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## CAN WE TALK!

By Heather Peerson

Year four is off and running and with it I thought it might be nice to take a walk down memory lane. In keeping with that thought included with this issue is a reprint of the second Cross-Port newsletter, before the name InnerView. There were two issues that month, No.1 and No. 1.5. Some months back we reprinted the first issue. 1.5 talks about my very first time out. Girl does that seem like a long time ago.

Back in those day's we spent a lot of time at Jacober's one of the few bars which featured "DRAG" shows. Sharon won the Halloween contest there her first try. Jacober's is now closed but Bill Jacober still runs Simon Says at 428 Walnut.

The Metro at 616 Ruth Lyons Way was another hangout for some of the girls. It is now called The Clubhouse and I have not been there since the name changed.

We also spent many of our weekends at 1470 West (Dorothy Lane), in Dayton. This is still one of the nicest dance bars around and very accepting of us. Thanks Bob and Mary for your continued support.

In October of that year Sharon and I attended a Transpit dinner. It was Sharon's first time out and that was just the beginning of many happy friendships. Sharon has since "quit" dressing in favor of a more expensive "hobby", camping.

By November we were drawing 15 people, three from Indianapolis. Over the next few years we were to have many girls from the Indiana area. So many that they started their own group, IXE. Thanks Betty and Lori for all your help and support.

December was our first Christmas Flop. A huge Christmas party at Jacober's which drew a whopping 7 people.

We also had paid advertising in the InnerView at that time and one of the first to support us was the One Stop Bra and Swim Shop at 9217 Reading Rd. They still welcome our business and every now and then send someone to us.

In January of 86 we printed business cards and started spreading them around. They must have worked because by the end of February we were stars.

Linda, Sharon, myself and Sunshine appeared on the Television Show "Night Talk" in Indianapolis in February. This was our first real public exposure.

Our March meeting featured "Fun Fashions". They were supposed to bring lingerie for the full figure girls, but instead we saw a sample of the current state of the art in "SEX TOYS". Sales were poor.

April brought an invitation from "One Stop Bra and Swim Shop" to have a special shopping night once a month for Cross-port members. No one showed an interest and so it was never started.

In May, just 11 months after our first meeting of 6 people we had 25 people at a meeting. We were still meeting at my home then and it was a little cozy.

In June of 1986 it was announced that starting in July we would be moving to The Hangout, which is now Christopher's Lounge and where we still meet today. Our thanks to Ed and to Chris for giving us a home.

That was our first year. We grew quickly thanks to groups like Tri-Ess and Gateway Gender Alliance.

# OUT OF THE CLOSET INTO THE MALL

By Donna L.

I read about Cathy's adventure shopping downtown and I was very envious of her and I guess most of us would like to get out of the closet and go out as our feminine self.

Well I finally decided after reading Linda's column about how to carry yourself, some make-up help and practice that I was going to go out and shop dressed. Since I work second shift, I can get out during the day to shop.

My first stop was the Old Mill Outlet, at Kings Island Mall. There were about five other woman shopping in the place plus three clerks. I wandered through the store looking for something interesting with a good price and in my correct size. I found two skirt sets which I took to the dressing room entrance where one of the sales women counted my items then allowed me to enter paradise early. It was a large room with curtains on both sides acting as a doorway. I was accepted as any other woman shopping. My only problem is my deep voice so I talk softly trying to disguise it. I didn't get anything. Although I thought about a skirt, I decided to keep on looking.

Next I went to the Dress Barn where I tried on some skirts and blouses. I found a shirt that would go with several skirts so I took it to the service desk where I paided for it. If the woman suspected that I wasn't who I appeared to be she didn't let on.

