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NU PHI CHI

MAY, 1997

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JEAN H.
PATTI J.
KATHY LORRAINE

Dear sisters,

We had a very nice turnout on this damp and cool evening. Probably one of our best attended meetings this season. Maybe this was due to the long period between meetings, six weeks since we had last met. We'll see how this theory holds up after our next meeting, which will be in a three week interval.

We did get to welcome a new sister to our little sorority, and get to see a couple of faces that have been long absent. Our warmest greetings to Carol S.. Hope you will be making many more meetings!!

It must have been at least two years or more since Kendra last attended a

meeting. Welcome back, gal! And Tammy found her way back to us for the first time since September. Must have been lack of snow for boarding that brought her down from the hills.

We finally got to have our movie night. Michelle G. brought along a copy of "Just Like a Woman". This was an interesting, well done production. Unfortunately for the girls watching, the tape ended about five minutes from the end of the movie! A near riot ensued! Fortunately Camille used her years of experience in the political ring to bring a halt to action by bravely stepping forth and saying "First round is on me, down at The Door".

We do want to thank Michelle, as this was a brand new tape that she hadn't even viewed yet herself! It'll be returned for a

replacement, and the copy be available to all through the library in the future. Also she has 3 other video's that haven't been available easily, for our future viewing.

We did have a business meeting before the movie. The items discussed were the

ATTENDEES

Janice G.	Camille H.
Jean H.	Alicia F.
Patti J.	Crystal & Tonya
Dana D.	Sharon F.
Kathy L.	Sharon C.
Tammy Z.	
Kathryn Y.	Carol S.
Michelle G.	Kendra K.
Joy S.	
Angella B.	

alternative meeting night and new member recruitment.

As mentioned in last month's newsletter, the weekday meetings have not been well attended. We asked for your input. We got none. It is going to take one of you to say when you want one! We certainly aren't giving up on the idea, but do need a push again!

Although our weekday meetings are on an "out" basis, our site is almost as secure as our regular meeting place. About as secure as an outie can be! After all, twelve of the attendees at the last meeting, were comfortable with going on down. And that is on a Saturday night.

We also discussed new member recruitment. It was agreed to spend some money once more on running ads in the various media. The purpose of this isn't to try to become big, per say, but to reach out to those like ourselves, who don't know we exist. A good example of this is our freshest face, Carol. She only learned of us 3 days before the meeting!

The big old BUT raises it's ugly head once more. Who is going to help out when we get all the calls and letters of interest once more? From our past experience, advertising pays off. To well. Some got lost

in the rush. Many of you reading this joined us in the last 12-18 months. It is time for YOU to extend the hand in welcome to this new sister. Please step forward and say you are willing to give a little outreach to a new sister! Please let me know if you willing. It will be on YOUR terms as to how to communicate etc. The usual channels are open: hot line, letter, note through the window (Jean's), etc.

We had our usual pizza, snack bags, etc. AND the culinary treats of Crystal and Tonya! Now, they've been warned in the past about bringing such delights! Hopefully, they will continue to pay me no heed!

It was midnight before the group broke up. It had been a wonderful night! And for many, phase II was just getting started.

Down at The Door, it was a quiet night. No special events going on. About 1:30 Frank got the Karaoke going. The quality of the performers really varied. We were represented by two girls singing, and three dancing. Sharon C. did her usual professional performance; three I believe, to much acclaim. Now if we can only get you stop trying to pass yourself off as Hootie and start doing some girl songs! Call it voice training!

We had a trio of line dancers out there when the appropriate songs were being done. Showing their moves were Jean, Sharon F., and Patti. However Patti kept trying to do

their routines as a Rockettes, rather than a line dancer!

The house was finally brought down at the end when Jean got up and did a number. And it only took several bottles of wine for her to find the courage!

MAY MEETING: Our next meeting is scheduled to held on our usual first Saturday, the 3rd. It will feature a visit by Karen of Newbury St. She will be bringing along a wig selection and being doing a makeup demonstration or two! She has been spoken highly of by several members who have used her services. It should be very interesting and who knows, maybe you'll leave with a new doo!

