

News

About

Tri-Ess

Chapters

This is the FIRST issue of the Tri-Ess Clarion, speaking nationally. It was published once before for the members of the Atlantic states. I hope that you enjoy it and, most of all, I hope that our chapter leaders will furnish me with plenty of material for the monthly issues. I can't put out a magazine devoted to chapter activities unless I get the material to fill it. In addition, please send good quality photos. Pictures do enhance any publication. Please help me out.

ALPHA CHAPTER: The sisters of Alpha have been having monthly meetings or dinners lately and plan on a special night out in February at a swanky nightclub at the top of a famous hotel. They are also planning another visit to a ritzy nightclub several months down the

road, where famous people come to see the female impersonator part of the entertainment. All sisters are urged to attend these gala activities in 1982.

HOUSTON CHAPTER: The girls of this relatively new chapter have been very active of late and were fortunate to have a visit from a prominent psychiatrist who has had considerable experience in counseling crossdressers. We understand that he cured the whole chapter and it is now defunct. Ha! We are indebted to Vivian (TX-205-M) for this information,

Proposed Chapter In Northeastern Pennsylvania: Kathy (PA-13-H) is trying very hard to organize a chapter for Tri-Ess sisters. She is especially interested in sisters in the greater Scranton, Wilkes Barre, Hazelton

areas. Kathy tells us that she and her wife will be holding the meetings at their home in Dallas, Pa. She says that sisters should write her for information. So, get to it, gals.

CHI DELTA MU: The sisters are laboring hard to get this very young chapter going. Mary Jane (NY-206-M) is the leader although she has help from a number of sisters, including Patricia (CT-8-G) and Nora-Helene (NJ-202-C). As we go to press, your Editor understands that the girls are having a chapter meeting this same night as the Clarion is being put together.

SIGMA DELTA: The girls in the San Diego, Ca., area are gradually getting together. Susan (CA-88-T) says that the girls are meeting this month on the 27th in San Ysidro - at a member's house. Another meeting is being planned for early Feb. They have great plans and we



FAR LEFT: Carol Beecroft assists Jane, (NJ-209-W) with her makeup at Chi Delta Mu.

OPPOSITE: Patricia (CT-8-G) poses prettily on stairs at Chi Delta Mu meeting.

BELOW: Patti (CA-55-H) and Virginia Prince take a moment for a camera bug at a recent Alpha Chapter meeting.



PICTURES
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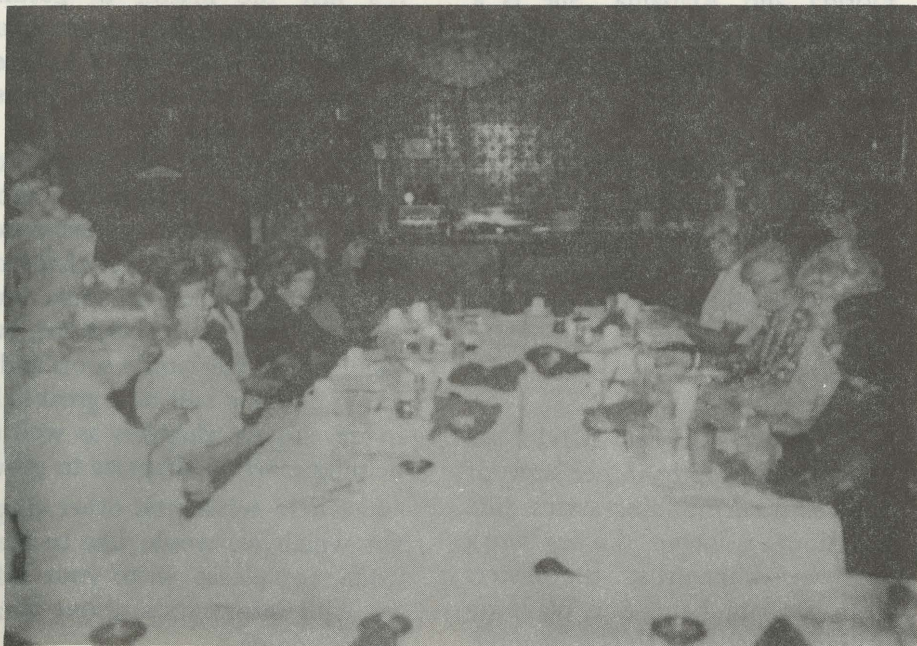
ABOVE: Joyce (CA-72-J) and her pretty wife look happy by one of Carol's dolls at Alpha dinner.