The following day I decided to go to The Tricounty Shopping Center. I tried on clothes at Martins, Tall Fashions amd Lazrus. I was feeling pretty good because I seemed to be passing and being accepted as a woman. I went into Caren Charles, another women's shop where I spent some time looking at some dresses. Again, the other women didn't seem to notice me. I found a dress I liked and took it to the counter and asked to try it on. the sales woman looked at me and said, "wait until I check to see if the dressingroom is empty." When she returned she said I could use the front stall. I knew I had been identified as a man. I went into the dressing room but thought she might be going to call the mall security so I decided not to try on the dress but to get out of the store.

I have since gone to several other stores and haven't had any other problems. It feels wonderful to dress and live as a woman at lest for short periods of time.

# Being All You Can Be

By Michelle

Now that the "Be All" convention is over, I thought I might share some of my impressions of my first convention with you. First let me say that I had a great time and loved the convention experience. This was the first time I stayed dressed for more than an evening at a time. It is much less scary to go out in public dressed when you are in a large group.

About 130 crossdressers and 20 wives attended all or part of the convention. It began with a "Be A Beauty" Day. This day is full of seminars on different techniques to help you pass more easily. There was one on the care of wigs (washing, setting, selection and storage), another on how to comb out and style your wig to best compliment your face (by a professional hair stylist who is also a performing TV). There was also one by a licensed professional electrologist on what to expect from electrolisis. That was the morning schedule.

Next we all had lunch together and enjoyed a lingerie fashion show with models from the convention. That afternoon we had a professional makeup artist show us how to apply makeup plus seminars on image, how to dress and act appropriately for a situation and some of the secrets of how professional "female impressionist" pass.

The second part of the convention or the main convention lasted two and one half days. Each evening we had a show after dinner. The first night was a female impressionist. The second night we saw a Hawaiian dancer show and the third night was the talent show in which 20 members from the convention participated.

During the day we had doctors speak about the effects of hormones and other health issues. There were seminars on religion, sex and transvestites, shopping and wives and significant others. There were also several well known psychologist which spoke to us and we heard from some of the founders of the crossdressing support groups.

After the evening shows we would party at the hotel nightclub or go out to a Detroit gay

bar for a night of partying. Sometimes the parties would continue in someone's room after the nightclub closed.

I truly enjoyed the experience, met many interesting people, and learned many things which will help me to be and to present myself as a woman. I highly recommend next years "Be All You Want To Be" to everyone and take your wife if you can.

## Transsexual Issues

### Changing Names

By Heather Peerson

On August 15, 1988 my name will be legally changed to Stepfanie Heather Peerson. (There is a second last name which I do not choose to publish.) Changing names is one of the first critical steps a transsexual must take in the journey toward gender reassignment. Why is it critical? Because the law now requires a person to prove they are a citizen of the U.S. before they can be employed by a new employer. Most employers require a drivers licenses and a social security card. Since gender reassignment requires a person to live and work for one year before surgery can be considered it can be very difficult presenting yourself as one name to a new employer then giving ID which states something different.

The way one changes their name is legislated my states so there is no one way to tell someone to do it. In most cases it is a simple and inexpensive process except for the attorney's fees. I was qouted prices of from $200 to $300 dollars. Then I found an attorney which said she would do it for about $75. This is her standard price. My actual costs in Hamilton County Ohio are: $35 attorney fee, $21 court cost, $20.88 for a news paper ad and $2.00 for and affidavit from the newspaper.

The process is straight forward. She drew up a petition to the court which stated my current name and address. It said I had lived in the county for at least one year and that I was changing my name in order to be more consistent with my future medical course of action. At the time the petition was filed a court date was set. This date should be at least 6 weeks from the date of filing. The reason for this is that an advertisement must be placed in a paper 30 days prior to the hearing and the paper must supply an affidavit that is did appear.

The ad states that I (my male name) intend to apply to the probate court to have my name changed to (my female name). It gives the date, time and place of the hearing.

The referee, contacted my attorney and stated that because of the nature of the case I would need a letter from my doctor's stating why it was importamt for me to live this way, how long I had been seeing them, what medication I was taking and when I might be ready for surgery.

