



May 1990

Calendar of Events			
5/17-20	CDS	Paradise in the Poconos	PA
5/17	Cross-Port	Meeting	Cincinnati
5/19	Paradise	Social	Lakewood, OH
5/26	Crystal	Meeting, Meral Crane	Columbus
6/7	IXE	Meeting	Indianapolis
6/6-10	Several Clubs	Be All	Pittsburgh, PA
6/7	Transpitt	Social	Pittsburgh
6/9	Transpitt	Meeting	Pittsburgh
6/9	Alpha Omega	Meeting	Lakewood, OH
6/16	Paradise	Meeting	Lakewood, OH
6/21	Cross-Port	Meeting	Cincinnati
6/23	Crystal	Meeting	Columbus
7/5	IXE	Meeting	Indianapolis
7/12	Transpitt	Social	Pittsburgh
7/14	Transpitt	Meeting	Pittsburgh
7/14	Alpha Omega	Meeting	Lakewood, OH
7/21	Paradise	Meeting	Lakewood, OH
7/19	Cross-Port	Meeting	Cincinnati
7/28	Crystal	Meeting, Attorney	Columbus
10/12-21	Outreach Institute	Fantasia Fair	Provincetown, MA

Presidents Column

Hello ladies! We had our first board meeting the 18th of April. I feel that this first meeting came off very well. We hope that this meeting will cut down on the business portion of our regular monthly meetings which in turn will give us more time for our guest speakers and to socialize a little more. Thanks to all the officers that came to the meeting. I'd like to remind everyone that all members are welcome to attend this meeting.

We've been having some great turn outs at the last few meetings. Last month was no exception which brings up a favor that I'd like to ask of all our regular members that attend on a fairly regular basis. I'd like to ask you to become sponsors to the new people that attend their first few meetings. By sponsors I mean to greet them at the door,

introduce them around, and help them feel more comfortable and at home with us. Remember how it was your first time out. Thank you all for your help.

I'd like to urge everyone to come out to the next meeting May 26th as Dr. Meral Crane is our guest speaker. Try to come out and see what she has to talk to us about. This will be our most informative meeting so please don't miss out on it.

Our food drive donations will be going in some time in August. We'd like to make this a regular event every six months with a goal of 75 items for our first six months. We'll try to keep you posted on amount of items as we get closer to the turn in date. I'd like to thank all of those that have helped start this on its way. Thank you all!

Rochelle Richards

May Meeting

Our speaker for the May 26 meeting is Meral Crane. The doors will be open by 7 PM, Dr. Crane will speak at 8 PM. Dr. Crane is probably the best known counselor in the field of gender dysphoria in Central Ohio. She has counseled many transsexuals through the SRS process.

This is a major event for the Crystal Club. Dr. Crane is usually paid a large fee to speak to groups, and has graciously agreed to address us for a token honorarium. This is one meeting you won't want to miss!

If you feel you are transsexual, might lean in that direction, or are uncomfortable in the role of a man, this is an especially important meeting to attend.

While the Crystal Club is an open group, and we welcome TVs, TSs, and others with gender issues, we have been much more successful in helping meet the needs of TVs than we have of TSs. This club is for the TS as well. If you are TS, we'd like to encourage you to come to the May meeting. Tell us what your needs are, what sort of role you'd like the club to fill. If we can all get together as a group, perhaps we can help each other make it through this difficult process.

Please remember to bring a can of food for the needy to the meeting. Last month we got a lot of soup. Let's try to offer a bit more balanced diet this month!

May Business Meeting

The May business meeting will be held May 17th at 8:30 PM at Mary Ann's home. If you have attended any Crystal Club meeting, you are welcome to come and participate. If you are a member, you can vote. If you don't know how to get there, call the Crystal Club phone number (or Mary Ann's number, if you have it) for directions.

Phone Number

We are pleased to announce the the Crystal Club now has a telephone. The number is (614) 777-0648. This number has an answering machine. The number can be given out to the public, as it will be published in the Columbus Dispatch's listing of support groups.

