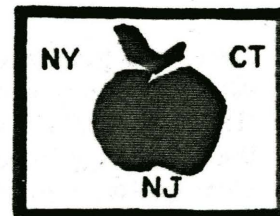


# our Special JOY



Tri-Ess Sorority



Metropolitan

\*\*\*\*\*  
Vol. V, No. 1      **CHI DELTA MU**      \*\*\*\*\*  
   **CHAPTER**      July, 1984

## June Meeting

\*\*\*\*\*

...With outside temperatures in the mid/upper 90's and an air conditioning system not working up to par, many of our sisters who attended the June 9th meeting in Westchester really put their cosmetics to the test. Fortunately, no one passed out with the intense heat; some sisters didn't even feel it! Maybe crossdressing holds a magical power over mother nature?

...A total of 20 members and potential members gathered at our usual spot, plus 6 wives/girlfriends and guest, Muriel Olive of Fem Fashion Expressions in New York City. Some folks, including your Editor, came and stayed as a "brother", but attire aside (figuratively only), it was again our monthly opportunity to socialize with people who you can truly understand, relate to, and be honest with; what better way to spend a Saturday evening?

...Patricia, our President, opened the meeting by asking all to give their names. A warm welcome to first time attendees Arlene, JoAnne, and Bill. The chapter hopes that you've found the group that best meets your needs and interests, and that we will see you again. It is also very encouraging to see new folks return to the meeting; Barbara, Michelle, and Robin Anne and GG Linda. The same holds for those whom we haven't seen in a while.

(continued on next Page)



Among those attending the June meeting were (seated, left to right): Frances (NJ), Janice, Arlene, Patricia, Felicity, Renata, and Camile. (Standing): Lynda, Barbara, Michelle, JoAnne (upstate NY#2), Fran (NY), Robin Anne, Jane, and JoAnne (upstate NY#1). Photo: Patricia

...LIFE,  
LIBERTY...

Dear C.D.M. Members & Friends;

It is with regret that I have to inform our members of the death of the mother of Renata Lee on June 10th. I know that we all extend our deep sympathy to Renata and family.

Patricia  
C.D.M. President

...We have good news - bad news about our meeting sites. First the bad. Some group rented the new "living/family" room we enjoyed at May's meeting, the night prior to our June meeting. Things must have gotten out of hand and the place was wrecked. The only good thing we can conclude out of this unfortunate event is that at least the motel's management know that we are very considerate and appreciative of the facilities we rent. The manager probably wishes she had more folks like us as her customers! We hope that this room will be restored in time for our Fall meeting schedule. I'm sure that this event is the exception, rather than the rule, for the motel, for our Westchester site is quite nice and certainly no "fleabag" place where you would expect this type of behavior. AND NOW FOR THE GOOD NEWS! Doreen, member of the New Jersey site selection committee, reports that she has found a meeting place in northern New Jersey that is "really perfect" for our needs (convenience, access, privacy, etc.). Final arrangements must still be made, but if all goes well we will meet there in September and resume our meeting places between Westchester and New Jersey. More to come in next month's newsletter.

...As usual (and maybe some of us take it for granted), our hostesses Renata, Patricia, and Camile provided an excellent opportunity for us to enjoy ourselves. Renata, especially, began work at this at 10 AM Saturday morning. Problems developed with room bookings due to the Westchester Golf Classic, but Renata set things straight. Speaking for the chapter as a whole, there should be a group of sisters in New Jersey who put out the same type of effort as is done in Westchester, to insure that all the details of having a successful meeting are addressed. Please contact our President, Patricia, if you would like to help in New Jersey. Now that we hope to meet there regularly, this becomes even more important! It doesn't require a lot of effort, especially if several sisters help.



...As to our summer activities, we plan on having an informal gathering on July 14th at Muriel Olive's place in Manhattan. This is a very nice area and dressing is permitted. However, it is a MUST that you contact Muriel to learn of the details (see card). Our first Annual Family Day was discussed at the June meeting and there seems to be great interest in this affair which will be held on August 11th, with no crossdressing allowed (see related article elsewhere in the newsletter). We must know in advance if you plan on attending this event.

*Fem-Fashion Expressions*

187 W. 57TH STREET, SUITE 801, NEW YORK, N. Y. 10019  
& PH B

*Muriel Olive*  
(212) 582-8823  
BY APPOINTMENT ONLY

LINGERIE, FOUNDATIONS,  
BREAST FORMS & PADDING,  
COSMETICS, WIGS, JEWELRY  
SPORTSWEAR & DRESSES,  
ALTERATIONS & FASHIONS  
MADE-TO-ORDER  
ANALYSIS - COUNSELING  
MAKE-UP & CHARM SESSIONS  
ON HOURLY BASIS.

...At June's meeting we expected a representative from Mayor Koch's office, but this program did not materialize. It looks like our Program Coordinator, Jana, will no longer be with us. Chapter officers will work on programs for the Fall and balance of the 1984-1985 year. As always, we welcome your suggestions and assistance in providing programs at the meetings. If you have an idea, speak with a chapter officer. Informally discussed at June's meeting were a boatripe around Manhattan dressed, a visit to Lane Bryant's and/or having a representative of that store visit us, another lingerie shopping opportunity, a visit to a sympathetic bar with femme impersonators as entertainment, plus a number of other activities. The Executive Committee (chapter officers and others), hopes to meet this summer to plan for these events. Of course you will be kept informed through the newsletter and your GAL.

