

# Cross-Port InnerView

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The next meeting is October 19 at 8:00

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Wow, a pretty good meeting last month. No less than 40 people attending. That's the most we have ever had at a meeting except for last December's Christmas Buffet when we had 45

I want to welcome all of the new people Gerri and her S.O Bonnie, Darryl, Rycki, Marie and Steve. Hope I didn't miss anyone, with so many new faces I'm going to have to start carrying a notebook. We also had two sisters come who prove that there is life after surgery - Stephanie, a friend of Heather's from Dallas, and Stephanie, who had not been to a Cross-Port meeting for a while. Also back after a long absence was Belinda, looking as good as ever Barbara also returned to us with tales of her wild nights out in the Windy City.

Again we had a good turn out of our IXE sisters from Indianapolis -- Dana, Kerri, Lori and Heather all came down (hope I didn't miss anyone). They were interested in knowing whether Cross-Port would be joining them in another Christmas Dinner get together like they had last year. Interest was good as far as attending but not as planning goes. Be prepared to drive to Indy if you are going to go.

I announced that the copier was dead and close to buried, and that a used, refurbished copier to replace it would run about \$1300. The ladies responded by donating a total of \$144 when I went around and took collections -- an extra special thanks to all who gave extra. This covers the money we are currently losing on the newsletter. If we are able to have attendance and generosity like this for the next three months, we should have no trouble purchasing a new (used) copier in February

Christopher announced that the last Saturday in October (that would be the 28th) would be a Halloween party at the Lounge. A group of us went last year and had a real good time. Several girls have already announced their plans to attend this year.

Linda made sure that everyone was aware of the change in dates for the IFGE Coming Together convention this spring, then we all got down to some serious socializing. As usual, a group headed down to Perkin's about 1AM for coffee, food and more gossip before packing it in and heading for home.

The only bad thing about so many people coming to the meetings is I never seem to be able to get around to see all of my friends. If I spent the entire time from 8PM until 1AM talking and never spent more than 15 minutes with any one person (almost impossible for me), I could still only get around to 20 people. Forgive me if I missed you last month.

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Congratulations ladies, you have been lumped into the same category as child molesters, drug addicts, compulsive gamblers and kleptomaniacs. Senator William Armstrong of Colorado introduced Senate Amendment 722 to the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1989 which specifically excludes these groups as well as homosexuals, bisexuals, transvestites, and transsexuals from protection under the bill.

This bill with amendment 722 attached has already passed the Senate and has been sent to the House of Representatives. Fortunately, no similar amendment has been attached to the House version. It is important that one does not become attached. Write your Congressman and Senator to let your feelings on this matter be known. Check your telephone book under U.S. Government for the name of your representatives.

Thanks to Sister Mary Elizabeth of J2CP for keeping such a watchful eye on our friends in Washington.

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Seems Jennifer only writes articles when there is a holiday in the offing. Be sure to read her tip for Halloween this year on page 3.

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## Cross-Port Finances

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Here is the current status of the Cross-Port Treasury:

The printing charges last month were understated by \$11.37, so our Adjusted Beginning Balance as of the September Newsletter is: \$954.58

Since the printing charges have been varying from the estimated amount, and are not now known until after the newsletter is printed, I will be reporting them in the month following the newsletter printing in which they were incurred. That means there will be no charges reported for printing this month, they will show up on next month's report.

### September Expenses:

Phone:	\$19.00
Envelopes & Stamps:	\$30.00
Bank Charges:	<u>\$ 1.05</u>
Total Expenses:	<u>\$50.05</u>

### September Incomes:

Meeting Collection.	\$144.00
Dues, Etc..	\$37.50
Donations:	<u>\$ 25.00</u>
Total Income:	<u>\$206.50</u>
Ending Balance as of October 12:	\$1083.12

We also mailed five intro packets this month

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## Bathtub Confessions

by Laurie

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I have a true confession to make. Given my flair for verbal exhibitionism (my close friends might argue that I limit that talent to the linguistic), I might as well make it publically in the InnerView. Here it is: Even at thirty years old (isn't that revelation enough? can I stop now?) I couldn't shave my legs properly until last week.

Apparently up until then I went about it as a slash and hack duty; nothing especially hated, just a shower inconvenience, a return to the old medical practice of bloodletting, I dunno. I never thought about it much more than as a task of personal hygiene and partner consideration (negative nubs factor).

