

Society for the Second Self



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**WHAT IS IT?
WHOM IS IT FOR?
WHAT ARE ITS GOALS?**

Dear Crossdressing Friend:

We thank you for your interest in the Society For The Second Self, also known as Tri-Ess sorority. We hope that you will enjoy and benefit from your reading.

The first thing you should do is READ THE BROCHURE. It will explain the goals and objectives of the sorority and make you feel more comfortable with it. If, when you are through with your reading, you decide to become a Tri-Ess girl, fill in the PLEDGE (which you will find later on in your reading) and do remember to sign the PLEDGE at the bottom of the page.

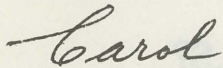
Do note the sample of the page from our national Directory of members. We would appreciate your preparing a similar profile to what is shown for your guidance. If you are able to send us a picture for the Directory, so much the better. You don't have to but it makes your profile more interesting. We also have found that those who have pictures will receive more letters from members than do those without pictures. Please take some time in the preparation of your profile.

A word about pictures. The printer can usually do a better job with black-and-white pictures although if you only have colored pictures, we are happy to have them. In the case of colored pictures, please try to have a white background (use a sheet as a backdrop) if you are wearing dark colors. And do remember that if you are wearing a red skirt and a blue blouse, for instance, when the picture appears in the Directory, both outfits will appear as one and appear almost black. So vary your colors, too. The same goes for black-and-white photos.

Please return your signed PLEDGE and annual Dues of \$30.00 to Carol Beecroft, Box 194, Tulare, California 93275.

We look forward to having you as a Tri-Ess sister and hope that you will take an active part in the sorority. We would also be interested in knowing whether you would like to serve in a leadership position within a chapter.

Sincerely yours,



Carol Beecroft
National Leader

THE SOCIETY - A SORORITY WITHOUT WOMEN

Say the word "Sorority" and the last thing that most people think of is an all-male club! The Society For The Second Self exists to help the heterosexual male transvestite (TV) -- Straight men who have a recurring desire to dress in woman's clothing.

Tv's are probably the most misunderstood minority group in the world. As with other minorities, ignorance fosters prejudice and prejudice fosters intolerance and hostility toward Tv's by society-at-large.

In such a climate, many of us live in fear of discovery by a scornful public. We've kept our Tvism a secret from our closest loved ones. While in the closet many of us think that we are the only ones in the world with these rather off-beat desires. In our isolation, we may even come to believe the popular stereotypes: "Maybe I'm really gay. Maybe I'm headed towards a sex change operation. I must be sick to want to wear these clothes and to go out in the street wearing them, no less! And even if I'm not sick, I must be wrong to want things to be this way."

It's not surprising that many of us feel or think these things. But we of the Society believe -- and know from experience -- that this mind-set is neither inevitable or irreversible. We believe that the fundamental problem for Tv's is not personal but actually social. We believe that our guilt, shame, confusion and fear are the products of a non-accepting and ignorant society.

We of the Society firmly believe that Tv's can -- and indeed many do --

live happy, well-adjusted lives, and we dedicate ourselves to this end. We believe that the best treatment for Tv's is self-acceptance and the creation of a more knowledgeable and understanding society. We firmly REJECT the notion that Tv's should -- or even can -- be "cured" of their desire to "crossdress".

We invite you to read on and -- consider joining with us. Or, if you're not a Tv, we hope that you can make use of this information. Pass it on to a needy friend. Perhaps you might even re-examine your own attitudes towards Tvism and think of how you can be more supportive. Or, if you're some other kind of crossdresser -- and there are many other kinds -- why not join one of those groups that have a more open membership policy.

UNDERSTANDING THE SECOND SELF

The Second Self! The woman within! Most every Tv knows what we mean by this. But even Tv's tend to underestimate how common - even universal - this Second Self is.