...Your Editor made available to the attendees copies of the questionnaire of a faculty member (Professor Coleman), from a college in California. He is doing a Ph.D. thesis. As indicated in the June newsletter, many of the questions asked are not appropriate for us as heterosexuals. However, there is enough feeling on the part of the membership who have expressed

(continued on next Page)

AND, LET'S NOT FORGET...

(Seated, left to right): "brothers" Phil, Marty and Doug. Standing: Edith wife of Felicity, Shelia wife of Renata, Marilyn wife of Lynda, Cindy girlfriend of Doug, Bernice wife of Frances (NJ), and Muriel Olive.

*Photo: Patricia.*



.. AND THE PURSUIT OF...

their belief on this that we should let the professor know of OUR position. So, if you would like a copy of the questionnaire (which has pre-paid postage), please let your Editor know and I'll mail it to you.

...Concerning the Susskind program, I spoke with Carol Beecroft prior to the meeting. Thus far she has received nearly 40 inquiries as a result of the program from all areas of the country where the show is being televised. The program is to be shown in some 40 cities; we do not know the complete schedule, so it is probably still being aired. At first Carol said she did not send us the inquiries from our area for follow up. However, a few days after the meeting I did receive a list of some 9 names from California. Each was sent a cover letter and our chapter brochure, and again we thank the GALs for helping contact new members...All chapter members are reminded that effective July 1st chapter dues have been increased from \$10 per year to \$15 per year. Meeting fees will remain at \$10...We are still pursuing chapter I.D. cards, and are seeking the approval of Carol Beecroft and the ACLU for their endorsements on the card.

...We thank Robin Anne and Linda, again, for providing background music at the meeting. Also, special thanks to Fran (NY) who brought her video tape player plus the Susskind and Donahue tapes. A number of sisters had not seen these programs and really appreciated the chance to view them. And, by the way, several members would like to have their own copies of these shows. As I understand, two compatible recorders plus original and blank tapes are required for this reproduction procedure. Are there any volunteers to form a "Reproduction Committee" to provide what is obviously a need yet unaddressed? Let your Editor know...If all goes well with our new, potential New Jersey meeting site, our schedule through 1984 will be as follows:

July 14	Manhattan *
August 11	Greenwich, Ct. **
September 8	New Jersey
October 13	Westchester
November 10	New Jersey
December 8	Westchester ***

- \* not a regular chapter meeting
- \*\* no dressing (Family Day)
- \*\*\* may be held a week earlier (12/1) if demands of the holiday season are too much for the membership

HAPPINESS.

*HAPPY BIRTHDAY*

U. S. A. !

...Remember, unless notified, we always meet on the second Saturday of the month. Contact with your GAL should be established if you are a new member. More on this will be provided in the August newsletter.

In Case You Missed It  
\*\*\*\*\*

**SON PILFERS PANTIES**

My husband and I have a wonderful son, a high school senior, whose only major flaw seems to be an abnormal liking for girl's underwear. This first came to our attention about a month ago when I discovered several pairs of his sister's nylon panties hidden under his sweaters in one of his dresser drawers. Worse yet, it was apparent that he had been wearing them.

After confronting him with our knowledge, he promised us solemnly that he would discontinue this unhealthy and unmanly practice immediately. However, although he has stopped pilfering his sister's underwear, it has now become evident that he is obtaining panties from some other source. Since he has no serious girlfriend, our fear is that he is stealing them from other people.

Recently, while discussing our problem with my older sister, who has raised three sons of her own, she suggested that perhaps the most healthy way of handling my son's fondness for girl's underwear would be to stop embarrassing or criticizing him. She believes that we should offer to help him obtain some panties of his own and encourage him to wear them openly, without fear or guilt, in place of his own cotton briefs.

My husband, who was shocked at this suggestion, feels that this would only reinforce the perversion rather than breaking him of it. However, he

has agreed to my writing to you and has promised to keep an open mind. We both love our son very much and are so terribly concerned about him. Please tell us what we should be doing to help him.

Ms. A.S.,  
New Mexico

*Until recently our culture was very clear about what makes a man a man. We were, and still are, a macho culture with very strong and clear distinctions between what we considered masculine or feminine behavior. Unfortunately, this puts a lot of unnecessary pressure on all of us to conform to these stereotypes.*

*Psychologists tell us those macho images are exaggerated, distorted and unhealthy. Every one of us, they say, has a flexible blend of masculine and feminine traits and behavior patterns. Denying the other side of our personality really creates a monster. The macho man has to shut off some important parts of his personality. He can't express those sensitive, emotional, artistic, intuitive, nurturing traits we label feminine.*

*In cultures with strong macho stereotypes, some men secretly wear female garb so they can feel free to express "feminine" traits they otherwise could not let out.*

*But our culture is shifting away from many of our macho masculine stereotypes. Men today wear cologne, go to the hair stylist, dress colorfully with flair and enjoy wearing sexy, colorful, satin underwear designed by Calvin Klein. Maybe your son is just trying to express a side of his personality his peers and*

*family are not comfortable with. Maybe all he is saying to himself—and others—is that he is rebelling against the pressures that keep him from expressing the sensitive "feminine" side of his personality.*

*On the other hand, he may be sexually turned on by wearing feminine underwear. This is a mild fetish shared by many men who are perfectly normal both psychologically and sexually. Most men who get sexually turned on wearing feminine underwear are heterosexual and in no way interested in a gay lifestyle. They have perfectly normal sexual relations with their wives and girlfriends. By the way, it's not unusual for a high school senior not to have a serious girlfriend.*

