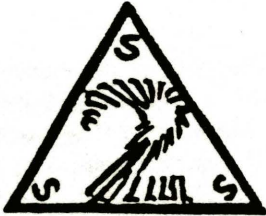
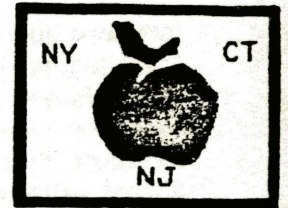


# our Special JOY



Tri-Ess Sorority



Metropolitan

\*\*\*\*\* CHI DELTA MU \*\*\*\*\*  
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JUNE 9TH MEETING IN  
\* WESTCHESTER \*

May Meeting  
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A total of thirty people gathered at our Westchester meeting place for a delightful time! 21 members and potential members, 8 wives/girlfriends, and one friend. We had the entire floor of the area we congregated, and the privacy was fantastic! As a result of renting so many rooms in the name of TRI-ESS, the motel's manager let us have the newly decorated "family room" with a wet bar at no cost. If we have at least 10 rooms the conference room cost (\$75), will be dropped. As usual, when we rent sufficient rooms the cost for those of you who stay over is \$50 vs. the usual charge of \$75. Thanks to Patricia, Renata and Camile for being excellent hostesses. We appreciate the efforts you make to insure that our gathering is most enjoyable.

SUSSKIND  
PROGRAM  
AIRED...P. 4

1ST ANNUAL FAMILY DAY  
AUGUST 11TH  
.....P. 5

Your Editor related recent developments concerning our organization's publicity efforts (see related article on Page 4)...Karen, Doreen and others of the New Jersey site location committee reported no progress in finding suitable quarters for the meeting in New Jersey. Lynda (who could not attend the meeting but asked your Editor to address this matter for the membership's consideration), suggested that we meet at a hospital whose staff understood our needs. The consensus of the members was against this suggestion for a number of reasons

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(dressing quarters, motel accommodations for those traveling, etc.). The facility we had been using in New Jersey now has no dressing rooms immediately near the conference room. Also, we are quite confident that the motel's management there really did not welcome us (probably due to the appearance of the motel's name and location in a newspaper article done on us last year and not at our insistence). The service provided us there was not the same as we experience in Westchester. A suggestion was made that since the site in Westchester is super for our needs, with very understanding motel management and staff, that we should remain in Westchester. The overall sentiment, however, was that we should have a New Jersey site. We are booked the second Saturday through December in Westchester, although we can cancel without risk with ample notice given if we do

find a place in New Jersey or if there is not sufficient interest in having a July meeting. The final decision on this matter was that we will continue to meet in Westchester till a suitable meeting place is found in New Jersey. Dorothy had several suggestions as to a site and these will be checked by the location committee.

To establish chapter policy on refreshments, a motion was made and seconded that wine (but not beer), be provided at the meeting and the cost will be a charge to the chapter's Treasury and paid from chapter funds. This motion was approved unopposed.

At the June meeting we will decide if we will meet on July 14th as a regular meeting (Bastille Day, wear red, white & blue). For August 11th, we are planning on a Family Day (1st Annual), Summer Outting to celebrate the chapter's third birthday (see related article in the newsletter). Again, please remember that the June 9th meeting will be in Westchester, and not New Jersey.

No program was conducted during the meeting, but Millie wife of Jane (NJ), had for sale some nice costume jewelry of the '30's period, displayed in our new "living room". We also thank Millie for preparing a delicious salad for us which added greatly to our dinner. Jana, Program Coordinator, has not advised us if the speaker from Mayor Koch's office will attend our June meeting. In any case, it is just great (!!!), to meet with your sisters and their wives/girlfriends and talk.

