

# CROSS DRESSERS INTERNATIONAL

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*Serving the Special Needs of Special People*

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### CDI IS FOR YOU

Cross Dressers International, hereinafter called CDI, was founded by S. Kristine James now director of the group. Kristine acted after many requests and years of planning. Finally, there are week night programs! CDI is a non-profit, non-sexual organization open to all who cross dress with a full feminine identity regardless of sexual practices or orientation.

CDI sponsors meetings, parties, dinners, shows and serves as a membership organization serving the educational, social, recreational needs of all cross dressers.

For members and friends, CDI provides friendship and a secure, non-threatening environment. A newsletter is published and supplied free to members. Members receive substantial discounts to all special programs and activities and often free admission. Members also receive discounts on services and merchandise. David E. Tolbin is the advisor to CDI, Karen Cioe is our New York Director and S. Kristine James is our National Executive Director.

### MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

At present there is a membership drive. Membership is \$25 for twelve months from date of receipt. Send check or money order today for \$25 payable to CDI to P.O. Box 61, Easton PA 18044-0061. All activities are held in New York City. We cooperate with other organizations serving the cross dressing community.

### CDI CHANGES LOCATION!

I must apologize for the lateness of this news letter, but with the pressures of the lingerie show, I got behind. Also as we were getting this newsletter ready for mailing and confirming the dates for the remaining meetings of 1991, we were advised that Farnies had closed. This gave us major problems that are now solved. One of the best things that came as a result of our show is that Sally has opened her arms to our organization. We are welcome to use her wonderful ballroom and facilities for our future events.

What this really means to our organization is that we now have a permanent place to hold our events in privacy and with adequate changing facilities. Also there will be a considerable savings in costs that will lower the cost per event to you, our members. Yes, there is no restaurant. However, there are many catering firms that will be happy to provide a buffet dinner for us. We will have the opportunity to sample some of

New York's finest restaurants at our own location. We have been required to make some changes to the dates and these are reflected in our calendar. Please take note. I think that you will find this location, complete with all the parking that you will ever need, and is the best available anywhere. The staff here has done everything possible to make you welcome and feel comfortable. Future meetings will be at Sally's II, 252 W. 43rd St. New York, N.Y.

### 1991 LINGERIE PARTY WAS A SUCCESS

Over one hundred members and friends braved the rain and bad weather to attend a gala event. The ballroom was aglow in palm trees, streamers and balloons. Karen and her friends transformed the room into a warm and exciting environment to display some wonderful creations. Our member models of Melissa, Carla, Cassie and Dana, assisted by Gina, Monica and Suzzane presented fashions that would make you look like the girl of your dreams. Terry told us

about the fashions and gave us some ideas to ponder. Kim, Samantha and Linda solved all of the problems at the door while Penney and others helped us out behind the scenes. The staff at Sally's spent a lot of time in helping us prepare for this event and did everything possible to insure the success of our function. The audience was not as large as we had expected, but when there is bad weather in Manhattan, every thing stops.

Our heartfelt thanks goes out to all of those that devoted hundreds of hours to help make this a success.

### FUN AND GAMES NIGHT

This is our next function and will be held at Sally's II at 252 W. 43RD St. in Manhattan on Wednesday, October 9th. Please plan to arrive by 7:15 p.m. If you need to change, please come earlier. We are planning to have a buffet and expect the cost will be about \$15.00 for non-members and around \$10.00 for members. If you have not paid your dues yet, please plan to do so at this meeting.

Bring with you a game that can be played by others and have a good mixer. We will also have some fun items to enjoy. How about some fun trivia ideas? This also will be a good time to meet several of the new members that we signed up in September and share some new friendships with those kindred spirits who share your fantasies and concerns.

This is also our Halloween party, so why not wear some crazy costume and make us all jealous.