*You might discuss these two interpretations with your son, but even that may be invading his privacy too much and putting unnecessary pressure on him to conform to your stereotypes of what is proper behavior for a male, or force on him your belief that what he's doing is a sexual perversion. Your older sister's advice may not be far off target. Several male fashion designers have come out recently with stylish, colorful, sensual shorts for young men. You might get your son a pair or two for his next birthday, or just as a surprise. Even if he prefers wearing panties as a sexual turn-on, there is no harm in that. Many happily married men share this turn-on and their wives often help their husbands with their selection.*

*Forum Magazine  
6/84  
Thanks,  
Carole.*

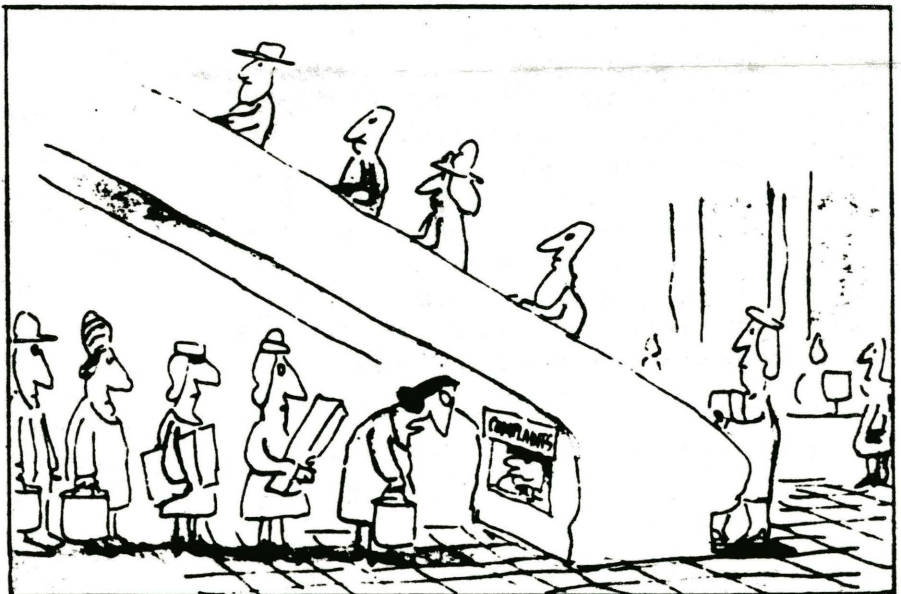
"The sales girl told my wife that this dress would make me look more feminine, well, it doesn't !!!"

*Thanks,  
Eileen (ny)*

Food For Thought  
\*\*\*\*\*

"Why?" -- Ed.

Why not?!!



1st Annual Family Day  
\*\*\*\*\*

...Much excited talk was had at June's meeting concerning our Annual Family Day to be held on Saturday, August 11th at Todd's Point in Greenwich, Connecticut. It should be an event we can all look back upon with fond memories, and look forward to having each year.

...As said before, it is most necessary that we have an accurate attendance count BEFORE the meeting. This is necessary because:

1. To adequately plan for refreshments, activities, etc., we need to know how many adults and children are coming.

2. The Town of Greenwich limits access to its facilities. There is a gate through which you must go before you can arrive at the meeting site. The gatekeeper must know the names of the people who are coming to "TRI ESS Family Day". Unless we know in advance that you are coming, we will not have your name to give to the gatekeeper. If you show up without advanced notice, you will not be permitted entry to the site.

...So, please let Renata know if you are coming and complete the form below and send in. There will be a \$3.00 entry fee per adult to be paid to the gatekeeper (Town's entry fee), plus a lesser

*Your participation at Family Day will not only benefit you, your friends + family, but also the chapter. Please help this affair succeed! Your participation is most welcomed + appreciated. See you on August 11<sup>th</sup>. - Ed.*

charge for children. Right now we anticipate a chapter meeting fee of \$10.00 per family. We will finalize the charges to be set and we will let you know, with directions, if you complete the form.

...We will have hot dogs, burgers, soft drinks, wine, snacks, games (adults too), plus swimming and whatever else makes for a fine summer outing. We'll start around noon, and your help in conducting the activities is appreciated. Remember, there will be no crossdressing. Your wife/girlfriend/family are more than welcome to attend, and even if you are alone, please do come! Again, please help make this a memorable affair and come to the C.D.M. Family Day.

*Last date to let us know if you are coming is August 1<sup>st</sup> !!!*



Yes, I and my family want to attend the Annual Family Day Activity on August 11th.

send to:

