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PICNIC

The Chi-Chapter Annual Picnic is on Sunday August 18th at the Busse Woods Grove.

See details on Page 6

AUGUST MEETING

The next meeting will feature an evening reminiscing with the "Old Timers".....

5:00 pm	Changing rooms open
6:00 pm	GG/Wives meeting in room 118
6:30 pm	Newcomers meeting in room 120
8:30 pm	General meeting begins

Those changing in the changing rooms are reminded to bring a towel(s) for makeup removal.

The location of the Holiday Inn Express is on Riverside drive just off RT83 in Elmhurst. RT 83 is reachable from I-290, North Av or St Charles Rd to RT83 then South. Or take Roosevelt Rd to RT83 then go North.

It is advisable when making a room reservation, to make it at least a month early, we have been experiencing many FULL houses at the Inn. Reservations are available at (708)279-0700. Please mention Chi-Chapter Tri-Ess. **YOUR RATE SHOULD NOT EXCEED $65.00....**

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President's Podium

Well we sure had a turnout for the Vendors Fair last month. With the warm weather I didn't expect as many as we had, but the air conditioning at the Holiday Inn is working and keeping our faces from dripping.

MEMBERSHIP
Several things need to be covered here, first I want to address the renewal of your national membership. Please check the mailing label on your envelope and if it has the word NAT on it, that means your national membership has expired OR that you have never joined National Tri-Ess. Our policy here at Chi is that to be a member of the chapter you MUST also be a member of National. So check your envelope and if you are in arrears please send your dues in. We would suggest sending them to the chapter rather than national since we are prorating them to expire on Jan 1. The number after the NAT is the amount which you should send in.

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BOARD MEETING
The board met on July 30th and the main topic was the Holiday EnFemme. We would like to here from any member who would be able to help out. Anyone who is interested in supplying some help please send me a note or see Naomi or any of the officers at the next meeting. The areas assistance is needed in, are:

Vendors
Hospitality **(Miranda- Chair)**
Registration **(Bridget-Chair)**
Newcomers **(Candace-Chair)**
Decorations

So, put on your aprons and dig in.....

ANNNNNDDDDDD.....
Don't forget the Picnic.
AANNNNDDDD.....
Don't forget, we need side dishes for the picnic. Please call the hotline (630) 262-8707 and leave a message as to what you can bring.

Couples Group

The next Couples meeting will be on Saturday, August 24th and the location will most likely be at Denise's. Please remember, this is a NON-CROSSDRESSED meeting. PLEASE DO NOT wear any feminine article of clothing, jewelry or decoration (Lipstick, nail polish) which can be seen. Also, no children will be allowed at the meeting for obvious reasons.

P.A.L.S.

by Dawn

P.A.L.S, (short for Positive Attitudes Living Side by side) is a women's group set up for wives, girlfriends and significant others whose partners are cross-dressers. The purpose of this group is to provide an outlet to share concerns in cross-dressing issues in a private and secure environment. It is our intention that P.A.L.S. be a support group, where we ladies band together to help each other maintain, uplift and ultimately strengthen our marriages and relationships.

The first meeting was held at the July chapter meeting, present were : Verna, Kate, Fran, Debbie, Gail, Deb, Maureen, and Dawn who are partners of: Colleen, Rachel, Kay, Bridget, Brenda, Margaret, Michelle and Candace.

P.A.L.S. will meet the 3rd Saturday of the month coinciding with the Tri-Ess meetings. our meetings will run from 6:30 to 8pm in an adjacent hotel room. When you check in make sure you receive a name tag and an index card. In keeping with confidentiality you will have an opportunity to reveal a concern without disclosing your true identity by writing it on the index cards. The particular needs of each individual will be addressed in a positive manner.

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Miranda Writes....

I hope you enjoyed our Vendor's Fair and Ice Cream Social last month. Toni put a lot of work into getting it all arranged, and we certainly all owe her our thanks. She even prepared certificates of appreciation for each of the vendor's who participated. They included Verna's Venus, Sally Ann Corset Shop, Transformations by Rori, Fay Bass from Mary Kay, Velma and Rachel's Wigs and Beauty Salon, Amanda Lynn's Records. They are all really wonderful people who care about us and our community. Several other vendors were lined up, but unfortunately had to cancel at the last minute.

The best way to thank the vendors who participated in our Fair and who advertise in our newsletter is to patronize their businesses. When was the last time you went shopping *en femme* and you really felt welcome? You will certainly feel comfortable with any of our advertisers. They're there us, and we should go there for them.

Sunny and Gloria also deserve a round of applause for converting our food table into a real ice cream parlor with all the goodies for sundaes and banana splits. It was great fun! It was indeed a lively interactive evening. If you would like more programs like this one, please let us know.

