

Cross-Port InnerV Jew

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Next Meeting June 18th At 7:30

Mate Support Meeting

July 13th At 8:00

NOTICE TO ALL CLUBS & ORGANIZATIONS

Please check your mailing address for Cross-Port. I have found a number of you do not have us listed correctly. The correct address is: Cross-Port, 2020 B Beechmont Ave. #150, Cincinnati, OH 45230.

Cross-Port now has a Phone number. This number may be given to anyone wishing to contact Cross-Port or Heather. The number is : (513) 631-0732 and you can ask for Heather if a person answers. There is usually a machine that answers 24 hours a day, and I will usually answer when at home. The best time to reach me is between 5:30 and 7:30 pm EDT/EST. Please REMOVE the OLD NUMBER from your news-letters and lists.

CROSS-PORT BASICS

The may flowers are all in bloom and so were the girls that came to the room for the May Cross-Port meeting. There were 17 persons in attendance with three new faces, Roberta, Belinda and Holly.

June is Cross-Port's second anniversary and we begin our third year with good and bad news. The good news is that the phone is in, as you may have read above in the Notice. The bad news is that we may be looking for a new meeting place. Please read the article "The Place to Meet" for the latest information.

To celebrate our anniversary we are having the June meeting at the home of a friend. It will be a cook out with brats, mets and hotdogs provided by Heather. Cross-Port will buy pop. Please bring a dish of something to share and lawnchairs. This is a picnic for wives and girlfriends too. A map with direction has been provided to everyone with paid up dues (1/88 on the label). Others wishing to come will need to call Heather for directions. Let's make the start of our third year a big one.

The reason that no financial statement has appeared for a while is that when I changed computers I continued to keep the books on the old computer with no printer, plus it was broken for a time. As a result there is a discrepancy of about \$60 between the books and our current balance. Alice and I will be working to correct the books and turn over all

financial responsibility to her. For May we took in around 102.50 and had expenses of about \$219. We have a current balance of about \$550. We still have some outstanding debts from the phone installation. Our booth at the Gay Pride Festival should generate additional income. We will split 50/50 the profits with GCB/LC. To date we have about 40 paid members.

Lynn announced the formation of a TS support group which will meet in the Dayton area. See article later in this issue.

Yvonne spoke about the "Be All Weekend" and other current national news including the 1988 convention which will be the last week in February in Chicago. That is one girl who really seems to be doing more than her share.

The meeting ended about 10:15

THE INDY REPORT

By Betty

The meeting May 7 was quite successful with about 12 sisters. It was nice to see some new faces and we appreciate those that come such a long distance.

Lora is doing a good job on the article or pamphlet, which will be used for initial contact, as well as describe a bit about our group. Emily is going to do some work on a new letter head for our news letter and mailings.

We discussed the fact that there is a local talk show that wants to do a TV TV show and has contacted Cross-Port in Cincinnati. No date or plan has been established for this.

Yvonne spoke on various up coming functions. She also discussed the national scene and the efforts to bring all the various groups closer together. Those on the national level are also working on a directory covering places to shop, eat, and go for entertainment.

Our group has contacted quite a few other support groups in regard to our existence so they can inform those interested in an Indiana group. Some publications will also have information on how to contact us.

It was suggested that we experiment with a social get together at a different time and place similar to gatherings done by other groups. Any ideas?

A reminder that we meet the first Thursday of every month at 21 Club, 9:00 pm. Our new address is IXE, PO Box 20710 Indianapolis, IN 46220

THE PLACE TO MEET

Just before the last meeting, I received a call from Ed, owner of "The Hangout". He informed me that as of June 1 the Hangout would change names to "The Place" and would no longer be a GAY bar. This presented us with the problem of finding a new meeting place. As discussed earlier it was decided to have an outdoor picnic for June and try to find a place for July.

