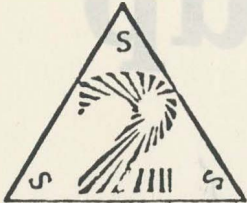
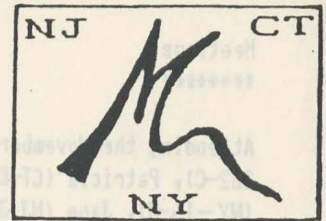


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## C. D. M. CHAPTER OFFICERS

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Elected at the November Chapter meeting were:

President.....

Patricia (CT-B-6)

Vice President.....

Karen (NJ-309-K)

Treasurer.....

Lynda (NJ-307-F)

Secretary.....

Mary Jane (NY-206-M)



As Secretary/Editor, I believe that I can speak for all Chapter Officers. We thank you for the trust you have placed in us to provide the necessary direction for our ever-growing Chapter. We are confident that we can do the job that is necessary.

We are looking forward to working with Committee chairpersons and all others who have the best interest of the Chapter and the National Organization in mind. Much work needs to be done, and the more ladies we have helping, the easier our jobs are and the better off we all are!

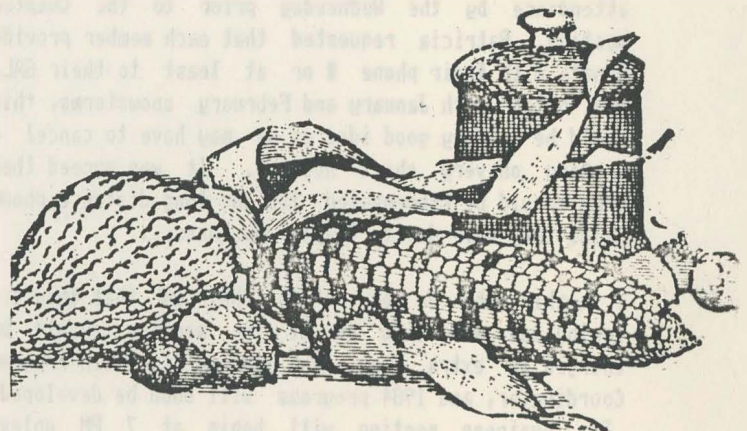
## PUBLICITY EFFORTS ! ! !

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A new Sister, Diane (NY-R), recently noticed an obscure ad in the VILLAGE VOICE which asked for crossdressers who were interested in doing a national television show, to contact, "Dave". Diane sent the clipping on to me, and I in turn passed it on to our Publicity Chairperson, Eileen (NY-11-J). Eileen made contact with "Dave", and as it turns out, "Dave" just happens to be David Suskind!!!

I'd like to thank Diane who found this gem for us, Eileen, and all others who are helping in the publicity effort. Marlene, our GAL for NYC & LI, is working with a paper in Brooklyn to get out the word.

The producer is VERY interested in doing a show on us. Eileen is to meet with these folks after Thanksgiving to work out the details. Taping may be in December. If you are interested in being on the show, contact Eileen. Remember how the Donahue show brought us many new members (including some of you who are reading this). The Suskind show is nationally syndicated, so we have yet another chance to reach a wide audience with the TRUTH about male heterosexual crossdressing, the National Organization, and our Chapter.



# Dressing up

## Meetings

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Attending the November meeting were: Nora Helene (NJ 202-C), Patricia (CT-8-G), Yvonne (NY-331-D), Felicity (NY-16-M), Jane (NJ-312-T), Jana (NJ-304-T), Frances (NJ-10-B), Fran (NY-B), Karen (309-K), Tina (NJ-303 E), Carole (NY-207-S), Barbara (NY-S), JoAnne (NY-M), Renata Lee (CT-102-W), Wilma (NJ-300-Y), Cindy (CT-V), Lynda (NJ-307 F), and Camile (NY-M).

All went quite well, and the lingerie shopping opportunity was delightful.

The December 10th meeting will feature a renowned wig specialist at the meeting place. Our trip to Merle Norman will be put off till early '84.

At the December meeting each Sister is asked to bring a gift in value of \$5.00 or less for our annual gift exchange. Eileen has a great idea as to how to make this even more fun. You will just have to come to the meeting to find out!

Also for December, we would like each Sister to come in formal (long), dress if possible. After all it will be that, "happy time of year", and what other reason do you need to wear a (formal) dress?

Suggestions and items acted upon at the November meeting are as follows. Patricia suggested that the positions of Secretary and Treasurer each have backups (thank you Tina Lindsay for taking the minutes in my absence). Frances suggested that we have multi-signature check cards, and Wilma was asked to be backup Treasurer (Lynda will not be able to make the December meeting). Wilma suggested that backup is also necessary for Karen who provides our food and refreshment, and Renata suggested that the monthly hostess fill this role. Patricia asked for more volunteers to serve as hostesses, and Jana suggested that members be appointed ahead of time...

...meeting fees will now be paid after the business meeting. Karen requests that all GALs advise her of attendance by the Wednesday prior to the Chapter meeting. Patricia requested that each member provide Renata with their phone # or at least to their GAL. (Ed. note: with January and February snowstorms, this would be a very good idea as we may have to cancel a meeting on very short notice). It was agreed that GALs should be compensated for the long distance phone bills they have due to Chapter business...

