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New Name: CROSSDR

NEW NAME AND NEW IMAGE
Chi Delta Mu newsletter now called TH
Special supplement, "OUR SPECIAL JOY", sent

The CHI DELTA MU newsletter has a new name as THE CROSSDRE
September issue. With a different format and change in publicatio
newsletter is serving a twofold purpose.

The first responsibility is to the chapter members. Timely accurate information in an enjoyable and readable style. (ADD)

The second goal of the newsletter is to further the purpose of the chapter: TO EDUCATE THE PUBLIC ABOUT CROSSDRESSING . (ADD)

The full publication will be issued five times a year. THE FALL ISSUE, HOLIDAY ISSUE, WINTER, SPRING AND SUMMER. target dates for mailout are: Nov.__, Feb.__, April__, June__,

Each month, between chapter meeting dates, the members will recieve a mailing with minutes, chapter business, photo's, events etc.

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The CROSSDRESSER is the newsletter of the Chi Delta Mu chapter of TRI-ESS. The Society for the Second Self (Tri-Ess) is a national organization for male, heterosexual crossdressers and families. Our chapter, CHI DELTA MU, covers the tri-state area and provides for it's members a way of managing crossdressing. The Chapter has discussion groups, socials, a library and referral system. For information write CHI DELTA MU, PO Box ###, Grand Central Sta., NY NY 100##

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CHI DELTA MU

CHI DELTA MU (CDM) can be described as a self help, support group for male, heterosexual crossdressers and families. CHI DELTA MU (CDM) is the tri-state chapter of The Society for the Second Self. CHI DELTA MU (CDM) provides for it's members (through meetings, discussion groups, socials, a library and referral system) a way to manage crossdressing in their lives. Because of the sensitive subject and nature of this organization, certain safeguards are utilized to avoid embarrasment. Code names and numbers, PO boxes, mail forwarding and codes of confidentiality are used to create a safe environment for members.

The stated purpose of the CHI DELTA MU is:

- To provide programs, speakers, services and socials,
- To provide safe opportunities for crossdressing,
- To provide assistance and support for alleviating domestic discord arising from crossdressing,
- To provide information on crossdressing to the public.

Membership is restricted. CDM is not an "open" group. Homosexual TV's, Bi- or fetish TV's and Transsexuals are referred to other groups. CDM makes no value judgement of open groups, but maintains a closed focus in order to better serve the needs of heterosexual crossdressers and their families

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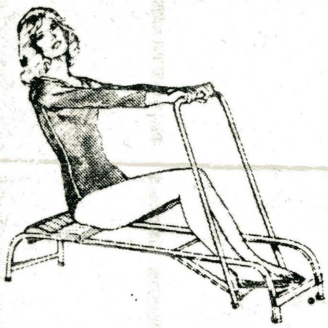
WATCH FOR NEW CHAPTER ADDRESS
IN NEXT ISSUE



WE'RE GETTING IN SHAPE FOR SEPTEMBER

... a few words about the changes

You've noticed our "incomplete" look. No, it's not the latest summer fashion. In order to produce a newsletter during the summer months, it's necessary to use this working model format as I, and the department editors, work out our system.

This issue is pretty bare-boned. In the next few issues, you will see flesh added to the skelton frame. I will try to tie up some of the loose ends Mary Jane identified as problems. I hope the bugs will work out and an "unveiling" will take place in the fall.

I hope you'll like the new-newsletter.

Thanks for your consideration.

Edie

ALTERATIONS

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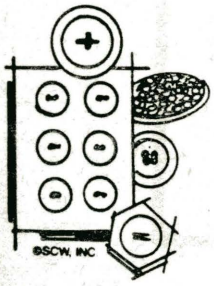
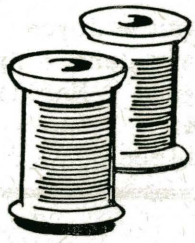
PROGRESS ...

Please bear with us.





BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES
JUNE 8, 1985 :: WESTCHESTER :: PRESIDING; MARY JANE

ITEM 1: ATTENDING.

