Cross-Port InnerView

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The next meeting is July 16 at 8:00pm

A New View

by Elaine

Well we had the Cross-port meeting at the Golden Lion and it was a great success. I was surprised at number ladies that attended. There were 30 ladies and S.O.s. Thank you all for attending. We also want to announce that Christopher's has reopened and that the meeting will be held there again. We also would like to thank Dave at the Golden Lion for allowing us to meet there on such short notice and for making us feel welcome. We also wish to welcome Jamie and Sue we hope that you had a good time and hope to see you at the next meeting. I had a great Fourth of July as Elaine went to visit her family. I drove to Massillon wearing a black leather skirt and pink satin blouse. My brothers said I looked to good. My Mom was surprised when I rang the door bell because she did not recognize me.

- Quick Takes -

Ford won't try the hose

Mini Vandermolen, a Ford Motor Co. design executive, said she had her male colleagues don fake fingernails so they can experience how tough it is to open a car door with log nails. "They really should try getting in and out of a car with pantyhose and a tight skirt, but I don't want to push it," said Vandermolen, one of the highest-ranking women in the auto design community.

Europe on the go

Well your gallivanting sister has finally returned. Had a great time even though I was totally worn out by the time I got home. I came down with a cold about the sixth day which did not help any either. None the less I would be ready to go again.

My trip got under way early Tuesday morning when Elaine arrived to transport me, bag and baggage, to the airport for my noon flight to JFK by way of Pittsburgh. Then on to Paris France for another change of planes before reaching our final destination, Munich Germany. The total flight lasted sixteen to seventeen hours including layovers. Then there was the matter of the six hour time difference. We landed at the new Munich Airport which had just opened in the past month, very upscale and modernistic.

After proceeding through customs, (which by the way were very casual upon entering the country), our group of eighty tourists boarded two Mercedes buses along with our english speaking tour guides. Our first port of call was Innsbruck by way of Oberamagau. As we drove along we immediately became aware of the smooth roads and the absolute cleanliness of the countryside. We stopped in a small town Oberamagau for a couple of hours to have lunch and do some quick shopping. A typical Tyrolen village nestled in the Austrian Alps. All the houses and shops built in the same style. Much ginger bread around each window and murals painted on the exterior walls. Each level has a balcony complete with flower boxes which are planted with a large assortment of beautiful flowers. A truly fairy tale village.

Our stay in Innsbruck was only for two days and with so much to see and do, we were on the go from morning till night. Innsbruck is a small town in comparison to

others we were to visit and yet so typical. The center of town formed a plaza which was restricted to pedestrian traffic only. There were many shops, churches, and historical sights that lined the narrow streets. The Inn river divides the city and is simply beautiful when lit up at night. I went out that evening just to walk around town and observe the sites and the large number of people who were present. Outdoor cafes abound everywhere and was the case in Vienna and Salzburg as well.

Then it was time to head on to Vienna. This town is probably the cultural capital of the entire area. Once again, more things to see and do than time would allow. The Saint Thomas Choir sang at the Sunday morning mass at Saint Stephen's Gothic Cathedral. No, yours truly was not among them. This church, as were all the others we were to visit, was very ornate and impressive. The first evening was spent walking around the plaza listing to musicians playing harps, violins and other instruments. It was great to watch the magicians plying their trade. The next evening we took a tour of the area where *The Grinzing* is held. This celebration is held each year when the new wine is ready. We sampled much wine and listened to some good old German music. Our next stop of the evening was at a large palatial home which had been converted into a night club (for lack of a better description), which had two orchestras. One inside was very formal and preformed in a large hall. The one we attended was in the formal gardens. According to our guide, many well known composers; Mozart, Bach, Brahms, Beethoven and Franz Liszt had preformed here in years gone by.

While in Vienna, one of the many places we visited was Schonbrunn Palace and formal gardens. The palace had 1265 rooms, of which 145 were kitchens and oddly enough only one bathroom (must have been some real traffic jams here). One of the many rooms we were permitted to tour was one in which Mozart gave a recital of one of his original compositions for the Austrian Arch Duke when he was just six years of age.

We spent another splendid evening attending an all Johann Strauss waltz Concert performed by the Viener Hofbourg-Orchestra.

Enroute to Salzburg we took a three hour cruise up the Danube River aboard the Prince Eugen to the Abbey of Melk. The scenery was beautiful, small villages nestled among the mountains that bordered each river bank. Drinks and meals were available on the cruise. While touring the Abbey of Melk, we encountered the first rain of any consequence on the entire trip, even though the region is prone to frequent rains. Just lucky I guess.

Then we boarded our buses for Salzburg. Spending three days here as elsewhere was only too short a time to behold all. Three days of touring churches, castles and countryside, including Bresthesgadan area in the Bavarian Mountains was wonderful. Lakes Mondsee and Gilglen were breath takingly beautiful, surrounded by mountains on all sides. The waters were crystal clear and fish could be seen in waters 15 to 20 feet deep. Bordering the shores were many outdoor cafes for one to spend their leisure time enjoying the view.

And now, all too soon, it was time to return to Munich for our final day. Here we had our farewell party at a typical german restaurant. And then the next morning we were homeward bound. Going through customs at the Munich Airport was very strict on leaving the country as opposed to the casual glance when we entered. Bags were checked and my video camera was given a through check. And of course, you had to present your passport.

Another thing we became aware of quite early were prices. Everything was exceedingly high. A small beer was 2.50, while a slightly larger one was $3.50, $3.00 for a Coke and a small expresso (coffee) was $2.80. Clothing and everything else was comparably high. And you could find McDonald's Restaurants everywhere. Language was no problem as most merchants spoke sufficient english, as did most of the people I encountered. The food was generally good, but the portions were small. And every meal; morning breakfast, lunch or dinner, you were served a hard roll. This was a tradition on the order of being served grits down south. Another odd custom was serving cold cuts meats and cheeses for breakfast.

