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EDITOR'S NOTEBOOK

As you know in the last issue I started to tell you about an enriching experience that I had at the TV Boutique Fantastic in March sponsored by the PHI chapter. When I ran out of space in the last issue I was on the way to the location of the affair which was John Martin's Hair and Skin Care Salon, in the Echelon Mall. En Femme I was going to deliver the refreshments in broad daylight. The more I thought of it, the more frightened I became of being read and ridiculed. I couldn't believe I was doing this. Finally the Mall came into sight and I managed to park the car right in front of John's place which has an entrance alongside of, and separate from, one of the main entrances. A quick glance toward my destination revealed I was already in trouble. There were two teenage girls standing between me and where I was going. I considered starting the car and getting the hell out of there and back to safety at Michelle's. I also realized that would be a step backward in my development. I had, like all of us, fantasized passing and here was an opportunity to put to use everything I had learned at P-town and from Betty Ann. I got out of the car, picked up the wine, and walked around the car and towards the girls. I saw one of them give me the quick toe to head once over and as I got closer (this whole episode seemed to me to happen in slow motion), she turned to her girlfriend and said something about her Mother's boyfriend coming over again tonight. I couldn't believe it. I had passed, a cursory glance perhaps, but I had passed and in broad daylight.

When I got inside, I was greeted by Betty Ann and Muriel. I was so overwhelmed by what had occurred outside I could only mumble a response. We finished the final arrangements for the coming event and Betty Ann mentioned that she and Muriel had just returned from dinner and perhaps I better go get something to eat too. I responded that for me to do something like that was unthinkable, and to do it alone was absurd. Betty Ann remarked that it would aid my development enormously. I replied that if I was read it would also wreck my hard won progress thus far. At this point Muriel volunteered to go with me to a restaurant. I guess not being read by those two girls outside had boosted my confidence level enough for me to think I could get away with it (if Muriel went with me).

If civilization, as King Arthur mused, should have a few gentle hobbies, then our hobby should most certainly be one of them.



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After putting on our coats we stepped out of the door of John's establishment and into the flow of people in the well lit Mall. I again felt that terror that I was going to be read creeping up. I could feel my whole body trembling from it. Before we left Betty Ann had told us how to get to the resturant downstairs. I was discreetly watching the faces of the people passing me in the Mall. Most of them didn't even see me. I did see a few of the women giving me that once over glance and I began to feel that I was really a woman, not a Satin Doll trying to pass. But I realized the acid test was still to come. I was going to be settins in a resturant being seen up close by those around us and especially by the waitress.

The expierience came off magnificently. Because I have not yet mastered control of my voice, Muriel ordered for me. During the meal, Muriel and I talked about girlish things and I, Glancing around me, realized I was not a Satin Doll trying to pass, But truly a woman, and enjoying it enormously. As I sat there, when I glanced down, I saw my nylon encased legs sticking out from a grey skirt, ending in patent leather, heeled pumps. My hand with carefully applied nails and polish was in my lap. My other equally well manicured hand, when not holding a fork, was fiddling with my necklace. The only thing missing was music to match my soaring feelings. I was so thrilled I felt tears welling in my eyes the moment I realized I was no longer only a Satin Doll but had truly entered the world of womanhood. I am fully aware that that expierience was only a peek at that world and I still have a lons way to go. The experience happened incident to the fact that I had volunteered to do something for the sisterhood. I know, if I had refused, none of the above would have taken place. Carol Beecroft had awakened my second self, and Betty Ann and Michelle patiently worked to lead me thru the dark hall- ways of ignorance and intollerance to the door of self-understanding and womanhood. Betty Ann and Muriel then led me thru that door into the sunshine lit garden.

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A LETTER FROM THE PUBLISHERS AND EDITORS OF OUR SORORITY

Dearest Sisters and Friends,

Over the past year OUR SORORITY has grown from being a little newsletter for a chapter of Tri-ess to its present circulation of 850 copies throughout the Eastern U.S. During this period of growth we have changed from being a mere house organ for a single National Organization chapter to becoming a source of information about the activities of National Organizations and local groups at THE CHAPTER LEVEL.

As active participants in the process of Leadership at the National level we are well aware of the fact that over 60 % of the average National group membership is involved with the para-culture at the Post Box level of activity. The balance of memberships involve individuals who infrequently attend National Events such as FANTASIA FAIR or local Chapter meetings.

In all honesty it is our belief that the 60 % who live in a Post Box will probably stay there, living their Femme lives vicariously with daring risk-taking forays from time to time En Femme into the night. We all have had such experiences. We also know that you are trying to understand yourself and this strange urge that you have, to crossdress. In short, we know both your joys and your fears. We also know that National Organization membership is the key means by which you can reach out and touch others. That is why our newsletter takes space to publicize information on how you can join such Organizations, even to the point of publishing application forms for you to submit. We do these things because we believe that National Organizations do serve our mutual needs.

OUR SORORITY is not a National Organization, nor do we intend to limit our valuable space to the sole espousal of any particular National Organization. We are published solely for the purpose of letting you, our readers, know what is being done at the local chapter level to serve you in case you decide to leave your Post Box and physically meet others who share in your hobby and interests. OUR SORORITY does not have the time or interest in being a National Organization, hence no dues.

We believe that the average crossdresser (Male or Female) is a person on a journey of self discovery. We have learned from such people as Virginia Prince that SEX is biological, GENDER is sociological, and SEX PARTNER PREFERENCE is personal. We have also learned that from contact with thousands of crossdressers (Male and Female) that they have accepted, through their unique individual socialization experiences, a gender identification (Androgenous, Masculine, Feminine or uncertain) and express their sexual activities (Asexual, Bi-Sexual, Homosexual or

Heterosexual) through individual preferences, which may or may not, have any relationship with their crossdressing. We believe that 2% of the population shares in some form of crossgenderal behavior and this statistic carries through the population regardless of individual sex partner preference. This is borne out, in part, by the one-to-one (Male to Female and Female to Male) ratio of Transexual surgery and the fact that even afer surgery the original sex partner preference remains intact with most such cases. Therefore, we recognize the reality of the existence of those which Carol Beecroft refers to as "complicated" crossdressers, since all crossdressers are faced with the complexities of their journey towards self-discovery.

