



CHI Chapter

**SOCIETY FOR THE
SECOND SELF**

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Dear Friend:

Thank you for inquiring about TRI-ESS. If you saw us on the Phil Donahue Show then you know a little bit about our organization. Here are some more details.

The Society for the Second Self (TRI-ESS) is a national organization with headquarters in California. It is the oldest and largest group of its kind, created exclusively for the heterosexual transvestite-crossdresser. Members are located in virtually every state, Canada, Mexico and in many foreign countries. TRI-ESS publishes a national membership directory, the FEMME MIRROR magazine and a shoppers guide. In addition, TRI-ESS provides a mail forwarding service solely for members desiring to correspond with each other. Enclosed you will find a flyer describing our organization and its objectives.

CHI CHAPTER serves the needs of TRI-ESS members located in Chicago and the mid-west. Monthly meetings are held to provide members with an opportunity to crossdress and to socialize with other members, their wives, girlfriends and invited guests. Our meetings frequently feature guest speakers on legal, medical or sociological topics of interest to the chapter. Occasionally, there are demonstrations and lectures on the practical aspects of crossdressing such as personal grooming, make-up, hair styling, fashion, etc. Sometimes, we have entertainment or fashion shows. In addition, CHI CHAPTER has arranged for special private showings at various Chicago area shops that welcome our patronage. There we are able to try-on and purchase shoes, wigs, cosmetics, eyeglasses, clothes and lingerie in privacy and with comfort.

Other CHI CHAPTER activities include a weekend retreat at a nearby resort; a "TV" Film Festival; dinner parties and special outings. All these activities are designed to give the crossdresser an opportunity to express himself with dignity in the company of understanding friends. At all times we seek and encourage the participation of wives and girlfriends.

On the serious side, CHI CHAPTER of TRI-ESS also attempts to make information about crossdressing available to others like ourselves and to the general public. In this way we hope to establish a better understanding of crossdressing. Members of CHI CHAPTER have spoken at seminars and meetings of sex educators, counselors, psychologists and

therapists. Members have met with students and teachers in college classes on human sexuality and on sociology and still others have been interviewed for newspapers, magazines and professional journals. This year we are very proud to have been featured on national television on the Phil Donahue Show.

As a result of all these CHI CHAPTER activities we have come in contact with many crossdressers who now realize: "YOU ARE NOT ALONE!" We are proud of the fact that we have been able to help many crossdressers better understand themselves; to overcome their own fears and guilt; and to enable them to have better relationships with others.

The helping professionals tell us that from one to three percent of the adult male population engages in crossdressing and that the vast majority of these people would benefit from a program such as ours. WE INVITE YOUR PARTICIPATION! Even if your crossdressing needs are slightly different than ours we still may be able to assist you in making contact with other groups similar to ours who may be able to meet your needs.

If you desire to join with us or if you wish further information please send us a phone number where you can be reached so that we can arrange to meet with you and personally invite you to one of our meetings. Or, if you still have questions about CHI CHAPTER or TRI-ESS please send them to us and we will personally and promptly respond. All contact and correspondence will be kept strictly confidential.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

MARY ANN, as President
and for the members of
CHI CHAPTER, TRI-ESS

P.S. We have received hundreds of letters from Phil Donahue viewers across the country. Many have expressed an interest in joining with us in Chicago. Others would like to have more information about activities in their area or how to initiate some activity. Please let us know if you are interested in meeting other crossdressers, TRI-ESS members and friends of CHI CHAPTER in your area. If so, we will assign a CHI CHAPTER advisor to help you get started.