. Now in its eighth year, **BE ALL...** has become the biggest and best event of its kind in the World. At this gathering you will have an opportunity to personally speak with the major personalities in our para-culture, some of whom have opened the doors to the freedoms that we enjoy today.

This year, TransPitt the host chapter, promises they will do all that is possible to maintain the very high tradition of quality and excellence experienced in former years. They have engaged a very lovely hotel; have planned an exciting, informative and fulfilled convention. Taking advantage of the many wonderful things to do and see in Pittsburgh, they believe you will find your visit to their city a memorable experience. The City tour, the evening cruise on the rivers, the night spots to visit for wonderful dancing and pleasurable conversation will give you insight into only a portion of what they enjoy here in the "Most Livable City". Transpitt feels that the Sheraton Hotel - Warrendale will provide ambience and a setting for delightful dinning and the wonderful renewal of old friendship and the beginning of new ones.

This, plus seminars on personal improvement and developing better feminine mannerisms, to rap sessions with professionals, such as, Dr. Richard Docter, Sandra Cole, and George Brown, to sessions with your spouse/partner on communications. Special networking sessions among the wives and informal get-togethers will also be featured. And don't forget the **STRUT YOUR STUFF TALENT SHOW**, the River Cruise and the Square Dance!

**JENNIE JUNE**  
Registration fees will include all breakfasts, brunches/lunches and dinners/banquets (except for drinks)

FEDERATION OF GENDER EDUCATION WORKSHOPS  
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FUTURE CONVENTIONS  
WOMEN





ATTEND GFWC LIVE TELECON-  
FERENCE TUESDAY, APRIL 24 1990  
FEEL LIKE A REAL 'CLUBWOMAN'

You Are Cordially Invited to Attend  
An Evening at

LA CAGE AUX FOLLES

Saturday Evening  
April 28, 1990  
9:00 PM

PHEASANT RUN DINNER THEATER

Pheasant Run Resort  
Route 64 (North Avenue)  
(just east of)  
St. Charles, Illinois

Since its opening on Broadway in 1983, La Cage Aux Folles has become the epitome of a comical and touching story that just happens to feature female impersonation. It has memorable music (I Am What I Am, Put A Little Mascara On, The Best of Times), exciting dance numbers (Can Can), and a wonderful story of family love. The show is dazzling, funny, and tasteful -- a truly heart warming musical and a "must see" for all crossdressers

The story is set in a St. Tropez night club and in this version the Pheasant Run audience becomes a part of the night club audience (and we become the "show within the show").

**ATTIRE:** We therefore encourage you to dress "en femme" in appropriate dinner theater attire. Pheasant Run has no problem with that -- or the use of the powder room providing you are discreet.

**COST:** Our prepaid \$35 price includes dinner, show, tax, free parking and gratuity for the dinner and show. It does not include drinks, special desserts, or gratuity for these extras. Theater tickets will be distributed at Pheasant Run on the night of the show.

Those of you who wish to stay overnight at Pheasant Run may do so by making a reservation directly with the resort (708) 584-6300. The costs range from \$74 to \$104 per room per night. There are no special rates for theater patrons.

**CAST MEETING AND PHOTO SESSION:** The Pheasant Run Theater has invited our group to remain after the show to have a special meeting with some of the cast members. **PHOTOGRAPHS ARE NOT PERMITTED DURING THE SHOW** but we can take pictures AFTER the show with some of the cast members. Please obey the rules.

To: Chi Chapter/TRI-ESS  
P.O. Box 40  
Wood Dale, IL 60191

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Tel: (708) 364-9514

Please reserve \_\_\_\_\_ places at \$35 per person at Pheasant Run for LaCage on Saturday evening, April 28, 1990 at 9:00 PM. Enclosed is my check or money order for \$ \_\_\_\_\_. (made out to Chi Chapter/TRI-ESS).

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Print Femme name, last initial)



REACHING OUT MARY JEANNE HOUDÉ

# TRANSFORMATIONS

Crossdressers and Those Who Love Them



MARIETTE  
PATHY ALLEN

Provocative photographic portraits and insightful interviews reveal the fascinating subculture that challenges the concept of male identity.

"I directed **What Sex Am I?**, a documentary about transvestites and transsexuals during which I worked with Mariette Pathy Allen. She has a wealth of telling and touching shots, some haunting and some playful and some shocking. Her pictures speak to all of us who wrestle with sex and gender limitations in this society. They are revelations of male stereotypes and of fear and fantasy about women. Allen's photographs present us all with an unsuspecting point of identification and question."

Lee Grant, actress and director

"Anyone concerned with human wholeness as a goal and the sex role prisons that still fragment both women and men should be fascinated with **Transformations**. When we hear testimony of men who can't express love to their own children unless they are in female dress, or men punished in their own childhoods for any 'feminine' behavior, we understand how deep the punishing and fragmenting goes. These photographs and texts of extremist men will help to illumine a suppression that almost all of us have experienced to some degree."

Gloria Steinem, author, feminist, and co-creator of Ms Magazine

"Gynemimesis, the phenomenon of men who mime women, has a history that stretches back through antiquity. It occurs around the globe in many diverse and unrelated cultures. Its pictorial documentation in our own culture is a scholarly and humanistic imperative. Mariette Pathy Allen has done an absolutely splendid photographic job in capturing moments of truth, esthetic and empathetic, in the lives of men whose destiny is to mime women."