Many Sociologists believe that man is an Inter-dependant, or social, being that gains his self identity only through inter-action with others. OUR SORORITY endorses that view and believes that if one is on a journey of self discovery, it should be as safe a journey as possible. Thus, we are dedicated to the task of helping the average crossdreser to find a group which will provide reasonable security and the social companionship of like minded individuals. Since few of us can journey across a continent to the principal chapter of a National Organization, or attend a national event to find such a group, the best alternative, and sometimes the only alternative, is to join a local chapter which may or may not be affiliated with a National Organization. Therefore what we are doing in each issue of OUR SORORITY is to tell you, our readers, about each local chapter, it's leadership and it's activities. This is so that you can judge for yourself whether or not this particular group will help you on your journey of self discovery.

We endorse each National Group specifically in terms of its purposes and recognize the absolute need for each. Thus a Heterosexual TV who wishes to involve his wife in his hobby would be advised to be a member of a local Tri-Ess chapter if he does not wish to have his wife involved with other more "complicated" forms of crossgenderal behavior. The crossdresser who wishes to expand his horizons and the scope of his self discovery might be happier in a local chapter of THE GATEWAY GENDER ALLIANCE, and if the cross-dresser is gay, or bi he may find a group such as the "ACADEMIES" to his likings. In this over-simplified description of each group OUR SORORITY only wishes to make it absolutely clear that there is a need for each and every National Organization/Local chapter: As there is a need for a newsletter which tells the average crossdresser what is available at the local chapter level. Whether or not that chapter is a part of a National Organization.

WITH LOVE AND FRIENDSHIP

Michelle Williams

Betty Ann Lind

Linda Anne

SOCIETY FOR THE SECOND SELF

WHAT IS IT ?
WHOM IS IT FOR ?
WHAT ARE ITS GOALS ?

Say the word "Sorority" and the last thing that most people think of is an all-male club ! The Society For The Second Self exists to help the heterosexual male Transvestite (TV) - straight men who have a recurring desire to dress in women's clothing.

TV's are probably the most misunderstood minority group in the world. As with other minorities, ignorance fosters prejudice and prejudice fosters intolerance and hostility toward TV's by society-at-large.

In such a climate, many of us live in fear of discovery by a scornful public. We've kept our TVism a secret from our closest loved ones. While in the closet many of us think that we are the only ones in the world with these rather off beat desires. In our isolation, we may even come to believe the popular stereotypes: "Maybe I'm really gay. Maybe I'm headed for a sex change operation. I must be sick to want to wear these clothes and to want to go out in the street wearing them, no less ! And even if I'm not sick, I must be wrong to want things to be this way."

It's not surprising that many of us feel or think these things. But we of the Society believe - and know from experience - that this mind-set is neither inevitable or irreversible. We believe that the fundamental problem for TV's is not personal but actually social. We believe that our guilt, shame, confusion and fear are the products of a non-accepting and ignorant society.

We of the Society firmly believe that TV's can - and many do - live happy well adjusted lives, and we dedicate ourselves to this end. We believe that the best treatment for TV's is self acceptance and the creation of a more knowledgeable and understanding society. We firmly REJECT the notion that TV's should - or even can - be "cured" of their desire to crossdress.

We invite you to read on - and consider joining with us. Or, if you are not a TV, we hope that you can make use of this information. Pass it on to a needy friend. Perhaps you might even re-examine your own attitudes towards TVism and think of how you can be more supportive. Or, if you are some other kind of crossdresser - and there are many other kinds - why not join one of those groups that have a more open membership policy.

THE SOCIETY AND IT'S GOALS

The Society was born in 1976 with the merger of two established organizations. The merger combined the successful "security" membership system of one organization, with the successful experience in chapter organization of the other. Carol Beecroft is now the Society's National Leader.

Social Advocacy organizations like the Society are only part of the larger TV sub-culture. Helping-professionals, researchers and educational groups comprise yet another part of our culture. It includes counseling groups and a variety of gender identity clinics in many of our large cities. It also includes academics at some of our major universities who, in looking for explanations, are charting and analysing patterns common to the lives of TV's.

The goals of the society include reaching out to other crossdressers to help them achieve a peaceful understanding of themselves and to promote the understanding of the public at large. The society advertizes on a national basis in an attempt to locate those thousands of heterosexual TV's who are usually looking for such an organization as ours.

JOINING THE SOCIETY

Having gotten this far into our brochure, ask yourself if you qualify for membership in our Society. Are you a heterosexual TV ? Are you looking a "home" that emphasizes friendship and mutual support ? Are you concerned about your own privacy and willing to respect the privacy of our members ?

If you can sincerely say "yes" to these questions, then we invite you to join with us. What is the next step ? If you are satisfied with what you have read and feel that you qualify for membership, you should fill out the form on the back of this page. Fill out all the information and return it with the annual dues fee of \$20.00. you will shortly be notified of your acceptance. You will also receive your code number, a copy of the latest Femme Mirror and a copy of the latest directory.

Send the form and dues to:

Carol Beecroft
P.O. BOX 194
Tulare, Calif. 93275

MEMBERSHIP PLEDGE AND AGREEMENT

THE SOCIETY: POLICIES AND PROGRAMS

I understand the purpose of Tri-ESS Sorority to be the assistance of its members in developing understanding, acceptance and psychological and spiritual growth in the realm of my expression of the feminine side of my personality. I also pledge to use assist in the dissemination of information about transvestism to the public 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 sisters in handling their Tv related problems when requested and to devote time and energy to such problems when requested by a sister.
3. To take part in programs and projects, whenever possible, and to actively contribute my talents towards making Tri-ESS Sorority a successful organization - psychologically, socially, and therapeutically.
4. To recognize that information about other sisters, such as real names and addresses, occupations, etc, is theirs to give voluntarily. If such information is given to me I will keep it most confidential. I will further regard as sacred any confidences which may be made to me by my sisters.
5. To keep national headquarters informed of behavior and activities which are against the best interests of the organization. I also understand that my membership will be revoked if found guilty of conduct unbecoming a sister of our sorority.
6. It is further understood that the personal information revealed to gain membership in Tri-ESS sorority will not be revealed to any other than the officers of the sorority 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.

Understanding and agreeing to the above I am

Real Name _____

Real address _____

Name and address to be used for mailing purposes _____

Femme name to be used in the DIRECTORY _____

The Society accepts only heterosexual TV's for membership, referring gays, transsexuals, fetishists and other types of crossdressers to other organizations with "open" membership policies. The Society places a premium on preserving the privacy and security of the identity of our members ! Each new member signs a pledge to respect these policies and is subject to swift and automatic expulsion if caught breaking the pledge. These broad policies give the Society its basic character and tone. With these as both backdrop and defining-limits, the Society's multiple programs offer something for every member.