DISCUSSION GROUP: We are getting some interest in the subject! Hopefully, the first one will be held at the May meeting. The first topic of discussion: SHOULD THE BUFFALO BELLES SPLIT UP???

Or just stay the way we are? Show up on time and help decide where we are going.

BUDGET REPORT:

Income:	Dues	\$825.
	Meeting fees	\$744.
	50/50 split	\$ 77.
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		\$1,646.
EXPENSES:	Rent	\$240.
	Phone	\$224.
	PO Box	\$ 40.
	Mtg. Food	\$373.
	Newsletter	\$617.
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		= \$1,494.
Special expenses:	charity	\$150.
	cabinet	\$111.
Balance	10/96	\$587.
	04/97	\$717.

It has been awhile since we have had a financial statement. The following figures are given from our last eight months. The figures are based upon averaging out for a year.

What all of this means is that we are doing OK financially. We basically make money on our meetings. And slightly loose on the office expenses. We currently have 37 members on the roster. Three of these we are "carrying" until they can pay their dues. We owe Camille for a couple of meetings worth of snacks. We have \$15 or so credit on our Kinko's card. We'll get new members as the year goes on. Etc.

GEMINI in their April Newsletter has announced that they with regrets that they will not be sponsoring Riverside Gala Weekend. Now, I assume that also means the Gathering of Friends, that they had previously announced. Whether Erie Sisters will try to resuscitated is unknown. It will sure be sad if such a fine event has to fall. Unless Patti & Denise want to finally DO an event! Certainly the hardware is in place.

A HAIRY STORY: A few weeks ago I was reminded of the fear we all felt at one time about going shopping and meeting up with an unpleasant experience with the sales clerk. It actually happened!

A few weeks ago, CVS had a special of three bottles of "Rogaine" for under \$20. Of course, they weren't for me; as I'm sure you all know that my hair is my own. And Blonde my natural

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January 27, 1997

Dear Kathy Lorraine:

Please find enclosed a response from Carol Beecroft, Executive Director of Tri-Ess, and me addressing the problem of support for Tri-Ess International in Nu Phi Chi Chapter. As you will see, this letter is an invitation for Nu Phi Chi to realize its full potential as a Tri-Ess chapter. We invite the chapter to come aboard and be a part of the ever-strengthening network of family-oriented support Tri-Ess is building for heterosexual crossdressers and their loved ones.

We respectfully request that you disseminate this letter as an inclusion with your next regular newsletter, treating it just as you would any other communication meant directly for your members.

Please find enclosed also a copy of the first issue of the FEMME MIRROR published by Tau Chi Chapter in 1989, and a copy of the latest issue. It is one thing to write about all the improvements in Tri-Ess services, but we would like your members to actually hold these issues in their hands and see the progress we have made. Please make these issues available as an exhibit at the meeting when Judy Daniels visits, or when you consider your response to the enclosed invitation. Thank you so much for your kind consideration.

Your Sister,



Jane Ellen Fairfax
Chair, Tri-Ess Board
of Directors

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Enclosures

then, that warrants a call, etc. But I don't recall this deadline not being met in the past few years.

As we are on three week period between meetings this month, this is being written during the week immediately following the last meeting. Last month, I had three more weeks to try to be a little more coherent. But that is seldom achieved, if ever.

If you have read this far, your also probably the type that has read the "filler" material that may need getting out the reading glasses, or magnifying glass. I found by reducing the average page to 75% original, one could put two side by side to create one regular size page. A little hard to read at times, but so much more info can be sent in our ten page limit.

As our May meeting is to include a discussion group about our future, we are giving Tri-Ess it's due and including recent communications of their most imminent leaders. Please try to be at the May meeting by 7, so we can have the time for pizza, discussion, Newbury St. and time to go out and party!

See ya!



color. OK, I admit to occasionally running a little rinse through it to re-educate the stray hair leaning towards grey. But as I was saying, it wasn't for me, but a friend.