You can use this number to let us know in advance that you're coming to a meeting. Knowing how many people to expect at a meeting is a big help to us, because we know how much food to bring, how big a room we need, and if anyone has any special

needs such as needing to arrive early. Please call, even if it's Saturday morning, to let us know you're coming.

The phone has another big advantage. When a new member writes, rather than having to send out a questionnaire and wait for the mail, we can give them the club telephone number immediately. This will speed up the interview process, which will help more people join the club.

April Meeting

The April meeting was a big success. We had about 20 people present, and thanks to compensation by the motel for last month's changing room mixup, we had the use of the changing room as well as both the small and large conference rooms.

The meeting consisted almost entirely of socializing. The business meeting was very brief, thanks to Rochelle's new structure of holding business meetings separately, and Susan reading the minutes to the entire group. We briefly discussed the issue of members in prison, and left it up to the officers to investigate further.

A videotape about determining the color and season of a person, in order to help them decide what type of clothes will look best on them, was shown. Three people watched the tape while others socialized.

We'd like to extend our thanks to Dana from the Indianapolis Crossdressers Society, IXE, for coming to the April meeting. We had the benefit of her experience at IXE, which is a few years older than Crystal but is similar in many ways. We hope to reciprocate soon by visiting IXE. Dana has joined the Crystal Club as a full member, and we welcome her to the club.

April Meeting Minutes

The board met on the 18th. Anybody is welcome to come. Anybody that's a member that comes can vote.

Rochelle, as the president, will set goals for the club. The main goal she set was growth. She indicated that of all the people that have attended, about 60 to 70 people, only 21 have joined. We need to get back to some of these people to see what they liked about the Crystal Club.

Each meeting, we need 2 to 3 volunteers, regulars, to orient new people who come to the club, to take them around and introduce them to everybody. The officers are usually busy, so we need some regulars to volunteer.

le set a deadline for the newsletter of one week after the previous meeting. This will allow us to get the newsletter out in time to announce the business meeting.

he president has the overall responsibility to direct and set policy, meeting activities, and oversee the direction of the club. The vice president would oversee committee meetings and oversee staff responsibilities.

le can rotate committee meetings. Three people volunteered to host committee meetings, Linda, Mary Ann, and Rochelle.

le need at least five officers at board meetings to vote.

le need to decide what is a club decision and what is a resident's decision. Anything the president decides the members should vote on will be brought before the membership. If you don't like a decision, you can always take it to a vote.

at future meetings, we will collect meeting fees at the door. This helps keep things from getting out of hand from waiting until midnight to go around collecting the fees. It avoids confusion by people who had already left and didn't understand our meeting fees.

he first year we pay for a membership, we pay for a full year. The second year will be pro-rated. After that, membership will be renewed each June, with membership years running from July to June.

we're also getting a telephone with an answering machine. The number is 777-0648. This number will be available for new people to call and find out something about a meeting, or for new people to call. This number can be given out to the general public. This will speed up responses to new people, since we can give them the number.

we will try to schedule speakers three months in advance. We'll also try to get some other activities going. If there's something somebody wants to see, we'll be glad to take your input. There are also a lot of interesting shows on VCR, some of the Donahue and Geraldo shows, we'll try to get some of those together and get a librarian to keep track of all this. Meetings where we don't have a speaker, we may have the small conference room, we may have the large conference room, we may bring a VCR and play a tape.

we're having a food drive. Everybody should bring one can of food to each meeting. We'll elect somebody to give these cans of food to a charity every six months.

We discussed having one meeting away from the Crystal Club sometime each year, although we don't know if it will happen this year. It could be at a restaurant. Paradise has a picnic each year.

We're going to issue membership cards. They have been printed and should be available at the May meeting.

We've gotten some inquiries from people in prison. One of these is actually a crossdresser. If anyone would like to be a pen-pal with any of these persons, let us know.