First contact between members are channeled through our coded Directory and mail forwarding service. The Directory lists our members by their femme name and code number, and includes enough biographical information, as well as femme pictures, to allow each of us to make an informed choice of correspondents. First time letters are sent to our National Office and addressed only to the recipient member's code number. The office staff then forwards the letters to the correct address.

As a first time correspondent, you may or may not wish to reveal your mailing address. If you chose not to, letters of response will reach you through the forwarding service. However, once you and your Society friends feel comfortable with each other, you can exchange letters directly.

All Society members are eligible - and indeed are encouraged - to join one of our local chapters. These chapters and their continued development are at the heart of the Society's program.

Our chapters hold regular social gatherings that give our members an outlet - a chance to crossdress among others like themselves. Some of our members travel hundreds of miles to take advantage of these gatherings. These chapters are breeding grounds for TV friendships that last a lifetime. Such friendships give the kind of companionship and support that each of us needs to gain true self-acceptance. We find that chapter members often carry on their friendships in-between chapter meetings.

Many a TV's wife has had her fears put to rest at a chapter meeting. Often one such gathering can be worth a thousand books and articles and counseling sessions. Our wives and women friends find us to be dignified and decent, secure in our heterosexuality and our maleness. In the presence of other understanding females, they find models and fountains of wisdom.



GATEWAY GENDER ALLIANCE



OBJECTIVES

TO PROMOTE A SOCIETY WHEREIN THE GENDER DYSPHORIC INDIVIDUAL MAY MEET TOGETHER AND LIVE IN AN OPEN ATMOSPHERE OF MUTUAL RESPECT AND SUPPORT FREE FROM ALL GUILT AND FEAR.

GATHER FROM ALL RESOURCES AVAILABLE AND DISSEMINATE ALL INFORMATION PERTAINING TO AND OF INTEREST TO THE GENDER DYSPHORIC INDIVIDUAL.

PROVIDE REFERRAL SERVICES FOR THE VARIOUS GENDER INDIVIDUALS AND GROUPS WITH WHOM/WHICH THIS ORGANIZATION IS IN CONTACT.

ENCOURAGE COOPERATION AMONG THE LEADERS AND MEMBERSHIP OF THE VARIOUS EXISTING OR FUTURE GENDER DYSPHORIC GROUPS, ORGANIZATIONS OR ASSOCIATIONS.

DEVELOP EDUCATIONAL MATERIAL TO ASSIST IN THE EDUCATION OF THE GENDER DYSPHORIC IN DEALING WITH HIS/HER LIFESTYLE CHALLENGES AND ASSIST THE GENERAL PUBLIC IN ACCEPTING THE GENDER DYSPHORIC INDIVIDUAL AS A PERSON.

PROVIDE A PUBLICATION CONTAINING ITEMS OF INTEREST TO THE GENDER DYSPHORIC INDIVIDUAL AND COUNSELORS.

PROVIDE THOSE MEMBERS DESIRING IT A LIST OF PSYCHOTHERAPISTS COUNSELING IN THE GENDER DYSPHORIC FIELD.

PROVIDE A LISTING OR REGISTER OF ACTIVITIES OF INTEREST IN LOCAL OR ACCESSIBLE AREAS TO THE INDIVIDUALS AFFILIATED WITH THIS ORGANIZATION.

ADVERTISE TO ATTRACT UNDECLARED GENDER DYSPHORIC INDIVIDUALS WITHIN OUR AREA OF INFLUENCE.

PROMOTE THE FULL AND ACTIVE PARTICIPATION IN THIS ORGANIZATION OF ALL GENDER DYSPHORIC INDIVIDUALS AND ORGANIZATIONS.

On the reverse side of this page is a form for the convenience of those individuals who are not now associated with, but wish to become associated with, the Gateway Gender Alliance.

Individuals may select one of the following categories of associations:

1. Member Associate. Receives a copy of, and is listed in, the Membership Directory, and, receives a copy of each Membership Directory supplement as published, receives a copy of the Phoenix Monthly-International each month and is eligible to attend meetings of any Chapter. This category of membership is open **ONLY** to crossdressers or transsexuals, either male-to-female or female-to-male.

2. Subscriber. Receives a copy of the Phoenix Monthly-International each month and may change to Member Associate at a later date.

Annual fees are:

Member Associate:	\$20.00
Subscriber:	\$20.00

Fees are to be paid by check or money order made payable to the Gateway Gender Alliance and mailed, with the application, to P.O. Box 62283, Sunnyvale, CA 94088.

All applicants supply the information for Lines 1 through 3.

Additionally, Member Associates should complete lines 5 and 6 and the Listing Information block.

Subscribers need only complete lines 1-3 on the reverse side.

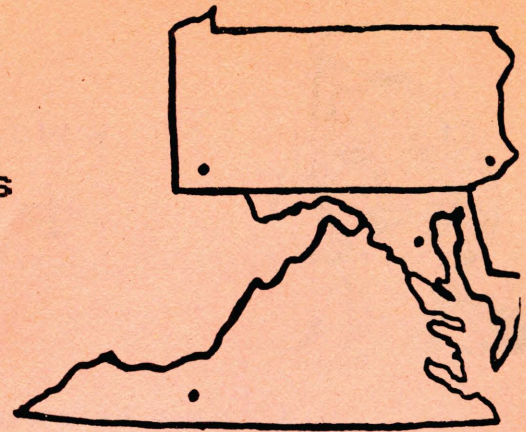
Here's a sample listing of what to enter in the Listing Information block.

BOBBIE—mid-30's, 5'6", 135, brown hair/eyes. Dresses often. Passes well. Interests: bowling, snow and water skiing, painting, cooking. Enjoy public outings for dinner, stage shows, dancing, stage shows, dancing, shopping. Seeking correspondence and social contact with others of similar interests and lifestyle. Will respond to all letters.
BOSTON AREA MA-35-06661

NOTE: We add the last line of information concerning the "area" and the membership number.

REGIONAL VIEWS

by BETTY ANN



HOW DO WE START A CHAPTER ?

