

Our Special Joy



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officers elected... president's desk...

Elections for Chapter Office were held at the May meeting. The new Officers are: Mary Jane (NY-1322-M), President; Fran (NY-1610-B), Vice President; Dorothy (NJ-1286-G), Treasurer, and Edie (NY-1558-G), Secretary. Votes were counted by wives and girlfriends in attendance.

The term of Office will be from July 1985 through June 1986. The sisters who were the first Officers of the Chapter served a term beginning January 1984 through June 1985, 1 1/2 years. Outgoing Officers are Patricia (CT-1113-G), who served as President, Karen (CA-1305-K), as Vice President until her relocation to California, Lynda (NJ-1303-F), as Treasurer, and Mary Jane (NY-1322-M), as Secretary.

"I am looking forward to working with all sisters and their loved-ones in the next year", said Mary Jane. "The Chapter is first of all a helping group, and helping others always comes back to you many times over. Alone we can't do very much, together, the possibilities are endless."

Since June is my last official month as President, I once again want to thank you for your support you gave me the last two years.

When I think back to when Mary Jane and I first met at Victoria Station restaurant in White Plains over five years ago to talk about starting a chapter in this area, and Carol Beecroft coming to New Jersey to get the few of us together for our first meeting, and now we have about 100 members, I think that we have come a long way, and I know we can only get better as we go from year to year.

So, let's keep up the good work and pitch in and help our new Officers keep the Chapter strong.

Stay well and keep your powder dry!

Sincerely,

Patricia (CT-1113-G)
President, C. D. M. Chapter

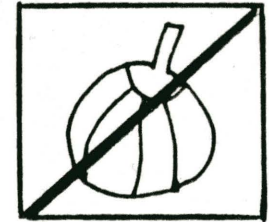
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New Chapter Officers (left-right): Mary Jane, Fran, Edie, and Dorothy. (photo: Patricia)





WHAT'S GOING ON

May Meeting *****

Attending the meeting in New Jersey were (left-right, first row): Patricia (CT-1113-G), Fran (NY-1610-B), Mary Jane (NY-1322-M), Edie (NY-1558-G), Brandy (NY-1677-H), Tes (NY-1745-L), Betty (NJ-S), Marlene (NY-1335-B), and Janice (NJ-M); (second row): Frances (NJ-1289-B), Felicity (NY-1318-M), Genny (NY-S), Robin Ann (NY-1675-S), Elizabeth (NY-1763-T), Jamie (NY), Johnnie (NY-1762-P), Frances (NJ-P), Amelia (CT-B), Gayle Marie (NY-1794-S), Jane (NJ-1308-T), Deidre (NY-D), Arlene (NY-1800-L), Lisa (NJ-L), Dorothy (NJ-1286-G), and Mel (NY). (photo: Patricia)

Not pictured, but at the meeting were: Linda girlfriend of Robin Ann, Joyce wife of Fran, Liz wife of Betty, Carol wife of Johnnie, Bev wife of Dorothy, Bernice wife of Frances (NJ-B), Deidre girlfriend of Jamie, and Patricia wife of Deidre.

...Matters discussed and presented at the meeting follow...Family Day has been set for August 10th at Greenwich Point in the Town of Greenwich, Ct. Joann (NY-1816-M), who served as chair of the Site Selection Committee, will continue on as chair of this Special Event. More concerning Family Day '85 will be in the July newsletter, but please mark this important day on you calendar...Edie reported that she had received 36 inquiries as of the meeting date from our ad in the VOICE. Since then over 40 have been received. The ad in its "second version" and will continue through the middle of June. Edie and all GALs are to be thanked for their "missionary" work for the Chapter. Those who join us as a result of the project are, we're sure, very thankful that someone cared...

...Well the nighties are all packed and summer's finest selected for the 35 or so sisters and loved-ones who are attending the Chapter's Spring Weekend in the Poconos (May 31st - June 2nd). Dorothy said she would bring along a VCR, some tapes, and yes, a VIDEOCAMERA so this memorable event can be recorded for some frigid February meeting night. Copies will eventually go into the Chapter's Library. If this event proves to be successful, we may have a similar event next Fall and in the Spring. To be EN FEMME for the entire weekend, with your sisters and no rush to pumpkin must be a little bit of TV heaven here on earth...

