

Cross-Port Inner View

P.O. Box 12701, Cincinnati, OH 45212

The next meeting is February 21 at 8:00pm

A New View

by Cathy

We had a good meeting in January with thirty-eight ladies and friends in attendance. We had two married couples attend their first meeting. Welcome to Duane and Kay and to Rebecca and Kelly. We also welcome Laura who came to her first Cross-Port meeting, and to those girls from the Crystal Club who came for the first time.

In addition to those new faces, we had a different kind of first timer. Cindi, a young lady from the Dayton area, told her husband that she was going out with a friend, but instead came to our meeting. We're used to husbands sneaking out to the meetings, not wives. We do applaud her wanting to know more about crossdressing after learning that a friend of hers was a crossdresser. She seemed to regard the experience as a positive one.

Cross-Port held a business meeting on Thursday, February 7 at Cathy and Laurie's house. In attendance were Belinda, Cathy, Elaine, Heather, Joann, Jennifer and Rebecca. Cindy and Laurie witnessed. Linda was unable to attend but sent her notes on the subjects covered. Things discussed and decisions made were:

1. Joann will be taking over the phone starting in March when Heather takes her trip to Belgium. Cross-Port will provide for the installation of a second line at her house and will provide an answering machine. The old answering machine was given to Heather as a thank-you for the effort she's put into Cross-Port the last six years. As soon as we get the new number, we will have new business cards printed up.

2. Rebecca has been tossing around the idea of a support group for those of us whom life and circumstance prevent from dressing as we wish we could. This group will also be a "breaking in" group for new people who feel uncomfortable "coming out" dressed. Cross-Port has agreed to support the effort. She is currently looking for a site to hold these meetings. Expect it to be a more intimate setting than Christopher's, where people can concentrate on discussion. More info as it comes to us.

3. Cross-Port has been looking for a GCGLC representative and Susan Lovelace has graciously volunteered to be that representative. Belinda has also volunteered to be our alternate to that spot. This is very important to us as GCGLC rules state that if a group misses three meetings in a row, they have to re-apply for membership, even if they have paid their dues. Cross-Port has missed the January and February meetings.

4. The decision was made to contact IXE and the Crystal Club to set up a "meeting of the minds" concerning the possible joint venture of a regional newsletter. Things to be discussed are format, expense and workload sharing, and monthly publication schedule. No date has yet been set.

5. The idea of a second meeting each month, on a weekend at a hotel or motel was discussed. Everyone was in favor of giving it a try for two or three months. As a site still has to be found, no dates have yet been set. Since that will be our big hold-up, if anyone has an idea for a place, or can help look for one, please get in touch with us.

The meeting went very well. This was the first official business meeting Cross-Port has had in over two years, but we plan on holding one every other month until further notice. If you wish to participate,

talk to Cathy at the monthly meeting or write to us at the P.O. Box.

Laurie and I did get to go to the February meeting of the Central Florida Sisters, Phi Epsilon Mu. This was our first time to go to a meeting of a Tri-Ess group, and as far as I could tell, no one had three heads or breathed fire or anything. All the ladies were exceptionally nice to us and we had a great time.

We had originally planned to go with Claudia as she spends her winters in Florida (oh wicked, wicked life), but she had a surprise visitor from Cincinnati and was forced to skip that meeting. Donna, a friend from Tampa we met at the last Be All, was also forced to miss the meeting due to illness, so we found ourselves not knowing anyone when we arrived. That did not last long! Those Florida gals were quite outgoing and made us feel right at home.

They meet in a motel suite which had a living room area, a kitchen and two bedrooms. Things were a bit crowded that night as they set an attendance record of twenty-seven crossdressers, and a second attendance record of eight wives. Smoking was confined to one of the two bedrooms so those who require clean air would not suffer. A buffet dinner was set out of spiral sliced ham, potatoes and vegetables, rolls, and two kinds of baked goods for dessert. They offset costs by charging a \$10 fee for crossdressers (S.O.s are free), and for people who have to stay overnight because of their drive, for a small additional fee they can stay in the meeting suite. Another thing they had was a "swap" corner where people could trade off or sell their old clothes.