1. MEMBERSHIP POOL. You need a membership pool of about 50 people to create a potential for a chapter. In terms of OUR SORORITY's mailing list this means that a new chapter could be supported in: a) Northeastern New Jersey, near New York City, b) Harrisburg Pa., c) Baltimore Md., d) Upstate N.Y., and e) Pittsburgh, Pa.
2. SAFE-HOUSE. This term used in the spy business, means a place where members can safely go to attend meetings on a regular basis. This means a home (apartment), MCC church, Unitarian Church, Motel Suite or business (Beauty Salon, Gay Bar, etc.) with meeting and dressing space, which will permit a regular monthly meeting for at least Two years. (Round Robin from place to place does not work !)
3. LEADERSHIP. There must be a sister willing to write letters, set up the meeting place, buy the basics for a small buffet luncheon, interview new members and serve as Hostess chairperson for the group. She must be prepared to spend \$200/year out of her own pocket (which should be covered by dues). She must also be tolerant of the shortcomings of her sisters and she must be patient.
4. REGULAR MEETINGS. If you note, our chapters meet on Saturdays, on a set Saturday each month (1st, 2nd, etc). the reason for this is that it takes the average TV over an hour to prepare & 30 minutes to drive to a meeting (some travel over 500 miles to a meeting). Therefore you need a non-working day with at least 6 hours free. Also a secure schedule allows members to plan ahead.
5. NATIONAL AFFILIATION. This gives a local group legitimacy in the eyes of local TVs. Also the National has an advertising budget which allows it to, through the media, attract new members.
6. PATIENCE. Chapters grow very slowly. Attendance is seasonal (builds up thru fall- drops into spring).

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PHI CHAPTER HAPPENINGS



by MICHELLE WILLIAMS

First a belated SINCERE THANKS to Jane & Louise for their gracious gift of the folding chairs for the Chapter at the April meetings.

That meeting was well attended with 14 members present. Lee surprised everyone with a ladylike outfit. Travel can be so broadening.

In early May our Chapter was represented at Merissa Sherrill Lynn's Fantasamagoric Crossdresser's Holiday in P-Town, Mass. By Betty Ann, Nicole, Jamie, Kim, Nancy and myself. In addition to several sumptuous spreads, a couple of lovely dances, and two P.J. parties, we were treated to Carolyn's outrageous costumes modeled by Melinda and a chance to meet the very classy Kim Mayflower in person. We also got to share the week-end with Chicago's Sharon Hess, Betsy Shaw from R.I. and Susan Reynolds from D.C. The trip was made complete with a visit from our favorite TV voyeur, escort and lecher, The indefatigable "Lambchops" who has yet to grow into his muttonchops.

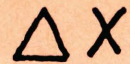
In May our chapter meeting was honored by the presence of Sandy, the D.C. Chapter Madam President. Muriel Olive from New York, Kim & Nancy, Terry and Denise, Marge & Nicole added some lighter voices to our joyous chatter as well as some great food to our buffet which fed 22.

The last regular meeting this season was a Birthday Party for Michelle & Betty Ann. Both have pearl birthstones. Annamarie & Cathy, Jill and Arvella, John Martin & Dotty, and Agnes Marie and her Avocado dip, helped swell our ranks to over 20. We both THANK YOU all for the lovely gifts. The cake was very pretty - GOSH, I haven't enjoyed a Birthday this much since I was a little girl of 6 (last year).

A special August meeting for doing obeisance to our National Dowager, Carol Beecroft, is being hatched for August 29th. Separate invites have been sent per her Eminance. See you for our first regular meeting September 26th.



DELTA CHI CHAPTER HAPPENINGS



by SANDY

The DELTA CHI Chapter of Tri-Ess is about five years old this fall. It currently has about 30 active members, including seven couples.

The Chapter meets in suburban Washington D.C. in Virginia. The regular meeting place is a home. It's location is such that members can come and leave En Femme if they wish, although ample dressing facilities are provided.

The Chapter does not currently sponsor an individual development program with instructions in voice, hair styling, and the like. Its basic focus is the social content of meetings combined with individual help in such basics, if desired. Therefore the meetings are social (little or no business agenda), with a buffet provided by the attending sisters.

Occasionally, guests attend (Ariadne Kane, Carol Beecroft, Dr. Higham) and slide or video presentations are made (Fantasia Fair, Dream, etc.).

The Chapter is planning to sponsor a BOTIQUE FANTASTIC for the paraculture this fall, where TV/TSS may attend a party at a major Beauty Salon (see the full page ad this issue).

Delta Chi does provide limited counseling services for wives of attending members. This is generally provided by another wife.

The chapter sponsors a meeting once or twice a year as a "Wives & Lovers" meeting (Oct 3rd). This dinner is held at a local restaurant to introduce wives and girlfriends to our MALE selves as an ice breaker for new couples.

Once each quarter we try to send you a copy of OUR SORORITY so that you may discover what is being done by the various social chapters which serve our sisterhood. Currently we are mailing our little newsletter to about 850 sisters and 27 local & national group leaders. When we started the newsletter we carried news about six local groups; we now are reporting on fifteen groups. To be frank, this growth has stunned us.

As a result of our efforts we receive a lot of mail. Perhaps as many as fifteen letters each week; asking about OUR SORORITY, how to join a local or national group, how to locate help for a personal crisis, or simply fantasy notes of one sort or another. I shall try to answer many of the key questions that come to me in the mail. You'll see these spread throughout this issue, under the heading "BITS FROM BETTY ANN".

SIGMA CHAPTER HAPPENINGS



The SIGMA Chapter of Northern New Jersey is still under development. As we mentioned before OUR SORORITY is presently being mailed to over 135 individuals in that Area.

The meeting dates and contacts for that Chapter will be published in OUR SORORITY as soon as they are available.

BITS FROM BETTY ANN

OUR SORORITY. - We are a newsletter, not a formal organization or group. We are dedicated to reaching as many TV & TS sisters as possible to let them know that there are both national and local groups that will help them. We are funded by donations and advertisers. We are NON-PROFIT. The average newsletter costs about \$.70 to mail. OUR SORORITY represents about 1/2 of my personal mailing list. It is kept secure and is not released to any source under any circumstances.

If you know of any individuals that you think would like to receive OUR SORORITY by mail, fill out the coupons below, (there are two provided) and mail them to me, via Michelle, whose address you'll find on the CALENDAR OF EVENTS page (The last page of this newsletter).

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Name.....	Name.....
Address.....	Address.....
City.....State.....	City.....State.....
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GROUPS - National - In this issue of OUR SORORITY we are enclosing applications for Tri-Ess and the Gateway Gender Alliance which you should fill out and mail to these groups. These national groups have made this newsletter possible and they serve to reach potential new members thru national advertisements.

GROUPS - Local - Write a letter to the local chapter President and enclose a check in her name in the amount of \$10.



**GATEWAY GENDER
ALLIANCE HAPPENINGS**
in the NEW YORK CITY AREA - by MURIEL



There were ten people who attended our very first meeting on July 11th, which was held at my Fem-Fashion Expressions Boutique at 157 W. 57th st., Suite 601, from 6 P.M. til midnite.