Finding what I sought, I went up to pay. The cashier refused to allow me to buy it. AS, I had the packages in pink. "This one is for woman. You can't buy it...only is for woman". She was adamant.

Now, the other things in my basket hadn't caused her any concern, such as the L'Orreal Plenitude, the two pair of No Nonsense Shear Resistance, or the eyeliner! This was a little shocking! After all of these years of never being questioned, I was being questioned.

Actually, not really. She was just being concerned! She really thought there was a difference in the product. It took getting a blue bottle and comparing the labels, to show her that they were the same. 2% Minoxidil, Alc., & Water. I would be really safe to use it! But, it was for a friend, anyway.

And with no other tie in but that it is on the top of my head; I want to thank Patti for showing up at the last meeting with a new doo that was of a color and style of my own natural locks! As imitation is the sincerest form of flattery.

NEWSLETTER: I currently estimate that about 5 girls read this rag. Some concern seems to be shown on occasion when it seems to be late. There is no deadline other than getting it in the mail by the weekend before the meeting. If you haven't received it by

Dear Sisters of Nu Phi Chi:

"You can't make me join anything!" cried forty sisters of Nu Phi Chi. "We'll tell our friends about the group, and even mail its outreach literature, at our cost, to anyone who asks. But we have a problem with your policy that we all pay dues. Members should have the option as to whether they should contribute financially to the group. Several have opted to do so. We've talked it over, however, and decided that we will not pay dues to Nu Phi Chi. That will probably not change. It is up to you, the leaders of Nu Phi Chi, whether we stay part of the group."

As loyal supporters of Nu Phi Chi, how does the above scenario make you feel? How would you relate to the sentiments of these sisters? Should the group alter its membership policies in order to retain them? As you read the rest of the this letter, try to put yourselves in the place of your Tri-Ess leadership and understand our feelings.

This letter is an exposition of facts, and an invitation to become an integral part of a team - an increasingly powerful network of education, support, and advocacy on behalf of crossdressers and their loved ones. We would like you to understand where Tri-Ess is, and how it got there.

Recently, a Tri-Ess sister said she is especially moved to work in Tri-Ess because it accomplishes so much with so little. Because of its all-volunteer leadership, Tri-Ess is indeed very efficient in managing its resources. Such an organization, however, entails certain problems. For most of our members crossdressing is less a priority than job and family considerations. It takes time to develop a sufficient staff, and one must be careful about handing out pink slips. If the organization has to fight from behind, heaven help it!

That is what happened to Tri-Ess. In the aftermath of the sudden expansion resulting from the Donahue Show, and Carol Beecroft's serious accident, Tri-Ess established a Board of Directors. When the Board surveyed the situation, it realized Tri-Ess was in trouble. Poor communication and irregular membership services caused by inadequate staffing had resulted in declining membership, and apathy in the chapters. Faced with the urgent need for action, the Board established priorities and set about building a Tri-Ess of which its members and chapters could be proud.

Over the last several years the leadership has dramatically upgraded membership services. Such flagship publications as the MIRROR and the Membership Directory were delegated to the chapters. Not only has Tau Chi Chapter doubled the content of the MIRROR, it has also dramatically increased its quality (Please see exhibit at your chapter meeting). Under the auspices of Chi Chapter the Directory has undergone a similar upgrade in both quantity and quality. New membership services such as the Big Sister and Pen Pal programs now reach out to sisters in isolation. Our supporters have responded. Membership now stands at an all-time high. Building on its family-oriented vision, Tri-Ess pioneered by integrating partners of crossdressers into the community (and took the resulting heat!) To give them a forum Tri-Ess started publishing the quarterly SWEETHEART CONNECTION newsletter. In 1992 Tri-Ess founded the very successful Spouses' and Partners' International Conference for Education (S.P.I.C.E.), an annual convention that has already renewed many relationships. All this Tri-Ess has done without raising dues one penny! Please evaluate the enclosed summary of the Tri-Ess philosophy and programs and compare it with any other value available in the transgender community. We've worked our hearts out for you. Have we not earned your support?