August Program - Senior's Panel Discussion

Have we got a line-up for you! Barbara (#1), Lois, Naomi, Lenore, Eve and maybe a few others have all volunteered to participate in our panel discussion. The topic is "The Changing World Of The Crossdresser." Most on the panel have been "out" for even longer than the 20 year minimum that we were looking for. All in all, we are going to have over 100 years of crossdressing experience on the panel! That's a heck of a lot of pancake make-up and pantyhose!

Christine K. is coordinating this event and will act as the moderator for the discussion. We will have prepared a certain number of discussion points to ask, but this is your chance to ask all those questions and find out all those intimate details you always wanted to know. I'm sure we are going to hear some strange and wonderful tales.

Beach Party and Saturday Outing!

On August 24, CGS is sponsoring another in their series of parties at the Femme Underground (Transformations, 146 N. Oak Park Ave.). This is an indoor beach party and it starts at 8:00 p.m. What are they planning? Will they cart in sand and construct a beach? Will they leave the spigot running overnight and flood the basement? Have they hired Frankie Avalon and Annette Funicello look-alikes? I don't know how they are going to "pool" it off, but I certainly want to find out. Wear your bathing suits, girls!
What, you don't have a bathing suit? Well we can fix that. Some of you might remember that I had proposed that we have regular Saturday afternoon outings to movies, shopping, museums, etc. Well our next Saturday outing will be the same day as the Beach Party! We are going to meet at Transformations at 2:00 p.m. and drive out to one of the area shopping malls. Have you always wanted to go out to the mall but were too nervous to go there yourself? Here's your chance to be "out" with some of your friends who might be a little more comfortable in public, and get over your initial shyness. And you can wear your new bathing suit to the Beach Party that night. Call me if your would like to come along. My home number is (847) 394-9293.

Future Meetings

Coming up in September, we are going to convert the meeting room into a Beatnik Coffeehouse. We already have a few acts lined up but we need more. Do you write poetry, play a mandolin, do dramatic readings? Think about what you would like to do, and sign up your act at the next meeting.

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Out Of Focus
By Kiki Carmichael

The Smile

I had been working on a fall show for a community theater group the last two weekends and this, our third week, was to be our last. I hadn't been out as Kiki since the show started except for one night but it seemed as though I hadn't been dressed in the longest time! And on this day, Saturday, no one was scheduled to come over and it seemed it was the perfect day to get all dressed up, make some tapes for a client in the studio, and just hang around.

I decided I wasn't going to try anything fancy and would just look like any other ordinary gal who wasn't planing to go anywhere special that day and wear something simple. To me, that meant blue jeans and a sweater.

The new blue jeans I had fit perfectly and gave me a surprisingly feminine hip line and the over-size sweater, pulled down below my hips, was just perfect. Then I put on my new high-heeled black boots and wore my big boobs. After I had combed out the my shoulder length blonde wig and pulled it into a pony-tail held with a pretty black butterfly clip, I put on simple earrings and just a few bracelets. Even without make-up as I pranced up and down in front of my mirrors, I looked just like any gal would at home for the day, trying to be comfortable.

My costume complete, I sashayed into my studio to check on my tapes when the doorbell rang. I decided to ignore it. It rang again. I ignored it again, After a moment or two it rang a third time. "Who in the world is ringing my doorbell like that. They're so persistent!", I wondered. I walked out of my studio and to a window where I could see the front of the house. There was no car in the driveway and then I suddenly heard a voice call out, "Hello! Hello!", and remembered I had left my front door open when I went out to get the paper earlier in the morning.

I carefully walked closer to the window and leaning over, peeked out to the side to see who in the world was so insistent on seeing me. I could see the back of a tall black man with a rake over his shoulder. I thought of ignoring him but suddenly found myself saying "Why not! Lets do it, Kiki", and made my way to the living room.

I walked, or rather sashayed, through a hallway to the kitchen and entered the living room from a place where he could get a good, long look at me as I approached the doorway.

As I came into his view, I thrust my hips as far forward as I could and began walking very slowly, mincing my steps as I moved towards him and swishing my hips from side to side as much as I could. I could feel things start to jiggle as I walked along, first my breasts and then my tummy. He spotted me almost immediately and broke into the most fantastic grin I have ever seen on a man. His teeth were pearly white, perfect, and needless to say, beautiful! And his eyes were as wide as any man's I ever seen!

I was trying to walk so sexy that I almost lost my balance a few times but recovered before I fell over flat on my face. When I approached the screen door I realized he was at least 4 or 5 inches taller than I was, and I had high-heeled boots on! I reached down for more courage and suddenly remembering I had been out half the night before partying, that there was no way my voice was going to sound in any way as high as a female's should. I decided to use the old Marilyn Monroe trick and speak in as breathless a manner as possible. "Oh", I breathlessly whispered in a raspy low voice, "Is there anything", and I took another deep breath, "I can do for you?"

