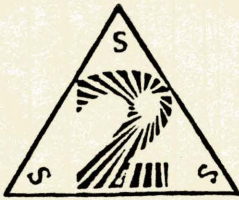
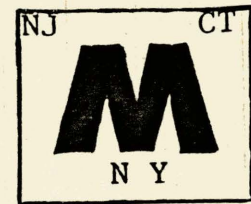


our Special

JOY



Tri-Ess Sorority



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Radio & TV

I am sure that all Sisters were equally disappointed when the October 20th program failed to materialize. Up to 11 P.M. on the 19th, everything was "go". Our Sister, Eileen, who was to have been on the program with wife Priscilla, received a call from WABC management. In effect, they felt that the program would have been "too controversial".

Eileen did not accept this and called senior management at the station the next day. After much difficulty, Eileen finally did get to speak with the person in-charge. WABC is undergoing a rating and, as it was told to Eileen, they want to delay the program for a "few weeks". As of now we do not have a new program date established, but if something develops last minute prior to the publication of the newsletter, we will have a notice on the last page of this issue of OUR SPECIAL JOY. **SEE P. 8!**

It should be noted that a number of Sisters were, and hopefully will be, ready to tape the program; also, we have some ten to twelve Sisters ready to help write those who will inquire after hearing the program. This is what a sorority is, our sorority! Ladies who are ready to assist and offer what aid they can to another who is searching and, perhaps, in need of help.

After hearing some of the garbage that is on the media, knowing those ladies who do participate in activities which are deemed by some to be "too controversial", I am becoming more and more convinced that there are a lot of ignorant folks out there. It is our duty (?) to change that, both for OUR benefit and the benefit of the many Sisters who are still living under a rock.

Editorial

I'd like to again urge all Sisters to support OUR national organization.

Without it we would not be an organized group. Many of us would not come into contact or know another Sister. Additionally, good publicity is provided to those who are ignorant of us, or who have misconceptions.

So if its renewal time, please renew. If you have not joined us yet, please give it serious consideration, both for yourself and others.



Meetings

...All reports indicate another great success at our monthly meeting. New folks attended, and will hopefully be back. A special thanks to Frances and Wilma for organizing things, and also to others who helped.

...The November meeting will be at the same place as the October meeting in New Jersey. A trip to Merle Norman cosmetic studio in Ft. Lee is planned.

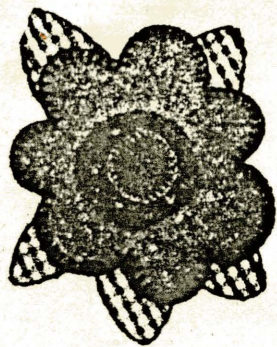
...Many Sisters have asked where is the next meeting and where will be the meeting after that. We are basically going from month to month. This is not good for us as a group. We MUST plan well ahead. To do this, we need someone, or a group/committee, to do this for us. We are growing, and if we are to be successful, we must have this important organizational procedure in place! Volunteers ??



October meeting...attending were (front row, left to right), Nora Helene, Tina, Frances, and Dorothy; second row: Peggy, GG friend of Felicity and the group, Wilma, Lynda, Yvonne, and Bev, wife of Dorothy; standing: Joan of New Jersey, Joan of New York, Felicity, Marlene, and Marilyn, wife of Lynda.

LOOKING GOOD!





C. D. M.

Needed !!!

Chapter Librarian, Treasurer, Coordinator of membership, Coordinator of meetings and activities, Shopping resources and someone to manage them, a meeting place other than a motel, contributions to the newsletter, more members of the national organization and Chapter, ideas, etc., etc., etc. Want to contribute?

LADIES



Thanks, Carole!