Yes, Tri-Ess does provide a lot for little cost. To be productive, however, our discussion must transcend questions of "What's in it for me?" or "Who does what for whom?" The relevant questions are, rather, "What can we do together?", and, on a level closer to home, "What do I want Nu Phi Chi to be?" Tri-Ess is in the process of galvanizing its chapters into a cohesive partnership grounded on a common vision and purpose. Not long ago, the Internal Revenue Service granted Tri-Ess status as a tax-exempt non-profit corporation under Article 501 C-3 of the tax code. Already Tri-Ess has established funds to further outreach and research. Membership contributions have funded outreach booths at the conventions of The National Council on Family Relations, the Association of Family-Based Services, AASECT, and the National Association of Social Workers. We are searching for new applications of our 501 C-3 by which we can educate, support and serve. Plans are underway, but we prefer to talk of solid accomplishments rather than make promises. One thing is, however, certain. The end result of this effort will mean a lot more to our chapters than pennies on a pizza.

We invite Nu Phi Chi to be a part of this dynamic team. We do expect all our chapters to be team players. We cannot make exceptions. To permit some chapters to ride the sled while others pull it, is not fair. We must all pull together. Every non-supportive teammate saps our strength a little. How can anyone be part of the team if she does not receive the signals, the publications by which Tri-Ess and its members communicate? Our membership requirement is eminently reasonable; most organizations with chapters have it. \$2.93 per month is a financial hardship for almost no one, and we have a policy helping those few unable to pay. Because Tri-Ess wants its chapters to have flexibility in meeting local needs, it imposes few responsibilities upon them. But we do expect chapters to follow those policies which exist. Admiral Horatio Nelson proclaimed "England expects everyone to do his duty." Tri-Ess expects every chapter do hers.

A Tri-Ess chapter is a local association of Tri-Ess members. Why should Nu Phi Chi settle for anything less? When you unite your resources in Tri-Ess, you will discover an unexpected potential. You will become a part of projects that far transcend "a safe and secure place" to go dressed.

You will continue to receive frequent communications from your International. Why not see what happens when you communicate back? Don't let us tell you; let us show you. Our goals and focus are the same. Let us strengthen your resources, as you strengthen ours. If you become really a part of our network, you will find new friends and allies who will help bring to fulfillment the work you have so nobly begun. Come further up and further in. Join us heart and soul, and take your place with pride in your Tri-Ess family.

How do you get there? Judy Daniels, our Director for Chapter Membership and Support, would like to visit you. Invite her, and schedule a meeting in a room with a speaker phone. If you have any questions or anything to share, our representative (Jane) will be here for you, and will accept a collect call. The speaker phone will enable everyone to hear the dialogue. You will hear from those who will not accept the membership policy, and who will threaten to leave the group if it is put into effect. Listen to all viewpoints with your hearts as well as your ears, and discern. Then decide whether our destinies will diverge or entwine.

Sincerely,

Carol Beecroft

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Executive Director

Jane E. Fairfax

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Chair, Tri-Ess Board of Directors

CALENDAR

- April 26 Imperial Court Coronation
- MAY 3 BUFFALO BELLES MEETING
- 5-6 Lobby Days Wash. DC
- 15/16 Paradise in Poconno's
- 29-31 Provincetown MA
- JUNE 4/8 Be All-Chicago
- 7 BUFFALO BELLES MEETING
- JULY 11-12 ICTLEP Conf. Houston
- 12 BUFFALO BELLES MEETING
- 16-20 SPICE Conv.
- AUGUST 2 BUFFALO BELLES MEETING-PICNIC

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Virgin Views
by Virginia Prince Ph.D.

Gender
Fundamentalists

Another of my strange titles, right? You thought there were only religious fundamentalists like Islamic fundamentalists, the Ultra Orthodox Jews and the Religious right and fundamentalists of other various sects in the Christian world. (I could have said various "sexes" and still be pretty much correct.)