As newborn humans we are no more than tiny male creatures; We have within us all the behavioral potentials as our female counterparts. But within moments after birth, our parents effectively punch the blue bitton on the social computer within their heads. Out comes an imaginary tape with all the behavioral recipes for making what society consider a "proper boy". Not only are we placed in the blue bassinet and wrapped in blue blankets, but we are also enveloped in the standard concepts

of masculinity. And, on the flip side, we are protected from, and punished for any manifestation of femininity. So, like all little boys, we have had to deny and submerge 50% of our total personality in the interest of getting along with our parents, friends and society-at-large.

There is buried within every man a complete "woman". It is the sum of all those feminine potentials, those behaviors, those yearnings, that are part of OUR birthright but which society says we should disown. The only real difference between Tv's and other men is that we have somehow made contact with the "woman within" and found it to be stimulating and satisfying.

For many of us, this contact came between the ages of 5 and 10. Some precipitating event like dressing up as a girl for a Halloween party, or being given a female part in a school play. Or simply curiosity -- finding our mother's slip in the clothes hamper, wondering what it would feel like, and putting it on. For some of us, these events occur later in life -- adult "chorus lines" or money raising "mock weddings," for instance.

Regardless of when or how, the impact is usually the same. It FEELS nice, both emotionally, sensually, and perhaps even spiritually. And often, especially among newly emerging Tv's, it is a sexually stimulating feeling. Whatever the feeling, it's a potent magnet, drawing the Tv back time and time again!

Conservative estimates suggest roughly several million of today's American males have had this sort of satisfying contact with their "woman-within." But, as we have said many times, why us, and not the others? Well, for some it's a matter of circum-

stances, simply that some males have not had that "precipitating" event happen to them. Many others, though, do have the experience but don't find it especially satisfying or noteworthy. Perhaps the Tv is just more in tune with this response -- more perceptive and sensitive. Or maybe it's genetic, hormonal or even biological. Nobody really knows.

The mystery of it all makes the idea of a "cure" little more than a fantasy. Tv's have thrown their clothes away, gotten "saved", grown beards, dressed their wives as satin-dolls and done all of these things in combination. Psychiatrists have doggedly tried to "free" their patients of the desire to crossdress. But nothing ever seems to work! The desire keeps coming back.

The members of the Society see crossdressing as yet another mode of self-expression. One which is personally and socially healthy and rewarding.



**Carol Beecroft -
Society National Leader**

TRANSVESTISM: WHAT IT IS AND IS NOT

Crossdressing is common to a number of behavior patterns -- a fact that confuses Tv's and non-Tv's alike. Tv's, drag queens, pre-operative transsexuals, fetishists, female impersonators, and sado-masochists approach crossdressing with different motivations and derive different satisfactions from it. Tv's can achieve greater self-understanding -- and hence self-acceptance -- by considering how our own motivations and satisfactions compare with these different personality types.

Drag queens and female impersonators are the most visible types of crossdressers. Drag Queens are gay -- or at least bi-sexual -- males who typically don women's clothes and manners to mock society's stereotype of gay men. Or they do it to attract a sex partner, helping to ease the guilt that some gay men feel over their "abnormal" sexual preference.

An off-shot of gay crossdressing is the drag prostitute, who aims to make a living by selling oral sex. Like their female counterparts, they typically prefer to deal with heterosexual males.

Female impersonators are men who develop their crossdressing and femme manner into a performing art, usually for the purpose of making a living. They often perform impressions of classic feminine types such as Judy Garland and Mae West. Craig Russell and Jim Bailey are probably today's most popular impersonators. Such impersonators are usually drag queens.

Most of society forms its impression of Tv's through contact with

female impersonators (in night clubs, movie theaters and on television) or with drag queens or drag prostitutes (in bars or in the streets). Society also notes the professional comedians who crossdress for laughs. Hence, Tv's are expected to be outrageous, gay or hustling for sex.

Transsexuals are people who believe that they are trapped in the body of the wrong sex. Male-to-female transsexuals, for example, deeply believe that they are females and seek sex-change surgery to correct nature's anatomical mistake. Transsexuals typically go through a pre-operative test period in which they live full-time as women. Though the transsexual herself doesn't consider it so, most people see this pre-operative behavior as cross-dressing.

