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FREE TO MEMBERS

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NEWSLETTER EDITORS
Helen
and
Wilma [REDACTED]

HI GALS: Sorry I could not spend time ;
this gathering with you. By the time ;
you read this, I will have had my op- ;
eration. I have been in since March ;
9th and have been sick since the last ;
gathering. I did not want Wilma to can- ;
cel the meeting. I made out the ~~grocery~~ ;
grocery list and she did the shopping ;
by herself. She got in touch with Jo & ;
Dennie and they came up Friday night ;
to give Wilma a hand. Do hope all you ;
gals enjoyed yourself because I sure ;
missed not seeing you. ;

I was very glad to hear from all you ;
girls out there on my letter in the ;
Feburay newsletter. I am glad that ;
you all felt the same as I did because ;
I try hard to do right by all of ~~x~~ you ;
I wrote this beginning for Wilma and ;
she will have it to type the whole ;
papper this month. ;

HELEN. ;

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WELL this is where Wilma takes over. ;
Looka like we had a very nice turn ;
out this month. We had 19 TVs, 4 wives ;
That makes 23 in all. We had 18 from ;
N.Y. State, 2 from Conn. and 3 from ;
Canada. ;

Those present at the gathering were ;

Jo. & Dennie - Peekskill - N.Y. ;
Michell & Terry - Saratoga - N.Y. ;
Lynn & Pat - Rochester - N.Y. ;
Linda & Peggy - West Hills * Canada. ;
Barbara - Coline - N.Y. ;
Kathy - Syracuse - N.Y. ;
Crystal - Menands - N.Y. ;
Caroline - Troy - N.Y. ;
Andrea - Mt. Vernon - N.Y. ;
Melisa - N.Y.C. - N.Y. ;
Pat - Molden en Hudson - N.Y. ;
Pam - Bern - N.Y. ;
Jean - Platsburg - N.Y. ;
Jean - Coline - N.Y. ;
Winnie - Schenectady - N.Y. ;
Jebifer - Solsville - N.Y. ;
Micheline - Ottawa - Canada. ;
Cynnthia - Norwalk - Conn. ;
Louise - Waterberry - Conn. ;

It was ~~x~~ real nice to have you all ;
with us and that you all had an en- ;
joyable evening. It was also so good ;
to see 4 lovely wives present. I am ;
only sorry that my wife Helen who is ;
now in the Hospital could not be here ;
to greet you. ;

LINDA & PEGGY - We are all so glad ;
that you did not turn around and go ;
back home after getting into that ;
heavy snow storm in Canada. ;

It took them 3 hours to travel the ;

the first 20 miles from there home. ;
We all hope that the trip was worth ;
it. ;

JO & DENNIE - We all thank you for ;
your wounderful help in getting the ;
food ready and taking over for ;
Helen - THANK YOU - Dennie says ;
thanks to all for helping her. ;

Michell & TERRY - It was real nice ;
to see youn two to-g-eather again, ;
we hope ~~x~~ that it will be for good. ;

ANDREA & MELISA: It was nice of you ;
to bring a beautiful guest and I ;
hope that Melisa had a very nice ;
time. I did not get a chance to get ;
her address. Would you please send ;
it to me so that I can send her a ~~x~~ ;
copy of this Journal. ;

LYNN & PAT: Thank you for going to ;
the hospital to see Helen and cheer ;
her up. ;

Jean; You must have been having a ;
verry good time. You are the first ;
to go home but to-night you were ;
the last to go. Oh yes I ~~g~~ forgot ;
to tell Helen about the can of STOP ;
LEAK you did not bring. HA-HA- ;

JOAN: Thank you for all of us for ;
your help at dinner time. ;

JENIFER: You looked great as the ~~px~~ ;
pregnant girl. Hope you did not loo ;
se it by the time you got home. ;
Better cut down on the beer or you ;
will have twins. ;

MICHELINE: Nice of you to come all ;
the way from Ottawa. I hope that ;
it was well wothh the travel. ;

LOUISE: It was nice seeing you agai ;
n. Better luck in your love life. ;
(she tells me that she has 3 pussys ;
((cats)) and no woman. HA-HA. ;

JOEL: The Lady came to pick Pam up ;
at 11 P.M. But gorget to say HELLO. ;
~~Even~~ Even if I am a dictator it is ;
good manners to say hello to the ;
host of a house you enter wether ~~ye~~ ;
you like him or not. ;

JO: Says he would like to apologize ;
if he put the damper on any persons ;
enjoyment, due to his not feeling ;
well. ;

DENNIE: Do not fobget to bring the ;
refill next month . Jo's ran out. ;

KATHY: I forgot to save you the empty beer cans so you could make another set of fingernails.

