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The Editor's Corner
By: Wendi Danielle P.

Wendi & Alison at the Banquet

Hello girls, I hope this newsletter reaches all of you in good health and all has been well during the past month. My month has been filled with adventure and new experiences to say the least and I would like here to share with you, just a few of the many interesting times that Judee and I enjoyed on our autumn vacation. We spent two wonderful weeks in New England and this year Wendi got to experience it all.

Travel was an experience in itself. I was accepted in my female role without question, but Eastern Airlines was the pits. Mechanical problems and unexplained flight delays, poor and non-existent food, and general poor service was the norm on all the flights but we got there and back in one piece so I guess it was all worth the frustration. Even the 1/2 ton of baggage that accompanied us arrived in somewhat decent shape, and somehow we managed to get it all in our rental car with a little room for ourselves in the car too.

After spending the majority of the first week in upstate New York we headed for Provincetown for the "Tiffany Wives Support Group" fall weekend. This event, which is held at Provincetown every fall, was a last minute addition to our trip but it proved to be one of the highlights of our vacation. The only planned function during the weekend was a catered dinner at the Ocean's Inn. Here we met many couples that share and enjoy relationships similar to our own. Several of the couples that we met that weekend stand out our minds. Siobhan & Ann, Renee' & Karen, Jan & Diane, and Laura & Sue, are friends now that we hope to share many good times with in years to come. The remainder of the weekend was spent in a true tourist mode, shopping, sightseeing, and people watching in this friendly seaside resort town. It was "Ladies Weekend" in P'town that weekend, a lesbian convention was in town, Fantasia Fair was starting and with the Tiffany group in town it was girls, girls, girls everywhere all weekend, a real people watcher's treat.

Pam, Kay and Renee' at the banquet

On Sunday it was off to Boston to visit a few relatives, also a visit to Tiffany House was planned during the week. On Tuesday night, we attended a regular meeting of the Wives Support Group at Tiffany headquarters in Wayland. We were welcomed by Roberta, a house resident and truly unique individual. The house is large but became fairly crowded as the evening progressed and many regulars arrived. Judee spent the majority of this evening gathering information about this national support group for wives and supporters of crossdressers. The group has resources available for anyone wishing information on both understanding and relating to transgendered individuals. If you would like to receive more information about this group, or the resources it can provide a mailing address can be found later in this newsletter.

On Thursday it was back to Provincetown to catch the end of Fantasia Fair. This year we decided to attend the last weekend of the fair (last year we were present for the first weekend). I have to say that the second weekend was, in my opinion, the better of the two. I had reserved a room for us in Chicago House, the same place we had stayed last year. The house is centrally located and provides a good cup of coffee and sometimes homemade muffins in the morning. Also, the hosts, Jack & Frank, are very friendly and willing to please. I would recommend it to others who might attend the fair in the future.

Maureen, Winnie & Wendi

Our first night at the fair was highlighted by the "Fantasia Fair Follies", a talent show that truly is a professional quality endeavor. Alison was the M.C. this year and she gave the show a finishing touch with her smooth presentation and lively introductions to each act. She was also one of the performers, each of which did two acts. These girls must have been rehearsing all year. They could have performed at "Female Impersonator" clubs anywhere in the country and been the hit of the local show. Along with Alison, outstanding performances were given by Maureen, Sheila K., Sheila D., Naomi O., and many others.

Friday began with a beauty session at 10am. This one was on wigs so I didn't stay for the full session. I wish they had one on doing your own hair, sometimes I just can't seem to do a thing with it! All you GGs will probably get a kick out of that one but it's true, especially when your trying to manipulate a HOT curling iron around in the mirror and get those !&%$&#@! stragglers in the middle of the back.

Later in the day on Friday we attended the "Kite Fly & Picnic" at the national seashore. It was a very brisk and windy afternoon but about a dozen or so "Girls" made their way to the beach for this event. Judee and I were bundled up in leather coats and jeans and we spent most of the afternoon sitting in the car sipping wine and watching the kite fliers. However, there were a few hearty individuals that could be seen standing out on the beach in a skirt and heels, wig being held down with one hand and a kite string tightly gripped in the other, trying to figure how in creation they were going to eat that pizza in the box at their feet. I did attempt a little kite flying myself later but after about 15 minutes it was back to the car to warm up and enjoy a bit of pizza and some more wine.

Friday evening was highlighted by the "Fantasy Ball". This event gave all the chance to don their gayest apparel as the saying goes and dance the night away. My costume was a gypsy (thanks to a friend at work who let me borrow her halloween costume) and Judee was an Egyptian slave girl (or some such palace attendant). Anyway, it was all stops out and a real "GO FOR IT!" night. We were in the company of hookers, devils, southern belles, a pig (Miss Piggy never looked this good), vampires, cheerleaders, punkers, prom queens, French maids and even Wonder Woman.

