

Our Special Day



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A W A R D

W I N N E R S . . .



(photo: Dorothy & Ed (Eve))

LARGEST MEETING EVER !!

Forty-six crossdressers, wives, girlfriends, family and friends came to the March Chapter meeting. That's a record! Thank you and all who made sure we enjoyed ourselves.

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If you haven't been to a meeting yet, please give it some serious thought. We all were "first timers" once, and are more than ready to make you and your loved one warmly welcomed to the group.

...attending the March 9th meeting in New Jersey were! (seated, left-right) Lynda (NJ-1303-F), Dorothy (NJ-1286-G), Frances (NJ-1772-P), Felicity (NY-1318-M), Camile (NY-1550-Mc), Charlene Ann (NY-1756-C), Jane (NJ-1308-T), and Frances (NJ-1289-B); (second row) Renata (CT-1116-W), Janice (NJ-M), Arleen (NY-1800-L), Linda (NJ-1598-S), Vikki (NJ-1599-M), Patricia (CT-1113-G), Joann (NY-M, Queens), Robin Ann (NY-1675-S), Gayle Marie (NY-1794-S), and Betty (NJ-S); (third row) Doreen (NJ-1608-T), Eileen (NY-1317-J), Marlene (NY-1335-B), Edie (NY-1558-G), Mary Jane (NY-1322-M), Kimberly (NY-1746-V), Deidre (NY-D), and Fran (NY-1610-B).

Not included in the picture were! Edith wife of Felicity, Millie girlfriend of Jane, Bernice wife of Frances (NJ-B), Marilyn wife of Lynda, Joan (NY-1316-F), Liz wife of Betty and Betty's sister-in-law Pat, Brandy (NY-1677-H) and bride Carol, Kathy wife of Edie, Ed (Eve, NY-1676-H) and wife Valerie and friend Paula, Barbara (NY-F), Linda girlfriend of Robin Ann, Bev wife of Dorothy, Priscilla wife of Eileen, Cindy girlfriend of Doreen, Caroline sister of Renata, and Kay girlfriend of Vikki.

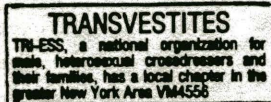
WHAT'S GOING ON

SMOKING BAN VOTED...

...The majority of the membership attending the March meeting voted 18 YES, 12 NO to prohibit smoking in the Conference Room. No hours of permitted puffing were included in the motion. Smoking is permitted outside of the Conference Room, and for now in the Changing Room. Those who smoke are asked to please comply with this decision, as it will make the meeting more pleasant for everyone. Thank you.

VOICE AD BRINGS RESULTS...

...Edie reports that responses are being received as a result of the Chapter's ad campaign in the VILLAGE VOICE. The GALs are playing a key role in this project by contacting those who inquire, and providing both the Chapter's brochure and the National's. The ad will run through the 3rd week



of April, and depending on its effectiveness, may be published throughout the year. Both Edie and the GALs deserve the Chapter's sincere thanks for the effort they are making; those who find us because of the ad will certainly be thankful...As a result of this promotion work, the Chapter can expect larger than usual attendance on the part of these new sisters in the months to come. The membership's warm hospitality and understanding of what it means to be a "newcomer" will surely make these folks and their wives/girlfriends welcome to our meeting.

FAMILY DAY COMMITTEE CREATED...

...No decision was made at the meeting to reschedule Family Day '85, which was tentatively set for the Saturday of Labor Day Weekend in Greenwich, Connecticut. Many felt that this was a bad jay for traveling. As the time availability of the Greenwich site was limited, it was suggested that another convenient spot be found, perhaps in the Staten Island area. A Family Day '85 Committee consisting of Joann (NY-M, Queens), Marlene, Barbara (NY-F), Janice

and Dorothy was formed with the purpose of finding a location for this event and to pick a date. The committee will report to the membership on these matters at the April meeting...Still needed are people willing to work to make Family Day '85 that special time we want it to be. As wives, girlfriends, female relatives and friends are members of the Chapter too, their participation in the effort that must be made to produce a successful event is not only wanted but very much desired. If interested in helping, contact one of the Chapter's Officers.

NEW MEETING SITE FOR NEW JERSEY...

...Betty, Lynda and wife Marilyn have found larger quarters for us in New Jersey. The motel is more centrally located and provides better traveling time for those coming from South/Mid New Jersey and the City and Long Island. Management has been briefed on us and no problem there. The new site is a very nice one with all conveniences. Special rates of \$45/person/night have been obtained if you want to stay over; make sure the management knows that you are with the TRI-ESS group...Chapter practice is not to reveal the motel's location in the newsletter. If you do not know the location, contact your GAL. GALGUIDE has been sent out with details concerning the motel's location with directions...Larger attendance requires a new spot for us to meet in Westchester, and sisters from that area are asked to check on potential meeting locations. Long Island is prime for a meeting and should be likewise investigated...Thanks to all who have and will take the time for the Chapter to provide this most important ingredient for a successful meeting...The next meeting in New Jersey, at the new location, will be on May 11th. The April 13th meeting will take place at the usual place in Westchester.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS...

...For President! Lynda and Mary Jane; Vice President! Fran; Secretary! no recommendation; Treasurer! Jane and Dorothy. The Committee strongly suggests that the Chapter's By-Laws be reviewed by the new officers and interested

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members...Nominations for office will be heard from the floor at the April meeting. A ballot will be mailed to eligible members (current on Chapter dues and National membership), after all nominations have been made at the next meeting. Elections will take place at the May meeting; mail ballots will be accepted if received in time prior to the May meeting (more instructions next month)...The Chapter thanks those who served on the Nominating Committee for their work.

EDUCATIONAL TV A NO-SHOW...

...Channel 13 representatives of the program "Innovation" did not come to the March meeting. According to Publicity Chair Eileen, these folks are interested in TRI-ESS and the Chapter. Telling our "story" requires more than a five-minute segment of a program on gender identity. As expressed by several members, if media people are at least aware of TRI-ESS much progress is made. With the Chapter as a source (resource) for potential programs, the opportunity for influential shows like "Innovation" to eliminate a great amount of ignorance in society is certainly there. As members we would benefit; these representatives are always welcome to come to the meeting, and a letter has been sent to WNET expressing these points.

NATIONAL DUES POLICY CLARIFIED...

