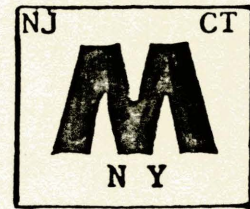


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## Chapter Promotion & Activities

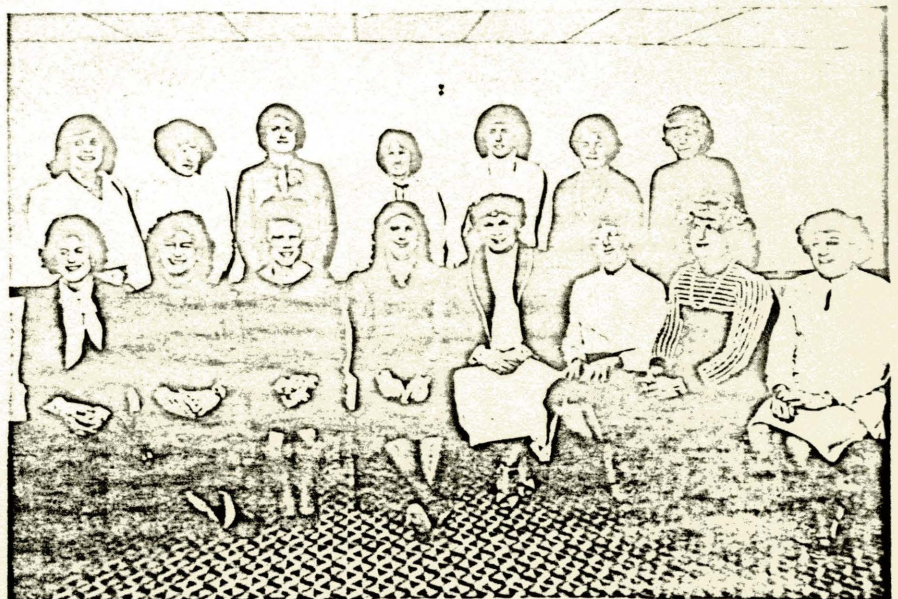
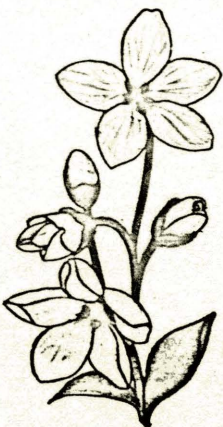
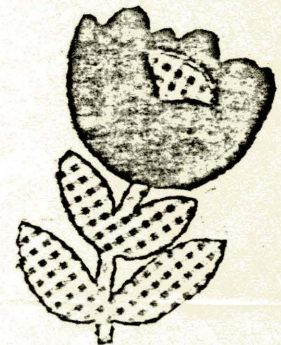
...We want to thank all Chapter members who participated in our recent TRI-ESS Library Card effort. This did not demand a great deal of you, yet the potential benefits to be gained for all are almost unlimited.

...As agreed to at the March Meeting, the Chapter will be advertising in the Village Voice. The ad will read as follows: "Crossdressers, HETERO ONLY. TRI-ESS Chapter exists in NYC area. Meetings monthly. Wives/girlfriends welcomed. Contact...". Marlene (NY-314-B), will be responsible for this effort. The membership authorized a budget for the advertising campaign of up to \$50.00.

...Eileen has attempted to make contact with Dustin Hoffman to advise that Dorothy Michaels would be most welcomed at a CHI DELTA MU Chapter meeting. Nora Helene and several other Sisters have done the same. Dustin reportedly has not disposed of Dorothy's clothes since TOOTSIE was made. Perhaps he's beyond the "purges" which most TVs experience and is now ready for self-acceptance. We'll keep you posted, for you never can tell.....

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MARCH Meeting was attended by (first row, left to right): Wilma, Claire, Joan (NY), Marlene, Patricia, Lee, Doreen, and Lynda; top row: Yvonne, Jana, Mary Jane, Priscilla, Eileen, Josephine, and Frances. More on Page 3! (Photo: Patricia)



Several actions are taking place which will impact our Chapter.

