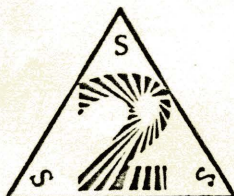
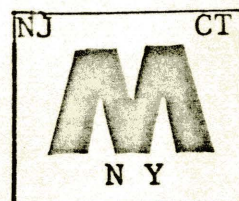


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May Meeting

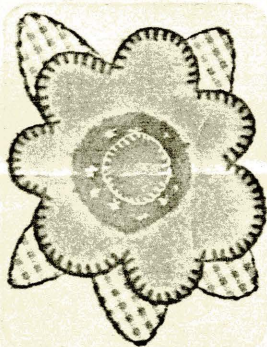
A most enjoyable time is the only way I can summarize the Chapter's May meeting. We had the best attendance yet, new members, more wives and a girlfriend and GG visitor.

Attending were: Marlene (NY-314-B), and girlfriend Monica, Frances (NJ-10-B), Barbara (NY-307-B), Nora Helene (NJ-202-C), Lynda (NJ-F), and wife Marilyn, Joan (NJ-204-G), Eileen (NY-11-J), Felicity (NY-16-M), wife Edith, and good friend of their's, Peggy; Mary Jane (NY-206-M), and wife Agnes, and Wilma (NJ-300-Y).

I believe that I can speak for all those who were "new" to our meeting and state that they were very happy that they came and are looking forward to future get-togethers.

Items decided upon for the Chapter are as follows:

- * We have scheduled a meeting for Saturday, June 12th, at the same Inn in New Jersey. Members not attending the May meeting were notified of the details by Nora Helene.
- * Meetings for July and August are still undetermend, and we will decide on them at the June meeting. We are talking about having a Chapter birthday party near the end of August, for it was August 30th last year that Carol Beecroft visited us and organized the Chapter. This Chapter meeting may be an "ice-breaker" -- no dressing -- (some time to have THAT), to encourage members, wives, girlfriends who have not attended a meeting yet to get to know us in a setting which may be less stressful, although I'm sure that when you get to know us whatever "stress" you may have had will quickly go away. The prospects of this party will largely depend upon you girls who have not come to a meeting, If you would like to have such an affair, you must let us know. The meeting would be an excellant way for us to get to know one another, and to resume activities for the Fall.
- * There is a strong desire for the Chapter to have a "dressed weekend" come this Fall. We've talked about the upstate NY area, NE Pennsylvania, or, perhaps, Provincetown on Cape Cod where the Town welcomes such groups as TRI-ESS. More details will come from the June meeting.



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May Meeting (continued)

* It has been suggested and agreed upon that we should have a regular meeting schedule so we all can plan on attending a meeting without any guesses. Effective in September and for the future (unless otherwise so publicized), we will meet as a Chapter on the second Saturday of each month. Location of each meeting is to be determined.

A special thanks to Frances and Wilma for organizing our May and June meetin

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To close commentary on our May meeting, we really had a most delightful time I hope that the balance of the newsletter will be carefully considered by those who have not yet come to a get-together, for I believe that your fears about coming to a meeting will be relieved. Of course, your wife/girlfriend is ALWAYS welcomed!!!! Naturally, you who are in this position are apprehensive, but we think that you should have a sense of trust in US! Please believe us when we say that you will not be disappointed when you meet your sisters and the wives/girlfriends who have attended a meeting. We really are (modestly speaking), a nice group of folks.



Chapter sisters present at our May meeting in New Jersey:
left to right, seated: Frances, Lynda, Nora Helene, Barbara,
and Wilma; standing: Marlene, Mary Jane, Felicity, Eileen,
and Joan.

(photo: Frances & Patricia)

Radio & TV

Dr. Kuriansky did not attend our May meeting, but we are extending an open invitation to her and other professionals in the field to come to a meeting of our Chapter and really LEARN something about us which could probably not be learned from a textbook.

Eileen and wife Priscilla, and Felicity, have volunteered to be on Dr. K's radio program. Nora Helene has written Dr. Judith and informed her of our members' interest in her program, and that a special program with TVs and spouses could be a very helpful activity for many out there who are living under a "rock" or whose wife/girlfriend is very confused about the situation.

I think that the membership should extend a special thank you to those who have given of themselves in this area to promote the facts about what we are!