...The following comments from Donna Martin, National Membership Director, are provided on this matter:

"Over the years, the renewal dues have varied in amount (and at one time were actually \$30). However, as a non-profit organization, we attempt to keep our dues to a realistic amount based upon our actual expenses and will adjust our dues (up or down) periodically as may be required. The current \$25 renewal fee has been in effect for approximately four years, and is listed at least once each year in the FEMME MIRROR...Although each National member now receives an annual dues renewal notice from me indicating the current fee, many recognize how closely we hold the line between renewal fees and expenses and enclose an additional donation. While neither requested or required, such donations are always appreciated!...The entry fee for NEW Sorority members is currently \$30. This fee includes one

It is with deep sorrow that the membership must be advised of the death of our sister, Joann (NY-Mc, Suffolk). Joann, whose story was in last month's newsletter under "Early Memories", dies suddenly in early March. No additional information is available at this time. Ed.

year's dues of \$25, plus \$5 'initiation' which covers our start-up costs in establishing a new membership record, expense of a variety of printed materials sent to new members, plus a minimum \$2.40 postage charge for the initial new member mailing; this just about takes care of the \$5. As I am sure that you know, through association with the publication of OSJ, the paper, envelopes, printing costs, and postage will eat up a good 'chunk' of any member's dues! So, if CHI DELTA MU processes a NEW member, their fee is \$30. But, if you transmit any renewals, the current fee is \$25. I hope that this clears up your confusion."

Thank you Donna for this clarification.

LAST SATURDAY MEETING PUBLICITY DISPUTED...

...Lynda advised those attending the March gathering that a meeting has started on the last Saturday of the month in New Jersey for those interested in attending. This meeting is not a TRI-ESS meeting, and is "opened" to all crossdressers: heterosexual, gay, bi, etc. Lynda said that most of the folks who come to this meeting are Chapter members, and that the only requirement is that everyone behave like a lady. Lynda objected to your Editor's resistance to publicize this activity in the newsletter. My position is that O. S. J. is for the Chapter and should only publicize Chapter activities and those of the National and other TRI-ESS Chapters. Some confusion developed when one attendee referred to this group as a "branch" of TRI-ESS. A vote was taken on publicizing the Last Saturday Group activities and a large majority of those attending the meeting voted that it should be published (how about the feelings of those who didn't attend the meeting?).

"Some of our sisters have formed a new group that will be meeting in the Edison area in New

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Jersey. These meetings will take place on the last Saturday of the month and are open to all TRI-ESS members. Please be aware that this is an OPEN group for ALL CROSSDRESSERS. Everyone attending except for the people now going to our meetings will have to be interviewed by an existing member. It will be non-sexual and the code of conduct is that of a lady and gentleman. If you would like to attend please phone Lynda at 201-663-0772." (Lynda)

Etc...

...Thanks to our hostesses Lynda, Marilyn and Fran, and to all others who helped make the March meeting very enjoyable. If you would like to help hostess a meeting we definitely need your assistance. Try to come to April's meeting early and see Fran and Renata who will show you what must be done...A camera was left in the Conference Room and if anyone found it please contact Lynda on the Hotline, her P. O. Box, or see her at the April meeting. A hairbrush was left on the television in the Changing Room and the owner may claim it by seeing your Secretary/Editor...All who helped in the Library Card Program are thanked for their efforts. This is the only publicity chore we ask all sisters to help with, and you can be sure that those who find us because of your concern will be forever thankful...Betty made the icing and Liz made the cake, the rest of the attendees thoroughly enjoyed their delicious creation. Millie, girlfriend of Jane, provided a huge bowl of lobster salad and it was rumored that some members clawed their way back for seconds and

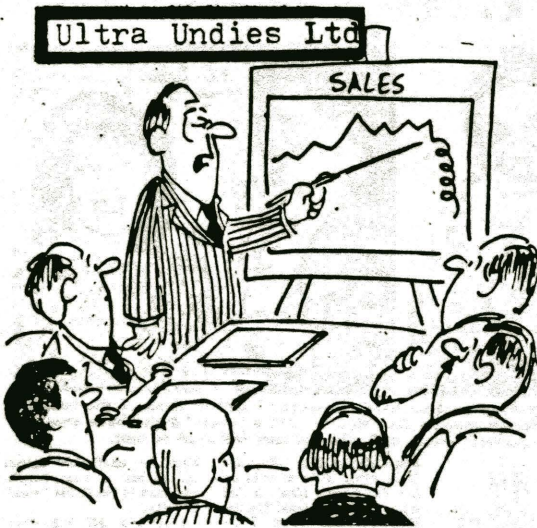


thensome. Felicity and Edith provided goodies, and there were others who did the same. Thanks to all for your desire that the evening be successful...Wives, girlfriends and female relatives and friends met in a room provided by Camile...Millie had a varied selection of jewelry for sale; see you in the Fall, Millie...If you still are interested in attending the Spring Weekend in the Poconos (May 31st, June 1 & 2nd),

and have not yet made a deposit (\$50/person, total cost of \$90/person), contact Chapter Treasurer Lynda...The March 50/50 was won by Felicity. This gracious lady returned \$16.50 to the Treasury and kept the \$1.00 she spent on tickets, for she happened to pick her own number!...Those of you who have received Edie's BRAS (no, she doesn't own a store), know that the NYC/LI area sisters have a number of activities in the planning stages: rap sessions, meeting potential members resulting from the VOICE ad, and locating a spot for a Chapter meeting. Edie's Brief Report for Area Sisters (BRAS), is an excellent way to ensure that sisters covered by a GAL (Geographic Area Leader), all know what's happening for them. With Chapter growth this communications method becomes even more important. Great! The purpose of the seminar/support group is to share information about crossdressing and to discuss problems crossdressing caused or is causing. These matters are often discussed at the Chapter meeting, but the time passes so quickly that much more could be said...All GALs are encouraged to hold dressed or non-dressed get-togethers in their area to talk about our common interests.

To laugh is to risk appearing a fool.
To weep is to risk appearing sentimental.
To reach out for another is to risk involvement.
To expose feelings is to risk exposing your true self.
To place your ideas, your dreams before the crowd is to risk their loss.
To love is to risk not being loved in return.
To live is to risk dying.
To hope is to risk despair.
To try is to risk failure.
But risks must be taken because the greatest hazard in life is to risk nothing. The person who risks nothing does nothing, has nothing, is nothing. He may avoid suffering and sorrow, but he simply cannot learn, feel, change, grow, love...live.
Chained by certitudes, he is a slave; he has forfeited freedom. Only a person who risks is free.

by Roger E. Peo, PhD



"...and then we dropped our line in military base exchanges, and..."