...Thanks to Janice and Renata the Chapter had a fine program at the meeting on Color Analysis presented by



Michelle presenting some helpful tips. (photo: Patricia)

Michelle Smith of Sherri Austin's New Image Enterprises, Inc. Attendees were treated to a 20-minute slide presentation on the right combination of colors (makeup & clothes) for different skin tones, hair color, etc. The

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advice provided was put into a demonstration by Michelle with several sisters participating. We thank Michelle for visiting with us and hope that you patronize the services of Sherri Austin (201-667-9808; Sherri Austin, P. O. Box 2456, Secaucus, New Jersey 07094).



Janice picks the right green for herself. (Patricia)

...June 8th is the date to clear all your activities so that you can attend the Chapter's June Meeting in Westchester. In store is a real double-header! Brandy and Carol's Wedding and our (2nd) Pink Elephant Sale. The later program is a repeat of one which we had last Fall. Here's how it works. Please bring any femme items you no longer want to the meeting. These could be the size 10 junior dress which made your mouth water but stomach reach your throat because

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it was too small, shoes which are no "longer me", a wig which you've grown tired of, etc. These items are donated to the Chapter, and are sold to other sisters for the outrageous price of two for \$1.00 (at least that's what we'll start at). A regular department store will be established with a shoe dept., dresses, etc. in different rooms. Of course there are try on facilities available, so no more guessing and hoping that "it fits". The proceeds of the Pink Elephant go to the Chapter Treasury. So, you'll not only have loads of fun trying on things, save tons of \$\$\$ in getting what you want in the right size, but also help Chapter finances. Sharing the event with your sisters is just an extra "bene" you'll get by attending the meeting...

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Brandy's shower/bachelorette party was highlighted at the May meeting by songs from "Joy's Greatest" author Diane (NY-1674-R). Edie (left), reads some of the titles. (photo: Patricia)

...The shower has been given and now its time to say the "I do's" in front of the ladies of the Chapter. Brandy and wife Carol will re-enact their wedding ceremony at the June meeting. Music and good food is in store for us, and plenty of memorable events will mark the evening.

As one of her last official acts as President, our sister (the Reverend sister ?), Patricia will officiate. On a serious note, Brandy and Carol's desire to share this happy event of theirs with the membership is evidence that this really is a special group of people that we have -- we ARE!...



...If you haven't been to a meeting, please try to be at this one. It may be the last dressing opportunity we have as a Chapter till September...

...The first in what will probably be a series of GAL Network changes has been made with the addition of Lora (PA-1392-W), to the group. GALs (Geographic Area Leaders), are trusted Chapter members whose function it is to meet potential members to determine, as best they can, the eligibility for membership in the Chapter. As with other parts of the area the number of potential and new members from Philadelphia and vicinity is growing, hence the need for a GAL there. Of course Philadelphia should have its own TRI-ESS chapter; it once did (PHI), but became an open group and no longer affiliated with TRI-ESS. Having Lora as GAL in Philadelphia is a step toward re-establishing a chapter there.

New Jersey is covered by Lynda and Dorothy, and NYC (save the Bronx) AND Long Island is Edie's area. This made since a year or so ago, but adjustments (more GALs), will have to be made. More in future newsletters...

...In the past the Chapter did not meet during July and August. However, there seems to be enough interest to have at least one meeting during these months. A "show of hands" will be asked for at the June meeting and the results reported in July's newsletter in time for you to decide if you can/want to attend...Meeting sites are still being sought in Long Island and central New Jersey for future meetings. If you have a suggestion, please contact a Chapter Officer...Several ladies in Edie's area recently got together as "brothers" to form a discussion group. This meeting and future meetings will probably be held mid-week, so that those who can't make the regular Chapter Meeting at least have the chance to get together once and a while. Edie, Elizabeth (NY-T), Edith Marie, and Joann (Queens), recently met for lunch in Manhattan, and future repasts are planned. Getting together, even if there is no dressing, is a great way to get to know one another better especially if you are new to the Chapter and/or can't make the meeting. The next discussion meeting in Edie's area will be in late June.

...Your Editor regrets any confusion she may have caused concerning the Syracuse-based Eon group which newly formed. I was under the (incorrect) assumption that the group was an "open" one as it is not affiliated with TRI-ESS. Donna Marie (NY-1634-H), one of the group's leaders, has advised that this is definitely NOT the case. According to Donna Marie: "We are very parallel to TRI-ESS in our standards...Eon consists of ONLY hetro crossdressers, mostly couples, but with a few singles. Our goal for Eon is to provide a completely comfortable atmosphere for crossdressers and mates alike."...