Ms. Renata White  
P. O. Box 403  
Riverside, Connecticut 06878

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Number of adults attending: \_\_\_\_\_

children under 12: \_\_\_\_\_ 12+ \_\_\_\_\_

Will you volunteer to help set up and conduct activities: \_\_\_\_\_

Do you want to stay over at the motel: \_\_\_\_\_

*[Directions will be provided]*



CHI DELTA MU LIBRARY LISTING  
MAY, 1984

- ACKROYD, Peter.  
Dressing Up: Transvestism and Drag:  
The History of an Obsession.
- ADAMS, Jean, et.al.  
Woman's Contemporary Image:  
a Personal and Professional Guide.
- ARPEL, Adrien with EBENSTEIN, Ronnie Sue.  
Adrien Arpel's 3-Week CRASH Makeover/Shapeover  
Beauty Program.
- Astounding Transvestite Tales.\* Issue 4, Volume 1.  
Astounding Transvestite Tales.\* Issue 6, Volume 2.
- AVON.  
Looking Good, Feeling Beautiful.  
the Avon Beauty Book.
- BARRY, Peter.  
Touch of Silk.
- BERGER, Thomas.  
Regiment of Women.\*
- BIGGS, Di and MEAH, Maxi.  
Be Beautiful, the Complete Guide to  
the Art of Makeup.
- BRIERLY, Harry.  
Transvestism: a Handbook with Case Studies  
for Psychologists, Psychiatrists and  
Counsellors.
- CALDWELL, Doreen.  
And All Was Revealed  
Ladies Underwear 1907-1980.
- CHO, Emily.  
Looking Terrific.
- CONN, Canary.  
Canary.
- CRAIG, Ann.  
Discover a Lovelier You.
- CRUIKSHANK, Alexandra.  
The New Beauty Book.
- DuCOFFE, Jean and COHEN, Sherry Suib.  
Making It Big, a Guide to Health, Success and  
Beauty for the Woman Size 16 and Over.
- DURDEN-SMITH, Jo and DE SIMONE, Diane.  
Sex and the Brain.
- FALLOWELL, Duncan and ASHLEY, April.  
April Ashley's Odyssey.
- Femme Mirror, Vol. 7, No. 1 1982.  
Femme Mirror, April, 1982.  
Femme Mirror, Jun/Aug/Oct/Dec 1983.
- GILBERT  
The Three Transvestites.\*
- GOSSELIN, Chris, PhD and WILSON, Glenn, PhD.  
Sexual Variations: Fetishism, Sadomasochism and  
Transvestism.
- GRAY, Mitchel.  
The Lingerie Book.
- GREEN, Richard, M.D.  
Sexual Identity Conflict in Children and Adults.
- HAYES-STEINERT, Jan.  
Your Face After 30: the Total Guide to Skin Care  
and Makeup for the Realistic Woman.
- HERIOT, Angus.  
The Castrati in Opera.
- HUNT, Nancy.  
Mirror Image: the Odyssey of a Male to Female  
Transsexual.
- HYDE, Janet Shibley.  
Understanding Human Sexuality.
- JACKSON, Carole.  
Color Me Beautiful.
- KEITH, Judith.  
I Haven't a Thing to Wear.
- LINTER, Sandy.  
Disco Beauty: Night Time Makeup.
- LIPS, Hilary M. and COLWILL, Nina Lee.  
The Psychology of Sex Differences.
- MARTINO, Mario.  
Emergence: a Transsexual Autobiography.

MALLOY, John T.

The Woman's Dress for Success Book.

Men in Skirts.\* Book 14

Men in Skirts.\* Book 15

MONEY, John and EHRHARDT, Anke A.

Man & Woman Boy & Girl.

MONEY, John and TUCKER, Patricia.

Sexual Signatures: on Being a Man or a Woman.

MORGAN, Patricia and HOFFMAN, Paul.

The Man-Maid Doll.

MORRIS, Jan.

Conundrum.

MORRISSEY, Daphne.

Gentleman Transvestite.\* Volume 1.

PHILLIPS, Mike and SHAPIRO, Barry and JOSEPH, Mark.

Forbidden Fantasies: Men Who Dare  
to Dress in Drag.

PRINCE, Virginia, PhD.

How to be a Woman Though Male.

PRINCE, Virginia, PhD.

The Transvestite and His Wife.

PRINCE, Virginia, PhD.

Understanding Cross Dressing.

RICHARDS, Renee, with AMES, John.

Second Serve.

ROAMAN, Evelyn and RATTEREE, Dee.

The Evelyn Roaman Book: An Expert Shows You How  
Heavy Can Be Happy.

ROBERTS, "Pudgy".

Female Impersonator's Handbook.

SCHRADER, Constance.

Makeovers.

SLAVIK, Charles, Editor/Publisher.

The Transvestite Survival Manual.

THOMPSON, C.J.S.

The Mysteries of Sex.

TRIPP, C.A., PhD.

The Homosexual Matrix.

TULA.

I am a Woman.

As a member in the chapter you should take advantage of being able to use our large collection of books and tapes. The only cost is your return postage (about \$1.00/item). As always, we are looking to expand the library and greatly appreciate any donations of items you would like to make.

contact Chapter Librarian,  
Edith Marie NY-319-W, as follows:

Don Williams

Draw R

Valley Cottage, New York 10989

UNDERWOOD, Peter.

Danny LaRue: Life's a Drag.

WADE, Carlson.

She-Male: the Story of Coccinelle.

WALDO, Myra.

The Prime of Life and How to Make it Last.

WALKER, Benjamin.

Sex and the Supernatural.

WALLACH, Janet.

Working Wardrobe: Affordable Clothes That  
Work For You.

\* Fiction

CASSETTE TAPES

HANSEN, Chris. American Civil Liberties Union.

Chi Delta Mu Meeting, Elmsford, NY,  
June 11, 1983.

LEE, Linda.

A Conversation With Linda Lee.

OPPENHEIM, Garrett, PhD. and ROBIN, Fae.

The Male Transvestite.

OPPENHEIM, Garrett, PhD. and ROBIN, Fae.

The Way of a Transsexual. Joanne's Story.

