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Spring Fling Aftermath



CONGRATULATIONS Lynn!!!

The second annual SPRING FLING was a high success. At least 72 people showed up and had a wonderful time with the entertainment Amanda had planned. Lynn was crowned the 1996 Prom Queen, (See Miranda's article for more.) Those attending were: Alicia, Amanda, Amber, Andrea, Aries, Barbara Lee & Joan, Beth, Bridget, Candace & Dawn, Carol, Christine, Claudia, Colleen & Verna, Dana, Dawn, Debbie, DeeDee, Donna, Edie, Elizabeth, Faye, Gloria & Debra, Heather, Jamie, Janet & Judy, Jennifer & Sue, Jennifer, Karen, Kelly, Kiki, Kim, Kyla, Laura, Laurette, Lenore, Lois, Lori, Lynn, Michelle, Miranda, Naomi & Rachel, Norma & Joyce, Olivia, Pamela A, Pamela M, Rachel & Debra, Renee, Robin, Rori, Ruby & Ann, Sandy, Sheila D, Shelly, Sherri, Stacey, Sunny, Toni C, Toni M, Vicki, with photos snapped by our special guest Marriette Pathy Allen.

See you all next year at the 3rd annual SPRING FLING !!!!!!!

JUNE MEETING

The next meeting will feature a presentation by the Pink Angels, on self defense and personal security for the Transgendered.

The schedule of the June meeting is as follows:

- 5:00 pm Changing rooms open
- 6:00 pm GG/Wives meeting in room 118
- 6:30 pm Newcomers meeting in room 120
- 8:30 pm General meeting begins

Those changing in the changing rooms are reminded to bring a towel(s) for makeup removal.

The location of the Holiday Inn Express is on Riverside drive just off RT83 in Elmhurst. RT 83 is reachable from I-290, North Av or St Charles Rd to RT83 then South. Or take Roosevelt Rd to RT83 then go North.

It is advisable when making a room reservbation, to make it at least a month early, we have been experiencing many FULL houses at the Inn. Reservations are available at (708)279-0700. Please mention Chi-Chapter Tri-Ess.

The new Wives/GG's meeting is part of the new outreach envisioned for the chapter. Candace and Dawn have worked with DeeDee and we all hope that this will be a fresh new look to our group.

Our sister chapter Tau Chi in Houston has a group called 'Boys Are Us'. From what I can piece together is that a group of members get together and attend sports events, or what ever else may interest them and do so as their male selves. Would there be any interest in this with our members?

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President's Podium



By now you should realize that I enjoy writing more than speaking.... when I stand before you at the meetings, I probably make no sense....here, I have time to correct most of my mistakes and to bite my tongue before I cause a war or something. ..(Yeah, next thing you're going to tell us is that it's Spring.)

Don't forget the Tri-Ess national board meeting on Saturday June 29th at the Lisle Hilton

This month I am in a Cheers/Jeers mode. Sorry **TV** Guide)

Cheers.....

Denise Rodman at his book signing, in full drag makeup.

Jeers.....

Richard Speck showing off his blue panties.....

Cheers....

The 10 year old cross dresser at the Bull's game May 14th.

Jeers.& Cheers....

The cross dresser who got caught burglerizing a store on the North Shore.(Jeers for wearing womans clothes, Cheers for getting arrested.)

Cheers.....

To American Airlines for their support of Transgenderists and their award at the I.F.G.E. convention.

Jeers.....

To the Denver hotel that had Crossdressers and Transexuals arrested for using the womens washroom, without warning. To the person who caused the Sheraton North Hotel in Pittsburgh, to advise **Transplitt** they would no longer be available for future events, after receiving a complaint from a guest that members were using the womens washroom. (See Kiki's column)

Cheers.....

To Miranda, Amanda and all the gang for making the Spring Fling #2 a huge success....Three-Peat next year?????.....

Cheers.....

To all our advertisers who support us, coddle us, listen to our complaints, words of wisdom and still manage to survive each day., stretching material to places it never has gone before.

Jeers....

To Denise for not being at the Spring Fling.....(Actually, it was my wife's birthday and you know what that means.....)

Cheers.....

"High Heels are good for you.." According to the *Bottom Line* newsletter, research shows that wearing high heel shoes relieves the pain from heel spurs by placing the weight on the ball of the foot. I could have told them that. I do have a heel spur and if I wear heels the pain disappears for several days afterward. Usually till the time my toes begin to unfold from being crammed together and the feeling in them returns. The article does say that they don't recommend a heel height higher than 2 1/2". Ummmm what do they know?