But maybe we should start off with some understanding about what distinguishes a fundamentalist from his (or her) contemporaries. Among the Moslem fundamentalists the Koran contains all the certain truths that the religion prescribes and a devout and fundamental Moslem must subscribe to and live by those precepts because they are true and basic and Allah dictated them to Muhammad. So those that believe it literally and seek to live by its teachings are called fundamentalists because they have the "real truth" (and all Moslems should follow their example). But all Moslems don't take that seriously. There are secular Moslems who read and revere the Koran but try to make some compromises with the real world.

Jews have the Torah and the Old Testament of the Bible, much of which was supposed to have been delivered into the hands (or ears) of the prophets by Yahweh (Jehovah) and is therefore the fundamental statement of the faith. This creates conflict between so-called secular Jews and the Orthodox, such as the one uproar about closing one of Jerusalem's main streets on the Sabbath. So the Orthodox have the "real and fundamental truth" (and all other Jews should recognize it and live by it).

Essentially the same situation occurs in Christianity wherein there are sects that believe quite literally in the Bible as being the word of God and interpret it in their own way. Since it is the "real truth" they think that all other Christians should believe it and live by it as they do. Now note the common thread here. All of these types of persons who recognize the "real truth" of their religion are called fundamentalists, because they base their beliefs on that fact and try to persuade others to see things the same way. I guess you get the point as far as religions go. But in a great many other non-religious areas of human concern there are those who are thoroughly persuaded that {they} know best what is good, right, proper, effective and "the way to go." You find it in politics, economics, government and in business. Strangely, you find it in the so-called transgender community too.

I say "so-called" because even though the word "community" is used, it isn't a community. It is an association, an affiliation, a coalition or some other word that implies some areas of common interest by individuals, companies, cities, states and countries. Two examples: The American Medical Association and the American Bar Association are composed of persons having medical or legal degrees respectively and practicing (or retired from) their professions. Yet within each there are many groups that have their own rules, policies and practices. A surgeon, an internist, a pediatrician, a psychiatrist and many other specialists may all belong to the AMA but they have their own specialties and separate associations. Among lawyers, all belong to their state's Bar Association but those practicing corporate, patent, accident, malpractice, divorce and other legal specialties have their own groups. No one

of these specialty groups in medicine, law, insurance and other areas, attempts to speak for all doctors, lawyers or whatever. That is because few of them have enough knowledge beyond their own area of interest to function successfully in other fields. (There are, of course conspicuous exceptions who have multiple degrees in several fields and are thereby qualified to speak for different areas of practice.) Thus there are no fundamentalists in law and medicine.

Another example is the group of nations collectively referred to as Scandinavian. It is comprised of Sweden, Norway, Finland and Denmark. But each of these nations has its own history, language, culture, and national feeling. They can and do cooperate in lots of ways, such as their joint airline called SAS. But none speaks for all. They therefore are not really a "community" of nations, but are more properly a "coalition" of nations with various common interests.

In our "community" we have gay drag queens, impersonators (who prefer to be referred to as "impressionists"), crossdressers, transgenderists, transsexuals and a few other smaller divisions. Here too, each group has its own individual and collective history, problems, desires, needs, culture, etc. These are very real differences between the various groups, and the only real common ground is the greater society's lack of understanding and therefore of intolerance of each group. To improve that common problem education of the public on the motivations, activities, needs, purposes and legal problems of each group can be undertaken collectively. But whichever of these groups you personally belong to, do you really think someone from one of the other groups could under-

stand, feel for, and identify with you and other members of your type? I don't! The so-called "she-males" have grown long hair, had electrolysis, tracheal shaves maybe, face lifts and nose jobs but have not had genital surgery. They live full time and in many cases make their living from various kinds of sexual activities. Now I personally share many of these changes with them except for the sexual activities. But since I don't share that aspect of their life with them I can't share much empathy with them and certainly would not presume to speak for them in any debate about various aspects of their lives. By the same token I would not want any one of them to undertake to speak for me and other heterosexual transgenderists. So similarity is not the same as identity.

