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GARDEN PARTY ATTENDANCE BEATS THE TEMPERATURE.



Presidents Podium

Garden Party;

Under a clear sky and a 'cool' temperature of 88 degrees, the garden party came off a huge success. More than 95 members, fine dressed ladies and gentlemen of Chi Chapter and CGS and friends came out to celebrate summer in a new fashion. From the rolling grounds of Julie Ann's estate to the large tents erected over the dining area, everyone found their way without getting lost. During cocktails and dinner, we were entertained and soothed by Steven Hartman, a renowned harpist whom has performed with the Chicago Symphony Orchestra, The American Ballet Theatre, The Phantom of the Opera and etc.

During dinner we were gastronomically entertained with Stuffed Chicken Breast Veloute and Carved London Broil Au Jus, fresh tossed salad, roasted baby red potatoes, wild rice, two types of vegetables and assorted dinner rolls with butter. For desert were, fresh fruits, brownies, cream puffs, dream puffs and more cream puffs.

Tony, one of our guests who doubled as "The Bartender" served soft drinks, wine and draft beer from the bar located on the lower level parking structure. There the two DJ's set up and played on into the morning for the benefit of those who wished to dance or just listen. Many stayed on the balcony overlooking the dance floor just watching.

Julie Ann's home is a Prairie-Style summer suburban home originally built about 1908 for the then President of the Chicago Board of Education, one Dr. Errant, and is believed to have been designed by Robert Spencer, one of the top 4 Prairie

School architects of the day. The house was completely renovated by Julie Ann (Is she really Bob Vila???) The home sits atop a high knoll formerly used by Indians for signaling.

Inside the home many sat around entertained by an ad-hoc group of musicians who benefited from the 'Fotoplayer' which was located in the living room, along with



the 'Violano'. The 'Fotoplayer' is a combination player piano, drums, cymbals, horns etc etc. This type unit, built in California around 1918 and originally made for the movie theaters of the time, were popular up to the late 20's for background music for the silent pictures. Julie Ann had this particular unit rebuilt (Yes, I saw the before pictures) and installed. I refer to it as an early form of digital CD player. (It's digital in a sense and we are CD's, hardy har har.)

I think everyone had a great time and for those of you who missed it, plans may already be underway for the Second Annual Garden Party next year.

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50 reasons you might be a crossdresser.

(Part 2)

By Naomi

- If you have an overwhelming desire to tell Victoria your secret.
- If along the line fashion changed. And you didn't.
- If you shave your legs with a weed whackers or fishing knife.
- If you think PMS stands for "pure maple syrup".
- If you can tell the difference between off white, winter white, creme, light beige, sand and buff.
- If you ask directions when lost.
- If you prefer reading Vogue or Cosmo rather than Popular Mechanics or Soldier of Fortune.
- If you'd rather be a Rockette than a rocket scientist.
- If you have ever carried chewing tobacco in your handbag.
- If you have ever fixed four car with panty hose and duct tape.
- If your medicine cabinet contains Rogaine, Viagra and lip gloss.
- If you have ever been a Den Mother.
- If your role models are Dolly Parton and RuPaul.
- If you out the baseball cards but kept your Barbie dolls.
- If your visible panty line is around your knees.
- If your hair spray is labeled "Black Flag".
- If you know what a peplum is.
- If you take a deep breath and your bra snaps.
- If you have ever worn fish net stockings to K-Mart.
- If you think an iron stayed bustier is comfortable but a tic is not.
- If you ever arrived at Be-All towing a U-Haul.
- If the Salvation Army doesn't want your lime green and orange jump suit.
- If you reached puberty at age 40.
- If you think a Bikini Wax is fun.
- If you like to play "Countess and Chauffeur" - as the Countess.
- If you can balance a plate of appetizers, a drink, and a purse at the same time.

Naomi

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August Meeting...

The August meeting will feature an Ice Cream Social, complete with various ice creams, cones, toppings and maybe even bananas. It is a warm month and the ice cream will be served right after a short business meeting. More in the next *TRIBUNE*.

Picnic

On Sunday August 16th, Chi will be holding it's annual PICNIC at Sheila D's. Like last year, we will be co-hosting with CGS.

Scheduled are: Eating, cooking, the annual Volley ball championship's, eating and more eating. This is not a garden party, it's a Picnic, ants and all, dress as you wish. Details on the location are found inside. Sheila says: anytime after 11 am is OK, bring a dish if you want and also please bring a chair. (No catered stuff here) Best of all, it's free.

Room Rates

Don't forget, your individual room rate is \$79 + taxes at the hotel if you need a room, don't pay more.

Elections...

Yep, it's that time again, In October we will be having nominations for the board. If anyone is interested in running for office, please feel free to send in an article about yourself so we can print it here in the newsletter. Any Full member (CD-Spouse-partner), may run for office and/or nominate some else for office, you may also nominate yourself. You need not be here in person in October to be nominated, but if you can not accept in person you will need to authorize someone to accept for you.

Then in November we will have the elections. If you will not be present for the November meeting, you can obtain an absentee ballot in October. Take a look at the list below and see if there is something you would like to do to help the chapter.

Well, it's the day after the Garden Party and I need to get the newsletter done today. Kim & I are leaving tomorrow for the Tri-Ess National Board meeting to be held in Dallas next weekend.