Treasurer's Report

Beginning Cash Balance (5/1/82).....\$84.90

Receipts

Meeting Fees.....	100.00	
Contributions.....	20.00	
Initiation Fees.....	30.00	
		150.00

Expenses

Hotel & accommodations.....	51.20	
Refreshments.....	42.28	
Postage.....	20.00	
		(113.48)

Ending Cash Balance (5/31/82).....\$121.42

A warm welcome to our Chapter to Eileen of New York, and to Joan of New Jersey. Believe it or not, but Joan and I lived accross the street from one another in the Bronx in the mid 60's, though we did not know each other then. YOU NEVER CAN TELL !!! Also, a very special welcome to Barbara (NY-307-B), who has contributed the cartoons in this issue of the newsletter. We now have a total of 25 Chapter sisters! A complete listing of current Chapter members will be provided in the July OUR SPECIAL JOY.

Book Auction

Thus far (June 5th), the response to the book auction has been rather poor. Perhaps too many of you girls are so busy actually living your femme lives that you don't have the time or desire to do some TV reading. More in the July newsletter.

Kitchen Of...Marlene (NY-314-B), and girlfriend Monica

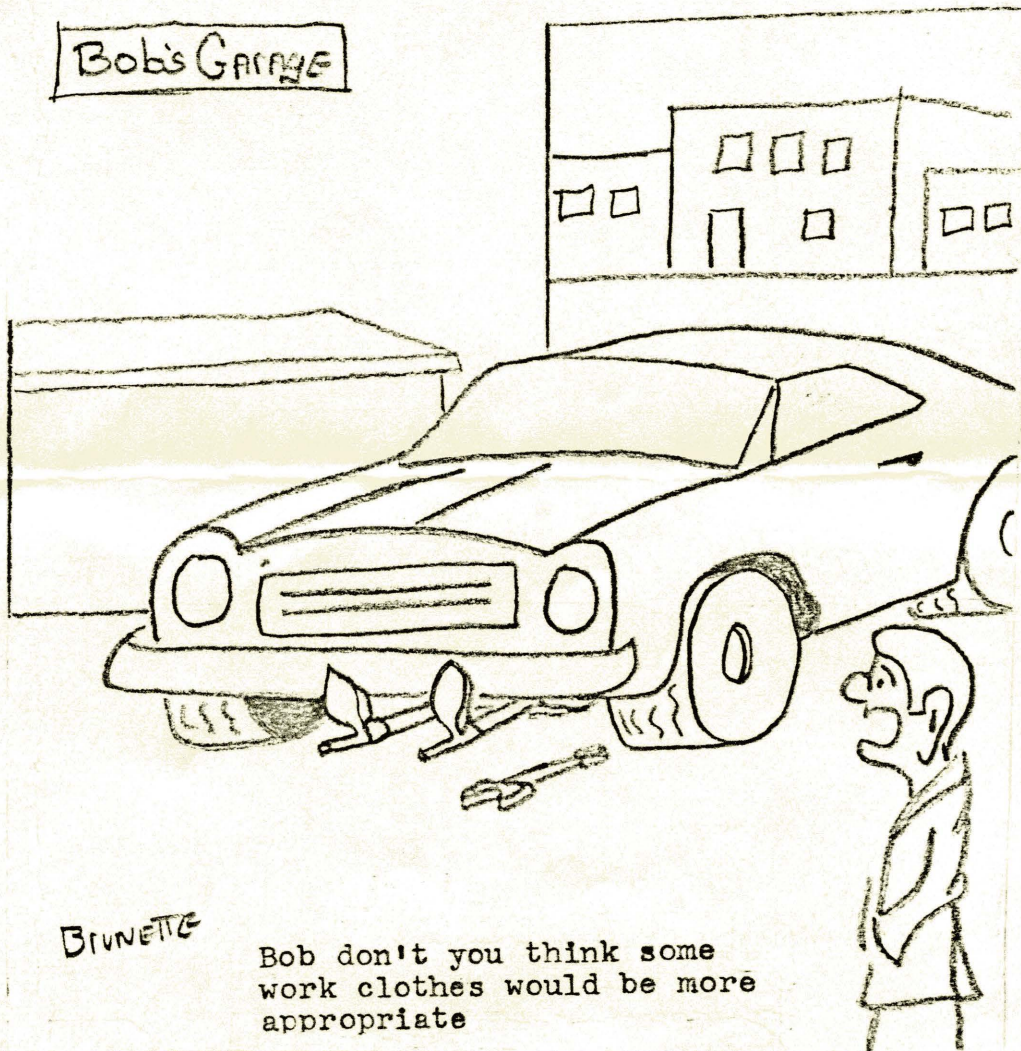
Seafood Gumbo

4 tblsp. butter or margerine, 3 tblsp. flour, 2 onions chopped into two cups, 1 minced garlic clove, 1 12-oz. can of tomatoes, 1 can chicken broth, condensed; 2 cups of water, 1 tblsp. salt, 1 tblsp. Worcestershire souce, 1/4 teaspoon red pepper powder, 1 lb. crabmeat (or 2, 7-oz. cans), 1 pt. oysters (or 3, 7-oz. cans), 2 tblsp. file powder.

Melt butter in a deep dish and add flour over a low heat for 15 minutes; stir until flour turns brown. Stir in onions and the garlic and stir often for about 10 minutes. Add tomatoes, chicken broth, water, salt, Worcestershire souce, and red pepper and cover pot. Simmer for about 15 minutes to mix flavor. Add crab meat and oysters. Do NOT drain from can if use can(s). Cook another 5 minutes till oysters are done. Sprinkle file powder into mix to thicken broth. Serve with white rice or noodles if desired.



THANK YOU again, Marlene and Monica, for what sounds like a very delicious MEAL!!! By the way, has anyone tried any of these goodies yet ???



First Meeting

"I'd like to write about my first TRI-ESS Chapter meeting. Monica and I attended at about 4:30 PM on Saturday, May 22nd. I was very nervous not knowing what to expect. Frances and Nora Helene were there and as soon as I got "dressed", I felt more at ease.

The two of us really benefitted by attending. It was good to get to know the sisters. Everybody was so helpful and friendly. You are right. They REALLY are a great group to get to know. I was amazed at how many experienced the same problems as I and how they eventually came to accept themselves.

It was nice to see so many people having a good time, first being themselves and not drinking excessively or using drugs.

The eight or so hours we spent were just about the fastest I've ever seen. You know how time time goes when you are having a good time.

