



CROSS DRESSERS INTERNATIONAL

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Serving the Special Needs of Special People



CROSS DRESSERS INTERNATIONAL CDI IS FOR YOU

Cross Dressers International, hereinafter called CDI, was founded by S. Kristine James now director of the group. Kristine acted after many requests and years of planning. Finally, there are week night programs!

CDI is a non-profit, non-sexual organization open to all who cross dress with a full feminine identity regardless of sexual practices or orientation.

CDI sponsors meetings, parties, dinners, shows and serves as a membership organization serving the educational, social, recreational needs of all cross dressers.

For members and friends, CDI provides friendship and a secure, non-threatening environment. A newsletter is published and supplied free to members. Members receive substantial discounts to all special programs and activities and often free admission. Members also receive discounts on services and merchandise. Karen Cloe is our New York Director and S. Kristine James is our National Executive Director. 212-213-3352.

CDI MEMBERSHIP GROWS

As of this writing, Cross Dressers International/NYGA now has 56 paid members. Our ranks include members from New York and three of its boroughs, Long Island, Connecticut, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Florida, Delaware and Illinois. Hopefully, we will see all of our out of town members in either March or April. Everyone is welcome to come to any of our events at any time.

WHAT'S YOUR COLOR?

Well, I'll tell you girl friend, if you were not at the CDI meeting in January, you missed one of the most interesting evenings we have ever had.

First of all we had 3 new people; one first time dressed and out, one who wants "out" and a young person seeking information. The highlight of the evening was Muriel Olive and the color coordination demonstration. With the various charts and color boards, everyone was able to match wigs, clothing and make-up more effectively.

Everybody got into the act. As colors were tried on each person everyone would clap, whistle, scream, boo, hiss. What started out to be a demonstration shortly included everyone and all 15 in attendance had their chance to "get in the chair."

This program will be repeated at the Moonlight weekend. **BE THERE!** I think we will do this again in the fall.

SOME NEW IDEAS

In January we had quite an active roundtable discussion about the future of CDI. It was hoped that by changing the location to the Days Inn, we would get more people out. This did not happen. Also we have been having some really great programs that should have peaked the interest of everyone and brought out more people. That happened to some extent. But there are still over 60% of our members that we never see, including some old faithfuls. Some of you I talked to

before the January meeting, you said you would come, and you missed another great time.

We could not reach a complete common ground as to why our members would come to a meeting or what would turn you out into the cold and traffic and expense to come to CDI. Yes there is an expense. We try to keep our costs low because we know that you must pay tolls, parking, etc. But we still need to pay for the food, facilities, postage etc. too.

The main point seemed to be a combination of events between educational and social. Therefore, we will try to return to our original, successful plans for diner meetings, educational programs and pure wrap sessions. Please come to these programs. We would like you to be an active member. If we do not have something of interest to you, write or call us. NYC is a big place, I am sure we can help you.

CALENDAR

Feb 18	Barbara Herr
Mar 22	Meeting at IFGE
Mar 25	Dinner/Special
Apr 22	Welcome Party

BARBARA HERR - Thursday, February 18, 1993

Here is how the entertainers do it. We are fortunate to have Barbara Herr who is seen on many stages of Manhattans more famous clubs, come to our meeting. Barbara has been at the Excalibur in Hoboken, NJ and is doing shows at Sallys II in New York. This will be a wonderful opportunity to discover how make-up is done in the theater and maybe even find out if you could also be on stage.

This will be a fun night so plan to attend. Meeting will be held at Sallys II, 252 W. 43rd St. The meeting will start at 7:30 in the VIP Lounge. Plan to come. **BE SURE TO CALL KAREN AT 212-213-3352** or Muriel at 212-629-5750 for reservations. We really need to know how many are coming. Many of you ladies have been forgetting to do this and we have no idea what to expect.

Please call today.

