

# Cross-Port Inner View

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**Next Meeting May 21st At 7:30**

**Mate Support Meeting**

**June 1st At 8:00**

## **CROSS-PORT BASICS**

Spring has sprung, the grass is riss, we all know where the girllies is. They came pouring out for the April Meeting of Cross-Port. Twenty in all, and cute as April Showers. We welcomed Roxanne and Elizabeth for the first time.

Goldie reported on GCB/LC. She has signed Cross-Port up for a booth during the Gay Pride Week Festival. It's the "Bouncing Ball" and anyone interested in Womaning the booth should contact her. This is your chance to work and play in dress, out side in the summer sun. The festival is being held on a small street behind one of the downtown bars and should be safe for those who do not feel safe in the day light. The date for this is June 6, my birthday and Cross-Port's Second Anniversary. We do hope at least some of you from out of town will take this opportunity to come to town for a weekend of fun.

Ginger reported on the newsletter she received from the Outreach Institute in Alexandria, Virginia. Information about this organization is available in our library.

Heather reported that Sharon has resigned as Treasurer and that Alice had agreed to assume the position. After no other names were offered, a vote was taken and Alice was elected our current Treasurer.

Heather also reported on two local restaurants "In The Woods" at 235 W. McMillian and "Rusconi's" at 126 W. 6th that are open to crossdressers. Kathy and Heather had dinner at "In the Woods" and found the food delicious and not expensive.

Ginger requested a clarification of the decision Goldie and Heather had made regarding the GCB/LC resolution from last month. It was explained that the decision to vote for the amendment was baised on the fact that even those groups that voted for the amendment could state, in writing, that they were opposed to the resolution issue. However, Cross-Port chose not to do so.

The meeting ended, after introductions of everyone about 10:00.

# THE INDY REPORT

By Betty

Our April 2nd meeting went well at the 21 Club with approximately 10 girls in attendance. Yvonne spoke on the up and coming events around the country. "Be All You Want To Be Weekend" June 11-14 "Provincetown Spring Outing" May 26-June 1 "Spring Fling Weekend" Joyce Dewhurst Poconos May 15-17

Yvonne ask that we include, in our mailing, the "Help Questionnaire" for the "88 and "89 IFGE Conventions and that this be filled out and returned to Mass.

She also left a typical "Constitution" for us to consider.

Emily talked about the Chicago Convention "Coming Together-Working Together" and had a lot of the information on different groups around the country. She also left a lot of fine material to help us get organized.

Dale Masher spoke to me as he is involved in skin care and make-up and you can call him at work where he is involved in shin care 842-4303. He may do a make-up for us at one of our meetings.

Laura agreed to be our contact for the steering committee for the International Foundation for Gender Education. Laura is also hard at work getting us organized. Many thanks.

It was agreed out next meeting would be May 7, 9:00 PM, 21 Club.

We also agreed on a name for our group IXE, Iota Chi Sigma, Indiana Crossdresser's Society. We did not realize at the time that there was not a letter C in the Greek alphabet so we later selected X Chi because it sounds like our C and X because it seemed similar to cross.

We are also in process of getting a PO Box, however, there are none available at this time but we should have one in about a week.

## CAN WE TALK!

By Heather Pearson

Well, this has been one hum-dinger of a month. As I write this I am less than 24 hours out of a hospital stay of 5 days. It seems a have the same rare blood disease as my mother and sister.

I want to remind everyone of the "BE ALL YOU WANT TO BE WEEKEND" coming up in June from the 11th to the 14th. This weekend is jam-packed with things guaranteed to bring out the girl in you. Kathy and I had hoped to make it up there, but with the hospital bills, a broken lawnmower, and her job a little up in the air, it looks as though any extra cash we had has already found a hole to fall into. I do hope those of you with a little time and some money just waiting to be spent, will take advantage of this weekend.

I wanted to say a couple of words about our involvement in the Greater Cincinnati Gay/Lesbian Coalition. Cross-Port will be two years old on June 5, 1987. In that time we have grown from a small, six person, unheard of group, to a medium based, known organization.

We are known around the country by our sister organizations and we are known within

the city, as a small part of the CARE network. As a group however, we are scattered. We come from all over about 4 different states, and the base group in the Cincinnati Area is small, about 5 to 8 people. Add to that the Dayton people and we are still less than 15 people who actively do more than attend a meeting once a month.

For Cross-Port, as a group, to offer its members, more choices of things to do, places to go and things to see, we must join with our friends the Gays and Lesbians. In asking for their support of our right to dress as we see fit, we must join them in seeking their rights.

To many of Cross-Port's members, I'm sure that "GAY PRIDE WEEK" takes on little meaning. The Motto "Proud, Strong and United" could just as easily be applied to the First TV/TS Convention just held. The rights of all persons are paramount to our own rights. "Until All People Are Free, No Person is Free". But perhaps the Beatles said it even better, "And in the End, the Love you Take, is Equal to the Love you Make."

In the last two years I have learned a lot about myself. I know that I am not Gay, but if I were I would not be ashamed of it. If because of the way I dress, or the friends I keep, people choose to see me as Gay I am not ashamed of that either. The only shame I bare is when I here someone make fun of another person and I fail to come to that persons defense, for I have failed not only to uphold the rights of another, but my own rights as well.

If as a non cross-dressed person I am ashamed to be seen with a cross-dresser, then I am really saying I am ashamed of myself. How can I ask the World to accept ME if I can not accept my own kind?