Although not discussed as a general item for the consideration of the membership, the matter of asking members to complete a questionnaire on crossdressing (and other items), was discussed by the chapter's leadership in executive session. Carol Beecroft had forwarded some 35 copies of this questionnaire to your Editor, with pre-paid return postage, and requested that the questionnaire be

distributed to the membership at the meetings. This research effort is for a Ph.D. candidate in California. The only reason that this matter is in the newsletter is that the questionnaire is somewhat disturbing to myself, as Editor, and to others in the leadership of the chapter; we are considering the pro's and con's of distribution, and will let you know of our decision soon.

Under new business, Edie will purchase "Hi, my name is..." nametags for us. Carole (Ct), suggested that we buy a gift for the motel manager in Westchester, considering the fantastic hospitality we enjoy there. The membership was receptive, but more concern was expressed for the motel's housekeeping and maintenance staff and the work that they have done for us. Renata described how the staff really went out of their way to prepare for our May gathering. It was decided that a pot will be put on the table for donations for the motel's staff to express our appreciation for their effort to make our day as pleasant as it always is there.



Patricia thanked Robin Anne and Linda for bringing their portable tape player. The background music really added to the night's enjoyment. The chapter's 1984-85 Budget, as proposed and printed in the past two newsletters, was adopted by the membership. Please remember that this means that chapter dues and renewals will increase July 1st from \$10 per year to \$15 per year. Meeting fees will remain at \$10, with no charge for your wife/girlfriend.

We welcome potential members Barbara (NY), and Lora (Ct). If our group meets your needs and you honestly meet our qualifications, we do hope that you will join us. Also, a warm welcome to Kay, girlfriend of Vikki (NJ-1599-M), for first time meeting attendance. As always, we appreciate your reactions in "Our Readers Write" column.



Attending the May chapter meeting were: (sitting on the floor): Stan "the man", (seated left to right): Camile, Felicity, Yvonne, Carole, Doreen, Dorothy, and JoAnne (NY, LI); (standing): Karen, Edie, Kay (GG friend of Vikki), Jane, Vikki, Robin Anne, Fran (NY), Hollis, Frances (NJ), Marlene, Mary Jane, Lora (CT), and Patricia.

*Photo, Patricia*



From the President's Desk  
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Dear Chi Delta Mu Sisters & Friends;

I can't believe this is the last official meeting before our two-month shut down for the summer. Girls, has the time flown by.

Well I think we have done a lot this last fiscal year. Granted, we still have a lot more to do and a lot to improve on what we have done already, but I think we are getting our act together very nicely, thanks to you.

And while I am on it, I want to personally thank whole heartedly each and every one of you for your support in our chapter, for it is obvious that without your help we would not have this chapter.

I am giving up the idea of taking the membership list and assigning each sister a date to host the chapter. I have talked to a lot of our members, and I realize some girls are better at one thing and some girls are better at others.

**New Members**  
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From Marlene (CA-1046-L), who is in charge of Chapter Organization, we've been advised of the following new members to TRI-ESS: JoAnne (NY 1635-S, upstate NY), Doreen (NJ-1608-T), Jamie (NY-1609-M), Fran (NY-1610-B), Linda (NJ-1598-S), Vikki (NJ-1599-M), and Jean (NY-1600-E). Sorry that your Editor has been negligent in reporting this news. A warm welcome to TRI-ESS!

But I still would like more participation from each of our sisters, to help the chapter grow. So if you can tell me what you can do and would like to help, I'll make a list of all the sisters who volunteer their help. And for those of you who can't, for one reason or another, the best way you can help is by attending every meeting that you can. That would be a big help to the chapter.

So, please let me know what you can DO; thank you.

I would also like to see, for better participation of members, a two-year maximum on all chapter officers holding office: President, Vice-President, Treasurer, and Secretary. The post of "Editor", I think, should remain Mary Jane's for as long as she wants it. For there is no need in telling you charter members, but for you new members, it was Mary Jane who took the bull by the horns and started our newsletter, OUR SPECIAL JOY. It was her wit and knowledge that was the foundation of our chapter. And I want to personally thank you, Mary Jane, for all your hard work, and I hope you will keep it up for a long, long time.

