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OVER 230 ATTEND "BE ALL" WEEKEND!

By: Wendi Pierce

Hello girls. This month I would like to give you a little insight into my recent excursion to Detroit where I attended part of the "Be All You Can Be" weekend. This event was sponsored by several midwestern groups including Paradise Club, Transpitt, Crossroads and Chicago's Chi Chapter of Tri-Ess. It turned out to be the largest "Be All" ever with over 230 participants and significant others in attendance. It also was a mini Who's Who of our community with notables such as Virginia Prince, Naomi Owen, Sheila Kirk, Merissa Sherrill Lynn, Kay Gould and a host of others making appearances. IFGE was well represented with 11 board members, including myself present.

Merissa, Naomi and Wendi at the "Be All"

My time to participate in "Be All" activities during the week was limited due to other obligations and several IFGE meetings, but I did participate in evening events and truly enjoyed this enlightening experience.

Whether one is an experienced crossdresser or a novice, a TV, a TS or a TG, events such as this leave lasting impressions in your mind. Old friendships are rekindled, new ones are established and we all grow a little from the experience. We grow in many ways. Confidence is gained, personality is expanded, proficiency in our adopted gender role is increased and our consciousness of our community and the culture in general is enhanced.

The event is billed as a "Be All You Can Be" weekend. This was brought home by Virginia Prince in her key note speech at the Saturday luncheon. Virginia is a very outspoken person and all in the culture do not agree with her philosophies, but one point she made in her speech should ring true to all of us. That of "Be All You Can Be". She stressed this point and it should in my opinion be reiterated. She stated that we probably can never be all we <u>want</u> to be, but we should strive to be all we <u>can</u> be.

Many times in our lives we underestimate our capabilities or we assume that society would not accept us in the gender role that we desire. In many cases we are pleasantly surprised that we can be accepted in this role, if we do our homework. This means paying attention to detail, having a certain amount of confidence and showing the world that we are comfortable in this role. Some of us do better than others in persuing our adopted gender roles and there are many reasons for this. I would guess to say that the ones that succeed most are the ones that are truly being all they can be. When I speak of doing our homework I do not mean being perfect. No one is ever perfect. Being plausible in the role and confident in our presentation to others is a large part of succeeding or "passing". I hope JoAnn Roberts of Renaissance will excuse me for using this term and I agree with her that most of the time we are not "passing", only fitting in to the point that we do not stick out like a lone dandelion on the front lawn. To one degree or another we are all dandelions, but when we appear in the garden instead of the lawn, we have a much better chance of being accepted. In other words, by tailoring our appearance, actions and attitudes to the accepted norms for those, be they males or females, in our desired gender role for the specific occasion. The nak of keying in on just what this is in any given situation comes only with experience and close observations. Being within the norm is what we are after and if we succeed, we have won our quest, this time, to be all we can be. There will be other times, other situations, other goals for us. They will appear without any pre-indication. We may only realize that we have met the challenge and hopefully succeeded after the fact or we may loose this round.In that case it should be looked at as a learning experience, placed in our memory as a situation that can not be handled again in that manner.

Returning to my Detroit excursion, I was feeling fairly proud of myself, since it had been 5 days and I had been accepted in the feminine role by all I met. Then it happened. I was on the return flight, conversing with fellow passengers during an extended delay in Kansas City's airport. I suddenly sensed a deep questioning stare from a young male passenger. He walked up to me and started up a conversation about the flight delay and

then about our destination, Phoenix. I could tell he was examining my appearance, mannerisms, and actions very closely. I soon knew by the look in his eyes, I had been "read". My immediate reaction was to retreat to safer ground by changing the topic of discussion. I hoped he would not blurt out his now very apparent discovery and cause an uncomfortable situation for me or the other travelers. He didn't, but he did say something very interesting. He changed the topic over to his educational background and made a point of mentioning that he recently graduated from Arizona State University. Then it clicked and he verified my conclusions by asking if I had ever lectured at ASU. He then immediately mentioned Professor Witham and smiled, looking at me for a positive response. I nodded and smiled back, immediately turning to another fellow passenger and changing the subject again. This ended the subtle confrontation and I was glad to see that none of the other passengers seemed to have caught on. Maybe some did, but I spent several more hours with this group and was accepted as being what I appeared to be. Later I approached him when he was alone and started an "up front" conversation. His first comment was, "You're Good!, at first I didn't catch on. I looked for tell tale signs like hair on your arms, beard shadow, gait, but it was your eyes that gave you away. When I stared at you you backed off, refusing to make eye contact. Then it clicked and I remembered you from Professor Witham's class." After a few minutes of conversation I learned that he is a professional investigator and has been trained to observe people closely. He stated that Professor Witham's class opened up his mind and he has become much more accepting of persons living alternate lifestyles such as I. We parted company friends, possibly to run into each other again someday and continue our conversation. This is an experience I'll not forget and I know I will learn from it, continuing to be all I can be.

