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NEXT MEETING November 20th AT 7: 30
Wife/Girlfriend Support Meeting
December 11th At 8: 00

Cross-Port Basics

The Harvest Moon of October shed its light on 18 people for our meeting last month. New faces included Cindy and Tammie both 66's and Alona from West Virginia. My thanks to everyone who could make it, your support is needed.

There were only a couple of business items for discussion, the first of which was an explanation of the support group's structure for the newer people. The second item was an explanation of the reasons for my words about 1470 West in the last issue. I had been told that Bob, one of the managers of 1470 West, had plans to come to the meeting inorder to explain their position. I had hoped he would show up and held the business portion of the meeting for a half an hour in case he was running late. He did not come however, and I had to explain both sides as I understand it. I do not intend to go into the matter again in this issue but I do invite Bob and Mary to come to the November meeting or to write to us. The vast majority of people in the group, that I have contacted, do support the stand I took in the last issue.

I apologize to some of you for the copy quality of the last "InnerView". About midway through the run, the quality went south for the winter, and I had to make do. My repair-person assures me that the problem has been resolved.

The meeting business ended about 10: 15 and everyone was let lose to have a good time.

CHAPELETTES REVISITED

By Mike Chanak

Over 60 people saw the Chapelettes of "All Saint's Chapel" pull out all the stops in a special benefit show for P-FLAG on October 11 at the church.

$160. 00 was raised for the group, Parents and Friend of Gays. This marks the third performance of the group in Cincinnati that has consistently donated their live, energy and talent to raise monies for groups supporting the Gay and Lesbian community in Cincinnati.

Kenne Armstrong, the show's director (Sylver Lynx), was delighted by the support received from groups and individuals outside of the church. Kevin Palmer (performing as Kelly Marie) who is part-owner of the Hairworks did makeup and wigs for the performers.

Two bars came forward with lighting equipment, the Dock and the Side Door of Cincinnati.

Others appearing in the show were: Ms Sylvia Houston (Allen Hueston) recent winner of a 1470 West talent contest; Ms. Complexity Houston (Doug Golfman) as the younger, more vibrant sister of Sylvia; Ms. Charlene (Chuck Norman); Ms. Amanda Douglas (Doug Oligee) and Ms. Jackie O' Nastimess (Mike Chanak).

The audience was touched by Doug Oligee's rendition of "Greatest Love of All" which he sang live as the concluding number. Special thanks also to stage hands: Aaron Carter, Marty Ross, Rodney, Pam Robertson, and the cleanup and repair crew of Mike, Jon, Ron, Herb, Wayne and Pastor Warfield.

ASC's Chapelettes have now raised nearly $1000 in the past year for charitable groups in Cincinnati. ASC is a Christian interdenominational church founded over 4 years ago. See Classifieds, under Worship, for more information.

CAN WE TALK?

Yes, I've changed the name of the column from "Girl Talk" to that famous saying of Joan Rivers. It seems more appropriate.

While we were never really welcomed there, I've been told that the "Badlands" is just a memory. It had closed for remodeling, but I have been told by Sharon, who heard from Marsha that it will not reopen as the Badlands but as a Jazz club called "The Cotton Club".

Absent from our last meeting was Ed the owner of the Hangout. I'm told he went to Phoenix to get married. Congratulation Ed, we wish you the very best.

NGA is off to a slow but healthy start. Sharon Hart has been involved in Chicago politics but plans to return to her other duties right after voting day.

I received a letter from Milton Bodner Shoes along with a current catalog. They request that anyone interested in receiving their catalog write to them at 38 Lexington Ave. , Passaic, NJ 07055 (201) 777-8623.

At this time, I am hoping to attend the Paradise Club's Christmas Dinner on December 6. If anyone else is interested, please let me know.

The Sally Jessy Raphael Show about cross-dressing, from Cincinnati, aired nationally the week of October 19. We were there for the local broadcast and taping. The show went quickly, and tried to cover more than the 21 minutes of air time would really permit. The guest all did an admirable job in the limited time they had to answer the questions thrown at them.

My wife and I had the pleasure of spending the rest of the morning and some of the afternoon with Doctor Richard Doctor, one of the guest on the show. He has studied about 130 cross-dressers in "Out of the Clinic" context and concludes that while cross-dressing is considered an abnormal behavior, cross-dressers are not necessarily abnormal people. Yes, I know, we all knew that already, but the medical profession doesn't seem to know that. His findings will be published next year in a book.

