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CHI'S SEPTEMBER MEETING

Summer is finally over! This may seem a strange thing to say, but for the Chapter the month of September signals the end of summer, and the beginning of a new "year." Vacations are completed and everyone is back at home, the children are in school, thoughts are turning to putting up the storm windows, and we are all settling-in for another long, cold, winter. For many, this would mean many boring nights playing Monopoly or Scrabble, or even doing the unthinkable: watching TV. But as a Chapter member you are not limited to being a "watcher," you can be a "doer." At least once each month you can get dressed up and there is someplace to go. At last month's meeting, our attendance started its annual increase from the summer slump, and we look for continued improvement as we enter the fall and winter season.

For our September meeting we were still in the motel, with only moderate inconvenience this time. We had our customary "sitting room" accommodation, but instead of the connecting room for dressing purposes we had a separate room on the other side which meant we had to go outside instead of directly room-to-room. Against our August meeting situation, this was a minor inconvenience indeed. It was well that we had the second room, to accommodate the people who attended: Karen IL-3-M, Mitzi IL-8-C, Donna IL-11-S, Rachel IL-14-B, Linda IL-16-S, Sharon IL-25-H, Deanna IL-35-G, Susan IO-1-I, Ruthann WI-14-L, and guests Maryann (former member) and GG Kathy, and Andrea (potential member).

We were very happy to meet the newest member of the Chapter, Linda IL-16-S, who attended for the first time. She tells us that the summer is her busiest "work Time," making it difficult to attend meetings, but hopes to be with us on a regular basis during the fall and winter months. We look forward to seeing her often.

During our July meeting we discussed the general goals and procedures of Tri-Sigma, especially as they applied to local Chapter activities. A summary of this discussion, covering the initial membership process, visitors attendance at meetings, annual dues and the dues period, etc. was sent to our national leadership for consideration along with the comments of many other individuals and Chapters from across the country. From a letter recently received by your Editor, it appears that many of these suggestions will be accepted and implemented within the very near future. Although there will be no compromise with the basic principles of individual security or overall goals of our organization, certain procedures will be simplified to bring us "in step with the times" and provide a more workable organizational effort. Many from CHI Chapter will be attending the Tri-Sigma convention in New Orleans September 27th-30th, and we hope to bring back more details about the new procedures.

The Chapter discussed the problem of holding a Chapter meeting during the month of August, as explained in detail in our September newsletter. The consensus was that we would not have a formal Chapter meeting in the future during the month of August, but that if an individual member wished to sponsor an informal get-together in her home during that month the Chapter would cooperate in notification of the membership, and underwriting the cost of refreshments.

Deanna brought up the subject of refreshments at the Chapter meetings which are held in motels, noting that on many occasions the lunch meat, salads, etc. were not consumed and had to be thrown out. Because of the current high cost of these "Deli" refreshments, it was decided to provide only coffee/pop, and perhaps potato chips and dip, at our motel meetings; if the members at a particular meeting decided they wanted more, we could send-out for pizza (or even tacos, as one member suggested). At meetings "in the home," we will continue to have our usual buffet supper. We'll try it this way for a while, and see what your comments are. O.K.?

CHI TREASURER'S REPORT

Balance on hand, August 31st:	\$57.42
Meeting Fee:	+45.00
Meeting Room:	-47.25
Refreshments:	- 8.42
Postage:	-15.51
Supplies (Envelopes):	<u>- 1.00</u>
Balance on hand, September 30th:	\$30.24

ACCIDENT

We were sorry to receive a brief report that Irene, the wife of Chapter Past-President Betty Ann, had suffered a fall. We don't have the details, but certainly hope the accident wasn't serious and that Betty Ann will be able to be back with us soon.

QUESTIONNAIRES

Virginia has sent out questionnaires prepared by two researchers who have done previous work on the children of other types of sexual or gender variation. Now they want to acquire some information on the children of TV's. Since this is always an area of great concern, and since no one has previously done any research on it, we hope that everyone who receives a questionnaire will take a few minutes to complete it and return it in the postage-paid envelope. The questionnaire is completely anonymous, and the information requested will be used for statistical analysis only. We are all interested in as much true and useful information about our "thing" being published in professional literature, so your cooperation is requested. At some time in the future, when the results have been tabulated and some conclusions arrived at, the information will be printed in Transvestia.

