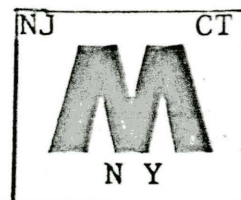


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June Meeting

As reported in last month's newsletter, the June meeting was another Chapter success. We did have some new folks, and that is always a good sign of moving ahead.

Those present were Frances (NJ-10-B), Tina (NJ-303-E), Joan (NY-9-F), Lynda (NJ-F) and wife, Marilyn, Patricia (CT-8-G), Eileen (NY-11-J), Felicity (NY-16-M) and wife, Edith, Wilma (NJ-300-Y), and Chrys (NJ). Also, Janine (NY), and Sonny came for a while. I'm sure that Felicity and Lynda were very happy to have their lovely wives with them at the meeting.

The Chapter voted to have an annual dues of \$10.00 per member. This will be separate from a meeting fee, and is payable the month you joined the Chapter. I will advise all those sisters whose dues is up the month prior to renewal in OUR SPECIAL JOY.

Ladies who came to the June affair are as follows:
(seated, left to right): Joan, Tina, Wilma, and Lynda;
(standing): Patricia, Frances, Chrys, Eileen, and Felicity.
(Photo: Patricia)



The dues will primarily cover the expense (partial), of the newsletter, which is provided to you each month. We also need a nominal reserve to cover postage for special mailings (such as the "Dear Meg" project), recruitment, and other Chapter activities.

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The potential August Chapter Birthday Party Meeting, with no dressing, will largely depend upon the interest of the members who have not attended a meeting. No decision on this matter has been made, and we await your response to this activity. Also, no decision was made at the meeting concerning the propose "dressed Fall Weekend".

Through the efforts of our sister, Wilma, we may have a cosmetic clinic at a future meeting. This would be conducted by Merle Norman of Ft. Lee (NJ). More to follow.

GIRLS...GIRLS...GIRLS...GIRLS...

Membership as of June 30th is as follows:

- Janine (NY-A)*
- Marlene (NY-314-B)
- Frances (NJ-10-B)
- Barbara (NY-307-B)
- Nora Helene (NJ-202-C)
- Tina (NJ-303-E)
- Janet (NY-303-F)
- Laura (NY-304-F)
- Lynda (NJ-F)*
- Patricia (CT-8-G)
- Joan (NJ-204-G)
- Marion (NY-210-G)
- Dorothy (NJ-1-G)

- Suzy (NJ-G)*
- Eileen (NY-11-J)
- Sylvia (FC0-1-K)
- Barbara (NY-217-Mc)
- Felicity (NY-16-M)
- Joyce (NJ-206-M)
- Mary Jane (NY-206-M)
- Connie (NY-25-N)
- Claire (NY-208-S)
- Lynne (NY-313-T)
- Sharon (NY-311-W)
- Wilma (NJ-300-Y)



* sisters who have not yet joined the National organization.

Treasurer's Report

Beginning Cash Balance.....	\$121.42
Receipts	
Book auction.....	22.00
Meeting Fees.....	90.00
Contributions.....	10.00
	122.00
Expenses	
Motel.....	46.20
Refreshments.....	34.45
Postage.....	3.50
	(84.15)
Ending Cash Balance.....	<u>\$159.27</u>



Chapter Promotion & Activities

...Our Chapter Library currently has two copies of "Understanding Crossdressing" and one copy of "The TV and His Wife". Thus far only two sisters have availed themselves of this service, which costs you return 1st class postage (about \$1.00 per book). Two Chapter members have offered to donate "How To Be A Woman Though Male", so we are expanding our services to you at no added cost. We are ready to send you these publications if you want them. Also, if someone would donate their time to be Chapter Librarian, it would be greatly appreciated as the Chapter is growing, and your Editor/Treasurer already has enough items to be concerned with and I'm anxious to spread these duties among our sisters.

...The Chapter's book auction could have been better, but we did realize \$\$\$\$. Any other ideas as to how we can raise some cash? Thank you Patricia, again, for your book donation.