We have a few things in the works for the summer months that I hope will get off the ground. Mary Jane will keep you informed about these events.

So if I don't see you at the June meeting and the summer events, have a good summer and I hope to see you at the September meeting, God willing. Stay well, and keep your powder dry.

Sincerely,

Patricia CT-1113-G  
C. D. M. Chapter President



Publicity  
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...As most of you know, the Susskind program featuring chapter member Eileen (NY) and three other heterosexual crossdressers was aired on May 13th. Eileen found out about the date the Thursday prior to airing (5/10), so we didn't have too much time to notify members, but we did our best through the GAL network and other efforts (one more reason to be in touch with your GAL).

...Your Editor thought that the program was excellent, in spite of Mr. Susskind's obvious state of being unprepared. Mr. Susskind tried at every opportunity to "stick it" to us, but was properly put in his place in each instance. The only negative aspect was the few seconds that the national organization's address was listed, without much advanced notice.

...The program is to be aired in 40 cities. It was on in LA the third week of April, and according to Carol Beecroft: "We received our first letters today (4/26) from people who saw the David Susskind show. The letters ask for information and I do hope that we will get a lot more members". According to the CHI TRIBUNE (Chicago chapter newsletter), the program was on in that city on April 28th.

...Fortunately, we are in an excellent position to help newcomers. Our chapter brochure has been reproduced and we now have some 250 copies thanks to Renata. Your Editor has asked national leader Carol Beecroft to forward all Connecticut inquiries to Renata, New Jersey to Lynda, and all others (NY and elsewhere), to me. As usual, we will rely heavily on the GAL network to assist us in assimilating potential members into the organization and chapter. We thank all in advance for your help, and specifically thank Eileen (NY) for being a participant on the program and Diane (NY) for first advising us of the program. Your comments on the program are welcomed for "Our Readers Write".



...The replies concerning how members first learned of our organization were all over the place! library cards, radio and television programs, etc. The best approach is to use every source we can to "spread the word". We have dollars available to us in the 1984-85 Budget for publicity and advertising, and they will be wisely used!

Questions & Answers  
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The following Question and Answer appeared in the May 22, 1984 issue of Woman's Day magazine:

TALKING IT OVER WITH EDA LESHAN

QUESTION

One night when he was fooling around, my husband put on my nylons. Since then, all he thinks about at sexual times is wearing women's underwear. Sometimes when I get ready for bed, I find he has my nightgown on. I've told him how much this upsets me, but he keeps doing it. Is this common? What should I do?

ANSWER

I think your husband is desperately asking for your help. Otherwise, he'd be more secretive about his desires. Such behavior is common enough to have been studied a good deal and to be considered a sign of emotional disturbance. The need to wear women's clothes will probably become more frequent and more intense. This is not a problem that you can work out by yourselves. I suggest that you both consult an expert in sexual problems. Call your local council of social agencies or a mental health clinic for advice.

My opinion, for what it is worth:

Variety can be the spice of life. Sex therapists advise, when the ZING seems to have gone out of a couple's sex life, to try for some variety such as a change of scene, a change of time, sexually stimulating clothes, music, perfume, etc. Of course, if it upsets one of the partners, as in this case, the behavior should be modified. Actually, in this case, it sounds as though the husband's behavior is beyond merely trying for variety. The danger to avoid is fetishism, where some item is necessary for sexual satisfaction and may even replace the partner as the object of sexual attention. Eda LeShan's advice is good, but, for the sake of the happiness of the couple involved, we hope that they find a really knowledgeable and compassionate "expert".

Sincerely,  
Edith Marie



Family Day  
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August 1984 marks the third birthday of our chapter, CHI DELTA MU. Carol Beecroft came to the metropolitan area and held an organizational meeting one steamy August Sunday afternoon in 1981. CHI DELTA MU had some false starts, and we had only a handful (less than 10), of members. But as you can see we are doing quite nicely now. It was really hard to believe that in this great hub of the world we were not organized! All of that has changed, and now we want to celebrate our progress.