RIGHT: These three lovely sisters wonder how long it is going to take for the waiter to bring their meal at Alpha dinner.





Upper Left: Chi-Delta Mu Girls
Left: Alpha Chapter Diners
Lower Left: Alpha Chapter dinner
Upper Right: Patti (CA-55-H) does im-
personation of Sophia Tucker
Lower Right: Several girls from Chi Chap-
ter going off their diets at a meeting.



hope that the girls there can be successful.

CHI CHAPTER: This very large chapter is always busy, thanks particularly to the Chapter leader Deanna (IL-35-B). These girls are planning a special weekend party near Holland, Mi., where they will learn and have fun. All power to those who help plan this activity. The event will be in early March. Contact Deanna for more information.

LAMBDA DELTA: Chapter leader Alice (KY-5-D) writes that they had a meeting planned for January to be held in Cincinnati and will follow this up with a meeting in Louisville in February. They plan on alternating their meetings between cities.

The girls of Lamba Delta plan to have a future speaker from the Kinsey Institute, as well as a professional photographer, a cosmetologist and some video programs. All sisters within traveling range of this growing chapter are asked to contact Alice.

DALLAS CHAPTER: The girls from this chapter in northern Texas have been busy of late and are planning on a meeting soon but your Editor does not have the information. This chapter has one of the best newsletters of all of the Tri-Ess chapters (CHI chapter has the other) and it is so interesting to read the interesting events and to see such clear pictures. For this newsletter, we are indebted to Genevieve (TX-4-W). She is one busy girl who does her best to put out a quality newsletter. It is interesting to see how many of the Texas gals are backing the Holiday En Femme in New Orleans. Thank heaven for the girls from the great state of Texas.

PI-PHI CHAPTER: Cindy, (CA-58-P) writes that the girls are very active in northern California. Although your editor has no information pertaining to the January meeting, it is interesting to note the girls from this area had a weekend trip at Lake Tahoe in early December. They met in a lovely four-bedroom home for the entire weekend. They had planned for seminars and a gala party. Some of the seminars included "Understanding Crossdressing," "Female Comportment," "Wardrobe and Fashion," "Make up and hair styling." The program was developed by Joan (CA-303-S) and her wife, who happens to be a professional hypnotist and cosmotologist. We look forward to hearing from this busy chapter in the future.

FUTURE CHAPTERS: From time to time, your Editor hears from sisters who are not only interested in seeing a chapter develop in their area, but also plan to do much of the work involved in getting the chapter off the ground. Such is the case of :

ALICE: Alice (FL-301-M) has plans for a chapter in northern Florida and Alabama. She is a very hard and capable worker and we look forward to a meeting soon.

RONA: Rona (VA-1-G) is interested in seeing a chapter started in her area - Roanoke and surroundings. It is quite a challenge but those sisters who live up to 100 miles away might write to her and offer help.

JANA: Jana (IO-201-T) has plans for a chapter in her state of Iowa and surrounding states. She has done a lot of the leg work and we hope that the sisters near her can help. She plans on calling the chapter IOTA chapter.

Do write to her and help.

EVELYN: Evelyn (OH-212-F) says that she would like to help develop a chapter in the Youngstown area. Want to help? Just write her a letter via the forwarding service. There are a lot of girls in this general area and it shouldn't be too much trouble to get started.