IFGE NATIONAL CONVENTION March 16 to 21, 1993

On Thursday evening, March 18, 1993 CDI will gather for dinner and the evening entertainment "On the Town" in center city Philadelphia. We will leave the Philadelphia Hilton at 7 PM and go to a local restaurant for some very special events. If you do not attend the convention, at least come for this event.

There will be 5 days of seminars, parties and fun planned for the beginner, experienced or just the curious. Several public programs are being offered including press briefings and educational seminars for the general public.

A complete registration program has already been sent to you. This convention is being hosted by the Renaissance Education Association, our sister group in Philadelphia. Alison Lang has been working very hard for a long time to make this a very enjoyable and enriching experience. She had a lot of interesting programs that she presented to us when she was at our meeting in December. Merissa Lynn at IFGE and her staff have improved the program to encompass a wide variety of events to broaden your experience and knowledge.

At this convention you will have the chance to meet all of the important people in our community. Dr. Sheila Kirk will discuss hormones and the various medical concerns of our community. Dr. Richard F. Doctor will talk about the psychological aspects and the interpersonal relationships that we all have. Virginia Prince will share her wisdom gained from many years as a cross dresser and a bigenderist. There will be business meetings for the advancement of our interests and broadening our experiences. Special programs for spouses, Transsexuals, FTM and others will be offered.

All work and no play is not allowed. Therefore, there are parties planned, a casino night, fund raiser, awards banquet, formal banquet and non-denomination service.

Kristine will be our representative at the Congress of Representatives that will meet on Wednesday. If there is anything that you want the community to know or do, she is the one to talk to. Also Kristine and the board of directors of GNYGA will be the facilitator at a meeting on Thursday concerning club activities and programs.

As you can see, there is a lot to be offered. This event needs your support for one or five days.

Please register today and join your friends from CDI and others from all over the world for this wonderful event.

MARCH 25, 1993 SOCIAL NIGHT

At the January meeting, it was decided to have some purely social events, so here is a good time to start. We will gather before 7:30 p.m. at Fem Fashions 9 W. 31st St., Suite 7R, New York. From there we will leave for a local restaurant for a no host dinner. We will find a good place, that has reasonable prices if one exists. After

dinner, we will just hang around or travel down the road to Busters on Lexington Ave.

If you want to be made up before we go to dinner, please contact Muriel or Monique for an appointment. This should be a lot of fun for a Night On The Town. Reservations are an absolute MUST so that we can tell the restaurant how many to set for. Call Muriel at 212-629-5750 or Karen at 212-213-3352.

APRIL 22, 1993 JEWELRY DEMONSTRATION

Vernice of Paradox 1990's will present a jewelry demonstration at our meeting in April. I have seen some of her products and they are very well made and the prices are the best in the business. From rings in large sizes, ear rings and chains to some very exciting arm wraps, each piece has been designed to give you a look of elegance. Only large sizes will be shown and you will have a chance to try on everything.

This also will be our welcoming party for the early arrivals at the Moonlight weekend. You will have a chance to meet many of our out of town guests and enhance your network of friends in our community. Plan to come to this event. It will be held in the Marco Polo room, second floor, Days Inn on 57th St. starting at 7:30 p.m.

MOONLIGHT IN MANHATTAN - April 22 to 25, 1993

Our April meeting will be held on April 22, 1992 at the Days Inn, 440 W. 57th St, Second Floor (use the elevators at the rear of the lobby). We will host the early arrival party for the MOONLIGHT IN MANHATTAN weekend. This will be a lot of fun to meet many friends from out of town. We have many reservations already made, including a couple from Germany. Plan to come at 7:30 p.m. for our jewelry demonstration.

HAVE YOU MADE YOUR RESERVATIONS YET FOR THIS EVENT?

If you miss this event, right in your town, then you have missed THE event of the year. The bar/restaurant tour on Friday evening is going to be a blast. There will be stops at Karalyn's Oasis, Sally's II, Butterfield 8, Cajun restaurant, a piano bar and more. The bus will be going around in circles from 10pm to 3AM. There will be free admission to Sally's and many other clubs. There will be special open menus at selected restaurants and a lot of friendship.