O.S.I. 3/82



Question: I like to wear women's clothes but I have no desire to interact with males when I am cross-dressed. I have read several articles that seem to connect cross-dressing with homosexuality. Am I gay and just do not know it?

Answer: One of the most common misunderstandings about cross-dressing is that if you dress like a woman, then you MUST have all the same feelings as a woman. We all carry in our heads a collection of concepts that define for us the appropriate behaviors for men and women. When we see a person who appears to be a woman or who does things that are associated with women, we attach to that person ALL the behaviors that are appropriate to women in this society. Just because a cross-dresser wears women's clothes does not mean that he has the same motivations and feelings as a woman. Since most women prefer men as sexual partners, there can be an assumption that a male who likes to wear women's clothes must also want a male as a sexual partner. Also, there have been things written about "latent homosexuality" which simply meant that you were gay and didn't know it!!!! Current information has shown that people who are gay are fully aware of it and often at an early age. As for cross-dressers, the best information available indicates that more than 90% of them prefer women as sexual partners. So if you are the typical cross-dresser you are most probably not gay, for if you were you would be aware of it.

One other thing — there appears to be a hidden concern in your question — it seems that you may be thinking that being homosexual is bad. There is nothing wrong in choosing persons of the same sex for sexual partners. If there is a loving, caring relationship between the two people, the type of genitalia each person has is immaterial. The major problem that most gay people have is rejection by judgemental people who do not understand the gay lifestyle.

Question: I would like to take female hormones. Is this dangerous?

Answer: It is most assuredly dangerous even if you are under a physician's care. There are two different kinds of effects — physical and psychological. Physically, taking female hormones can cause many undesirable side-effects, even in women. Birth control pills (female hormones) effect every organ in the body. (One thing that is particularly dangerous is taking your wife's birth control pills. These are prescribed for her particular situation and may be very wrong for you.) If a person has had liver problems, high blood pressure, diabetes and many other diseases, they are often not used, because they can aggravate the condition. In males, female hormones also reduce male hormone production and action. [Female hormones may slow balding but will not grow hair nor reduce body/facial hair, nor will they change a masculine voice to a feminine one.] Since the body's hormone system has many interrelated actions, the radical changing of one component can change other (non-sexual) hormone levels. These changes may result in psychological changes in addition to the desired physical changes (such as breast growth). The psychological changes may include such things as reduced sex drive and general apathy. In addition, there is the social aspect — how does one explain increased breast growth and loss of muscle tissue? In sum, the 'benefits' of taking the female hormones can be more than cancelled by the negative side-effects, so for the average cross-dresser, taking female hormones is not a good idea.

If you have a question for Dr. Peo, write him at P.O. Box 4887; Poughkeepsie, NY 12602. All correspondence is kept strictly confidential.

PROGRAMS & MEETINGS

Date & Location	Program
April 13, Westchester	A. Kane, Outreach Institute, Boston MA.
May 11, New Jersey*	Brandy & Carol's Wedding
June 8, Westchester	Pink Elephant

* new location

Quick study gets 'A' for Learning Annex



"Tootsie," starring Dustin Hoffman, was the most-watched film on HBO in '84.

By BERNARD BARD
BILL Zanker's life-crisis came when he was 27 and still a student (film-making.) His father said he was an academic bum and he was through supporting him.

"Get a job," commanded Zanker senior.

But school was all Zanker knew, so he began to think — maybe he could start his own school. He believed many courses were too long and too costly.

He polled classmates at the New School, found a ready market for quickie, cheapie courses, and plenty of instructors too.

So Zanker went to the bank, took out \$5000 in bar mitzvah money, opened an office, and found a printer willing to give him 30 days credit to run off catalogs.

That was the start of the Learning Annex, which offers pop-ed courses in a sort of "Yuppie U." A sampling: *How to Find a Lover*, *How to Start a Business*, *Photographing the Nude* (too many students showed up without cameras) *Tax Shelters for the Middle Class*, *Skydiving This Thighs*, *Success Now — Why Wait!*

Zanker started in 1980 as a one-man show. He put on



Bill Zanker (left) graduated from "academic bum" to dean of the Learning Annex by offering courses like "How to Find a Lover." Enthusiastic students, Elizabeth Henon and John Gorman, will drink to that.



clown's white-face to hand out catalogs at Grand Central, dashed to his office to answer phones.

Today he has a \$2 million business, with branches in Atlanta, Pittsburgh and Dallas.

Last summer he sold a third of the business for \$3 million on the over-the-counter market.

Last week, he acquired a Washington, D.C., adult education school — Open University — which is expected to increase revenues by \$1.2 million this year. The purchase price was not disclosed.

Zanker also reported a \$44,000 loss for the last quarter of 1984. He attributed this to startup costs in Atlanta and Chicago.

Zanker's curriculum is limited only by demand: *201 Ways to Moonlight with your Computer*, *How to*

Tend Great Bar, *Hot Air Ballooning*, *How to Win on the Telephone*, *How to Get Accepted to Medical School*, *What to do when Your Barmitz is on Vacation*.

"We're the McDonald's of Education," says Zanker. "We offer quick, inexpensive courses." Most run three to six hours, cost under \$150.

"No course is too crazy," he says. "What's out today could be hot tomorrow." For instance, Zanker rejected "cross-dressing" (men dressing as women, and vice-versa) a few years ago, but is offering it in March. The Boy George phenomenon boomed registration.

Zanker struck out, however, with a course in herpes. "We couldn't sell it at all," says Zanker. "Maybe people were too embarrassed to sign up. But it might go as a videotape or book. We'll give it a try."

Zanker, 30, enrolls 26,000 students a year. He grew up in Teaneck, took Middle Eastern Studies at Hebrew University in Jerusalem. He came home to study

film — until his father called him a bum, inspiring him to start his "Funiversity."

But it's all high-tech. Every registration is computer-coded to tell in an instant if it came off a mailing list, a catalog handed out on a subway or a retail store.

Every student's history is in the computer, "so we know how much he spent and what was the last course he took. That way we know when to hit him up again. If he took basic photography, we send a letter six months later that it's time for Level II."

Zanker is a bachelor. He lives in a two-room apartment on Central Park West at 100th Street. He takes some of his own courses.