Treasurer's Report April 1990

!Starting Balance	381.07	!
!Meeting Fees	310.00	!
!Membership Dues	75.00	!
!Donation	1.00	!
!Total	386.00	!
!Food and Beverages	-81.66	!
!Meeting Rooms	-166.80	!
!Postage	-25.00	!
!Printing	-88.72	!
!Total Expenses	-362.18	!
!		!
!Ending Balance	404.89	!

Susan

Gayfest Booth

The Ohio Lesbian/Gay Price 1990 will be held this June. Events include the Price Auction on June 2, and the Ohio Freedom March and Gayfest in late June. (The brochure doesn't seem to have given the exact date.)

It would probably be a good idea for the Crystal Club to have a booth at the gayfest. It will help us attract any new members who might be attending the festival. If we set up a booth, it will cost us \$15, and we need to have someone there for a weekend afternoon.

Last year's Gayfest was a nice event. There was a very upbeat parade, speeches, and a number of food booths. In general, it was a large, outdoor party. A dozen or so booths were set up to give information and sell merchandise such as T-shirts. The parade marched to Bicentennial park from Goodale park, with a small number of religious fanatics shouting insults at the participants near the beginning. There was brief TV and newspaper coverage, mostly

concentrating on the hecklers and the few drag queens in the parade.

If we are to put up such a booth, it's a chance to meet some new people, and a chance to spend a day outdoors dressed. (This will be nice if it doesn't rain - least year it poured.) If you are interested, please let us know. If you're from out of town, this is an especially good opportunity, as there won't be anybody here who might recognize you on TV. If you're out of the closet, or if you don't look much like yourself dressed, it's another good chance.

Letter from Sylvia Brooks

Ladies,

I am enjoying the issues of the Crystal Chronicle. It was nice to read your version of our interview. We never really know how we're doing without such feedback.

I was most interested that one of your new members is named Sylvia. (April CC page 7.)

Good luck,

Sylvia Brooks

[Sylvia, thank you for your wonderful article, and for helping to turn around the attitude of the Dispatch! We're now in the process of getting listed in the Sunday listing of support groups, and we're happy to see that the Dispatch is now beginning to print some pro-crossdressing columns. We also appreciate your nice letter! Please enjoy our monthly newsletters in good spirits! - MARJ]

Consumer Report

As a subscriber to Consumer Report Magazine I have read several reviews over the past few years of various products for women which might be of interest to many of the club members. Since it would not be legal to reprint these articles without permission, I am writing a synopsis of one of these reviews. If the membership feels that this type of information is helpful, I will summarize more reviews in future issues of the newsletter.

The product I will cover in this issue is facial cleansers. Like many cosmetic products, they make a lot of promises, such as "younger looking skin", but mostly they just take off make up. Soap and water can also do that. But soap and

water are less effective than cleansers at removing heavy make up. And too much scrubbing with soap and water can leave your skin rough, chapped, and tender.

For probably 80 years or more the standard cleanser for make up removal has been "cold cream." My mother used it, my grandmother used it, and prior to reading the review in Consumer Reports I used it. Cold cream is effective at removing make up, however it is messy, leaves the skin feeling greasy, and does not readily rinse off with water. There are several new products on the market that do rinse off with water. These new products along with the old standbys such as Ponds Cold Cream and Noxzema were tested.

Consumer Reports recruited a panel of 90 women to test these products. The panelists tried two products per week over a 10 week period, judging each product for a variety of attributes and for overall quality. The panelists were given the products in unlabelled jars to ensure objectivity.

The panelists showed a marked preference for Olay Beauty Cleanser, Elizabeth Arden Moisture Rich Skin Wash, and Reulan European Collagen Complex. According to the panelists, these three products were easy to apply and remove, took off make up efficiently, smelled pleasant, felt good on the skin during use and left the skin feeling nice after use. The top rated Olay Beauty Cleanser and Reulan European Collagen Complex are both moderately priced at \$0.85 and \$1.19 per ounce,

respectively. The Elizabeth Arden Moisture Rich Skin Wash cost \$2.13 per ounce.