Fetishists are typically partial crossdressers who have an erotic attachment to some article of women's clothing. These can vary from high-heeled shoes to girdles. Holding, feeling, smelling or wearing such items is a powerful erotic stimulant. In the most classic cases, the male is actually impotent without his fetish.

The line between fetishism and Tvism is often unclear. Many Tv's start with only several pieces of women's clothing and find their interest growing. On the other hand, the fetish seems to be "arrested" in his development and appears never to get beyond the erotic attachment to certain feminine garments.

Bondage, domination and humiliation are forms of sexually satisfying sado-masochistic behavior that sometimes use crossdressing as an incidental element. Most men in our society consider wearing women's clothing to be a humiliating step downward. But some men derive sexual pleasure

from this form of humiliation, especially when administered by a dominating woman.

So, how does the "pure" Tv differ from all of these other types?

As compared to the sado-masochist, the Tv is a lover of things feminine. To him, feeling, looking and acting feminine is delightful, rather than humiliating.

Compared to the fetishist, Tv's typically cultivate a complete feminine image, with undergarments, make-up wig, and padding for breasts and hips.

Unlike transsexuals, Tv's know that they are men, derive at least some pleasure from their maleness and masculinity and -- though they may have occasionally fantasized it -- have no real desire to change sex.

Though gay and bi-sexual Tv's exist, most authorities now feel that the majority -- and perhaps the overwhelming majority -- of Tv's are heterosexual.

Finally, most most Tv's, cross-dressing is an end to itself. Being free to act and move in a more feminine way, being treated as a woman, being free to decorate one's self and feel the caressing touch of the many soft fabrics available to women -- these feelings are satisfying in and of themselves.

Many people are indeed surprised to find that Tv's aren't looking for sex like the drag queens, or for a living, like the drag prostitutes and female impersonators. Many gay people are surprised that heterosexual Tv's exist at all! In fact, to the vicarious thrill seeker, real Tvism probably appears shockingly boring.



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THE TV SUBCULTURE

The oppression of social minorities does have its positive side, and this is as true for Tv's as it is for black people or gays. Huddled together in society's shadows, we not only learn to survive but to flourish. We create our own culture.

Social/advocacy organizations like the Society are only part of the larger Tv sub-culture. We have a wide variety of magazines and newspapers, some bordering on sleaze and others quite dignified and wholesome, like TRANS-VESTIA, published by our sister firm Chevalier Publications.

Helping-professionals, researchers and educational groups comprise yet another part of our culture. It includes counseling groups and a variety of gender identity clinics in many of our large cities. It also includes academics at some of our major universities

who, in looking for explanations, are charting and analysing patterns common to the lives of Tv's.

COMING OUT OF THE CLOSET

There is a vicious circle that keeps public attitudes hostile and keeps Tv's in the closet. In some ways, Tv's are their own worst enemies. By keeping our "Second Self's" closeted, we denying the experience of knowing a Tv to those people most likely to accept and understand us. Consequently, most people get their impression of Tvism from the more visible types of cross-dressers -- and the most extreme types often taken as the norm.

So, coming out of the closet is essential for our own peace of mind but also a pre-condition for the creation of a more understanding and accepting society.

"Coming out" is where the Society comes in. To us, "coming out" begins with self recognition. Admitting that, "Yes, I do like to crossdress and have liked to do it for a long time," and that, "Yes, these are my desires, a part of my soul, not some foreign spell cast over me by the devil or by anyone else" -- owning up to these feelings and desires is the heart of self recognition. For many of us, the decision to join the Society was our first firm statement of Tv self-recognition.

But recognition is only the first step to acceptance -- feeling that it's OK to want to crossdress and OK to do it. Overcoming the guilt and shame is part of the process. This is a road few of us are able to travel alone, and that many of us may never have travelled without the Society!

For the emerging Tv there are if any, more powerful experiences than meeting or even corresponding with Tv's who are at peace with themselves. To find that Tv's can live happy, well adjusted lives with friends and families who accept and understand them, to actually meet an accepting Tv's wife, to see and feel first hand that Tv's are really as likeable and respectable as anyone else, to feel the companionship, encouragement and compassion of people like themselves -- all such experiences are emotionally uplifting and heart-warming to the emerging Tv.