Saturday will be open for shopping trips or for seminars by Jim Bridges, Muriel Olive, Mariette Pathy Allen, Dr. Jeffrey Mechanick, Lillth Martin and others. A special Shoppers guide is being prepared to help everyone find just what they want in a friendly environment when shopping or dining. This book will be worth the price of admission alone.

Saturday evening, April 24 will be the highlight event -- a dinner dance, Moonlight in Manhattan. A delicious banquet buffet will be served. If you go away hungry, it is your fault, not ours. A disc jockey will provide music of all types and you can dance your feet away. Entertainment will be provided by the Imperial Court, the same people that do the Night of 1,000 gowns.

These events are being planned for your benefit. You can go to one event or to them all. Plans are already underway for 1994 so come this year to find out what is in store for next year.

Be sure to contact Lynda Frank, 330 W 45th St., #3H, New York, NY 10036 212-765-3561 right away. Early reservations are coming in now so get yours in soon. The seminars will be limited to 50 people per session so make your reservations before they sell out. Also there are a limited number of hotel rooms available and you are encouraged to register early directly with the hotel.



MURIEL SUGGESTS...

by Muriel Olive

SHAPING THE EYEBROWS(part 2)

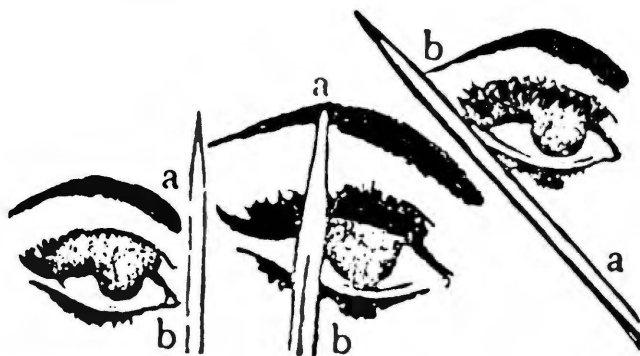
Brush your brows with an eyebrow brush to find their natural shape before applying color. A natural arch duplicates the shape of the eye below it and gives added beauty to any face type. At the highest point of elevation the brow should taper off on a down grade - slightly higher than your natural brow. If you cannot pluck the hairs from the end of the eyebrow, cover them as well as possible with foundation beard cover. Using a wedge shaped eyebrow brush, follow the natural line of the brow with a shade of light brown for blondes, to darker brown shades for brunettes and redheads, matching the depth of color of the hair as closely as possible. Use a soft black for black hair only. Mixing in a little brown to further soften the black. Fill in with short strokes, duplicating the hairs.

Brows should begin softly, become more prominent and end gently.

Brows should look like real hair, with highlights and shadows. They should never look painted or have harsh pencil lines which overpower the eyes.

Establishing Your Eyebrow Line

Use a pencil as a guide to determine the beginning, highest elevation and length of your brow.



Plucking Tips

Lubricate the skin to soften it before plucking.

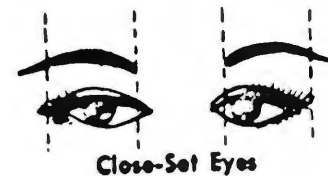
Pull the skin tight with one hand.

Tweeze in the direction of the hair's growth.

Apply rubbing alcohol immediately after plucking.

Corrective Chart

For CLOSE-SET EYES pluck the eyebrows so the distance between them equals the width of one eye. This may mean they will start over a tear duct rather than over the corner of the eye.