1. We are designating geographical areas for which a Chapter Sister will coordinate our activities: contact new members, take counts for meetings, etc. Two will be in New Jersey, and the others for New York, Connecticut, and other areas. There will be a total of seven, with seven Sisters who can now truly call themselves GALS (Geographic Area LeaderS). These will not be mini-Chapters in our group, but necessary support people for our growing Chapter.

2. It was agreed at our March meeting that the Chapter must have a set of by-laws, including provision for the election of Chapter Officers. Jana (NJ-304-T), drafted a set of by laws for the TRI-ESS group in Iowa, and we will use these as a basis for our Chapter. A By-Laws Committee has been established consisting of Jana, Wilma, and myself. We hope to have a proposed set of by laws for you by May, with potential Chapter elections in June.

3. In order to allow me more time for the newsletter and other items, I've asked Lynda to assume the duties of Chapter Treasurer effective April 15th. Lynda has accepted this position, and received a round of applause at our March meeting.

Treasurer's Report

We are happy to report that Sharon, Wilma, and Connie have renewed membership with us. There are several Sisters who have either not renewed or who are on the mailing list but have not yet paid there membership. I'm making a special request of these Sisters to please become current with your dues. We are going to have a new Treasurer and I'd like to turn over a clean slate of books to Lynda. Those Sisters whose membership is up for renewal in April are: Janine, Marlene, Tina, and Lynda.

Beginning Cash Balance (3/1).....\$385.87

Receipts

Membership renewals.....30.00  
Meeting fees.....140.00  
Total..... 170.00

Expenses

Postage.....30.00  
Motel.....94.52  
Refreshments.....43.53  
Total.....168.05

Ending Cash Balance (3/31).....\$387.82

Our annual dues are \$10.00. You can contact our new Treasurer, Lynda, as follows:

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Ms. Lynda Frank  
Box 9192  
Morristown, New Jersey 07960

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Chapter Library

Edith Marie (NY-319-W), our Chapter Librarian, has donated additional books for the Chapter; these books are concerned with beauty tips and other essentials for you ladies. We hope to have a consolidated list of items in the Chapter's Library for you soon! Please do take advantage of the Library, it is for your needs and your only cost is return postage of the item you request.

By the way, Edith Marie will hostess a mid-week social at our "old" New Jersey headquarters on Thursday, April 21st. Contact Edith Marie about this or about the Chapter Library as follows: Don Williams, Draw R, Valley Cottage, N. Y. 10989.

Meetings

...We all had a very pleasant time at our (hope-to-be), new, New Jersey meeting place. Accomodations were just fine. We were a little uneasy in that the conference room was next to the motel's health spa, and the changing room was down the hall. But, no one said anything about or to us, so we hope to be back there in May.

...Attending the March meeting were: Marlene (NY-314-B), Frances (NJ-10 B), Josephine (NY-302-C), Joan (NY-9-F), Lynda (NJ-307-F) and wife Marilyn, Patricia (CT-B-G), Eileen (NY-11-J) and wife Priscilla, Mary Jane (NY-206-M), Yvonne (NY-331-R) and friend Vicky, Claire (NY-208-S) and friend Gail, Jana (NJ-304-T), Lee (CT-102-W) and wife Sheila, and Wilma (NJ-300-Y). A special welcome to Lee and wife, and to Josephine who arranged her work schedule to make the meeting from Spain! Also attending was Doreen.

...Our April meeting will be in Westchester with lingerie shopping opportunities at the meeting. Jana will hostess the May meeting in New Jersey, at which we hope to have a special program with experts concerning the legal aspects of crossdressing. For our June meeting, we are talking about a "prom night" for those of you who never had the opportunity to go to a prom as you would have liked to have gone. June's meeting will be in Westchester. If you plan on attending the May meeting, please complete the form below.

...A special thanks to Wilma and Frances for enabling us to have a very delightful time at our March meeting.

...You do not have to dress to attend our meeting. Also, you are not limited to bringing only your wife/girlfriend. And, if you need transportation, let us know.

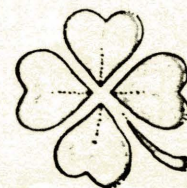
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Yes, I plan on attending the May meeting in New Jersey.