"A marketing expert wanted \$5000 for a day's consulting," he said. "Instead I suggested he give a course, for the publicity and feedback business he'd get from students. He agreed. I went to all five classes and learned a lot. And I made money on the course instead of laying out \$5000."

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Thanks, Dorothy

Thanks, Diane



THE ROYAL T-SHIRT



The story is told that Edward III danced with a countess and then donned the garter she had dropped. The quiet demur of his courtiers to this article of clothing upon the royal person elicited the king's scornful reply *Honi soit qui mal y pense* ("Shamed be he who thinks ill of it") — an extremely regal way of saying, "To hell with anyone who doesn't approve of me." A royal blue, all cotton shirt imprinted in white. Available in adult sizes: Small (34-36), Medium (38-40), Large (42-44), and Extra Large (46).

\$9.95

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- F—QUEEN'S ANGEL: Likely repeater from Dom Imprescia.
- C—LANTANA LADY: Just missed as favorite.
- K—SCORCHED PANT-IES: Won last two on flat; danger if in. Leasbot: Trinidad

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DIVINE fans take note: Your favorite heroine-herc will be one of the biggest stars in Alan Rudolph's next, *Trouble in Mind*. Divine joins Kris Kristofferson, Keith Carradine, Lori Singer, and Genevieve Bujold in this contemporary flick. Rudolph also wrote the screenplay.

Our Readers Write

"Thanks for your quick reply and gracious cooperation with my request for my subscription to OUR SPECIAL JOY. The January issue was most superb and reflected some of the 'femme' items which I am striving for, i.e., the use of flowers on several pages..." Elizabeth Anne (IL-1198-C)

"I am having the printer make up 250 brochures for your advertising campaign. As soon as they are done, I will send them to you...Otherwise, I hope that you are successful...You have a wonderful chapter there in New York City. I'm so proud of it." Carol Beecroft, National Leader

"I just had to drop you a note and thank you for your effort in getting the Western Edition of OUR SPECIAL JOY to us sisters out here in the Boonies...I am reading the list of names of sisters that attended the February Chapter meeting. I saw several that I have written welcome letters to. I am so pleased that they are enjoying their femme selves to the fullest, and can enjoy the company of their sisters...Hopefully enough sisters will contact Hazel (who is trying to get a meeting established in the western part of New York State - Ed.), so that we can enjoy a TRI-ESS chapter in this part of the state. Wouldn't that be great!!!" Trena Marie (NY-1341-M)

WHAT WOULD YOU SAY TO A MEMBER (OR WIFE), WHO IS AFRAID TO COME TO A CHAPTER MEETING ?

"Perhaps the new member shouldn't dress at the first meeting. They should meet people; look beyond the clothing. You would be more comfortable at the next meeting when you did dress; it would be an easier transition." Carol, bride of Brandy

"You have nothing to lose and everything to gain. All are concerned about security. It's a big step, the first step, but the first step is always the hardest." Liz, wife of Betty

"Those who attend have been apprehensive about doing so. However, in gathering our feelings about crossdressing, one initial brave step is all it takes." Charlene Ann

"(To a wife/girlfriend)...your fear is very understandable. Weighed against this is greater understanding of your loved one's situation that you will get by coming." Edie

"Everyone has freedom of expression. Being crossdressers is part of our personality. Our personality being heterosexual, we know where we are, who we are, and one should have no fear of expressing their emotions. The wife of a husband, with her support, can lighten their lives tenfold." Joann (NY-M, Queens)

If you have a question you'd like to see asked at a meeting, send it on to your Editor. Thanks.

Spring

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President's Desk

"All Chapter members who are NOT National members will not be allowed to renew their Chapter membership. New members have a two month grace period to join the National." This policy of the Chapter had not been enforced as it should have been; all were advised of this when they joined. For your information the Pledge is provided below.



MEMBERSHIP PLEDGE & AGREEMENT

I understand the purpose of The Society For The Second Self to be the assistance of its members in developing understanding, acceptance and psychological growth in the realm of my expression of the feminine side of my personality. I pledge to assist in the dissemination of information about crossdressing to the public so as to increase general awareness of this subject I further agree!

1. To do my part in passing on what knowledge and understanding I can to those not so fortunate or as developed as myself.
2. To assist my Sorority sisters in handling their crossdressing related problems and to devote my energy to such problems when requested.
3. To take part in programs, when possible, and to actively contribute my talents towards making the Sorority a successful organization - psychologically, socially and therapeutically.

4. To recognize that information about Sorority sisters (real names and addresses), is theirs to give voluntarily. If such information is given to me I will keep it most confidential.

5. To keep national headquarters informed of behavior and activities which are against the best interests of the organization. I understand that my membership will be revoked if found guilty of conduct unbecoming a sister of The Society For The Second Self.

6. It is further understood that the personal information revealed in order to gain membership into the Society will not be revealed to any other than the officers of the organization and only then when needed for mailing purposes, etc.

In seeking membership I acknowledge that I believe in the full expression of my personality, both masculine and feminine.

Carol Beecroft
P. O. Box 194
Tulare, California 93275



Understanding and agreeing to the above, I am

Real Name _____

Real Address _____

SEND TO

Name & Address to be used for mailing purposes

Femme Name _____

TREASURY & FINANCE

New members joining the Chapter were Frances (NJ-1772-P), Elizabeth (NY-1763-T), Gayle Marie (NY-1794-S), Janete (NM-1633-D), and Elizabeth Ann (IL-1198-C). Renewing her dues was Edith Marie. New National members of the Chapter are Arlene (NY-1800-L), and Gayle Marie (NY-1794-S). A warm welcome to us and thank you for your financial support by joining/renewing your association with TRI-ESS and CHI DELTA MU.

The March 31st Quarterly Report is found in Statement 2. Based upon nine months experience with the Chapter's first budget, revisions are in order and are presented in Statement 3.

Dues payable for the balance of the fiscal year which ends June 30th are:

APRIL: Claire (NY-1324-S), Diana (NJ-1311-L), Diane (NY-1674-R), Renee (NJ-1587-P), and Suzie (NJ-G);

JUNE: Ann (NY-1688-J), Arlene (NY-1800-L), Barbara (NY-F), and JoAnne (NY-Y).

The Chapter's records indicate that the following sisters have not paid dues which were to be renewed in:

JANUARY: Jana (NJ-304-T), and Sylvia Kay (PCPQ-1523-K);

FEBRUARY: Connie (NY-1320-N), Jamie (NY-1609-M), and Nora Helene;

MARCH: Andria (VA-1304-H), Elizabeth (NY-D), JoAnn (NY-1635-S), JoAnn (CT-1602-U), Robin Ann (NY-1675-S), Wilma (NJ-1296-Y), and Vyonne (NY-1342-R).