I would hope that those of you in Cross-Port who have any doubt as to whether "Gay Pride Week" means anything to you (since you are not gay) will realize that it stands for "TV Pride Week", "TS Pride Week" and "PEOPLE PRIDE WEEK" all in one. Give your support. Give your Love.

*Heather*

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Coming out to family and friends has been shown to be a positive political posture. Likewise, coming out can be a positive step toward sound mental health. The more you come out, the greater your freedom!

Brian McNaught  
On Being Yourself  
"A Disturbed Peace" (1981)

# Gay & Lesbian Pride Day

Saturday, June 6, 1987

COME HELP US CELEBRATE THE MOST IMPORTANT DAY OF THE YEAR FOR GAYS AND LESBIANS!

- 10 00 a.m.-Press Conference Westin Hotel, Hayes Room
- 12 00 p.m.-Annual Pride Rally at Fountain Square  
Keynote speakers are still being lined up.  
Keep watch for "updates."
- 2 00 p.m -1987 Pride Parade  
From Fountain Square to the First Annual Gay/Lesbian Family Pride Festival in Cincinnati history!
- 2:30 p.m.-11:00 p.m -  
The First Annual Gay/Lesbian Family Pride Festival  
Located on Augusta Street behind "THE DOCK"-Cincinnati's Primo Dance Bar
  - \*Booths
  - \*Games of Chance
  - \*Food
  - \*Entertainment by various local artists
  - \*Dunking Booth-See your favorite Cincinnati personalities make the BIG SPLASH!!!!

LOTS OF FUN FOR ALL! YOUNG AND OLD!

SEE YOU THERE!

Sunday, June 7, 1987

12:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.

GCGLC is proud to present its FIRST

## Arts and Crafts Fair

Artists from a five-state region will show their wares.

Downtown Cincinnati by the Metro Lounge  
Gano Alley-Ruth Lyons Way  
12:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.

9:00 p.m.-A "Special" Pride Week Show at the Metro.

Booths are available for rent  
Artists' Registration Fee - \$10.00.

For more information and registration write:

The Metro  
616 Ruth Lyons Way  
Cincinnati, OH 45202  
Attention: 1987 Arts & Crafts Fair

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## IMPORTANT DATES

The list grows with each day, so keep informed!

April 3 & 4-Cincinnati Committee for the March on Washington DC "Drop-in" at area bars to collect contributions. Send contributions to Midwest March on Washington Cincinnati-PO Box 19530; Cincinnati, OH 45219.

April 11-Midwest March on Washington Committee Meeting-1:00 pm-9:00 pm at 1710 N. Talbott Street, Indianapolis, Indiana.

April 12-Metro Fundraiser for GCGLC (Pride Week & Community Center)-8:00 pm, Featuring the Chapelettes.

April 14-Walt Whitman's Calamus Lovers-7:00-9:00 pm, University of Cincinnati, Tangeman Center, Room 401-A. Sponsored by LGAU & UCGLA.

April 24 & 25-"Our Time is Now" UCGLA Conference-For more info call (513) 961-2652.

April 25-Stonewall Cincinnati Annual Dinner-Guest Speaker-Abby Rubinfeld-For more info write to SC at PO Box 19871; Cincinnati, OH 45219.

May 2-Annual Walkathon Pride Week fundraiser-Sponsored by GCGLC, UCGLA, & GCSA-For more info call (513) 961-2652.

May 9-Squeeze Inn Fundraiser for Bloodsisters, LSSG, National March on Washington, & Pride Week.

May 16-National Organization for Women March & Bloodsisters Blood Drive.

May 25-AIDS Vigil at Christ Church, 8:00 pm. Sponsored by Integrity of Greater Cincinnati.

May 28-NOW Celebrity Auction at Vernon Manor Hotel, 7:00 pm.

June 5-"Big Name" at the Dock. Soon to be released!

June 6-Pride Day-See flyer.

June 7-1987 Arts and Crafts Fair-See flyer

June 8-Lesbian/Gay Mental Health Professionals Program for Pride Week-Details soon to be released.

June 9-Spurs-TADS-Pride Week Fundraiser.

June 10-Annual Pride Week Ecumenical Service-Hosted by Dignity Cincinnati.

June 11- Squeeze Inn Pride Week Fundraiser Featuring:  
Ms. Behavin'  
"Vicki" Smith  
Chris Collier  
Peggy Erin Woodcock

THE DOCK-Gay Cable Network Fundraiser for Pride Week.

June 12-Pipeline Pride Week Fundraiser-Details to be announced.

June 13-Annual "Gay Day" at King's Island Amusement Park.  
UCGLA Prom-Jubilee River Boat  
GCGLC Raffle Drawing for Columbus Pride Weekend.

June 14-Community Picnic-Details to be announced.  
All Saints' Chapel Human Rights Sunday Service at 6:00 pm.  
The Dock-Pride Week Round-Up.

... and on October 11, 1987  
THE GAY/LESBIAN NATIONAL MARCH ON WASHINGTON DC!



*New date!*

*Saturday, May 2 9:00 a.m. - Sundown*

*P-FLAG Yard Sale*

*4636 Hamilton Ave*

*Call 541-9177 for any articles you'd like  
to contribute.*

*Make sure you get there early, so you  
can go to the Walkathon in Burnet Woods  
by 1:00 p.m.*