At first Monica was reluctant to attend. The most important part of the day was how it changed her mind. When she got to meet and talk with others, she found out that I am not "kinky" or gay or perverted or what have you. She now understands me better and our experiences at the social have brought us closer together.

All the way home we discussed the good time WE had. If we have a meeting on June 12th (and we will, Ed.), we will come!"

Marlene (NY-314-B)

In Case You Missed It

DEAR ANN: I married a man two months ago after a three-week courtship. The fact that he was five years younger (I am 29), didn't matter to him. He is a kind and generous person, intelligent and has a terrific personality. Last week I walked in on him unexpectedly as he was putting on a girdle. I was shocked. He calmly explained that he had been having back trouble and the girdle was a big help. I have seen girdles advertised for men with back problems and accepted his explanation, even though his had quite a lot of lace on it. This morning when I was half awake I saw him dressing in the bathroom through a crack in the door. He was putting on nylons under his wool socks. I immediately jumped out of bed and asked him what it was all about. He said he needed the nylons because he had to hitch his girdle to something to keep it down. The man is definitely not gay. He is a wonderful sex partner and his behavior is normal in every way. We love each other, and I am hanging on to this marriage--no matter what. But I'd like to know your opinion of all this. -- A Big Q in Durham, N. C.

DEAR BIG Q: I can go along with the girdle (even with lace on it), although surgical corsets are available for men with back problems. But he lost me with the nylons. Your husband is a transvestite. This does not mean he is

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In Case You Missed It (continued)

a homosexual, nor does it mean you can't have a good marriage if you are willing to accept this kink (many wives do). Get some books on the subject at the public library. You'll feel better when you have valid information.



COMMENTARY: Unfortunately, Ann again is only partially correct. If giving full expression to your entire personality rather than repressing or denying an important part of yourself is a "kink" by Ann's definition, then no wonder why this world is so screwed up. Secondly, going to the public library to find our more information about TV can be as productive as going to the grocery store to learn about baseball. Most of the "experts" who have written about "us" are far from knowledgeable about the full spectrum of crossdressing behavior. I think that in some cases it would be counter-productive for a wife or girlfriend who is genuinely interested in learning about TV to read some of the garbage that has been written by these "experts". The Society for the Second Self has recognized this problem, and Carol Beecroft has offered at 1/2 price the publications of the Society to be donated to interested public libraries.