About midnight, Laurie and I went to an Orlando gay bar with another couple, Carol and Peggy. It was about a twenty mile drive, for a while we thought we'd never get there. The place was called the Parliament House, and was just almost as big as the Connection in Louisville, with a dance bar, a piano lounge, a restaurant and a show bar.

This place was packed, especially the show bar. They had an FI show which was MC'd by "P", the most outrageous drag queen I have seen on the stage to date. Some of the things she said even made Laurie blush. They do two shows a night, and they keep them relatively short. Each FI did only one number, but they all involved complicated costuming. One girl, who made Eartha Quake look like Betty Boop practically brought the house down when she did Madonna's Vogue while wearing an outfit from Louis XIV's court.

A special thanks to the ladies of the CFS, especially Carol, Peggy, Penny, Vanessa, Sabrina, Sandra, Dale, Jodie and apologies to the rest of you whose names I've already forgotten (I told you I was bad at names). It was a perfect way to end a vacation. Hope to see you all next year!

Sorry if this issue of the *InnerView* is a bit late, Laurie's mother has been in the hospital in anticipation of having a tumor removed from her brain. The surgery has been postponed once already with the accompanying trips to the hospital and the emotional ups and downs which all that implies. So far, so good though, we should know for sure by the meeting.

Cross-Port Finances

Here is the current status of the Cross-Port Treasury:

Beginning Balance as of the January Newsletter was: \$1697.51

January Expenses:

Phone:	\$44.48
Envelopes & Stamps:	\$51.22
Printing January Newsletter:	\$41.15
Donation to Dayton Family Services:	\$50.00
Bank Charges:	\$ 1.90
Total Expenses:	<u>\$189.05</u>

January Incomes:

Donations:	\$104.66
Newsletter Subscriptions:	<u>\$349.50</u>
Total Income:	<u>\$454.16</u>

Ending Balance as of February 14: \$1962.62

We also set a new Cross-Port record and mailed out fourteen intro packets this month. We have also had 57% of our newsletter subscribers "re-up" for 1991 so far this year. This is a much higher percentage for the month of February than for previous years. Thanks for your support!

Newsworthy

by Jennifer

A near-flung correspondent writes:

Let me share with you some news, bits of information and a few thoughts. First off, as we all know, a crossdresser's hair is probably our most significant attribute, and the best wig shop I have come across would have to be Jade Fashions at 112 W. 6th St. in downtown Cincinnati owned and operated by one Son Jahn. I first met Son when I was searching for a supply of millinery pieces for work. After a couple of conversations at her store we got on the subject of crossdressing. She said she services many local FI performers and of course other male clientele. (The first time I walked in there was a guy braiding a long red wig into pig-tails: "I'm going to be Pippy Longstockings for Halloween!")

Son is not only very open and happy to help, she is understanding of us, sophisticated and open-minded in her thinking, a pleasure to deal with and lest we forget - she dresses well. Also, at the risk of sounding the ugly-Midwesterner, her English is good; which, frankly, has been a problem at other wig shops. Son has mirrors at the back of the store and one is free to use the restroom if preferred. She also has a decent selection of jewelry (including clip earrings), hats and other accessories. It's just west of Race St. and please tell her you're from CrossPort.

Now then, heading north up Vine St. into the Over-the-Rhine area one can visit the sight of several shootings of crossdressers. The incidents took place Sunday evening, Feb. 3. One transvestite prostitute was shot and killed outside her home, another was shot twice and survived, a third woman was shot at but missed. The second two did not live in the area but apparently were doing business in the 1600 block of Vine.

The media attention has been minimal (as is the usual case when something of this nature happens in Cincinnati's own Hell's Kitchen) and the only reason I noticed was that Channel 9 blurted a sensationalistic teaser for their news featuring rare footage of the wild transvestite prostitute that was wounded. The newspaper coverage in the Post was completely non-existent and the Enquirer tied it in with an article about the St. Paul Halfway House closing its doors in the neighborhood. This article did not mention that the wounded or the dead were crossdressers or prostitutes. As of this writing no suspect has been arrested and no motive was given.