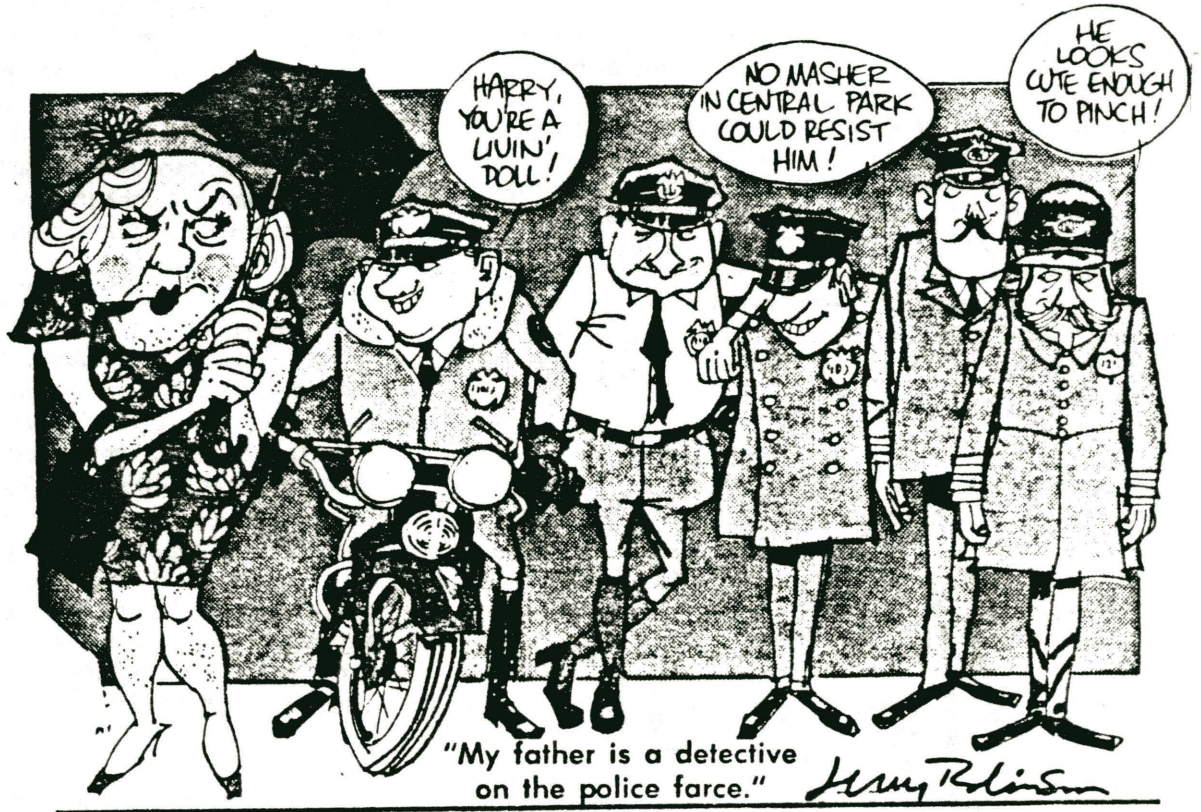


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The "Western Edition" of the newsletter is now being sent to some 12 sisters in the Syracuse-Buffalo and Southern Tier area. Hazel (NY-F), has been trying to establish a meeting but no luck yet...

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Thanks, Joann
Terry &
(Queen)



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Cross dressing has a long and proud history. In turn of the century Paris, the burlesque artist, Barrette, befeathered and jeweled, was a friend of Picasso and Josephine Baker. Mae West first gained fame performing with transvestites. Whether you cross dress for personal expression or theatrical performance, this unique course will answer all your questions about the art. You'll get practical tips and learn the history of this growing trend. You'll find out helpful ways to camouflage the male figure as well as make-up tips especially for male skin.

Alexis Blasini is a fashion designer who has cross dressed for years. He has appeared in *La Cage au Folles* and *New York Nights*. His fashions have been featured in *New York Magazine's* "Manhattan Highest Style."

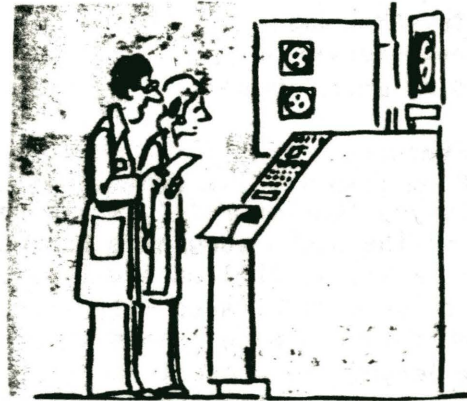
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When it's time to slip into something
more comfortable,
We're there.