Name-----

Phone----- Transportation Needed-----

Wife/Girlfriend/Other(s) attending-----

Send to Ms. Patricia Gallagher, P. O. Box 158, Old Greenwich, Ct. 06870



Food For Thought

## "The Invitation"

by Lee (CT-102-W),



There is a song written by John Denver that became quite popular a few months ago. The title of the song is "Perhaps Love", and it is one of my favorites. One of its lead lines goes like this: "Perhaps love is like a window, perhaps an open door, it invites us to come closer, it wants to show us more". Love as we all know is a feeling, and as feelings go, I believe that they all have much deeper meaning than we realize. We would all do well to take a quiet moment now and then in our busy day to - day lives and examine the significance of our feelings. Particularly, those that most profoundly effect our relationships with others, and our outlook on life.

One of those feelings that we as TVs are most familiar with is that of our femme side. This is for many of us much more than a pretty dress, a subtle fragrance, a soft touch. Because this feeling for the feminine is so deeply ingrained, it touches in its gentle way, nearly every aspect of our lives. We see it in the way that we express our love, in our appreciation of beauty, in the comfort with our quiet and gentle nature, in our sensitivity to the needs and feelings of others, in the expression of our emotions, and indeed, in the very way we view life. Every male is capable of this expression. Unfortunately, only those of us who have been especially blessed to be in touch with our feelings ever experience the full potential of our feminine nature.



The awareness of our second-selves opens the door to a more rewarding and fulfilling life experience for us. We can see beauty and gentleness in our everyday lives (or are at least capable of it), that most men overlook. We as TVs frequently use this capability and self-expression to escape the tensions and demands of an environment or lifestyle that all too often seems to be closing in around us. This is a healthy means of relief, unlike many others such as drugs or alcohol. Even as children, many of us saw a girl's world as a softer, more gentle place to be, and escaped secretly to that world when the pressure of being a boy became too demanding or harsh. Unfortunately, for many of us that escape mechanism became an instrument filled with fear, guilt and confusion. There are all too many for whom those negative feelings followed them throughout their lives, and to this day create for them a living hell. We of TRI ESS are the fortunate ones, who see our second-selves as something very special, and the feelings as a gift meant to be shared and enjoyed.

For my own part, I have been especially blessed; with a wife who loves and understands me, with a family who loves me for WHO I AM, with the grace of God Who has opened my mind, and most recently with the blessing of TRI-ESS in my life. I would like to share my blessings with all of my Sisters, and will attempt to do so through my association with you in the CHI DELTA MU Chapter activities and through this publication.

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So please. Won't you come a little closer to that open door and let those lovely feminine feelings show you the way to a more fulfilling life, not only for yourselves, but also for those who touch YOUR life. And do stop and smell the roses along the way. I'm afraid many of us miss much too much of the specialness in our lives through lack of sensitivity to our surroundings. Our's is a unique lifestyle and one in which we are exceptionally gifted. We need only to stop long enough to see the world, our lives, and those around us through the eyes and heart of the woman within. The rewards are innumerable! You see, our feelings really can show us more, if only we will accept that invitation to come a little closer.

(Thanks, Lee, for sharing your thoughts and feelings in a very lovely way, Ed.)