I have personally tried both the Olay Beauty Cleanser and Reulan European Collagen Complex and recommend either one. I slightly prefer the Olay Beauty Cleanser which has recently had its name changed to Olay Daily Cleanser because I like its fragrance and texture and because it is less expensive. After using these products I will never use cold cream again.

If anyone wishes to read the entire Consumer Reports article, it is in the June 1989 issue available at your local library.

PS. I don't use these products for removing eye make up. I recommend that a product specifically for eye make up removal be used. Maybelline 100% Oil Free Eye Makeup Remover (blue bottle) works well for me, since I don't use waterproof mascara. If you use waterproof mascara a product such as Maybelline Special Formula Mascara Remover (pink bottle)

should work well.

Lynda

[Lynda - Thanks for the nice article! Silly me, using Kleenex and soap and water, now I'll know what to buy!]

Letter from Kathy

Dear Mary Ann,

Again, let me thank you and the other members of the Crystal Club for a lovely evening. You are all such wonderful and beautiful women. The magazine you lent me is tremendous. I am reading it with great admiration and will return it to you, probably by mail, in the near future.

The least I can do to repay you is to offer something for the Newsletter, which I am enclosing now since I realize that your deadline is coming up. If you don't think that it is especially appropriate, I certainly won't be offended if you simply throw it away.

Sincerely,
Kathy W.

[Thanks, Kathy. We enjoyed your company, and we're looking forward to seeing you again in May! We also appreciate the story, which follows next.]

Elagabalus, The CD Emperor

Many of the later emperors of Rome were known to be gay-- something which, indeed, was almost expected among men who for the most part came out of the ranks of the standing army--but to the best of my knowledge only one was a CD. Her name at birth was Varius Avitus Bassianus and she ruled Rome from 218 to 222 under the name of Elagabalus (sometimes also written Heliogabalus) after the Syrian sun god Elagabal, of whom she was a priest (the "balus" part is cognate with the biblical "baal"). Elagabalus was raised to the purple at the age of 14(!) by the troops of the garrison of Raphanea in Syria at the behest, and bribe, of Julia Maesa--aunt of the assassinated emperor Caracalla-- under the convenient fiction that she was the "natural son" of Caracalla.

While Julia Maesa ruled Rome in fact from behind the scenes, Elagabalus showed that her interests were elsewhere. Most historians refer to her as a "passive homosexual" (which probably reflects more on the inability of historians to make important distinctions) but it is unclear from the sources

how much her actions were centered around sexuality and how much around crossdressing. Dress she certainly did. She regularly appeared in public with painted eyes and rouged cheeks, dressed in jewels and the finest women's wear. Various tales are told about her feminine behavior, in private and in public. She had at least three female brides, one of whom--Aquilina Severa--was a former vestal virgin, as well as one male husband--a slave named Hierocles.

Her principle interest, however, was in spreading the cult of the sun god Elagabal, to which she devoted all of her time. She raised the god to a position above that of Jupiter in the Roman pantheon and it was this, more than her personal behavior, which outraged the Romans. Finally, her conduct became too much even for Julia Maesa. Elagabalus was persuaded to abdicated in favor of another relative, Alexianus and, when she tried to renig on the abdication, was murdered. Alexianus became emperor under the title Severus Alexander.

Lovely Legs

If you look around you at a crossdressers meeting, you'll see a lot of lovely ladies with nice legs. Even though we're a conservative group, there are a few short skirts showing off shapely contours. Unless you're auditioning for the role of Corporal Klinger in MASH, it's pretty clear that hairy legs smashed underneath sheer nylons just don't make it.

But not everyone can shave their legs. In today's society, women shave their legs and men don't. Since you can't wear a leg-toupee in your male role, there's bound to be a conflict. Should you shave your legs, or leave them hairy?