Marty (Mary Jane, NY 1322 M) + Agnes
Lynda (NJ 1303 F) + Marilyn
Brandy (NY 1677 H) + Carol
Robin Ann (NY 1675 S) + Linda
Felicity (NY 1318 M) + Edith
Joann (NY 1816 M) + Terry
Frances (NJ 1289 B) + Bernice
Doreen (NJ 1608 T) + Cindy
Edie (NY 1558 G) + Kathy
Betty (NJ ____ S) + Liz
Jamie (NY ____ ?) + Deidre
Delores (NY new M) + Carol
Eric (NY new R) + Kathy
Tes (NY 1745 L)
Linda (NY new W, LI)
Vic (Vicky, NY new S)
Joann (NY 1635 S)
Elizabeth (NY 1763 T)
Camile (NY 1550 Mc)
Gayle Marie (NY 1794 S)
Linda (NJ 1598 S)
Judy (NY 1732 R)
Frances (NJ 1772 P)
Arlene (NY 1800 L)
Fran (NY 1610 B)
Yvonne (NY 1342 R)
Charlene (NY 1756 C)
Lisa (NJ new L)
Barbara (NY ____ F)
Janice (NJ ____ M)
Phil (Marlene, NY 1335 B)
Deidre (NY ____ D)
Genny (NY ____ S)
Michelle (NJ ____ S)

2. Marty (Mary Jane's brother) conducted the business meeting in the absence of President Patricia.
3. July meeting: A show of hands to indicate interest in a July meeting was requested. A sufficent number was obtained to schedule July 13 th in the usual Westchester location. IMPORTANT ! those planning to attend are asked to call the Chapter's Hotline (201-663-0772) and advise Lynda + Marilyn. IT IS IMPORTANT that we have a good attendance estimate before the meeting.
4. Budget: The proposed budget for 1985-86 was published in the newsletter and was available at the meeting for approval. No comment was made.
5. Spring Weekend: Mary Jane provided a brief report (attendee's list follows) Approval was requested and granted to book the weekend after Memorial Day 1986 (May 30 - June 1) for next year's Spring Weekend. Lynda and Marilyn will again chair. Betty volunteered to chair a Fall Weekend in the Poconos to be held after Labor Day (Sept.20-22nd). More on this in future newsletters. Yvonne asked that consideration be given to scheduling conflicts with other groups citing the Spring Weekend was held during another groups function in P-Town. Lynda said that the chapter didn't have too many weekends to choose from but will take conflicts into consideration.
6. Family Day: Mary Jane asked the members to support FAMILY DAY, AUG. 10 TH Harriman State Park. Watch for notices.
7. Locations are being sought for chapter meetings in New Jersey and Long Island. Anyone with a suggestion should contact a chapter officer.
8. Business meeting closed. The program for the night included a meaningful exchange of marriage vows by recently married Brandy and Carol. In the company of friends who share Brandy's 'special joy' the ceremony had special meaning for those who know what it is to love and accept each other.
9. Pink Elephant Sale: the second pink elephant sale followed.

$72 was collected. Great Buys !!!

ATTENDING SPRING WEEKEND 1985

Fran + Joyce	Robin Ann + Linda	Joann + Terry	Marge + Diane
Mary Jane + Agnes	Brandy + Carol	Dorothy + Bev	Betty + Liz
Lynda + Marilyn	Edie + Kathy	Camile	Charlene
Tes	Jane	Joan	Barbara
Arleen	Janice	Deirdre	Diane

Item Description	April	May
Opening balance	$1247.15	$1008.75
Receipts		
Dues renew	45.00	60.00
Dues new	35.00	10.00
Donations	20.00	15.00
Meeting fees	340.00	250.00
50/50	20.00	15.00
Total	460.00	350.00
Expenses		
Newsletter	173.11	194.49
Refreshments	120.71	135.72
Motel	193.16	184.44
Advertising	166.20	0
Library	45.22	0
Office supplies	0	8.88
Total	698.40	523.22
Closing balance	$1008.75	$835.22

JUNE TREASURER'S REPORT

OPENING BALANCE		$ 835.22
RECEIPTS		
Meeting Fees	$ 310.00	
50/50	21.00	
Pink Elephant	72.00	
Dues New	30.00	
Renewal	30.00	
*Special Event	2815.00	
	$ 3278.00	
EXPENSES		
Motel	$ 174.48	
Refreshments	112.09	
*Special Event	2621.03	
	$ 2907.60	
CLOSING BALANCE		$ 1205.62

* Special Event = SPRING WEEKEND

MEMBERSHIP REGISTER

Renewals

Arlene NY-1800-L
Jana NY-1299-T

New

Linda NY-new-W
Vickie NY-new-S

Welcome to our new sisters.

