

Cross-Port Inner View

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**Next Meeting August 20 At 7:30
Mate Support Meeting
No Date Set**

CROSS-PORT BASICS

The July Cross-Port meeting found about 17 girls braving the heat. We thank all who were able to attend.

The general thrust of the night was a little different than the usual meeting. Dee had planned on running a discussion group. She chickened out and sent her other half in her stead. Everyone was asked to join in the group this time so that they would get a chance see what we were trying to do. Next meeting the group will be optional. The discussion was lively and centered on each persons needs as transsexuals and cross-dressers.

There was a short meeting at which Heather announced her intention to resign as president by December 31. It is hoped that there will be enough interest within the group to continue the effort which is just beginning to take hold.

The Gay/Lesbian Family Festival was also discussed. The festival itself netted \$435.50, but most of the booths lost money. At the last coalition meeting it was offered that a pot of \$1900, which was made during the entire Pride Week be split among the 19 organizational booths. This would net Cross-Port \$100. The vote at our meeting was to vote for this proposal.

The subject of meeting places was once again discussed. Because of renovations taking place, it was a little difficult to hear in the back room at times. The idea of a motel room was discussed, but once again the money issue was not completely addressed. The decision was made to wait and see how the remodeling turns out.

The meeting adjourned about 10:30 and people were invited to dance and have fun.

LINDA DOES HER THING AT THE THING

By Linda B.

For those of you who don't know, there is a shop on Monmouth St. in Newport Ky. called "The Thing". They advertise it as "Newport's Undieworld". They sell many of the sexy clothes you would not find elsewhere. They cater mostly to the show girls who work in Newport, and to men. Yes, I said men.

Mary, the owner of the shop, said about 50% of her business are men who like to wear women's clothes. Now don't get me wrong, I'm sure some of those men are buying for thier wives or girl friends, but she says that many want to try the article on. Quit often they will leave it on under their three piece suit when they leave.

If you're into stockings and garter belts, they have any thing you could dream of, and in up to 5x sizes. If you don't see it, they will order it or will make it. For example, they will custom make you a leather skirt for \$50, and they ship anywhere. They have very limited amounts of the larger dresses and skirts. While I was there she said most of the dresses they were making in the back were for men.

It seems, many of the Female Impersonators go there to get those beautiful gowns you see. She said she would make me a sexy sequin gown for \$120. Believe me, that is cheap if you have ever priced them.

Mary and her assistant Bob, seem to know where every "Drag" show is held, and all the best gay places in town. They have been in business now for 18 years, and they know everyone.

When I first went in I was quite nervous, but after they found out what I was there for, they were extremely nice, helping me out in every way possible. They wanted me to try on everything I liked. The only bad thing was, I was very male looking that day and it took some real imagination when I got in front of the mirror. (Once I got home it was a different story.) I had one of the best times I've had shopping and I came home with all kinds of goodies. In fact I ordered a satin skirt which was ready by last meeting. I picked it up on the way to the meeting.

You are welcomed to go dressed, and they are open every night until 8 pm. Their phone number is (606) 431-4469.

Letters to Heather

Dear Heather,

This letter is in two parts. One part of which is to compliment everyone on the last "InnerView". It was much longer than previous ones I've recieved. I really enjoyed it and I like your writing style.

I must say it seems to me that you and everyone there are having such a good time.

In your phamphlet, you mentioned something about corresponding with someone. Is that possible? Thanks for your time.

Teddy

Dear Teddy,

Thank you for your kind words, we always eat them up and get the big head for that kind of support.

As for writing to others, that is always possible but at this time it would require you to come to a meeting to collect names and addresses since our policy is that we do not give them out, nor do we wish to act as a forwarding service.

It is our hope that our members will not only join our group but will support either/or both TRI-ESS and I.F.G.E. both of which offer mail forwarding services.

It is my belief that a local group should not try to duplicate services offered by the National Groups, that is what they are their for.

Dear Heather,

I still battle myself, and I'm still afraid of attending a meeting. There's been some progress but not enough to suit me, although I've recieved some real help from a couple of girls. I feel that to attend "en male" would deny me the very reason of my presence. I hope you understand. Some Family situations and other problems do not help.

Please continue to send the "InnerView". - Many Thanks

Fran

Dear Fran,

I understand completely. As I have often said, Cross-Port is not here to make people feel they must attend meetings. We exist in the hopes of just letting people like yourself know that you are not alone.