## GREETINGS

### Our Readers Write, and SKETCH !!!

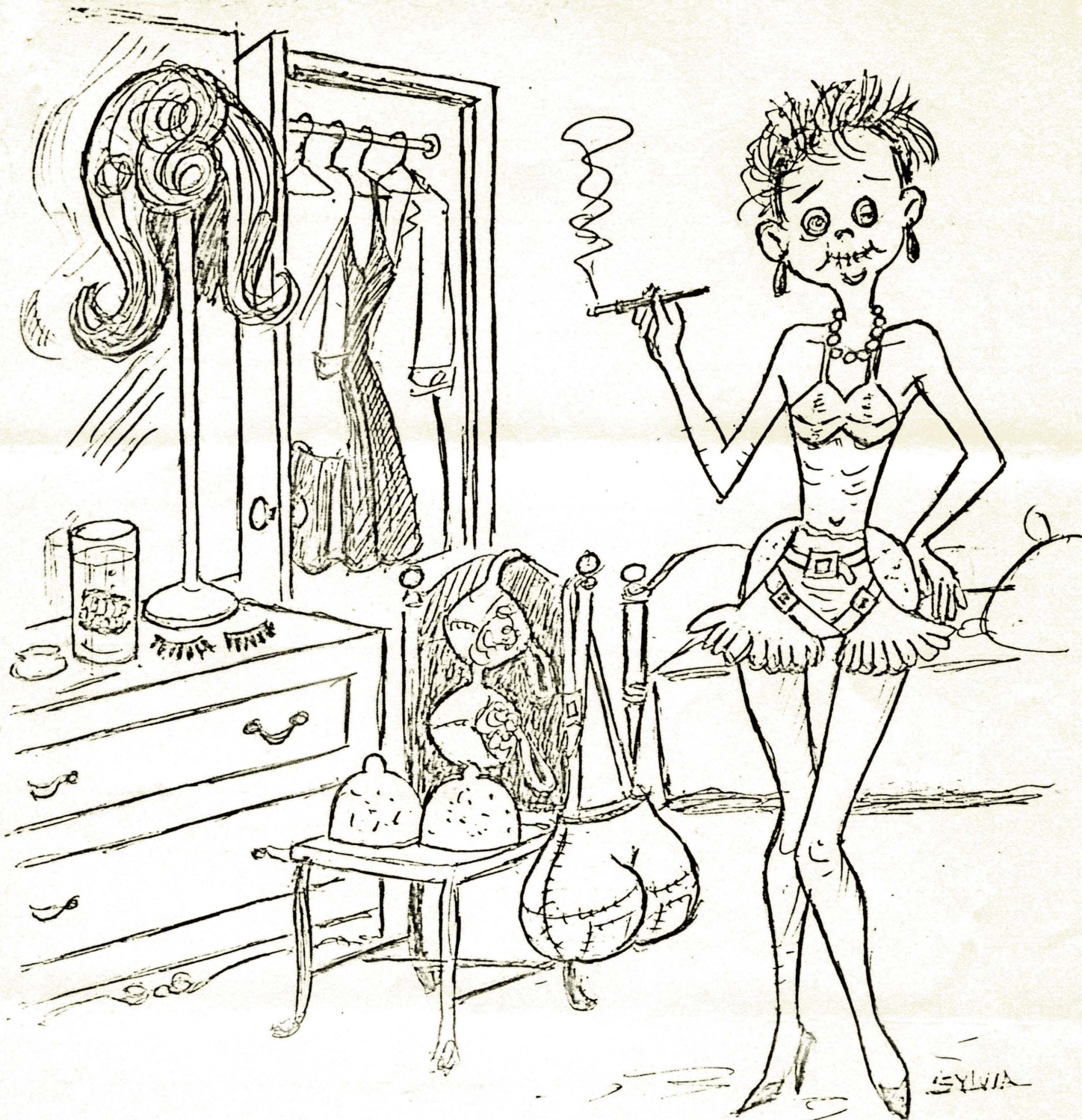
..."Be of good cheer. Our regards to all the Chi Delta Mu gang, and our great regret that we cannot meet with you. That really bothers us. Anyways, we are with you in spirit." (Connie, NY-25-N, and wife Jeanette)

..."Your newsletter certainly makes me most happy. To think that we have such an outstanding group of Sisters motivates me to continue pushing my work here at the TRI-ESS office...I do not remember if I have told you but we are in the process of incorporating TRI-ESS as a non-profit corporation. This will leave us open for grants and certain government monies. Who knows where we will end up?" (Carol Beecroft, National TRI-ESS Leader)

..."How fortunate you are to live where an active TRI-ESS Chapter exists. I'm working on it here (Kansas City), but not much interest among the few who are around here." (Julie Daniel, National Public Relations Director for TRI-ESS, and where was CHI DELTA MU just a year and a half ago? Ed.)