But there are those out there who feel that they can. I refer to them as Gender Fundamentalists because, like all other fundamentalists, they think they know best and know how things ought to be. So their message is "we have a hold on the truth and the right way ... we know what's best, so come over to our point of view and do things as they should be done." It is strange but true that the ones who are most vocal, most in print and most publicly active are the transsexuals. Their main point of attack is Tri-Ess because of the policy (which in their aointed wisdom they like to term "exclusionary") of selecting heterosexuals only, which conflicts with what they proclaim to be the only right way for a group to be ... open to all comers. Why can't they just let things lie and be the way the members of Tri-Ess want it to be? Because they are the fundamentalists who know what is best for everyone and take it as gender gospel that since God created all kinds of peo-

ple (many of whom crossdress in one way or another and in various degrees), any group in our field should be open to anyone who walks in the door.

I don't know of lawyers who belong to the American Dental association unless they also have a degree of D.D.S. nor of Chiropractors belonging to the Aeronautical Engineers Society. All over our society there are groups designed for people with specific education, interests, talent, or occupation. That is, all kinds of groups are selective about the kinds of people they admit and they are not considered bigoted, narrow-minded, or exclusionary for doing so. Now to the extent that there are laws that may affect any or all of the constituent groups in the so-called "transgender community"

adversely, heterosexual cross-dressers as individuals or Tri-Ess as an organization can and will cooperate in efforts to get rid of oppressive laws or to lobby for new ones. If there is police persecution of individuals or groups in that community we will certainly do what we can to help stop such activities. If there are professional conventions the attendees of which need some education about our people, groups or activities we would certainly cooperate and we have done so. In short, where common action is called for and appears to be in the best interests of Tri-Ess as a constituent member of the transgender coalition, Tri-Ess will participate, but only when it has nothing to do with the nature of our membership.

It is interesting to note in passing that Tri-Ess doesn't accept bisexuals or homosexuals either; but their community doesn't raise a hew and cry about it as the transsexuals do. This is because transsexuals are the main fundamentalists; many "know"

that SRS is the "way to go (so why don't you come our way too?)." Besides, "selecting us out" as it were is particularly hurtful to people who believe that they really possess the secret of happiness. The gays pay no attention to Tri-Ess because they don't have to. They have their own political action activities, their own newspapers and magazines, their own restaurants and meeting places and they have achieved a pretty good level of social tolerance (I can't quite say social acceptance). Why should they care if some hetero organization doesn't want gays as members?

But those poor transsexuals! They don't have any of the confidence building mechanisms that gays have. They don't have anywhere to go because there are no effective organizations for TS's. So they remember somewhat longingly that they were crossdressers once and they kind of look back on those days with a kind of what might be called "sexual nostalgia" ... remembering the days when they were a kind of human, a male or a female burdened with requirements and expectations to be sure, but nevertheless they fitted in somewhere. Now after surgery they are neither fish nor fowl since they have no reproductive organs of any kind and they probably could not survive without synthetic hormones of one kind or the other the rest of their lives. They are not really male and really not female and that has to be a major mental burden (although I am sure they would be the last to admit it). But nobody made them have the surgery, so now that they have had it, why don't they just go about living their own lives, forming their own organizations and building their own amorphous psy-

chology and leave the rest of us alone? We feel no need to bother them; why do they feel a need to bother us? ("Bother" in this case refers to their complaints about Tri-Ess policy of selectivity.) After all for every TS in the country there are probably a thousand heterosexual males who enjoy their little occasional "micro-vacations" of an evening, a weekend or a convention away from the limitations of masculinity.

It occurs to me that the XY fraternity in general is "exclusionary" in that they don't permit any XX people in. Also come to think of it, how much more "exclusionary" can you get than surgically excluding the rest of humanity except fellow TS's from their little (and I do mean little) club?