Yvonne selling Tapestry

Until next month girls, "BE ALL YOU CAN BE" and GO FOR IT!

Merissa and Wendi spent much time discussing IFGE organizational structures

The First Lady's Notebook

By: Terri F.

When you make a list of the top television shows of all time, you might include such memorable ones as Your Show of Shows, I Love Lucy, The Dick Van Dyke Show, Bonanza, All in the Family, Mash, Mary Tyler Moore, Hill Street Blues, Taxi, Star Trek, and the recently deceased Saint Elsewhere. There is one common thread which ties them all together and which made them so great. They all featured "Ensemble" casts. Though some characters were featured more prominently in the scripts and were given top billing, it was the interplay between the characters and the way in which they managed to be separate yet one that gave each show warmth, appeal and longevity. Each character had something to offer and made his own contribution to the show. That's what made it work.

Alpha Zeta features an ensemble cast also, currently in our fifth season. Our popularity has caught on and our membership has risen each year. True, you may hear or read certain people's names more frequently than others, but it is only in recognition of what they have done for the group that they receive mention. There are no "stars" of this show. We all get equal billing, and we all need to contribute what we can to show our support. Here is what that consists of:

1) Attending meetings. We are trying very hard to arrange as much in advance and to inform you in plenty of time to make whatever plans are necessary. With summer coming on, I know there are vacations and problems with "makeup meltdown", but vacations don't last forever, and you can always dress at the meetings or not at all. Besides, it is not fair to the speakers we schedule when their audience is so sparse. So please, try to give us as much advance notice as we give you, but do try to attend as many meetings as you can.

2) Paying your dues. Our fiscal year is beginning, and it would be greatly appreciated to get dues paid as soon as possible. We need money for continued printing of the newsletter and for running our ad in the New Times. I also urge those who have not yet paid their national dues to do so. If there are any problems, please contact an officer.

3) Support your sisters. All of us are in different stages of growth, and we can all use assistance from time to time, whether it be someone to go shopping with, or just someone to talk to. We are, by nature, caring and sensitive individuals and need to be attune to the needs of others in the group.

4) Get involved. Granted, some people have a greater "degree of movement" than others, but everybody has input to give, and can extend themselves in some way which will help the group. Anyone can write a response letter or submit something to Wendi for publication. There seems to be some interest in doing some "outside" activities such as going down to Tucson or up to Las Vegas. Also, our speaker's bureau provides an excellent way with which to share your feelings with the public. Furthermore, there are special events such as our dinner this month and the lecture by Virginia Prince in the fall that need your support. Our group may be a caterpillar, but it doesn't move so well when some legs are missing! So please, stay involved in whatever way you can.

Just like those old beloved television shows, Alpha Zeta is a quality product, and much care and work has gone into it's crafting. There is room for improvement and need for it's maintenance. If we all do our part, we will insure a very long and happy run.

Alpha Zeta Treasury Report

Balance as of 4/30/88	362.24
Paid Out	68.10
Income	0.00
Interest	1.35
Balance as of 4/30/88	297.14

Alpha Zeta Update

by: Diane I.

The May meeting of Alpha Zeta was held at Wendi's house. Attending the meeting were Terri F., Ericka, Diane, Lynda and Jackie, Wendi and Judy, Terri J., Melissa and Dee, Rosalind, Gwen, and Cindy. We also were happy to welcome our guests for the evening, Shelly, Stacy and Becky.

Terri began the business meeting with a discussion of the results of the questionnaire. It looks as though a meeting in Tucson may not be a great idea, and everyone was interested in having a biography of their femme selves in the newsletter. Diane brought up the fact that dues are due. It is very important that everyone is current on their national and local dues to keep the chapter strong and healthy! Chapter dues are $15 for the fiscal year, and national dues are $30 for initial startup, or $25 a year if you are a current member.