CHI DELTA MU Chapter

"I think we should consult with Ann Landers before IBM. It says it prefers silky-smooth pink paper rather than the same, old and drab green stuff that we have been using."



In Case You Missed It

Dear Ann Landers:

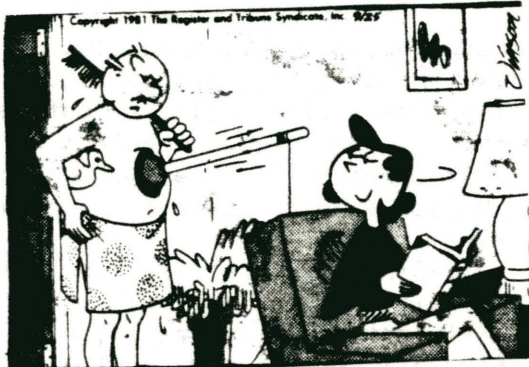
I am a woman, past 50, employed at a bank. The young man whose desk is in front of mine has always been pleasant and considerate.

Yesterday he removed his coat and I could see the unmistakable outline of a bra and a slip under his shirt. I decided to tell him it would be a good idea if he kept his coat on because others might not be as understanding as I. (My son was a homosexual and I was less compassionate in those days. He took his life and I will never get over it.)

The following morning, there was a beautiful note on my desk thanking me for my kindness. I should make it clear that most cross-dressers are not necessarily homosexuals. They derive satisfaction from wearing women's garments and are not interested in anything more. Please print my letter and urge your readers to temper their judgment of people who are "different". I wish I had known 20 years ago what I know today. -- Wiser in Dubuque

Dear Wiser:

You sound like a person I would like for a friend. Thanks for writing.



"Really, Harold, I do think you should consult some TRI-ESS publications for a more efficient method of hair removal."

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OUR SPECIAL JOY/October, 1981

THE LIBRARY CORNER

Edited by Edith Marie

Dear Readers,

From time to time we have asked our library "customers" to write reviews of the books they have borrowed or, at least, to tell us how they enjoyed or were displeased with them. This month, with many thanks to Diana of New Jersey, we present her comments on two books from the "self improvement" section of your library.

BE BEAUTIFUL - THE COMPLETE GUIDE TO THE ART OF MAKE-UP, by Di Biggs and Maxi Meah, copyright 1980, Chartwell Books Inc., Secaucus, New Jersey.

Girls, if any one of you have read this book, you must agree with me. Let me tell the sisters who haven't, in a quick glance, what is so marvelous about it.

First of all, the presentation is exquisite: everything, I mean: illustrations, descriptions, language, paper, format, I told you ... you'll be fascinated.

Now here's a quick glance through it from the viewpoint of most interest to us: males who need to express our feminine side by trying to emulate those persons we adore so much: women.

Let's start with 1) **EQUIPMENT**: a very simple description of all the sponges, tweezers, puffs, brushes, tissues, cotton balls and buds.

Then they describe the 2) **FOUNDATION**: the different types such as liquid, cream and pan-stick. Then there's a quick review of 3) **COSMETICS**: the shades, powder, blushers, eyeshadow, eyeliner, mascara, lipsticks (pencils and gloss) and the features of your face you should cover or emphasize with these cosmetics. Of course, all of these are selected according to your hair color and style and accessories such as eyeglasses.

The chapter on 4) **CARE** is one we crossdressers should pay more attention to. If we really want to express our femininity, our inner, our second

self, we ought to take care of ourselves not only for the occasional dress-up, but for the one inside us: **MOI**. Therefore we must learn to use moisturizers, cleansers, creams and lotions, masks, manicures and pedicures and weight control. And girls, let me tell you - within the next ten years you will see all of these items popularized for **MEN**. They are already on the market, but the producers are afraid or do not have enough budget to advertise them.

Putting it 5) **ALL TOGETHER**. Now, according to your age, you will have the chance to examine different shapes of face with proper makeup for the occasion, be it lunch in town, a romp on the beach, breakfast with friends, a dinner date, an evening at the theatre, a shopping jaunt, etc. This is very important. We crossdressers tend to stick to one makeup combination regardless of the occasion, but real women vary their makeup to suit.