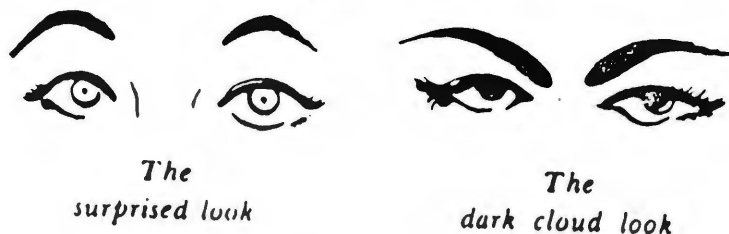
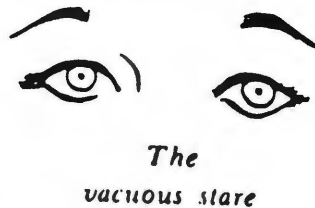


WIDE-SET EYES will seem closer together if the eyebrows are plucked to the distance of one eye span between them. This may mean they will start beyond the corner of the eyes.



Errors to avoid

Each of the following looks should be avoided at all costs:



Next month we will apply color to the eyebrows.

See you on February 18, 1993.



**FASHION TIPS FROM
TERRI** by Terri White

Your face should express the warmth and femininity that is within you.

Before applying your foundation, put any type of moisturizing cream or lotion on your face. This will help keep your face smoother looking and it will be easier to remove your make-up after the evening. The foundation should be applied as lightly as possible to present a natural feminine look.

The color you use on your eyes should blend in with your lip color ie; use plum or pink eye shadow with pink or plum lip color. The use of lip lining pencils brings out the shape of the lip you want to present.

Always blend in your blush to your hairline. This blending will create an appearance of softness.

Femininity is softness, gentleness, caring and beauty which all of us can project. Act the part of a lady when you are dressed and you will enjoy your feminine self to the greatest degree.

NEW AT FEM FASHIONS

Monique Devereue is now at Fem Fashions doing make overs. Monique, famous for her activities at LIFE, has moved to Manhattan and is very active in the Moonlight in Manhattan and the community. She did the make up for one of our members at our January meeting and she looked great.

Both Monique and Muriel are also offering shopping services so that you can get dressed, made up and go out on the town to obtain that great new outfit.

Call Monique at Fem Fashions 212-629-5750 for your appointment Tuesday to Saturday, 2 p.m. to 9 p.m.

CLUB ALLURE II

Club Allure is now open at the Starlight Night Club, 381 Jericho Turnpike, Floral Park, NY on alternate Sundays. There is plenty of free parking, a cash bar, snacks, beautiful clean facilities with mirrored walls, fireplace and clean rest rooms. There is a changing room available. Cover charge is \$5.00 for anyone enfemme and all others are \$10.00.

Dates are February 7 and 21 and March 7 and 21. Call the hotline at 718-347-2646.

KARALYN'S OASIS

Now open on Thursday evenings as well as Fridays and Saturdays at Busters, 129 Lexington Ave., New York, NY. I stopped at Karalyn's when I was in Manhattan in January and had a very nice visit. They hope to get the back room redone shortly so maybe there will be a meeting place for us sometime in the future. In the mean time, here is a nice quiet place where you can go and visit and meet your friends. The drag queens have not found this place yet, so the atmosphere is quiet and friendly.

February 18, 1993

CDI Meeting - Barbara Herr Make Overs

Sally's II

252 W. 43rd St.

New York, NY

212-213-3352

February 26 - 28, 1993

Texas T Party, Tea for Two in San Antonio, TX.

Texas T Party

P.O. Box 700042

San Antonio, TX 78270

512-545-3668

March 16-21, 1993

IFGE National Convention

Philadelphia Hilton & Towers

IFGE P.O. Box 367

Wayland, MA 01778

March 26 -28, 1993

Night of a Thousand Gowns and coronation of our friend Coco LaChine, Celestial Dragon Empress of New York.

Roosevelt Hotel. Information contact Empress V. Razor Sharp 212-794-8780 or Empress VI Saleen 212-529-4281

April 23-25, 1993

GNYGA Moonlight in Manhattan

Linda Frank

330 W. 45th St, Apt 3E

New York, NY 10036

212-765-3561

May 20-23, 1993

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May 20-24, 1993

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Contact Dr. Peggy Rudd

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July 9-10, 1993

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