Should you have any questions concerning your dues payment, please contact our Treasurer, Lynda.



I. FEBRUARY & MARCH MONTHLY STATEMENTS

Item Description	February	March
Beginning Balance	1208.72	1349.63
Receipts		
Dues Renewal	15.00	15.00
Dues New	75.00	105.00
Donations	9.00 (a)	46.50 (b)
50/50	17.50	17.50
Meeting Fees	250.00	280.00
Advertising	0	15.00
Total	366.50	479.00
Expenses		
Motel	143.16	130.38
Food	82.43	60.00
Advertising	0	168.00
Newsletter	0	208.40
Office Supplies	0	14.70
Total	225.59	581.48
Ending Balance	1349.63	1247.15

a Millie
b Felicity (\$16.50), Millie (\$10.00), Tapestry (\$20.00)

Keeping current on your dues is important to the Chapter's existence and growth. Although you may not come to a meeting, the use of the Chapter Library, our Hotline, the newsletter, and the ready support of your sisters should you need it, and the help our wives/girlfriends group provides, all are well-worth your \$15 annual dues. Who can put a price tag on many of these benefits?

Several major revisions are needed in the current budget to reflect experience to-date and anticipated events (see Statement 3). Upward revisions in receipts and expenses are necessary for Special Events (Spring Weekend), Newsletter, Meeting Fees, and other items. The expense item Transfer Res. (Transfer to Reserves), is a balancing figure, yet an important one. When prepared, the current budget planned for a

2. QUARTERLY BUDGET STATUS REPORT (July-March)

Account Item	Current Budget Amount	Realized/Spent 3/31: \$ / %	
Receipts			
Dues Renewal	870	485.00	46.6
Dues New	675	430.00	63.7
Donations	250	110.50	44.2
Meeting Fees	2100	1660.00	79.0
Special Events*	1250	155.75	12.5
50/50	100	106.75	106.8
Pink Elephant	175	90.25	51.6
Advertising	0	15.00	-
Total	5420	2973.25	54.9
Expenses			
Postage	50	27.12	54.2
Newsletter	750	639.30	85.2
Food	600	443.65	73.9
Motel	1300	915.21	70.4
Advertising	300	168.00	56.0
Hostess Gift	20	0	0
Special Events*	1250	283.33	22.7
Book Purchase	150	0	0
Office Supplies	50	14.70	29.4
Printing	200	0	0
Programs	150	0	0
Trans. Res.	400	0	0
Contingency	200	0	0
Total	5420	2491.31	46.0

* Spring Weekend receipts/expenses to be listed after the Weekend; reflects Family Day '84 program

surplus of \$400 to be transferred to those of prior years to build up a "nest egg" for the Chapter. The July 1, 1984 opening balance of the 1984-85 year was \$745.21; should the proposed revisions to the current budget accurately anticipate actual experience, the Chapter would have a substantial "nest egg" on hand to begin the new year!

Opening balance 7/1/84: \$745.21
 Estimated surplus 84/5: 1057.00
 Available for new year: 1802.21

It is recommended that an investment policy for the Chapter be developed for these funds. Approval of these recommended revisions will be requested of the members at the April meeting.

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3. LAST QUARTER BUDGET REVISIONS

Account Item	Current Budget	Proposed Revision	+ / - \$
Receipts			
Dues Renewal	870	720	(150)
Dues New	675	805	130
Donations	250	160	(90)
Meeting Fees	2100	2560	460
Special Events	1250	2900	1650
50/50	100	175	75
Pink Elephant	175	175	0
Advertising	0	45	45
Total	5420	7540	2120
Expenses			
Postage	50	40	(10)
Newsletter	750	950	200
Food	600	700	100
Motel	1300	1400	100
Advertising	300	168	(132)
Hostess Gift	20	0	(20)
Special Events	1250	2900	1650
Book Purchase	150	50	(100)
Office Supplies	50	25	(25)
Printing	200	50	(150)
Programs	150	150	0
Trans. Res.	400	1057	657
Contingency	200	50	(150)
Total	5420	7540	2120

SPRING WEEKEND UPDATE...

Those sisters, wives or girlfriends who have made deposits on this event are:

* Jane, Barbara (NY-F), Charlene Ann, Camile, Arlene and Janice (\$50 deposit);

* Fran, Dorothy, Lynda, Brandy, Joann (NY-M, Queens), Mary Jane and Robin Ann (\$100 deposit);

* Tes (\$90 paid in full)

Total received in the Weekend Account is \$1090.

Statement 4 presents the Preliminary 1985-86 budget for the Chapter with a comparison to that for the 1984-85 year, as recommended to be revised.

4. 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

* 1984-85 as revised in Statement 3

The budget for next year calls for no increase in the annual dues for Chapter membership (\$15/year), and no increase in the Meeting Fee (\$10, including your wife/girlfriend). Increases in categories such as Newsletter, Programs, Special Events, etc., reflect continued, anticipated growth in the numbers of Chapter members and, of course, the vast majority of current members renewing their membership next year.

Experience has been that Meeting Fees cover the cost of food and motel rooms, with a small amount left over; your annual dues likewise cover the cost of the newsletter, with a small amount remaining. These monies which are left after the cost of the meeting and newsletter is paid, plus those which are generated by the 50/50, Pink Elephant, Donations, etc., are use for Programs, Advertising, Book Purchase, and other purposes.

No change in dues payable month is reflected,



although a few members feel that all dues should be paid in the same month (i.e., January). This matter will be pursued if enough interest is expressed by the membership to make this change.

The elimination of any funds for the Transfer Res. reflects the projected \$1802 "nest egg" anticipated to be rolled into 1985-86 from the current and prior years' operations. Surpluses are not programmed for 1985-86; these monies which would have been "transferred to reserves", are deployed to Programs, Advertising, etc. Special Events such as Family Day and Spring Weekend are planned to be break-even affairs (i.e., fees collected cover expenses incurred). Those of you who cannot make these events will therefore not subsidize them if all goes according to the financial plan.