Many crossdressers keep their legs smooth and hairless all the time. This can be a big step, the first time, but the feeling of silky stockings on bare legs can be pretty nice, and it sure helps the legs look good.

Some crossdressers shave their legs in the winter and let them grow out in the summer. In winter, men usually wear long pants, and nobody is going to notice the lack of hair. In the summer, shorts and swimming can expose the legs to public view. If you are considering this route, you should estimate that it takes about two months for bare legs to fully grow back to hairy male standards. I found that the hairs on my legs, when straightened out and measured, are about an inch long. They grow out at about an eighth of an inch each week. After a week or two they are no longer presentable as ladies legs, and after about a month they

begin to look like men's legs to the casual observer.

Crossdressers who keep their legs shaved during the full year usually have an excuse to tell anyone who asks about it. While most people don't notice, or don't say anything, you will find an occasional busybody or acquaintance who will ask. One widely used excuse is swimming: a competitive male swimmer will shave most of his body hair to get better speed through the water, and wear a bathing cap so he doesn't have to shave his head. This excuse works better if you have a reasonably athletic build, but isn't so effective if you're overweight. I've heard that serious bicycling is another excuse sometimes used, as is being a tri-athlete. Other possible excuses might include "personal preference" ("I looked at that hairy leg and it was just too gross, so I shaved it"), or skin condition such as fungus. (Don't claim an allergy or rash, since shaving would tend to irritate it.) You could claim to be taking medication that, as a side effect, made the hair on your legs fall out, or that you're just not very much of a "gorilla" and your legs never got hairy.

As Sharon points out in the Tri-Ess Spring 1990 Femme Mirror: "I agree that most people are remarkably unobservant and don't notice, but for the first time this last summer I got direct questions (both times from my sisters) about whether I shaved my legs. Although I have a "cover story", it's a pretty lame one, and I'm sure my sisters didn't really buy it." [She then goes on to ask the readers what "cover" they use.]

On the other hand, not everyone can shave their legs. A married crossdresser whose wife is unaware of her hobby usually can't get away with an excuse like that. Relatives are the most likely to cause problems. (Strangers on the street will believe almost anything you tell them, and friends can sometimes be given a believable story.) If you have children who see you less than fully dressed, you might wish to keep them from seeing naked male legs.

Fortunately, there are many options available to the crossdresser who chooses not to shave her legs. The obvious one is to avoid dressing in public. Many crossdressers have never ventured past their front door, except with their nylons underneath their male pants. If they dress in their own home, the appearance of their legs may not be important.

Another option is to wear ladies pants. These are just as effective at hiding hairy legs as men's pants. If you wear ladies shoes with an open top, the tops of your feet may be visibly hairy if you wear sheer nylons or knee-highs, but if

you wear tennis shoes or fuzzy socks nobody will be the wiser. Colored nylons or knee-highs may work well with pants.

Another option is to wear thick, colored tights. I've worn black Winteralls with many outfits and done fine. You can also buy warm, winter, fuzzy tights and cover up your legs completely. This option works better in the winter, but Winteralls are reasonably comfortable in all but the warmest weather. A good place to buy tights is the Burlington Coat Factory near Cub Foods at Brice and I-70. They often have a large selection of tights on clearance at prices anywhere from 99 cents to a few dollars. I've found that on a cold winter day, I can wear fuzzy tights under my male pants into work, and not only doesn't anyone notice, but the cold winter wind doesn't bite into my legs nearly as badly.

Another useful technique is to wear flesh-colored opaque tights. These are essentially suntan pantyhose that are thick enough that your leg doesn't show through at all. You can buy them at the ParkLane Hosiery store in the City Center mall for about \$6 each. These work well if they fit properly. If you are over about 5'8", however, ParkLane won't have your size. I'm 6 feet tall, and I've found I can wear ParkLane tights very comfortably, but they stretch enough that my hairy legs are visible between the strands of nylon at mid-calf. However, with ladies pants and open top shoes, these tights work very well.