JOHANNA: Johanna (MI-24-S) says that she is burning to go far in developing a Tri-Ess chapter in the area around Troy Michigan; We used to have a chapter in Michigan and it can be developed again. Just write her and tell her that you, too, want a chapter in Michigan.

MARY: Mary, (WI-104-Z) is interested in getting a chapter going in the Madison, Wisconsin area. There are several girls around who could help. How about you?

There are other places where our sisters would like to see a ter developed. Places like northern Oregon and the Seattle, Washington area. We could even start a chapter in the Idaho/Utah area. It's just the matter of getting the girls to help. If you particularly want to help start a chapter in your area (or will help) please drop your Editor a note and I will forward the information to Donna (IL-11-S) who will be soon assuming the duty of Executive Secretary in charge of chapters. At this time, she has some very personal problems to care for, but she'll be in the saddle soon and I know that she will be a great help in developing chapters as well as helping existing chapters to grow.

There are several other chapters which we would like to hear from. So, please write your Editor with information about what you are doing.

PROVINCIAL

1024 Rue Chartres

New Orleans



NEW ORLEANS

If you're ever going to let that girl inside live — really live, then the Holiday En Femme in New Orleans is the time. It's another Tri-Ess rendezvous designed to let you experience the joy and excitement of living fully as a girl — for four wonderful days of shopping, sightseeing, dining, parties, nightlife, and being treated like a lady.

And what a way to welcome the beginning of Spring — March 20th! The weather and flowers and simply gorgeous along the lower Mississippi at that time of the year. As the gentle southern breezes waft the fragrance of blooming magnolias and honeysuckle, you won't be able to resist the blooming and growth of your own femme personality.

Tri-Ess has chosen to have national events such as the Holiday En Femme in large cities, rather than small out-of-the-way resorts, so that you will have the enormously greater selection of stores and shops, theatres, hotels, fine restaurants, nightclubs, and interesting things to see and do; And it's easier to get there and less expensive.

A whirl of activities are available to you — and you can choose the type of participation you prefer for each — either with others following the group itinerary, or alone, or with friends of your choice. No one is expected or obligated to participate in group activities. They are planned for those who want them and anyone who wants to do other things is perfectly free to do so. In fact, we encourage you to experience the special pleasure and excitement that the challenge of going out alone (or with a companion) can give. You don't have to make a choice between Group or solo time, either. You can alternate between them as your inclinations lead you.

So, let's get started on a typical day. Perhaps you'll want to visit the wig salon on your first day out after dressing. Get your hair "combed out" neatly for the days ahead or get professional help in selecting something new and attractive. Then, window shop as you stroll to the Court of Two Sisters for their famous luncheon buffet served in the courtyard as their jazz band entertains you. After lunch, take the bus down Canal Street to the Rivergate Convention Center, a great place for photos with the building and river scenes as background. From there,

it's a short walk to the Canal St Ferry for a free roundtrip crossing of the Mississippi and another excellent opportunity for scenic views and photos of yourself in action en femme.

Meanwhile, back at the hotel, our Night People are beginning to stir and getting ready to meet us in the Hospitality Suite for the afternoon grooming session featuring tips on hair style selection and wig maintenance. After that, there's time for socializing, meeting and getting to know your sisters from all over the country, establishing new friendships and renewing old acquaintances. Some of the girls may be having their first public outing and we'll enjoy sharing this exceptionally exciting experience with them. These private "get-together" times are highly valued and memorable occasions.

Now it's time to get a little rest, to freshen your face, and dress for the evening dinner at that fun-tastic restaurant called "Anything Goes." Here, every table and booth has a different theme — from an Indian teepee to a jail cell, or maybe you'll be in the igloo or the giant bearcan. The waiters and waitresses are costumed as a cast of characters — you may be served by Tarzan or Cleoptra, or maybe even Bugs

Bunny or Groucho Marx. If a mere crossdresser attracts attention in here, it will be surprising.