...members who do not notify their GAL that they are coming and who show up at the meeting should be charged an extra fee. Jana agreed to remain Program Coordinator, and 1984 programs will soon be developed. The business meeting will begin at 7 PM unless otherwise scheduled.



...Concerning the dinner at a Gasho restaurant, EN FEMME, Yvonne polled the attendees and found that some 8 to 10 ladies are interested. The place in Central Valley has a separate facility for privacy. This would be in addition to our monthly meeting. We must have pre-paid reservations, and Yvonne will follow-up.

No date has been set yet. Karen takes all photos of you at no cost to you. If you want additional mailings, please send on the necessary postage to Karen. Karen wants you to know that she destroys all photos and negatives after a month if you have not requested them. (Ed. note: yet another benefit of CHI DELTA MU membership, a free photo of your FEMME SELF!)

## REMEMBER . . . .

The Chapter meets on the second Saturday of each month. You must contact your Geographic Area Leader (GAL), to let her know of you and your mate attending.

Meeting fees are \$10, and there is NEVER an extra charge for your wife or girlfriend. You can come dressed, or dress at the meeting place, or if you wish, don't dress at all, for there is no pressure put on you. We meet in very nice motels, and the management is knowledgeable and cooperative. So, hope to see you SOON at a CHI DELTA MU Chapter meeting!

Again, thank you Tina Lindsay for helping with the meeting, you did an excellent job!

DECEMBER 10TH MEETING IN NEW JERSEY; CONTACT YOUR GAL!

Chapter Library

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As a supplement to this month's newsletter, we have provided a listing of the Library's contents, plus a listing of books/items we would like to see donated to the Chapter Library for YOUR use. Alice (FL-301-M), who is a new member has said that next Spring, upon her and wife Connie's return from Florida to New York, she plans on making a substantial donation of materials to our Library.

Your cost to use the Chapter Library, as a member of the Chapter, is only return postage (usually about \$1.00 per item). Contact our Chapter Librarian, Edith Marie (NY-319-W), as follows: Don Williams, Draw R, Valley Cottage, New York 10989. I will soon be sending on the tape of the June meeting at which we had the A.C.L.U. discussion for general Library circulation.



CHI DELTA MU CHAPTER MEETING ON NOVEMBER 12TH.  
(PHOTO: KAREN & PATRICIA)

JOY'S GREATEST HITS

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*Vol III!*

- I. 1. TWO FACES HAVE I
- 2. (WE HEAR) SHORT SHORTS
- 3. BUTTONS AND BOWS
- 4. MAKING UP IS HARD TO DO (TONGUE IN CHEEK)
- 5. SHE IS FUNNY THAT WAY
- 6. I'M ALL DRESSED UP WITH A BROKEN HEART.

- II. 7. YOU OUGHT TO BE IN PICTURES
- 8. YOU STEPPED OUT OF A DREAM
- 9. A BOY NAMED SUE
- 10. CHANTILLE LACE (YOU KNOW WHAT I LIKE)
- 11. BIG GIRLS DON'T CRY
- 12. IT'S MY PARTY

THANKS, DIANE (NY-R), FOR YET ANOTHER GREAT ALBUM

Crossdressing & the Law  
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Part 5....

(C) Another thing, I think that if a crossdresser is in public, with his wife, he should be quite safe even if he is under suspicion. In the company of your wife, I don't think that they would bother you. (A) I think it would be less likely, and I think that in the company of another crossdresser your chances of being hassled increase astronomically. (C) That's right. Two crossdressers should never go out together. (A) As I say, New York law doesn't apply to you if you are by yourself. It only applies if you are with someone else.

(Q) Would you discuss the laws about driver's licenses being illegal? (A) Using a fake driver's license is a crime. (Q) Well, what is a fake? (A) Anything that is different from what the Secretary of State sent you in the mail. (C) You can get a false driver's license, but they would be illegal. (A) Right. Or if you altered the license, you know, kids get I.D.'s and borrow other's licenses to drink. Anytime you are using a driver's license that isn't your's and that is different from what the Secretary of State issued to you is illegal. It is a crime. It is a more serious crime than this loitering law that we talked about concerning two or more people. It is a misdemeanor.

(C) Some of us have more than one name. If you get a professional name and don't change your married name... (A) You are entitled to use any name you want without going through a formal name change at any time you want as long as it is not being done for fraudulent purposes. You can't run a con game using a fraudulent name. (Q) Is it a fraud to pretend you are a woman? (A) My view is no. You are entitled to use any name you want in that context. With the exception where the cop stops you and asks for your name. I would be anxious then about using a fake name. I would use your real name.

(C) Another thing you can do is register an assumed name with the County Clerk. (A) Yes, although that seems to me to be inviting trouble. Its like checking into a motel for example. You can use any name you want. There is no crime involved in that context. (C) One of the things about the driver's license, not the same so much, is the box for sex. Have any name you want, but that box had better be the right way. (A) Anything the Secretary of State doesn't give you, you're in trouble.