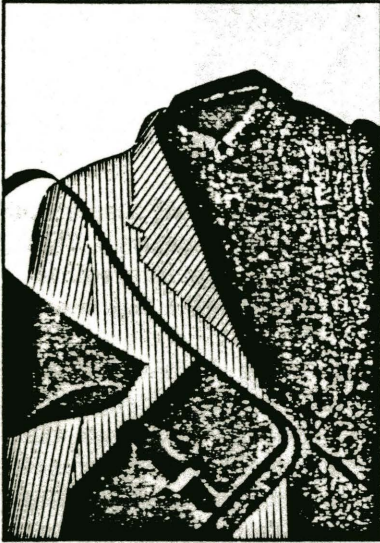
The 1985-86 budget for the Chapter is a PRELIMINARY plan for taking in monies and spending them. Major changes such as increasing/decreasing the dues and meeting fees would significantly effect other components of the budget. The membership should consider such possibilities and their ramifications. Your participation in voice or in letter on this important planning tool for the Chapter is most welcomed; the budget is subject to change considering the members' needs and desires.

It is anticipated that the budget will be reviewed and commented upon by the membership in April and May, with approval sought at the June meeting.

In Case You Missed It

DRESSING IS FUN

I must say that I look forward each month to your letters concerning transvestites and their spouses. I am a TV who got his start as a young boy experimenting with my sister's clothes in the privacy of the bathroom. I have gotten away from my little habit several times, but I always get that overwhelming desire to continue on. I discontinued my hobby for some time after I got married, but the desire to dress up kept eating away at my mind. After several years I be-



gan to just put on various items of clothing that belonged to my wife, and use to some of her makeup. This continued for several years until my wife discovered me with some mascara still on my lashes. She is violently opposed to my desires to dress up and I had to promise I would stop doing it when she was away from the house. I tried to stop, but found it to be impossible. I began to dress up again and would even go out to uncrowded shopping centers to walk around as a woman. My wife found some of my clothes and threatened me with divorce if I continued. I se-

riously tried hard, I truly wanted my marriage to work as I loved my wife, but again found it impossible to totally quit.

I went to my wife with this and though she could not understand she said okay, as long as I did not get her involved and did not risk getting caught dressed as a woman, as it could be rough on my career and on my children. After this I began to collect my own wardrobe of clothes and other accessories. I would plan my business trips so that I could take some of my finery with me and dress up whenever possible. I found that I could go into many of the nicer women's clothing stores and tell them that I was trying to find a certain type of dress or outfit for myself for an upcoming party, and they were more than happy to help me with the selection and even let me go back and try it on for proper sizing. I have purchased several nice dresses this way, along with heels and boots for the outfits. I had always wanted to have an outfit made for myself rather than have to buy it off the shelf, and therefore went to a local seamstress with a pattern of what I wanted. She made the outfit in short order. In fact she was so helpful that she made several other outfits and gave them to me.

Since I am able to dress up only when not around my wife, I do not have much time to perfect my techniques in the use of makeup. I therefore asked for help from a local cosmetologist. She was most helpful and made me feel relaxed while dressed up in her shop. While she was instructing me, numerous customers continued to come into the shop, and only one lady noticed that I was a man. She said that she spotted me by my hairy hands. She said that I looked real cute, and that I had a good taste in my outfit. After my lesson was finished, I wore my finery to a photographer's and had several proofs made so that I could select a good copy to have a nice photo enlarged

of me dressed as a lady.

I began to get a little braver at home. I started to wear panties under my work clothes and would even sometimes wear nylons and/or a bra. I would also sometimes use a little bit of makeup, just enough for me to know that I had it on, but not enough that people at my office would know. My wife started to notice that more panties were in the wash than what she was wearing, so she started leaving hints around that she knew that I was wearing some of her underwear. Once, to make sure that I knew she knew, she put the panties and bras on the stack of clothes to be put into my drawers. I was encouraged, and placed the items in my drawer. After she later came and took them away I continued to go to her dresser to get these items when I wanted them.

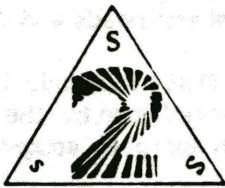
My wife was getting frustrated with this and began to get rather irritated. But when she discovered my studio photo, she decided that I really didn't look bad. And now, for some reason or another she has decided to go along with some of my hang-ups, as long as it is just when she and I are alone. I am a happy man, or I should say woman, now, and our sex life is just fantastic. Dressing up as a woman and acting out the part has made me understand women better and it makes me a better lover.

My wife and I go out as women when we are out of town, and I really think my wife enjoys it as much as I do when we go out to buy me more outfits. This past anniversary she even gave me a nice wool blend suit. If you TVs are having difficulty with your wives understanding, keep on trying, but do it gradually and maybe you can get them to come around as mine has done. Dressing up is definitely more fun when both of you can share the pleasures it affords.

Mr. D.A.,
Virginia

"Forum" June '84

Thanks,
Carole (NY)



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First Meeting

"My article in this newsletter automatically tells you I am involved with a crossdresser. I am married and very happily so. Where do I go from here, where else but to a meeting to acquaint myself with other crossdressers and their loved ones. So I went with my love to a meeting where I found myself to be comfortable and met many nice people who made me feel welcome and for this I thank all of you.

I was informed that this club was for the crossdressers and their loved ones. We are the support team for our gals. We girls had our rap session which I found very informative; I got so much out of it, and I hope it will stay part of the agenda.

We rapped about many different things, topics that affect our daily lives, all the pros and cons pertaining to people involved with a crossdresser. I'm sure you gals heard it all. I am really speaking to the girls because I am one of them and I share some of their problems.

To the girls I say we are suppose to be their support team, so let's be just this, the special someone they can be their other self with without guilt and reservations. We find at times it isn't practical, maybe inconvenient and say, boy, are you selfish. We are all selfish at times, I know I am!

I can only speak for myself and my everyday life with a crossdresser. Our first gift to each other was communication and we each still treasure this gift. We respect each other's wishes and have regards for one another's feelings.

So being married to a crossdresser is not a problem; an experience oh yes, but not a dreadful one. I like to look put together when I go out so I take just as much pride in my gal. I would not want to see her laughed at so I assist her all I can. If your gal asked for help don't make it a chore. Be pleased you were asked; she needs your approval as much if not more than you need his.

Surprise him with a feminine gift, help to select which is best for him in clothing, make-up, and wigs. Look at it, girls, with an open mind. The male is still with us, and the attributes and faults are no different. He is still the basic

human being we fell in love with; don't blame his crossdressing for his faults.