If you can stand any more fun in one day, then let's swish over to the Gunga Din Club and have a few drinks while watching the female impersonator show.

By now, your feet will probably insist that you take a ride through the moonlight in one of those enchanting open, horse-drawn carriages to get back to the hotel. There, intrigued by the Naughty Nightie room party, you will somehow find the energy to go on for a couple of hours more, socializing with your sisters — till at last the Sandman calls you to lay your pretty head down for some much needed sleep.

And, you'd better rest, for in the days ahead, there's the horse-races, the Wax Museum, more shopping, cocktails and the fabulous nighttime view from the Top Of The Mart, the Superdome tour, the perfume shop, Crazy Shirley's Club (for that famous Dixieland Music), the Creole seafood dinner (if it lives in the water, they know how to cook it in New Orleans), a ride on the St. Charles Streetcar through the garden district to Audubon Park & Zoo, shopping at the French Market, the City Tour by bus, and that outrageous costume room party that's "Too Late For Mardi Gras." Well, you get the idea. More information will be in the Registration Kit & Holiday Newsletters you'll get after sending in your reservation Form.

Now, it's not that all these things you do and places you go are super attractions, per se — the thing that makes it all so special is doing it as a girl!! Every action you take (even things as simple as boarding a bus or buying an admission ticket), involves interaction with other people — the public, and, as well as being exciting, builds your confidence that your girlself can really do these things

and handle all situations you may encounter.

As a girl, have you ever purchased a ticket to a theatre, ordered a dinner, hailed a taxi, or tried to step up on a bus in a tight skirt while wearing four inch heels? As a girl, have you ever asked a policeman for directions, or tried to hold your hair and your skirt down at the same time while carrying your purse and packages on a windy street, and have you ever bought your shoes while dressed and been able to actually try them on in the store — and not have to give silly excuses for buying them? Well, these things, and much more, are what you can experience at Holiday En Femme. That's what it's all about — the experience and fun of actually living as a girl for four wonderful days.

Perhaps you can do these things in your home area, if you're daring enough, but in New you're anonymous and can move about freely because the people are simply not concerned. The city, through 250 years of assimilating groups of many backgrounds and lifestyles, has developed a sophisticated tolerance of differences. So just relax and enjoy your self.

By restricting attendance at Holiday En Femme to Tri-Ess national members, we are more assured of having a congenial group of like-minded sisters. And, there will be less possibility of giving an inaccurate impression of our objectives and interests to the public and the businesspeople with whom we will be dealing. We want good relations with these people so that they will welcome us the next time we are here.

Participation in the Holiday En Femme is one of the major benefits of being a member of Tri-Ess, along with the Directory (now at the printers) and mail forwarding service, the Femme

Mirror, Chapter activities and the Tri-Ess Clarion which accompanies this publicity release about our Holiday En Femme.

Without our national organization, these benefits would not be possible, and National couldn't exist without the support of members through dues and the unselfish contribution of untold hours by Carol and other members of the sororoty.

Perhaps the opportunity to attend the Holiday En Femme will persuade some prospective member to sign up now, and, hopefully, we'll see some former members back in the fold. We would really love to have you, so come on, join us in this marvelous enjoyment of our sisterhood.

Rooms and suites have been reserved at two of the French Quarter's nicest hotels: the Provincial and The Chateau, which are across the street from each other in the 1000 block of Rue Chartres, just two blocks from Jackson Square, the heart of the Quarter.

Why two hotels? For these reasons: 1. Ambience — we wanted the tranquil beauty and Old World charm of the smaller hotels with their lovely garden patios, period furnishings and the authentic flavor of the Vieux Carre. 2. These small hotels (even those with 100 rooms) would not accept group reservations. The rooms had to be reserved in several names and split between the two hotels.