(Q) There is something about putting up a bond? (A) We can talk about bail if that's what you want. (C) Bail is only after you're arrested. (Q) Is there a bond you can put up in lieu of being arrested? (A) No. If you are arrested, there are two ways it can be handled. Either you can be given a desk appearance ticket; this is in New York, again, which is like a parking ticket or moving violation. They take you to the station and give you the ticket and it says you come back on X date and they let you leave. Sometimes putting up some bail, but generally not. If they are going to require bail, they take you before court and the judge will decide what degree of bail is required. In New York you have to put up the full amount of bail, New York City and I believe the rest of the State. You generally only have to give the bondsman one tenth if you're putting up bail through a bail bondsman. The bondsman keeps that one tenth. He requires collateral for the other 90%, something like a house or something. In theory, none of you should face the bond problem and receive appearance tickets. Only if the cop thinks that there is something funnier going on then the way you are dressed.

(Q) Can a lawyer turn you down just because he is not a sympathizer? (A) Yes. With one exception. If you are below the poverty line and are going to be represented by the Legal Aid Society, which provides free lawyers to people arrested, they can't turn you down. That's the only exception.

(Q) This is a different subject. I don't know if you are familiar with the Social Security laws, but I am a professional advertising writer and I also do some writing under my femme name, which is a nom-de-plume. Is it possible for me to get a social security card under both names? (A) I understand that it is not only possible but extremely easy. I'm not positive, but I understand that its very easy. The Social Security department is almost unique in its utter indifference to whatever name you want to use. (C) I would like to have a joint name, with the same Social Security number. (A) I don't think it a problem. It would be two names with the same number. (C) It would be 'AKA', also known as. (A) That would be real easy to add another name to your Social Security number. I think that it is really simple. I think that it is a short, one page form. (C) I know, because I got one (laughter).

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(Q) So you can use another name, as long as it is not for criminal purposes. (A) Right, use any name you want as long as it is not for criminal purposes. (C) If you are doing business under a false name you are supposed to register it with the County Clerk. (C) I have a mail box under my femme name, but that's not illegal. (A) I wouldn't worry about it.

(C) I'll tell you of an experience which didn't happen to me but someone I know in South Jersey. Someone was picked up on Halloween night, of all nights, and this was in Cherry Hill which had a local ordinance. Most of us had been discrete, but she was not. She likes to show off and everything. She was in a cosmetic studio and the woman called up the police; it was more like a set up, anyhow. They came and picked her up and took her to the station. It is not a TRI-ESS Chapter, but GGA, and she called up the one in charge of the group and got a lawyer for her and he had her out. She got out, no bail, but they still gave her a hassle before they let her go.

(Q) I'm dressed like this, now, and I go out to a restaurant to eat and I have to go to the bathroom and I can't go to the mens' room like this, so of course I have to go to the ladies' room. What's the problem with that? Is it illegal? (A) No. Not by itself. (C) Except that it could, because of disorderly conduct. (A) Not by me, I don't see how. The disorderly conduct statutes I know I don't see it as disorderly conduct. (C) But they arrest you for it. (A) That doesn't surprise me in the slightest (laughter). But I don't think that it's illegal. The only conceivable law that I think could be applicable would be indecent exposure. (C) You go into a store it's hardly applicable. (A) It's vaguely applicable. I don't know Connecticut or New Jersey, but it is such an accepted thing that I don't think that they have passed any statute on it. (C) A previous statement has been made to us is that it is illegal for us to go crossdressed into a ladies' room, rest room or a ladies' dressing room in a store. Do you have any knowledge of that law? (A) No. Did they tell you what law it was, the people who advised you? (C) No, we all have approximately the same understanding. (A) I don't think it is. I will double check. (C) I had a lawyer check into that for me and said that there was no such law. It was just a matter of custom. They could probably hang you for disorderly conduct, that's all. (A) Disorderly conduct is like loitering. It is one of those things that are so vague that they will try to squeeze things that they can't find anything else for under those laws. I don't think that there is anything under disorderly conduct that fits that situation. I don't think it is illegal.

(C) I know of cases where people who were dressed, the cops said that it was disorderly conduct just because they were dressed. In 1940 which is a long time ago and mores have changed since then, one of the wives of one of the captains on the airlines for which I flew was arrested out in Long Island because she appeared in public in burmuda shorts (laughter). Not only was she arrested, but they took her children away from her. The children were walking on the street with her. They took the children to the Children's Home, and took her to the police station and held her for a number of hours before her husband got home from work and bailed her out. Then she went to court and paid a fine because she was wearing burmuda shorts! (A) So, we're making some progress, I guess (laughter). We are making slow progress.

(C) Years ago in the newspapers that's all you read about, men being picked up constantly in New York City for being dressed. And they used to make the front pages when they got them. (A) I think it's relatively rare outside of the prostitution context. (C) Well, I'm talking about years ago, not today. Of course you don't even see that stuff in the paper anymore. (A) No, and the way the Post is going they would tell you (laughter).