To wrap this up, you, the ones who feel the importance of doing what we all enjoy so much, please try to give the ideas in this book a chance to succeed on you. Try to practice the authors' suggestions and you will be far ahead of others and, most important, you might be able to get out of the closet with confidence. Those who are already out of the closet will feel a thousand times better.

ADRIEN ARPEL'S 3 WEEK CRASH MAKEOVER/SHAPEOVER BEAUTY PROGRAM by Adrien Arpel with Ronnie Sue Ebenstein, Rawson Associates Publishers, Inc., New York.

Many of you who enjoy dressing up have probably felt some sort of frustration at being unable to step out of the closet with a little confidence to show the world your feminine personality. Some of you may wonder to yourselves why people read you at first glance.

Girls, we must admit we are males, therefore our anatomy is quite different from females'. Thank God we have all sort of gadgets to improve the body shape and make it believable.

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Some of us are gifted enough to do it naturally because of the body build. Some of us, like myself, are not so gifted and we not only have to pay extra attention to little details, but we must also exercise and diet to get our anatomy in closer shape to "theirs" without losing our maleness, O.K.? This book will teach you how to do it, step by step and from toes to head on, better said, from head to toes.

Adrien Arpel's three week beauty program will teach you how to take proper care of your hair by choosing, among other things, an adequate blow dryer and curling iron. You will learn that the improper use of these tools can damage the hair badly; also they are essential to get a modern feminine hairdo. (Even though "macho" style hairdo's seem to be gaining in popularity with women.)

Exercise is a must as well, yes! And Adrien Arpel shows you a very easy and fun way to do it, especially to reduce the stomach and tighten the derriere.

Now we can think of colors, which to us means the best ones for our wigs. For you sisters who are blessed with enough of your own natural hair, you will learn what process is most beneficial according to your own eye color, complexion and hair structure.

"How about the hands? Ours are so tough." Yes, hands = nails and with the important advice we find in this book, "Frank's" hands can look masculine and well cared-for yet still be very easy to convert into beautiful "Francine's" hands. You will also learn salon techniques for manicure, how to mend broken nails, etc.

"Feet?" would you ask. They are so important especially since many people admire and take special notice of a woman's feet. So why don't we make ours pretty? Here we have a chapter dedicated to pedicure - salon style. There are also foot exercises so that wearing high heels will not result in sore feet or an aching back. We also will be able to wear beautiful sandals and precious enamel applied on

our toe nails. Isn't it thrilling?

Did you say, "Aren't you forgetting the face?" Of course not, dear. Face care covers a few chapters: a) makeup, the tools, the products, how to buy them and not allowing the sales clerk to push something that we don't need. b) removal: a key element in skin care and perhaps much more important than putting the makeup on. c) Care: of your face after the fun is over. d) Cleansing: treatments for every skin structure. e) Basic makeup: the use and importance of moisturizers, underbase, cover-up, foundation, salon secrets, eye shadows, mascaras, lipsticks and gloss, your cheeks, contouring, coloring, night work, solving nature's mistakes, putting on the lashes.

To say it short: read it. Follow it's advice. After all, it takes only three weeks. You will discover a greater ability than you thought to create a beautiful woman out of a normal everyday man.

Until next time, your sister,
DIANA (NJ-1311-L)



Thank you, Diana. All of the library items are available for loan to paid-up members of the chapter AND to their spouses. We have quite a few books in the "self improvement" department which would be especially interesting to the wives and girlfriends. Why buy one of these books when you can borrow it from your library just for the cost of return postage?

Sincerely, Edith Marie.

Our Readers Write

"I thought I would just drop a short note to let you know how much I appreciate the things that you have done for me. In particular, it was very nice of you to arrange for Judy Ann (PA-1397-L), to get in touch while she is at Santa Fe...she had a weekend off so that we were able to have her come and stay with us. Both my wife and I enjoyed the visits very much as I believe Judy Ann did...I am impressed with the issues of "Our Special Joy"...(and) I am also making use of the Chapter Library. Again, I am impressed - both with the selection and the prompt response." Janet (NM-1633-D)

"I joined TRI-ESS back in December, and CHI DELTA MU in February. At first I was very apprehensive about actually attending a meeting. My fears were allayed when I got to know some of the members (Edie and Joann - Queens). Corresponding with, and meeting Edith Marie was also a big help. Also helpful was corresponding with our "up-state" sister, Trenna Marie (NY-1341-M). So, by the time May 11 rolled around I couldn't wait any longer. I don't think that I was so excited when I went on my first date. As I said, it was everything that I had hoped for. It was, in fact, something that I had been searching for, for almost 40 years. I expect to attend every future meeting." Elizabeth (NY-1763-T)

"Recently, I spent some time in the New York Public Library. Now we can truthfully claim that our CDM Library has more material on TV and TS than the New York and Brooklyn Public Libraries! They had some items we don't have, of course. It makes me feel good." Edith Marie (NY-1340-W), Assistant Editor and Chapter Librarian.