A number of us (including wives and girlfriends), have discussed this and decided to hold what we hope to be an Annual Family Day outing. There would be no dressing, just a good old-fashion summer outing with barbecue, swimming, games and good fun. It was decided that FAMILIES should be emphasized (which includes good friends). What better way to really get to know one another? And, this includes children, for we will have activities for them too!

Now, if your wife or girlfriend is unknowing, or ESPECIALLY if she is hostile or neutral on crossdressing, this would be the perfect opportunity for both yourself and your mate to meet us. We love dressing, but many of us also enjoy a good softball or baseball game. You will find a lot of understanding people there, and this includes wives/girlfriends. The affair will be our annual summer "ice breaker", a chance to meet us in a totally non-threatening setting and a time to have some great fun with (modestly

speaking), very nice people.

The date for this event will be our usual second Saturday of the month! August 11, 1984. Now, as for the place it really must be seen to be truly appreciated. The Family Day will take place at Todd's Point in Greenwich Connecticut. For those of you unfamiliar with the area, it is about 20 minutes east and north of our usual Westchester gathering place. The site is fully-equipped with recreational activities, and very well maintained. There will be no rain date as there is a pavilion. Having been there, I can assure you that it is one of the best beach areas you could visit. We will be on Long Island Sound, and the site is owned and maintained by the Town of Greenwich (which means 1st class plus). The area we will occupy will be just for us, as we will rent the site from the Town for the day. Also, if you want to stay over, Renata (who is chairing this special event), will be able to get you a discount on the Ho Jo's in nearby Stamford if we have at least 5 or 6 rooms booked.

So, if you are looking for the opportunity to "break the ice", this DEFINATELY will be it. Again, there will be no crossdressing permitted; the sorority will turn into a fraternity for the day. Also, if you are alone, without family, YOU ARE NOT EXCLUDED! You are more than welcome to come and have some fun.

We've included a form for you to complete (below). The cost of this activity should not be too far from our usual meeting fee of \$10, and may even be less if we can expect a good turnout. Please let Renata know as soon as possible, and we hope to see you on August 11th on the Sound in Greenwich!



send to:

Ms. Renata White  
P. O. Box 403  
Riverside, Connecticut 06878



Yes, I and my family want to attend the Annual Family Day Activity on August 11th.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Number of adults attending: \_\_\_\_\_

children under 12: \_\_\_\_\_ 12+ \_\_\_\_\_

Will you volunteer to help set up and conduct activities? \_\_\_\_\_

Do you want to stay over at the motel? \_\_\_\_\_

*[directions will be provided]*

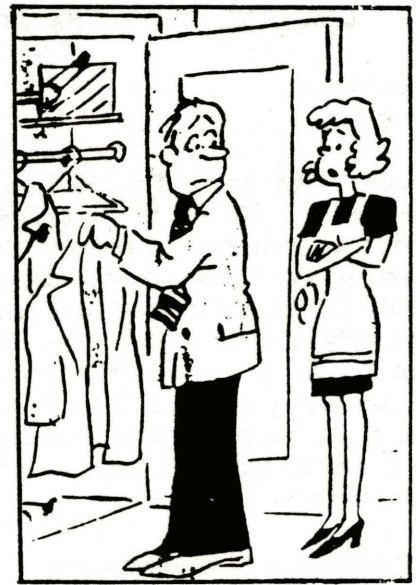




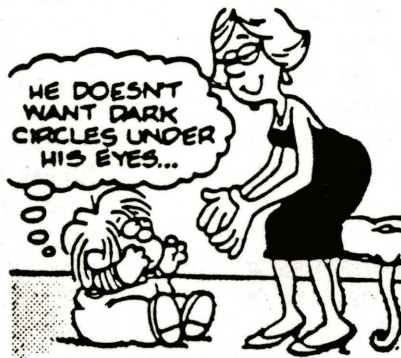
# GENDER BENDERS

"Today was show & tell in John's class, and he brought in last month's O.S.J. with you on the front page."

