

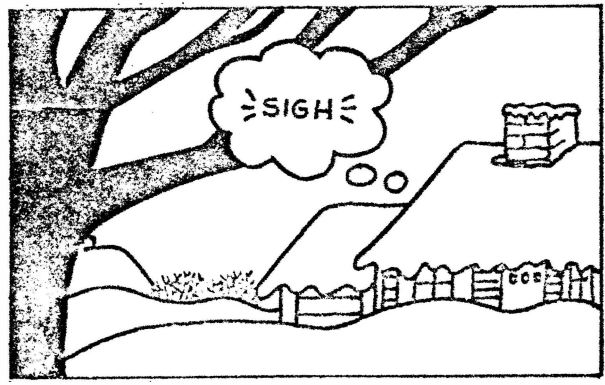


# Chi Tribune

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### CHI'S JANUARY MEETING . . . . .

Those of you who live in Illinois or the upper Midwest (or read a newspaper or watch television), are aware that we have had a "little snow" since the first of the year. The Chicago area, in particular, was hit with an honest-to-goodness blizzard, and we are still digging out. For the first time in memory, the Chapter meeting had to be cancelled due to the weather. Some of our members have to drive quite a distance, and it would have been silly even to try to make the meeting. Many of the roads in the Chicago area were completely closed, and the rest were simply terrible! And, even

if we had tried to hold a meeting, there was no place for us to park at Deanna's home. So we threw in the towel and cancelled. Hopefully, the weather will accommodate and be better for us this month.

### CHI TREASURER'S REPORT . . . . .

Balance on hand, December 31st:	\$ 77.99
Chapter Dues:	+48.00
Associate Dues:	+24.00
Reserve Fund Interest:	+ 4.19
Postage:	-11.77
Supplies (envelopes):	- 5.25
Chapter Reserve Fund:	- 4.19
Balance on hand, January 31st:	\$132.97

### CHI CHAPTER DUES . . . . .

As reported in recent newsletters, Chapter dues are now payable (and overdue). The dues are the same as last year: \$6.00 for Regular Members who live in the Chicago Metropolitan Area, and \$4.00 for Associate Members who live outside that area and are normally unable to attend our Chapter meetings on a regular basis. Please mail your dues, with your check or money order (no cash, please) in the proper amount payable to "Donna Martin," at the address shown on the newsletter masthead. A list of all Regular and associate members in good standing will be published in the March newsletter. Will your name be there? (Also, don't forget to mail your annual Tri-Sigma dues directly to Virginia; you must be a member of the national organization to be a member of CHI Chapter).

### CHI'S FEBRUARY MEETING . . . . .

The next meeting of CHI Chapter will be held on the third Saturday of this month, February 17th. Deanna and GG Marilyn have volunteered to "give it another try for this month," so we will be meeting in their home and can only hope for better weather this time. Make plans now to be there, and return your post card promptly so Deanna and Marilyn will know how many will be coming.

WE GET LETTERS . . . . .

Dear Donna,

I thought perhaps I would drop you a note and relate to you an incident that happened in my area a couple of weeks ago. I found out about this because one of the people that I work with has a sister who works in the office of the County Clerk. He was telling us at work one day that the word spread throughout the Court House to watch for a Deputy coming in with a man dressed in womens clothing. Most of the people who witnessed this found it hard to believe that the "girl" with a skirt and matching jacket and boots, along with stylish shoulder length hair and makeup was really a man. Turns out that she had been picked up the night before for speeding, and driving with a suspended license (three moving violations within a twelve month period). The State Trooper took her to the County Jail, where she did not have the money to post bond and so she was kept overnight for an appearance before the Judge. The regular Matron had the day off, so the Sheriff (who had been in office just a little over a month) had his wife come in to check her out to be sure that she was not concealing anything. This was supposedly only the second shakedown for the Sherrif's wife, and to her amazement found out that she was checking a male. No one at the jail had any experience in a situation like this, but they knew it was illegal for a male to shakedown a female, and for a female to shakedown a male. So, they just put her in a separate cell in a seldom used section of the jail to await her appearance before the Judge. Naturally, every State Trooper, city Policeman, and Deputy had to walk by the cell to check her out. The officials didn't know what kind of legal troubles they could get into, so they made a deal that the traffic charges would be dropped if she would agree to have someone pick up her car who had a valid drivers license, and if she would leave town on the next bus provided the County bought the ticket. Before releasing her, they also called her employer in Chicago to verify that a person by that name was on their payroll.

The person telling this story did not seem to know if anyone said anything to her about the way she was dressed, and naturally I could not ask very many questions for fear of arousing suspicions. A couple of days later this same person at work did tell us that the Sheriff is taking a lot of kidding about getting lessons on "How to tell the difference between a man and a woman." You probably can imagine all the nasty remarks that were made at work about the things that should be done to a man when he is caught dressed in womens clothes. It would have been a very poor idea for me to say anything, so I just listened to the conversation and realized all the more just how stupid people really are!

The newspaper "blotter" report of this case said, "Illinois State Police arrested (Femme Name), 23, Chicago, this morning on charges of speeding and driving with a suspended driver's license." This is the only report I have ever read in the newspaper where the words "he," "his," "she," or "hers" was not used. I do not know if she was a TV, TS, Gay, or what, and do not know if the County said anything about the sex of the person when they called the employer. Therefore, it could be that she works as a woman, or it is possible that a job was lost over this incident.

(Anonymous, by request)  
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