



# EON Newsletter

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The August Bar-B-Que at Dick and Pat's was excellent. Even though the weather wasn't as cooperative as it could have been. Good company made for a good time, it was a smaller group than usual. I think August is the vacation month and difficult for many of us to make every occasion.

Dick and Pat put a lot of effort into their Bar-B-Que, preparing salads, deserts, etc. without the knowledge of exactly how many would attend. I think I must say that we ladies and gentlemen must exercise good manners and contact our hosts if we are attending or if for some reason we are unable to. If you have ever hosted a party you know how much is involved in preparing for one, and how disheartening it is when those accepting an invitation don't show up. From now on, we must all take the time to contact our hosts in advance to let them know if we will or will not be attending. This type of good manners will enable us to continue having these monthly parties we all love so much.

(editors note).....To those that did not attend the Bar-B-Que, we have pictures of the STEAKS, LOBSTERS, CAVIAR, ETC. to show you what you missed, AND, video tapes of the BELLY DANCERS as they performed for us, I personally liked the one that sat on Kelley's lap!

\*\*\*\*\* NOTES \*\*\*\*\*

The september party will be at Kelley and Bette's. Wear your prettiest dress. Its' been a long hot summer and if you're like me, you'll be looking forward to the first dress party this season. It's wonderful to get dressed up, but twice as nice when you have some place to go. To be among friends who care and accept you for what we are.

Kelley and Bette are looking forward having a block party. Tentative date is Friday September 25th. These non dress discussion get togethers have been enjoyable and informative in the past. Since a maximum of four couples seems to work the best, please let Kelley or Bette know at the September 20th party if you would like to come. It doesn't necessarily have to be at Kelley and Bette's, so if you would like to host this one, we welcome your hospitality.

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Did you know that some of the fashion coming from the designers this fall is the 50'S look all over again. Stretch your memories, because I'm sure we have some members who can vaguely recall those unique fashions that became synonomous with the 50's. Examples are the circle skirts, Bolero jackets, crinolines, big button earrings, Banlon sweaters, saucer hats and matching gloves and shoes, bobbie socks and saddle shoes, toreador pants, ETC. WELL GAL'S? HOW ABOUT A 50'S PARTY?????

This sounds like a great idea, credit for which must be given to Ellen for coming up with this one. Let's discuss it at the September 20th party. As for me, I can't wait to come to this one. Tentative date would be the November party. (exact date TBA).

We are so very fortunate to have found each other in a city not so large. There are not, to the best of my knowledge, any groups like ours in Rochester or Buffalo. Cities much larger than Syracuse. I know there are many cross-dressers out there, I get letters from them wanting to know about our group and wishing they had something similar in their area. Let's continue to support our unique group, if only by attending the monthly social gatherings. We need to be in contact each other, if only just to offer each other a warm smile of friendly understanding. Our best support for each other is our getting together. Everything else we do is only a vehicle to promote our coming together on such occasions.

#### SCHEDULE

September	5th Friday	Business meeting (Kelley & Bette's)
"	20th Saturday	EON Party (Kelley & Bette's)
"	26th Friday	Block Party (location to be announced)
October	18th Saturday	Halloween party (Kelley & Bette's) This a costume party, starts at 8:30pm
November	15th Saturday	Tentative, 50's party, location T/B/A

PLEASE!!! Let's not forget the \$5.00 gratuity and the Hor'doeurves!!



The following articles are reprinted from recent Syracuse newspapers.....

## Cross dressing wouldn't change acceptance of gender type

**Dear Ann Landers:** Despite all the publicity that gays have received in recent years, I find myself surprised at the persistent tendency to confuse homosexuals with transvestites.

I am a transvestite and have been one ever since I was old enough to try on my mother's pantyhose and high-heeled shoes.

I have been extremely careful to keep this secret to myself because there is so much hostility toward homosexuals in our town and people around here don't know the difference.

There is no way I can deny my passion for female attire. My idea of pure bliss would be to work as a model in a big city. I repeat, I am NOT a homosexual. In fact, the very thought of sexual relations with someone of the same sex is revolting to me.

Now, dear lady, you've been exposed to all the complexities of life so I suspect it would take a lot to shock you. If a male acquaintance of yours were to lay a case such as mine before you and confess that he adores dressing in women's clothes, would you think he was nuts?

Would you be able to accept him as a "woman" if he presented himself dressed as one?

— Texas

**Dear Texas:** Once a person's gender has been established socially, he (or she) is cast in that

**Ann Landers**



mold. Dressing in the clothes of the opposite sex would not change that concept.

If I knew you as a male and you appeared in satin and bows, I would view you as a male who enjoys dressing as a woman.

I am well aware that most transvestites are not homosexuals. But some are, although they are reluctant to admit it.



**Dear Abby**

By  
Abigail VanBuren

**DEAR ABBY:** Several months ago you ran a column about a husband-to-be who asked if you thought his fiancée would object if he wore nylons, heels and ladies' attire in private. Our morning coffee group could not agree with your answer. Two were for, one was against, and I was undecided.

My loving, caring, nearly perfect husband of 48 years passed away last month. He was a retired portrait photographer. As I went through his things in his at-home studio, I got the surprise of my life! He had in the back of his closet women's lingerie, dresses, heels, makeup and wigs. I also found photographs which he had taken of himself dressed like a woman and looking beautiful. Even in his most recent photographs his legs were gorgeous in a miniskirt, hose and 4-inch heels. He could have been a

hosiery model. I found diaries which he had kept since long before he knew me, and, Abby, he was not a homosexual — he just liked to get dressed up in women's clothing!

I regret that he was never able to share his fantasy with me while he was alive. He probably thought I would not have approved — or worse yet, that I would have thought he was some kind of freak. I have moved all his female attire into my dressing room closet where I can see them every day. Maybe somehow he will know that I would have approved had he told me.

— WIDOW IN SUN CITY, ARIZ.

THAT'S ALL FOLKS!!!!!!!!!!!!!!