(Q) Would you think that it would be advantageous to our group to, perhaps, start a campaign with the police departments in New York and in New Jersey? (C) No, I don't think that we should make too many waves (laughter). (Q, continued) notifying that there are people doing this and that we know of no laws prohibiting it? (A) Public education can't hurt. (C) I meant private education for the police departments. (A) I meant that too. I don't see that it can hurt. I suspect, though, that if you are talking about Newark or New York City you will find them saying to you, 'why are you telling me this, I know it already', and I suspect that if you went to the New York City Police department for that purpose they would say, 'go away, we already understand what the laws are and don't need you to tell us what the laws are'. You might get a different response from the Elmsford cops for example. I don't mean to keep picking on the Elmsford Police, it must be a fine group, I'm sure. (C) You mean local departments. (A) Yes. I mean them only as an example of local departments. You might very well find places with three cops and it may be very worthwhile educating them, but it seems to me that would be a much larger task. If you go to the New York City Police Department you can educate whomever you get to, the Commander or someone downtown, but it's not going to get out to 20,000 cops.

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(G) Once upon a time when I went to the Chicago Chapter meeting of TRI-ESS we had an attorney recommend that each of the members, because of the nature of the cops, have a little extra cash with them because, apparently, these people were on the take. Now I know that no attorney is really going to come out and legally suggest that you bribe somebody, however is it possible, and I'm only throwing this out as a good hypothetical question, is it possible to make a bet with a policeman for a hundred dollars, fifty, or some amount....(A) I think you are really (!) asking for it if you do something like that. You're at the level of a violation where you're likely to get a desk appearance ticket or likely to be sent home, or pay a fine or something like that. Start talking about bribery, and we are well into misdemeanor or maybe even felony, and then we are talking about jail time, we're talking about serious jail time. I wouldn't do it! (C) You'll have a record for the rest of your life. (A) Right, disqualifies you from all kinds of things. No, I wouldn't do it. I also don't think its useful either in Chicago where I have lived for a long time or in New York City. Even if it worked, for all the problems it would cause I don't think its a good idea.

(C) When it comes to the business of trying to educate somebody else, a man convinced against his will is of the same opinion, still emotionally the same way. And I was thinking that you call attention to something that otherwise might be missed, in other words, you call attention to yourself and that depending upon the type of experience and mind you dwell on the thing. (A) You never know what kind of reception you're going to get when you walk into the cops cold. So if I were and Elmsford resident I wouldn't send me to educate the Elmsford cops. I would send someone from Darien to educate the Elmsford cops and someone from Elmsford to educate the Darien cops. And I agree with you completely, if someone is going to be totally hostile, they are going to be hostile and nothing that you are going to say is going to change their minds. But then I suspect that there are going to be a fair number of people out there who are going to be indifferent, or ignorant, and that's the population that you can potentially gain by doing this education. (C) But hopefully a modern police officer would be trained in certain aspects of sociology, psychology, and a few other things and may learn for the first time about some of these things. (A) Yes, it would be nice if we were certain that the cops were trained that well (laughter)."

(Our transcription of Mr. Chris Hansen's talk with us last June will conclude in the December newsletter. Ed.)

#### Shopping

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Continuing an annual tradition, we are repeating a "size chart" on the opposite page for those of you who shop only at this time of year for your, a, sister?, wife?, girlfriend?, mother?...how about yourself! Really, shopping for your needs is quite easy. You should NOT be worried what the sales clerk is thinking. All they really care about are your \$\$\$.

We would still like to see someone in the Chapter take charge of "shopping". We could very easily, I'm sure, develop a directory of "friendly" stores for membership use. Again, any volunteers?

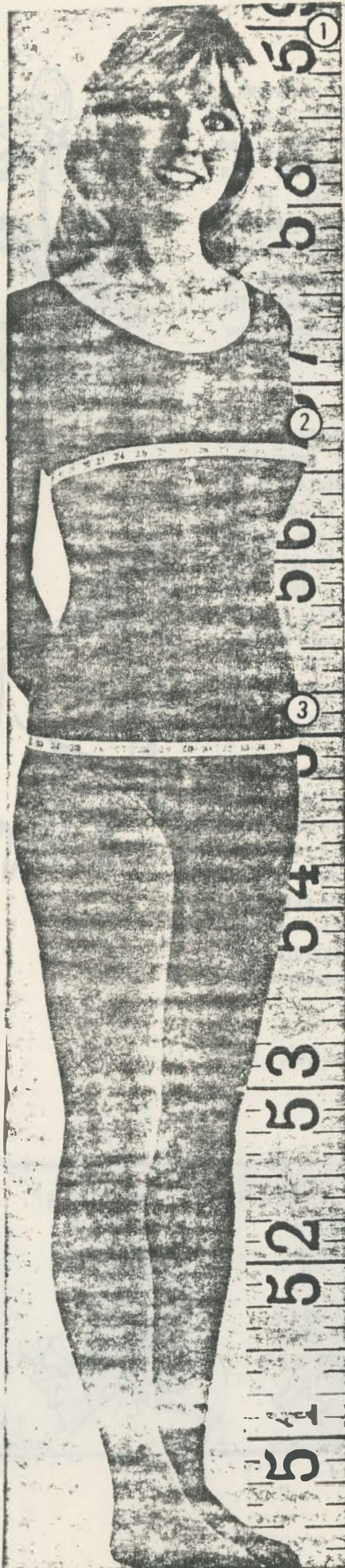
#### New Columns

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...Last month we suggested a new column for the Newsletter: "Questions & Answers". Our first "Question" asked for Sisters to advise as to how a member should cope after a next door neighbor saw her in her backyard, dressed, and had no prior knowledge of her crossdressing. Thus far no "Answers". Also, no additional "Questions". Now, we all know that there is a LOT of experience out there among you girls, enough to provide many "Answers". Also, considering the number of new members, I'm sure there are also a great number of "Questions". So, how about you ladies helping in either answering these questions, or providing questions. As we've said all along, we would all benefit by this interchange of information.