The most reasonable idea was to try to find a motel, in the area, and rent a room. Dee was to look into that possibility. The biggest objection I have to that is paying for it. With attendance as flexible and sporadic as it is, one way to guarantee that we could pay for the room would be to say that the cost gets split among everyone there. If the cost is

\$50 and 50 people are there it cost \$1 each. If only two people are there it cost \$25 each. I don't find that to be a fair solution. Another way would be to pay in advance. The money collect at the meeting pays for the next month. If there is not enough money there is no meeting.

The problem with any of these solutions is we are making it more expensive to be a crossdresser. Whether you spent money for clothes or for electrolysis most of us spend far to much money on other things involved with who we are. We should not have to spend a lot more money just to meet with friends.

As it now stands, Ed has decided not to change. "The Hangout (now The Place) will continue to be our meeting place. The July meeting will once again be held there. This however, should be viewed as a temporary solution to our problem. We need to begin looking for alternatives. If anyone has a suggestion PLEASE let me know. If any of the bars which receive this would be interested in discussing a plan for the future please let me know.

Midwest Ohio Support Group

By Dana-Lynn

My name is Dana-Lynn. I have been selected leader of M.O.S.G. I have a Masters in counseling and have worked with other TS's. I started my real life test in November 1986. I am presently working on a RN.

I am pleased to announce the formation of the Midwest Ohio Support Group. We are a transsexual support group only. We were formed to help try and meet some of the specialized needs of the transsexual. Because the rehabilitative process is so long and complex, a support group is almost a necessary requisite. We have a modest library of books, articles, and bibliographies. We also can supply information on helping professionals in the local area that are sympathetic with the transsexual's plight - doctors, lawyers, community mental health centers, psychologists, electrologist, and cosmetologists. In addition to these resources, we have the experiences of our members to draw upon.

Our group meets on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of each month, at 6:30 pm - ?. With personal security of all members in mind, new members must undergo a screening. They must either meet me or one of the other group members prior to coming to a support meeting.

We welcome correspondence from those TS's traveling through or visiting this area. We can provide a contact point for you here. For information about us write:

M.O.S.G.,c/o Dana-Lynn,POB 5664,Dayton Ohio 45405-5664

CAN WE TALK!

By Heather Peerson

Before I start rambling I wish to let you know that our sister, Loretta, from Anderson, IN passed away this past month. Many of you did not know or had never met her. I only met her once, but during the past year and a half we had become more than friends. I will miss my chats with her and the special encouragement she always gave me. I know she is with the Lord and is fighting and praying for all of us. I ask your prayers for her family and thank you for your prayers in the past. She really appreciated them.

As we begin our third year, I wish to take just a moment to thank everyone that has helped me to keep things moving by helping and attending the meetings. I am very aware that one meeting a month can not fulfill the needs of everyone that comes to a meeting.

nor do I believe 30 meetings a month would meet those needs. I do agree that we have lost a measure of the support side because meeting in a bar is not conducive to a RAP session. I am once again offering my home as a chance for those who would like to just meet and talk. This will be every other month and will be limited to not more than ten regular members and four new members. If you are interested please let me know. I will consider going ahead with this if there are at least four persons that wish to commit to it. We may even have a professional that would like to work with us, if this is what we would like.

Every month there are a number of suggestions as to what we should do or could try. I am open to all of them, but if you want them, then get busy and organize them. If you wait for me, you'll grow to be very old women. My time is limited and I refuse to do more than I can handle (though sometimes I feel I already am). As I have stated before, it is your group. If the group has nothing to do then it is because YOU did nothing.

The new phone has helped to reach new people we otherwise may not have been in touch with. Some have called just to talk, no names, no numbers. Others have requested more information. Each week when the "Downtowner" comes out I get about 3 or 4 calls. I feel it is well worth the effort and money we have put into it.

Finally, we say good-bye to a friend. Dr. George Brown is being shipped off to San Antonio, Texas. We thank him for his love, support and the time he has given to both the main group and the mate support group. Linda will continue to work with us until the fall, when she too will be moving. We hope that our sisters in Boulton & Park Cultural Society will be able to get with him, and make him feel right at home.

Heather

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Loretta