Going Out

\*\*\*\*\*

I. "The Pitfalls and Pleasures  
of Passing in Provincetown"

--- by Hollis (NY)

I'm sorry that I couldn't resist alliteration in the title, but I also couldn't resist writing about my recent experiences during the Tiffany Club's last June outing in P-Town, Cape Cod. I'd like to share these experiences (and some advice), particularly with those desirous of going out dressed in public.

I wasn't very well prepared for this trip. I had plenty of time to get some appropriate clothes, but I'm not very good at buying practical wear. I always tend to buy things like colorful party dresses and high heels, rather than more everyday clothes. Still, I managed to get a few summer items.

I went on this outing with my non-crossdressing friend, Cedric, who certainly deserves a medal for patiently escorting me on this and other outings. We arrived at our hotel and found that we would not be staying at the Gifford House as we thought, but at the Chicago House. The Chicago House is a nice little hotel but the parking is at the top of a steep hill. (The parking in P-Town is even worse than in Boston.) This caused a problem. Cedric wears a brace and walks with a cane, so it was hard for him. In addition, I had to climb the hill dressed.

We got to a dinner sponsored by Lee Brewster that night and met a lot of old friends. A varied crowd was there. Young and old, glamour girls in low cut dresses and high, high heels mingled with drag queens in mini skirts and Dolly Parton wigs, while more conservatively but sleekly-dressed ladies like Merissa slid in and out, enjoying the party along with everyone. I wore a black spaghetti strap dress with black high heel pumps. It made a nice evening ensemble, but my spike heels occasionally got caught in the floor, which was an open air balcony with spaces between the boards. We had a nice time, but we had to walk part of the way back to the Chicago House and my shoes (or I should say my feet), got a good breakin.

The next day we went out shopping on Commercial Street with some friends. I wore a fashionable striped summer top and a white skirt, but I had brought no flat sandals. So I wore some high heels again. I went into a boutique with Cedric and tried on some designer pumps. The salesperson was a very friendly, petite girl dressed smartly in a punkish but neat outfit. I didn't buy any shoes, but I succeeded in leaving my handbag in the store and had to walk back two blocks to get it. It amazes me how women manage to carry around handbags without losing them constantly.

The streets were fairly crowded that day because the tourist season was just beginning and it was a beautiful day. I dislike going out dressed in bright sunlight, because it is unmerciful in highlighting my masculine features. Still, it's possible to mask a five o'clock shadow under a ton of makeup and to hide behind large women's sunglasses somewhat. However, since there were no strange stares (that I observed), I felt very much at ease.

Cedric and I went down to one of the little beaches in town and soaked in some sun. When we tried to leave, we found the car wouldn't start. Cedric could not walk long distances and there I was in my stupid high heels. Fortunately, there was a phone nearby. We got a local gas station to send someone over to help us. I do not like such scenes when I am dressed. But at least I wasn't alone, and the problem was minor. I sat discretely in the car, and there were no incidents. One of the mechanics even addressed me as "she". But the event did not slow down my mounting apprehension at being dressed in public.

That evening all of the spicy outfits I had seen the night before encouraged me to dress a bit on the daring side. I put on my red Frederick's dress, fishnet stockings and rhinestone sandals. Cedric and I then began the trek up the steep hill to our car. Some local youths were out walking their dog. As they passed us I received some choice insults. Now, there are two basic methods in dealing with this. METHOD A: return the compliment. It would help to have a 6'6" ex-marine crossdresser with you when you use this method of course. In this case, it was Cedric and I against several large youths. They also had a large doberman pincher. I chose METHOD B: no eye contact, you ignore the offenders as if they didn't exist. I won't describe the insult,

(continued on next Page)

**Out & About**





what may have been highly insulting to me might be trivial to others. Some crossdressers I know dress outrageously in public and greet derision with contempt; it doesn't bother them. But it has to happen to you before you can develop an attitude. This was my first time.

After they had gone I went back to our room and climbed back into the safety of male clothes. Suddenly I had found the whole crossdressing scene to be very tiresome! my feet aching from the heels, the handbag, the car, the insult was the final straw.

Later at the Gifford House I talked to another crossdresser and learned a lot from him. A very pleasant older man, he told me that he had dealt with the problems of passing for years. He had been through nearly all of it: insults on the street, getting stuck while dressed on a lonely turnpike in winter, and other such events. He was a gentle looking, delicate man, but said that he had never backed down from insulting remarks, even from policemen. After talking to him, and after seeing some of the glamour girls come down dressed for their last evening of fun, I regretted my hasty decision to go male. Yes, it was true. I suppose I had asked for it. Wearing that risque Frederick's dress and the fishnets. But it wasn't as nearly provocative as some of the costumes the other ladies had been wearing. And, of course, I had never intended to go out on the streets in that outfit. I had not planned on the ridiculous parking situation.

So, I recovered fully from my experience, and would like to pass along some advice to those of you who are just beginning to venture out into public, dressed.

1. When planning a trip, know how far you must walk and where you must go to reach a phone, a bathroom, your car, etc.

2. Dress appropriately. This does not only mean to dress casually and "realistically". You can wear a dress and heels in an area where most women are in jeans, just decide beforehand how much you want to blend in or "out" of the crowd. But did you think of where you might have to walk in those high heels? Sand? Cobblestones? Mud? Carry a pair of flats just in case.

3. Try to have someone accompany you. A male or female friend is good, as long as they feel comfortable with you being dressed and aren't as nervous as you are. If the person is another crossdresser, your outfits shouldn't clash; that is, one shouldn't be dressed for the opera while the other one is dressed for the beach.