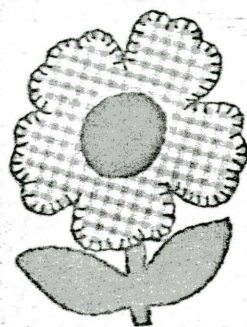
...Nothing heard thus far from Dr. Judith Kuriansky re the potential radio program with members and wives. This would be an excellent opportunity for us and the organization. If you agree, perhaps a letter to Dr. Judith at WABC AM Radio would help get this activity off the ground. Carol Beecroft, our National Leader, has sent Dr. Judith several books re us, and Nora Helene has extended a formal invitation to the Dr. to come to our meeting/have a radio program concerning us. We will see how things develop and keep you posted.

...Future meeting dates. As was decided at our May meeting, we will meet on the second Saturday of each month, beginning in September. So, keep the following dates open:

September 11	February 12
October 9	March 12
November 13	April 9
December 11	May 14
January 8	June 11



These dates are subject to change depending on our Chapter needs. The location of each meeting is to be determined, although we probably will alternate between New Jersey and Westchester. We are very flexible on location, and most welcome the opportunity to meet in a home vs. a motel. Our meetings are "dressed" affairs unless otherwise notified, and wives/girlfriends/other interested parties are always welcomed. These guests are not charged the \$10.00 meeting fee. Our meetings begin around 2-3 P.M., although the "business" matters are not discussed till 7 or 8 P. M., and the meeting goes to 12 midnight or so. "Dressing" is not required, and lady-like behavior is expected. You may come "dressed" if you can reasonably pass, or you can dress at the meeting facility. Food and beverage are supplied. If you are not a "regular" but you do want to come to a meeting with your sisters, you should let us know in advance so that we can advise you of the details of the meeting.



In Case You Missed It

Letter to FORUM Magazine... "Normal Variation"

"I am a twenty-five-year-old man currently living with my girlfriend, Cathy. I am also a transvestite. I told Cathy about my preference for feminine things on New Year's Eve. She accepted it well, and since then, we have shared many talks.

I have been a TV since the age of about eight or nine. As in the case of many other TVs, I've discarded my wardrobe many times, but I now firmly feel that I am developing a better understanding and acceptance of my feminine desires, in part due to Cathy's love and her desire, to understand and help. I love women and I'm totally heterosexual.

I enjoy both active and passive roles in my sexual play and enjoy a great deal of variety in my sex life. My girlfriend also encourages my crossdressing as often as I wish.

The main point of all of this is my wish to point out something that I feel is seriously lacking in society today. Since there must be a relatively large underground of transvestites in this country, I feel more information is needed concerning places to shop for lingerie and clothes, counseling services, electrolysis, etc."

Mr. R. K., Georgia

COMMENTARY: Let's hope that Mr. R. K. has found out about the Society for the Second Self!



...Long-Distance Chapter Sisters: Connie, left, and Sylvia. Connie is in Jamestown, N.Y., and Sylvia hails from Verdun, Quebec, Canada. We would love to see them at a Chapter meeting, and perhaps someday we will!!!

Food For Thought

Acceptance

We know who we are so we come to accept ourselves. I know. I've been a TV for almost 15 years ever since I was 15 and I had to dress as a woman for a party.

So why did I become a TV? I enjoyed the experience of femininity. I could not repress my feelings, nor hide them. Sure, I thought I was gay, but knew I was a man, secure in my masculinity.

Many times I said to myself, "this is abnormal" and threw away my femme clothes! However, when I heard of TRI-ESS, I knew this was not the case.

Many so-called "experts" on the subject of transvestism are really not experts at all. After all, how many really are TVs themselves? Very few if any.

We are the experts. We are secure in our male selves and our femme selves. With the help of my correspondence with TRI-ESS members and the meetings I developed a great appreciation for my femme self. Marlene is a person, a very real person who is responsive to her sisters' needs. In a way you might say I was "reborn" when I came to accept myself by joining my Chapter.

So, all you sisters! Help another sister. Write them, let them know who you are, and above all, let them know you care. If we sit by and do nothing, we will only become frustrated. Support your Chapter and enjoy your femme selves to the fullest. This is what I mean by acceptance.

You can't do this alone. Believe me, when you are with a group all your fears and guilts will disappear. You will be part. You will be yourself. This is what it is all about. Be yourself and your femme self. Accept yourself without guilt.

(Much thanks to Marlene, NY-314-B, for a very nice essay on being ourselves and accepting ourselves as we are. Ed.)