For most of us, our joining the Society unlocked the door to these kinds of experiences: our first correspondence from a Society sister; our first attendance at a local chapter party -- many of us mark these as turning points in our "coming out."

For some -- indeed a growing number of us -- the culmination of our "coming out" occurs in public -- 'passing' as women on the street or in a restaurant, acting as contact persons for a Tv organization and perhaps doing an interview in the local media to let others know that they are not alone. With the support and experience gained through Society activities, some of our members have found a confidence in public that seemed totally inconceivable and downright dangerous a few short years ago.

Going public, though, is not for everyone. Indeed, many of our members rightfully fear the loss of family, as well as their job and reputation that public exposure could bring.

"Coming out" then, is a most personal thing. There is no right or wrong path -- only alternatives. Each Tv's choice of alternatives needs to be

tailored to their individual circumstances and needs. We of the Society try to provide the safe and supportive climate that each Tv needs in charting the course that is right for him.

THE SOCIETY : HISTORY, STRUCTURE AND IDENTITY

The Society was born in 1976 with the merger of two established organizations. The merger combined the successful "security" membership system of one organization, with the successful experience in chapter organization of the other. Carol Beecroft is now the Society's national leader.

Today the society has a nationwide membership of about 400 members. The organization is administered by a dedicated and total volunteer team of national, regional, and local leaders as well as a national Advisory Board.

Who are we? The typical Society member is either married or formally married -- only about 20% of our members have never been married. We are slightly older than the male population as a whole and much more highly educated. More than half of our members are college graduates and more than 3/4 have had some college education. And virtually every kind of occupation can be found among our ship.

The vast majority of our members are private crossdressers. That is, they limit their dressing to the privacy of their homes or the cover of night and socialize 'en femme' only at chapter meetings or with their closest confidants. About a third of our married members describe their wives as "co-

operative" or "understanding". A nearly equal number of wives are reported to be either "antagonistic" or "violent" toward their husband's crossdressing -- or ignorant of it altogether.

THE SOCIETY: POLICIES AND PROGRAMS

The Society remains true to the central policies of the parent organizations; It accepts only heterosexual Tv's for membership, referring gays, transsexuals, fetishists and other types of crossdressers to other organizations with "open" membership policies. The Society places a premium on preserving the privacy and securing the identity of our members! Each new member signs a pledge to respect these policies and is subject to automatic and swift expulsion if caught breaking the pledge. These broad policies give the Society its basic character and tone. With these as both back-drop and defining-limits, the Society's multiple programs offer something for every member.



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Communications and Security

As a Society member you will have instant access to the companionship and support of our sisters, but it is, however, access with security!

First contacts between members are channeled through our coded Directory and mail forwarding service. The Directory, which only our members can possess, lists our members by their femme name and code number, and includes enough biographical information as well as a femme picture that allows each of us to make an informed choice of correspondents. First-time letters are sent to our national office and addressed only to the recipient member's code number. The office staff then forwards the letters to the correct address.

As a first-time correspondent, you may or may not wish to reveal your mailing address. If you choose not to, letters of response will reach you through the forwarding service. However, once you and your new Society friends feel comfortable with each other, you can exchange letters directly.

The Femme Mirror

All members receive the Femme Mirror, our bi-monthly newspaper. The Femme Mirror is a place where members can share their experiences and insights with one another. It's a place where our leaders can inform us about events of the Society. Perhaps it is the airing of some important Society policy issue. Or it could be a message alerting us to an inflammatory newspaper column or television show that demands a response from the membership.

The Femme Mirror is also a place where we can have some fun; where we can share cartoons, photos, poems, information about revelant books and movies and such. And it's a place where our wives and woman-friends can talk to one another about THEIR special concerns.