Finally, I believe that little word "coalition" should be used in place of community. A true "community" is a place where a lot of individuals and families live rather close to each other and share a lot of life's problems. They cooperate with each other when there is some kind of threat to the integrity of that group, but do not undertake to tell one or another members of that community what color to paint their house, what kind of car to buy or what stocks to buy. There is no place for fundamentalists in that kind of a true community. But some of the various kinds of people who make up our "coalition" are fundamentalists and believe that they know best how others should run their lives and their groups. It is bad enough when the facts led

someone to make up the riddle "what is the difference between an Iranian terrorist (who are well known fundamentalists) and a transsexual?" The answer is that "you can negotiate with a terrorist. But now we are being deprived of even that outlet since the fundamentalists have become the transsexuals and the transsexuals have become fundamentalists. Apparently we can run but we can't hide.

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BFLO'S 1st ANNUAL
FANTASY BALL

MAY 10, 1997

8 PM - 4 AM
OPEN BAR 9 PM - 1 AM

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(AMERICAN LEGION POST)

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BUFFALO, NY

\$15.00 - INDIVIDUALS
\$25.00 - PER COUPLE

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CLOTHES CHANGING AREAS PROVIDED FOR
MEN AND WOMEN. CLOTHES CHECK

Case points to inborn sense of sex identity

Associated Press

CHICAGO — A boy reared as a girl after his penis was damaged irreparably has rebelled and now lives as a man, which doctors say suggests sexual identity may be an inborn trait that can't be manipulated.

Researchers became aware of the man after a 1970 accident in which the then-8-month-old's penis was destroyed accidentally during a cauterization to repair a fused foreskin. The boy's doctors recommended that his family raise him as a girl, and he underwent a sex-change operation.

The change initially was thought to be a success, according to a 1973 account by Dr. John Money, a Johns Hopkins University sexologist.

Money said the boy adjusted well to becoming a girl, observations that were used to support the idea that infants are more or less sexually neutral at birth and develop their sexuality as they are raised as either boys or girls.

But researchers who did a follow-up study published in the March issue of Archives of Pediatrics and Adolescent Medicine said that wasn't the case, adding that Money no longer agrees with his earlier findings. Money declined to discuss the case, saying he did not have the man's permission.

According to the follow-up study, the child, around the ages 9 and 11 began to realize he was not biologically a girl. As a young child, he had rejected dolls and tried to urinate standing up, researchers said. Classmates also teased him because he looked like a boy.

At 14, after he had contemplated suicide, his parents told him what had happened, and he stopped his hormone therapy, underwent a mastectomy and chose to live as a man.

Later, he had extensive surgery that partially restored his penis, and at age 25 he married a woman and adopted her children.

Dr. Milton Diamond of the University of Hawaii-Manoa at Honolulu and Dr. H. Keith Sigmondson of the Ministry of Health of Victoria, British Columbia, say the case suggests that a sense of being male or female is innate and immune to the intervention of doctors, therapists and parents.

This is to notify you of a down size version of a BE-ALL convention to be held this September in Pittsburgh PA.

Unlike the larger event, this event is 100% public and is limited to a group of approx. 25 people, selected on a first come basis. It is geared more for those that are already comfortable at being themselves in a public setting, and those who also are ready to go beyond the closet out's, AND, it is the only way that society can begin to see how harmless we are.

Passing is a NON ISSUE in this event, BUT, your behavior and attitude is crucial in order to be an ACCEPTABLE PERSON in Public. For this reason, minimal requirements are necessary to be known about the participants, and are described on the Requirements page of this notice.

The goal is to treat others with respect and dignity, and expect nothing more in return. It is your "PRESENT-ABILITY" and decorum at all times that will ultimately win a tolerating acceptance of us, NOT the ability to Pass yourself off as a Woman or something that you are not.

We all want to simply be free to express ourselves in a manner that has almost been like a second nature to most of us, and it's time more of this sort of thing becomes more affordably available to those like us.

We hope you agree and are interested in our event.

RESERVATIONS AND ACCOMODATIONS

The Motel I have selected is easy to find right off of exit 4 of the PA. Turnpike, approx. 1/2 hrs drive from down town. The rooms I requested in our block should contain a kitchenette, with 2 large beds, with a \$49.00 per night fee-,dubble or single. Total 4 day room fee..\$220.00 tax inc.

