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BUFFALO BELLES**NU PHI CHI

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Dear Sisters,

6/27/95

I am sorry that we don't have our usual newsletter this month. It came down to either a shoddy one or none at all. So this is what was ~~sent~~ the result is -

1. The election is on hold till New Years. By mutual agreement among all four/ five involved, we'll leave things as they are presently. But this is an issue that will return. We need your help!
We all have different talents, time etc.

2. Some say I sounded to critical of Joan for trying to run. This is not the case. I welcome her interest & input. Atleast she is willing to try, which is much more than most have indicated a desire to do! However, her idea of N.P.O. status seems dubious to me. - So much paperwork, tax forms etc for a small savings. The efforts involved should be spent on more worthy projects!

3. Don't forget, the July meeting is the 8th this month.
4. The August meeting will be our picnic. Hopefully we will have more dishes to pass than last year - we had plenty of food - all potato salads I recall! (Which I take partial blame for as I didn't bring the corn on the cob as promised)
5. Kelly Wright had her SRS surgery performed yesterday (26th). Preliminary reports are that it all came off OK! Hopefully will have her letter promised in next month's issue! May she have a swift recovery and all our best to her in her new life.
6. Will be getting the wives group started soon. Hopefully a dinner for the better babes in September.
7. Don't forget the Jim Bailey concert at Melody Fair, scheduled for Aug 17. Can someone confirm that date for us?
8. Good luck to Jackie & Yvette on their moving to a new home. Hopefully they will still be able to make our meetings!
9. Speaking of moving, I understand Jennifer has moved to Pennsylvania.
10. Despite what my handwriting would indicate, I am not a doctor.
11. Keep cool! Enjoy our summer. Between work, golf & yard/garden chores, I know it is going to pass for me!

Take care,
Kathy L.

I think we have become quite successful in the last three years. It was just three years ago now that Denise was contacting as many of us as known at the time about starting this group up. Six brave souls showed up for the first meeting in Sept. '92.

Under Denise's leadership, we have done well. A great meeting site at low cost, financially almost sound, the phone line, bank account etc. We're over thirty members now. And inquiries come in at a rate of a few per month. A good structure is in place.

Denise is not unwilling to continue on in her role. But would rather take a breather. Outside pressures have made it hard for her to be 'in the loop' for awhile now. Of course the day we talked, a couple ago, she had to go do an interview with a new prospective member!

Janice is willing to continue being our ambassadoress to the universe. Although our central purpose is of being a cross-dressers support group, her full time life as a woman now should not preclude her participation. I don't know of a stronger friend we have in any community. It is her name on the checking account, on the phone line, on reservations for our nights out series etc etc. She has indeed ventured forth where no CD has before!

Jean has been our unsung lady of the year for quite while. She has attended the most meetings of anyone. She has been the purveyor of the snacks and drinks at the meetings forever I think. And with her help on this newsletter, it is really looking so professional now! Her computer will be a natural for keeping the club's records, mailing lists etc. With her wife Luwella about to start the wives support group we have a real keeper here!

Joan has our longest history! She is the original one who started the Tri-ess group NU PHI CHI about six years ago. Joan has sensed a vacuum in the leadership lately and is willing to step in to help out again. Her letter of nomination is included elsewhere.

And then there is me, Kathy Lorraine. Somehow I got into some position of leadership a year ago I guess. Never did figure out how that ever happened. All I did was say I could help out with the newsletter. Next thing I know, I'm supposed to know something. I prefer to be the Wench down in the print shop. All that ink spattering around is a great source of mascara and eyeliner!

So those are your four choices for the election. Don't blame me! You had your chance! In fact it's still not too late, you can start a campaign now by writing in your name on the ballot! Call a couple of friends to do the same and your in.

So bring or mail your ballot in by the next meeting. I'll check the box on way to the meeting for the last arrivals. We are going to operate on the tribunally system, so vote for the three you want.

Kathy

4) Most important- a strong belief that the people in charge of running an organization should be in the mainstream of that organization. This is true whether the organization is a group of crossdressers, golfers, trekkers, or Republicans. I have always felt from the beginning I did not quite fit in the mainstream of the Buffalo Belles and that feeling have grown stronger over the last several months.

As I said this decision ^{not to be on the Tribunal} was after a lot of soul searching and discussion with several other individuals, not all of them members of the Buffalo Belles. This decision was urged by some, discourage by others, ^(mostly by Kathy) but all agreed it was my choice to make.

Despite my decision I give my full hearted support to the new governing body and will continue to help out in any way they might deem most desired, appropriate, and useful.