*Eileen (w/s)*



*Chi Tri Lume*



*Rough Keepsie Journal (with help)*



### X, Y and Me

Isaac Asimov, the prolific science-fiction writer, and Randall Garrett, another science-fiction scribe, wrote a clone song for the first anniversary party of Omni magazine in October 1979. It is set to the tune of "Home on the Range," and it goes like this:

Oh, give me a clone, of my own flesh and bone, with its Y-chromosome changed to X.  
And when it is grown, then my own little clone, will be of the opposite sex.  
Clone, clone of my own, with its Y-chromosome changed to X.  
And when I'm alone with my own little clone, we will both think of nothing but sex!

-Norton Mockridge, United Feature Syndicate

READERS' DIGEST

MARCH, 1981

"Lynda, as chapter Treasurer I'm sure you can convince the membership to by David that teddy he has always wanted."

*Dorothy*

*Thanks!*

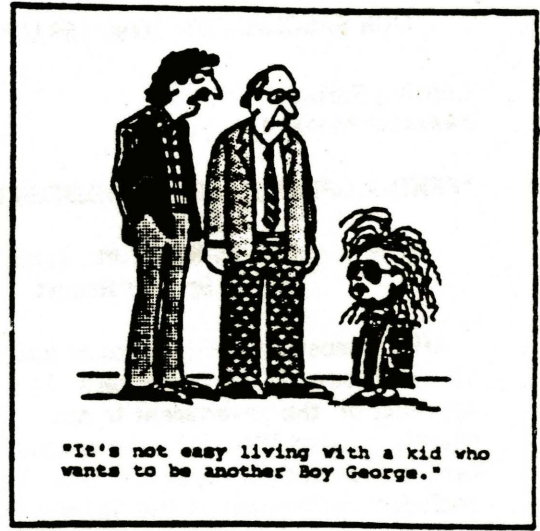


Chi  
Tribune

JOY'S GREATEST HITS

- I 1. Just for a Thrill
- 2. Guys 'n' Dolls
- 3. I've Grown Accustomed to the Lace
- 4. All the Things You Are
- 5. This Ole Blouse
- 6. Murray With the Fringe on Top!!!
  
- II 1. Getting to Know You
- 2. The Colors of My Life
- 3. My Way
- 4. You Must Have Been a Beautiful Baby
- 5. They Can't Take That Away From Me
- 6. Fascination

Diane  
(NY)



In Case You Missed It  
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Forum Magazine

OCCASIONAL TV

3/84

I am a 27-year-old heterosexual male. For about 15 years now, I have enjoyed wearing dresses, painting my face and nails and putting my hair into pretty curls. As I write this letter, I am wearing fashion boots with six-inch heels, a long curly medium brown wig, and a lovely mid-length Gunne Sax dress with frilly lace. I feel very sexy.

Dressing up like a girl is something I do occasionally; not often. I consider myself masculine and feminine at the same time. Most of my interests are male, and although I have nothing against homosexuals, all of my sexual partners have been women and I haven't the slightest interest in men as sexual partners.

The feelings I get from dressing up are different than those I experience when making love to a woman, and there is an important place for both in my life. I've never told anyone about my transvestism, but I would enjoy having an attractive woman make me up, curl my hair and fit me into a frilly dress, after which we would make love together. It would take a special person, someone I could trust and who would enjoy it as much as I would. It would be interesting to hear from some women who would get off on making love to a pretty man.

