Greater Phila Chapter NEWS

BY DINA AMBERLE **JULY '92**

IT'S VENDORS NIGHT - AGAIN!

Next month's August meeting will feature the Chapter's second annual Vendor's Night when we turn our meeting rooms into the 'Queen of Prussia Mall'. We have contacted some businesses who wish to do business with our membership and they will be setting up shop in our meeting place to sell their wares and services.

Last year's first Vendor's Night was wildly successful and was a good night for both the seller's and buyers. Businesses selling everything from skin care to jewelry to seamstress services will be represented this year.

The August meeting's Vendor's Night will be Saturday, August 15, beginning at 8PM.

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RENAISSANCE MEMBERS TO APPEAR ON NATIONAL CABLE SHOW

Angela Gardner, current National Managing Director, and Brenda Davisdon, Chapter Director of LSV, will appear on CNBC's 'Real Personal' show scheduled for Thursday, August 13, at 10:30PM.

CNBC is a national cable network that features an assortment of news, business and personal interest shows. Check your local cable system to see what channel it appears on as it is not usually listed in the daily TV guides.

The program 'Real Personal' is a talk show format with phone-in participation. The show deals in a number of personal topics with a sexual, psychological and general self-help slant. Angela and Brenda will discuss crossdressing (naturally) and Brenda's wife will be included via a phone hook-up to give a spouse's viewpoint. It may be worthwhile to sample the show beforehand and listen for their upcoming schedule of guests and topics so as not to miss it if the schedule changes.

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RENAISSANCE TREKKIES GET TOGETHER

Our group's contingent of Star Trek fans are planning a trip to Washington's Air and Space Museum on Sunday August 9 to visit a Star Trek exhibit. This is a nondress event (sorry, no Lt. Uhuru outfits, please) but it is an interesting chance to get together for an 'out of dress experience' with friends from the group. If you're interested see Michelle Lynn or one of the Chapter Board members for more info.

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NEW CHAPTER PHONE NUMBER

The new Chapter phone number is: 215/630-1437

GIRL TALK...A belated Congratulations! to our own Jennifer Richards who won the title 'Princess of the Poconos' at the May weekend run by Joann Roberts. The lovely Jennifer joins other Renaissance past Princesses Teri Kay (remember her?), Michelle Lynn, and Samantha Ryan...Speaking of Princesses, our fearless leader (and past Princess), Michelle Lynn traveled west on a diplomatic mission to the TransPitt group. Michelle reports that the TP gals are very impressed with our group's size and success...The I.F.G.E. convention to be held in Philadelphia in 1993 now has a date and place attached to it. The dates are March 15-21 and the place is the Broad Street Hilton (formerly the Hershey) Hotel at Broad and Locust sts. You must be able to recite what the initials I.F.G.E. stands for to gain admission, so start studying now, ladies... While most of us begin to slow down during the early summer weeks, our friend Charlene Galanti begins to flit about town like a butterfly. In one adventure, she dropped a pair of heels off for repair as a man, telling the proprietor they were for his wife. Then he picked up the shoes a few days later dressed as 'the wife'. Shopping at malls, brunching and lunching, dinners with male escorts - passing flawlessly. What a life!...The July 5, Sunday Philadelphia Inquirer's Fashion section featured an article on the new prevalence of men shaving their bodies for aesthetic reasons. Most of the men quoted were either bodybuilders or models. Not a crossdresser in the bunch. Yeah, sure...Two gals who recently showed off their clean shaven chests were April and Dina. The bosom buddies entered Gatsby's Bra Contest on Ladies Night July 7 - and out-busted a roomful of real women by showing off their brassieres and cleavages to be named co-winners of the cash prize...Gloria Ann Lange, past Chapter Treasurer was spotted at Gatsby's on a recent Tuesday night. But she kept her blouse on and split before the Bra Contest...Brenda Davidson, LSV Chapter leader reports that their popular annual 'Luau' will not be held this year but they will be looking to put on a new theme affair for next year...The LSV Chapter girls have passed on info about a drag show benefit in Harrisburg set for Sunday August 16 at the Harrisburg Hotel, 2nd & Chestnut sts. Tix are $8. The theme is 'History of the World'. Sounds like a lot of interesting costume changes...And also from the LSV, we hear that member Markley appeared on the morning talk show 'Dr Dean' on May 28...Joann White, Phila. Chapter Treasurer, reports that the October program will be speakers from a group called 'Heart of the Goddess'. They are a women's self-improvement group that gets into some mystical methods to bring out the Goddess in each of us. Yeah, I know. You thought the Goddess was already out - especially when you hit the Ship Inn after the meetings. It could be a very interesting program in October...If you get 'Comedy Central' network on your cable system, check out the show 'The Kids in the Hall'. It seems that they do an awful lot of drag skits featuring the all male cast. And some of the guys are young enough to look cute even without makeup...Also from the world of entertainment, the new George Michaels' video shows flashes of two drag queens among a cast made up of several beautiful, exotically dressed (and somewhat masculine) fashion models...And finally, an article of interest to all of us: Christie Brinkley, world famous glamour girl, has announced that she will no longer model in swimsuits. That sounds like an opportunity for all of us who are looking for some part-time income. The line, as they say, forms on the left, ladies...

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IF YOU HAVE INFORMATION ABOUT EVENTS OR SHOPPING BARGAINS - OR QUESTIONS, SUGGESTIONS, OR GOSSIP (ESPECIALLY GOSSIP) - THAT YOU WOULD LIKE TO PASS ON FOR THE NEXT CHAPTER NEWSLETTER, SEE DINA AMBERLE, OR WRITE ME AT:

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PLACES TO GO

RENAISSANCE GREATER PHILA. CHAPTER MEETINGS August 15, Vendor's Night with an assortment of products and services available for the members. Doors open at 8PM. Call 215/630-1437 for further info

MISS GAY NEW JERSEY PAGEANT An official preliminary to the Miss Gay America pageant will be held at The Cartwheel in New Hope on Tuesday July 28th. Along with the contestants, the show will feature special guest impersonators. Tickets are $10 at the door and show starts at 8:30PM Call 215/862-0880 for info

THE CARTWHEEL "DRAG SEARCH '92" Every Monday night, 11:30 PM amateur contest leading up to Miss Cartwheel pageant in Sept. The Cartwheel, Rte. 202, 1 mi. west of New Hope Center, New Hope, PA; Call 215/862-0880

GATSBY'S Popular nightclub and disco features something different each night of the week. Gatsby's, Cuthbert Blvd, between Rtes 38 & 70, Cherry Hill NJ. Call 609/ 663-8744

WSC CLUB Roomy nightclub has different attractions throughout the week. WSC Club, 624 West Main Street (in rear), Norristown, PA; Call 215/278-9646

KEY WEST Multi-level gay establishment in center city features Miss Key West contest each Sunday night at 11:00 PM. Key West, 207 S. Juniper Street (between Broad and 13th; Walnut and Locust sts). Call 215/545-1578

CHECK OUT The Philadelphia Gay News (75¢) and Au Courant (Free) for current events at clubs, etc. Available in Center City and various spots around the area, the nightclubs listed above.

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