The earliest arrivals were Joan from Conn. and Cheryl, who arrived around 4:30 P.M. The rest of the group had all arrived by 6:00 P.M. There was Jamie and Kathy Lee from L.I.; Joyce from Queens, Diane and Angela from Brooklyn; Janice and Sue from N.J. and Kathy from S.I., Cheryl was the only one from Manhattan.

We celebrated our first meeting with wine and Hors D'oeuvres of various crackers and cheeses, and crisp, fresh raw vegetables dipped in Italian, seasoned, DIET sour cream dressing (because we must watch our figures, you know!). This was followed by lots of goodies: all kinds of cold cuts, cheese, potato salad, tuna macaroni salad and bean salad; lettuce, fresh tomatoes, relish, pickles and olives, and several choices of soda for cold drinks. This was topped with fudge-iced devils food cake (which is definitely not good for our figures, but - delicious!).

Everyone had a delightful time, and were rather suprised that they were able to come here and dress and feel so much at ease with a Boutique as a back drop. They really enjoyed relaxing, looking at books, and chatting with each other and making new friends.

We reached the "Pumpkin Hour" sadly, at midnite, when everyone had to be out of the building, as it closes then for the night. Even though we got started early, it came to a close too quickly for all of us, and no one really wanted to leave, but everyone was happy and glad that they came. We are all now looking forward to regular meetings on the second Saturday of each month.

Because all of the members as well as myself will be in the Poconos for Joyce Dewhurst's Summer Fantasy Festival September 11, 12, & 13th, (see the full page announcement in this issue of OUR SORORITY), there will not be a regular monthly meeting in New York. Our next scheduled meeting is set for October 10th. We welcome all members of other chapters. All potential, interested members please write to me (the address is on the CHAPTER LEADERS page), or call me at (212) 582-6823.

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BITS FROM BETTY ANN

FANTASY MAIL - We are adults and understand your trip. But, I must note that as ladies we are not turned on by sex pictures (frock & c---), and the post office can get very nasty, so please refrain from such childish mailings.

ACADEMY AWARD HAPPENINGS

by MAME DENNIS



In 1961 the "Academies" was founded as a gay drag theatrical club which sponsors the social life which Miss Taylor, its founder, desired modeled upon the make believe world of the movie industry; even to the point of an annual "Oscar" presentation to each of those who served in some aspect (production, direction, stage management, etc.) of their gay theatrical community.

It would be impossible in this article to describe the organizational complexity of the "Academies Groups" which have evolved since 1961, as an outlet for the gay cross-dresser. Essentially you have the: CORPORATE (board of Directors, etc.); DRAG MATRIARCY (the informal power structure of House Mothers and their families) and the ACTIVITIES, which comprise the social committees responsible for the operation of specific events under the auspices of either the Corporate or Drag Matriarcy.

In essence the "Academies Group" consists of an affiliation of five chapter houses; The Academy Awards of Washington, Inc. (Beekman Place & Henry St.) in the Washington D.C. Metro area, Maryland House in Baltimore, The House of Camelot in Norfolk; and, The Awards Club of Richmond Va.

Each chapter house accepts gay men and women interested in participating/sponsoring in the presentation of theatrical social events. Initiates as "Kissing Cousins" earn their membership over a period of six months (or more) theatrical apprenticeship. Members may use their given name, accept adoption by the key house families, or chose the name of their favorite personality or Hollywood star to imitate and mold their drag (male or female impersonation) life after. In the 1970's the male 'sponsor' (non-drag) began to appear on stage in male roles of significant character, and in recent years, women (who up til then served backstage) have participated as male impersonators on stage and in leadership roles.

(it is the hope of OUR SORORITY that each issue will contain a presentation article of the Academies and their activities.)

The Academies publishes a monthly newsletter - cost \$5.00/yr

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BITS FROM BETTY ANN

CRISIS HELP - I want to help you. If I ask blunt questions, I do so because your answers will determine who I use to help you. Our referral is free, you pay for the professional services.

GATEWAY GENDER ALLIANCE HAPPENINGS
in the PITTSBURGH AREA - by BETTY ANN



Each year we win a few, lose a few. I suppose that is true with most organizations. But when a chapter in the sisterhood of OUR SORORITY dies in the midst of plenty, it causes one to pause and wonder what happened. For you see we have over 100 sisters in the Pittsburgh Area.

The GGA chapter was started by Ratchel Osman, who is a hard working TV/TS. She located a FREE meeting place and held her first meeting, 8 attended.

The second meeting bought 2, counting Ratchel. After the meeting the 6 non-attendees were called. "Well I thought the group was larger and better organized. When you get the group established let me know, and I MAY come," was the basic response.

So the GGA Pittsburgh chapter has died in the midst of it's sisters writing to know when the next meeting will be held, because Ratchel has had enough of sisters expecting her to organize THEIR group.

But, is this the simple truth, Do the sisters in Pittsburgh really expect a free ride ? Isn't there a leader among over 100 TV/TSSs, who has the patience to establish a small chapter (for 3 or 4 good friends like we did in D.C.) ? If they met as a small peer group screening new sisters, an ORGANIZED group can emerge this year in an area where there is a need.

If you have read my article in REGIONAL VIEWS this month and would like to lead or belong to a new GGA Chapter in Pittsburgh, Please write; Betty Ann Lind

c/o Michelle Williams
POB 322, Collingswood, N.J. 08108

And this time we will work together to create a great group.

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BITS FROM BETTY ANN

SECURITY - Frankly I believe that our sisterhood is paranoid about this question. Often to the point of being rude and insulting to those of us who try to help. We all have important jobs, I earn over \$40,000 a year, Michelle earns about \$70,000. Among our members there is a Gynecologist, a Corporate Executive & an Ex-Presidential Pilot. You can bet that we have no desire for social games, and we understand your concern. But if we are to help you, you must come out of that closet to attend group meetings or at least ask for help. (By the way - mail sent to any address, PO Box or home, is very vulnerable if it does not have a complete name, no matter what class the postage, particularly if you move.)

SUCCESS CHAPTER HAPPENINGS in the FLORIDA AREA

by SUSAN



The Success Chapter of Florida meets every other month, though the dates of the meetings may change from month to month. The meetings are held at th Holiday Inn, New Port Richey, Fla. at 7 P.M.