The seemingly impossible happened and his eyes got wider still and his grin bigger yet, and he said, "Mam, ah, ah", and he hesitated, "Would you ah, ah, like your leaves raked, Mam?" And he said it in the most beautiful bass voice I've heard in a long time. I had no intention of carrying this charade on for any more than what would be necessary to get rid of him as quickly as possible, and continuing in my breathless manner said, "Oh, thank, you!", and it came out as a soft, sexy hiss. "But I have a friend", and I tried to make it sound more sexy but, unfortunately, it came out sounding more like Peter Lowrie in that old movie, Casablanca, whispering to Sidney Greenstreet. But undaunted, I took another deep breath and breathlessly exclaimed, "Who does it for me!" When I finished saying that, he just stared for at me for a moment and his eyes rolled around ever so slightly, and his smile twitched the tiniest bit as though he was trying to figure something out. I don't know what was going through his mind at this point, maybe he was feeling sorry for me because I had a severe case of emphysema, or maybe his circuits were giving him confusing signals, but the grin held. I stood at the door for a moment or two longer and watched him turn around and leave, still grinning!

I have been around this world for a long time, much longer than I want to admit, and I've been in any number of situations where I have seen men smile for all sorts of reasons, but never in my life have I seen a smile like that from a man, and more interestingly, directed at me! Does this happen all the time to our beautiful female friends and we have no knowledge of it's existence what-so-ever? I'm beginning to believe it does. I think I'm going to get dressed more Saturday afternoons and just hang around the house with the door open. Maybe I'll find out! ....Hum.

Bye.

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The annual Douglas Dunes, Michigan Get-A-Way will be held October 17-20th.

As usual, the Chi-Chapter meeting is also scheduled for that weekend. Grump-grump Brunches, dinners, everything to make you happy for 4 days. and private too. Reservations can be made by calling the Douglas Dunes (616) 857-1401..make mention of IME/CGS

Costs and maps will be in the September *Tribune*

Eating Out

A restaurant review by Toni

The good news is that the meeting room at the Holiday inn in Elmhurst is much cooler, but the bad news is that the excellent buffet that we enjoyed at the has been nixed by the hotel management. So if you want a hot dinner you need to go out to eat.

After a splash in the pool, Miranda, Stacey and myself wanted to go to dinner at the Elmhurst Public House, but it was closed because of it had no power. So after some debate we went to the Kopper Kitchen at St.Charles Road and kingery hwy. just down the street from the holiday inn.

Be fore warned this is a family restaurant and there may be family there. The atmosphere was nice. we were seated in the main dinning room. I noticed only a few looks from the other patrons but so what if they look.

Being on diets we all has the soup and salad, Miranda had a mexican salad, Stacey had the cobb salad, and I had the chicken ceasers salad. We all had the french onion soup, there were two others available but the french onion is always available. When the salads arrived we were surprised by the large size they were big. Stack even asked for a take home box for later. Miranda and I managed to make it through though.

This restaurant seems to serve large portions on many of its dishes. At an adjoining table another patron ordered the prime rib. The steak was the biggest I have ever seen for this cut it seemed bigger than a double cut.

The Kopper Kitchen at St.Charles Road and kingery hwy., a good restaurant with reasonable prices. We each paid between $7 and $8 each plus tip. very reasonable.

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Also beginning in August will be the change over for the Chicago folk. ALL our 312 advertisers will begin to change to 773, either 312 or 708 may be used till October.

I suggest that if you can't get through on these new numbers, try the old ones. Ameritec isn't perfect...as we have seen the last few months.....

Treasurer's report
By Bridget

July Meeting

	INCOME	EXPENSE
42 paid attendees	$ 420.00	
Side room Sublet	$ 25.00	
Food		$ 75.00
Room Rent		$ 380.00
Misc		$ 10.00
Door prize		$ 0.00
Balance (Loss)		($ 20.00)

August

1	**ITI Meeting Transformations 7:30pm**
10	**Gemini Gender Group Meeting**
13	**CGS Meeting**
17	**Chi-Chapter Meeting**
18	**Chi-Chapter Picnic**
22	**T.O.N.I Meeting**
24	**Couples Meeting**

September

4	**Gender Leadership Meeting Transformations**
10	**CGS Meeting**
14	**Gemini Gender Meeting**
21	**Chi-Chapter Meeting**
26	**T.O.N.I. Meeting**

October

17-19	**Dunes Get-A-Way**	**Michigan**
31-Nov 2	**Fall Harvest '96**	**Cedar Rapids IA**