My travel companions were a fun loving group and I made many new friends. They go on these tours about every three years. I am looking forward to the next trip already. This was truly the

experience of a life time.

Love Joyce

Male ==> Female Clothing Size Chart By Mason

Once a C/D has discovered his joy lies in wearing women's clothing and he decides to engage in this exciting pastime, one of the first problems that he will encounter is finding his proper women's clothing size. Unfortunately, not all crossdressers have a wife or girlfriend who is the same size or even close enough so that one could guess the right size. So finding clothes that fit may present a rather serious problem. Buying different sizes of clothing until one finds the correct size can be not only frustrating, but downright expensive.

The following size conversion chart at least gives you a place to start.

What's your opposite sex size? Women's clothing sizes can vary widely, depending on the source.

Misses tall sizes begin at about 5 feet 7 inches, men's tall sizes at about 5 feet 11 inches.

A size 8 dress from a designer in NYC can be a size 14 in a ready to wear dress. Several NY fashion designer's use a "perfect" size 8 model. Sear's is the only known company that uses a recommended national size standard. If you can, compare the measurements of any size tables to get a feel for how close they come to size's you have that fit you well. Consider finding someone to alter clothing to your specific requirements or custom make an item for a special occasion.

Shoe sizes: A woman's shoe size is usually one number higher than the equivalent in a man's shoe. If you wear a 9 man's shoe, try a 10 woman's shoe. A B-width shoe is considered medium for women, a D-width for man. If a shoe is not available in the correct women's width, try a size 1/2 to 1 size larger (i.e. a 10 C-D size,try an 11B).

Lingerie sizes: To find your bra size, measure your chest up under the arms. For cup size a women measures the fullest part of the bust. If it's 1 inch more than the bra size, an A cup; 2 inches, a B cup; 3 inches, a C cup and 4 inches, a Dcup. Many men have fairly large pectorals (especially if they are slightly overweight). You can pick your cup size to match your breast forms or by how much padding you want to put in your bra cups. Almost anything can be used from water filled balloon's to birdseed and sponge rubber.

Miss or Woman's size*	Bust/chest (inches)	Waist (inches)**	Hips (inches)	Men's size
4	30/30-1/2	21/21-1/2	32/32-1/2	***
6	31/31-1/2	22/22-1/2	33/33-1/2	***
8	32/32-1/2	23/23-1/2	34/34-1/2	***
10	33/34	24/25	35/36	***
12	34-1/2/35-1/2	25-1/2/26-1/2	36-1/2/37-1/2	36(S)
14	36/37	27/28	38/39	
16	37-1/2/38-1/2	28-1/2/29-1/2	39-1/2/40-1/2	38(M)
18	39/40-1/2	30/31-1/2	41/42-1/2	40(M)
20(38)	41/42-1/2	32/33-1/2	43/44-1/2	42(L)
22(40)	43/44-1/2	34/35-1/2	45/46-1/2	44(L)
(42)	45/46-1/2	37-1/2/39-1/2	46/47-1/2	46(XL)
(44)	47/48-1/2	40/42	48/49-1/2	48
(46)	49/50-1/2	42-1/2/44-1/2	50/51-1/2	50

* Woman's sizes are shown in parenthesis.
** Waist measurements shown here are misses sizes; men's sizes are approximately 3 inches larger.
*** Not available in men's sizes.

Mastectomy prosthesis (silicone rubber), or molded sponge rubber pads are recommended. The type with hollow backs mold over the male pectorals and give the best fit. It is also best to buy the next size smaller, because the forms will fit better in your bra. An underwire bra will not ride up as much as a regular bra (attaching the forms with ostomy adhesive will help anchor a bra). A hairless chest will look and feel better than one with hair, especially if an adhesive is used. Panty size is determined by hip size.

Hips (inches)	Panty Size	Hips (inches)	Panty Size	Hips (inches)	Panty Size
32-34	5	38-40	7	42-44	9
35-37	6	41-42	8	45-46	10

Slip sizes correspond to bust measurements. Petticoat or half-slip sizes are based on waist measurements: S (22-24), M (25-27), L (28-30), etc.

Nightgown and robe sizes are based on bust measurements: S (32), M (34-36), L (38-40), etc.

There you have it! Next time you walk into a store or boutique, you'll know just what size your "wife" or "girlfriend" wears, or if you have the courage, tell the salesperson it's for yourself! Many customers of Large or Tall girl stores are men who buy for themselves. Some will even allow you to try items on for fit (a phone call to the store before you go is advised). Most mail order companies (Sear's, Penny's, Lerner's NY, Anthony Richard's etc.), estimate about 30% of their customers are men. At least you won't run the risk of getting ripped off by a clerk or company who will sell you anything just to get rid of you. Most stores and mail order companies want to have a satisfied customer, who will buy from them again. Another possibility is making your own clothing or finding a seamstress to make garments from patterns and cloth you purchase. You can get things made that are not normally available in stores (although they will cost more). You can have them made for your "wife" or you can tell the truth. Most people either don't care or will accept a plausible story. Unless you are into something kinky like "rubber" or leather and bondage, buy your clothing where a GG (Genetic Girl) would buy her clothes. They will make you feel natural and give you a feeling of wearing what a "real" women would wear. A woman will be much more willing to buy you clothing if she goes to stores she normally shops at, rather than porno stores or mail order from NYC with it's inflated prices. Get a Post Office or mail station box and send for Frederick's catalog, this will get you on the lists for most of the catalogs (order a pushup bra or 5" heels and you are a valued customer!).

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