

# Happy Anniversary Cross-Port Inner View

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## NEW MEETING PLACE

S e e B e l o w

### **NEXT MEETING June 19th AT 7: 30**

### **Cross-Port Basics**

The Cross-Port crowd thinned a little for the may meeting but we still had 18 people. New faces included Donna, Joyce and Dr. Carolyn Kowatsch. We also had a surprise visit from Fr. Mike who works with the Dignity Group. It was his birthday so we all sang Happy Birthday and ate some cake. (No ice cream, it's bad for the figure. )

We talked a little longer than usual during the business portion about the upcoming convention and our trip to the Spring Fling. We also discussed the new meeting place. Several of us have already gone there and we feel it is worth a try to have our meetings there. We intend to have the June, July and August meetings there and then we will determine if we should continue or move back to my home. Directions are inclosed separately for those who have come to meetings before and have been screened. If you didn't get directions (I could have missed some of you) call me. We still intend to do the screening at this time so we don't want you just passing the directions around. Security is still an important part of the support we offer.

The place, where we will be meeting, is a bar and we will have the back room to ourselves from 7: 30 to 11: 00. After that the back room will be opened up to the other patrons so if you don't feel you want to mix with them you will need to leave at 11: 00. I really think however, that once you get there and see how friendly and open the people are you won't want to leave. We have tried to keep the meeting place out of the downtown area because we felt this might discourage new people. The new place is about half way between Dayton and Cincinnati so the chances of some one there knowing you are very small. We hope you all will give it a try at least once, so we can have a fair evaluation in the fall.

Fr. Mike also wanted to extend an invitation to all of us to celebrate Catholic services with "Dignity". See "Around Town" for more information.

The meeting ended about 11: 00 with some of the people heading downtown to "The Subway". Thanks to all of you for coming and showing your support.

# LINDA'S VUE

Spring Fling 1986

I dress as a woman much of the time around the house, but this was going to be much more. I was actually going to live as one for four straight days. I spent much time getting ready. My wife helped me shop for many new outfits. (We girls certainly don't want to be seen in the same clothes for more than a few hours.) Upon packing I decided once I got dressed there was no turning back so I made sure by not packing any male clothes at all. I would have to stay dressed at all times. I did . . . and loved every minute of it.

The every day things a woman does, I had to do. I would get up each morning, shower, shave my legs, put on my makeup, pick out a cute dress, fix my hair, select my jewelry, and choose a pair of matching heels. Heather and I were like a couple of girl friends. We would share makeup, zip each other up, talk about our clothes, share little secrets, and gab about the day to come. I really felt like a girl. During the day we often shopped at some of the best stores, trying on clothes, makeup, perfume, and of course eating a lite lunch as any woman would do, and no one giving us any strange looks.

As evening came, we would go back to our room and change into something more sexy, redo our makeup (a little more dramatically for evenings), and perhaps a glass of wine as we would get ready for another evening we would remember for a long time.

I really don't have the hours it would take to tell you of all the great things we did as girls. I can say that if you ever get the chance to do it, it will be the best time of your life. And should you get to one of the meetings in the future, pull me into a corner and I'll tell you some of the best stories you'll ever hear.



*Judyann*

## Places to Worship

Dignity - "Catholics & Friends", Meets 1st Thurs. at St. George Church 7:30, 3rd Sat. at Blue Room of Georgian Hall 7:30. They also have other meetings so if you want more information call Jerry 621-4026, Jim 931-8097 or Bev 541-7026.

## Mail Order

Fem-Fashions - 157 W. 57th St. , PHB, NY, NY 10019 (212)582-6823.

Wardrobes By Carolyn - PO Box 183, Melrose, MA, 02176

Both of these places sell clothes for the TV's and TS's. Catalogs are available in our library for you to look at so you need not send for them. Both have fair prices though a little higher then if you just walked into your local shops but some of the things you can't get in local shops.

See the new "Classified" section at the end of the news-letter for more information about where to go and things to do.



# G I R L T A L K

Cross-Port is one year old this month, and girl have we grown in that time. On June 5, 1985 six people got together for the first time. Four of them had never talked to another TV or TS, two of them had talked to each other, and one of those two had been involved in groups on the west coast. So much for experience.

From that humble beginning and with the help of Tri-Ess, 66A, Tiffany/Tapestry, The Switchboard, and several other groups I expect to be mailing out over 100 "InnerViews" this month. Considering, there are 22 others who once got our news letter but don't receive it any more I'd say "We've Come a Long Way Ladies".

I've tried to keep Cross-Port, alive and growing by offering new ideas, and things for us to do and by providing a safe, secure, constant meeting place. Our goal has been to offer support in a very real sense, by giving people a place to meet and talk to others like themselves, and by giving a feeling of acceptance. I feel we are doing that, and it is because of your support, your letters, your calls and your caring that I have been able to carry all this out. This is your Anniversary, even if you were not there at the first meeting. I've seen many of you come, frightened and scared, and grow very quickly into confident and self-accepting persons. I've head stories from some of you that say it has changed your whole life for the better, and from some that say it just knowing we are here it enough to keep you going. When I look back over the past year I don't just see a lot of long hours putting together the "InnerView", or the time spent cleaning the house, or the worry that "Tonight" no one is going to show up. I see growth, acceptance, caring and support and that is what makes the effort worth it, the results.