The Convention

Inaugurated in 1979, the Society holds an annual Fall convention for members, wives and friends in the hospitable city of New Orleans. A well-rounded and full femme-experience, the Convention combines social events, educational discussions and demonstrations, and the freedom to float through the town 'en femme' with your supportive Society sisters. For many of us, the Convention is truly an inspiring event, and we return home determined to help re-create that freedom and acceptance.

Educational and Promotional Materials

The Society has recently begun producing and distributing educational material about crossdressing. The brochure that you hold in your hands is sent free to all who inquire about us. We also plan to distribute it nationwide to counselors and counseling services who work with Tv's. We have also developed a full-length story about the Society and Tvism and are now attempting to place it in various nationwide and local printed media.

Our sister firm, Chevalier Publications, distributes some of the most definitive literature available on crossdressing. Included are such books as "Understanding Crossdressing" and "The Transvestite And His Wife." Our members also help to distribute

these materials by purchasing gift copies and donating them to their local libraries.

As for promotion, the Society expects to spend between 15 and 20% of its national budget on advertising the Society. Indeed, some of you may have learned about us through our ads *Psychology Today*, *Human Behavior* and *Penthouse*. We've also developed more subtle outreach methods, such as the index cards that our members place in their local library's index catalog.

Local Chapters

All Society members are eligible -- and indeed, are encouraged -- to join one of our local chapters. These chapters and their continued development are at the heart of the Society's program.

Our chapters hold regular social gatherings that give our members an outlet -- a chance to crossdress among others like themselves. Some of our members travel hundreds of miles to take advantage of these gatherings. These chapters are breeding grounds for Tv friendships that last a lifetime. Such friendships give the kind of companionship and support that each of us needs to gain true self-acceptance. We find that chapter members often carry on their friendships inbetween chapter meetings.

Many a Tv wife has had her fears put to rest at a Society chapter meeting. Often one such gathering can be worth a thousand books and articles and counseling sessions. Our wives and woman-friends finds us to be dignified and decent people, secure in our heterosexuality and in our male-

ness. In the presence of other understanding females, they find behavior models and fountains of wisdom.

Our chapters also provide programs and guest speakers tailored to the interests of the members. Many chapters cultivate relationships with sympathetic professionals - hair stylists, cosmeticians, lawyers, counselors, electrologists and photographers. Their expertise, whether offered in discussions or demonstrations or on a one-to-one basis, has highlighted many a chapter meeting.

All chapters operate within the Society's overall policy framework. Yet they also exercise considerable autonomy. Each chapter develops its own program of activities and its own strategy for recruiting. Each chapter has its own officers, newsletter and dues structure.

Where chapters exist, or where membership concentrations are large enough for them to exist, the Society's national and regional staffs provide back-up assistance for local leaders. For example, the national staff runs our nationwide publicity campaign. This campaign yields a steady flow of inquiries from around the country, and such inquiries are referred to local leaders

Our national staff distributes a special newsletter called *Inside Stuff* -- for all leaders. It includes insights on how to locate new members at the local level, how to draw them into a group and how to start and sustain such a group. With this kind of backup and the dedicated work of all leaders, we hope to see the country blanketed with local Society chapters.

Needless to say, there are many members who give much of their time in order to keep the chapters growing!

DIRECTORY:

Stores and Shops

A problem almost all Tvs have is the difficulty in purchasing women's clothing in the correct size and style, as well as being fitted for woman-type, feminine glasses. Purchasing a wig of the correct style and shade is also a problem.

Most Tv's have to rely on catalogs or have the emotionally draining experience of trying to purchase something for the "wife" or "mother" or "girlfriend." The resulting embarrassment has prevented many Tv's from going back the second time. Certainly it would be far better if the Tv could go into a store and be waited on by an "understanding" sales-lady. Even better would be the acceptance of the store in allowing our sisters to come into the shop "dressed" and be treated as just another woman, without the

embarrassment normally involved. Our Society is slowly gathering information for a Directory of stores and shops that would be sympathetic to our members. IN time we will locate many shops where the members can receive sympathetic and understanding service.