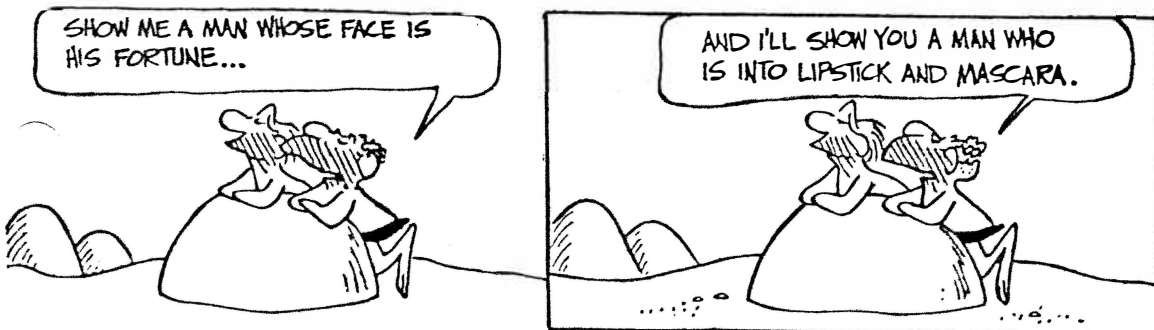
SEMINAR

Sharon IL-25-H advised that there would be a Lifestyle Seminar in Chicago on Sunday, November 4th, from 12:00 noon to 12:00 midnight at the Best Western Motel at Ohio St. and Lake Shore Drive. Based upon previous attendance, it is expected that approximately 200 people, including many professionals, will participate. Although this is a general seminar, open to all of the various lifestyles, Sharon felt that heterosexual transvestites should be represented to make our views available to those who participate in the seminar. The cost of a booth is \$30.00, and Rachel, Karen, Ruthann, and Sharon volunteered to "man" the booth throughout the day. Sharon will obtain the necessary details and registration forms, and Donna will contact Carol Beecroft to obtain a supply of Tri-Sigma brochures and hand-outs which we can give to interested persons. This sounds like a good opportunity to let the professional people, and the general community, know that "we are here, too!"

CHI'S OCTOBER MEETING

The next meeting of CHI Chapter will be held on the third Saturday of the month, October 20th. Details of the meeting place and time will be found on a separate sheet (Chapter and Associate members only). Regular members please promptly return the post card enclosed with this newsletter, Associate members who plan to attend the October meeting please drop us a note so we will know to expect you.

Donna



What with gay rights and the new attitude toward transsexuals, government job applications will soon list four designations under Sex: Male, Female, None of the Above and All of the Above.

JOINT MEETING OF CHI/DELTA CHAPTERS

The joint meeting of CHI and Delta Chapters will be held on Saturday and Sunday, November 10th and 11th, at a motel near Holland, Michigan, site of the joint meeting in November of last year. We will again have the same accommodations -- a set of three very pleasant modern apartments located together in a building which is separate from the main motel. There are no other rooms in this building, so this arrangement affords us complete privacy.

You can arrive as early as 2:00 P.M. on the 10th, and stay as late as 12:00 noon the next day. Because of the location, most of you will want to stay overnight. The sleeping arrangements in the 3 apartments are as follows: Three master bedrooms with a double bed and private bath (TV/GG couples will be given first choice for these), three bedrooms with two twin beds each, and four sofa beds in the various living rooms. In addition, rollaway beds will be provided by the management if necessary. Depending on our total attendance, some sleeping areas may have to be shared; your preference in this regard should be indicated on the form below. You also have the choice of staying in the main motel, or elsewhere, and either arriving dressed or dressing at the apartments (a dressing area will be available). At the present time only the apartments are reserved for our exclusive use; your separate reservations for accommodations other than at the apartments should be individually made as soon as possible.

We are requesting an accommodation fee of \$25.00 for TV's staying overnight in the apartments, \$30.00 (total) for TV/GG couples, and \$5.00 per person for those who will not be staying overnight in the apartments. The fee schedule allocates \$20.00 for overnight accommodations in the apartment (private rooms in the main motel, or elsewhere, will be more expensive), and \$5.00 from each individual for the refreshments on Saturday evening. Although a Buffet Supper will be provided, it is B.Y.O.B. Any surplus funds over and above actual expenses will be refunded to those attending on a pro-rata basis. If expenses should exceed the fees collected, voluntary contributions will be requested but any remaining deficit will be assumed by CHI and Delta Chapters. Should it appear that there will be insufficient attendance to justify a joint meeting (but we hope that this will not happen), the meeting will be cancelled about one week before the scheduled dates and any accommodation fees collected will be refunded in full.

We urge all of you who are interested in attending to complete the form below and return it as soon as possible. Final date for mailing to insure guaranteed reservations will be October 15th, although late reservations will be accepted as long as space is available. Although this meeting was conceived as a joint meeting of CHI and Delta Chapters (and its location chosen with this in mind), all Tri-Sigma Area members are welcome and encouraged to attend. Those returning the form and fee will receive a map and directions to the motel, and an update on expected attendance. Although the attendance last year was small, those who were there had a marvelous time and most didn't go to bed until about 4:00 in the morning. The joint meeting will be an excellent opportunity for you to see old TV friends and meet new ones, to learn about Tri-Sigma and Chapter activities and plans, to hear first-hand the news about the Tri-Sigma Convention in New Orleans and the annual Fantasia Fair from those who attended those events, and to enjoy your Femmeself in a pleasant and totally secure atmosphere.

Will we see you in November? Make your plans, and send in your fee, now!

(JOINT MEETING)

TO: R. L. Willey
555 E. Williams St. Apt. 16K
Ann Arbor, Mich. 48108

Please reserve accommodations for:

- TV alone @ \$25.00
- TV/GG Couple @ \$30.00
- Buffet only @ \$ 5.00/person

Payment in full is enclosed.

Mailing Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____