Spectacular

- Janine, NY-A, 4/83
- Marlene, NY-314-B, 4/83
- Frances, NJ-10-B, 11/82
- Barbara, NY-307-B, 6/83
- Nora Helene, NJ-202-C, 10/83
- Tina, NJ-303-E, 4/83
- Janet Lee, NY-303-F, 2/83
- Laura, NY-304-F, 1/83
- Lynda, NJ-F, 4/83
- Patricia, CT-8-G, 10/83
- Joan, NJ-204-G, 5/83
- Marion, NY-210-G, 10/82
- Dorothy, NJ-1-G, 1/83
- Suzy, NJ-G, 2/83
- Eileen, NY-11-J, 5/83
- Sylvia, FCQ-1-K, 1/83
- Barbara, NY-217-Mc, 10/82
- Felecity, NY-16-M, 1/83
- Joyce, NJ-206-M, 10/83
- Mary Jane, NY-206-M, 10/83
- Connie, NY-25-N, 11/82
- Claire, NY-208-S, 10/83
- Carole, NY-207-S, 10/83
- Janis, NY-T, 10/83
- Lynne, NY-313-T, 3/83
- Sharon, NY-311-W, 3/83
- Wilma, NJ-300-Y, 1/83



This totals to 27 Chapter Sisters! A warm welcome to Carole and Janis in joining us; we are sure that you will not regret your decision to become part of our sorority and all the femme things we can bring you. The renewal date as listed above is the month/year when your dues of \$10 are payable. Those Sisters who do not have a number between the State and first letter of their last name are not yet part of the National TRI-ESS organization, and we hope they soon change their status and do become members of this most instrumental force which is specifically geared toward the promotion and true understanding of male, heterosexual crossdressing.

Going Out

-Ed.

My first experience "going out" was not by choice, really, but by circumstance.

Several years I was in another city on business. It was a late, hot summer's day. Having finished what I had to do early, I returned to my motel to accomplish what I had wanted to do for some time: the annual "shave off".

Gone were the wires from my legs, chest, etc. It certainly felt good and different when I put my slip on (it was too hot for hose). After putting on a cute summer dress and other femme necessities, I felt like myself (do I have to describe that to you?). I should mention that at this point in my life I was still very much in the closet. My wife knew about my desires, but was, understandably, uncertain. So was I! I had at that point not joined TRI-ESS, nor had I ever made contact with another Sister, though I knew that there were others out there like me.

Well, after getting myself all-together, I was faced with the common problem of "all dressed up and nowhere to go". Considering the heat of the day, and having concluded strenuous business matters, I decided that a gin and tonic was in order. It was a weekday, mid-afternoon. I had previously spotted a nearby ice machine, and I figured that there would be few people about considering the circumstances. After testing the hallway from the vantage of my door for a half hour, I concluded that all was safe and that I could conveniently reach the machine, located some 20 yards away, and return to my room, all while dressed.

I got the ice bucket, took a long second look down the hall, and ventured out the hallway. I was about 5 feet from my room when I heard a loud bang. It was my room door, closing and locking behind me.

Talk about absolute fear! Of course I had no key and the door certainly did lock. I really began to panic. My initial thoughts were to break a window, and climb in some how, but this was quickly dismissed by what rationality I had remaining for I was in-doors, on the second floor of the motel.

Fortunately, my calculation that no one else would be about at that time of day proved true. It took me about 15 to 20 minutes to get my wits together and to figure out how I was going to get out of this situation. I concluded that the only safe way out was to be perfectly honest about myself. With that, I proceeded in a lady-like fashion down the hallway, to the stairs, past the pool on the first floor, and up to the lobby area of the motel. The motel desk was beginning to be busy with late afternoon check-ins. I waited there for several minutes to determine my next move. The fact that the area was busy, plus that I was very careful in getting dressed, meant no problem in getting read.

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I recognized who was "in-charge" at the desk, for I believed that the person "in-charge" had probably encountered another person who crossdressed and in a similar situation. A clerk, recently hired, would probably not have this experience and I did not want to be someone's "first". I asked the assistant manager if he would please step to the back of the office. I frankly told him that I was a registered guest and my situation. He very politely provided me with an extra key, all with no fuss.