Saturday began with another beauty session, this one was kind of a review of all that was covered during the week. I was one of the lucky ones that was selected to be critiqued at the end of the session and am proud to say "I passed". See girls, passing does have other meanings, even in our subculture. Lunch was very interesting, that day. We attended a health seminar which focused on both the health hazards of crossdressing (sprained ankles from walking on rough pavement in heels, etc.) by Dr. Gladys and, a crash course on hormones and surgery by Dr. Sheila. She's an authority on the subject, being both a medical professional (Gynecology I Think) and TS or at least TG.

Saturday night we attended the awards banquet, a formal event which gave us all a chance to show the world some true beauty as we adorned ourselves in our best finery. Everyone was in magnificent form and it was said by one of the speakers, and I agree, "If an uninformed citizen were to walk in they would not only be impressed with the appearance of this group of women but would be hard pressed to detect a male among them".

Miss Cinderella receives her award

The evening ended with a house party at Chicago house which lasted till the wee hours. This was a time when all those in the house really let down their hair and opened up. All realized that tomorrow it was back to the home situation and an end to a true fantasy, at least till next year.

I know I'll be back again if at all possible and will be looking forward to renewing so many friendships that are growing with each year I return to the fair. I know I'll be thinking of The Sheilas, Maureen, Alison, Renee', Laura, Merissa, Betty Ann, Angel, Siobhan, Jan, Pam, Eve, Virginia, Penny, Winnie, Paula, Emily, and all the others that made this a truly unforgettable fair for Judee and I. This brings to a close "How I Spent My Fall Vacation", I hope you have enjoyed reading it, I enjoyed reliving it during this extended version of the editor's corner. Until next month girls, "GO FOR IT!".

National News

Houston Group Told to Reorganize

In a letter received by Alpha Zeta and dated Nov. 9, 1987, it was stated that Tri-Delta will reorganize into two groups. One retaining the name Tri-Delta and being a Tri-Ess chapter and a second being created, if desirable, for those previous members of the old group that "do not want" or "can not be" members of Tri-Ess National.

In a second letter received by Alpha Zeta and written to the old group by Carol Beecroft, it was stated that one must be a "heterosexual male" in order to join Tri-Ess National and, only Tri-Ess National members will be allowed to join the new Tri-Delta. The Tri-Ess National organization will no longer tolerate a chapter that allows "non-national" members.

In addition, the letter from Ms. Beecroft stated that a majority of the Tri-Delta membership are not members of the national organization and therefore can not be members of a local Tri-Ess chapter. Later in the letter she states that "A large number of the sisters who belong to Tri-Delta would prefer a chapter whose goals and philosophies are more consistent with those set up by the National". She also states that a prospective member of a local chapter can only attend three (3) meetings of the local group without joining "Tri-Ess National". This is in conflict with the bylaws of other Tri-Ess chapters (including Alpha Zeta).

The Tri-Delta letter also implied that there would be some cooperation between the new Tri Delta group and a second group, "If it should exist", but that it would be a separate organization with meetings and events separate from Tri-Delta.

Finally, Ms. Beecroft's letter stated that the new group will have to resubmit their bylaws to the national organization for approval before attaining chapter status.

(Ed: Several questions and comments come to mind in reflecting on the preceding news item. It might be that the majority of the membership of Tri-Delta were not either: heterosexual, or male, or possibly they felt that Tri-Ess National membership was not providing them with something worth it's price. In another light, it might be, as many in other areas including Phoenix, that we are a small subculture and in many places it is difficult to muster a critical mass of people that will catalyze a group to emerge. Also, the crossdressing and transgender desires that all of us share, are a common bond that brings us together for the purpose of personal growth, self satisfaction and the want to help others who are still struggling with themselves. Sexual desires need not enter into the picture if the group's bylaws are such that this area is taboo. Also there are individuals in all groups that are TG, on hormones and desire to live life in a female role. Are these individuals to be excluded, since they do not strictly fit the "Masculine" criteria. These questions are present in all Tri-Ess groups and I would assume that every group will continually have to address them. It is tough to turn away a good person who would be a credit to a group because he admits that he has had a male partner or that he is contemplating surgery some day.)

The First Lady's Notebook
By: Diane I.

(Ed: This month Diane has not been able to contribute to the newsletter due to her heavy involvement with "The Holiday En Femme" but she informs us that next month she will have an extended report on this event.)

Alpha Zeta Update
by: Terri F.

The October meeting was held at Terri J.s home. In attendance were Diane, Rosalind, Terri F. Angela, Ericka, Mae, Monica, and at their first meeting were, Tiffany & Cheryl, Tamie and Joanna. Welcome to our new sisters with more on the way!