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..."I have not, as of today, received my copy of FEMME MIRROR, and it is a pleasure to contribute what I can to help. I will in the near future contribute a cartoon or two. Please understand, however, that I do not consider myself a cartoonist, it is only on occasion that I will get a funny mood on and so perpetrate what may be called cartoons. I am a serious artist. I do a lot of portrait work...and then daub some of the material as landscapes which I do not seem to be able to keep for too long before someone desires to purchase them." (Sylvia Kay, FCQ-1-K; thank you, Sylvia, for your contribution to O.S.J. We're honored! Ed.)



## Going Out

by Marlene (NY-314-B)

I always wanted to go out en femme with my girlfriend. About three weeks ago we did just that. It was a cold Monday. Monica, who is accepting of my being TV, made me up. She is wonderful at make-up. I wore a plaid skirt, a turtleneck sweater, and comfortable flat shoes. I had no coat so I borrowed one of her long down coats. At first it was bulky, but it is very warm after you wear it for a while.

It felt nice to drive in a skirt. It is more comfortable than wearing pants. When I paid the toll on the G. W. Bridge, the attendant said, "Thank you mam!" We were going to Paramus and to the shopping malls.

It was fun to shop and browse as two girls. Nobody paid us much attention. The best part was, of course, trying on the clothes "in person". This is the best way to shop. No problem about wrong size or fit. I found a very nice summer outfit that I will wear when it gets warmer. I was leary about using my charge card with my male name, so I paid cash for it. Back to the car for the rest of our day out.

We headed in the general direction of the N. J. coast. Our first stop was Sandy Hook. When we got to the park the guard said that only fishermen were allowed inside.

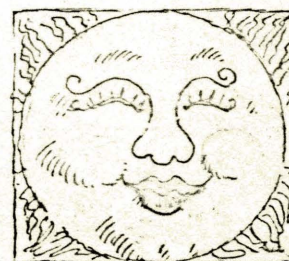
I always see Sandy Hook from the water when I go sailing, but I was never inside the National Park itself. We were disappointed.

We drove to Asbury Park. We wanted to go for a walk on the boardwalk, but we didn't. The town seemed to be made up of teenage rock and rollers, and we didn't want any trouble. We got out of there and drove to the Asbury Park circle. There is a good restaurant there, a pancake house.

Inside, we sat in a corner and ordered dinner. Same thing here, nobody paid much attention. After dinner my make-up needed touching up so I went to the ladies room. It was empty so I did the touching up. We ordered some coffee and then left. After I paid the check, the cashier said, "Thank you miss. Have a nice day."

Along the way home we stopped at a few supermarkets to do some last minute food shopping. There seemed to be only women here so passing was no problem. We got back to the car and started to drive home.

The day was a good experience. We really had fun going out as two girls. It has been a while since I was out en femme, but I may do it again this summer. We are talking about going to Philadelphia for a weekend. I can't wait for this!



**There's nothing like looking in the mirror  
and feeling great about what you see.**

In Case You Missed It

Editorial



**SHA NA NA  
WIGS OUT!**

A FALSETTO note is being sounded at the Westbury Music Fair these days, where three members of Sha Na Na are dragging their heels in a new Tootsie-role.

The rock group, which spoofs Golden-oldies of the '50s and '60s, will be decked out in female finery for one of the highlights of its four-day concert.

Lead singer John "Bowzer" Bauman (shown here being groomed by Joeko) describes the Shanettes as "three of the most dynamic and homely singers of the early '60s."

Fast Photo by Mary McLoughlin

N. Y. POST, 3/11/83

CHI DELTA MU is undergoing changes. Change in responsibilities, services provided to our Sisters, new programs, and organizational structure.

Change usually brings a feeling of unease and uncertainty. This is normal. These changes, or rather enhancements, are designed to make us a better Chapter, a better TRI-ESS Chapter.

We remain and will always remain dedicated to the goals and objectives of the Society for the Second Self, and the policies and practices of the Sorority in which we share our Sisterhood. These improvements will help us better meet the organization's goals and objectives, and to assist us in maintaining and promoting the National organization's policies and practices.

So, Sisters, rest assure that CHI DELTA MU was, is and always will be part of TRI-ESS.

We seek your help in our efforts to improve the Chapter even beyond what we have attained thus far in our short history.



Thank you Marlene for your "Going Out" piece; same for Lee. Remember this is YOUR newsletter!

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*Best  
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