JUNE 8TH MEETING

IN WESTCHESTER

***** BRANDY & CAROL'S WEDDING

***** PINK ELEPHANT SALE

For New Members

You may be concerned, and rightly so, about protecting your identity. So are those members who have been with us for a while. CHI DELTA MU strictly follows the rules and regulations of the National organization on this matter. Your name/address will never be given to anyone without your approval. The only people who have this information are the Chapter Officers (President, Vice President, Treasurer, and Secretary), Renata who mails the newsletter, and Edith Marie who is in charge of the Library and is the Assistant Editor. These are trusted individuals who will not violate any confidence. Although at times requested, we never sell or give out our mailing list. A member who wants to write another but doesn't have an address can use the mail-forwarding service of the Chapter or that of National headquarters. Again, names/addresses are not given out without your approval.

Some helpful hints for you as a new member are! Get to know your GAL (Geographic Area Leader), even if it is only by mail. She is your connection to the Chapter in most matters, is ready to be of assistance if she can, and can answer your questions or knows who can answer them. If you don't know who your GAL is, contact your Editor. Your GAL must meet with you prior to attending your first Chapter Meeting. Another suggestion is to get a Post Office Box for your mail. Most members have one, and it lends an extra measure of protection for you, especially if your wife is hostile or unknowing.

A suggestion if your wife is hostile, unknowing, or unsure is not to "push" her into accepting your femme self now that you've found the group. The Chapter is not out to convert anyone to crossdressing or to forcing someone to accept crossdressing. We have the resources available for a wife/girlfriend to perhaps better understand crossdressing and the needs of the crossdresser. The prime resources of the Chapter in this area are the wives/girlfriends support group and the Chapter Library. These resources are available to you and your loved-one, so make use of them as you see fit. But again, "pushing" someone is not an approach we'd recommend. Talk to others about this or write Dr. Peo for some advice.

ROGER'S NOTEBOOK

by Roger E. Peo, PhD

When I talk to cross-dressers, one topic seems to keep occurring and that is **why do I have this need to cross-dress?** Many studies have been done to try to find out why many males (and fewer females) have a strong need to be the other sex. There are many theories that try to explain this human phenomenon. From a biological point of view, there are the genetic theories -- that is there are some genetic 'defects' that 'cause' a person to strongly identify with the other sex. No genetic study has ever come up with solid proof that this is the case. Similarly there are the hormonal 'imbalance' theories which speculate that there is something 'out of balance' in the person's hormone system. Now the latter theory has been extended to include 'overdoses' of the other sex hormone during pregnancy so that the person's brain is somehow changed so it is partly (or wholly) like the other sex's brain. This is then the cause of the transgender behavior. It is known that the human male and female brains are physically different but how this determines a person's behavior or feelings is not clear.

There are also sociological theories which include the psychological aspects of human development. These theories attempt to explain cross-dressing, transsexualism and homosexuality in terms of the social forces that work on all human beings. Mostly these theories look at early development and the 'type' of parents the person had. Supposedly, the early family environment will determine gender identity and sexual partner choice. Again, these theories and the studies used to 'prove' them have been inconclusive.

In sum, while there have been many attempts to understand why there are cross-dressers, transsexuals and homosexuals, there is not any absolute understanding of why these behaviors and needs should be a part of the human condition. I view this as a very positive situation. Why should this be a positive situation? Wouldn't it be better if we somehow knew what caused these conditions and then we could cure them? I personally do not think that knowing the cause would either help people who are in these situations today nor would this knowledge necessarily help those yet unborn.

First, for those who are in these situations today, there is most likely little that can be done to reverse effects that took place in the womb or while they were growing up. What has happened in the past can only be accepted and lived with. For the unborn -- who makes the decision to change their environment and who is to decide what is 'normal' or acceptable behavior? If we somehow learn how to make homogeneous human beings who all think and act alike according to some standard set by a Big Sister/Brother I think the human condition will be the worse for it -- it is diversity and adversity that helps make us human.