Food For Thought....Patricia (CT-8-G)

I was writing to one of our TRI-ESS sisters in Oklahoma, and I could tell she was a little concerned about her career and being a crossdresser.

What I told her I would like to share with our other sisters out there who may have to same fears.

You are not unique, but I can understand your need for security. I think we all live with the fear of being found out, and what would people say or think of us. But now that I have been out of the closet for almost five years, and have written to a lot of sisters and have gotten to know a few quite well, I think our character is just as good as other organizations. I think that we can be proud of ourselves that we are secure in our manhood, and that we can let our feminine selves show and enjoy our full human selves.

Now what we have to do is to educate the general public that we are not out to molest children or hood-wink the public to harm them. That this is only our way of expressing ourselves, to relieve tension and stress and relax by letting our second selves out, which is better than becoming a drunkard.

I think that we know ourselves better than the general public, and if more men would get to know their inner selves better, this would be a better world



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Food For Thought by Patricia (continued)

So I hope all our sisters out there would look into themselves and come out and join and organize so we can inform the public that we are not bad and something to look down on, but that we are neighbors and co-workers in every walk of life. There is too much hatred in this world, so look in yourself and find that second self that shows kindness, softness, and femininity.

We are taught to be hard and aggressive, and where has it gotten us? Only a troubled world where we have to live in fear of war.

So come on, let's look inside ourselves for that special person who is waiting to come out and make the world a place of peace.



Sir, If You wish To dine here, you'll have To wear high heels and A dress.

For Couples Only.....May meeting talk

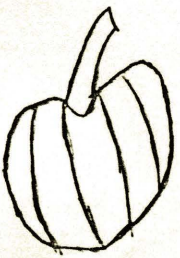
Considerable discussion was had concerning the proposed "For Couples Only" Auxiliary for the national organization and the Chapter.

A number of sisters expressed concern that such a second organization would fragment our Chapter. All agreed that the Chapter was the most important thing for ALL of us, and that we must not destroy that.

We now have several wives/girlfriends coming to our meetings, and I believe that they enjoy them as much as we. At this time the membership does not see the benefits which would be gained from the auxiliary, and several sisters have raised important items which would require a re-thinking of this proposal for us as a Chapter.

I think that I can sum-up the general consensus and state that the Chapter, including the support of wives/girlfriends, can supply whatever the auxiliary could provide, without excluding sisters whose wives or girlfriends are hostile to TV. We are open on this, so your input would be welcomed.

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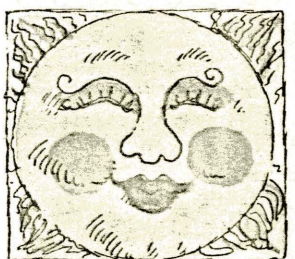
I regret that the newsletter is late this month. I've taken a new job, and Agnes and I are in the process of selling and buying houses. (We'll be glad when that's over!!!) We could not make the June meeting due to that, but a phone call to New Jersey tonight (6/12), and speaking with Frances, Patricia and Eileen, assures me that the June Chapter meeting is going just fine!!! More about that in the July newsletter.

No, I will NOT be leaving the Chapter or passing on the position of Editor, unless you want me to. In fact, we'll be living near Felicity, Eileen and Joan (NY). If you write, use my White Plains P.O. Box. I'll advise you of a new address in the newsletter...I want to thank Barbara, Patricia, and Marlene for their contributions. Theirs and YOURS are ALWAYS welcomed, for this is YOUR publication, and the less that I write, the better.

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*Best Regards
Mary Jane!*



Editorial

Well, we are not quite yet a year old, but our membership has multiplied five-fold since our first O.S.J.

That sounds like progress!!!

With the potential radio program, we may be in the position of being swamped with people to join us.

That points to a very real problem. We are not as well organized as we should be. Remember we are the only TRI-ESS Chapter in the NY area! We have no president, director of membership, etc.

Your thoughts on what kind of organization we should have are greatly appreciated. Please let us know of your views on this very important matter.