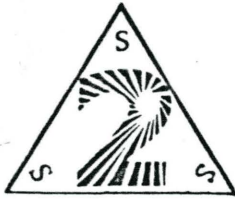
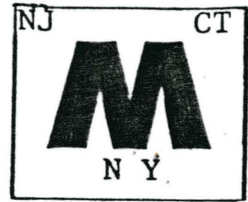


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C. D. M. !!!

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Its hard to believe, but on August 30 we are 1 year-old as an organized Chapter. Carol Beecroft came from California, and we met in a very nice motel. Unfortunately, not all of the girls in attendance at the meeting joined us, but we do now have a good group going. Let us hope we can not only sustain our membership, but also continue to grow!

It was a steamy Sunday afternoon when Patricia and I arrived at the rooms which Carol had secured through Nora Helene. Some refreshments were available, but not enough to feed all of us. In any case, it didn't matter, for we were all concerned about other things.

Several of the sisters who were there wanted a more "open" Chapter. Much discussion was had, and the end result is that we have a Chapter that is 100% behind the concepts of TRI-ESS, and another group that is doing there own thing.

I think that most would agree that that is fine. We still have the freedom of choice, and I don't believe that anyone should be forced to do something which she does not want to do. Several of our sisters attend meetings of this other group, and have made contacts with people who are more comfortable with us and have joined us. Although we have not experienced it yet, if someone we come across would more properly fit in with the other group, we'll put them in contact with one another.

There will be no August meeting due to a lack of interest. We hope that September will be a different story (see Page 2). I hope to be able to give you the new mailing address of OUR SPECIAL JOY in the September issue.

We've come a long way in one year, and I am confident that when our Chapter nears its second birthday, we will be in even a better position. Details on our progress and plans for the future (preliminary), are found in the newsletter.



Current Chapter sisters who were at the August 30, 1981 meeting of C. D. M., left to right: Mary Jane, Carol B., (kneeling) Frances and behind her Janet, Nora Helene on the stairs, and Patricia (last on the right). Photo: Patricia

Radio & TV

A letter to Nora Helene from Dr. Judith K. concerning our activities: "I was very pleased to receive your letter. I couldn't make the June 12th meeting, but would be very much interested in hearing of your next meetings (she has been advised of our meeting schedule and, of course, invited to our meetings) Please let me know. I am also very interested in doing a program about TV-is soon, and would be happy to talk to the member(s) and wife you mentioned with regard to this".

I've spoken with Dr. Judith, and she wanted to have a program on August 5th. Due to scheduling problems, we could not meet that date. Unless otherwise included in the newsletter at the last minute, you will have to keep posted to Dr. Judith's show to learn of the program (WABC-AM 770 Radio, nights), details. Should advanced notice be possible, we will let you know.

I think that such a program would be a great accomplishment for our Chapter and the National Organization; hopefully, it will benefit a lot of other girls. If you would like to participate in future activities of this nature, please us know.

September & Future Meetings

...For September, we will meet on the the 11th in Westchester County, not far from the spot of our April meeting. We have a number of activities in the "works" for future meetings: visits with people such as Dr. Judith, cosmetic demonstrations by Merle Norman, shopping with Lane Bryant, and MORE !!! For our September meeting, please complete the form provided at the bottom of this page.

...Please remember that our schedule calls for meetings on the second Saturday of each month, unless notified of another date. Our October meeting will probably be held in New Jersey, although we are talking about a "Fall Weekend in a resort area. I guess you'll just have to come to the meeting to be kept posted, although O. S. J. will keep you advised as best we can.

YES, I plan on coming to the September 11 (Saturday), meeting of TRI-ESS's Chapter CHI DELTA MU in mid-Westchester County, and I'm providing the following

NAME: _____ Phone: () _____

Wife/girlfriend/guest(s) attending: _____

(no charge for wives/girlfriends/guests)

Mail to: Patricia I. Gallagher
P. O. Box 158
Old Greenwich, Ct. 06870

...Patricia will provide you with the directions to our meeting place.