PRELIMINARY 1985-1986 BUDGET

Account Item	1984-85 Budget	1985-86 Budget	+ / - $	% Chg.
Receipts				
Dues Renewal	720	2130	1410	195.8
Dues New	805	1380	575	71.4
Donations	160	200	40	25.0
Meeting Fees	2560	4200	1640	64.1
Special Events	2900	4000	1100	37.9
50/50	175	250	75	42.9
Pink Elephant	175	250	75	42.9
Advertising	45	150	105	233.3
Total	7540	12560	5020	66.6
Expenses				
Postage	40	200	160	400.0
Newsletter	950	1700	750	78.9
Food	700	1000	300	42.9
Motel	1400	2000	600	42.9
Advertising	168	1100	932	554.8
Special Events	2900	4000	1100	37.9
Book Purchase	50	300	250	500.0
Office Supplies	25	200	175	600.0
Printing	50	260	210	420.0
Programs	150	1000	850	566.7
Telephone	0	350	350	-
Trans. Res.	1057	0	(1057)	-
Contingency	50	450	400	800.0
Total	7540	12560	5020	66.6

President's Desk
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Dear Sisters;

If I had to say what my fondest wish is it would be to somehow find the needed words to express the feelings that TRI-ESS and our Chapter, in particular, mean to my wife and me. Our feelings about the group reached a new level when we participated at Spring Weekend, and they grow deeper with each meeting and new contact/friend made. Given the limits of language I hope that this and future communications from me as Chapter President will convey, as best I can, these feelings of understanding, support and love.

The new Officers and I have discussed a number of important topics for the Chapter's continued development. Over the next several months you will see changes being made in a number of areas, all of which have as their objective the improvement of the Chapter. We seek your support, your suggestions, and your participation in the group. A lot has been done already, but the future holds even more and greater challenges -- AND opportunities, for us. A few people can't do all things, but a lot of people can do many, so becoming active in the Chapter not only helps others but ultimately helps yourself.

I'd like to make a special request of those of you who have never come to a meeting, or perhaps never even met another sister. My request is that you take a chance on us and get to meet us, and our families. Last year's Family Day started a tradition in the Chapter, one that I think will be built upon as the years go by. You have the opportunity to take that chance and come to Family Day '85 this August 10th. Sure, you're taking a chance and you may be scared stiff to do so. I know I felt that way not too many years ago. But what awaits you is a very special group of people, probably just like yourself. I have absolute confidence that you will not regret coming. There will be no crossdressing at Family Day. We have something wonderful here, something that can't be precisely put into words. Come and be a part of it and know what I mean!

My wife and I are looking forward to an exciting year. Working with you and those who are to join us is going to be an enrichment of a life's experience. I guess I once took a chance, and the payoff doesn't stop but grows bigger and bigger. As always, ENJOY!

SECRETARIAL SPACE

In this column you will find a summary of chapter secretarial activities. The bi-laws specifies three areas: Membership; Newsletter; and, Correspondence. Also, you will find updates on committees and items of relevance to business meetings.

Standardized Agenda for Business Meetings

CALL TO ORDER
OPENING - by President
Introductions
Agenda
Special Announcements
MINUTES - by Secretary
STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS
- by Committee Chair
SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORTS
- by Committee Chair
OLD BUSINESS
NEW BUSINESS
CLOSING

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NOTICED THERE ARE NO PHOTOS IN THIS ISSUE ? As part of the revision, we are trying a new system with photographs. Look for a special photo essay of recent events:
THE SPRING WEEKEND
BRANDY AND CAROL'S WEDDING
FAMILY DAY PICNIC

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The SPRING WEEKEND was GREAT !!!
Ask anyone (see minutes) who went . Watch for Summary with Photos. It was such a hit that a FALL WEEKEND is planned SEPT. 20 - 22 nd Betty is coordinating. Look for details in next issue.

EVENTS

BRANDY AND CAROL'S WEDDING - was an enjoyable and memorable event for those lucky enough to attend. Because of our special nature, we were present as a meaningful pledge of accepting and unselfish love was exchange by two wonderful people.