Elections will be held, if there is a quorum, at the January meeting. We will be choosing our first Lady, second lady, and secretary/treasurer from amongst our current "Tri-Ess National" members. Start thinking about whom you would like to nominate. In addition to the elected officers, there have been three special positions appointed: Wendi is in charge of the newsletter, Lynda is the special events coordinator, and Mae is in charge of our membership committee.

Last month was a busy one for our Speaker's Bureau, made up of Diane, Terri F. Terri J. and Wendi. We spoke at ASU, Paradise Valley Community College and Scottsdale Community College and were warmly received at all three. We wish to thank Professor Whitam and Joanne Richi for allowing us to educate their students. It was a very satisfactory exchange of ideas, and we will be looking forward to future invitations.

(Ed: if any of you out there know of a group or class that might be interested in having our group speak please contact one of the Speaker's Bureau members so that we might make arrangements for a presentation)

Ever feel like tearing your hair out by the roots? Well, now it appears as though you can with the "Epilady" hair removal system as reported on by Rosalind and Ericka at our October meeting. It doesn't sound like the most gentle of devices, but it does promise no regeneration of unwanted hair for a long time. Maybe it might be an alternative to electrolysis for some. It's available at Bullock's (in the S&M section!).

National Events

"1988 I.F.G.E. Convention"

Work is progressing on the next I.F.G.E. convention to be held in Chicago next year. The dates will be February 23rd to March 1st 1988. The excitement about this event is starting to build. It's getting good coverage on all the newsletters around the country and from the comments we've heard, Just about every group in the country is going to have representation.

While in Provincetown, Wendi had a meeting with Merissa Sherrill Lynn, the coordinator of this event, and was informed that this year the I.F.G.E. is trying to get as many professionals as possible to attend the convention and participate in the workshops. There is also a good possibility that continuing education credits will be forthcoming for these workshops. If you know of someone or are seeing a counselor who specializes in gender related issues, please inform him or her of this event and contact either Diane or Wendi to get a brochure to pass along.

Look for more information on the I.F.G.E. convention in this newsletter, or write to:

I.F.G.E.
Po Box 19
Wayland, Mass. 01778
(617) 358-2305

Alpha Zeta Monthly Meeting

The November meeting will be on Saturday the 21st at 7:30pm at Terri F's. apartment. She tells us that she has moved to a new location so please check the enclosed map or contact a local member if there is not a map enclosed with your copy of this newsletter.

Regular business will cover such topics as our phone line, the up coming elections, planning for our christmas party at a local restaurant, the creation of a local merchant's directory and several other topics. If you would like to participate in any of these activities or have some other ideas be sure to attend.

Also, all of our "travelers" should be back (Wendi & Judee from Fantasia Fair; Diane, Ericka, Monica, Terri F. and Rosalind from the Holiday En Femme), and they all should have some very interesting reports.

It looks like this should be an interesting meeting so, don't miss it!.

Alpha Zeta Treasury Report (Est.)

Balance as of 9/30/87.	300.15
Paid out	0.00
Income	45.00
Interest	1.00
Balance as of 10/31/87	346.15

The Writer's Corner

"Improvements"
by: Starriette L. Howard

I Can dream away the hours
of what my life can be,
but if I look for changes
I have to start with me

I can wish away the hours
or I can build a plan,
to search a little further
than just "the best I can."

I can pretend that life
is as great as it can be,
but if I want to really change,
I have to start with me!

Networking

At the last I.F.G.E. convention the topic of networking was one of the highly stressed activities that we can do to help our sub-culture in general. We at Alpha Zeta and A Rose have been very active in directing our efforts in this area. We have contacted over 65 groups around the country and are currently exchanging newsletters with many of them. As a service to our members we will be publishing the names, addresses and some brief information about the groups that we are currently in contact with on a regular basis. If you should be traveling to an area where one of these groups is located, you might like to contact the group beforehand and arrange to meet with some of the local members while in town, or even possibly attend a local meeting, if timing is right.