4. Be prepared to do anything that you might have to do if you weren't dressed, like asking for directions, changing a tire, or walking long distances.

5. Don't be afraid of insults. I think they are a part of going out in public dressed. The insult is usually a trivial comment from an insecure person who sees only your appearance and not your personality. Of course, we would all like to pass as women (and maybe even get compliments!), but we must accept ourselves and know our own personal reasons for wanting to go out dressed in public, before we worry about how realistically feminine we can make ourselves. None of us want to be derided. Yet we must have enough self-esteem to not be devastated if we are.

---

There is definately a lot of pleasure in going out in public dressed. It has a special sensation hard to describe: you feel vulnerable, exposed, but exhilarated. We may worry about being recognized, tripping in our heels, tearing our stockings, or losing our wigs at the worst moment, but many of us still enjoy it immensely.

So, don't let me discourage anyone from going out dressed in public if they have the urge. Just be aware of the pitfalls and don't be impulsive about it. As for me, I intend to go back to P-Town with Cedric sometime and take along all sorts of impractical, risque clothes (along with a good pair of flats).

**MORE**

(see next Page)

II. "Totally Femme Weekend"

--- by Karen (NJ-309-K)

The week after our chapter meeting in May had been very busy and hard for me. I had the weekend off, and I was looking forward to just relaxing. I called up a very dear and close friend of mine, who lives about 40 minutes from New York City. I was going to see her on Sunday, but she invited me for the whole weekend. She has known about Karen for over ten years, and she has been very supportive.

She invited me for the weekend, but only as Karen. We talked about it for several minutes, and I finally said alright. She didn't have to convince me too hard.

I arrived at her place around 4 PM on Friday. She showed me my room and told me to relax. She also said that dinner would be ready for Karen at 6:30. I had a nice warm bubblebath and it relaxed my whole body. I came down for dinner, dressed, at 6:25 to observe that other people had been invited to dinner. Nancy, my friend, saw right away a frustrating look on my face, so she came right over and took me by the hand and introduced me as "Karen, a close friend from New Jersey". I'm sure some people knew, but nothing was said. I was treated the whole evening as a woman, and it felt great.

The next day we went shopping, and I found two nice blouses and skirts that I bought. It was great to try them on before buying them. Yet what made my morning was that all the sales people treated me like a woman. Later that day we went to dinner and saw a Broadway play. The

play was "Dream Girl", Nancy wanted to see it and she felt I would enjoy it. I had seen it several months before, but Nancy did not know this. I will say that I learned much, much more about the play dressed as a woman than I had understood it dressed as my brother. I think you will understand what I mean.

# DOIN' THE TOWN

The next day Nancy asked me to go to church with her, since she doesn't like going alone. I almost said no, but since she had been so great I agreed. I got up to change, and she asked me what I was doing. I told her, and her answer was that she was asking Karen to go to church, and not her brother. This was followed by another discussion, and I finally agreed to go as Karen.

I felt very uncomfortable at first, until I realized everything was alright and no one was looking at me. After I realized this fact I was about to enjoy the service and the experience.

The hardest part of the weekend was late Sunday afternoon. I had to change back to my brother and this was hard to do at first. You build up within yourself such an emotional feeling that it is very hard at first to change that feeling. Plus, I had lived that whole weekend as a woman. Yet, I had to drive back to New Jersey and take care of some things. This was a weekend that I will treasure for a long time.



GIRLISH GA GA—Members of the Capitol group Queen slip into something more comfortable for the filming of their "I Want To Break Free" clip, the second single from the album "The Works." The Queens are, from left, Roger Taylor, Brian May, John Deacon and Freddie Mercury.

*Thanks Diane (NY)*

CHI DELTA MU CHAPTER

FINANCIAL & STATISTICAL REPORT

JANUARY 1, 1984 -- JUNE 30, 1984

Table 1	
Receipts & Expenses January - June, 1984	
XX	
Opening cash balance (1/1/84).....	374.03
Receipts	
Meeting fees.....	1,280.00
Dues (new).....	130.00
Dues (renewal).....	120.00
Donations.....	143.00
50/50.....	47.25
Total.....	1,720.25
Expenses	
Motel.....	721.57
Food.....	357.73
Library.....	19.18
Postage.....	27.75
Printing.....	32.95
Newsletter.....	189.89
Total.....	1,349.07
Ending cash balance (6/30/84).....	745.21

January - June 1984 Fiscal Period  
 \*\*\*\*\*

During this time our Chapter's finances obviously improved significantly. Increased Chapter meeting attendance (double 1983's count for the same period), plus measures recommended by the Executive Committee and approved of by the membership, are the influential factors in our enhanced fiscal position. Our 1984 - 1985 Budget called for an estimated June 30, 1984 ending cash balance of \$600, to be coupled with a budgeted reserve in 1984 - 1985 of \$400 to give us a "nestegg" of \$1000 on June 30, 1985. Well, we've exceeded the \$600 goal by \$145.21 (ending cash balance of \$745.21 for June 30, 1984). The progress achieved in the goals of our 1984 - 1985 Budget (see April and May newsletters), will be reported on quarterly in this fiscal year.

Meeting costs are down, again aided by good attendance at our monthly gatherings. We have every indication that this good turnout will continue in 1984 and in the future, especially with a new, New Jersey site. The membership's decision to keep the meeting fee at \$10 has been confirmed by meeting attendance. As always, there will be no additional charge for your wife/girlfriend if she attends the meeting. All members are reminded about the increase in dues, and we hope to have a membership listing for you in the August O. S. J. indicating your national and Chapter dues-payable month.