So what do we do? We move on, understanding our strengths and learning to use these to the best of our ability. There is help for each of us. The Tri Sigma organization is one of those that provides such support. You are fortunate to be associated with it.....

If you have a question for Dr. Peo, write him at P.O. Box 4887; Poughkeepsie, NY 12602. All correspondence will be kept strictly confidential.

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Editorial

On behalf of all members I'd like to thank Patricia, Karen and Lynda for the work that they have done for CHI DELTA MU in serving as the Chapter's first elected Officers. They deserve full credit for bringing organization to the Chapter and building a solid foundation for our continued growth. Their concern for others has not only benefited an untold number of sisters, but has set an example for all of us to follow. A true demonstration of what a sorority is.

CHAPTER

HOTLINE

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Treasurer's Report

Renewing with the Chapter in APRIL were: Jennifer (NY-1678-P), Joann (NY-1635-S), and Marlene (NY-1335-B); new members for April are: Judy (NY-R), Johnnie (NY-1762-P), and Genny (NY-S). MAY renewals are: Robin Ann (NY-1675-S), Yvonne (NY-1342-R), Nora Helene (NY-1291-C), and Diane (NY-1674-R). A sincere thank you for your support and a warm welcome to new sisters.

Dues renewals for JUNE are: Ann (NY-1688-J), Arlene (NY-1800-L), Barbara (NY-F), and Joann (NY-Y). Sisters are reminded that they will not be able to renew their membership with the Chapter unless they are National members.

According to Chapter records members who are late in paying their dues, and the month their dues were payable, are: Claire, NY-1324-S (April); Diana, NJ-1311-L (April); Jamie, NY-1609-M (February); Jana, NJ-304-T (January); Joann, CT-1602-U (March); Renee, NJ-1587-P (April);

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| Item Description | April | May |
|------------------|-----------|-----------|
| Opening balance | \$1247.15 | \$1008.75 |
| Receipts | | |
| Dues renew | 45.00 | 60.00 |
| Dues new | 35.00 | 10.00 |
| Donations | 20.00 | 15.00 |
| Meeting fees | 340.00 | 250.00 |
| 50/50 | 20.00 | 15.00 |
| Total | 460.00 | 350.00 |
| Expenses | | |
| Newsletter | 173.11 | 194.49 |
| Refreshments | 120.71 | 135.72 |
| Motel | 193.16 | 184.44 |
| Advertising | 166.20 | 0 |
| Library | 45.22 | 0 |
| Office supplies | 0 | 8.88 |
| Total | 698.40 | 523.22 |
| Closing balance | \$1008.75 | \$835.22 |

Suzie, NJ-G (April), and Wilma, NJ-1296-Y (March). These members will be dropped from the Chapter's membership if they have not renewed by June 15th.

50/50 winners at the April and May meetings were Amelia (CT), and Mel (NY), respectively.

A sincere thank you for donations from: Renata, Nora Helene, Yvonne, and the Tiffany Club.

Total received in the Weekend Account was \$1090 as of the end of March, \$1115 as of the end of April, and \$1390 as of mid-May. The Spring Weekend is a break-even event; there should be no gain or loss for the Treasury as a result of the Weekend as there are enough members and guests attending this affair.

The budget for the 1985-1986 year will be approved, as presented in the table on this Page, at the June meeting unless changes are proposed and passed. The dues / meeting fees remain at current levels, and substantial programming increases are anticipated. An analysis of the actual results of the current year will be made after the close of the fiscal year. (Note! the advertising budget line for 1984-85 is \$300, not \$150, and the transfer to reserves is \$907.)

Of concern to all members is the state of the Chapter's finances both current and as projected in the new budget. Numbers may not mean too much to you, but they do translate to services provided by the Chapter. Chapter Treasurer Lynda says, "...things don't look too good...". The closing cash balances for the past several months tell the story!