TERRY, PAT & DENNIE were having a nice chat in the kitchen, but did not get the chance to get that women to women talk. The make believe woman had to see what it was all about. They did not mind as they enjoyed your company and talking to every one.

DINNER: We had a backed ham with a pineapple sauce. Baked beans with pineapple and molassis and french fried potatoes. Three kinds of pickles pickles and two kinds of pickled peppers. For desert we had BLACK OUT cake and coffee.

OH YES! What do you know, we did not run out of food but WE DID run out of GINGER ALE.

ANOTHER month we broke even on the food. We spent \$60.00 and took in \$60.00.

OUR income for the month was \$144.00 but our expences were \$147.00. Wich means we had to take \$3.00 out of the bank.

Well I hope that I did a good job fill in for HELEN.

Wilma.

Sex-change cost authorized

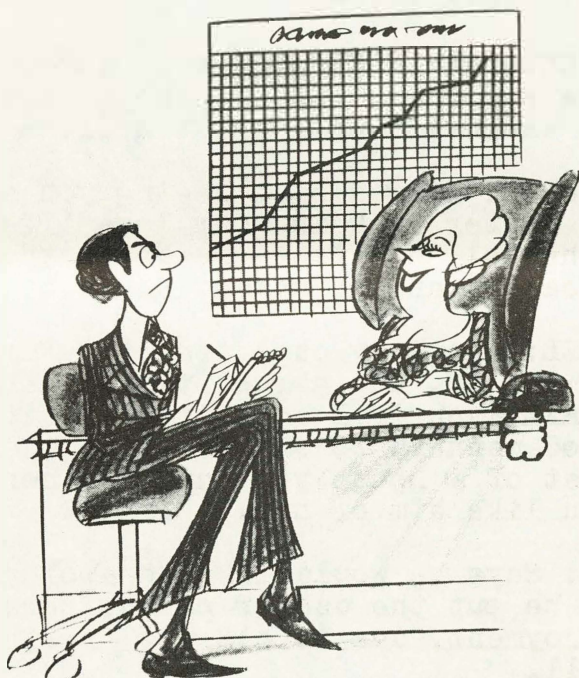
NEW YORK (AP) — The Appellate Division in Brooklyn ruled Monday that the city and state departments of Social Services must pay the cost for a transvestite's sex-change operation.

The 3 to 1 decision overturns an earlier ruling by the Kings County Supreme Court made

last March 28 which dismissed a petition for a sex-conversion operation.

The court identified the petitioner only as Denise R and said he was a 41-year-old genetic male who has been living and working for the past 16 years as a female.

AND IN BUSINESS



"If you want to get to the top, Simpson, you had better take a leaf out of my book and start wearing drag!"

Go-go guys just gotta get it on their chests

DUNDALK, Md. (UPI) — Scantly clad male go-go dancers who have been attracting crowds of exuberant women at a local tavern are going to have to wear bikini tops or some other form of chest covering.

And the women aren't going to be allowed to stuff money into the dancers' briefs anymore.

The Baltimore County Liquor Board has ordered the Meritt House, a tavern in this industrial community southeast of Baltimore, to cover the chests of male dancers under regulations worded to keep any "person, performer or waitress" in a licensed establishment from going topless.

"That law is worded to say any person, when it should have said women and now they're stuck with it," grumbled Fabio Binetti, part-owner of the tavern. "It's pretty ridiculous."

Joseph J. Hess, the liquor board chairman, acknowledged that the regulation, adopted in 1972 wasn't written to include men, but because of the wording must be applied to both sexes.

Hess said the dancers are going to have to wear a bra or something so that it conceals the entire nipple area."