If you are male and think you would enjoy dressing up, I recommend you give it a try. It won't replace love, but it can be an interesting supplement. If you decide you would like to see how pretty you can be, I have some tips on buying dresses, shoes, wigs and makeup. Assuming you are too self-conscious to ask the sales clerk if you can try on the garment of your

choice (I have never had the courage to do this), you can estimate your size by taking your waist, hip, and chest measurements and comparing them with the conversion charts in mail order catalogs. Always guess on the larger of two sizes, because men have larger frames than women even when the measurements are similar. Next, pick a store and time where the chances of being seen by someone you know are remote, and scout the area before selecting your garment. When you pay the clerk, remember that he or she is there to make a sale, not a judgment. Your sex life is nobody's business but your own, in the final analysis. Most of the clerks will assume you are buying for your wife or girlfriend. If they happen to ask (most won't), just say it's for your wife and the clerk will drop it. Some of the clerks, especially in wig boutiques, have sold to enough transvestites that they will know it's for you. Most of them will be sympathetic and do their best to help you feel comfortable. A clerk might even smile and say, "It will look lovely on you." If that happens, say, "thank you." Once in a great while, a clerk may giggle or show disgust if she suspects you are buying a dress for yourself. So what? You'll never see her again.

I went to a Halloween party in drag once. I received many compliments from the women, some of whom actually seemed envious. It is not my intention to compete, because nothing can take the place of a truly beautiful woman, but it is nice to know that I am a reasonably pretty person. And in my opinion, life is too short to miss out on something as delightful as that.

Mr. S.G.,  
Oregon

LOVES HIS SEXY LEGS

6/84

Before I started reading *Forum* two years ago, I was just about ready to give up my transvestite activities. I was 27 years old then, and my goal was to make my next relationship permanent. I was ready to give up my activities because I felt there wasn't a chance of getting a girl who would understand. But then I started reading *Forum* and found some very encouraging TV stories. That was when I decided to wait to marry until I found the open-minded girl of my dreams.

At the moment my legs are shaved. I have nail polish on along with a bra, slip and high heels, garter belt, stockings and panties. My wife and I are on our honeymoon right now in Hawaii. She is sitting right across from me here in the room. As a matter of fact, it was her idea for me to get dressed up tonight. And the good thing about it is that her encouragement is unsolicited by me.

She fell in love with me three months after we met. And that's when I decided to find out if she was going to be the girl for me. It was tough and took a lot of courage to tell her about myself. But as it turned out, she was glad things were that way. She definitely loves the feel of my silky smooth legs, and thinks I look much sexier in panties. Personally, I really enjoy the sensational feeling a good pair of nylons have on a pair of smooth legs. My wife and I are very affectionate with each other, but when I am dressed up, I am more affectionate with her. Our love will only grow stronger because of my habits.

Mr. M.M.,  
California

Thanks,  
Carole CCT





Looking Forward  
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### "FEMINA OPENS TO CROSSDRESSERS' DELIGHT"

-----Albany, New York, June 16, 1988  
A.P. Special Report

After almost a year-long court battle a group of heterosexual crossdressers have received approval of the government to open their country resort. Called "Femina", the spacious 200 room facility located in upstate New York in a secluded valley east of the Hudson River will be owned and operated by Betty Klomp and her (or if you prefer his), wife Helen, formerly of New York City. Betty is a member of the TRI-ESS Sorority, or the Society for the Second Self, an organization dedicated to assisting the male heterosexual crossdresser or transvestite in overcoming fears and educating the general public on the crossdressing experience and lifestyle.

Legal problems developed for this group shortly after Betty and Helen won a New York Lottery prize of \$23 million last year and announced their plans to purchase the resort, formerly called "Shadyside" and closed for the past three years. At first the local citizens were up in arms about having a group of men in dresses and skirts in the local community. Their fears were soon dispelled when, at a Town Meeting, the goals and objectives of TRI-ESS were explained to them and the impact of "Femina" on the local economy with new jobs, purchasing, and other benefits to the Town's treasury were demonstrated. "They really appreciated us after one week of members spending money in the Town", related Patricia Gallagher one of the group's leaders. "We used only silver dollars, and after a few days the townsfolk firmly took notice of our purchasing power" related Ms. Gallagher.