OUR WIVES

Few transvestites are fortunate enough to have a wife who "understands" and cooperates with her Tv husband. These wives are called "A" wives and often help their husbands choose proper clothing. They also often accompany their Tv husbands on trips involving shopping and dinner. Unfortunately for the vast majority of Tv's, most wives fall in the category of "C", "D", and "E" wives. This often means that the husband has to hide or repress his dressing activities.



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Many wives are, understandably, experiencing great difficulty in understanding their husband's transvestism. As a result, the family is often split with arguments and incriminations - with the net result often being a divided family or even divorce. Our Society is very interested in healing these breaches in the family and is busy experimenting with various programs and activities in an attempt to come up with several successful programs to help those wives who need and desire assistance in their quest for "understanding." In the Los Angeles area, we have experimented with socials in which husbands and wives are brought together at the home of a member. By getting to know the various members in such pleasant surroundings, many wives have been able to feel more relaxed and have made important strides towards their goal of acceptance of their husband's transvestism.

ESCORT SERVICE

Many unattached Tv's are interested in locating females who will go out with them on dates, shopping trips and to dinner. In addition, such females are needed to help the Tv with his clothing, makeup and other problems that Tv's have. A number of "understanding" females have been located who are more than willing to go out with our sisters. This is a new program and much remains to be done but the future looks promising for our "escort service."

AND FINALLY

The Society For The Second Self through its many programs designed to help the heterosexual male and his wife, is the best equipped organization that has yet been developed to assist our type of Tv. The Society is growing and is actively seeking out the many Tv's who, in turn, are looking for our

type of organization. As organized, each chapter is not alone but can depend on assistance from other chapters and Regional Coordinators. It is planned that in the future there will be many regional, state and even larger area gatherings which will allow our members to develop new friendships and assist in the development of new ideas to make the Society strong.

The leaders of the Society feel that most people will agree that the national dues amounting to \$2.50 a month (\$30.00 a year) are hardly too much when one looks at the benefits to be gained. And not previously mentioned are the thousands of volunteered hours donated by leaders at all levels - all done in the interest of developing and planning for now and the future.

The Society hopes that the reader of this brochure can comprehend and appreciate all that has been done and will be done in the future for its members. The future will bring new problems to be solved and new programs to be developed, but through the dedication of experienced leaders the individual member can be assured that the Society will grow and develop throughout the world.

JOINING THE SOCIETY

Our Admission Procedure is really quite simple -- it works on the "honor system."

Having gotten this far into our brochure, ask yourself if you qualify for membership in our Society. Are you a heterosexual Tv? Are you looking for a Tv 'home' that emphasizes friendship and mutual support? Are you concerned about your own privacy and willing to respect the privacy of our members?

If you can sincerely say "Yes" to these questions, then we invite you to join with us. What is the next step? If you are satisfied with what you have read and feel that you qualify for membership, you should fill out the Pledge that follows. There is an additional bit of information that we need for your femme placement in our national Directory of members. Fill out all information and return the papers with the annual dues of \$30.00. You will shortly be notified of your acceptance. You will also receive your code number, a copy of the latest *Femme Mirror* and a copy of the latest Directory.

MEMBERSHIP PLEDGE AND AGREEMENT

I understand the purpose of The Society For The Second Self to be the assistance of its members in developing understanding, acceptance and psychological growth in the realm of my expression of the feminine side of my personality. I pledge to assist, when possible, in the dissemination of information about crossdressing to the public so as to increase general awareness of this subject. I further agree:

1. To do my part in passing on what knowledge and understanding I can to those not so fortunate or as developed as myself.
2. To assist my Sorority sisters in handling their crossdressing related problems and to devote my energy to such problems when requested.
3. To take part in programs, when possible, and to actively contribute my talents towards making the Sorority a successful organization - psychologically, socially, and therapeutically.
4. To recognize that information about Sorority sisters (real names and addresses) is theirs to give voluntarily. If such information is given to me, I will keep it most confidential.
5. To keep National Headquarters informed of behavior and activities which are against the best interests of the organization. I understand that my membership will be revoked if found guilty of conduct unbecoming of a sister in the Sorority.
6. It is further understood that the personal information revealed in order to gain membership into the Sorority will not be revealed to any other than the officers of the organization and only then when needed for Sorority business.