Anne Eierman, secretary of the board, said appreciative patrons can no longer stuff dollar bills in the male dancers' briefs, as they did last Sunday.

"The rules prevent dancers from accepting any gift of money except a bona fide tip, and that's not what we would call a bona fide tip," she laughed.

Binetti and his partners began using male go-go dancers last Sunday in an effort to spur business on the slowest day of the week.



THE FIRST "SEX CHANGE" Helen Barkoczy (1833-1960) THE ONLY DESCENDANT OF THE IMMENSELY WEALTHY COUNT JOHN BARKOCZY, WAS LEGALLY DECLARED A MAN IN 1871, SO SHE COULD INHERIT HIS ESTATE

E D I T O R I A L :

ARE you one of those TVs who when first discovered our club wanted so badly to meet others in person or by correspondence now find that you have achieved these hopes and desires find our club and TVIC Journal no longer necessary as before. In most cases none of the contacts and friends you have made would have been possible without our help and devising ways of finding these people for everyone's mutual pleasure and help. This Club was never started for the purpose of making a profit. It was started as a means to help all TVs to get out of the closet and meet others and to help wives understand their husbands. But it has its own financial legs to stand on and when many of you cease to support it, it becomes increasingly hard to do all that has to be done.

I am not asking for any pity, sympathy or charity just support and appreciation of our activities.

Please remember this when it is time to renew your dues. Your help will be finding and helping someone else out of the closet.

Several correspondents at one time or another in the past have brought up the question of what are we really doing when we femme dress. For almost all of us in the beginning and for many still, dressing in feminine attire was an erotic experience because we were "experiencing" a woman. We did it not by physical contact with a female from the outside but, so to speak by getting inside her "skin". Clothing, that which is seen by others, brings a symbolic skin.

But as we grow older by age and older in transvestic experience this aspect of pattern grows less important. Since femme personation can and does go on into advanced age--- we have several members in their 70's--- when exotic expression is no longer strong and perhaps impossible, it follows that there are other motivations besides the erotic.

One is the symbolic union with a woman, in a normal relationship, between a male and a female the attraction of female exerts on a male is more than sexual.

I would like you members out there to write to me on this question and help me with a better answer. How about it.

In many parts of the U.S.A., a man caparisoned in even a dash of women's finery is subject to arrest as a transvestite, whereas a woman in a MAN'S BROOK BROTHERS SUIT, with findings to match, goes scot-free as an example of present and future chick... The dictionary firmly establishes the fact that transvestism is bisexual. Webster's definition reads: "adoption

of dress and often behavior of the opposite sex". The situation seems monstrously unfair when fashion arbiters are urging women to wear pants morning noon and night, and the man-tailored two-pants suits for street wear is already in the wardrobe of many women.

If all the women wearing pants on the public streets were arrested as transvestites, detention camps would have to be built to relieve the overcrowded jails. But let a man put on a skirt, other than a kilt, and in jig time he is trying to get up bail money. If this nation believes in equality of the sexes let it extend freedom of dress to men, all holds and penalties barred. In a day when clothing is becoming interchangeable. It is not fair that one sex is more equal than the other.

W I L M A

WHILE I was practicing on our ORGAN here at home my dog would just sit there and howl.
HELEN stuck her head inside the door and pleaded; "FOR HEAVEN'S sake, Bill, play something that dog does not know."

NEW MEMBERS WELCOMED:

I am pleased to announce the enrollment of 7 new members again this month.

- Peggy Ann -- Schenectady -- N.Y.
- Joan ----- Granville ---- N.Y.
- Charlene --- Canandaigua -- N.Y.
- Jay ----- Medway ----- Mass.
- Lynda ----- West Hill ---- Canada
- Eleanor ---- Schenectady -- N.Y.
- Dee Dee ---- Schenectady -- N.Y.

We all hope to see you new members in the coming months in person and may you find many friends among us.

N E X T G A T H E R I N G :

Our Next two gatherings will be on April 19th and May 17th.

A FOREST ranger in Arizona frequently saw an Indian Chief riding his horse up the canyon trail, his wife trudging along behind him. "Why is it the ranger asked that you ride and your wife walks." "Because," was the solemn reply, "She no gottum horse."