Editorial

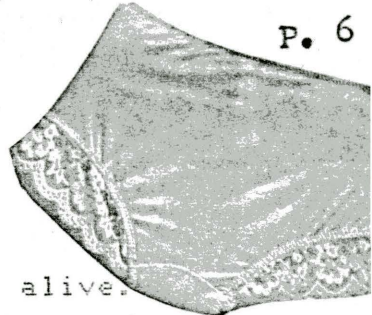
Well I hope that all ladies have an enjoyable summer and that you give some thought to our Chapter's future!

In particular, our organizational structure, the newsletter and its contents, ways in which we can improve, etc.

As I have said on several occasions, this is OUR organization. We all share in our femininity. What happens with OUR organization is OUR responsibility.

Fortunately, we have the opportunity; let us use it!!!

P A N T I E S.....



Size Nine: to Weight-Watchers I'd be inclined.

Eights: are just (too) great!

Seven: pink, with lots of lace, and I'm in heaven.

Six: in my red knit dress, would not well mix.

Five: used to be nice, but now I need to breathe to be alive.

Four: as a teen, put on behind closet door.

Girls' 7: with pokadots, often worn at age eleven.

Girls' 5: with Raggety-Ann designs, or sometimes Little Bo Peeps,

last donned when I was nine.

Girls' 3: bowed, rumba-style, an introduction to life so sweet and lovely.

Hip-Hugger: a thrill to look at, but impractical if you've got extra blubber.

Bikini: can cause problems if your private parts are not tiny.

Pantyhose: a run in one leg, and to the trash the whole thing goes.

Garter Belt: worn outside, tacky (?), but inside can be felt.

Boy-legged: for a female TV you'd be pegged.

Panti-slip: two in one, and twice the fun.

Brief: instant relief.

Vanity Fair: lacy elegance, handle with care!

Bloomer: worn only by those with a sense of humor.

Red: when lacy and worn under your gym shorts, sure to turn a head.

White: required, when your slacks are light.

Day-Of-The-Week: everyday is what we seek!

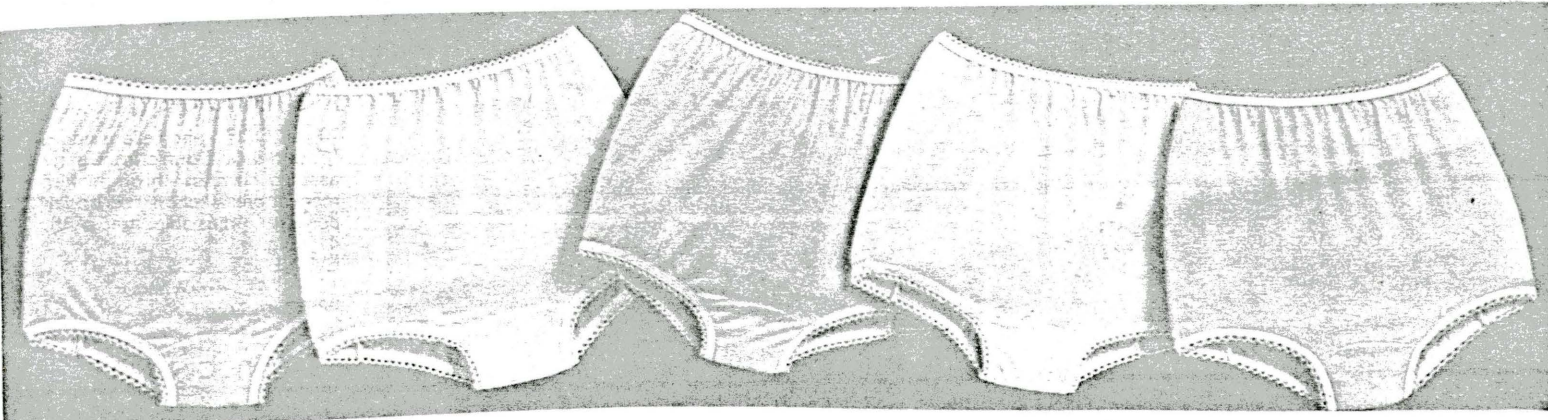
Black: matching camisole and petal slip never should you lack.

Green: with bright yellow roses are rare to be seen.

Flowerly: with a long day at the office, thought of hourly.