Jeers.....

For the drawing of me on the front page of the May issue of **LIFELINES, The Journal of Long Island Femme Expression** (They made a mistake, I don't wear a watch)

Cheers....

The new HBO cable show **STRANGERS**, featured a story of a woman's involvement with a crossdresser. I missed the show but saw the trailers. I will try and catch it for the library.

Cheers....

The new CITGO gas commercial. Three people are standing at a bus stop when the car using Citgo gas speeds by. The result is a high wind which causes the clothes of the three to be interchanged. Alas the *poor* male who ended up in skirt and heels.

Cheers....

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Miranda Writes

Congratulations to our new Prom Queen!

For those of you who missed it, our 1996 Prom Queen title went to the stunning and radiant Lynn. Her court consists of Heather (1st runner up) and Robin (2nd runner up). Congratulations to the winners, the finalists (including Laurette and Jeri), and all the contestants. In fact, congratulations to all of you who participated in our Spring Fling. Never in my life have seen a lovelier group of young ladies!

A real special thank you to Amanda who directed the evening's fine musical entertainment. In case you didn't know, Amanda composed or wrote lyrics for several new songs just for the Spring Fling, including *Crossing the Line* and *Wonder Bra*. And with Anita on drums, Christine and myself doing backup vocals, special appearances by Rori and Gloria, and of course Dee Dee in the cutest little maid's outfit, it was quite a show! With a few more rehearsals, it should be ready for Broadway, or at least for the Holiday in Femme (hint, hint).

Thanks also to Toni for all the help she gave with decorations and the sound system. Thanks to our panel of judges for the Prom Queen contest, including Rachel, Mariette, and Sunil and the rest of the Holiday Inn staff. And thanks to Denise and all the others whom I may not be aware of who helped to arrange the Prom. We had a great time!

June Program

For our June meeting, we have invited the Pink Angels to talk to us about personal security. As the weather gets warmer, you are going to want to be out enjoying the balmy evenings as the breezes toy with your darling miniskirt. But danger may be lurking around the corner for innocent girls like you if you don't know how to take care of yourself. Frankie Pepper of the Pink Angels will talk to us about *Street Smarts*. The Pink Angels conduct street patrols to protect the citizens in many of Chicago's neighborhoods. They also give classes in self defense, free of charge on a regular basis. This is a program you can't afford to miss. It may someday save your life!

Coming up on July, we're going to have a vendor's fair and ice cream social, and in August it's going to be our Seniors' Panel Discussion. And it's not too soon to start thinking of your costume and act for our Beatnik Night

party in September.

Brides and Bridesmaids Party

Coming up on June 22, C.G.S. is having a special party at the Femme Underground (146 N. Oak Park Ave.) to which you are all invited. It is a June bride theme and you are the bride. This is an opportunity to wear that wedding gown you've always dreamed of. From 4:00 to 6:00 there will be individual photo portraits by appointment. This will be followed by cocktails, a genuine wedding ceremony, and a champagne reception. The cost is \$10.00. Call Rori for more info at (708) 383-8338.

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Out Of Focus

By
Kiki Carmichael



FANTASY?

I just can't get this Richard Speck thing out of my mind. Richard Speck murdered eight nurses on April 15, 1966 and was sentenced to life imprisonment in 1967. He died of a heart attack at Stateville in 1991. Unbeknownst to prison authorities in 1988, he did a video interview with other prisoners about his life behind prison walls.

A few weeks ago Bill Kurtis, the anchorman for Channel 2 News and a producer of many documentaries for Channel 11 and A&E got ahold of it. Its content was splashed for an entire week on all the Channel 2 newscasts beginning on Monday, May 6th.

The Promos where all about how much cocaine, marijuana, sex, and free reign of the prison he had while behind prison bars. His quoted comment was something like this, "I can't believe I could have so much fun behind prison bars!"

I knew it was on but I consciously avoided it not wanting to watch anything to do with someone who killed eight nurses savagely.

Then one afternoon, I heard Roe and Gary talking about it on WLS Talk Radio. "His hair is colored. He's wearing panties, and did you see the boobs on him!", one of them exclaimed. Then the other said, "Yeah, I did! A 35 year old woman would be happy if her's were as big."

All sorts of thoughts were going through my mind after I heard that. Is he a cute little guy who with a little extra effort could look female, Is he transgendered? Is he gay? Did he become a Jail House Queen to make the best of a bad situation. He obviously must be peddling his female looking bod to buy cocaine and marijuana that he shared with his fellow inmates?

I decided right then and there to watch the next newscast on CBS.