Lynda and Jackie reported on the special event. The event will cost about $20 per person and will be held at the Hospitality Inn in Scottsdale.

Melissa reported that she had gone to Merle Norman's at Chris-Town that afternoon for sculptured nails, a beauty consultation and color analysis. They are very helpful in helping you look and feel like the girl you want to be.

Wendi reported that she had heard back from Virginia Prince on her invitation to speak at Arizona State University in September. Diane will work with the ASU Sociology Department to set up the facility and room for a reception to include Alpha Zeta members.

The program for the evening was a presentation on Electrolysis by Becky Farr, who has recently opened up her shop called, Electrolysis Plus. Becky explained the fundamentals of electrolysis and the various techniques. She pointed out how care is taken to prevent infection and minimize pain. Terri, Wendi and Shelly added tidbits of real-life experiences dealing with pain thresholds and post-zapping facial care.

It was noted that only one needle is used per patient by professional electrologists. For more information or an appointment, call Becky at (602) 966-2754.

Alpha Zeta Monthly Meeting

By: Terri F.

This month Alpha Zeta will be hosting the First Annual Alpha Zeta TV Dinner. By now all of you should have received an invitation to the event being held at 8:00pm on June 18th. at the Pewter Mug, 409 N. Scottsdale Road. If any of you have not received the mailing, please contact Terri F.,*(ed: use the Rose number i.e.860-9056)* to decide on your choice of dinner and side dishes. The cost will be $21.25 per person, but we are asking for a little more if you can afford it, for reasons that will become clear at the dinner. The restaurant is located at the southwest end of the Hospitality Inn which is just north of Mckellips Rd on Scottsdale Road. There is a private side entrance on which a sign will be posted. We hope to see everybody there for what promises to be an exciting experience.

A Rose Update

By: Wendi Pierce

The June gathering was at Terri J.s home on the 4th of the month. The turnout was moderate with 15 or so members, associates and guests present. A special thanks goes out to Hal of Hair Free Electrolysis for being so generous with his time and equipment. Just about all present took a turn (even the GGs) and found out just what electrolysis is like. Hal's state of the art equipment was very impressive and now we all know just what is like to have hair removed (painlessly?). Hal's number is 997-6342 in case any of you would like to contact him for more work.

We were pleased to have a new member present, Nicole. She informed us that this was her first excursion into the world to meet others with desires such as her own and we made her feel very comfortable. I'm sure we all remember that first time we went out to meet others and how we felt. Now it was someone else's turn and we were the ones that made it a bit easier for her. Good work girls.

It seems we have all mastered the requirement that there is a cover charge for these events. Thanks for having your fees ready, some without even being asked. You're doing good on this one.

Thanks are also in order to Terri who shared her home with us and provided refreshments and munchies for the evening. We still need to work at the RSVP policy though. Terri informed us that only 2 or 3 calls came in and she had no idea how many to expect. How about a little courtesy people. We wouldn't like it if we were in that position, now would we?

A Rose Treasury Report

Balance as of 4/25/88	306.79
Paid Out	33.00
Income	123.00
Interest	1.57
Debts	0.40
Balance as of 5/24/88	397.96

A Rose Events

"A Rose Summer Splash"

The July gathering will be a pool party and barbecue at Jackie & Christine's. The event is being moved to the **SECOND saturday in July (July 9th)** so that it will not conflict with your plans for the long 4th of July weekend. The activities are scheduled to begin around 2:00 pm with swimming, water volleyball, soothing sessions in the bubbly waters of the spa and sun bathing. Later,at about 6:00pm, there will be a barbecue and party, party, party, till the wee hours. Dress is optional, just bring a swim suit,sun glasses and a hearty appetite. Contact Christine or Jackie if you would like to help out by bringing a dish of you own creation for all to sample. It's BYOB&M (meat to grill), otherwise you'll be eating HOT DOGS, see you there.

PLEASE: RSVP at 860-9056 or call Jackie at 992-0840 if you will be attending so we can plan on things. You all have not been very good at this lately, but this time we really would like some advance notice. Otherwise we won't have a dog for you!

We are now trying to get several locations lined up for the coming months. Here is the current schedule:

Date	Location	Theme/Activity
8/6	Charlotte's	Social Evening
9/3	Gwen'	60's party
10/1	Wendi's	Halloween Party
11/5	open	Thanksgiving Pot Luck
12/3	open	Christmas Party

If you would like to host one of the open dates please contact us. Also, if you have a theme idea, by all means let us know, we welcome your ideas.