When I get to court I will be asked to swear that I am not changing names to hide from creditors and I will be given a legal notice from the court showing my name change. It will be up to me to have my driver's licenses, social security card, IRS records, school records and credit history changed.

One word of warning, sometimes simply changing your name at the credit bureau will not protect you from being found out if a credit check is done. Some credit checks may show a statement to the effect, "previously used the name (your old name)." Make sure your history does not list this in your report.

## Familar Quotes

Our envy always lasts longer than the happiness of those we envy.

La Rochefoucauld

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# Linda's Corner

## Up Date News

I told you last month I was bringing my childern with me the "Be All". Well everything came off great. The family got to see Detroit, while I went to sessions & partied. I don't leave home much, so when I do, I always worry about everyone. It was nice to have them with me. (Everyone that new I had them, thought it was great.)

.....Most of the hair I removed from my face last month seemed to have came back in about 10 days. I was supprised many others at the meeting have also tried this with very similar results. We also talked about using depilatory on our faces. Everyone there said not only did it not work, but most had burnt themselves from leaving it on too long.

.....At the BE ALL, I complained about my shoes hurting. I was told that the friction between the hose and the cheaper plastic shoes will do it everytime. I was told if you can't afford leather shoes, you should put baby power in them before putting them on.

.....FACT or FICTION.....

A rescent tabloid has reported that Elvis is alive and living as a woman. They even had an artist drawing of what they think he looks like. Should this be true, maybe he would like to join crossport.

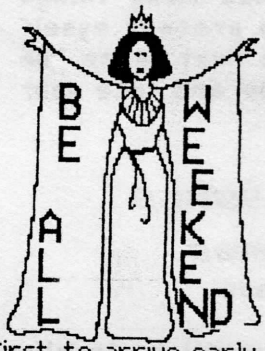
---- LINDA'S VIEWS -----

People are always telling me what they would like to see in the newsletter. What can I say? Things like makeup can better be explained in any woman's magazine. This is also boring to many people. Tabloids like the Transvestian have an entire page on the subject each month.

Articles on where to buy clothes are stupid. Why? Because I have never run in to anyone who said they refuse to sell them. Now a far a trying them on. I usually just take them home, and bring them back if they don't fit well. I did however try on some at Pennys once, as a male. I just told the lady what I wanted to do, and she said ok.

If you want to eat out, I sujest a nice restraunt in the evening. Again I know of no one being thrown out. But its not at all uncommon to get stares and remarks from some people. Who your with, how you act, and how you overall present yourself has alot to do with it. You always have to prepare yourself mentaly for anything.

I guess what I'm trying to say, is the best thing is to talk to another sister, one on one. Be it on the phone or at the meetings. If you ask, you can learn more in an hour from a more experienced sister than a life time of reading this dumb newletter. Every month Heather get 2-3 new people who say they are comming, but don't show up. This can get discouraging to those of us who try so hard. I can only say if you ever want to feel right about yourself, you must take that first step, and thats what Crossport is all about.

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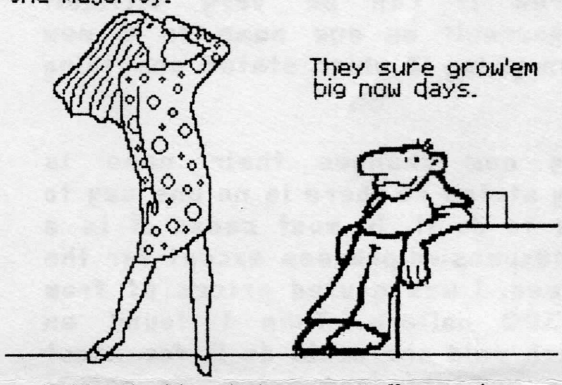
Crossport was well represented by Michelle, Claudia, Valerie, O'Day, Cathy, and myself. Other people you may know from Crossport meetings were: Yvonne from IFGE, Danille (Dan) from IXE, Linda from Columbus, and Bobbie (O'Day's TS friend)

Valerie was first to arrive early in the week. She went site seeing for a few days before the events started, so she was primed by the time I arrived on Thursday.