The latest issue of Tapestry has arrived, complete with a color cover and 130 pages of information. Some of the subjects covered are The Fashion Argument, The Bible and Transvestites, On Religion and Reviews of the P-Town outting and the Be All weekend. If you don't currently subscribe I highly recommend it. Write to the address listed under Tiffany Club in the Bulletin Board and tell them Cross-Port sent you.

I was also looking through the newest issue of Femme Mirror from TRI-ESS. There are a number of very good articles in there including a Reprint of a paper by Virginia Prince entitled "Sexual Identity Versus Gender Identity- The Real Confusion". I recommend married TVs and couples contact TRI-ESS. They have a very strong wire support group and are starting a Couples Auxiliary. See TRI-ESS under Bulletin Board for where to write for information.

Speaking of couples, our Wife/Girlfriend Support Group (WGSG) will not be meeting in November because of the Holiday but they will be meeting early in December on December 11.

Letters to Heather

Dear Heather,

I have greatly appreciated receiving the last several issues of the InnerView. I particularly enjoyed the insights you shared in your recent article called "It's More Than Dressing. " Your point about Western society's limitations on self-expression through fashion for males (and not for females) was on target. I'm sure your readers are well aware that transvestism in women is not recognized or acknowledged by psychiatric professionals and woman can wear what they like with impunity as long as they adhere to the very loose laws governing indecent exposure. This is an enviable position to say the least.

I would also like to thank you and the group for inviting both Lynda and I to your meeting and making us feel welcome. I plan on attending as many meetings as my schedule will permit in the coming months.

Sincerely,

George R. Brown MD
Dept. of Psychiatry
Write State University
School of Medicine
P. O. Box 927
Dayton, OH 45401

Dear George,

Thank you, both for your letter and your support. We cross-dressers know that understanding what we do is not easy even for us at times. We appreciate people like yourself, Lynda and the doctors at the Behavior Science Center who have taken the time to try to learn more about us so that both TVs and TSs of the future will have a better chance of acceptance and understanding in the medical community.

Dear Heather,

First of all, I apologize for not writing to you any sooner. I'm glad to hear that the group is increasing and that the spouse support group is under way. I'm disappointed to here about the trouble with 1470. I hope that they will reconsider their position. It is a shame that a bunch of renagade cross-dressers are doing damage that makes it difficult, at best, and impossible, at worst, to display a good public image. I know that you and the other sisters at Cross-Port are doing your very best to enhance public relations. (Bravo & Be Proud).

I enjoyed reading the rest of the "InnerView". You certainly know how to put out a great News Letter.

I wish you and the other sisters the very best and hope to see you soon; take care!

Yours in Sisterhood

Cynthia

Dear Cynthia

I certainly agree that one bad apple can spoil the cider and it seems ours has been spoiled. I too, am hoping that some understanding can be reached with 1470. It's a fine place and one we were proud to say welcomed us. Maybe if the trouble stops or they find that not letting us in has not increased their business they will reconsider.

Dear Heather,

I just received the October issue of "InnerView" and am saddened to read about 1470 West. I had planned to go there Halloween, but now I guess it would not be a good idea. Perhaps we all should put some pressure on Mary, she seems like a nice person. I don't understand her client's thinking.

Living where I do, I don't get the opportunity to go out in public. I was so looking forward to going to 1470 West.

Best wishes and happy Halloween,

Jenny

Dear Jenny,

I am sorry for your disappointment. Both Mary and Bob are nice people and I'm sure that this was not all their idea. They are good managers and follow their orders. The pressure should be put on the club and not on it's managers, however, other than simply staying away, there is little we can do to pressure the club. If they were a smaller club, the ten or fifteen of us that go there would have an effect on their business, if we stopped, but to a place the size of 1470, the loss of 10 people will have very little effect. I, myself, am not going there, not to put pressure on any one, but because I prefer to go some place where I am welcomed than some place where I seemingly am not.

If I offend the people that go there then I don't want to put them or myself in that position.