I retraced my steps past the large group around the pool. My confidence in my femme self rose considerably, for the world did not "end" when someone unknown to me found out about my second self. I even smiled at a group of women with young children as I approached the stairs to the second floor. I certainly did breathe a sigh of relief when I entered my room.

I gave a lot of thought to what had happened to me in this incident. In retrospect, I'm very glad that it happened, though the fear I experienced was considerable. I gradually began to see that expressing my femininity to others is not the worst thing in the world; I did not harm anyone. Also, by being honest, everything came out OK. This motivated me to join the national organization and to help promote the Chapter. Both I, and my wife, have really benefited and grown by meeting other Sisters and wives/girlfriends. To close, I'm glad I forgot my key.

(We hope to make "Going Out" a regular feature, for it would certainly provide helpful advice and shared experiences for all Sisters on an important topic for us. However, to do this we need your experiences. Please help us by sending an article in for publication in the newsletter. Ed.)



September meeting...front row Frances, Patricia, Priscilla, wife of Eileen, Dr. Judith Kuriansky and Amy, an assistant of Dr. Judith; standing: Barbara P. Lynda, Wilma, Jana of Iowa, Eileen, Marilyn, wife of Lynda and Nora Helene.

Thanks, Nora Helene, for the photos; we hope to get better reproduction of them. I understand that Felicity's fur wrap was the rage at the October gathering. She took a number of pictures with the ladies trying it on; what next?

Food For Thought

"Stages"

Happiness, uninhibited. Shame.
 Guilt. Repression. Denial. More
 repression. Anger. Energy/urge
 diversion. More denial. More
 anger. More and more repression.
 "It will not go away!"
 Recognition. Growth. Initial
 acceptance. More growth. Contact
 with others. Recognition of the
 past. Meeting others. More
 growth. More acceptance. Initial
 happiness. Learning more.
 Greater growth and acceptance of
 self. Comfort. Peace. Happiness
 !!!

-Ed.

In Case You Missed It

IS IT FASHION OR TRANSVESTISM?

♂ I wonder if any of Forum's readers have ever looked at the word transvestite carefully? In the dictionary it says: "A person who derives sexual pleasure from dressing in the clothes of the opposite sex."

What about people who dress in clothes of the opposite sex simply because they like it? Like a girl who dresses in blue jeans or men's shirts, for instance. Would you call her a transvestite? If a man dresses in a denim skirt and a nice shirt and carries a purse, though, he is called a transvestite.

I think some of the clothes manufacturers should start making skirts for men. It would take a long time to catch on, but I think most men would enjoy wearing them, especially in the summertime. Men throughout the ages have worn some sort of toga. You'll still find this type of dress for men in the Moslem countries. From a practical point of view, they are much more comfortable for men.

It's time that the horizons of "transvestism" were expanded, especially in light of the fact that it is okay for women to dress as men and have it called "fashion," but the reverse is not true.

Mr. G.C., California



"He will not share that \$250 blue silk dress that he bought for himself for the next CDM meeting."

Treasurer's Report

Beginning cash balance
 (10/1).....\$124.08

Receipts

Meeting fees.....110.00
 Membership renewals..30.00
 Membership new.....20.00
 Contributions.....30.00

Total.....190.00

Expenses

Motel.....44.10
 Refreshments.....33.40
 Postage.....20.00
 Prior meeting food...12.00

Total.....109.50

Ending cash balance
 (10/31).....\$204.58

A warm thanks to Donna of Illinois and our Chapter Sistere Felicity and Joyce for making contributions to the Chapter. Glad to see that Joyce, Claire and Nora Helene have renewed their membership, and we are confident that Frances and Connie will do the same this month.

Kitchen Of.....Marlene (NY-314-B)

"Manhattan Clam Chowder"

1 cup chopped onion, 1/3 cup minced celery, 2 teaspoons minced green pepper, 1 cloved minced garlic, 2 tablespoons margerine or butter, 1 cup diced potatoes, 3 cups salted boiling water, 3 fresh tomatoes peeled and diced, 1 pint canned minced clams, 1 teaspoon minced parsley. Salt, thyme and pepper to taste.