Thursday, for me, started with dinner in the main ballroom, followed by a drag show. Ok, but it lost something in that room and because where I sat, it was hard to see. Afterwards it was off to Ramada's lounge to dance. I always love to see the regular patron's faces when 60-70 of us walk in. As usual, most everyone excepted us and many new people got a chance to meet us and get an insite on our way of life. Sometimes I think we make better progress in these bars, than anywhere else. Its always a good feeling when you leave someone with a positive impression of our subculture. Its also great to drink and dance in a straight bar where we are the majority.



They sure grow'em big now days.

Friday I attended some really good sessions which went right up to the luncheon with Dr. Doctor. Dinner was a Hawaiian Luau with authentic food and dancers. Afterwards, it was back to the lounge for another long night.

On Saturday the luncheon featured Dr. Virginia Prince. I must say I never get tired of hearing her speak. (just as well because she never gets tired of talking.) An afternoon talk by Sandra Cole on sexuality, was the best I've ever heard.

The formal banquet was primed rib dinner, and was followed by a talent show which featured our own Valerie. This event alone would have been worth the trip.

I must tell you, these weekends can be addictive. The more you get, the more you want. But, for me, I'm usually ready to go back to my old male self for awhile, or at least until my feet heal up.

I hope everyone gets a chance to talk to some of the sisters who went, so the next time they can join us.

# PLACES TO GO

From the Gaybeat

(A Note From Heather) Almost all of the bars listed in Cincinnati welcome Crossdressers. The same is not true in other cities. Please call them and ask before you go to one if you don't know for sure. Be sure to pick up a copy of the Gaybeat if you are in one of the bars list here with a * behind it.

## CINCINNATI BARS

| | | |
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| Brik's | 7th & Pike Sts, Covington | 491-7448 |
| Central Café | 303 W 5th St | 621-5021 |
| Clubhouse | 616 Ruth Lyons Ln | 421-3766 |
| Copa* | Glendora & Charlton | 861-3966 |
| The Dock* | 603 Pete Rose Way | 241-5623 |
| Golden Lions* | 340 Ludlow Ave | 281-4179 |
| Pipeline | 241 W Court St | 241-5678 |
| Side Door | 619 Walnut St | 721-9551 |
| Simon Says | 428 Walnut St | 381-8196 |
| Spurs* | 326 E 8th St | 721-9007 |
| Squeeze Inn | 2401 Vine St | 421-9040 |
| Subway | 609 Walnut St | 421-1294 |
| Tramps* | 419 Plum St | 721-9112 |
| WG Magic | 927 Race St | 241-6166 |

## COLUMBUS BARS

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| The Attic* | 473 1/2 N. High St. | 461-7846 |
| Eagle* | 232 N. 3rd St. | 228-2804 |
| Eagle's Nest* | 232 N. 3rd St. | 228-0260 |
| The Grotto* | 473 N. High St. | 221-4784 |
| Herby's* | 349 Marconi | 464-2270 |
| Sophie's* | 785 Bank St. | 445-9196 |
| Summit Station* | 2210 Summit St. | 261-9634 |
| Tradewinds II* | 117 E. Chestnut | 461-4110 |
| Trends/Garage* | 40 E. Long St. | 461-0076 |
| Tymex Social Club* | 2467 Cleveland Ave | 261-9246 |
| Wall Street* | 144 N. Wall St. | 464-2800 |