John Money, Ph.D., Professor of Medical Psychology & Pediatrics, Johns Hopkins University.

"Ms Allen's work combines pure photography, empathy for the subject matter, and an ability to catch the subjects at ease in the situations they have chosen. These are fine photographs."

Barbara Millstein, Curator of Photography, Brooklyn Museum of Art.

## TREASURER'S REPORT

### INCOME

|                 |          |
|-----------------|----------|
| BALANCE ON HAND | \$50.00  |
| MEETING FEE     | \$380.00 |
| REG MEMB DUES   | \$105.00 |
| ASSC MEMB DUES  | \$20.00  |
| DONATION        | \$15.00  |
| BOOK SALES      | \$160.00 |

SUB TOTAL \$730.00

### EXPENSES

|              |          |
|--------------|----------|
| MEETING ROOM | \$208.00 |
| REFRESHMENTS | \$69.00  |
| PRINTING     | \$5.00   |
| NOW ACCT     | \$398.00 |

SUB TOTAL \$680.00

BALANCE ON HAND \$50.00



## GLORIA'S REPORT

Because Naomi was unable to attend this month's meeting, Gloria (otherwise known as "the writer") graciously agreed to do the presiding. Since she also was to take the minutes and is known to have a one track mind, expect details to be sketchy. I hope the ever efficient Deanna can fill in any information that's missing.

We started the meeting asking all present to introduce themselves and let us know what they felt was the best thing about being a crossdresser. We got an interesting collection of responses. People also let us know what food items they brought that night, it being Ethnic Night and all. We had asked that people bring an item that corresponded to their ethnic heritage.

"The writer" rambled on about the "Be All You Want to Be" weekend, the IFGE Convention, Mariette Pathy Allen's book, the Femme Mirror, etc. She then gave specific details about our future outing (dressed, no less!) to La Cage Aux Folles, scheduled for April 28. It's at the Pheasant Run Theater and the cost is a nominal \$35.00 per person. Please send in your reservation form or contact Deanna as soon as possible (or sooner) because we must give the theater a final count by April 15.

Eve gave a report on outreach, and we were fortunate enough to have visitors from the group in Kansas City. They are having a "Get-Away-Weekend" in November, and would like to invite everyone. They'll send details soon.

In the "something good always come out of something bad" department, even though we were bothered throughout the night by ruffians running through the hotel and throwing open our door, as well as giving us bothersome phone calls, our presence was graced by a lovely teenage girl who saw some of us in the hall and wanted to learn more. She stated that she was interested in what we were all about and saw no reason why men couldn't do what women do all the time (crossdress that is). Some people came to get her before too long, but she helped to restore a little more faith in the younger generation for me.

### Elections:

A great amount of the night's time was taken up with the elections of the officers. Naomi was uncontested for President, the writer was uncontested for Program Vice President, and Deanna was uncontested for Secretary Treasurer, but.....

Carole, Emily, and Pat all ran for Recording Secretary. The voting results were close enough that we had to have a run-off election, but in the final analysis Carole claimed victory. Congrats to Carole, and greatest thanks to Emily and Pat for the hard fought campaign.

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REAL CLUBWOMAN!

CONSERVATION PRACTICE  
RECYCLING REVIEW REBCHING OUT

HOOBY CONFERENCE



Joannie and Mary Ann both ran for Outreach Vice President. The final tally gave Joannie the victory. Congrats to Joannie and gobs of thanks to Mary Ann for participating. Eve had decided to not run for this office because of other commitments. She has agreed to assist the chapter in any endeavors that her time will permit.

Finally, thanks to all that participated in the election process. Goodbye to Eve who is an outgoing officer. Welcome to Joannie who is a new officer! We hope to have an exciting and prosperous year.

Eve next gave a program on comportment. I can't tell you a lot about it because I was helping to count ballots, but I heard that it was the usual great stuff that we've come to expect from Eve.

We next ate heartily from the food brought by the members, after adjourning the meeting.

This is my last month as Recording Secretary and my last column of this type. I'd like to say that I've enjoyed it, and that I appreciate all of you giving me the opportunity to talk to you in print. I'm always willing to learn, so if you've liked what I did, why not let me know? Also if you didn't like it let me and/or our next Recording Secretary, Carole, know what would make the column better. Also, if you appreciate Deanna's work (She's been newsletter editor for about 100 years now!) please let her know. Sometimes people don't think you care because they don't hear from you. Thanks again for your indulgence!

#### Next Month's Program:

John Koch, who is a Mary Kay cosmetics representative has agreed to give us a demo on make-up. Of course to do this he'll have to "drag" someone up to the front to show how this "make-up" thing gets done. So if one or two of you are interested, be prepared. See you there!

SPRING FLING THROUGH THE SOUTH  
HISTORIC HOMES AND CUSTOMS OF  
NATCHEZ, HOLLY SPRINGS AND  
COLUMBUS, MISSISSIPPI

SPRING FLOWER ARRANGEMENTS AND TABLES  
FOR HOME AND SHOW