..."I thought that maybe the other members would like to share their stories and to hear other's stories of 'how it all began'. Do you think a series or column entitled, 'In The Beginning'...would be a useful addition to O. S. J?...maybe I could be the column editor, so to speak...Let me know." Let Edith Marie know if you are interested, it would, I'm sure, add to the Newsletter. (Ed.)





# Women's Guide to a Good Fit

If you know your correct JCPenney Catalog size, order it. Our Standard Sizing assures you of the same great fit with every garment you order from us. If in doubt, consult the measuring information below. When measuring, keep tape straight and snug, but not tight.

- ① **HEIGHT.** Stand against a wall (in stocking feet). Place stiff paper across top of head to wall. Make a mark. Measure from mark to floor.
- ② **BUST.** Measure around shoulder blades, under arms, and around fullest part of bust.
- ③ **HIPS.** Measure around fullest part—about 7 to 9 inches below natural waistline.

Once you've taken your measurements refer to the charts below. Consider your most important measurement for the garment you are ordering.

**BUST:** Dresses, Blouses, Coats, Robes, etc.

**HIPS:** Pants, Jeans and Skirts.

## MISSES: Classic and contemporary—Comfortable ease and good fit.

If Your Height is	4'11"-5'3"				5'3½"-5'7½"			5'8"-6'0"		
Order	Petite Misses				Misses			Tall Misses		
If Your Bust is	31½-32	32½-33	33½-34	34½-35	35½-36½	37-38	38½-39½	40-41½	42-43½	44-45½
If Your Hips is	34-34½	35-35½	36-36½	37-37½	38-39	39½-40½	41-42	42½-44	44½-46	46½-48
Order	4 3/4	6 5/6	8 7/8	10 9/10	12 11/12	14 13/14	16 15/16	18 17/18	20 19/20	22 21/22

## JUNIOR: Forward silhouettes and dramatic fit—Snug for body skimming styles and fuller on loose looks.

If Your Height is	4'11"-5'3"			5'3½"-5'7½"		5'8"-6'0"	
Order	Petite Junior			Junior		Tall Junior	
If Your Bust is	31-31½	32-32½	33-33½	34-34½	35-36	36½-37½	38-39
If Your Hips is	33½-34	34½-35	35½-36	36½-37	37½-38½	39-40	40½-41½
Order	3 3/4	5 5/8	7 7/8	9 9/10	11 11/12	13 13/14	15 15/16

## HALF AND WOMEN'S SIZES: Flattering styles for the full-figured woman

If Your Height is	4'11"-5'3"				5'3½"-5'7½"			5'8"-6'0"			
Order	Half size or Short Women's Sizes				Women's Sizes			Tall Women's Sizes			
If your Bust is	36-37½	38-39½	40-41½	42-43½	44-45½	46-47½	48-49½	50-51½	52-53½	54-55½	56-57½
Order Half size	12½	14½	16½	18½	20½	22½	24½	26½	28½	30½	32½
Order Women's size	32	34	36	38	40	42	44	46	48	50	52
If your Hips is	37½-39	39½-41	41½-43	43½-45	45½-47	47½-49	49½-51	51½-53	53½-54	55½-57	57½-59
Order Half size	12½	14½	16½	18½	20½	22½	24½	26½	28½	30½	32½
Order Women's pants size			32	34	36	38	40	42	44	46	48

Thanks, Diane (NY-R), for sending this in!

In Case You Missed It  
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# A drag, maybe, but weird?

**DEAR MEG:** I was appalled at your reply to "Lawyer's Briefs," who asked if he was weird because he liked to wear women's panties under his business suit. He also wanted to know if he should tell his wife.

Who are you to judge whether someone is weird? Better adjectives to describe his behavior are "common" or "uncommon." Apparently you are unaware of how common it really is.

My husband and I discovered we enjoyed his dressing up in my lingerie when we made love. The first time I tickled him with my garter belt we fantasized about his putting it on with a pair of nylons. So

he did. Now he has his own silk nighties so he won't stretch mine. We have a wonderful, diversified sex life and I wouldn't change it for the world.

My advice to "Lawyer's Briefs" is if his marriage is strong, discuss it with his wife. If she loves him, she'll let him express himself and may find pleasure in it too. If not, why is he married to her anyway? Tell him he's not gay.