The next meeting of the chapter will be held on September 19th, 1981. And the next one after that will no doubt be held at Daytona Beach. The Success Chapter will be holding a 3, 4 day, night event there. It will be on the same order as the event that SHANGRI-LA holds each April in Gulfport, Mississippi. The dates for our event are set and run as follows, November 11, 12, 13, 14, 15-but if anyone would care to come a day or so before that, they are more than welcome.

We have had in past meetings, guest speakers who delt with subjects that were of interest to all of us. Some of the speakers even gave us help. They spoke on Make-up, Electrolysis and the Care and Styling of wigs. All of those speakers by the way, were very lovely ladies. Yes, I mean the real type ladies. We are lining up other speakers for future meetings. We hope to soon have a speech patholigist, a Lawyer, a Psychologists and a couple of models as future guest speakers. the order of appearance has not yet been worked out.

Success Chapter, while only six months old is still growing. But those of us who are members, feel rather proud of ourselfs in as much as in that short time that we have been in existance, we have 18 paid-up members. Ours is an OPEN membership in that we warmly and gladly welcome not only TVs but TSs as well. And while on that subject, may we say that we do not care if they are Male to Female or, Female to Male, though as yet we have not had the honor of meeting any of the last named. Also we would like it known that we not care if a member is Hetro, Bi, or Gay...or if said person is into any of the other so called "Off Normal" type sexual lifestyles. All we ask is that they conduct themselves as Ladies at our meetings. We have high hopes that we will be able to have more wives with us as time goes on.

Another event that we are planning will be a New Years Party. A catered affair at a private home. If anyone out there will be in Florida and would like to join us, the WELCOME sign will be out.

In closing we wish to say that anyone interested in joining us in Daytona beach should write to:

SUSAN ARMSTRONG-PO Box 1601-Pinellas Park, Florida. 33565

OR

E. STANSEL-PO Box 1631-Lake City, Florida. 32055

NU RHO CHAPTER HAPPENINGS

by NANCY



The formation of NU RHO Chapter in Tidewater Virginia, announced in the last issue of OUR SORORITY, is proceeding nicely. We are building around a small nucleus of stable and enthusiastic sisters to form a group which is supportive both to TVs and to their wives. TVs in Tidewater and on the Peninsula can look forward to friendship and lots of fun in the cooler months ahead.

The first list of Chapter members was mailed in early August. We can all pray that the letter carriers continue their duties without a strike so that we can get a chance to meet each other by mail before the first in-person meetings. Bet you didn't know that there are others just like yourself right around the corner.

October 24th, the Saturday before Halloween, is the date for the first meeting. This meeting will be at the home of Nancy and Carolyn, and is open to NU RHO members and by invitation. If you would like to join NU RHO Chapter or attend the first meeting, please write to:
NANCY COOPER / S-180, PO Box 2400 /Virginia Beach, Va. 23452
BEFORE OCTOBER 1st

We expect both experienced and inexperienced TVs at the meetings, so don't be shy. Drop us a line in time for us to meet you and send you a map and other details. Please see the Calendar of Events for future meetings dates.

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REGIONAL VIEWS continued from page-5-

7. BUDGET. - NOTHING SHOULD BE FREE. There should be a meeting fee (\$4 to \$10) and/or Annual dues (\$10 to \$20/yr.). It cost about \$600/yr to run an active chapter of 60 or more members.

SAMPLE BUDGET (10 meetings a year)

Invitations	\$50/mo	\$120 (now done by OUR SORORITY)
Meeting Place	\$20/mo	\$200
Buffet	\$20/mo	\$200 (members should bring an
Correspondence	20/mo	\$40 item for buffet)
Misc. exp.		\$40

		\$600

8. SECURITY & RULES. In various parts of this issue of OUR SORORITY we cover such things as Meeting Rules, Security and other related topics.

WASHINGTON METRO

TV BOUTIQUE FANTASTIC

WHO: YOU are invited.
WHAT: To attend with your sisters a TV Beauty & Fashion Clinic sponsored by an Internationally Famous Beauty Salon. There will be a Wine and Cheese party also !!

WHEN: Saturday, November 21, at 8:30 P.M.
(With special provisions for a pre-event dress up at a Sorority sister's home for those who wish to attend En Femme.)

WHERE: At a suburban Virginia Beauty Salon which will be partially open for this event, for our girls only! And you may attend En Femme, or bring your portable closet.

WHY: So you can receive special individualized attention in the following areas: (Please note the areas of interest to you and write their numbers on the attached reservation form.)

- 1. Make-up and Facial Analysis
- 2. Hair Styling
- 3. Wigs
- 4. Foundation Analysis
- 5. Clothing (Wardrobe selection and sizes)
- 6. Shoes and their proper fit
- 7. Jewelry and Accessories
- 8. Eye Glasses
- 9. Other (write in)

HOW: Just enclose reservation with \$10.00 deposit.
PLEASE RESPOND BY OCTOBER 20, 1981

TO: BETTY ANN LIND-#1416 5375 DUKE ST. ALEXANDRIA, VA. 22304

FROM:
(use mailing name)

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(Street/PO Box)

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(City) (State) (Zip)

I wish to make..... reservations for the TV Beauty & Fashion Clinic. Please send me a map and further details concerning pre-event activities.

Areas of interest
Other.....

THE CLIMAX OF THE SUMMER FANTASY FESTIVAL
CROSSDRESSERS WEEKEND IN THE POCONO MTS.
SEPTEMBER 11 - 12 - 13, 1981 (Fri. to Sun.)
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THE WEEKEND - You can arrive anytime on Friday in this beautiful country setting with a rustic and informal atmosphere. It is less than two hours from N.Y.C. and is simple to find although it is off the main highway. There is swimming, tennis, shuffleboard, archery, hiking trails, row boats, fishing and on and on. There is the "Hayloft" a beautiful cocktail lounge with a large dance floor where we will have parties on Friday and Saturday night (all night). There is also a cocktail bar which services both the dining room and the *outdoor patio which* overlooks the entire mountainside. The lodge help for this weekend will be family help so you will not freak anybody out. No maid service will be provided to insure your privacy and restful slumber but you will be given an ample supply of towels and soap. The entire lodge has been turned over to us for the weekend and is ours to enjoy.

We welcome everyone young or old, male or female, **TRANSVESTITE OR NOT** as long as they come with an open mind and a sense of humor.

ATTENTION NOVICE CROSSDRESSERS

Ms. Muriel Olive well known TV beauty consultant and wardrobe advisor and owner of a N.Y.C. Boutique will be on hand all weekend for personal and private consultations. You may call her at 212 - 582-6823 for specific details of her varied services.