"The residents soon became our biggest supporters", said Betty. Problems with State zoning regulations continued, and legal proceedings were undertaken against Betty and Helen's dream project. After several months of negotiations, an out-of-court settlement was reached when Betty and Helen agreed to install a men's room in the facility. "An unnecessary expense, but if it will satisfy the bureaucrats,

we'll do it", said Betty. "Helen has suggested that we could use the urinals the help the plant nursery we want to start.

Opening ceremonies were held last Saturday, with the dedication of the resort keynoted by the TRI-ESS national leader, Carol Beecroft. Cutting the pink ribbon at the resort's entrance, Ms. Beecroft said: "This is certainly a milestone in the development of our organization. A very positive step, and I'm sure that in years to come this event will be looked upon as a turning point for all of us". Ms. Beecroft was wildly cheered by the some 800 Sorority members, wives, girlfriends and others. The metropolitan New York chapter, CHI DELTA MU, chartered 36 buses to transport members for the event.

Perhaps the most significant development at the ceremony came when Betty announced that she and Helen had purchased 4000 acres surrounding Femina and will offer to members an unbelievable 6% mortgage for lot purchases after the property is subdivided.

"We are going to create a community here, a good community for our families in which to live, work and grow", said Helen. Mary Jane Moran has already put in her bid for 2 acres near the resort to build a home and an adjacent office to publish and ship the chapter's weekly newspaper, OUR SPECIAL JOY. "I feel like a 19th century pioneeress, crossing the prairie in a covered wagon and, of course, my prairie skirt", said Mary Jane.

The group encompasses all types of people, with all kinds of backgrounds: teachers, plumbers, lawyers, doctors, you name it. "We are ready to blaze a new frontier", continued Mary Jane.

The nearby town's mayor recently said: "Once you get to know them, they are very nice people. Besides, their dollars are just as green as anyone else's". This has already been demonstrated by the opening of new dress shops, beauty parlors, and others formerly vacant.

Charter member Nora Helene summed up the group's reaction to these developments: "I've always felt that we are limited by those limits we place upon ourselves. Seven years ago we had nothing, look at what we have now! Think about what we will have in the years to come!!".





Our Readers Write

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..."Joy's Greatest Hits. Alright! You fooled me too. But...isn't that a great idea? You girls can do it, not only adjust the title, but the whole song. I bet my wig it would sell like crazy. Hey, think it over. You might be sitting on a mine filled with gold". Diane NJ-500-R (Diane thought that we actually had these records. How's about it, Diane (NY) who writes these goodies for us? Ed.)

COPY

May 14, 1984

Mr. David Susskind  
Susskind Company, Inc.  
650 Fifth Avenue  
New York, NY 10019

Dear Mr. Susskind,

You are to be commended for allowing four heterosexual cross-dressers to tell their stories on your May 13th television program. Had I seen such a program 35 or 40 years ago, I could have saved myself from as many years of self-doubt, guilt, dishonesty and frustration. For, you see, I am a cross-dresser, too. In my case, however, I am still "in the closet."

When I was about four years old, my mother and her visiting girlfriend conspired to have me and the girlfriend's daughter exchange clothes and pose for snapshots. I cannot say that I remember the incident, but I remember all too painfully the teasing and derision heaped upon me by my brother and cousins every time the family album was brought out of the dining room buffet drawer. My humiliation was so great that one day I destroyed the photographs. Whether or not this incident imprinted the idea of cross-dressing on my brain, I do not know. Maybe the doctors of Psychology have an explanation for it, because how could a practice which brought me so much shame and humiliation now be so enjoyable to me?

Although I've had the desire to cross-dress ever since I can remember, only as recently as three years ago, at age 53, did I start to acquire a feminine wardrobe of my own. I have been out in public - in restaurants and stores - as Edith Marie only five times and I "passed" as a woman on 4.9 out of the 5 excursions.