Crossdressing in film and television always seems to have its niche, usually as simple comic relief whether in quick cameos as in a recent Murphy Brown giving a three second take and a two word line for a quick gag, through the talk show milieu which, not to

seem ungrateful, I still view as probable comic relief and up to an entire sitcom series (Bosom Buddies) which dropped the gimmick after it used up its quotient of drag gags.

Finally, the crossdresser as legitimate character was brought to us by who else, David Lynch in *Twin Peaks*. The character appeared in several recent episodes and plays a Federal Drug Enforcement Agent, "the best" as FBI agent Cooper says in prelude to Dennis' entrance. Cooper is unaware of the drug agent's new fashion statement and his eyebrows raise along with the rest of the townsfolk when "Denise" enters. But by the end of the evening, everyone is quite nonchalant about her. The treatment throughout the episodes was similarly accepting and Denise was depicted as professional, up front and gracious. No sophomoric jibes were written at this character but a few moments of humor did evolve that were genuine and fresh and non-disparaging.

But the real kicker to Denise's character was that it became transvestite as hero(ine); wherein she saves Cooper's skin twice. Once by using the old gun in the garter trick to extract him as a hostage and a second time by clearing his name of phony drug charges. It was nice to see not only a dramatic portrayal of a crossdresser but an extremely favorable one as well. I thought, maybe it will get the Hollywood folks to give up the idea that the only good transvestite is a funny transvestite.

And so they have. The *Silence of the Lambs*, a new film based on Thomas Harris' bestseller suitably opens on Valentine's Day. Of course I haven't yet seen the movie but I did read the novel when it came out on an acquaintance's rave recommendation. A serial killer is murdering women and skinning them. An FBI female cadet finds herself on the investigation team and by befriending an incarcerated serial killer who happens to be a genius is able to eventually track down the killer dubbed "Buffalo Bill" by the press.

This time the crossdresser is on the other side of the law, he is the serial killer and from the dead women he is fashioning a "girl suit" for himself. In the novel, Buffalo Bill is a distraught homosexual who thinks he is a transsexual but is unable to convince the needed psychiatrists of this in order to attain hormones, surgery, etc. So he takes matters into his own hands. Harris' use of a gay man who cannot gain the approval of the medical profession acts as meager disclaimer for posing a transsexual in a despicable light. I don't think Harris was intentionally sniping at sexual minorities and I don't know how the film will handle it (though I can make a pretty good guess) but

I do know that millions of people will see this movie and see a negative impression of crossdressing, simply - a crossdresser as villain.

Transsexual Issues: Employment

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There are many obstacles that a transsexual must overcome in order to make a successful transition. One of the hardest in terms of society is that of finding employment.

Most states do not make it easy for a pre-operative TS to find or hold a job since most do not offer any kind of protection from discrimination under the law. They also make it next to impossible to obtain a valid ID with one's chosen gender reflected. These things, added to the fact that a TS's own inner confidence can be at it's lowest point because of the many personal rejections encountered during the change over, can make it difficult to find a job in the chosen gender.

I wish there was a magic formula that I could site that would help in all cases but such simply does not exist. There are however a number of steps which I believe can be taken to improve one's chances of success. I am drawing from my own experience in describing these things.

To begin with, once you decide to begin full time living, don't be afraid tell your present employer. Many TS's have been able to make successful changes while maintaining there jobs. However, be prepared for the rejection. Don't take it as a personal criticism of your work or your ability to perform that work. Many times the decision to let the TS go is based on a fear of how the change will affect the ability of others to work with the TS or how it might affect the over all climate in the work place.

Also don't jump the gun at telling them. If you work in a position which requires very little skill and any one could do your job, the chances of finding another such job may be less.

Make a plan. Begin by getting your name changed legally and changing the name on your Social Security card. They won't change your record to reflect your new gender but they can leave it blank in the computer.

If you graduated from high school or went to college write to them and enclose a copy of the court

order. They will change your record to reflect your new name. Also send a letter and copies of the name change order to any old employer that you intend to use as a reference. Almost all companies will honor them and most companies will not give the reason why you left.