PRELIMINARY 1985-1986 BUDGET

| Account Item | 1984-85 Budget | 1985-86 Budget | + / - \$ | % Chg. |
|-----------------|----------------|----------------|-------------|-------------|
| Receipts | | | | |
| Dues Renewal | 720 | 2130 | 1410 | 195.8 |
| Dues New | 805 | 1390 | 575 | 71.4 |
| Donations | 160 | 200 | 40 | 25.0 |
| Meeting Fees | 2560 | 4200 | 1640 | 64.1 |
| Special Events | 2900 | 4000 | 1100 | 37.9 |
| 50/50 | 175 | 250 | 75 | 42.9 |
| Pink Elephant | 175 | 250 | 75 | 42.9 |
| Advertising | 45 | 150 | 105 | 233.3 |
| Total | 7540 | 12560 | 5020 | 66.6 |
| Expenses | | | | |
| Postage | 40 | 200 | 160 | 400.0 |
| Newsletter | 950 | 1700 | 750 | 78.9 |
| Food | 700 | 1000 | 300 | 42.9 |
| Motel | 1400 | 2000 | 600 | 42.9 |
| Advertising | 160 | 1100 | 932 | 554.8 |
| Special Events | 2900 | 4000 | 1100 | 37.9 |
| Book Purchase | 50 | 300 | 250 | 500.0 |
| Office Supplies | 25 | 200 | 175 | 600.0 |
| Printing | 50 | 260 | 210 | 420.0 |
| Programs | 150 | 1000 | 850 | 566.7 |
| Telephone | 0 | 350 | 350 | - |
| Trans. Res. | 1057 | 0 | (1057) | - |
| Contingency | 50 | 450 | 400 | 800.0 |
| Total | 7540 | 12560 | 5020 | 66.6 |

February.....\$1349.63

March.....\$1247.15

April.....\$1008.75

May.....\$835.22

Lynda continues! "...I guess something should be done to keep expenses more in line with income." This and other matters concerning the Chapter will be discussed during Spring Weekend.

TRI-ESS and more specifically CHI DELTA MU have helped many sisters in many ways. If you're a sister who was very much in the "closet" or way under the "rock" at one time in your life you know what this means. One of the main reasons we exist as an organized group is to help you, in whatever way we can, lift that "rock". The Chapter has no trust funds, grants, etc., to do this work, so the necessary dollars must come from within. Supporting the Chapter financially not only helps you by making these services available to you, but will help many out there who haven't heard of TRI-ESS or its Chapters.

C. D. M.

FROM
YOUR
EDITOR

"Joy And The Beach Girls'
Greatest Summer Hits

- I. 1) In The Cool, Cool, Cool Of The Evening Gown (Tell Them I'll Be There)
- 2) Can't Help Lovin That Tan Of Mine
- 3) Fella By Starlight
- 4) John/June Is Bustin Out All Over
- 5) The Things We'll Wear This Summer
- 6) Theme From A Summer Face

- II. 1) Let's Pass Again Like We Did Last Summer
- 2) Red Nails In The Sunset
- 3) I Wore Those Harbor Tights
- 4) Summertime (And The Dressing Is Easy)
- 5) Take Me Out To The Ball, Dame
- 6) Itsy Bitsy Teenie Weenie Yellow Polka Dot Bikini

Diane adds: "I hope all you JAN and DEANA'S have a swinging time at 'Drag City' and I'll See You In September"

(from summer '84 O. S. J.)



This is the 44th edition of OUR SPECIAL JOY and the last for me as Editor. It has been a most rewarding experience to have served you, my sisters, in this capacity. The newsletter has provided a means for all of us to get to know one another better, perhaps especially ourselves.

Over the years I have received many compliments about the newsletter. Thanks, but I've always said that if it wasn't for the help I've received from you, OUR SPECIAL JOY would be a much less interesting and informative way for us to better appreciate our femininity. To all of you, again thanks. Especially! Renata who prints and sends out the newsletter to you, and Nora Helene who used to do this tedious but necessary job. To Diane who provides delightful and much needed humor for us, and all others who send in clippings and take pictures which add variety to the newsletter. Dr. Peo's unique professional advice column gives O.S.J. a quality not found in any other publication. Those who share their personal, sometimes painful sometimes joyful, experiences with us deserve recognition for the contributions they make of a better understanding of crossdressing. Edith Marie, who lives in difficult circumstance, yet finds the time to be Chapter Librarian and Assistant Editor, deserves much credit for the success of OUR SPECIAL JOY and the Chapter; she is also providing behind-the-scene work with Chapter listings and is a faithful friend to many, including myself. To all of you, and to those I haven't mentioned, a from-the-heart thank you for your help.

I know that our new Secretary/Editor Edie will rely on your help as much as I did. I'm frankly quite excited and confident that the newsletter will achieve even greater success under her authorship. She has that most valuable attitude of never forgetting where she came from, a comfort for all current and future Chapter members.

Someone once said to the effect that dreamers dream and doers do. Maybe that should be CHI DELTA MU's motto. The pen is passed; as always! ENJOY!

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