POINTS TO REMEMBER

We have room for 56 people total on a first come first served basis. Twelve reservations have been made before this flyer was printed. The weekend will be a sellout without doubt.

A \$25.00 deposit will insure your reservation for this fun weekend. The balance is payable to Joyce by August 15.

Do not call the lodge for any reason as Joyce will answer all your questions.

Outside of common sense there are no rules for the weekend and mode of attire is strictly up to the individual. V.P. Dewhurst (Joyce) is acting only as an agent in arranging this weekend and will not be liable in the event of failure of contracting parties to honor their commitments and also will not be liable for personal injury before, after or during the weekend. Joyce will not be responsible for any lost or damaged personal property. Consult your insurance agent for coverage. No money paid to Joyce for the weekend is refundable except if a replacement for the room is found.

JOYCE DEWHURST 212 - 335-3048

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SHANGRI-LA

'82

APRIL 21-25 (WEDNESDAY-SUNDAY)

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*NIGHTIE PARTY

*NEW FRIENDS

*EAR PIERCING

*TOURS

*TENNIS-GOLF

*WATER SLIDES

*PHOTOS

*NEW ORLEANS

*MAKE-UP TIPS

*BOATING

*MARINE LIFE PARK

*DANCING

CONTACT: Nancy Watson, P.O. Box 18202, Irvine, Ca. 92713

Also, feel free to inquire about membership in the Shangri-La Club AND the next Shangri-La West event.....





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CONVENTION**

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FOR DETAILS see the April/June issue of FEMME MIRROR

WHO TO CONTACT FOR LOCAL CHAPTER INFORMATION

When writing to Chapter Leaders - PLEASE - address mail to personal name and omit organization name since Post Office may return mail not addressed to individual.

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Collingswood, N.J. 08108 | # PI Chapter Tri-Sigma #
(Pittsburgh Area)
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(Pittsburgh Area) |
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OUR SORORITY SHOPPERS GUIDE

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Cherry Hill, N.J. 08034
609-428-8448
Ask for Selma

* Electrolysis *
Blossom Paster
1009 Hartel Ave.
Phila. Pa. 19111
215-725-5878

* Shoes *
Syd Kushner
1204 Arch St.
Phila. Pa. 19102
215-665-1538

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Cosmetics, Wigs, Jewelry,
Sportswear & Dresses
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New York, N.Y. 10019
By Appointment only
212-582-6823

* Fashion Accessories *
Donna's Fashion Edition II
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Trenton, N.J. 08618
609-883-0002

* Shoes *
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Carol Beecroft
PO Box 194
Tulare, Calif. 93275

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New York, N.Y. 10036
212-947-7773
Catalogue Available

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* Hair and Wig Styling *
House Of Christopher (unisex)
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Annandale, Virginia
703-256-8383
(Hair Styling for
experienced TVs only)

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Donna's Hair Studio I
Redken Retail Center
831 Parkway Ave.
Trenton, N.J. 08618
609-883-0002

* Wigs *
Bernard Wigs
Echelon Mall
609-772-0273

* GATEWAY GENDER ALLIANCE *
PO Box 62283
Sunnyvale, Calif.
94088

We would like to once again extend an invitation to our readers to suggest the names of businesses to add to our guide. Just send us the Name and Address of the business and we will do the rest.

The following information comes from the TEMPLE UNIVERSITY
Speech/Language and Hearing Center

TRANSEXUAL PROGRAM

The transexual program at Temple University Speech/Language and Hearing center provides training in appropriate Voice, Speech and Language patterns for the Male to Female transexual client. Training includes a videotaped interview, evaluation of the clients current patterns of communication, and weekly individual practice sessions if appropriate. Since part of the purpose of the program is to develop efficient treatment and training methods, no fee is charged for the client's participation. Admission is by self referral. Contact person is :

Reinhardt Heuer, Ph.D.
(215) 787-8220

(If Dr. Heuer is not available, ask for Racquel Reyes between 8:30 - 4:30 weekdays)

The client may also participate in a research study of the long term effects of using a high pitched voice, if the client meets the criteria for the study.

AN EDITORIAL NOTE

If you have ever indulged yourself in the fantasy of living and being accepted as a woman in a totally care-free situation (and who among us hasn't indulged in that fantasy) where you are accepted as what you appear to be, then a unique and unbelievable opportunity is again presenting itself to do just that. FANTASIA FAIR in Provincetown, Mass. is an unbelievable experience. I was there last year, and I have been looking forward to going back again this year. Please don't think that this affair is only for the experienced TVs & TSS, I was just out of the closet two months when I went up to P-Town last year. I couldn't believe the warm welcome and acceptance that you feel in that town. You will learn many basic things about yourself as well as about others in the paraculture.

By the time you get this issue, FANTASIA FAIR will probably be just about 6 weeks away (Oct 16th - 25th), so please write to them immediately. the address is:

F. F. Ltd. Kenmore Station Box 368 Boston, Mass. 02215

The Following item of interest is reprinted from the
AMERICAN ASSOCIATION FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF SCIENCE
PUBLICATION - SCIENCE 21 MARCH 1975

DISCRIMINATION AGAINST SEXUAL MINORITIES

WHEREAS some American Scientists are members of sexual minorities (Homosexuals, Transvestites, Transsexuals, etc),

AND WHEREAS

these persons may be valued members of their professions, capable of making great contributions to the progress of science and to the National Welfare, and

WHEREAS there still exist many forms of discrimination against these scientists because of their sexual orientation, without regard to their professional qualifications and,

WHEREAS because of this discrimination some scientists are denied an opportunity to practice their professions and others are treated inequitably in terms of salary, promotion or assigned duties, and

WHEREAS such discrimination constitutes a loss to science and an injustice to these individuals,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the American Association for the Advancement of Science deplores any form of discrimination on the basis of sexual behavior between consenting adults in private, and

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the board of directors be requested to charge its Committee on Opportunities in Science to take due cognizance of this resolution in its work.

**GATEWAY GENDER
ALLIANCE HAPPENINGS**
in the BALT-WASH AREA - by LISA



As the August heat fades slowly from the marble of our Nation's Capitol, The Baltimore/Washington Alliance will begin it's meetings this Fall on the second Saturday of September. The subsequent meetings thru June are also scheduled for the second Saturday of the month.

The Alliance Chapter meets in a lovely Unitarian Church set back in a beautifully wooded private dell. Despite the almost wilderness setting, the church is very easy to get to from the Washington Beltway (495). The Church is available to the Chapter only on meeting nights.