...It is appreciated that you advise us of your (and spouse/girlfriend's) attendance so we can plan on adequate refreshments.

Desk of Carol Beecroft...

Dear Mary Jane:

I certainly did like the latest copy of Our Special Joy. You do a spendid job.

A point which I should discuss. The Couples Auxiliary will in no way interfere with your chapter activities. Meetings will be only on a quarterly or semi-annual basis and thus will not detract from your meetings. In addition, there are chapters where wives are not attending much at all and thus these areas are properly receptive to the auxiliary. There are other areas where chapters are not adhering to national policy and these areas are especially ripe for the couples auxiliary.

The belief is that our wives are the most important thing in our relationship and anything we can do to help them and make them happy is correct. The couples auxiliary will merely be one more tool or aid in our efforts to keep "A" wives that way and to help other wives to attain the "A" status. But, of course, the couples auxiliary will not meet that often, so there really is no way that it would detract from your monthly meetings. I would appreciate your explaining this to the members of CHI DELTA MU. The auxiliary is a tool and not a chapter or anything in competition with chapters.

I do want to thank you and Nora Helene for your unselfish devotion to your sisters. I couldn't do without you.

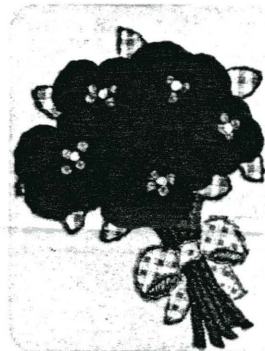
Sincerely yours,

6/30/82

Carol



"No C. D. M. Meeting this month."



PATRICIA !!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

In Case You Missed It

Letter to FORUM Magazine....."Boy/Girlfriend"

"I'm a twenty year old woman. For the past year I've been involved in the most exciting relationship I can imagine -- my boyfriend is a transvestite. Women who have never had any experience with transvestites shouldn't knock it until they try it. It can be wonderful.

Transvestism is a relaxation technique for my boyfriend and an extremely arousing erotic practice for both of us. His moods change constantly; he isn't always dressed and we do many things together in a totally straight way. Most of the time, however, he's in the female world one way or another. A little thing like having his nails painted can be all he needs to relax.

When my boyfriend is fully dressed we go places together as girlfriends. We live in a total woman's world during these times, discussing clothing, make-up, and needle work. Its really very nice. There's a whole area of sensuality we share that I've never been able to share with a man before.

If someone told me a year ago I would be involved in a relationship like this, I probably would have laughed. Now I wouldn't change the relationship one bit -- I just hope it lasts a long time!

Its a shame that more people can't go beyond what is considered the norm in male-female roles and treat people just as that, people. I'm very happy with my boy/girlfriend and admire all the ladies who are involved in similar relationships, and who accept and enjoy them."

Ms. K. H., California

COMMENTARY

It certainly is great to see a letter like this. We hope that other females will have like experiences and come to see us for what we really are. Note that Ms. K. H. never thought that she would be in this relationship, and enjoy it a year later. What made her change her mind? What can we, as TVs do to foster change in pre-conceived opinions, misunderstandings, etc.? YOUR input on this subject, be you a sister or a female who has a relationship with a sister, is MOST welcomed! After all, if we sit back and just "take it", we really are not doing anything to CHANGE things, and that is what this organization, locally and nationally, is all about.

IT IS UP TO YOU!



Treasurer's Report

Beginning Cash Balance.....	\$159.27
Receipts.....	0
Expences (postage).....	(20.60)
Ending Cash Balance.....	<u>\$138.67</u>

The net profit/(loss) for our motel meetings thus far has been as follows:

<u>Month</u>	<u>Profit / (Loss)</u>
March*	\$1.07
April	(5.75)
May	1.89
June	1.76
AVERAGE	(.26)

* March meeting fees adjusted to \$10.00 per member.

