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NEXT MEETING March 19th At 7:30
Wife/Girlfriend Support Meeting
March 2nd at 8:00

CROSS-PORT BASICS

The February meeting of Cross-Port brought out 21 people for a night of fun and support. We welcomed Linda from Columbus, Hazel, Jeanie and Linda S.

Heather reported on the first meeting Cross-Port attended of the Greater Cincinnati Gay/Lesbian Coalition. Many items were reported on, including the future events of the member groups. The major discussions focused on Gay Pride Week, June 6 through June 14, the Annual Awards Dinner, November 7, the National March on Washington, October 11, and three proposed resolutions to be talked about at the next meeting.

Gay Pride Week will be kicked off by a Rally and Parade on June 6, and continue with a Craft Fair on the 7th, an Ecumenical Service on the 10th, Kings Island Day and a Prom on the 13th and a picnic on the 14th.

The Annual Awards Dinner will be held at the Carrousel Inn again this year. More details will be released later.

The proposed resolutions were presented to those present for discussion. A motion was made by Linda C and seconded by Lynn that Cross-Port abstain from any vote on the resolutions. After some discussion the motion carried. It was also recommended that we strongly urge the coalition to table the motions.

Joann, Linda, and Heather attended a workshop at the the UC Medical School. We were very impressed with the response we received from all who attended. We were even more impressed with the quality of questions and their desire to learn how best they could help us in our everyday lives.

We have also been asked if anyone would be available to talk to a class at NKU sometime in March or April and at New Spirit Metropolitan Community Church on April 26, 1987. MCC has worship services every Sunday, at 7:00 pm and Bible Study on Tuesdays at 7:30 pm. They Meet at 65 E. Hollister St. 241-8216.

Betty reported on the Indianapolis Meeting. See The Indy Report later in this issue. Yvonne brought us all up-to-date on the Convention, the Chicago Groups and the "Be All Weekend" which will be in Cleveland, June 10-13.

The business meeting ended around 10:30. Everyone proceeded to talk, dance and have a good time.

THE INDY REPORT

I would like to thank those who came to our January 29, 1987 meeting. We had 13 that I know of and a special thanks to those who came such a long distance. Also a special thanks to Yvonne who talked in general about the national scene and fielded questions.

Many groups have started with less than 13 people and I believe we have a good start. Our mailing list at this time is in excess of 13 so we should be meeting some new sisters as time goes on. We also want to get the word out to others who have a sincere interest in a support group.

As much as I would like to do more, the best I can do is to help get our group started and be a corresponding secretary. Also I will probably not be able to make all the meetings. I will need help.

Some places were mentioned for dinner or a light snack: 21 Club, Varcity Club, Uptown Connection, Tomorrows was mentioned as having a show. One sister reported that she was ask to leave "Our Place".

A date was selected for the next meeting, Thursday March 5, 1987 at the 21 Club starting at 9:00 P.M. For those that don't know how to get there: Take I-65 to downtown Indianapolis, Exit US 31 North (Meridian St.) and go north to 22nd St., Turn right (east) and go about two blocks to Talbot St., Turn right (south) to 21st St. 21 Club is on the Northeast corner with parking across the street.

Schannon has offered to keep our mailing list on her personal computer and Cross-Port in Cincinnati is also putting our activities in their news letter. Thanks Heather.

We should have a name for our group - give it some thought.



CAN WE TALK !

By Heather

Well, this month has caught me with my skirt down. First it is a short month which means less days to put the news-letter together. Second, I am going to be in Chicago for four days which means even less days for the news-letter. Third, I got a new computer. It has a so many new things to learn that I'm just getting started and I'm not sure how this issue will turn out. Wendy (the old computer), was retired to the basement and I'm not in a position to get it running to the point were I can still do the news-letter on it. So, I ask that you girls BARE with me until I'm back on my HEELS, so to speak.

I must apologize for not being able to get the Indy Report to you last month but I didn't receive it until after I printed the February Issue. I also know that you didn't get it in time for this months meeting. I usually mail the first Saturday of the month, so I warn you in advance, You will more than likely read the Indy Report a month late and after the following months meeting. The Meetings are scheduled for the first Thursday of every Month. Sorry I could not get there, but thanks to everyone who did make it.

Dues are coming in slowly and new inquiries are starting to pick up again. We currently have around \$500 dollars but this month I have postage and copier supplies yet to buy.

The response has been good to the new "Introductory Copy" of InnerView. One reason I decided to put that together is, as some of you may know, that there has been a problem with the Post Office. I had the news-letter weighed and it came to 1.8 ounces, but some of the Post Office branches are charging the additional 17 cents anyway. I talked to the local Post Office and they said there was little that could be done outside of tracking every piece mailed. The only answer is to reduce the number of pages. If anyone still receives the InnerView postage due please let me know.

The report about GCG/LC is only a small amount of the information gathered at the meeting. Each of the member groups has a lot going on. Goldie, will be our representative and I'll be the back-up.

By the time you read this, Linda and I will have already been to the National Convention. We'll try to have a complete report in the April Issue and some pictures if I remember my camera this time.

The next Wife/Girlfriend meeting is tentative for March 30th in the hope that George will still be able to make it. If anyone is interested who was not at the March 2nd meeting please contact me for more information.

Correction: The Indy Report was from Betty.

Letters To Heather

Dear Heather,

Where do I start? As I try to write this letter, hundreds of thoughts race through my mind! First, and no doubt, most important, I must thank, and shall always be eternally grateful to the finest and most courageous person I have ever met in the many years of my confused life. "K" as I shall refer to her, introduced me to Cross-Port.

Having long since established her new-life, "K" took the time, caring and risk to help educate me in a most complex and confussing area of my life. "K" was considerate enough to give me copies of InnerView (as well as other useful information) all of which tells me I must join your support group.

I feel Cross-Port will no doubt be of tremendous strenght and assistance (once I gather the nerve to attend one of your meetings) to help in my decission making process toward womanhood.

Very truly yours,
"Diane"

Dear Diane,

It is always a pleasure to receive a letter like yours, in fact, it is one of the things that makes doing a job like this worth while.

I hope that some time soon you will get the courage to attend one of our meetings but please take your time. Don't try to do it until you are ready. The experience will be more pleasurable if your are really prepared. Until that time please know that we at Cross-Port support your and will help in any way we can.

Dear Heather,

So wonderful to hear from you and to know that you are offering a much needed service to the community.

My spouse and I, in Grand Rapids, MI. have discussed the information you sent in October. We must admit that the information is really wonderful.

I have a couple of requests for you. In the Grand Rapids area, there is a need for a contact like yours. In the Church there are 2 friends and or members that either are cross-dressers or transsexuals. There is no group available to help those concerned.

Please send me information that could assist in this

process and I will send the information to those involved.

I would also like to be added to your monthly mailing list. I will be looking forward to hearing from you and be sure to let your members know that we love them all.

Peace
Ricki

Dear Ricki,

Thank you for writing and for helping us to spread the word about Cross-Port. The information you requested will be mail shortly.

Heather

Late News

I received a letter from the Windy City Chapter. According to the letter, Sharon Hart is no longer part of the organization. New officers will be elected at their next monthly meeting. Until things are straightend out up there Cross-Port will refrain from send in any dues for National Gender Alliance. I am sure I'll find out more while in Chicago.

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