## DEAR MEG



just sensual.  
—IN LOVE WITH A REAL MAN IN MANHATTAN  
**DEAR IN:** Whatever turns you both on, honey. You're not alone, either. Here's a reader on the other side of the gender gap who also has an understanding wife:

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**DEAR MEG:** Re "Lawyer's Briefs," I couldn't help disagreeing with your advice that he try wearing men's underwear for six months. I

happen to wear lacy bikini underwear and my wife loves it.

If women feel comfortable wearing men's clothing, why can't the reverse be true? In many countries, skirts, kilts or robes are traditional male attire. So what's the harm in us wearing frilly bikinis? Our society apparently accepts "masculine" women, but not "feminine" men.

—FEM  
**DEAR FEM:** Personally, I'm all for combining the best traits of both sexes that will make us into whole and happy human beings. "Lawyer's" problem was guilt at his inability either to control or confess his compulsion to cross-dress.

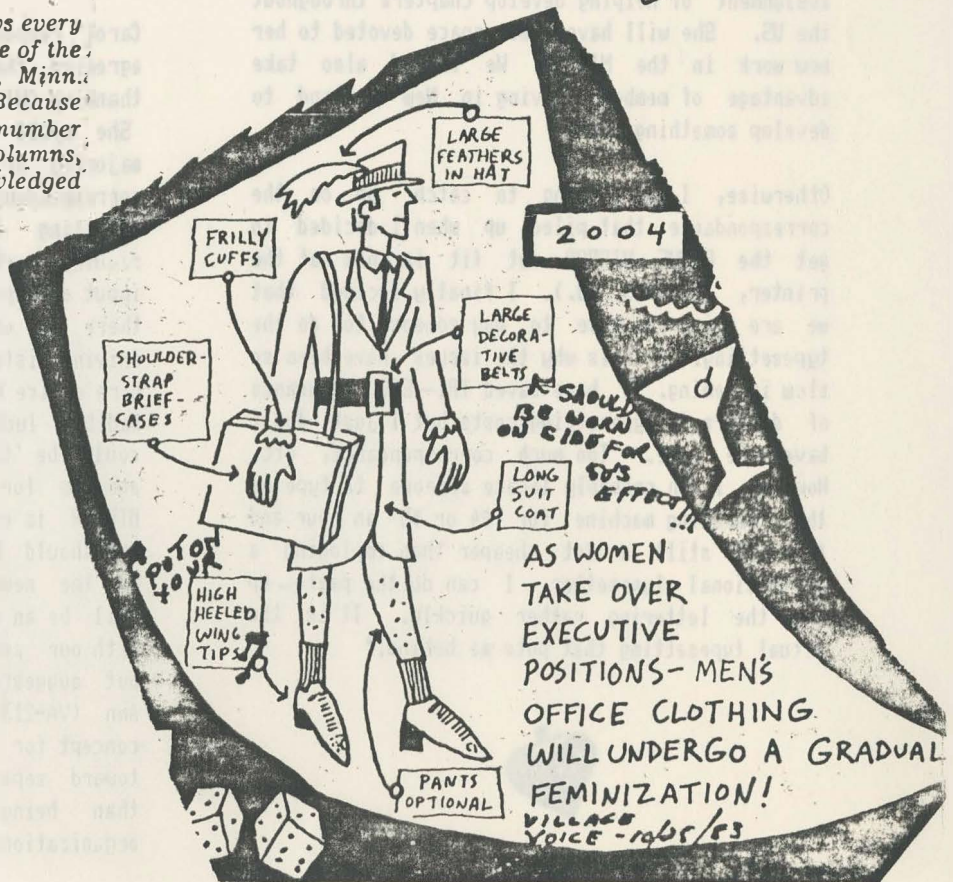
"Great"

**Dear Mr. Ross:** I am a transvestite. I am compelled to go around in women's clothes and I am a man. I don't have many women's clothes and that's where you come in.

Could you send me a women's wardrobe? I wear size 14.  
—J. H., California

**Dear Mr. H.:** Sorry, but my wife says I have terrible taste when it comes to women's clothes, and I wouldn't want to embarrass you.

Thanks a Million appears in the Daily News every Monday. You may write to Percy Ross, in care of the Daily News, P.O. Box 35000, Minneapolis, Minn. 55435. Include a phone number if you wish. Because of the heavy volume of mail, only a limited number of requests will be answered in future columns, although many others may be acknowledged privately.





Food For Thought

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We Are.....

...We are males who enjoy (is that word sufficient?), dressing and being women. Many clinical people say that our need to do this is a "compulsion", a "compulsion" to be feminine. Usually, the word "compulsion" is taken by people in a negative fashion. The dictionary says that "compulsion" is, "compelling, obligatory, an irresistible impulse".

...Again, most clinical take this as being "deviant". Where their yardstick lays is usually not specified. Nevertheless, it is probably a fair statement to make that in this day and age, society considers males who prefer dressing as women to be "abnormal", or more easily to be classified as being gay.

...Now, we know that we do not fit that categorization. Furthermore, we know that as having accepted our femme selves, our "compulsion" is not abnormal or "deviant" in any sense, but yet a manifestation of our TRUE selves. Yes, society has difficulty in accepting this concept (did Nazi Germany have difficulty in accepting the Jews, and just how right, "normal", was THAT society?). Society has had few opportunities to be educated or enlightened on OUR position. It is VERY easy to cast negative aspirations to that which you can't understand or even know some glimmer of the truth to the facts.

