

Cross-Port

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Well, it finally happened. The first meeting of Cross-Port was held on June 5 at the home of Heather (that's me). For most of us it was a first for this type of experience. For all of us it was an enjoyable couple of hours.

Along the same lines, I thought I would start a News-Letter to help pass on information and events discussed at the meetings. If anyone would like to submit articles, send them to the P.O. Box. If You have a computer and modem you can also send them by phone. Write and I'll give you the number to call.

Getting back to the meeting I passed out a questionnaire and requested that those present look it over and fill it out only if they felt comfortable answering them. Three people have done so. For this I thank you.

One of the questions asked for suggestions for a name for the group. Since none were suggested and Lily and I felt it was important to establish an identity. She suggested Trans-Port. I suggested Cross-Port (the port is for support) and she agreed. If there are no objections that is what we will go with.

It was obvious that none of us knew what to expect. I think most of us would have backed out if we hadn't felt that it might be our only chance to meet others like ourselves.

We each were able share something about our experiences and so far it seems as if I am able to enjoy the most freedom in my dressing. (In fact as I type this I am wearing a new dress my wife bought me for my birthday, which was the day after the meeting.) Sarah would be the only exception since she is living as a woman. She was able to share with us

some of her background and what she has gone through so far. We thank you for sharing with us.

One of the discussions focused on a national organization called Tri-Ess Sorority / Society for the Second Self. It's an organization for the heterosexual cross-dresser. They publish a national directory and a bi-monthly news letter. Due are \$30 / year and 20% of that goes to advertising. If you wish to join or want more information, write to Tri-Ess, P. O. Box 194, Tulare, CA 93275.

Since there was no time set for a second meeting, Lily said it would be left up to me. I feel it is important that we get together at least once a month. I am therefore proposing that we meet on the third Thursday of the month, beginning July 18 at 6:30 p. m. We can meet here at my home until we decide on/find another place. Before that time however I would like to invite you over for a meeting on Thursday June 27 at 6:30. If you want to bring something to dress in feel free to do so. However, those who don't wish to dress please come anyway. This is what we are are about. We need eachother's support. Plan to stay awhile. I plan to show the HBO special called What Sex Am I?. It runs about an hour and I feel it will benefit everyone. We can send out for a pizza so don't have supper first. Those that have my number can call and let me know if you can make it. Those who don't can write to the P. O. Box and Lily can forward the info to me.

One of you summed up my feelings nicely on the questionnaire, " I was impressed with the different levels of development each had reached...It was a positive experience... "

My thanks to all who had the courage to come and to those who couldn't make it. It was a big first step. Lily and I thank you all.

Sincerely, your friend

Heather