Travel expenses and breakfast cost's are not included in this breakdown. However there are LOTS of resterants and places to get fuel and any other needs near by.

I will send you a reservationsheet from the Motel with your responce.

The only real reservation that you will need to have other than the Motel, will be for the Friday Dinner Cruise ticket. this MUST be made by you in order to hold a seat with our group together. The Clipper we will be on is the Largest in their fleet, and can hold over 500 passangers. Many times wedding partys or other company functions buy up hundreds of seats at a time. So waiting till the last minute is not reccomended.

This is the type of Event that many of us have always dreamed about doing, and the last 2 that I have put together went smoothly, without any feared insodents that most of us worry about. This event will actually

EVENT SCHEDULE

Wed. Sept. 10. Afternoon arrival settle in get acquainted, dinner at local resterante and later to night spot... approx. \$20.00

Thur. Sept. 11. Car Pool at Noon to Ross Park Mall for shopping. approx. splurge.. \$30.00 Dinner at OLD COUNTRY BUFFET. Home cooking...approx. \$10.00 "METROPOLE" Night spot, Altntv. Night... Drinks. \$15.00

Fri. Sept. 12. Car Pool at Noon to Point Park for casual strolling, Blockhouse Museum, down town brouseing or overlook view of City from Mt. Washington. approx. \$15.00 Gateway Clipper Dinner Cruise, Boards 6:00 PM. Sails 7:00 till 10:00. Pre-paid reservation. \$30.00 Dequesne Incline, Historic ride to overlook of City by Night. Memorable... approx. \$10.00

Sat. Sept. 13. Car Pool at Noon to Carnegi Museum, Large Place, 5:00 PM closing.... \$10.00 Allegheny Brewery for Dinner. Lively place that is actually a Brewery too, with entertainment. Dinner & drinks... \$20.00 Other Night spot also if desired, called "Rusty Nail".. \$10.00

Sun. Sept. 14. Good by's and early Depart, OR, Trip to LARGE near buy Flea Market... spend..\$20.00

Approx. event spend.. \$205.00 Approx. room fee.. \$220.00

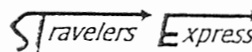
Approx. event total.. \$425.00

SEPTEMBER

10th-13th



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If you are not already acquainted with TRAVELERS EXPRESS, a brief personal profile and OUT experience is required, along with a Femme Photo so I know who you are. If you have been to one before, or know the person already, a simple request and photo described on the last section is all that is necessary. This event is to inhance your own confidence and have fun, just being your compleate self.

Your selection of attire MUST BE within good taste for that location, to be visited. We are NOT out to demand attention, demonstrate for special recognition, or SHOCK the Public in any way or form. It is more aimed to BLEND IN WITH the Public, but if we are recognized as guy's, it's an even better way for the people who do see us, to understand that we are NO THREAT to their way of life at all.

All day events will begin at NOON, when we will depart by Car Pooling, in which we are all expected to chip in for the drivers fuel expence.

You MUST get back to me with a larger self addressed stamped envelope so I can send you a more detailed breakdown and maps to this event, as well as needed reservation information that you are required to handle on your own.

This Event is realitively inexpensive and you can select which part or days you may or may not be interested in.

Hopefully we can have more and S/O's join us this year.

TRAVELERS EXPRESS

is a non-profit loosly organized club of mostly males presenting themselves in a more detailed "feminine" image. We are NOT Drag Queens, NOR, are we "cross" or "trans" any more than many women of today could be considered as such. We as "DRESSERS" are nearly out doing what we have always liked to do, and are hurting no one.

We are not a dateing service, nor involved in this for intentions of sex. We expect those among us to conduct themselves in a dignified manner at all times, and enjoy the company in being out among friends.

All requests to join this event must be sent to the below address with femme photo and profile, PLUS a S.A.S.E. with a 55¢ stamp on the 4 1/8 x 9 1/2 in. envelope to the address below.

We hope you can join us. Please contact us A.S.A.P. to recieve your follow up info, before the limited number of attendants is filled. Come out and enjoy the compleate without guilt or shame.