For this slight inconvenience, we get two worthwhile advantages: 1. A greater variety of room-types. For those to whom ambience is primary, there are suites with living rooms and a private door to the patio, at less than \$50 per night per person, tax included. For those who want to economize there are some nicely furnished doubles at just \$30 per person. Most of the rooms are in the \$35

to \$44 range per person. 2. We have protection against one of those hotel reservation foulups which sometimes occur and leave people with no rooms at all. There are enough rooms reserved at each hotel to accommodate all of us in an emergency.

Because of the wide variety of rooms and occupancy combinations possible, we are not going to try to describe them all here. Please, just make the decision to go and send your deposit. You'll be contacted personally to make a room assignment to your satisfaction.

If you are unable to stay the entire four days, you are still welcome and can be accommodated for whatever length your stay. Wives are welcome, too and invited to participate in all activities.

Registration will start Wednesday morning, March 17th, in the Hospitality Suite, where you'll receive a cordial greeting from our volunteer hostesses. Snacks and drinks will be served, and you'll get a brief orientation, plus help, in getting settled into your room. First-timers at this type of event will find counsel gladly given by experienced members.

We know that you'll want to spend as much time dressed as possible, so the Suite can be used for dressing if you arrive too early in the day for your room to be available. It will also be used for the room parties and as our communications center.

We are deeply indebted to Nichol (TX-303-W) who, as a member of the planning group, made a trip to New Orleans at her own expense, to survey the hotels, and select our lodging.

As another measure of the extraordinary effort of the planning group to provide the very finest activity we have ever had, Dorothy (TX-15-H) is also planning to go to New Orleans before the Holiday En Femme, to make

sure that every detail of the delectable dining experience she is planning, is worked out satisfactorily.

Janice (TX-10-M) is busy acknowledging the Reservation Forms, assembling materials for the Registration Kits and preparing copy for the first HOLIDAY Newsletter - coming soon to those who have made reservations.

Linda (TX-21-B) is continuing preparations for the parties and programs. In addition, she has taken responsibility for "girling" the Hospitality Suite and asks for volunteer hostesses to help with this important function.

And now, here's the BIG news as we prepare to go to press: The evidence is convincing that we are going to have the largest turnout in our history. With plenty of time still ahead for more to

come in, we have already received 16 Reservations and Deposits. It's time to ask for more rooms at the hotels. How many will be available? Don't press your luck — send YOUR reservation in without delay!

The Holiday En Femme offers you an equaled opportunity to savor life in the feminine role. It's the realization, in action, of our dreams — to move, to do, to see and be seen, and to be accepted — and to share with our sisters these feelings and experiences which nobody else can ever really understand.

So, whether your main interest is meeting your sisters from around the country, or enjoying the activities as a girl — there's an unforgettable experience waiting for you — at the Holiday En Femme!!!



RESERVATION F O
RESERVATION FORM
Tri-Ess HOLLIDAY En Femme
New Orleans, La., 1982

Wed. March 17, to Sun. March 21, 1982

As of January 6th, 1982:

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| Registration Fee | \$ 30.00 |
| Room Deposit | \$ 40.00 |
| Total | \$ 70.00 |

Refund Policy:

\$15 cancellation charge until February 6th
\$25 cancellation charge Feb. 7th through March 3rd
\$35 cancellation charge March 4th through March 14th
Additional charges probable after March 14th

Check Applicable squares:

Yes — Oh, YES!! The Holiday En Femme sounds marvelous! Please enter my reservation NOW! before the hotel runs out of rooms. My Reservation Payment is enclosed.

My wife is coming, too. I've included an extra \$40 for her Room Deposit. There is no Registration Fee or cancellation Charge for our wives.

The date the form is mailed _____

Femme Name _____

Code No. _____

For mailing purposes: Name _____

Address _____

Send reservations and Deposits to : Carol Becroft
Box 194
Tulare, Ca 93275

**After your Reservation Payment is posted, this form will be forwarded to Janice (TX-10-M) for acknowledgement, and mailing of the HOLIDAY Newsletter.