Last week however changed all that. I was going on vacation to Connecticut with a girlfriend and my spouse Cathy graciously

accepted that without the great outlay of guilt that she might have gotten away with, as one of us rarely travels without the other. We don't operate on tradeoffs so much as compassionate, undemanded gifts to the other. Some of the unromantic may consider this a case of semantics (and may need the Heimlich maneuver from reading this) but really it is a case of attitude that can make all the difference in a relationship. I wanted to do something for Cathy, something more for her than for myself, to express my appreciation for her security in being able to accept my needs. Esoteric stuff this, but hang on, it gets easier

Cathy's sensitive soul had put up with hairy legs all summer for the sake of my feelings (cross-dressing in a relationship is at least a two way street, sometimes a major intersection) concerning the backyard pool, our friends and the neighborhood kids. Yes, even I have issues with which to deal. The recent cool of Autumn and the impending Cross-Port meeting in my absence spawned my idea that what she might like most would be a personal shave. I figured I was woman enough for the job, even given my awfully inspiring track record (hey, this was just for pun anyway).

So one relaxed evening before my departure, I got out the bubble bath, a candle, some chilled Chardonnay to make it less worrisome on both of us -- and went to it. I won't bore you with the details, but I was much more careful than I had ever been with myself. Cathy also assisted me with a little advice as we have no stock in Curaid and hadn't increased her life insurance. It occurred to me then that no one, not even my readily available sisters, had ever taught me to shave. It was just another thing I did, post pubescence.

In fairness to reality, I must tell anyone who regards this as a purely sensual endeavor, that the summer accumulation of hair turns into hard work after the first twenty minutes of intense concentration. I'm not complaining though as this, like other aspects of cross-dressing, had serendipitous benefits to me.

For the first time, amid a fluid mountain of rose scented bubbles, in a claw footed bathtub, the kind you can stretch full length in and rest the small of your neck gently on the porcelain curl of the tub, in the oldest inn in Connecticut, I completed my own shaving expedition without reenacting the bathroom scene from Fatal Attraction.

Paybacks are hell, I sighed happily, especially unexpected ones, as I sank back, smooth legged myself, into the bubbles of the bath.

*If you get the chance, ask Laurie about the time she was heard making the following quote: "I don't know why I keep cutting myself so badly, this blade is so old it must be dull by now!" -- Cathy*

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## Cross-Dressed Mutant Ninja Turtles

by Jennifer Marquette

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Unless you're going to dust off that old gopher costume again, I'm sure you are in a quandary about what to be this Halloween. More specifically, you're considering that age-old transvestian question - should I wear sweatsocks with a prom dress or suspenders? No, the other question. The one about whether to go out dressed or not this Halloween. The same question you've been considering since you were old enough to covet your sister's Barbie doll clothes.

I know what you're thinking. Your fantasy runs something like this: You're dressed up like Fawn Hall and you go to the Hamilton County Young Republicans Halloween bash, everyone thinks you're just what city council needs and they put you on the ticket, next thing you know you're the first crossdressing American president since Herbert Hoover and you're having tea and crumpets with Prince Charles who leans over to look down your blouse to "see for himself" whereby you spew tea in his face and cross England off our sorta, kinda allies list.

Or maybe you want to dress up as Botticelli's Venus and head down to the Boob and Lube Lounge where all your steelworker friends hit on you all night, the bar buys you free drinks and hires you as their first fully clothed nude dancer, you're a tremendous hit (even with Si Leis) and you go on the road eventually to re-establish Burlesque and Vaudeville, you win the WWF belt in a cage match against Hulk Hogan and America becomes a kinder, gentler if still a bit greedy and cynical television sitcom.

Well let me tell you it's not going to happen. All your dreams will not be fulfilled by going out for tricks and treats dressed up like a pre liposucted Cher or even a post-mortem Tammie Faye Baker No, I'll tell you what it's like from personal experience. When I was living in Tulsa

I went to a high-society Halloween party at the Petroleum Club. (Yes, I'm serious and no, I'm not giving you the address, Linda.) I decided to go as the Snap-on Tool Calendar Girl. Upon arriving I found myself the center of considerable attention by wealthy oil barons and had a great time posing with them for the newspaper photographers.

The next day several pictures of me appeared in the Tribune and being foolish enough to give my phone number out to people at the party, I was contacted by a Mrs. Tugboat Warthog (not her real name) who wished me to attend a charity benefit and make a short speech to adolescent girls about the evils of drinking. I couldn't say no and the following week I found myself as hostess at the Oral Roberts University new gymnasium groundbreaking. One thing led to another and I got myself in deeper and deeper never telling anyone the truth about myself for fear of too much embarrassment for all involved.

I eventually found myself in Oklahoma City walking down the runway with an armful of roses as the winner of the Miss Oklahoma USA Pageant and would have had a darn nice movie career with Warner Bros. right now if I hadn't agreed to do that nude scene with Daffy Duck. So there you have it, don't even think about going out dressed as anything but a potato fart this year

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## From Our Readers

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*We had a phone call or two from Readers who wondered why we "plugged" certain magazines and groups as carrying information about Cross-Port and yet failed to mention other supportive groups such as the Out Front folks who frequently mention Cross-Port on their cable TV show.*

*the answer to that is simple. When faced with the question, "Where do people find out about Cross-Port", we simply went to our file of letters which have arrived in the last few months, pulled a handful and reported to you what had been written by the people writing us. Unfortunately (or perhaps fortunately), listing everyone who carries information about Cross-Port would be an impossible task. Someone once wrote the Penthouse Forum and was referred to Cross-Port by that publication. Should we include them on the list too?*

*Seriously, we do want to thank all of those people and groups which have helped make Cross-Port known to the people who need it. -- Eds.*

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Dear Cathy

Hi, it's me Cynthia. I just wanted to send this donation because I haven't made the meetings, but I do intend to come again and soon I hope.