## DAYTON AREA BARS

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|---|---|---|
| Changes* | 35 W. 5th St | 445-9077 |
| 1470 West* | 1470 W Dorothy Ln | 293-0066 |
| Christopher's* | 13 Old St., Monroe | 539-9381 |
| Gaslite Inn* | 638 W Main St., Springfield | 324-0383 |
| Martinique* | 148 Salem Ave | 226-9017 |
| Mary's Place* | 1470 W Dorothy Ln | 293-0066 |
| Michael's Underground* | 5539 Far Hills Ave | 435-0226 |
| Nitescene* | 5785 Far Hills Ave | 435-3500 |
| Rustic Cabin* | 2320 Wilmington | 253-7691 |
| Stage Door* | 44 N Jefferson | 223-7418 |
| Why Not* | 108 W Washington, Springfield | 322-4498 |


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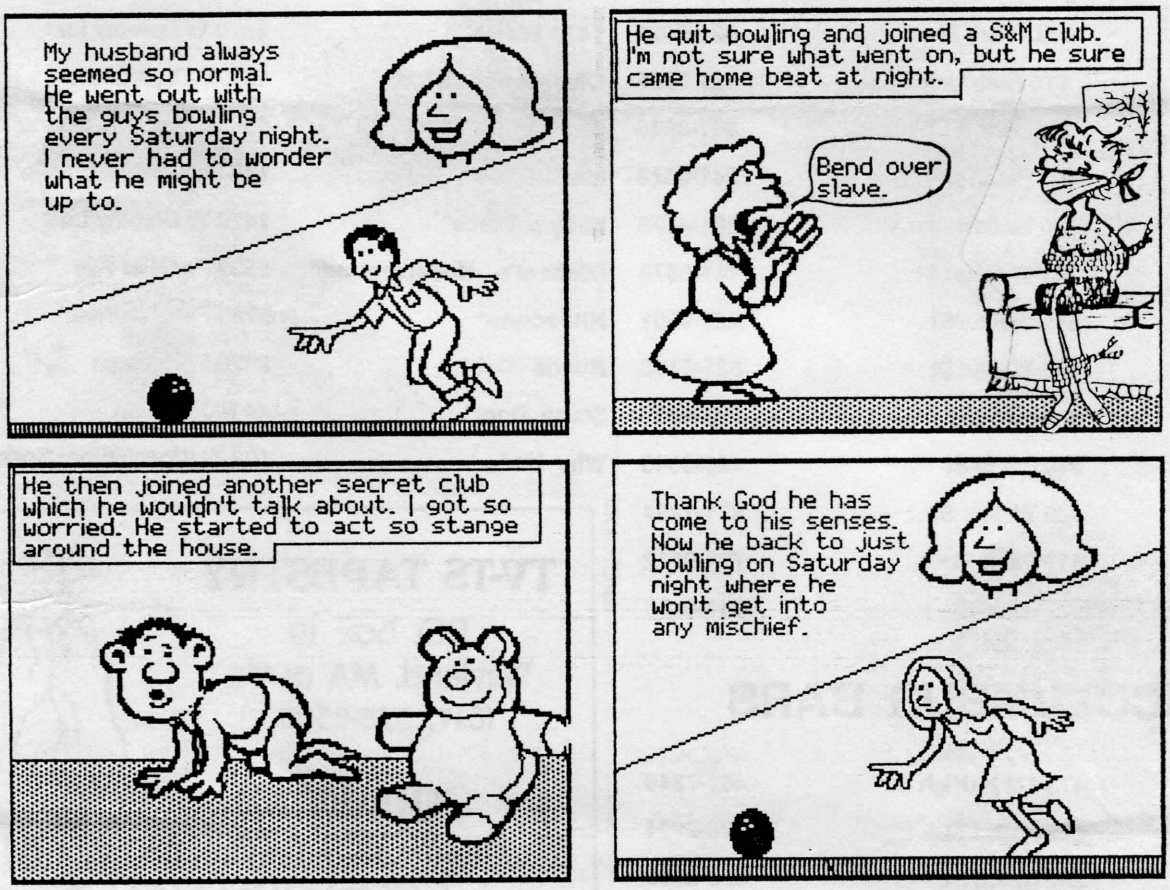
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