If your state will not issue valid ID's, then on the day you get your name changed, have a friend go with you to the place where you get your drivers license. If possible go to one of the smaller, out of the way places. Have them dress rather professionally and go through the line with you. When it is your turn let them go forward and while handing them your court order say, "Miss (so-and-so) wishes to get a new driver's license which reflects her new name and gender." Let the license bureau take it from there. Many times they will simply make the changes. If they say they can change the name but not the gender don't argue with them. The next time you get it renewed the chances are they may think they made a mistake and change it for you.

If you don't have a salable skill enroll in a school for training. There are plenty of short term trade schools which will make you more marketable and at the same time provide you with the interaction of others as a woman.

Begin to interview for jobs even if you don't think that you have all the skills required. You need the experience of the interview as a woman as much as you need to find a job. Besides, many companies are looking more at how much you can learn to do versus what you know how to do. They usually want you to learn to do it their way.

Dress appropriately for the interview. Don't try to be a trend setter your first time out. Also don't allow the fear of rejection to stop you from going to an interview. If you are like most of us, the same fears existed when you interviewed as a person of the old gender. Remember that your most important need in the beginning is experience.

Don't be ashamed to take a low paying job. If you are a good worker you can work your way up in time. Besides, in the beginning you may get fired if they find out about you, and the less you make the less of a loss you incur. Remember too, that the loss of one job is the opportunity to seek a better job.

As a person who once earned \$50,000 in one year as a combined income, I was not too high and mighty to take a job that paid \$3.75 an hour. I only worked there 2 months before they decided to get rid of me

but I learned more about working as a woman than any school could have taught me and I got paid for it. I believe it prepared me for my current job which pays more and is in line with my skills.

Finally, don't offer any information about yourself. You are a woman and that is that. You have nothing to lose and everything to gain. If you do tell them, they may not hire you. If you don't tell them and you do get hired and then they fire you because they found out you are no worse off and a lot better off. You did get some experience.

The bottom line is that while it may be a little more difficult to get a job as a pre-operative transsexual the same rules apply in employment. A company will hire you if they feel that they will be better off with you on board. It is your job to convince them that they would be better off.

The more confident you appear as a woman with something to offer them, the less likely they are to question who or what you are even if they suspect it.

Lastly, if you get hired, be prepared to work twice as hard as before and give twice as much, not just because you are a transsexual but because you are a woman.

Poetry Corner

Dressing Alone on a Snowy Evening
by Bobbi (with apologies to Robt. Frost)

Whose clothes there are -- I think you know.

Her work is in the city, though.
She will not see me standing here
to model my own fashion show.

My lovely wife would think me "queer"
to slide into these stockings, sheer,
then let this slip drop 'round me, thus,
this special evening of the year.

I give the wig a gentle shake
then fill the bra with padding, fake.
The only sound's the gentle sweep
of silken skirt around me draped.

My eyes, now lovely, dark, and deep
gaze at this secret I must keep.
For "her" soul... buried, they do weep.
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Dressing and Dreaming
By Sharon Morgan

Reprinted from RAINBOW NEWSLETTER (R.G.A)

To everyone of us with the urge
To dress like girls, comes also the purge.

Pretty skirts, blouses and dresses
Costs lots of money, which gets us in messes;

Some buy clothes from Goodwill,
Dressing for two can be quite a bill.

Doing this is not always in style,
But we do it to be happy for awhile;

Cheaper bargains need no deposit.
Most who wear dresses stay in the closet.

Oh how we would love to go out with those,
That's hard to do wearing second hand clothes;

Those of us unhappy with our gender, go
Out on a "bender", why, no one knows.

Influences

Reprinted from the Cincinnati Enquirer

Social psychologists now have hard evidence for what many working women already know: If you want to wield influence in a man's world, you have to play dumb.

A new study has found that men are much more likely to have their minds changed by women who speak in a tentative, self deprecating manner than by women who know what they're talking about.

The same study also found that while men are threatened by assertive women, other women prefer them. Women, in fact, are more likely to be swayed by women who speak directly than by those who start their sentences by saying "I really don't know much about this but..."

"It's kind of sad, isn't it?" says Linda L. Carli, assistant professor of psychology at the College of Holy Cross in Worcester, Mass., who conducted the study. "In some contexts, women are damned if they do and damned if they don't. If you're trying to reach

an audience of both men and women, you're really in trouble."