Dr. Richard Baum, who was with us at the April meeting sent me a news-letter called "Update on Human Behavior". The subject of this one was "The Quest for Intimacy" and while I recommend that all of you read it (it will be in the Library) I would like to quote from it.

"Defining intimacy can be difficult, but one explanation be might that intimacy is: a series of frequent contacts between two people; in close physical proximity; who share significant common goals; exchange personal information; and care deeply about one another.

Intimacy is the moment when we touch; when we reach past our usual social roles to say, in words and actions, 'This is who I am . . . really. This is what I fear. I want you to accept me. I want to know who you are, what you dream and what you fear.'

Intimacy is emotional understanding, a process of knowing another human being with the heart rather than the head; not just intellectual understanding, but empathy. It is characterized by honesty, spontaneity, and easy sharing of feeling and ideas without fear of censure. "

That, to me, is what Cross-Port is about and wants to offer you. For some of us, it has been the first time in our lives that we have truly felt intimacy. The first time we could be who and what we are without fear.

I THANK ALL OF YOU for making this past year one of the most meaningful and intimate years of my life. I must say special thanks to Lily, Karen, Sarah, Linda, Sherry, Betty and Joanne for the work they have done to help share the load (each of you know what I mean) and to Sharon who has spent hours of time on the phone listening to MY problems, cheering Me up, and in general just being there when I needed some one to dump on. If I could have chose a better group of people to work and meet with in Cross-Port I don't know where I would have found them, because we have some of the best already. I believe God

answers all prayers, sometimes it's "yes", sometimes it's "no", sometimes it's "maybe" and sometimes it's "in time" so most of all, I thank GOD for hearing my prayers and answering them with a "Yes, now it's time. "

Moving on, Betty who was planning to try to get a sub-group going in the Indy area has run into a snag and will not be able to do that at this time. If any of our Indy sisters would like to "volunteer" to give it a try write or call and let me know.

Many of you have said that you can't make it down here for meetings on Thursday night. We have found that in our area a weekend meeting would not really draw any more people just different people, and since "Paradise Club" has week-end meetings we feel that we offer an alternative for those that can't make it on week-ends. However, that doesn't mean we don't do things on the week-ends. Some one from our group, usually is going out on the week-ends so if you want to come to town on a week-end there is almost always something going on.

The response to the request for money to help the National Convention has been underwelming. A total of \$5 from one person has been received. I do hope this is not a sign of the turn out we can expect. You all have paid more than that for a pair of panties or a tube of lipstick.

Finally, one last word about our new meeting place. We have a chance to start the second year of Cross-Port in a new home. I know for some it will be a new and frightening experience, but in many ways it is more private, and easier to walk into than the home of a person that you don't know. Please give it a chance. The bar will be open for us but you'll be buying your own drinks. Don't forget to keep some money aside for the donation basket. I suggest you put your share in when you come in. We don't want to charge a meeting fee but if everyone doesn't do their part we will have to start collecting at the door. I found the other setting on the copier for the darkness control so I believe the pictures will start looking better. So long for now and see you at the June Meeting.

### *Letters to Heather*

Dear Heather

Your newsletter is tremendously informative. Excellent job. I want to be a part of you girls and what you're trying to do in supporting our community of sisters. I know distance is a problem in attending meetings, yet I would be able to come once in a while. I want to stay in touch thru the newsletter.

I really feel a calling to support and encourage folks. Some times a letter from a sister can lift a girls day. There is such a need for encouragement and support for leadership like yourself. There is a huge responsibility on these people because they care enough to do the best job possible and that is both emotionally draining as well as time consuming. I might be able to contribute a positive influence even from a distance.

Your Loving Sister - Sharay

Dear Sharay

Thank you for the kind words of encouragement. You are so right about the need for support from all our sisters. I thought one way you could help was by putting your comments in the "InnerView". I'll add your name to the mailing list. Please remember, that we are not here to try to get people to meetings so you need not feel that distance is a problem. We exist to offer support in what ever way we can and we ask for the same in return, that includes letters, phone calls and staying in touch.

Dear Heather,

I just received the "InnerView" and thoroughly enjoyed it, especially the article by Linda. If I may make a suggestion regarding the advertisers, perhaps it would be a mistake at this time to drop them, even if they aren't willing to pay.

Since Cross-Port is a new beginning for many of us, knowing places to go for clothes, wigs, shoes makeup and nights on the town is probably more important to us than to the shops at this point. Cross-Port has made great strides especially in opening the doors to people who will sell or offer services to TV's and TS's. To discontinue now, all the good you have done seems like taking a step backwards. I have enclosed a contribution towards a better and better news-letter, with more and more places to shop, eat and party. I hope other sisters will join me in support of the best TV/TS group in the midwest - Cross-Port.  
Strongest Regards - Christy

Dear Christy,

Thank you for your support (we've missed you at the meetings though I know it is hard for you to get away). Much consideration has been given to what you've said and as a result I've decided to start putting in a modified version of the classifieds. As you will see at the end of this month's "InnerView". I agree that those shops and people who offer us support deserve our support in return. I am constantly asked where we can buy clothes and yet when "One Stop Bra & Swim Shop" offered to have a monthly night when we could shop there, I got little to no response. Those who support us deserve more than advertising they deserve our business.