THE Census Bureau reports that for every man who lives to be 85, there are 7 women. But by that time it is too late.

BETTY: "How did that dective manage to catch you when you were dressed as a woman?"

BILL: I made a boo-boo, I passed a dress shop without looking in."

Dear Helen & Wilma:

Just received my copy of the Feb. 15 TVIC Journal, and wanted to voice a comment.

As you know, I live many miles from your house, and it is very doubtful that I will ever be privileged to attend one of the social gatherings at your home, (unfortunately). But I just want you to know how much I appreciate just knowing that you are THERE, and that I have some UNDERSTANDING friends somewhere. I feel very CLOSE to you both, and I do feel like I'm a part of the fellowship that you have created. Believe me, I am VERY aware of all the work and effort you both put forth for ALL the members.

People like PAM who do not appreciate your efforts, surely have not had any experience at all in any kind of "Club" problems and, or, executive management. It is so easy to stand outside looking in, and make picky comments, and or criticize others for minor problems.

I am embarrassed for their lack of tact, understanding AND thoughtlessness.

For my part, God bless you both for your understanding and sincere efforts in giving all of us who are burdened with our unusual personality and inner most problems a chance to feel that we are not alone in the world. PLEASE keep up the good work and do not let anyone discourage you from being the friends you are.

I personally would LOVE to be able to come to your gracious home and be a part of the camaraderie and share my "burden" with you who UNDERSTAND.

Love Nancy B.
NEW Palestine Ind.

Dear Helen:

Just a short note to let you know that I am with you all the way on the incident of the late arrivals to your gatherings.

To my little, small, insignificant mind, from what I read about the PAM incident, you would not be missing much if this person quit the group altogether. I know, from experience, that no group can survive with only local participation. There is just not enough support from the locals. I have tried it, I know!!!!

I wish I could attend your meetings, but the distance prevents me from enjoying that privilege. Maybe---someday--

Love, Priscilla E.
Memphis, Tenn.

Dear Helen & Wilma:

I read the comments reference to pams letter. I think the set up in Albany is the best of any I have been too. I was at a gathering last Saturday which was \$7.50 per person. All we had was cake and cookies to eat and soda to drink. Another group was \$5.00 per person, with cold cutes and coffee only.

Another was \$7.00 per person with the drinks. So anyone can see that Albany is the best. They are not out to get your money, but just trying to stay ahead to keep a good club going.
Sincerely, Sharon from N.J.

Dear Wilma & Helen:

A While ago you were probably thinking I was some kind of a "kook" for wanting to continue belonging to your TVIC Club even though I am not a practicing TV anymore. I think I told you I don't count these people as TV's, but friends. Thus my Continuance of being a member.

Being out here where I am, is like looking into a gold - fish bowl every time I read the Journal. This most recent issue was a "lulu". I'm referring to Helen's editorial.

Publish this letter or not, I could care less. I want to just put my 2¢ worth in, be it of value or not.

I was an active member for over a year. I cherished those meetings. Where could one go, have a very good meal, a good time and on top of all this have the run of the house without a word being said about our actions from the "landlords".

If one couldn't get to a meeting on time. I'm sorry, they don't deserve to be catered to. Meeting Saturdays were set aside by me to get ready for the big event of the day. Not to wait around till 8 or 9 P.M. to make a grand entrance like MISS AMERICA.

If it means anything to you, I've never had such happy times as when I was actively participating in the activities of the club. In my opinion all the girls are treated royally with that individual touch you have, be it food, drink, companionship or advice.

May you long prosper, God bless you both.
As Ever, Michael B.
Coloine, N.Y.

Dear Wilma:

It is regretful that problems have arisen because of this rule. Believe me, I sympathize with you in having to be the one who has to enforce it. I do not wish to take sides in the conflict except to say that I Fear the real culprits are those who come unannounced. To me this is just plain thoughtlessness and bad manners.

I certainly hope that this whole business does not discourage you and Helen. There are a great many people who need and appreciate you both including the Magins from Rochester.

Fondly, Lynn.

(ED. NOTE: I agree that this should never have happened - BUT IT DID - and I think once out of 35 times should have been overlooked. If Helen and I were not accused of thoughtlessness and forgetfulness I would have overlooked it. But not that it was said I believe Pam owes Helen an APOLOGY.)