Another implication of the study is that it doesn't help a woman to have men perceive her as competent. Both the men and women in the study perceived assertive women as being more competent than their tentative sisters, but the men were still more likely to change their opinions after talking to women they perceived as more hesitant -- and less competent.

The research, which involved 229 psychology students, was published in the *Journal of Personality and Social Psychology*.

"The men in my study described the women who were hesitant as less competent and knowledgeable," Carli said, "But they also described them as more trustworthy and they liked them more. So for men it appears that it's more important that a woman be accessible and likable than competent in order to be influenced by them."

Taking previous research into account, Carli speculates that men are less comfortable with assertive women simply because assertive women threaten their status in society. White males still hold 97% of the senior management positions in the United States.

Carli believes this kind of behavior is unconscious: Most women aren't aware that they are talking in a more tentative way to hold a man's attention, and most men aren't aware that they prefer this approach.

Researchers believe the same patterns hold true for anyone in "low status" positions, including blacks and ethnic minorities. Like women, blacks who are more subtle in their approach may be more persuasive than their more assertive brethren, Carli speculates.

From Our Readers

Dear Friends:

I am compiling a book about crossdressing in the heterosexual male. The book will simply be a collection of amusing moments and events that have significance for that particular transvestite. The book will be sold through direct mail marketing in local and national newspapers and I intend to sell the book in the U.S. and in Europe.

I am looking for contributions from anyone who has gone through the torture of learning what he is and

how he has found and developed as the girl within. I am looking for stories about childhood, school, shopping, being discovered, confessions to friends, religion, meeting other crossdressers and how clubs get formed. Any aspect of life that sticks out in your mind as something you would like to share. I do not want stories with a sexual nature, but I do want funny, upbeat stories that emphasize the positive aspect of crossdressing.

The aim of the book is to promote the positive aspects of being a crossdresser to those people who are searching for understanding and for support in a society that has difficulty understanding this behavior and that we are very normal people.

My qualifications for executing this task come from living for the majority of my thirty years on the planet with the desire to dress as a woman. From hundreds of hours spent in libraries wading through books by Doctors Henry Benjamin and Money; Biographies like Renee Richardson and Jan Morris; books by Victoria Prince and countless others. Inspiration for this book came from reading the latest book by Dr. Peggy Rudd called "Crossdressing with Dignity". Dr. Rudd mentions that some eight hundred transvestites replied to her request for information to compile this book. I know how much I care and obviously I am not alone. I want to reach others who are going through this painful search and hopefully we can act as a catalyst for others who are still in the position we were in a few years ago.

I will naturally respect privacy, but if you would like to include a name and a city or state, this will help to add credibility to each story. I will gladly send a free copy of the finished product to everyone who gets a contribution included in the book, and I will offer all those who contribute a copy at cost price.

Please send your contribution to:

P.O. Box 06204
Columbus, OH 43206-0204

Thank you and kind regards,

Renee O'Malley

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Cross-Port is a not-for-profit support group which meets solely for the support of cross-dressers, trans-sexuals and their family and friends.

This month is a special column, written especially for the Crossport member who has never come to a meeting, yet plans to, in the near future.

How should you dress? Well first, we ask that you do choose one sex or the other. If you choose female, then you must decide if you want to be a girl, woman, or slut.

Most Transvestites dress as either a woman or a slut. If it is the woman look you desire, just get something from your mother's or wife's closet. It must however, be a dress. Don't worry if it doesn't fit, we're mostly part time girls, and I doubt it anyone would notice. You may want to shave your legs. If you don't, just say you do. Nobody can tell in the dark anyway. But if you do, please wipe off any blood that is dripping from your legs before coming. One time we had a girl walking around with bloody legs all night, and everyone laughed behind her back.

Don't forget your face. We don't like this half-n-half look, so shave off any big blobs of hair. Makeup is very important, so put lots and lots on. No matter how thick it may look, someone will still out do you. Please no heavy blue eye shadow, we don't want you to look like a tramp. Top this off with some cheap perfume and plenty of scarlet red lipstick. If you're not the prettest girl there, you'll at least be in contention for the Tammy Baker look-a-like contest.