I have stopped calling and asking places if we are welcome because I tell them how many people we send news-letters to and when they agree only one or two people go. We can't ask them to take a chance on us then not go there. So the next step belongs to everyone else.

By the way, the Gold Circle Store around the corner from me now only has one dressing area. It's in the middle of the women's department. Talk about good luck. Hope to see you soon.

*Heather*

## Bulletin Board

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CROSS-PORT'S Meeting schedule for 1986 is Jun 19, Jul 17, Aug 21, Sep 18, Oct 16, Nov 20, Dec 18

GGA - For information write Cross-Port.

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The Paradise Club's Schedule - For 1986 - Jun 14 (Picnic - Rummage Sale), Aug 16 (Guest Speaker), Oct 18 (Meeting & Drag Show), Dec 13 (Christmas Dinner)

Write Paradise Club, PO Box 29564, Parma, OH 44129, Attn: Susan for Prices and Places

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Transpitt's Meeting Schedule is the third Saturday of the month.

Write Transpitt, PO Box 59406, Pittsburg, PA 15211, Attn: Johnnie

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Windy City Chapter's Meeting Schedule. They meet the Third Tuesday of each month at 8:30.

Write Windy City Chapter, PO BOX 2312, Chicago, IL 60690, Attn: Sharon Hart

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TRI-ESS information Write Carol Beecroft, P. O. Box 194, Tulare, CA, 93275

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Crossroads, Meetings April 5, May 3.

Write Crossroads, P. O. Box 1298, Flint, MI 48501

Genesis- meets the second Saturday of the month.

Write Genesis, P. O. Box 0954, Elyria, OH, 44036-0954

Tiffany Club, Tapestry, and International Foundation for Gender Education.

Write to Merissa Sherrill Lynn, Box 19, Wayland, MA 01778

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**Places to GO**

The Hangout, 13 Old St. [Monroe OH], 534-4381, Cross-Dressers are welcome.

Jacob's Downstairs Bar, 36 West Fifth, Dressing is OK, Drag shows every Friday and Saturday night at 11: 00 and 12: 30.

Metro Lounge, Ruth Lyons Pl. & Gano Alley, [Off Vine near the square], Dressing is OK, Drag shows on Fri.

1470 West [in Dayton], 1470 W. Dorothy in the Hill and Dale Shopping Center, Off I75 take Exit 47, go east until you come to the shopping center. It's on the right side of the center towards the back. Dressing is OK, Drag shows every Sunday night at 10: 30 and 12: 00.

The Subway - at 604 Walnut. No cover. Cross-dressers are welcome anytime.

Golden Lion - at 340 Ludlow, 281-4174. Cross-dressers are welcome anytime.

The Dock - at 603 Pete Rose Way [241-5623]. Open every night during summer. Cross-dressers are welcome.

Side Door Lounge - at 614 Walnut [721-9551] Cross-dressers are welcome.

Simon Says - at 428 Walnut [381-8196] Cross-dressers are welcome.

Spurs - at 318 E. Eighth St. [721-9007] Says No one is refused.

2601 Club - at 2601 Vine St. [221-3910]

Harp's Rollerdom - 4410 Reading Rd. , 563-1747, Gay Skate Nite third Tues. of the month. Cross-dressers are welcome.

**Shoes**

Paula Lee Shoes, 7332 Kenwood Rd. , Has large sizes but is not open to men trying them on in the store.

Payless Shoe Source - Near 7th and Race, Large size shoes to size 13.

**Hair**

Recent Fashion Wigs, 118 W. 7th St. , Very open and willing to help fit you.

Hairworks, Hamilton Ave, 681-8222, Call for appointment. ]

**Worship**

Dignity Catholic Services, Call Jerry 621-4026 or Bev 541-7026 for times and places.

All Saints Chapel - Worship Service at 6: 00 p. m. , 1222 Ida St. in Mt. Adams. We are welcome to come dressed.

**Make-Up**

Marilyn's Make-Overs - Write P. O. Box 632, Vandalia, OH 45377

Rnn's - 868-7161 for appointment.

**Clothes**

One Stop Bra & Swim Shop - 4217 Reading Road, Call 764-6020 for appointment.

**Indianapolis**

21 Club- 2101 N. Talbott, 317-427-4000: Cross-Dressers are welcome but must show proper I. D. Shows on Tues, Thurs, Fri & Sat nights starting around 10: 00 pm

**Counselling**

Behavioral Science Center, Inc. - Doctors : William Wester II, Richard Baum, Paul Bishop, Carolyn Kowatsch, & Joseph Wicker - 2522 Highland Ave. , 513-221-8545