MORE

Table 2  
Treasury Surplus  
XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX

Item	1981	1982	1983	1984 *
Receipts	131.00	1193.68	1904.00	1720.25
Expenses	20.00	985.17	1829.48	1349.77
Surplus	91.00	208.51	74.52	371.18

\* six months: January - June

1981 surplus	91.00
1982 surplus	208.51
1983 surplus	74.52
sub-total	
(1/1/84)	374.03
Jan-June '84	
surplus	371.18
applied to	
1984-1985	745.21 *

\* ending cash balance 6/30/84

Table 3  
Meeting Cost Per Attendee  
XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX

Item	1982	1983	1984
Motel	457.13	898.98	721.57
Food	321.16	448.40	357.73
Gift	5.00	0	0
Total	783.29	1347.38	1079.30
Paid Fees	720.00	1310.00	1280.00
Paid Attendees	78 *	131	128
Meeting Cost/ Attendee	9.23	10.29	8.43

\* January & March meeting fee was then \$5.00

Table 4  
Paid Meeting Attendance  
XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX

Month	1982	1983	1984
January	5	17	18
February	0 *	0 *	19
March	7	14	32
April	8	12	19
May	10	9	21
June	9	8	19
Total	39	60	128

\* NO MEETING

Treasurer's Report  
\*\*\*\*\*

Item	May	June
Beginning cash balance.....	797.89	748.40
Receipts		
Meeting fees.....	210.00	190.00
Donations.....	11.00	20.00
50/50.....	13.00	10.75
Dues (new).....	0	30.00
Total.....	234.00	250.75
Expenses		
Motel.....	132.19	125.00
Food.....	52.62	102.24
Newsletter.....	65.73	26.70
Printing (signs).....	6.45	0
Printing (brochure)....	26.50	0
Total.....	283.49	253.94
Ending cash balance.....	<u>748.40</u>	<u>745.21</u>



We thank the following sisters for their donations to the Chapter: Edie, Yvonne, Carole, Lora and Karen. Also, a warm welcome to the following new members: Barbara, JoAnne (upstate NY #2), and Arlene. 50/50 winners were Edie (May), and Marilyn, wife of Lynda (June). We remind all to please be current with your dues, and that effective July 1st dues are \$15/year.

Editorial  
\*\*\*\*\*

The term "networking" has become very popular over the past year or so. It means a number of things: "communication", "dependance", "assistance", etc. CHI DELTA MU and TRI-ESS is truly a network. Our growth and potential is a vivid demonstration of what this term means.

"Networking" does not come without some effort. Energy must be expended to see the results of having a viable network. This energy or effort can take on many forms: being a GAL and meeting new sisters, xeroxing our newsletter, buying food for the meeting, putting our card in your local library, and the list is endless and also includes being on radio, television and in the press to tell the world about who we are.

It is evident that we as a Chapter have expended a lot of effort and energy in "networking". It is also quite evident that this effort and energy have not been unproductive. Witness our Chapter's growth and increased meeting attendance. Note the number of new members, and consider that many of those new sisters (perhaps like yourself at one time), were really "hanging out" there before they found out about us. Just think of the numbers yet unacquainted with us, and the work that remains to be done!

"Networking" means expending energy to see growth and development. That's happened here, and the important thing now for us as a Chapter is to insure that this continues and expands. This translates to more sisters becoming active in Chapter activities which, again, can take on many forms. The important thing for all of us to remember is that whatever we do for the Chapter **BENEFITS ALL OF US**. If you're a relatively new member you may not be in a position to really appreciate this. But, starting out some 3 years ago with about 7 - 10 sisters, and considering where we are now, means that our energy and efforts have been successful and that our promise is great.

Won't you be part of this effort and spend some of your energy to help? As said before, you are also helped! Do whatever you can, and if you need some guidance, contact a Chapter Officer.



© 1984 by NEA, Inc.

"Renata, so you'll recognize me at Family Day I'll be wearing a Texas Tech football jersey with the number 47 on it."

-Ed

"Joy and the Beach Girls Greatest Summer Hits"

("I hope all you Jan and Diana's have a swinging time at Drag City and, 'I'll see you in September", Diane (NY))

- I. 1. In The Cool, Cool, Cool of the Evening Gown (Tell Them I'll Be There)
- 2. Can't Help Lovin That Tan of Mine
- 3. Fella By Starlight
- 4. John/June Is Bustin Out All Over
- 5. The Things We'll Wear This Summer
- 6. Theme From Summer Face
  
- II 1. Let's Pass Again Like We Did Last Summer
- 2. Red Nails In The Sunset
- 3. I WORE THOSE Harbor Tights
- 4. Summertime (And The Dressing Is Easy)
- 5. Take Me Out To The Ball, Dame
- 6. Itsy-Bitsy Teenie-Weenie Yellow Polka Dot Bikini

Thanks,  
Diana (NY)

# 4th of July



Our Readers Write

\*\*\*\*\*

..."I also want you to know that I learned of TRI-ESS through your chapter's appearance on "9 on New Jersey" on WOR-TV. We get it here on the local cable system. Your organization being on TV brought at least one 'girl' home to her sisters. I just wanted you to know that all of the fear and nerves that it took to appear on WOR was worth it to at least one sister outside your territory. When I saw the program, I called WOR on the phone long distance. You can be assured that the reporter who worked with you was most polite, professional, and respected your wishes that you remain anonymous. She could have been a little better prepared with Carol's address though. It took her several calls to get me that. Thank you for being on TV...Thank you also for the newsletter. It is very well done indeed. I like the way that others have contributed articles to it, either as cut-outs or written material. Lots of cooperation, great!...I just re-read this thing before I printed it. There are a lot of thank you's in there, more than I meant to have, but all honest and truly heartfelt. Continue to care and help new sisters and I'll try to do the same." Jill, OH-1581-W.