## CALENDAR

Wed Oct 9	Halloween Party
Thurs Nov. 21	Fashion Show
Tues Dec. 17	Holiday Party
Thurs Jan. 23	Dinner & Social

## FASHION SHOW

Our outer wear fashion show will be held on Thursday November 21 1991 at Sally's. Plan to arrive at 7:15 p.m. or earlier if you need to change. This will be our Thanksgiving feast and a great buffet is being planned. We don't know what the cost will be, but we are trying to keep it around the same price as the October gathering.

Each person has a favorite outfit that you have obtained that you would like to show us. Wear your favorite outfit, model it for the group and tell us the story about it. Where did you get it; how much did it cost; and how were you received when it was discovered that it was for you and not a genetic female. All of us have some exciting stories to tell about our experiences in shopping. We would love to hear about your most favorite fun times shopping.

This event can be a lot of fun and we hope you will join us for a great experience and socializing.

## CHRISTMAS PARTY.

To accommodate a conflict in schedules, this date has been changed to Tuesday December 17, 1991 and will be held at Sally's. We are planning a fully catered sit down meal. What this means as we go to press with this newsletter is not yet known. With the changes that we are making, all the information is not yet available. It will be cleared up in the next issue.

What is known is that we will have a dinner with dancing until the wee hours and a lot of fun.

Each attendee is encouraged to bring a grab bag gift to be raffled off to someone else. This gift should not exceed \$7.50 in retail. Cosmetics, costume jewelry, lingerie are just a few suggestions. We also will need some help in making and setting up decorations. Let's see how creative our members can get. Everybody will be in the holiday spirit and we expect to have a large crowd and a lot of fun.

## 1992 A GREAT SCHEDULE IS PLANNED.

Starting in January, we will zero in on a permanent Thursday of every month. These arrangements are now being made and the final schedule for all of 1992, will be available shortly. It will contain locations, dates and events.

We will start a series called "Crossing Over to Femininity!" This series will start with JoAnne Roberts, founder of Renaissance in Philadelphia and noted educator and lecturer. This will be on Thursday January 23, 1992 at Sally's.

This will be followed by gatherings featuring sessions on make-overs, wig selection and care, voice, deportment and many other topics. If you would like to hear a particular speaker or have a special subject covered, let us know. We will be contracting with Alyson Lang and many other famous people to help us out. Plan to attend and be an active member.

That's it for now.  
As always love and kisses,  
Kris.

## SPECIAL EVENTS FOR SPECIAL PEOPLE

October 3-6 Southeastern Regional Conference Convention

Atlanta, Georgia  
Linda Peacock  
Sigma Epsilon  
Box 7241

Tallahassee, FL 32314

October 4-6 Autumn Accord II

Syracuse, NY  
Hotel Syracuse  
Hotel Registration: 1-800-255-3892  
Event Registration: EON  
523 W. Onondaga St.  
Syracuse, NY 13204  
315-475-5611

October 9 CDI Dinner, Social and Fun and Games Night

SALLY'S II  
252 W 43RD ST.

Reservations required: 212-243-0837

October 18-27 Fantasia Fair

Provincetown, MA  
Fantasia Fair, Ltd  
405 Western Ave., Suite 345  
So. Portland, ME 04106

October 25-27 Dressing for Pleasure

Meadowlands Hilton  
Secaucus, NJ  
Constance Enterprises  
P.O. Box 43277  
Upper Montclair, NJ 07043  
201-746-0072

November 21 CDI Fashion show and dinner

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252 W. 43RD ST.

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December 17 CDI Holiday Dinner, Dance and Social

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Starting in January, 1992, CDI will host monthly dinners and seminars on "Crossing Over to Femininity."

We will feature subjects on Getting Started, Coming Out of the Closet, Make Overs, Voice Training, Identifying Your Inner Self, Looking on the Outside Like You Feel on The Inside and other subjects. We will feature such internal speakers as Joanne Roberts, Alyson Lang and many local personalities.

For all the information on what is happening in the community, join CDI by completing an application and sending it to CDI, P.O. Box 61, Easton, PA 18044-0061. For information call Karen or Kristine 212-243-0837.