In addition, Wendi and Judee are avid campers and would like to know if anyone else would like to join them on camping or boating weekends. Let them know

if you would like to join them, the more the merrier. The next camping trip will be the July 4th weekend to Mt. Graham, a 10,000 ft. peak in the White Mountains south on Safford. A cool (40s at night) and enchanting lush forest with steams, trails and a beautiful scenic trip to the mountain top.

"Through a New Member's Eyes"

6/11/88

Dear A Rose,

I received in the mail my invitation to the June meeting and it stated, "8:00pm.". My heart was pounding, I was excited and extremely nervous. 8:00pm meant 8:00pm and I was speeding on the freeway, running late. I arrived a few minutes later and now I was standing at the door. I knocked and waited. Then the door opened, and Terri answered "Come on in, oh, who are you?" I told her who I was and she asked me to be a hostess and help out by answering the door while she finished getting things ready.

Usually, I have no problems talking to myself but I was so nervous I couldn't even do this, I just kept playing with my keys.

I had brought my favorite dress and heals, but had left them in the car, maybe next time. I felt very awkward alone and waiting, then the doorbell rang. All I thought was, I hope it's not a salesman. In walked three people, two men and a lady. All were friendly. I played with my keys some more. The door bell rang again and two ladies walked in and conversations began through the living room. I began to feel the warmth of friendship but I couldn't say much, I just kept playing with my keys.

It turned out to be a great evening, I quit playing with my keys after several girls and I started talking and after about three cigarettes.

To make a long story short, I really enjoyed meeting and talking openly about issues that are important to us. I learned about confidence that everyone (except me) had and shared with me.

I was really glad to meet Mae. She talked so openly and honestly, especially when she talked about her "Graham Crappers". Everyone was so refreshing and ego boosting to me that I am overjoyed to find you all.

In closing I would just like to say that I felt very welcome and part of the group. Thank you all, especially Diane who has helped me a lot.

Sincerely,

Nicole B.

NATIONAL EVENTS

Shangri-La West Summer Fun

In July the Shangri-La Club will be sponsoring this annual event in Stallion Spring, Ca.. For more information Contact:

Shangri-La Club
PO Box 18202
Irvine, Ca. 92713

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Fantasia Fair

In October, the 14th annual "Fantasia Fair" will be a high point. This gathering promises to be a repeat of years past and from personal experience I would say is well worth the trip. Look for more information in newsletters to come but in the meantime, the dates are October 14th through the 23th and the mailing address is:

Fantasia Fair
Lincolnia Station, POB 11254
Alexandria, Va 22312
Atten: Eve Goodwin

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Holiday En Femme

Chi Chapter/Tri-Ess is pleased to announce that it has been selected to host the 1988 Holiday En Femme. The weekend will be held in Chicago on Wednesday, Nov. 16th through Sunday, Nov. 20th.

Planning is underway for an exciting and fun-filled weekend. Included will be a self-development program: a trip to the Baton Show Lounge for the finest impersonator show anywhere; and a gala "HOLIDAY EN FEMME" program, there will also be meetings of the Tri-Ess board of advisors, the Tri-Ess board of professional people, and of delegates from all Tri-Ess chapters and forming groups. Topics for discussion and agenda for all meetings are now being formulated.

So, save the dates of Nov. 16-20, 1988 and plan to attend the 1988 "HOLIDAY EN FEMME'. Watch your mail for further details.

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"First Annual Texas T Party"

The Boulton & Park Society wishes to announce this event, a three day weekend "En Femme" to be held February 24th to the 26th 1989 at the beautiful Sheraton Seven Oaks Resort & Conference center in San Antonio, Texas. The event will have a full program of fun, self improvement, outings, just visiting and being a girl. Also, our own Wendi will be the keynote speaker at the banquet. Registration is $75 with discounts for advance payments. The hotel should be contacted direct at 800-346-5866. For more information contact:

Boulton & Park Society
Atten: Janice Rupard
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San Antonio, Texas 78280

Questions of Law
by Jan Elliot

"Questions of Law" is an occasional column written by Jan Elliot, an attorney and published legal author. The column discusses legal matters of interest to our community.
If you have any legal questions relating to crossdressing of transexual issues, forward them to this newsletter and they will be passed on to Jan. Replies to all questions can not be promised, but yours might be answered in this column if it is felt the community in general will benefit.

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