..."I figured that you would be disturbed by the questionnaire. I was, too. I even wrote Sam Coleman about my feelings on the matter. It might be wise if some of you Chi Delta Mu gals would, too. Regarding the questionnaire, all he would get would be a lot of 'no's' and 'not applicable' from our sisters. He should learn from that." Carol Beecroft, national leader.

..."We have started plans for a 'family picnic' to be held on the 3rd Sunday of August in the St. Charles area along the Fox River. The chapter will supply hot dogs and soft drinks. The rest will be B.Y.O.B. Have your ideas and suggestions ready for the June meeting. With advanced planning, this can be a most successful family outing...Although the professor's questions do not fully apply to our type of member, it is quite indicative of the misconception the professionals have of crossdressers. Perhaps if we sent letters to Professor Coleman, we could open his eyes to the kind of people we truly are". CHI (Chicago) TRIBUNE, June 1984.

..."Just think if Susskind should find that he's been a TV all of his life he could make a movie with Eileen (NY), and a few of us in 'cameo' appearances in 'My Sister Eileen II' in 3-D cup!!!" Diane, NY.

AND FROM SOME POTENTIAL MEMBERS...

..."I am delighted to finally find that there is a group of hetero crossdressers/TV's. As a hetero crossdresser (although closet at present), I have been turned-off by publications which appeared to be dominated by Bi or Gay TV and/or directions. So much so, that I now tend to relate TV with the Bi/Gay group, reserving, in my mind, crossdressing for the hetero group even though I do realize that it is merely a translation of TV. Though I knew it could not be true, I was beginning to wonder if I was the lone voice in the wilderness!...You can, I'm sure, understand my delight at finding that not only are there, in fact, others, but that there is an organization whose activities are so directed...I am looking for more information and, I suppose, support and assistance in furthering my enjoyment of this delightful hobby." Sandi.

..."I will greatly benefit from knowing other TV's and very much look forward to meeting you. Deepest thanks for your letter." Ann.



..."I received your letter the other day and I was very impressed by the efficiency of your organization. Your sincerity and genuine caring for your sisters are obvious in your letter. I must admit how absolutely overjoyed I am to find a common group who share my passion for dressing. I had tentatively explored other groups but found that the majority of transvestites I met at that level wanted to dress with me and then sleep with me. The dressing part was enticing but the rest left me cold. Now, I find there is a larger, well-organized group that thinks and feels the way I do. I cannot wait to get further information. You mentioned that there were members who would be willing to explain the group to me. This would be wonderful." Jackie.

(Ed. note: we thank all GALs for their assistance in meeting new members and providing information about the national organization and our Chapter.)



Book Review  
\*\*\*\*\*

In the Finkelstein Library, Spring Valley, the largest library in Rockland County, I found the story The Man Who Became a Woman by Sherwood Anderson in The Sherwood Anderson Reader, edited with an introduction by Paul Rosenfeld and published by Houghton-Mifflin Company of Boston in 1947. If you are interested in horse racing and horse breeding of the depression era, you will enjoy this story for its detailed, colorful description of horse farm and small town life in those times. Perhaps I was too impatient when I quick-read the story, but in my opinion The Man Who Became a Woman is a very long-winded short story that takes forever to get to the point promised by the title. For this reason I have removed it from our CDM Library "Want List".

Edith Marie

Etc.  
\*\*\*\*

...Thanks, again, to Renata for getting out this issue to you during Nora Helene's absence...Please let us know if you'll be attending Family Day on August 11th. Last day to notify us is August 1st...We thank Hollis and Karen for their contribution of articles for the newsletter concerning their personal experiences and all others who have added to the newsletter. We encourage all of you to send in items, especially new members and wives/girlfriends...As the Chapter will not have a dressed meeting till September, we hope that sisters who live near one another will be able to have informal socials over the summer. These don't have to be dressed affairs, and wives/girlfriends should be there. If you don't know your GAL contact your Editor and I'll see to it that she gets in touch with you.

*Will be at Family Day, hopefully mother-in-law to you + your folks. See you then. Best Regards, Your Sister, Mary Jane*

\*\*\*\*\*

CHAPTER OFFICERS

★ PRESIDENT:  
PATRICIA (CT-8-G)

★ VICE PRESIDENT:  
KAREN (NJ-309-K)

★ SECRETARY:  
MARY JANE (NY-206-M)

★ TREASURER:  
LYNDA (NJ-307-F)

★ ADDRESS:  
L. FRANK  
P.O. BOX 9192  
MORISTOWN, NEW JERSEY 07960

NEWSLETTER

ADDRESS:  
M. J. MORAN  
P.O. BOX 4988  
POUGHKEEPSIE, NEW YORK 12602

PRODUCTION/DISTRIBUTION:  
N. COHEN  
P.O. BOX 192  
LINDEN, NEW JERSEY 07036

(MARY JANE, EDITOR).