My love is the same in both roles. I always see my mate and this is why at this time I still can't go out publicly when he is in feminine attire because I do not see the gal yet only the man.

Yet I can look at you gals and tell myself most would have no problem; then I look at my love and say no way because I see him as my man, so we really all have the best of two worlds.

And girls, don't make little problems so big. Try to be a part of it all, and you'll get back a hundred times more than what you put into it. I find such a variety in our relationship, the humor, experiences, enjoyment and so much more. We have to be descript, and isolated at times, but we're no different from the average John & Mary; we all have skeletons in our closets.

Learn to communicate with each other; express what bugs you, clear the air and respect each other's wishes. We are all one hundred percent female. I have never doubted myself; I am woman he is man. I didn't fall in love with a crossdresser, I fell in love with a beautiful human being.

We are the support team, let's be just that, their pleasure in crossdressing is not going to disappear. We can close our eyes, turn away, not talk about it, but it is still with us. We are not going to change them, frankly, I don't want to. Oh yes, if he wasn't a crossdresser life would be somewhat easier but he is, so what!

I love my man, am a good friend to my gal. I support them both. Let us accept, not tolerate; make it easier not harder. We love our man and don't want to lose him. If more loved ones came to the meetings, talked with other girls, they would realize they are not the only one living with a crossdresser.

So don't stay home harboring ill feelings, being jealous, feeling left out. I am a part of my gal's life because I choose to be, I am not forced to participate, I select to. Again, I say support your loved ones, put your energy into helping instead of fighting them; we all know our man loves us as much as we love them. Be there for them, even if at times we would rather run away and hide. I know by sincerely being the support team we will receive the greatest gift of all from them! LOVE!!!"

Liz, wife of Betty (NJ-S)

Thank you Liz for sharing your feelings, and a warm welcome to both of you to Chi Delta Mu! Ed.

On The Value of Committees to Chi Delta Mu

by Edie (NY-1558-G)

There is a well known joke that the camel is a horse designed by committee. While it is true that committee and group decision making can be cumbersome and difficult, there is an underlying value to organizations and social groups like ours. The value becomes apparent during election time when we are seeking capable people for the leadership roles in our chapter.

During the first meeting of the nominating committee, it was realized that many members aren't familiar with the workings of the chapter. We have several people who are very willing to help the chapter. The problem is not in desire, but in perceived capability i.e., they just don't FEEL capable. This is due in a large extent to the limited exposure and experience they have had in chapter workings.

To some degree the notable efforts of our officers to curb non-productive and repetitious discussions during regular business meetings may have produced some undesirable outcomes. No one wants to sit through long debates on minor points, but the current system leaves out participation opportunities for those interested in giving opinions, getting involved or doing some legwork.

There is a popular theory which compares the growth of organizations to the growth stages of other living systems. Within this framework we in Chi Delta Mu have gone through a growth stage, we are coming out of our first life crisis and we are approaching our next growth and crisis stage. The first growth stage, Birthing, was characterized by the growth due to the spontaneous and entrepreneurial efforts of our charter members. The first challenge or crisis to the new organization became one of coordination. Each of the major functions had to work together effectively to bring about the desired result. The progress of the officers this year seems to indicate that good responses have been made to the challenge of coordination. Some "bugs" still remain to be worked out, but progress has been made.

The next predicted crisis organizations face occurs when the effects of coordination cause an excessive centralization of control. Coordination requires the forming of central people performing or directing the majority of

activities. They work together for the best interest of the organization. The amount of inter-communication is high, but the amount of external communication is limited and often one-way. Good growth occurs, but the inevitable next crisis is a result. In order to make transitions through crisis as easy and painless as possible, it is helpful for organizations to anticipate and take early action to prepare for the approaching problem.

Since we are a volunteer social organization, we are also faced with the added challenges of: (1) getting and keeping members willing to accept the various tasks at hand; and (2) trying to get the jobs done in a timely and accurate manner.

To summarize the problem, we have an active chapter where not enough people know enough to help continue the leadership efforts. We have no system for educating members in the manners and methods of chapter decision-making. And, we have no mechanism for utilizing the enthusiastic volunteerism of some new members. We therefore must develop a balanced compromise between participation and centralization in a way volunteers can contribute their talents and time and the core leadership can coordinate the major functions.

So we come to the point of this article, the value of committees. An effective committee system can meet many of the challenges facing the chapter by bringing more interested and willing people into the decision making process. Committee work can provide the confidence and experience members need to feel capable of holding elected office. And, committee work is a useful outlet for the enthusiasm new members often display.

Effective committee system is a skill of management which requires: (1) quality communication among and between members; (2) ability to make and carry out decisions, and (3) timely coordination between the committees and the larger system, i.e., the chapter. The job of the officers becomes one of guiding the committee in participative decision making, coordinating the committee's output, and resolving differences between committees.

If recommendations are in order, here are some suggestions for the chapter to consider. The creation and maintenance of a standing committee system to address the major purposes and functions of the chapter. Therefore, committees such as Program, Finance, Membership, Newsletter, Publicity (media) and Public Relations, etc., are

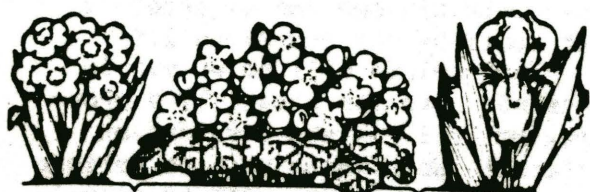
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created, have regular meetings and report progress at business meetings. Ad-hoc committees are created for special projects on an as needed basis and discontinued when objectives are met. An example of this might be a committee to examine the by-laws when it seems appropriate to update or revise them. Where possible and practical, chapter officers function as members (or chairs) of the standing committees in their area of responsibility. Where the chapter officer is the chair, a second chairperson or vice-chair should be delegated in the event of absence and representation on the executive

committee. In addition to the meetings of the executive board (elected chapter officers), there should be regular meetings of an expanded executive committee. This committee should include the executive board (President, Vice President, Treasurer and Secretary), the GALs, and the standing committee chairpersons (or vice chairs).

No solution is implemented without difficulty and resistance. Its reasonable to assume that problems will occur trying to get a committee system started. However, when we compare the difficulty of implementing an effective committee system against the problems which result from too little involvement, the direction for the chapter seems obvious. The chapter can grow and flourish, reaching out to more crossdressers and their families, and better serve the current membership by fully utilizing it's human potential.