November

6-10	**Holiday En-Femme**

PICNIC

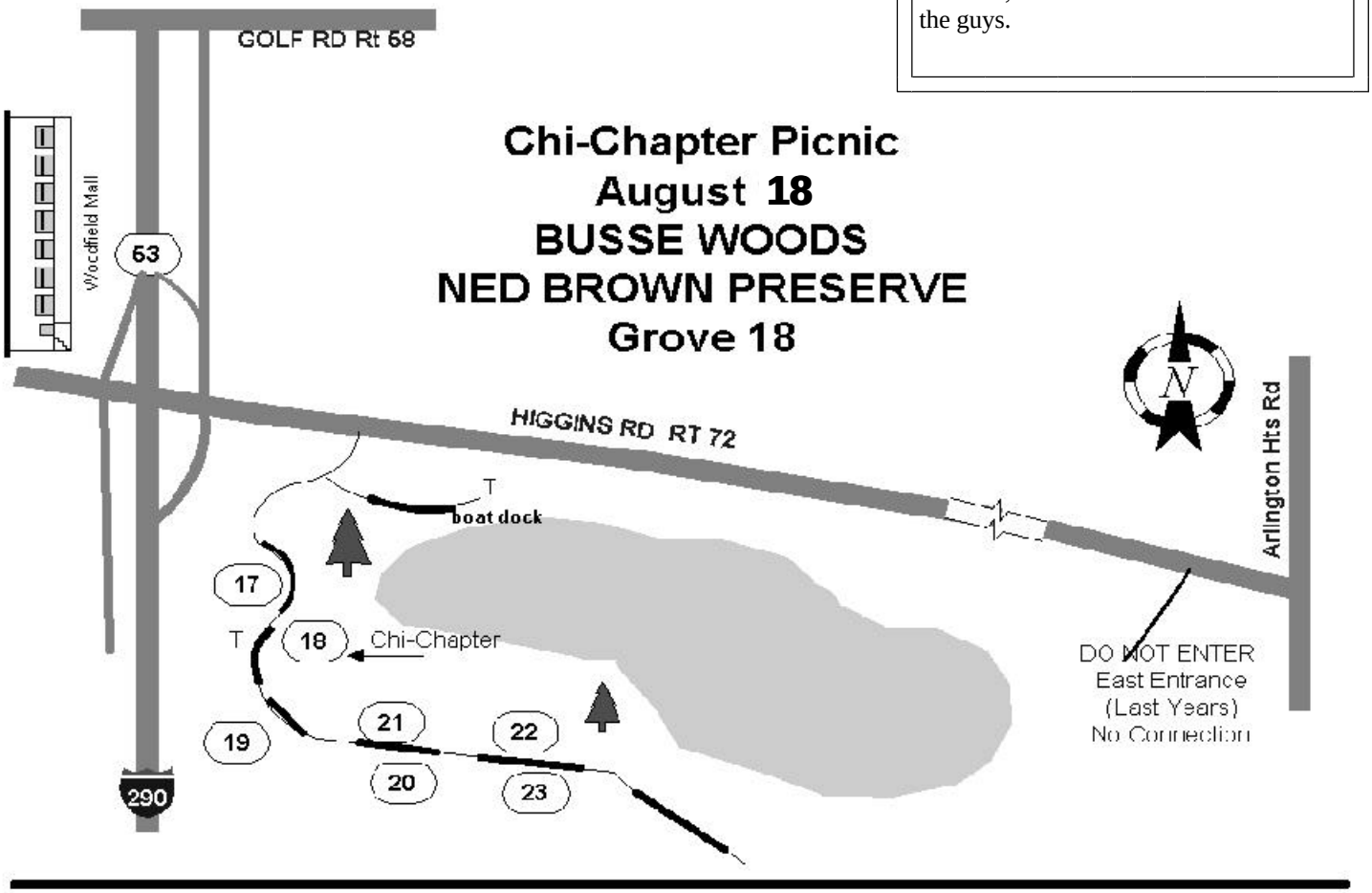
Yes, it is time for our annual Chi-Chapter picnic.The best time to arrive is about 11AM at the Cook County Forest Preserve, Busse Woods, grove 18.

PLEASE NOTE that this the same grove as last year. The grove is located just south of Higgins Road and thru the entrance which is just (500') East of Rt 53 exit.

The picnic is open (at no charge) to all members, prospective members, their spouses and partners, their families and friends.

Norma and Joyce will provide hamburgers, hotdogs, brats, and corn. We ask every family to bring salads, relishes, pop, chips and desserts.

Proper picnic attire is required for all — SORRY, NO CROSSDRESSING for the guys.



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