THERE are too many persons who seem to have a "DO NOT DISTURB" sign on their opinions.

AND MORE LETTERS :

Dear Wilma:

I read the letter of criticism from Pam, and disagree with all she said. Any group meeting must have rules to abide by, and I think ~~z~~ yours are very simple and as they must be. Seems to me they should all be very happy that you have PROVIDED such a wonderful and pleasant home for them to meet and should give you their complete cooperation. They are receiving so much for so little. I am sure that most of the members appreciate what you do for them. As you know there is no group without criticism. Personally, I have nothing but PRAISE for you both.

Laurie, Baton Rouge, La.

WHEN helen was in the hospital a student nurse had to give her an injection. The nurse asked her which hip she preferred the shot in. She wanted to know if she really had a choice. She said that she did. HELEN looked the nurse straight in the eye and said YOURS.

Dear Helen:

I am deeply disturbed and disgusted by the letter from Pam in the last news letter. I have never had the unfortunate occasion to meet such an audacious liar in my life. I have never seen either do anything but block the archway when it is time to serve food.

To my knowledge the best description of their efforts is "destructive". They constantly complain but never have a constructive comment. Their attempts to contact members wives have been disastrous and I hope discontinued.

In short in my opinion that if she left and tried to set up their own operation instead of trying to take over the one you and Bill are operating they would find out how little they are regarded by all of us.

In closing I must say I owe both you and Bill a great deal for the peace of mind you have given me.

AN ECLIPSE of the sun is like a see-through blouse. You know its there, and you know its interesting, but you are not supposed to stare at it.

Dear Helen & Wilma:

There is a saying (Chinese, I guess) that says the "He who gets between two women disagreeing gets his you-know-what-chopped off". Now, some of us might like that idea; it is not for me but I will take the risk of writing about the Pam-Helen incident.

First let me state that we all love Helen and appreciate what she does for our group. We also all love Pam, and know that ~~the~~ she is a welcome and ardent member of the group. Let me also state that in my opinion this is a tempest in a teapot (perhaps I should say, a macaroni pot). I can understand Pam being disappointed at not having a meal when it was paid for, but I think being an hour late was unreasonable. Perhaps the rules should be changed so that unreserved people may not eat until 8:30,

after which anybody who is late takes a chance. This probably might be hard to enforce. Another possibility is to charge unreserved people \$6.00, members or not: If reserved people miss the meal due to too many unreserved, charge them only \$1.00. I am sure there are other ways to eliminate the possibility of this happening again.

So I suggest; both Helen and Pam kiss ME and make up. We want love in our group, not hard feelings.

Cynthia, Noewalk, Conn.

(ED. NOTE: I must answer your letter in parts.

(1) When you are serving hot food you can not ask anyone to stand around a half hour to see if they can be served. This is not a restaurant and its bad manners.

(2) I will not even think of charging unreserved members \$6.00. That's \$3.00 above other members. There will be only one charge to all members regardless to what may happen.

(3) Reference to eliminating the possibility of this happening again:

Well it happened only once out of 35 times. It could have been overlooked.

(4) Reference to the \$3.00 charge, it has to pay the cost of the food, paper plates, cups, soda and ect. And this has happened only four times that we received enough money to cover the cost of the food and etc. The other 31 times we had to take the extra money out of the treasury.

(5) Reference to hard feelings in our group? I don't like my wife or I called thoughtless or forgetful. When that happens I say the HELL with it all.

I have been called a dictator more than once by the way ~~z~~ I run this club by this party. Maybe I am in a way. It is the only way I can keep this club going. Where else in the country can you show me a TV Club that has over 100 members that have been gathering every month for the past 4 years.

In these 4 years I have had over 1200 TVs and many wives come to our home and never received a complaint till now.

Here I go shooting off steam again, but it is not against your letter as you can well see, Cynthia.

I have received over 50 letters & telephone calls on this incident and I think I will make your letter the last one, before I say things I do not wish to say. THIS MATTER IS NOW CLOSED UNLESS REOPENED BY THE SAID PARTY.)