Denise

Take care.

Chi Chapter Officer Duties

PRESIDENT

1. Supervise and manage the affairs of the chapter.
2. Serve as representative within the community and at national

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Tri-Ess board functions.

3. Preside and maintain order at all regular and board meetings as well as official chapter activities.
4. Supervise, direct and assist officers in the performance of their duties.
5. Serve as ex-official member of all committees.
6. Make an annual report to the membership.

VICE-PRESIDENT - Membership Development

1. Supervise membership recruitment, orientation, activation and retention activities.
2. Maintain the Chapter "Hot" line and direct messages and queries to appropriate channels.
3. Maintain a log of all calls into the chapter with particular emphasis on potential threats.
4. She shall be responsible to respond to interested parties with appropriate literature by mail.
5. She shall be responsible to make a report at the monthly board meeting.
6. Develop program of outreach
7. Make an annual report to the membership in the monthly newsletter

VICE-PRESIDENT - Programming

1. Shall be responsible for securing and/or developing suitable guest speakers or programs for the chapter meetings.
2. Shall be responsible for developing special activities outside the regular monthly meetings.
3. Shall be responsible to oversee committee heads for refreshments, food and special events.
4. Insure advertisement of all events and programs is made to the editor of the newsletter.
5. Make an annual report to the membership in the monthly newsletter.

SECRETARY

1. Record minutes of the board of directors.
2. Maintain a master draft of the Constitution and By-Laws. Incorporate into the master document all amendments so that said master draft shall be a complete text of the constitution and by-laws as amended.
3. She shall hold backup copies of all membership records, rosters, etc.
4. Keep a record of all outgoing correspondence.
5. Maintain the records of the chapter.
6. Maintain or designate a trustee to handle the chapter library.
7. Develop and maintain chapter publications.

TREASURER

1. Administering all membership, attendance, and any other fees.
2. Overseeing the collection of contributions and fees.
3. Shall be responsible for maintaining rosters, membership rolls and member information. She will coordinate with the national Tri-Ess membership director regarding national contributions and membership status. Further, she is to handle and keep confidential all mailing information of the membership.
4. Copies of all chapter correspondence, membership rolls, mailing lists and rosters are to be given to the secretary, with updates at least once a month.
5. Preparing an annual budget.
6. Maintaining a bookkeeping system.
7. Shall make and present a financial report at all scheduled board meetings.
8. Shall make and present a detailed financial report to the Board at the January meeting.
9. Approve disbursement of funds.

That's All Folks

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Officers

**President: Denise Peters
VP/Program: Rachel James
VP/Membership: Candace Mahne
Secretary: Kiki Carmichael
Treasurer: Christine Adams**

Committees

**Newcomers: Amanda Lynn
Dee Dee Bolden
P.A.L.S.: Dawn & Kate
Couples: Denise
Hospitality: Kim, Laurie Ann, Barbara &
Barbara**

Chi Chapter is a not-for-profit social and educational support group of Tri-Ess members and their spouses, partners and friends. Meetings are normally held on the third Saturday of each month.

Chi Chapter Telephone Helpline:

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Articles are welcome in all formats. Via E-mail or Snail mail.. Please note that snail mail articles must be on PC disk, or scannable.



**AUGUST MEETINGS
Saturday August 15th
Newcomer/PALS meet at 6:30p.m.
Business Meeting: 8:00 p.m.
followed by Ice Cream Social**

**Sunday August 16th
PICNIC
Sheila D's Home
Any time after 11:00 a.m.
Bring a chair
See Map on page 5**

G.L.G.L.C . Activities Calendar Aug-Sept 1998

August 1998

- Sat 8/8 Gemini Gender Group meeting
 Tue 8/118:00 p.m. CGS Business Meeting, Stardust
 Sat 8/15 Chi-Chapter "Ice Cream Social" at the hotel (630-262-8707) See Page 3
 Sun 8/16 Chi-CGS Picnic, Shiela D's see map below
 Sat 8/22 6:00 p.m. Chi Chapter Couples Group See Denise or Kim
 No T.O.N.I. meeting in August

September 1998

- Sat 9/12 7:00 p.m. Gemini Gender Group Meeting in Milwaukee. 414-297-9328
 Tue 9/8 8:00 p.m. CGS Business Meeting, Stardust...
 Sat 9/19 8:00 Chi-Chapter meeting, 6:00pm newcomers/PALS meet. At the hotel (630) 262-8707
 Sept 24-27th Paradise in the Poconos, Poconos PA E-Mail poco@cdspub.com
 Sat 9/26 T.O.N.I. meeting, call 219-650-2142 for details
 Sept 30-Oct 4 Southern Comfort, Atlanta, 404-633-6470

PLAN AHEAD

- Oct 19-26th Fantasia Fair, Provincetown, MA
 Nov 5-8 Fall Harvest, Minneapolis
 Nov 8-13 Holiday at Sea, Dignity Cruise #10, Cruises, Inc 1-800-621-6699
 Dec 19 'Puttin On The Ritz' Ramada Hotel, Rosemont
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 1999 Fall Harvest, Milwaukee, WI

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PICNIC

Grills, Meat, Buns, Corn, Ants

Sunday
August 16th

At Sheila D's

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Nope, NO Coupon

It's FREE

Just bring a chair
and a dish if you wish.