...Most of society can not envision a heterosexual male, more often than not happily married with a family and enjoying their status, as having this "compulsion". I guess that if we turned the clock back 150 years most of society then could not envision a Black owning a horse or even voting in an election. Things have changed! TRI-ESS has the objective of altering our lot: to educate society as to what OUR goals and objectives are.

...Let's face it. If there are some 1% to 3% of us in the general population who are so "compulsed", that's a lot of people! I am "compulsed" to dig into my Thanksgiving dinner, and who isn't, just as I'm "compulsed" to get some sleep after a long day's activity. Why is that different (if it is?), from me wearing a dress? It is only NATURAL for me to do this, just as it is for me to enjoy a Thanksgiving feast. It IS natural! A natural "compulsion".

...So, let's get things in order. I am "compulsed" to eat, breathe, and do a lot of other things to keep my being alive. That is natural. I am also "compulsed" to be my true self, and as we all know, denying our true self only brings pain and unhappiness, and why should this be different, regardless of what "SOCIETY" (who or whatever that is), says?

...Ed.



QUINCY



Thanks, Edith Marie (NY-319-W)

Important News About Our National Organization

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FROM DONNA MARTIN (IL-011-S),  
NEW NATIONAL MEMBERSHIP DIRECTOR...

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FROM CAROL B., OUR NATIONAL LEADER...

'HBO: I Was present in LA when the camera crew arrived from New York. I am not dealing with HBO, but with the film director, Delores. She is the one dealing with HBO direct. I did hear from her this week. She says that the powers at HBO liked what Delores did and the event will be shown in January. I have no knowledge of what or who is doing concerning HBO in your area. All power to you. I can't help but think that it must be something entirely different than what I was doing. Our shooting took all day long and was fun but tiring. What is going on with HBO as far as your girls are concerned? (Ed. note: I understand from Eileen that the film producer is the same one who Eileen has been in contact with.)

I think that we do need chapters in other areas in the east. We had one in the Philadelphia area until one member decided to open up the chapter to all comers. That terminated the chapter. But we do have members in that area write about starting a chapter.

Marlene, who is working in the TRI-ESS office this evening, with me, is taking on the assignment of helping develop chapters throughout the US. She will have some space devoted to her new work in the MIRROR. We should also take advantage of members living in New England to develop something there.

Otherwise, I am trying to catch up on the correspondence that piled up when I decided to get the FEMME MIRROR out (it is now at the printer, 11/10/83, Ed.). I finally decided that we are going to have to pay someone to do the typesetting. That is why the issues have been so slow in coming. I have saved TRI-ESS thousands of dollars in typesetting costs but I just don't have the time. Too much correspondence, etc. However, I can probably locate someone to type on the composing machine for \$4 or \$5 an hour and this is still a lot cheaper than employing a professional typesetter. I can do the paste-up and the lettering rather quickly. It is the actual typesetting that puts me behind."



'Donna Martin reported on her trip to the West Coast, for consultation with Carol Peecroft. In behalf of the Chapter (CHI), our continuing support for the national TRI-ESS organization was conveyed to Carol, along with our concern that she and Virginia Prince were trying to do too much themselves and needed assistance. Carol was advised that we had the resources to provide support which could include, but not be limited to, the areas of membership and general correspondence. Our National Officers would then be able to devote more of their time to the overall and long term objectives of TRI-ESS, rather than attending to the daily handling of routine and repetitive matters. Our concern about lack of regular communications from national (the FEMME MIRROR, the Directory, etc.), was also discussed with Carol. We recognize the time constraints of family, business, and personal affairs upon our National Officers which affect the time available for TRI-ESS matters, and feel that additional help will free more of their time for those matters which only they can handle. Carol was given a suggestion from the Chapter that an approved 'Auxiliary' association be established on a national basis. Our wives and girlfriends support us as individuals, attend Chapter meetings and social affairs on a regular basis, give help in uncountable ways, but are not recognized in any way except as 'guests'.

Carol responded to the various comments by agreeing that she has a 'time' problem, and thanking CHI Chapter for our offer of assistance. She would certainly welcome help, but the majority of the work she handles (answering correspondence, writing the FEMME MIRROR, and compiling the Directory, typesetting, proof reading, etc.), requires either her personal input or supervision of the work being done, and there is only one other TRI-ESS member within driving distance of her. She has attempted to hire office help for TRI-ESS in the past, and has had bad luck. Carol agreed that the typesetting could be 'farmed out', and will attempt to hire someone for this purpose. Although the FEMME MIRROR is overdue, it is ready for the printer and should be ready for mailing shortly. As soon as the newsletter is mailed, the next project will be an entirely new Directory. Carol agreed with our suggestion about a national 'Auxiliary', but suggested that it be coordinated with Gloria Ann (VA-213-W), who is working on a similar concept for 'couples only', but which is oriented toward separate weekend couples activities rather than being integrated into existing Chapter organizations.

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FROM MARLENE (CA-221-L), ON CHAPTER DEVELOPMENT...