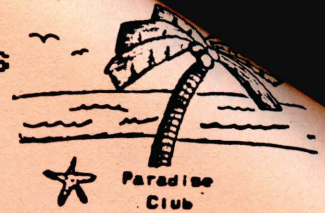
The meetings begin around 9 P.M., but the Church is opened earlier. The meetings are quite relaxed and informal. Sisters can change at the Church or come dressed. ALL SISTERS ARE WELCOME.

High points of this coming fall will be October's "Costume En Femme" meeting and a "Swap/Sell Theme" meeting.

Our membership is open to all feminine men and women, TVs, TSSs, etc. Many people contacted me this summer and I hope to see these new faces this fall. For directions write:
LISA ROUSE - PO Box 218 - BURTONSVILLE, Md. 20866.

The cost for the publication of OUR SORORITY is borne by private donations on the part of it's publishers and others who wish to serve their sisters and friends. In the future, we plan to expand our publication to include advertising to help defray this out-of pocket cost so that we may continue our policy of sending copies for free. Frankly, the keeping of subscription lists and payment lists is more expensive in terms of time and patience, than current expenses warrant. Our Ad page costs \$500.00 for four issues and our smallest Ad is 1/10th of a page, or \$50.00 for four issues. (Black & White non-Photo copy only.) If you wish to donate or take out an Ad, send your copy and/or check to Michelle Williams. National Organizations, Events and Local Chapters are not charged for the space provided to them in OUR SORORITY.

PARADISE CLUB HAPPENINGS
in WARREN OHIO - by PATRICIA LOUISE



YOU AND THE LAW - That was the subject of the program at our May meeting of Paradise. More specifically, it dealt with the laws of the land, the rights of a person to cross-dress in public and the treatment a person would receive should he/she be arrested and or incarcerated for having committed, or appearing to have committed, a violation of a law or ordinance.

Our speaker was a an Attorney from the Cleveland Area. He pointed out that with a few exceptions (some of the Western States), cross-dressing laws tend to be local in nature, and usually general and very vague. But he said even those that are specific may not be constitutional. While they may be on the books, they may never have been legally challenged. (Who among us can run the risk of publicly testing their legality ?)

We had 26 in attendance, including 6 wives, one girlfriend and one daughter (Patricia's), and three new friends from GEAR.

Our speaker was accompanied by two fellow members of GEAR (The Gay Educational and awareness Resources Foundation) of Cleveland, the sponsors of our program. All three stayed beyond the end of the program answering questions about their own sub-culture and asking many about our own. One of the community services offered by GEAR is the operation of a HOTLINE, and they are called upon to answer all kinds of questions, to give out information, to make referrals, etc. Some of these questions come from lonely and desperate transvestites and some of their volunteers know as little about us as we know about them. They were very pleased when Renee volunteered to speak to their group and to give them some more specific information, referral sources, etc. We also plan a formal program on August 29. The subject will deal with the relationship between TVs and their wives or girlfriends. Our speaker will be a Therapist from the Cleveland Area. It should be an interesting program.

We have a fantastic Halloween Party planned for October 29th. Join us if you can.



PI CHAPTER HAPPENINGS

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by PATRICIA LOUISE



Our Pittsburgh Tri-Ess Chapter meets on an irregular basis at a private home. The Chapter usually meets on alternate months (but not always). On the in-between months the members usually attend the meetings of the Paradise Club of Warren, Ohio. Our next scheduled Tri-Ess meeting is set for September 26th.

Our get-togethers are usually intimate affairs of 5 to 10 attendees which usually includes 2 to 3 wives or girlfriends (and/or a daughter). The Agenda usually is comprised of informal chit-chat, while enjoying a cooked dinner or buffet. Each get together is always an enjoyable affair.

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BITS FROM BETTY ANN

MEETINGS - If you declare an interest in attending a meeting, you may contact the local president involved. She will contact you as to the time and place of the group meeting. All meeting places are provided with facilities for dressing and undressing, and the local chapter usually desires that you dress and undress at the meeting site unless you are specifically advised that you may come and or go dressed as you please. Each guest is expected to bring a snack for the buffet, and to notify the local hostess that they plan to attend so that they may be informed on what to bring. Beverages, other than soft drinks are not furnished by the hostess.

OUR SORORITY ARTICLES

If your group has a local chapter ANYWHERE IN THE WORLD, you may provide OUR SORORITY with copy for publication, limited to one page (60 characters across - 45 lines down) in the basic format we use in this issue for each local group. Place your National/Local Logo at the upper right corner so that it may be reproduced in the fashion used for each local group. Also include a four month schedule of events and a mailing address so that our readers may contact you. The deadline for our next issue is November 15th, 1981. (The Publishers and Editor of OUR SORORITY reserve the right to edit copy to space requirements and/or good taste).

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SEPTEMBER 1981							OCTOBER 1981							NOVEMBER 1981							DECEMBER 1981						
SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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NOTICE: These Chapter meeting dates are your OFFICIAL NOTIFICATION of such meetings and individual notifications WILL NOT be sent. Meeting locations can be obtained by contacting the Chapter Presidents.

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DELTA CHI

Sept 26- Season Opener
 Oct 31 - Halloween Party
 Nov 28 - W, F & L Dinner
 Dec 26 - Christmas Party

Sept 5- Dr. Higham, Psychologist
 Oct 3- Wives & Lovers Dinner
 Nov 7- Halloween Party
 Dec 5- Christmas Party

PARADISE CLUB

BALT-WASH GGA

NEW YORK GGA

PI (TRI-ESS)

Oct 24	Sept 12	SEPT-POCONOS	SEPT 26
Dec 12	Oct 10	Oct 10	Nov ?
	Nov 14	Nov 14	
	Dec 12	Dec 12	

SUCCESS(GGA)

NU RHO

Sept 19	Oct 24
Nov 11-15 in Daytona Beach	Dec 5

THE ACADEMY AWARDS EVENTS (Open to the Public)

Sept 20th - NEW FACES SHOW \$3.00/tkt (at the Rogue)
 Oct 18th - BLACK AND WHITE BALL \$6.00/tkt (at the Rogue)
 Nov 15th - MISS GAY USA PAGEANT \$6.00/tkt (at the Rogue)
 Jan 30th - MISS GAY UNIVERSE \$12.00/tkt (at Almas Temple)

If you live in one of these areas and wish to belong to a Chapter there and can provide leadership to your Sisters, or wish us to send OUR SORORITY to a sister (coupons are located on page 9 of this issue for that purpose), do write to me, Betty Ann Lind, via Michelle. The Address is:

MICHELLE WILLIAMS
 PO Box 322
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