In seeking membership I acknowledge that I believe in the full expression of my personality, both masculine AND feminine.

Understanding and agreeing to the above I am:

Name _____

Address _____

Name and address to be used for mailing purposes

Femme name

OTHER OPTIONS

Perhaps you are gay or bi-sexual or another type of Tv that really doesn't fit in with our organization. Or you could possibly be a Tv who is looking for a more sexually-oriented group. If you don't fit our organization, we hope that you will screen yourself out of consideration for membership. In that case you might like to contact one of the more "open" organizations such as the "Alliance" located in Pa.

Pippin dresses and makes up at home but has not ventured out except to costume parties. She hopes to get out more in the future. Pippin reports that she has an understanding wife and family. She is interested in meeting and writing to her sisters. She likes to write poetry, dancing and experimenting with cosmetics. She writes non-fiction and is currently working on a book on appearance as an expression of character. She is active in church work. She enjoys cooking and doing general repairs. Best of all, she likes reading and writing. She promises to write. Pippin is 43 years young!

PIPPIN
Knoxville, Tn
TN-203-H
Married
College
Teacher
Protestant



PHYLLIS
Vallejo, Ca
CA-321-C
Married
College
Sales
Catholic

Phyllis, Age 52, writes to tell us that she dresses mostly at home although she did attend Dream in 1974. She has an understanding wife who would be very interested in hearing from other wives of crossdressers - especially those who are understanding. Phyllis adds that she is interested and likes to go camping, likes to putter around in her garden at home, getting involved with antiques and she still finds time for another interest in home decorating.

Edith Marie says that her wife does not know about her crossdressing and if she did find out, there would be a divorce. She only started crossdressing last year. She likes corresponding with other crossdressers. She does attend ChiDelta Mu chapter. Her interests are: Lutheran Church, model railroading, computers, reading and photography. She is only able to dress while away from home on business. She's a Civil Engineer.

Edith Marie
Valley Cottage, N.Y.
NY-319-W
Age 55
Married
Lutheran



Betty
Mexico
FM-104-P
Age 27
Married
Catholic

Betty says that she started to crossdress around the age of 12 and is lucky to have a wife who understands her and assists Betty with her crossdressing. They are interested in meeting other couples in Tri-Ess. She is a Civil Engineer. Although she has gone out while visiting in England, she is very frightened about going out in Mexico. She likes photography, music and enjoys shopping for femme things. She will answer all letters.



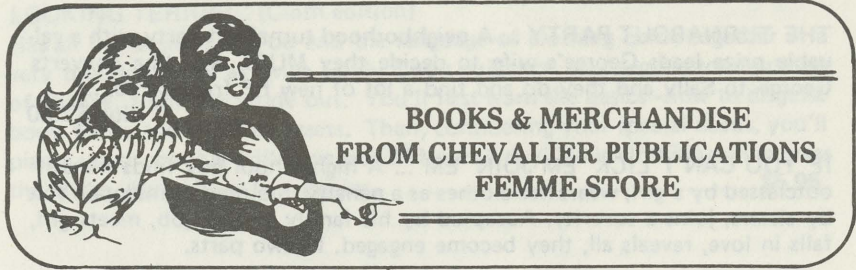
Valarie
Wayne, N.J.
NJ-306-C
Age 29
College
Pharmaceutical
Single

Valarie writes that she enjoys dressing at home and at hotels along with other crossdressers. She is also a musician and a semi-photographer. She likes writing and would like to meet other Tri-Ess sisters. She is interested in attending a chapter.



Peggy
Norman, Ok
OK-303-G
Age 33
Divorced
College

Peggy lives by herself and dresses often. She has not met another crossdresser and only recently started corresponding. She is interested in locating an understanding woman. She enjoys traveling, especially to foreign countries and loves the mountains. She is able to sew some of her own clothes including the blouse in the photo. She is interested in photography, reading, writing and singing in a choir.



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