You can also often find Opaque Pantyhose among the hosiery displays at many department stores. These are the same idea as the flesh colored tights, but usually come in decorator colors and patterns. If you like the color or pattern, this may work for you. But if you're large, it may be hard to find them in your size, and if you stretch them to fit, you'll have visible hairs.

This leads to the most complex, but generally satisfactory solution: wear two pairs of pantyhose. Each layer tends to partially hide the hair, and multiple layers will sometimes do the trick even if one won't. One technique is to use flesh-colored tights underneath, and to wear the nylons you want people to see over them. Another is to put a darker (taupe or off-black) pair underneath a lighter, but still fairly dark, outer pair. A third possibility is to use three layers of ordinary nylons. If the outer layer contains a texture or pattern, it will help hide the hair.

Adding another layer or two of pantyhose is an extra hassle when you visit the bathroom. Multiple layers can also be uncomfortable in hot weather, but this is also true of many

the other foundation garments, pads, and wigs crossdressers tend to wear. If you can stick to an air-conditioned location, such as a car or the Crystal Club fitting room, it won't be so bad. And you can show off those ggs without worrying about what your mother-in-law will say next week.

Mary Ann

ard to drive in heels?

annel 4 reported on April 20 that a man named Andre Lauden lost control of his car and crashed into the King Center downtown, causing considerable damage. Police were initially refused, because Lauden was dressed as a woman, and had the police convinced of his gender. Unfortunately, the remaining media in town seem to have passed up the story.

etting the word out

The May issue of Passages, the newsletter of The Gathering, a support group in New York City, lists a letter from a "C.F.-Columbus, Ohio" asking if they are in competition with Connecticut's Twenty XX Club. (They say they cooperate with and respect the group.) If anybody knows this "C.F." lady, please let her know there is a local group she can come to! Unfortunately, Passages is copyrighted in such a way that we cannot reprint any of its articles here, even though many of them are excellent. We have written to them asking permission to copy and have not received a response. I keep their newsletters on file, and will be happy to show them to anyone who is interested. This month's issue has an interesting article about passing skills.

my Doctor Warning

Berleight Richards (Valley Girls Rep) reports that she is having trouble with one "Dr." Philip Salem. Philip Salem is not a doctor, nor is that his real name. IFGE has legal action pending against Mr. Salem for attempted blackmail. Philip Salem has been repeatedly accused of being involved in illegal and highly unethical activities. Please warn the members of your organization that under no circumstances should anyone become involved with Philip Salem or his TV/TS Contact Service.

Philip Salem is not to be confused with Michael Salem, the owner of a TV specialty mail-order business. While most

informed crossdressers consider Michael Salem's prices to be an extreme rip-off (often reselling Tri-Ess or Frederick's of Hollywood merchandise at several times the original price), his business is certainly legal.

A Letter to Salman

By Chris S.

You hide, Salman:
Because you are under attack
from a rasping pulse of people.
Because your thoughts, your feelings,
have been deemed to different and
too offensive to be allowed to exist.
Because you know if you went in
public, you might certainly be
destroyed, like one of your pages
wadded up and tossed in a
curbside bonfire.
They kill you, they kill your ideas,
Salman, your "satanic verses."

We, too, hide.
We know the fear of discovery, the
metallic taste of fear, of confrontation
with those who will not find a
microscopic fold in their brain where
our reality can live in peace.
We hide
because in the open, we may be
torched by the howling crowds,
burn magnesium-bright,
and disappear.
But we are not hear to disappear.
We are here to live.

So, Salman, your words ring true.
Your words when you say,
"Freedom is always taken;
it is never given."
Yes, there is a price.
A price some of us are ready to pay.
It is our time to say that we
are entitled to freedom.
And we face the howling crowd
with a truth simple as a new leaf:
We exist, and this is how we are.

The consequences? Let them come.
We cannot plot and plan beyond this point.