The second PINK ELEPHANT SALE raised $72. The activity in the dressing rooms and the number of shopping bags being filled indicates the PINK ELEPHANT SALE is a hit and will be a program regular in fall and spring. We are looking for a coordinator for this project.

The CHI DELTA MU - DISCUSSION GROUP held a meeting June 25th. with eleven people attending. Members, applicants and wives had a full and lively discussion on many topics. The enthusiasm for this activity was demonstrated by the setting of the next two meeting dates (JULY 20th,, AUG. 23rd) and the search for other locations.

Calendar

FOR THE SUMMER ...

July 13 CHAPTER MEETING - in Westchester, call chapter hotline (201-663-0772) to confirm you will attend.
July 20 CDM (LI) DISCUSSION GROUP - Tues. Eve. location TBA
Aug. 10 FAMILY DAY PICNIC Harriman State Park, See flyer.
Aug. 23 CDM (LI) DISCUSSION GROUP - Tues. Eve. location TBA
Sept 14 CHAPTER MEETING -
Sept 20 - Sept 22 FALL WEEKEND IN THE POCONOS

****** REMAINING DEPARTMENT DESCRIPTIONS ******

DEPARTMENT: LETTERS AND COMMENTS
DESCRIPTION: Our readers write and opinion-aires
LENGTH: Try to keep 1 page or less.
LAYOUT: Request typed letters and specified size.
FREQUENCY: Some letters for 5X issue of CROSSDRESSER, Very personal or or chapter business held for members-only supplement "OUR SPECIAL JOY"

DEPARTMENT: DR. ROGER PEO'S NOTEBOOK
DESCRIPTION: Dr. Peo, Ph.D - CDM's staff professional and member of it's referral committee - will continue his contribution. Roger is seeking ideas for articles from the general membership.
LENGTH & LAYOUT: Approx 1 page, up to Roger. FREQ: 5X

DEPARTMENT: WIVES AND FAMILIES
DESCRIPTION: a new feature addressing the issues of concern by the wives, girlfriends and families of members.
LENGTH: varies; 1 page or less, to start FREQ: 5X

DEPARTMENT: FOR NEW MEMBERS
DESCRIPTION: a feature aimed at making it easier for the new member to -- as the song from OLIVER says -- "... consider yourself, at home. "
LENGTH: 1 page or less to start FREQ: 5X

DEPARTMENT: A VIEW FROM THE CLOSET
DESCRIPTION: a regular feature from assoc. editor Edith Marie. Not only for those who are still "there", but aimed at all readers in order to give insight into the problems, pain & heartache of the "undisclosed" crossdresser.
LENGTH: varies. format, layout & graphics by EM. FREQ: 5X

DEPARTMENT: HELP WANTED
DESCRIPTION: A series of help wanted boxes describing the needed help in our chapter. Funny and humorous but serious undertone.
Good way to let it be known there are jobs to be done and who to see.
GRAPICS: headlines and boxes FREQ: 5X and as fill

DEPARTMENT: CDM BUYERS GUIDE (another name - SPONSOR SHEET)
DESCRIPTION: A regional version of the TRI-ÉSS national guide plus our local advertisers with both line listings and business card size.
FREQ: Every issue to members only.
LAYOUT: Paid sponsors get business card size and line listing.
reduced copy of national, rotated by areas. 1 month NJ, 1 month NY etc.

DEPARTMENT: JUST FOR THE JOY OF IT
DESCRIPTION: The Humor Dept.,"PAGE 6" style, Dianne Hits, Funnies, Jokes
Aimed at attitude - it' ok to laugh, we don't have to take CD too serious
GRAPHICS: Layout as content develops. FREQ: 5X & fill for OSJ

DEPARTMENT: LIBRARY TOUR
DESCRIPTION: Reviews, Descriptions and discussions of library holdings.
LENGTH AND FREQUENCY: Page or less each issue of CROSSDRESSER (5X)

DEPARTMENT: T.V. NEWS
DESCRIPTION: News items, Facts, Human Interest Items and current events in crossdressing. National and other TRI-ESS chapter news.
LENGTH: Varies (# of items, pages) FREQ: 5X and fill OSJ