This was a very fruitful trip, being able to meet directly with Carol and discuss in detail many items (in addition to those indicated above), of interest to CHI Chapter. She is now aware of our Chapter interest in assisting her, and will be in touch with us in the future on any projects in which we could be of help.

...As a result of my personal meeting with Carol Beecroft, I was offered and accepted the position of National Membership Director for TRI-ESS Sorority. My acceptance was based upon the expressed desire of CHI Chapter to assist Carol by removing some of her workload, to allow her more time for other TRI-ESS matters which only she can handle, so I assume that I will receive the full backing of the Chapter in this endeavor..."

(Ed. note: from November, 1983 "Chi Tribune", newsletter of the CHI (Chicago) Chapter.)

...(from a personal letter from Donna to me)... "I'll look forward to hearing from you, along with any comments or suggestions that you may have. Like it or not, TRI-ESS Sorority is going to be dragged (kicking and screaming), into an efficient 20th Century operation! Will CHI DELTA MU help?"

'Carol has asked me to respond to chapter organization matters and has also delegated new membership processing to Donna Martin in Chicago. This will allow a more efficient operation...The FEMME MIRROR is at the printers. We expect it to be mailed within a week. TRANSVESTIA, I can't say. We lost our typist last month, but we have plenty of material (I've been the proofreader)...We are particularly interested in forming new chapters to serve local areas. I've made a pin map for all members in the US, and there are about 30 in your area and 4 in the Albany area. I have written an article in the upcoming FEMME MIRROR which hopefully will encourage new leaders to emerge (Carol and I drive 400 miles round trip each month to Alpha Chapter meetings in LA), but you know your local area far better than we do...I will also be writing an area Chapter column for the FEMME MIRROR for Carol, and I would appreciate it if you could keep me posted on CHI DELTA MU so that it can be included in the column." (Ed. note: I've asked Nora Helene to include Marlene on our newsletter distribution list.)

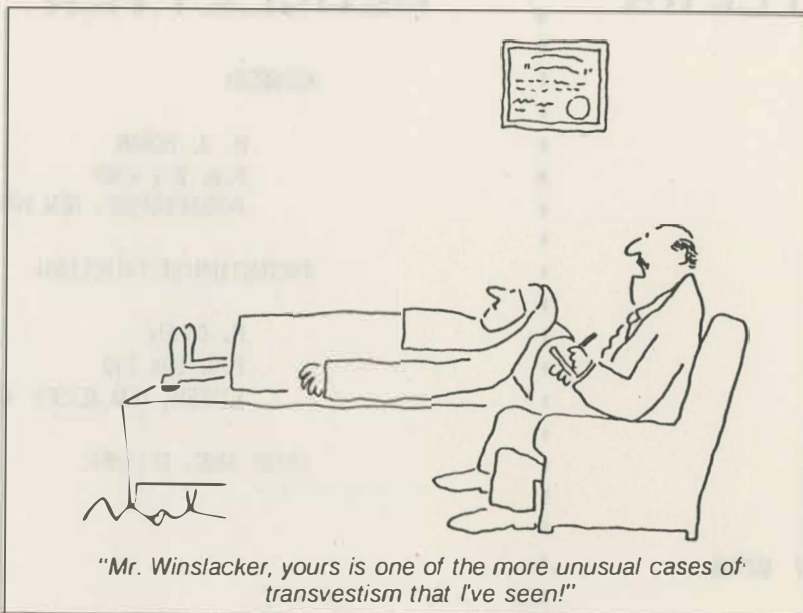
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# SOCIETY FOR THE SECOND SELF



"Mr. Winslacker, yours is one of the more unusual cases of transvestism that I've seen!"

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September, 1982

Thanks, Carole (NY-207-S), for sending this and other items in for the newsletter.

Treasurer's Report

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Item	October	November
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Opening Cash Balance	\$288.10	\$378.44
<b>Receipts</b>		
Meeting fees	160.00	200.00
New Members	30.00	30.00
Renewals	30.00	30.00
Donations	75.00	10.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>315.00</b>	<b>260.00</b>
<b>Expenses</b>		
Newsletter	56.66	75.34
Motel	105.00	52.88 *
Refreshments	63.00	76.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>224.66</b>	<b>204.22</b>
Ending Cash Balance	\$378.44	\$434.22
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THANK YOU ALL AGAIN FOR YOUR HELP WITH THE NEWSLETTER! WE WERE SOMEWHAT LATE IN GETTING THIS ISSUE OUT, AND I THINK THAT FOR 1984 WE WILL CHANGE PROCEDURES AND PUBLISH AT LEAST THE PHOTO OF THE CHAPTER MEETING IN THE FOLLOWING MONTH'S ISSUE. ANY SUGGESTIONS YOU MAY HAVE AS TO HOW TO IMPROVE THE NEWSLETTER WOULD BE MOST WELCOMED BY YOUR EDITOR.

*Best Regards,  
Mary Jane.*

\* due to the inconveniences suffered by us in September, motel management did not charge for the conference room in November.

...Thank you for your donations to our Treasury: Yvonne, Jana, Alice, Joyce, Marion, Camiel, Nora Helene, and Lora. Your extra support is appreciated!

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