



Chi Tribune

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CHI'S APRIL MEETING

We had a fairly large group who managed to attend the April meeting, and enjoy the friendly hospitality of Kay: Joan IL-6-C, Mitzi IL-8-C, Betty Ann IL-17-A, Sharan IL-23-Y, Sharon IL-25-H, Deanna IL-35-G, Cheryl IL-40-K, Kay IL-44-N, and Lois WI-13-V. We were happy to welcome Sharon IL-25-H, the newest member of the Chapter, and Sharan IL-23-Y who was visiting as a guest and who we hope will soon become a regular member of the group. On the sad side was the visit by Cheryl, who might be attending her last meeting with us; Cheryl is in the process of selling her house and moving to Minnesota, which will make it very impractical for her to meet with us on anything like a regular basis. Many thanks to Kay, who opened her home to us again. Meeting in a home is one of those special "extras" which we all enjoy, and we all had a fine evening.

CHI TREASURER'S REPORT

Balance on hand, March 31st:	\$159.69
Meeting Fee:	+ 50.00
Chapter Dues:	+ 12.00
Associate Dues:	+ 12.00
Reserve Fund Interest:	+ 4.75
Meeting Room (Refund Fee)::	- 5.00
Refreshments:	- 12.00
Postage:	- 12.79
Chapter Reserve Fund:	-104.75
Balance on hand, April 30th:	\$103.90

ANOTHER JOINT MEETING?

At CHI'S March meeting, the question was raised about whether there would be a joint meeting of CHI and Delta Chapters again this fall. The joint meeting last year was well received, but sparsely attended, due to the lack of time allowed to get everything set-up. With more advance notice and publicity, a joint meeting this year should be better attended. Elaine of Delta Chapter was contacted, and she will be polling her members on potential attendees. If there is adequate support from both Chapters, we will set a date and get the ball rolling. This joint meeting would be open to all Tri-Sigma Area members, whether or not associated with either Chapter, so if any of our general membership is interested in attending please drop your Editor a line and let her know.

FROM "DOWN UNDER"

In a recent issue of Feminique, the publication of Seahorse (the Australian counterpart of Tri-Sigma), an article by Jackie Mansfield was included. While the entire article is too long to reproduce here, one observation from the article follows:

"The two characteristics which have the most bearing on transvestism are aggression and sensitivity. There is a natural variation on each side of the average, and some individual males are inevitably born with a low sense of aggression and a high degree of sensitivity. The latter causes them to remember and to brood on their errors and humiliations, no matter

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how trivial these may have been. Lack of aggression makes them unwilling (rather than unable) to stand up to the males of their group, and there is a tendency for them to be of small account in the pack. In consequence they develop a sense of isolation, and tend to become 'loners.' Their sense of identity with their male peers is weakened, and since a sense of identity is essential to any human being, it is sought for by looking towards the other sex. Since females too lack the instinct for physical aggression, this attraction is increased. But though females are not physically aggressive, they need and value this quality in their boy friends, and so the non-aggressive male is handicapped in his relations with the female. This extra awareness of failure as a male heightens his sense of isolation from his sex, and further increases his loss of male identity. Consciously or unconsciously, and usually at an early age, he begins to imagine himself as a woman. To try on their clothes is the inevitable next step. To be dressed as a girl strengthens for a moment his link with the female sex, and gives him a feeling of belonging, and the peace and contentment which is all too rare in his normal life. What happens to him later? He may, probably through marriage, adapt to life as a man, but he may still occasionally succumb to the need to dress as a woman. Married or not, he may never find his male identity, and will then dress as a woman whenever he can. Then his wife is certain to find out, and because behaviour like this is not what a woman needs from a man, his marriage will be in jeopardy."

Any comments???????

CHI'S MAY MEETING

The next meeting of CHI Chapter will be held on the third Saturday of the month, May 19th. Mitzi has volunteered to be our hostess, at her home in Rockford. Chapter and Associate members will find directions to Mitzi's elsewhere in this newsletter. Although there is a little distance in getting there for most of us, we hope that there will be a good group in attendance that evening. Your Editor hasn't received the official "word," but it is quite likely that Mitzi will have her fabulous annual garage sale around the time of our meeting. If so, she will have a lot of items on hand, including clothes and shoes, which may be of interest to you. Make plans now to be with us on the 19th; as usual, we ask that you return the enclosed post card right away, so Mitzi will know whether or not to expect you and to help her in planning the refreshments. If your wife or girlfriend will be coming with you, add the notation "Guest" to the card.

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