- a. saute and simmet onions, green pepper, celery and garlic in butter or margerine for 20 minutes.
- b. add potatoes and 3 cups of boiling water and cook until potatoes are soft.
- c. add tomatoes, clams in their juice, salt, pepper, and thyme to taste.
- d. bring to a boil and add parsley; ready when mixture is consistent.
- e. serve with Saltine crackers if desired. Serves 6 to 8.

Thank you Marlene for yet another delicious favorite of yours. Ed.



WAGNER FINDS HART TO HART A REAL DRAG

WE know that's Stefanie Powers on the left, but who's her not-so-shapely brunette friend?

Would you believe Robert Wagner, who's following Dustin Hoffman in what appears to be a growing fad for macho actors — going drag.

In an upcoming episode of ABC's Hart to Hart, Wagner plays a wealthy widow

You'd think that ladies' man Bob would know all there is about feminine charm and grace. Not so.

First, he complained the high heels hurt his ankles. Then directors didn't like the way his hips swiveled.

Luckily, Stefanie agreed to give him a few tips, and in no time Wagner was sashaying with the best of them.



Tales of (Dustin) Hoffman

DUSTIN Hoffman's flick Tootsie, which opens Dec. 17, took 98 days to shoot instead of the scheduled 75 and cost nearly \$25 million instead of \$19 million and change. Director Sydney Pollack told reporters in Hollywood he and Dustin "bashed heads" and "fought like hell" over the movie. Indeed, there were unconfirmed reports Hoffman wasn't even invited to an early screening of the finished product by Pollack. But Pollack insists that at the end the two men were collaborating closely. Sydney said part of the delay was caused by Dustin's bronchitis and by an accident in which Dustin's hand was caught in a car door. Pollack also blamed New York's summer heat, which caused the skin lifts on Dustin's face to come loose during shooting. (Dustin plays a man posing as a woman). Variety reported Dustin was paid \$4.5 million to do the film and Pollack \$2 million for directing it. The movie was originally Dustin's idea but Pollack ended up, contractually, with the right to edit the final version.

Thanks, Marlene!

AND THEY GET P-A-I-D FOR IT !!!

Chapter Promotion & Activities

...On behalf of all Chapter Sisters we were quite honored in the most recent edition of the FEMME MIRROR, the national organization's official publication, as being, "...one of the most active Chapters in the sorority". Carol provided a summary of our activities, plus several photos taken at our meetings. We hope that those members of the national organization who live nearby and who have not yet joined the Chapter will do so now.

...Carol was wrong in saying that I am the leader of the Chapter. Several Sisters are the leaders, and add to my name and Patricia's and Nora Helene's that of Wilma and Frances who have done a lot in organizing our meetings.

...As reported in the FEMME MIRROR, the vast majority of Sisters want to keep TRI-ESS a "closed" organization: no gays, bi, TS, etc. It is not that we are against these people, but that we want an organization that is strictly for us.

...The 1983 TRI-ESS Convention will be held the end of March to early April in New Orleans. Sisters who want to go should contact Carol in California.

...Anyone interested in TRI-ESS Library Cards should contact your Editor.



G-R-E-A-T N-E-W-S !!!

Radio & TV

Wednesday, November 3, 9:20 PM. Just finished a call to Eileen. All is go for the Dr. Judith program on FRIDAY, DECEMBER 17th, between 9 & 10 pm. The show is, "...confirmed, no broken engagement" (J. Golden, WABC management). Eileen and wife Priscilla, will be the guests.

-Ed.

*WABC-AM, 770 frequency, 12/17/82, 9-10PM.
Carol Beecroft may condense the tape that will,
hopefully, be made by you Sisters + the contents
will be in a future FEMME MIRROR!*

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Best Regards, Mary Jane.