With a TV message on to pass: "Jockie Shortlase".

Pink: a favorite of ours, don't you think???



Desk Of Carol Beecroft.....from a letter dated June 9, TRANSVESTIA is at the printer and will be finished in 10 days, with the FEMME MIRROR due out shortly...Carol needs help with typesetting these publications..."Alpha (L. A.), Chapter members went to the Beverly Hillcrest Restaurant a short time ago and we had a great time. No one was told about us and none was offended..."...I received the latest issue of OUR SPECIAL JOY; it is certainly getting to be very good and I especially appreciated the effort of yourself, Nora Helene and all the other girls who contribute to it." Thanks, Ed.

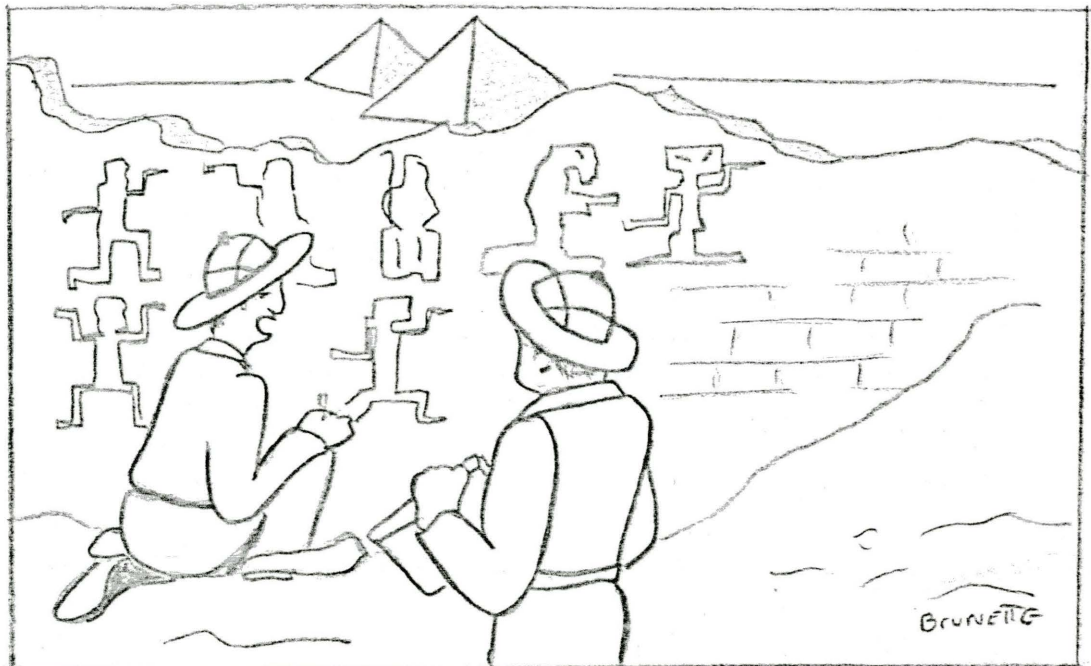
Kitchen Of...Marlene (NY-314-B)



Chili, Southwest Style.....

1/2 lb. pinto beans (dried), 3 cans (1 lb. each), tomatoes; 3 chopped green peppers, 2 tblsp vegetable oil, 3 large onions (chopped), 3 cloves of minced garlic, 1/2 cup butter or margerine, 3 1/2 lbs. chopped meat, 1/3 cup chili powder, 2 tblsp salt, 1 1/2 teasp pepper, 1 1/2 teasp ground cumin.

Rinse beans and place in large bowl; let stand over night and drain. Place beans in large kettle. Add water, and cover. Simmer for about 45 minutes or until skins of beans burst, and drain. Add tomatoes and simmer another 5 minutes. Set aside. Saute peppers and onions and garlic for approximately 5 minutes in vegetable oil. In large skillet melt butter or margerine and brown chop meat. Add to pepper and onion mix. Stir in chili powder and cook 10 minutes. Add beef mixture to beans and stir in rest of ingredients. Cover and simmer for 1 hour. Remove cover and cook for 30 minutes. Skim fat and serve.



It Translates, Chi Delta mu



Thank you Marlene for sharing with your sisters your very special thoughts concerning yourself. Also, your favorite dishes are great!

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Best Regards,
Mary Jane.