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A View From the Closet

Edited by Edith Marie

Let's be honest. We are all "in the closet" to some degree. We all have secret desires or experiences which we cannot reveal to others. We have secrets about different things. We keep different secrets from different people. Some "secrets" we might entrust to a special friend, comfortable in the knowledge that they will go no further.

Recently, while having lunch in my office cafeteria, I became involved in a conversation with three female fellow employees who have known me for quite a few years. It started out innocently enough with a discussion of things people do which please us and which displease us. Somehow the discussion evolved to where we were talking about "turn-ons". The lunch hour was just about over and as I got up to leave I asked the ladies, "Do you really want to know what turns me on?"

I had decided to tell them about an interest which I've had for as long as I can remember - an interest which I had been too shy to reveal to people outside my immediate family and close friends.

The ladies, wide-eyed with surprise, answered, "Yes."

"Well, then, come into my office," I said, "and I will show you my collection of calendars."

Expecting something sensational, they followed me into my office and I proudly pointed to the wall where I had hung ten railroad calendars.

So, now I am liberated. I no longer feel that my interest in trains - both the real ones and the models - is immature or childish. I can feely discuss this interest with anyone who has the patience to listen. By hanging up all those train calendars, I discovered that my boss is also a "train nut". Visiting salespeople observe the calendars and, if they have similar interests, we spend a few pleasant moments sharing our thoughts and feelings about them.

I have another interest just as consuming as my interest in trains,

only on a "different plane", so to speak. I enjoy getting dressed up and made up as a woman. This interest, however, must stay in the closet. If I were alone in the world, my outlook would be different, of course, but with my wife and family to consider, I have to carefully hide this part of my personality. Some of you who may read this have reached the position where your interest in crossdressing is accepted by your loved ones. I envy you. I might get to that point someday, but I'm not planning on it. I am sure that my wife (the only one in my life who really matters to me) would not tolerate such a bizarre hobby. She would most certainly sue for divorce and that would be the end of my life.

This column will be primarily concerned with the closet TV's problems. We will run short essays on different ideas. Some will be serious and practical. Others will be frivolous and comical. A few will be stories from my own experience, but I do not intend this to be a one-person show. Please write to me and tell me what is on your mind. Have you tried something that worked out well? Have you had any failures? Were you ever "read"? How do you keep your femme personality under wraps? Have you had any near discoveries? Do you have any advice for those of us who would like to come out of the closet?

Address your letters to: Don Williams, Drawer R, Valley Cottage, NY 10989.

"DAYLE"

I have just finished powdering my nose and touching up my eye makeup. Along with adjusting my Hanes pantyhose and my noncling slip, I am ready to chat.

I have just returned from Aurora Mall, where I bought some Elizabeth Arden nail polish and matching lipstick from the cosmetic center. The girl who waited on me also had geor-



geous long, mesmerising nails. We chatted about various nail polishes and agreed that Elizabeth Arden was by far the best. We compared nail lengths and shapes, and agreed that the artificial nails in the new nail salons are very beautiful and cannot be belittled by any means.

My first stop this morning was the nail salon where a gorgeously dressed lady did my nails. They are beautiful, particularly now as I write. My next stop was Baker's where I bought a beautiful pair of wood-heeled pumps. The shoes feel as if I were in another world, as I walked down the mall at 11:00 A.M. With my skirt whispering against my freshly shaven legs, with my long black wig trailing, my scintillating walk is indeed an experience to behold. What a joy it is. I am fooling the world.

Yes, I am a transvestite. I enjoy nothing more than dressing to the hilt. My wife is now making me a new skirt and blouse. The material is fantastic.

When I am not in women's clothes, I have fantasies of being in them. You could say that I live my fantasies."

The above story is quoted from Nancy Friday's book, "Men in Love." The subtitle is "Men's Sexual Fantasies: The Triumph of Love Over Rage." The story is one of six in Chapter 19: Transvestites. Other chapters cover such categories of fantasies as Fetishism, Groups, Sado-masochism, etc. Several of the fantasy stories in these other chapters contain secondary elements of transvestism.

We now have "Men in Love" in our library, although I have mixed feelings about it. The fantasy quoted above is just about the tamest in the book. I consider the book to be X-rated due to the strong language and adult theme and I'm not too sure it's the kind of book we should offer. We have a slightly worn paperback edition and if we get enough negative reaction to it, I will gladly remove it from our list.

Edith Marie

JOANNE 1926-1985

I hope I go to Heaven when I die because then I will finally meet Joanne.

When the news of Joanne's sudden death reached me, I was filled with a great sadness that still persists. Although I never met Joanne in person, nor did I ever talk to her over the telephone, I feel that I know her. Through correspondence over the past ten months we shared our thoughts and feelings about crossdressing, about family, about religion and about many other things. Joanne really enjoyed her "second self" and was quite comfortable in the feminine role. She cheerfully handled the household chores such as the laundry, the cleaning and cooking. She liked to go out shopping for food, clothing and gifts. She loved to visit with her girlfriends and share "girl talk". Joanne was faithful in church attendance and her close friends were encouraging her to join one of the women's groups.

Joanne was a truly warm, gentle, sincere and loving person. Those of her confidantes who knew both Joanne and John were doubly fortunate, indeed. I feel especially sad for them because Joanne's death must have brought them a double measure of grief.

I will always treasure her photographs and letters. The last words I received from her were, "Love, Joanne." That's the way she was. That is how I will remember her.

Sincerely, Edith Marie



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2. A Hundred Pounds Of Lamé
3. Mamiselle
4. You've Got What It Takes
5. It's Alright With Me
6. Eyeliner (to the tune of Skyliner)

*Thanks,
Aimee*

II.

7. You've Changed
8. Secret Love
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One The Inside
10. You're A Sweetheart
11. String Of Pearls
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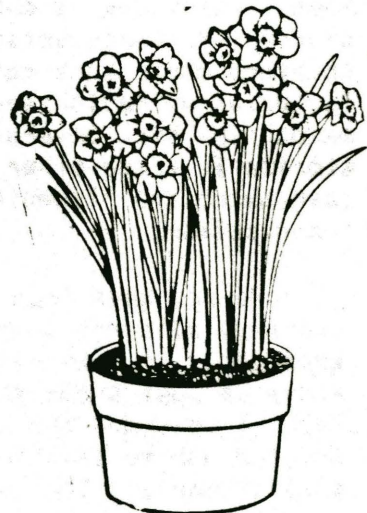
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