Your guests have "come out of the closet" to the extent that their close loved ones know about their strange hobby. I believe my situation is more

typical in that my wife does not know and I am afraid that, if she should find out, our marriage would be wrecked. Aside from the desire to explore the feminine side of my personality, I believe I am quite normal and a solid citizen in society. I am a professional, having earned both Bachelor and Master's degrees and State registration and I am active in church and community affairs. One thing I am NOT is homosexual.

If you should ever decide to do a "follow-up" on the subject of heterosexual cross-dressing, I would be very happy to participate in such a program.

Sincerely,

Don Williams  
Drawer R  
Valley Cottage, NY 10967

..."...it is impossible at this time for me to send out membership cards to the people who never received them since I have no way of knowing who they are. If any of your chapter members have a dues renewal date more than six months from now (October 1984 or later), and you can send me a list of those members, I'll certainly see that they receive a membership card right away. Those that are due for renewal in less than six months will receive a card upon receipt of their dues; any in this category who wish a card now can send their renewal dues right away, receive their card, and also receive credit (extension), for their TRI-ESS membership reflecting an early payment. Donna Martin, national membership director. (From a letter sent by Donna to our chapter treasurer, Lynda. You can renew or join the national organization through Lynda; her address is on the last page of the newsletter. Ed.)

FEMME MIRROR

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...Great to see the FEMME MIRROR after such a long absence. We all know that Carol Beecroft is quite busy, but really something must be done to get this great publication out to the membership more frequently.

...We as a Chapter have offered in what ever way we can to help in this cause. This is especially important for new TRI-ESS members. They pay their \$30 dues and see nothing for months.

...Very happy to see that Carol shared the beautiful article entitled "The Gift" written by Renata and which appeared in the newsletter about a year and-a-half ago. And thank you, Diane (NY), for your very complimentary letter.



Food For Thought  
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"Chances"  
--Ed.

I remember that someone once said that the difference between a dreamer and an achiever is that the dreamer just dreams, but the achiever does both.

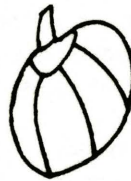
The progress this chapter has made, and our successes, prove that this observation is very true. A lot of us dreamed several years ago, we worked (and still do), and we are ACHIEVING! We are actually living many of the dreams that we had harbored within ourselves for so many years. Yes, you have to take chances. But that is life. You take a chance every time you cross a street, drive a car, and take a breath (especially behind a bus on Fifth Avenue).

How often have you said, "If I only did this or that"? Well, sitting back will surely not answer any of your questions or improve you life situation. We're asking YOU to take a chance on us (if you already haven't). I know that those who have are quite pleased. Maybe you will achieve your dreams, but you'll never know unless you take that important step (chance) and see for yourself.

Perhaps "chance" is not the right word. I prefer "opportunity", and as someone else yet said, all you have to do is knock at the door.

Last Minute Items  
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...We did not receive Lynda's Treasurer's Report in time for the publication of the June newsletter, and it will be provided in the July issue with a report of our six-month fiscal year (January-June, 1984), in OUR SPECIAL JOY...More on Family Day. It is most necessary that we have a good attendance count, so please complete the form on Page 5 of the newsletter and send it in to Renata. One thing we do know is that this type of affair takes a lot of work, work which can't be done by a few people, so we need your help (cooking, bringing soda, supervising games, etc.). We all want to make this a very successful event, one which we will eagerly repeat each year, so please participate!...Nora Helene was called out of town this month and could not publish the newsletter. Fortunately, Renata offered her time and effort to help, and for this we are very grateful. Thanks, Renata, for being a true sister in our organization!...Thanks to Patricia and others for your nice words. Yes, a number of us do put in a lot of effort to this special group of people; isn't it worth it?



*Best Regards;  
Your Sister,  
Mary Jane.*

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