JANICES

A few months ago the Buffalo Belles called an election and nobody was interested in running except for one person who nominated herself. Haven't anyone out there heard of a drag race? Not here, that's for sure. I have spent a number of hours on the phone with Kathy and Denise² talking about who we could talk into putting on their high heels and running for office or trying to talk each other into running.

This is probably appropriate since we never had an election. Denise Miller was our rightful and valued president by virtue of forming the organization, finding the meeting place, contacting various individuals through tri-ess, and trying to put some structure and order to our meetings and organization. I wish she would reconsider and continue on as president, however we all know all too well that we can't have everything just by wishing it to be so. I still like the idea of electing her at the June meeting when she wasn't there to decline the position.

I still consider myself fortunate to have met her at the 1992 Be-All in Detroit before the Buffalo Belles was organized. She was nice to invite me to the first meeting and not so nice when she asked (told) me about being co-president, she must have felt sorry for me. Since that time I have somehow obtained several other positions and have been ^{dis}situated vice-president. I have always felt more comfortable dealing with the prefix vice (being much more familiar with the subject) than co (not up to placing myself on a par with Denise.)

It appears now that we will be having a tribunal, board of directors, or three sisters. Pending this election and the new board I resign and relinquish all titles and positions currently being held.

In addition after much soul searching and discussion with Kathy ^(and others) I also have decided I don't wish to be on the Tribunal being elected.

The reason for this varies but it can be sum up by ^{the following} a few examples:

- 1) Easiest reason of all - lack of qualifications.
- 2) A total dislike of all titles and positions.
- 3) Time for some fresh blood (I'm not talking about Nick Knight)

Dear Sisters,

The June meeting was held on warm, dampish evening. Unfortunately we were held indoors at our alternative meeting room. Another group was using the facilities for a banquet. It would have been nice to finally have the freedom of being outdoors on a lovely summer night. Oh well, maybe next month... The plus side of this is one can use the fire escape as your entrance way and avoid the "crowd".

Braving the lightning bugs, we had Jean H., Janice G., Patty J., Holly I., Nina K., Joan C., Kathy L., Tammy Z., Frances L., Collean R., Jackie, Yvette & Dee Dee, Melissa H., Rene K., and our newest member making her debut was the darling Cindy H. She had quite a first time out! Started with a makeover, new dress, her first meeting which was started by walking in on the banquet!, the meeting and then out on the town at a couple of night spots! Not a bad debut!!!!

We didn't have a program as such. But did accomplish our primary mission, that of providing a safe and loving place for sisters like us to meet with the girls. And eat pizza!

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Just a reminder, next months meeting will be on the 2nd Saturday, the 8th, because of the holiday.

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I'm sorry this issue is a little late. All of the excitement of election has kept me out on the campaign fairways every free moment! The ol' rubber chicken circuit, baby kissing, hand kissing politics of our democracy! All of us seeking our own goal-THAT OF LOSING THE ELECTION!!!!!!!! Late night phone calls back & forth...Deals being made. What attempts were made in convincing the other poor soul that she should be an officer.

Unfortunately, we need officers. For the simple reason of existence, after all we are not a model airplane flying club or something. We all need a certain amount of security. For our group this is first consideration. Those who can be trusted to act in discretion, considering your need for privacy.

We have been talking about the election for the last few months now. The interest shown by you has been about as gratifying a putting a run in your hose upon putting on for the first time! I recall a couple of messages on the luke warm line of basically "keep it the way it is". Probably from Jean, who didn't want to be included in the prospective three sisters, right from the beginning!

my Dear Sisters,
When I just started this little group nothing happens? Now look at our little group. I feel proud to be part of this little group.

Since my talk with Janice and Denise about running for an office. Now that Denise said that it was time for a change.

So after careful consideration and alot of soul searching, I would like to declare my candidacy for President.

If I'm elected as President, I promise to keep our group safe and help it grow. Also I'll try to get the group registered as a Non-Profit Organization in order to get things we need as a group. Like grants to help cover costs of printing our news letters and sending them out. Help repairs of equipment when they breakdown. We cannot get these grants without first getting Registered as a N.P.O. I have written to a local attorney to find out how to get the group registered to find out how to get the group registered as soon as I find out how I will

have to go to the libraries to get
more answers even if I have to go to
a law library.

If every one works together we
can make this group something we
can all be proud of.

your sister
Joan C.

P.S. Here is the manual Alpha Bet
from Nina J. - next month - K.L.

Michelle G. Reports that the House of Randall
at 325 TACOMA AVE. Buffalo 14216 - 873-2688
welcomes us for clothing & makeup purchases.
Any other vendors you deal with?