This is my busy season at work and have been working 14-16 hours a day, not leaving much time for fun. I have had very pleasant experiences at your meetings and am looking forward to the next time we can get together at Christopher's Lounge.

I love getting the Cross-Port InnerView and anxiously await the next issue. Hope to see you all soon.

Love Always -- Cynthia

*Thanks very much Cynthia, your donation is much appreciated as are your compliments on the newsletter. With all of the new faces that have been appearing, the next time you come to a meeting, you'll have as many people to get to know as you did the first time you came.*

*Hope that time is not too far off*

-- Eds.

*Articles needed for a monthly newsletter about Cross-dressing. No experience necessary.*

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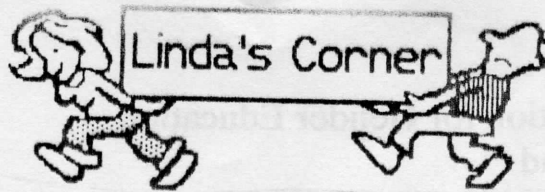
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I wanted to tell you of some great adventure I just had, but I'm afraid this girl has been too busy to get into trouble lately. I do want to keep everyone informed about IFGE happenings and things in general so let's get started.

While at the BE ALL this spring, I received a booklet called "Just for Me". It's a small fashion magazine put out by Cheryl and her wife Chris. They make clothes for TV's from all around the country. And guess what? They are from Lexington, Ky. I gave Cheryl a call and invited her to the next meeting. She was quite excited and said we can count on her being there. She said maybe we can put on a fashion show at one of our future meetings. Sounds good to me.

I got a chance to talk with Ginger last week. (Ginger is the short, dark haired, fox, who hasn't been able to come very often, but did make it a few months back and won the makeup case when we had the raffle) Well, she's now, for about a year, stuck in nowhere's land and would love to talk or write to someone. If you get a chance, drop her a line. (She said she's the only TV in the state.) Call her at 704-293-9276 or write to Ginger Robinson Box 1876, Cullowhee, NC, 28723.

I know alot of you can't wait for Halloween to get here, but don't forget Christmas is just around the corner. We plan to have our Christmas party on Dec. 21. Last year we had 45 people show up. This year, since our group has grown so much, I would expect well over 50. For those of you who do not know, we ask that everybody bring something to munch and share with everyone. Also, if we can work it out, we plan to have a sit down dinner in a nice restaurant at the beginning of the month. This would be done with the girls from IXE, and may very well be in Indianapolis area, since they will proably organize it.

You still have time to sign up for the Pocono Fantasy Festival. It takes place October 26,27,28,29 and runs about \$200 per person, which includes your room and six meals. Be ready to party for four full days with two all night parties, pretty legs contest, & Broadway

style entertainment. They also have workshops on hair, makeup, nails, and image consulting.

On a sad note, I understand that Nikki Bee, who has written for the Transvestian for many years, has passed away. Also Terri Warren, who is well known for her affiliation with Lee's Mardi Gras out of New York, died of heart failure after performing a show on New York's Fire Island. She was 55 years old.

Elsewhere in this paper, Cathy mentioned Senate Bill 933. I want to emphasize the importance your input has to your Congressman. They are your voice in congress. They create the laws we must all live by. Before we can live our lives the way we want, we must at least be given equal opportunity as any other minorities. At our next meeting we have scheduled a legislator from the state of Ohio. He is a member of the Health and Retirement Committee, and very involved with discrimination of anyone who might be a minority. He is very familiar with laws concerning the rights of Transsexuals. He can answer your questions regarding birth certificates, marriage of TSS, discrimination in health care, and many other topics. He wants to hear first hand, problems we may have had personally or those of others we know. He will comment on Senate Bill 933, and other legislation which may have an effect on our subculture.

If any of you receive "Girl Talk" magazine, you know of Mistress Ann Murray. She is the six foot, 185 lb. Mistress and wife of 5'9", 160 lb. Richard Henry Lichy, also know as Alicia in the TV world. (I met this couple in California this summer, and they are just what I expected.) Well it just so happens, they make films where she tortures and inflicts punishment on poor little Alicia. These are forsale, along with anything else TV related, that will bring in a buck. Well, they just pleaded guilty to five misdemeanor obscenity counts. I have not heard if this will effect their magazine and their other TV related business.

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