Tri Delta
PO Box 533; Richmond, Texas 77469
phone: none Type: Tri-Ess chapter

Emerald City
P.O. Box 31318; Seattle, WA 98103
phone: none; type: TV/TS social group

CHI Chapter
P.O. Box 342; Chicago, IL 60690
phone: (312)364-9514; type: Tri-Ess chapter

Tiffany Club
PO Box 19; Wayland, Ma. 01778
phone: 617-358-5575; type: TV/TS support

Northwest Gender Alliance
PO Box 4928; Portland, Oregon 97208
Phone: 503-641-6736;type: TV/TS social group

Cross-Port
2020 B Beechmont Ave. Box 150;Cincinnati, Ohio 45230; phone: none;type: TV support

Chic
PO Box 3311; Orange, Cal. 92665
phone: 213-493-4285; type: TV social group

E.T.V.C.
PO Box 6486; San Francisco, Calif. 94101
phone: none; type: TV/TS/TG support group

Dallas Chapter
PO Box 461103; Garland, Texas 75042
Phone: none; type: Tri-Ess chapter

FACT of Southern New England
Po Box 9238; North Dartmouth, Mass 02747
phone: none; type: TV/TS

Transexual Social Association
Po Box 5753; Weybosset Sta., Providence RI. 02903; phone: none; type: TS group

Connecticut Gender Alliance
Po Box 744; Branford, Conn. 06405
phone: none; type: TV/TS group

L.I.F.E.
Po Box 121; Ozone Park, New York 11416
phone: none; type: TV/TS

Chi Delta Mu
Po Box 327; Massapequa Park, New York 11762
phone: 201-663-0772; type: Tri Ess chapter

TGIC, Butterfly,EON
PO Box 13604; Albany, New York 12212
phone: 518-436-4513; type: TV/TG/TS

Long Island Social Club
50 Sunny Rd.; St. James, New York 11780
phone: none; type: TV/TS social group

TVA
Po Box 26533; Rochester, New York 14626
phone: none; type: TV support

TransPitt
Po Box 59406; Pittsburgh, Pa. 15210
phone: none; type: TV/TS social group

The Elite TV Company
Po Box 47686; Atlanta, Ga. 30362
phone: none; type: TV support

Blossom C. Paster
2203 Trident Ct.; Wesley Chapel, Fl. 34249
phone: 813-973-0987; type: TV/TS group

Butternut Belles
Po Box 3585; Knoxville, Tenn. 37917
phone: none; type: TV/TS

Paradise Club
Po Box 29564; Parma, Oh. 44129
phone: none; type: TV/TS group

Crossroads Chapter
Po Box 1298; Flint, Mi. 48501
phone: none; type: TV/TS group

Genesis
Po Box 954; Elyria, Oh. 44036
phone: none; type: Tri Ess chapter

Wisconsin Network
Po Box 632
Waukesha, Wis. 53187
phone: 3-9pm 414-542-5735; type: TV/TS

Boulton & Park Cultural Society
Po Box 169652
San Antonio, Tx. 78289
phone: none; type: TV support

Transition Club
Po Box 42454
Las Vegas, Nv. 89116
phone: none; type: TS

Rainbow Gender Assoc.
Po Box 700730
San Jose, Ca. 95170
phone: none; type: TV

Salmacis Society
Po Box 1604
Eugene, Or. 97440
phone: 503-689-5267; type: TV/TS,B&D..

Capitol City Chapter
Po Box 3312
Salem, Or. 97302
phone: none; type: TV

Food For Thought

This month we are going to give you an idea of what to do with some of that turkey that you will be wondering what to do with about 2 days after Thanksgiving. Why not export it south of the border and transform it into:

Turkey Enchiladas

2 cups chopped, cooked turkey
1 cup chopped onions
5 tbsp. butter
1 4oz can chopped green chile peppers
1/4 cup flour
3/4 tsp. salt
2 1/2 cups chicken broth
1 cup sour cream
1 1/2 cups shredded monterey Jack cheese
12 medium flour tortillas

In a large saucepan cook onion in 2 tbsps. butter till tender, combine in a bowl with chopped turkey and chile peppers and set aside. In the same saucepan melt 3 tbsps. butter, blend in flour and salt. Stir in chicken broth, cook and stir till thickened and bubbly. Remove from heat, stir in sour cream and 1/2 cup of cheese. Stir 1/2 cup of this sauce into the turkey mixture. Place about 1/4 cup of the turkey mixture into each tortilla, roll up and arrange seam side down in a 9x13 pan. Pour remaining sauce over the enchiladas, sprinkle with the remaining cheese. Bake uncovered in 350 deg. oven for 25 mins. or till bubbly. Serves 6.

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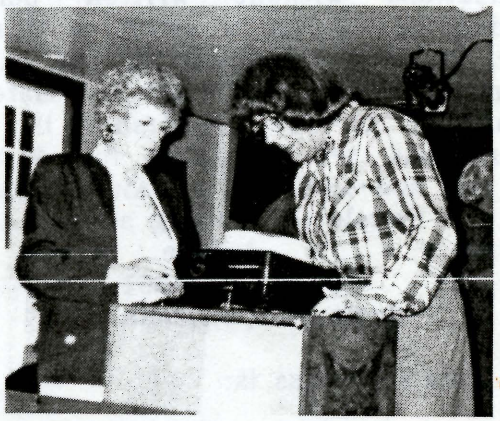
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