Profit/(loss) is measured on a per attendee basis: it excludes in the count wives, girlfriends, and guests, and includes meeting fees and the contributions made by several sisters.

Our April meeting, held in Westchester with a conference room and regular room, obviously brought our four-month average down. Now, as that we usually have wives/girlfriends/guests, the \$10.00 meeting fee per member does seem appropriate. We usually do not have a lot of refreshments left-over, so our fiscal position seems good.

We will begin dues renewal time in the month of October. I do not see the need to change the dues structure from \$10.00/year/member. Our "average" cash balance is a little more than \$100.00; of course a publicity move addressing replies from a Dr. Judith K. program, another "Dear Meg" situation, could place us in a fiscal pinch, but I think that we can handle it.

I'd certainly appreciate it if one of our regular Chapter sisters would volunteer her time to become Chapter Treasurer; it would be a help to me.

Wigs warrant special care during summer

By LAURA NOWICKI

The causes of hair loss among women can be bafflingly numerous. Age, medication, allergies, excessive styling, permanents, dyes, poor nutrition and even stress are the strongest factors.

And while cures are not always available or effective, an alternative is the use of wigs and hair pieces.

Looking good

Ruth Weintraub, custom wig maker, said that summer can be merciless on

the wearers of wigs and hair pieces. Her advice for comfortable survival during the hot, muggy months begins with the choice of wig or hair piece that is closely trimmed, light in hair quantity and airy in construction.

Next is the special maintenance required during the summer. The exposure of human hair to strong sunlight, she said, will eventually cause it to fade slightly in color. The dark shades will turn reddish in color while the grays and lighter shades will become yellowish.

During the summer you can help delay the inevitable, she said, by brushing and cleaning your hair pieces frequently — and also by not exposing them to direct sunlight, swimming and hair spray build-up. Washable synthetic fiber hair pieces tend to resist fading longer and are for this reason better for continuous wear outdoors.

Human hair without moisture or lubrication obviously becomes dry. And dry hair always looks dull. Synthetic fiber hair pieces that have lost their surface coating will also look dull.

For best results, Ms. Weintraub advised cleaning hair pieces and wigs properly, according to instruction, and frequently. Use hair sprays sparingly and brush daily. And before combing, spray hair piece lightly with plain water to activate its lubricants.

LAURA NOWICKI is Lifestyles feature writer for Gannett Westchester Newspapers.

At our January Meeting....
(left to right) Mary Jane,
Patricia, Nora Helene, and
Wilma. (photo: Patricia)

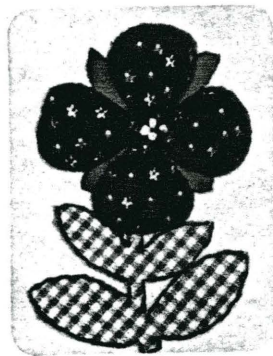


LEGS !!

Our Sister, Nora Helene



Thinking, our sister Felicity



Editorial

Well, we have a lot going for us. As for me, I think that we have accomplished a lot in a year as an organized Chapter.

Sure, more could be and have been done. But that depends upon you, the membership, and how much you want to help the group.

We need people to contribute to the newsletter, and to organize affairs for the Chapter. We do have several sisters who are doing this, but we need more.

Our success depends upon you, the Chapter sister. I'm getting tired of writing a good part of the newsletter, and I know that you girls have a great deal of thoughts/ideas/recommendations that you've considered. Let US hear about them!!!

Support CHI DELTA MU, Y-O-U-R Chapter which attempts to provide you with the services which you both want and need as crossdressers.



"Son, I think you should consider going back to the TRI-ESS Chapter. They do have a more regular bunch of members."



At this writing (August 2nd), we have no word about the radio program. Considering a number of factors, the program may have to be delayed for a month or so. Again, the Chapter will attempt to let you know of the details either in the newsletter or in a special mailing.

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Best Regards

Mary Jane.