As you say, Salman,
"Our lives teach us who we are."

And we are ready to learn.

[Courtesy Paradise Club.]

Magnum TV

According to the Los Angeles Times, Tom Selleck (Magnum PI) was quoted as saying about the start of his career:

"I did my share of Tennessee Williams plays, and I never had any fun doing any of his guys. I love his women. Though nobody would ever let me play any of his women." [Courtesy IXE.]

Earring Irritation

If metal earring posts irritate your lobes or necklaces leave black marks on your skin, don't throw your jewelry out. Paint it with two thin coats of a clear nonallergenic liquid barrier called Hypo-Shield. Cost is about \$8.50 per 1/3 ounce and it's available at drug stores and department stores. [Courtesy IXE.]

Real Pumps

As fashionable, wobbly women around the world know, high heels may enhance the line of the leg, but at a price -- pain. Shoe manufacturers now are promising relief with new technologies, and the newest shoe features an air injected process that manufacturer Jules Schneider, president of What's What, isn't too specific about, since its patent is pending. The shoes are reasonably thin, with heels of up to 3 inches and waffle soles to lessen impact. From a fashion standpoint, they are a step above Air Jordans. They will be available in June for about \$65.

[Yes, but can you play basketball in them?] [Courtesy IXE.]

Military Intelligence is an oxymoron

An Army colonel who dressed as a drag queen to perform at a gay bar has been charged with conduct unbecoming an officer. Three other officers face similar charges for homosexual activities.

Col. Edward L. Modesto, 42, a dental surgeon at Fort Carson, Colorado, was accused of engaging in homosexual acts and indecent exposure for dressing in a wig and women's clothes and exposing himself.

A hearing will be held May 31 to determine if Modesto should be court-martialed, said Fort Carson spokesman Mike Howard. Modesto, a self-professed bisexual, denied the indecency charges.

Court documents filed last month show Modesto performed as "Carmen" at benefit shows at the Hide N' Seek Club in Colorado Springs.

The Modesto investigation began in March after another officer was arrested for homosexual activity and identified other homosexuals at Fort Carson, including Modesto.

Comments on Shopping

This exchange is from the Usenet electronic bulletin board's singles newsgroup.

First person:

Guess I'd be embarrassed to go into a store and buy Tampax, there're all these kinds and stuff, so I'd have to look through 'em and try to figure out what would fit the women I know, and I'd be afraid some big guy would come up and say "YOU FAG!!! WHAT ARE YOU DOING LOOKING AT THAT STUFF?? PLANNING ON A SEX CHANGE OPERATION?"... If he pulled out a tire iron I'd throw the box at him and run, screaming.... squirm, squirm....

Second person:

My ex never minded buying tampons for me; he said all it said about him was that he has a wife/girlfriend, and he didn't mind anyone knowing that.

Third person:

Yep, this is how it is. I'd buy stuff like this for my ex-roommate all the time. At first I was embarrassed to buy tampax or panty hose or what have you.

After a while I realized that people weren't looking at me like I was coming out of the closet or something. They just passed on by like I was carrying milk or flour.

Oh, as a side note, I don't think that people who've undergone a sex change have a period. @:)

Additional years will be from July 1 to June 30.

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Policies

The Crystal Club is an open support group for cross dressers. We welcome TV, TS, TG, FI, and others who assume a complete trans-gendered identity. We welcome their spouses and significant others (SO's.) We welcome guests from other cross dressing organizations, when cleared through an officer.

Meetings are the fourth Saturday evening of each month. Meetings are open only to cross dressers who have been screened or approved by an officer, and to cross dresser's spouses/SO's, helping professionals, and approved guests. The location of the hotel is given out after the screening process. There is a monthly meeting fee (see schedule below) to cover the cost of the room, food, beverage, and general operating expenses of the group. This fee is above and in addition to annual membership dues.