Coming in male attire however, should not be considered as depriving you of the reason for being there. Hopefully you are there to get and give support to others who crossdress, though they may do it for various reasons. To that end not coming at all is worse than not coming dressed, since you are depriving yourself of any support.

There are several in the group that come as their male self and enjoy the company just as much. It is most difficult to meet others for the first time much less to have to worry about the way you are dressed. I hope you will consider these thoughts and know that whatever you decide there are those who care about you.

THE INDY REPORT

By Betty

We had approximately 15 people at the July 2, meeting and we all thank those who attended.

Andrea was accepted as "Librarian" for the group. She will collect articles, magazines, photos, etc. for our group. If you are looking for something on a specific topic, let her know and if she does not have it she will see what can be located. Further if you have things of interest she would like a copy for the library and for the use of others.

The meeting was again at the 21 Club. Because of the remodeling, things were a bit squeezed. We will continue our meetings at the 21 Club but we feel we should be looking for an alternate if things should require us to move. We are asking for your help on finding

an alternative where parking is good, going and coming is easy, it's free, has beverages and thinks TV's are the greatest thing since the wired brassiere. We will be expecting larger attendance in the fall and winter.

We have \$80.00 in the treasury and will be giving a report in the future. Many thanks for the support.

We want to keep our mailing list up to date, so if you have not been to a meeting or in contact with us, please drop us a note so we will be sure to keep you on the list.

Remember, our meetings are the first Thursday of every month at 9:00 pm.

Names, Names, Names

For many of us, we are our name, that is to say, that when someone says our name, we respond, even if they are talking to someone else with the same name.

For most crossdressers, we have even chosen new names, ones we like and that we feel fits us. I happen to like Heather Lockleer so I chose that name. But what do our names mean. I hope to include in each issue some names and what they mean as taken from "The Best Baby Name Book" By Bruce Lansky.

Heather - From the Heather Flower - commonly means Girlish

Linda - (spanish meaning Pretty) - commonly utterly feminine, extremely popular and energetic

Jennifer - (welsh meaning White,Fair) - commonly youthful yet old fashioned

Alice - (greek meaning Truth) - no common meaning.

Rebecca - (hebrew meaning Bound) - commonly sweet

Lisa & Betty - familiar for Elizabeth - (hebrew meaning oath of God) - Commonly very frail and well liked.

Valerie - (latin meaning strong) - no common meaning.

Susan - (hebrew meaning Lily) - no common meaning.

Sarah - (hebrew meaning Princess - commonly sensual and selfish.

Amy - (latin meaning Beloved) - commonly active.

If you want to know what your name means write and ask.

CAN WE TALK!

By Heather Peerson

Hello from the midst of the heat wave. Once again I find I must apologize for something. This time it is for the short "InnerView". It seems that last Monday, for some unknown reason, I lost the vision in my left eye. It makes driving a bitch, and typing at a computer even worse, especially when I must do that all day long. I am simply not in a position to put out the usual amount of material. I hope this is only temporary. I'll keep you informed.

As you read in the account of the last meeting, I am planning on letting some one

self take over as president in January. This is being done for several reasons. Some of which are personal problems which I find I must commit more time to if I ever plan to resolve them. One of which is my own identity. The other reasons are due to problems I have seen in other groups in which one person continually does most of the work. First, the longer it continues, the less others are likely to become involved in the day to day effort required to keep the group running. Second, the person running the group and doing most of the work, begins to feel that because of all the time and effort they have expended, that the group should be run their way, and they become less likely to let others get involved.

I have always said that this group belongs to the people who come to it, and who support it. Yet even I become frustrated by the number of people who expect more from the group, but do little to help with their own suggestions. If Cross-Port is to survive and be a real helping force in the a tri-state area then everyone must do their share. If you the people of the group are not willing to expend that effort then the group is not doing its job and is not worth continuing.

I myself, hope to continue to be around. Reaching out to not only the cross-dressing community but to the Gay and Lesbian communities, to which we are closely thought of, as well. As I have said before, "Until everyone is free, no one is really free."

I offer these thoughts now, so that each of you can begin to consider just what having a group like Cross-Port has meant, and does mean to you and are you willing to keep it alive.

Speaking about the future, I hope each of you either now receive or will consider getting the latest "Tapestry" publication #50. It is filled with information about the convention including the keynote speeches of Dr. Virginia Prince and Dr. Roger Peo. There is also an excerpt from a booklet prepared by partners of TV's and the Most Asked Questions by partners of crossdressers.

Heather

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