THOSE GIRLS who burned their bras are in for a shock when they decide to start wearing them again. It is like finding another job after retirement: they will be doing the same thing, but at a lower level.

NEXT GATHERINGS

APRIL 19th and MAY 17TH.

So till then, much luck in your quest for feminine happiness.

WILMA

Wigs, disguises found

'Woman' in fraud may be man

LOS ANGELES (UPI)—Elizabeth Carmichael, hunted by authorities in California and Texas as president of an automaking company allegedly used in a large swindle, may actually be a man disguised as a woman, authorities said Friday.

Dallas District Atty. Tom Clayton said Carmichael's home was raided Feb. 12, but Carmichael escaped, apparently only minutes ahead of the police.

Clayton told a television reporter that police found a large number of wigs, falsies, and other devices usually worn by female impersonators.

THE REPORTER, Dick Carlson of KABC-TV, has been following the case since his expose set off the investigation into 20th Century Motor Car Corp., headed by Carmichael.

The corporation was originally headquartered in the Los Angeles suburb of Encino, advertising that it was about to produce a three-wheeled car called the Dale, which would be the most economical private auto on the road.

The Dale purportedly would get 70 miles a gallon of gasoline, be "the safest car yet," and cost less than \$2,000.

The corporation allegedly
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Elizabeth Carmichael, wearing what appears to be a wig, discusses fraud charges in her Dallas office.

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took in hundreds of thousands of dollars in deposits for car sales, stock sales, and purchase of sales franchises by prospective dealers in 30 states.

CALIFORNIA business regulatory authorities brought action against the firm after Carlson's expose, which indicated the corporation had no facilities to produce such a car and that the one prototype met none of the corporation's

claims for it.

California accused the corporation of ignoring an order to halt such sales and Los Angeles County brought grand theft charges.

The corporation and Carmichael moved to Dallas in December, allegedly carrying on business in the same manner there until Texas authorities brought charges and Carmichael fled.

FOOD WAS still warm on the dinner table when Dallas deputies burst into the house,

it was reported.

One of the corporation's executives had been shot to death in the firm's Encino office in December, in a still unexplained slaying. Both the dead man and the suspect arrested for the killing turned out to be former prisoners at San Quentin.

A number of the firm's corporate officers surrendered to Los Angeles authorities this month and are awaiting trial on charges of conspiracy to commit grand theft.

THOMAS R. KEATING

Best-Laid Plan 'Burns' Police

THE SEARCH for Ricky Lee Vaughn, who is wanted for the slaying of Indianapolis Patrolman Robert Schachte nearly four months ago, still goes on.

The case has brought police as lengthy a list of false tips as any investigation in years.

The latest false alarm was a bizarre incident which occurred last Friday night.

An Indiana State trooper at Fort Wayne was told by an informant that Vaughn has been seen regularly at homosexual hangouts in northern Indiana.

THE INFORMANT, who also is a female impersonator like Vaughn, told the trooper he could locate the suspected killer.

After checking the man's story carefully, the trooper was convinced his tip was for real, so he called Indianapolis police detective Fred Hartle.

Hartle met the informant at Muncie and after interrogating him at length, also was convinced the man was telling the truth.

The man said he had seen Vaughn at a Christmas party at the Mark III Club, which is a meeting place for female impersonators at Muncie.

HE ADDED that Vaughn was sure to show up last Friday at the club's Valentine's Day dance, which he termed the biggest social event of the year on the impersonator circuit.

On the night of the dance, two state troopers posing as homosexuals and wired for sound, went to the club with the informant.

Outside, several police units waited in the rain and sleet with listening devices which allowed them to hear all that was being said inside by the two troopers.

After about three hours, the informant pointed out the man he said was Vaughn.

THE ALERT was sounded and several lawmen surrounded the man with guns drawn only to discover it wasn't Vaughn. In fact, he didn't even look very much like the suspect.

While dwelling on the fact they had wasted two weeks of time setting up what they hoped was an arrest, the police had to listen to the owner of the club, a 6-foot, 10-inch man weighing about 280 pounds and wearing a silver evening gown and silver high heels, harangue them about harassing his club.

One longtime detective who has worked on the Vaughn case, remarked later that he's not going out on another tip unless it's the FBI. The suspect handcuffed in their office.