It was sick, sick, sick! I watched it at the 4:30 news and again at 5. On the 4:30 news, he was sitting down with what could be panties and without a shirt on. They had blocked out his chest area somewhat but you could still see what appeared to be rather good sized boobs. On the 5:00 o'clock news, they didn't blockout anything and you could see rather large boobs flopping around. At least a "B" plus. What the difference in a half hour made to block out or not to blockout I can't begin to figure out.

Instead of a Jail House Queen, all I saw one of the ugliest looking men imaginable! And extremely male looking in spite of having what appeared to be boobs. Just looking at him gave me an unbelievably uneasy feeling. It was like I was looking at the dirtiest and evil old man alive who would devour me and my children in a instant in an unspeakably horrible way. As Denise says, too bad he didn't get the death penalty.

I watched those two shows and never turned it on again even though it ran for another day or so. I'm sure CBS felt proud of itself for showing this video for a whole week and scooping the other networks. As far as I'm concerned, it was a stupid error, it was so sick one night would have been too much.

All it did was show the depths a person can sink to after twenty two years in a prison with a mind that was sick enough to kill 8 innocent nurses in the first place. Spare me Bill Kurtis.

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Dennis Rodman, of Bull's fame has written a book called "I Wanna Be Bad". In it he talks about his body piercing, his tattoos, his desire to be made love to by a man, and his desire to wear woman's clothing. To show how unspeakably "bad" he really is, he chose to attend his book signing engagements in a strange form of drag, heavy eye make-up, some sort of a female top, and a feather boa.

I saw an interview his X wife gave and she said their daughter asked her when she saw Dennis on TV in make-up and a dress, "Is that Daddy?"

I can't remember her exact words on how she answered the child but it had everything to do with the impossibility she now faced in raising a child properly with her father running around in make-up and dresses.

If you don't thing these two bizarre very well publicized incidents have any effect on our culture, you are sadly mistaken.

They all add up.

In Pittsburgh, Transplitt has been banned from using the Sheraton North as a meeting place after a woman complained about a man using the Ladies Room. This is the same place the Be All of 90 and 94 were held.

Arrangements had been made for the CDs to use a designated Ladies Room but someone broke the rule and used a Ladies Room strictly for woman.

The Pennsylvania Supreme Court has made it illegal for men to use a Ladies Room. It is called "Defiant Criminal Trespassing" I don't know if the incident at the Sheraton North had anything to do with it but I suspect it did.

Earlier this year in Denver, Security at a hotel ran a "road block" at the Ladies Room and checked the ID of all that walked out. Several TSs and CDs were taken into custody and turned over to the local police.

We're suddenly going backwards. All these hotels have their own newsletters and magazines for their industry where they air common problems. You can bet your bippy problems with our culture and the general public are well covered.


Rori, god bless her, is putting together outings to restaurants and movies for CDs that don't get out in public very much. You don't have to be Dick Tracy to spot two CDs out on the town. If there are three or more, they stand out like a sore thumbs. A group of CDs going to the Baton, or to a gay show at the Athenaeum Theater would pose no problem at all. But taking a group of CDs to a straight theater, regardless of what is showing, is sure to attract attention. And if they tried to use the Ladies Room, there would be hell to pay.

Illinois, the City of Chicago and the various municipalities around haven't made a public issue of CDs using the Ladies Room yet.

If groups of CDs go to straight restaurants or theaters, laws prohibiting the use of a Ladies Room by a male regardless of his attire will shortly follow. A woman will look at us and unfortunately, the first thing they will think of is Richard Speck and be scared to death!

Let us all be discrete before our culture is thrown back 50 years!

Bye.



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 9 CGS Meeting
 13 Gemini Gender Group Meeting
 20 Chi-Chapter Meeting
 23 T.O.N.I. Meeting
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August

10 Gemini Gender Group Meeting
 13 CGS Meeting
 17 Chi-Chapter Meeting
 18 Chi-Chapter Picnic

October

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November

6-10 Holiday En-Femme

COUPLES GROUP

The next couples meeting will be held on Saturday June, 22 at Denise's home in Lake Zurich. All couples interested in attended are invited to talk to one of the members at the next meeting. Couples Club members can be identified by their blue name tag signifying " The Couples Group ". For more information, please call Candace at the hotline: 708-262-8707

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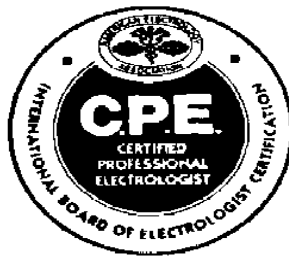


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