Pick a long hair wig, and make sure your own hair is all tucked away. If you have time, brush it. If not, don't worry about those small details. If you have a thirteen year old daughter, you may want to borrow one of those fancy bows to plop in your hair.

More importantly, all transvestites must wear sexy underwear. You never know when you may be in a car wreck, and you don't want to get embarrassed if they see that you are wearing some Fruit of the Looms under that fancy dress. An example would be stockings that are held up with garters. If you don't own a bone crunching corset, then an extra tight

bra, girdle, and waist pincher may be used. After all, we don't want to just look like girls, we want to feel like them too.

Also, make sure your finger tips are covered with some bright red Lee press on nails. This is very important, because if not, you may be called a TS or even worse, a Significant Other.

If you like jewelry, here's your big chance to show off your Cubic Zirconia collection. That's one thing about today's fashion, the more you wear the better. Hell, you might as well wear everything you own, you might not get to another meeting for a long time.

If you want to go the slut route, just think, blonde, short, high, and leather. For your entrance, you may want to get one of those fluffy white coats. Make sure to leave it unbuttoned so everyone will get a glimpse of those fabulous legs and those shiny six inch pumps. For a little added effect, you may want to fool everyone by taking tape and pulling your skin together to form a love valley on your chest. Of course no one will believe this old trick, and everyone will know you're in pain, since we all tried it ourselves at least once.

If you're TS, you may want to come as a real girl. That look, in this bar, would be blue jeans and a sweat shirt. Beware though, you may be picked up by the pool cue toting lesbians or some big macho dyke. On the other hand, if you are caught in a dress, you may be called a transvestite, heaven forbid.

If you are trying to pass, you must first approach the bar and perch your little rump, (large rump if you have one of those Fredricks of Hollywood fake butts), on the stool. Make sure you cross your legs and show a little knee. (Another TV necessity-also a good way to practice so when you drive home, you can play with the horny truck drivers) Now order some sissy drink from the bar. If you do drink beer, no straws please.

However you do dress is not important. We only want you to enjoy yourself, and make a few friends. While there, watch out for the sticky spot on the floor, & possible Lounge Lizards.

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The BE ALL has earned a reputation as one of the most prestigious events for male and female crossdressers, transgenderists, and transsexuals. This year, Cleveland is proud to host the BE ALL in a city energetically growing to spectacular new heights...and in a hotel offering the finest

SPECIAL "FIRST TIME EVER" ATTRACTIONS.

BE ALL - 1991 has been structured in a slightly different way, to provide an array of new events, seminars, and speakers. Here is a sampling of the new attractions awaiting you in Cleveland this June:

FANTASY SEMINAR -- Led by Mistress Kay Gould, this seminar will explore the various aspects of "fantasy lives," and help us find the joy these fantasies can offer.

THREE-TIER SELF-HELP SEMINARS -- Three seminar tracks, titled "Creating Your Image," "Expanding Your World," and "Realizing Your Dream" will provide information and advice for all CD's, novice to advanced. Pick your track or mix & match.

HYPNO-THERAPY -- A licensed hypno-therapist will be available all weekend long, in small-group sessions, for instruction in relaxation and coping techniques (relating to smoking, weight loss, etc).

The BE ALL: A group effort for the best group in the world.

As you know, the BE ALL is an enormous group effort sponsored by four clubs:

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Paradise Club	- Cleveland
Transpitt	- Pittsburgh

Members of each organization have contributed greatly to this year's 9th Annual BE ALL Weekend, with the Paradise Club of Cleveland serving as the host club. Everyone who has worked on this very special event is dedicated to making it the best ever! So please join us, in the spirit of joy and sharing, and "Be All You Want To Be!"

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"GONE WITH THE WIND" DINNER -- Frankly, Scarlett, you'll want to arrive Wednesday to be here for our beautiful courtyard dinner, featuring BE ALL staff people in authentic Tara dress. Wear a hoop skirt or come casual, and maybe you'll win our Grand Prize Drawing for the original "Gone With The Wind" on VHS.

"BE ALL HIGH SCHOOL PROM" -- Once you register for BE ALL, you've got a date for the most incredible celebration of 'em all: The BE ALL High School Prom! So bring your best formal attire and get ready for a night of feasting, fun, music, and surprises.

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