Heather

Bulletin Board

CROSS-PORT'S Meeting schedule for 1986 is Nov 20, Dec 18

The Paradise Club's Schedule - For 1986 - Dec 6 (Christmas Dinner)
Write Paradise Club, PO Box 29564, Parma, OH 44129, Attn: Susan for Prices and Places

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Transpitt's Meeting Schedule is the third Saturday of the month.
Write Transpitt, PO Box 59406, Pittsburg, PA 15211, Attn: Johnnie

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Windy City Chapter's Meeting Schedule. They meet the Third Tuesday of each month at 8: 30.
For Information about Nation Gender Alliance also: Write Windy City Chapter, PO BOX 2312, Chicago, IL 60690, Attn: Sharon Hart

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TRI-ESS information Write Carol Beecroft, P. O. Box 194, Tulare, CA, 93275

Crossroads, Meetings April 5, May 3.
Write Crossroads, P. O. Box 1298, Flint, MI 48501

Genesis- meets the second Saturday of the month.
Write Genesis, P. O. Box 0954, Elyria, OH, 44036-0954

Tiffany Club, Tapestry, and International Foundation for Gender Education.
1st International Convention March 4-9, at Chicago IL.
Write to Merissa Sherrill Lynn, Box 19, Wayland, MA 01778

North West Gender Alliance, PO Box 4928, Portland Oregon, 97208 (503) 641-6736

Connecticut Gender Alliance, PO Box 744, Branford, CT 06405, % Wendy Gwynne

Boulton & Park Cultural Soriety, PO Box 169652, San Antonio, TX 78280

ETVC, Box 6486, San Francisco, CA 94101, ATTN: Suzanne

Joyce Dewhurst's Poconos Weekend Write Joyce Dewhurst, 37-50 76th St., Jackson Heights, NY 11372 or call (718) 335-3048

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Back row Left to Right:

Kenne Armstrong
Doug Oligee
Michael Chanak

Front Row
Left to Right

Chuck Norman
Kevin Palmer (Seated)
Doug Golfman
Allen Hueston

ASC Chapelettes Take Town by Storm--Again!

Resources

Offered Free to those places that support us. Please support them.

Places to GO

The Hangout, 13 Old St. [Monroe OH], 539-9381, Cross-Dressers are welcome.

Jacober's Downstairs Bar, 36 West Fifth, Dressing is OK, Drag shows Saturday night at 11:00 and 12:30.

Metro Lounge, Ruth Lyons Pl. & Gano Alley, [Off Vine near the square], Dressing is OK, Drag shows on Fri.

1970 West [in Dayton], Drag shows on Sunday nights. Dressing permitted on Sunday nights only.

The Subway - at 609 Walnut. No cover. Cross-dressers are welcome anytime.

Golden Lion - at 390 Ludlow, 281-9179. Cross-dressers are welcome anytime.

The Dock - at 603 Pete Rose Way [291-5623]. Open every night during summer. Cross-dressers are welcome.

Side Door Lounge - at 619 Walnut [721-9551] Cross-dressers are Welcome.

Simon Says - at 928 Walnut [381-8196] Cross-dressers are welcome.

Spurs - at 318 E. Eighth St. [721-9007] Says No one is refused.

2601 Club - at 2601 Vine St. [221-3910]

Shoes

Paula Lee Shoes, 7332 Kenwood Rd. , Has large sizes but is not open to men trying them on in the store.

Payless Shoe Source - Near 7th and Race, Large size shoes to size 13.

Hair

Accent Fashion Wigs, 118 W. 7th St. , Very open and willing to help fit you.

Hairworks, Hamilton Ave, 681-8222, Call for appointment.]

Worship

Dignity Catholic Services, Call Jerry 621-9026 or Bev 541-7026 for times and places.

All Saints Chapel - Worship Service Sunday at 6:00 p. m. , 1222 Ida St. in Mt. Adams. We are welcome to come dressed. For more information call Associate Pastor Don Hicks at 381-2328

Make-Up

None at this time.

Clothes

One Stop Bra & Swim Shop - 9217 Reading Road, Call 769-6020 for appointment.

Counselling

Behavioral Science Center, Inc. - Doctors : William Wester II, Richard Baum, Paul Bishop, Carolyn Kowatsch, & Joseph Wicker - 2522 Highland Ave. , 513-221-8545

Indianapolis

21 Club- 2101 N. Talbott, 317-927-9000: Cross-Dressers are welcome but must show proper I. D. Shows on Tues, Thurs, Fri & Sat nights starting around 10:00 pm