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While Marlene and I are working on the Tri-Ess Directory (and waiting for one of my secretaries to do the type-setting for the next Femme Mirror), we thought we should send you the following information that is of interest to you:

As said above, Marlene and I are putting many hours into developing the new Tri-Ess Directory. The Directory will feature a new streamline set of code numbers for all members - four digits to accomodate the computer and expanded membership. It will also (we hope) include pictures of our existing chapters and possibly some of those newly forming groups. We ask that all chapters get a group picture to me in ~~January~~ ^{Feb} (B&W, hm?) Donna, my other Administrative Assistant will have something to say about the new code numbers on the other side of this page.

It is most important that all sisters who want to either update their Directory profile or submit a picture, do so before the end of ~~January~~ ^{Feb}.

Some sisters are having problems in forwarding mail, so here is how to do it: Write your letter - put it in an envelope - seal the envelope - put a stamp on the envelope - write, in the lower left hand corner of the envelope (in pencil) the femme name and code number of the person to whom the letter is directed - put the whole thing in another envelope and mail to us for forwarding.

Our attorney is presently doing the work on incorporating our sorority as a non-profit corporation. We will also contact the IRS to get us the legal status of a non-profit organization. When your dues and any donations will be tax deductible.

The NATION Magazine carried our ad about Tri-Ess and we have approached three other magazines. Thanks be to Marlene.

Carol's appearance on HBO will be in ^February according to the note received from the movie producer.

Write
The SELF HELP Organization has offered to help US in the development of our chapters. If you need some additional assistance in starting a chapter, write: Leslie Borck, Westchester Community College, Academic Arts Bldg., 75 Grasslands Road, Valhalla, N.Y. 10595. She will send you a great pamphlet entitled How To Organize A Self Help Group and also put you in touch with local offices for listing and other assistance. Work with Marlene regarding this assistance. She will (Marlene) assist you with Femme names and code numbers of sisters near you. We are now listed in the master file of Self Help organizations throughout the country. We also understand that sometimes these Self Help organizations have buildings throughout the country where you can have your meetings. The Self Help Newsletter goes out to 3000 offices, so you should be able to receive lots of help.

THE FOLLOWING IS FROM DONNA, our other Administrative Assistant:

Carol recently honored me by accepting my services as National Membership Director for the Sorority. Our membership is growing so rapidly that Carol

can no longer do it all and assistance is needed to keep the membership records both accurate and up-to-date .

Although many of you know me, some do not, so I will present my credentials: I have been a member of the sorority since its inception and have been the Secretary/Treasurer of CHI chapter in Chicago for all that time. I have previously served as a Regional Coordinator for the Great Lakes Area and later as Area Director for the entire Northeastern United States and eastern Canada. Although my travel opportunities are somewhat limited, I have been to the west coast on a number of occasions, was at the first Tri-Ess National convention in New Orleans and have been able to meet many of you personally.

After accepting this new position, my first priority was computerizing the existing membership records to insure accuracy. But, problems soon became apparent! National membership numbers were issued for many years on a state-by-state basis, with a new number issued when a member moved to another state. This system was fine as long as everyone stayed put, but our national membership is becoming very mobile. Errors have crept in over the years and it is impossible to keep an accurate record of members when they move - for general mailing and correspondence forwarding.

So, effective immediately, every Tri-Ess member has been assigned a new national membership code number. Your new four-digit number plus the suffix of the first initial of your last name will remain CONSTANT regardless of where you reside, but the two letter (in most cases) state prefix will indicate only your current State of residence. For example, my former code number was IL-011-S and it has now been revised to IL-1148-S. If I should move to Wisconsin, it would become WI-1148-S and if I later move to Kentucky, it would become KY-1148-S. Although none of us likes "change," this one is necessary so we can keep track of our constantly growing membership. For the next 12 months we will maintain a dual (old/new) number system for continuity, and hopefully eliminate confusion and problems - but, thereafter we will be using the new number system exclusively. You will be notified of your new membership number through the next issue of the Directory or upon your next dues renewal.

Confused? Join the crowd! But if you have a question or specific problem concerning your membership, please contact me c/o Carol Baecroft and I'll get to you promptly.

DONNA MARTIN

For those gals who need to contact Marlene at this office, she says that you can write her at: Marlene L. c/o Box 4067, Visalia, CA 93278-4067