Nonmembers may attend as many as three meetings before joining. Usually a new member will join at their first meeting, making a total payment of \$30 (\$35 for couples) at their first meeting.

We do not care about the sexual preference of the members and attendees. We do, however, require that all attendees behave like ladies or gentlemen at all times. Everyone has the right to feel secure, knowing they will not be ridiculed for their dressing or their appearance, and knowing they will not be "hit on" by anyone present.

We require that all attendees come completely dressed as the gender they are presenting, i.e. entirely as a woman or entirely as a man. Members will usually dress, but this is not required. Persons are not permitted to arrive partially dressed, for example, a dress and male hair, or a dress and an unshaven face, as this may draw unwanted attention to the rest of the group. Ladies' pants and casual wear are fine. An adjacent changing room is available if you prefer to come in male clothing and dress at the meeting site.

Membership is \$15 per year in advance. After the first complementary copy of the newsletter, additional newsletters are sent only to members who have paid their dues. First year membership will run for 12 months from the date of payment. Second year membership will be pro-rated to run out at the end of the Crystal Club fiscal year, June 30.

Cancellation policy: up to two days before an event: 100% refund. From two days until noon of the event day: 50% refund. After noon on the day of the event: no refund.

Reservation Form

EVEN IF YOU DON'T PAY IN ADVANCE, PLEASE LEAVE A MESSAGE AT THE CLUB PHONE NUMBER, 777-0648, TO LET US KNOW IF YOU'RE COMING TO THE MEETING.

For May 26 meeting, reservations must be received in the mail by May 22, at Box 287, with payment, to qualify for the "early bird" rates. You can also pay at the previous meeting if you wish. Include your femme name, mailing name and address.

Before May 22:

Members	\$12.00
Member couples	\$17.00
Non-members	\$15.00
Non-member couples	\$20.00

After May 22:

Members	\$15.00
Member couples	\$20.00
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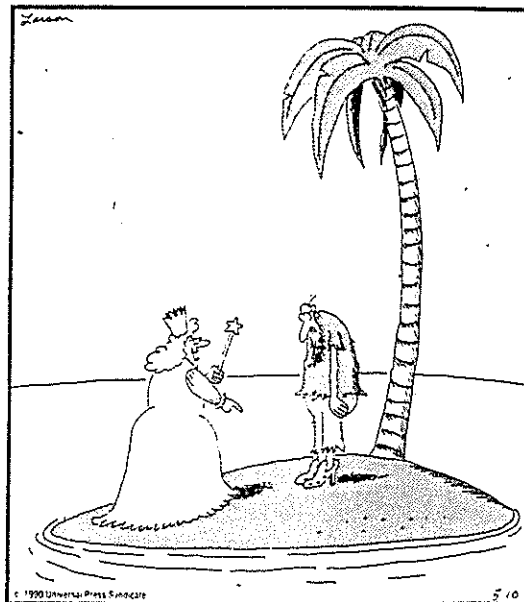
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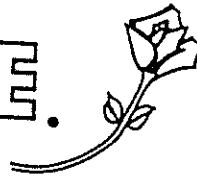
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March 1990

Calendar of Events			
3/8	Transpitt	Social	Pittsburgh
3/10	Transpitt	Meeting	Pittsburgh
3/10	Alpha Omega	Meeting	Lakewood, OH
3/15	Cross-Port	Meeting	Cincinnati
3/17	Paradise	Social	Lakewood, OH
3/20-25	IFGE	Coming Together Convention	Natick, MA
3/24	Crystal	Meeting	Columbus
4/12	Transpitt	Social	Pittsburgh
4/14	Transpitt	Meeting	Pittsburgh
4/14	Alpha Omega	Meeting	Lakewood, OH
4/19	Cross-Port	Meeting	Cincinnati
4/21	Paradise	Meeting	Lakewood, OH
4/26-29	Emerald City	90 in 90 Weekend	Port Angeles, WA
4/28	Crystal	Meeting	Columbus
5/4-6	Gulf Coast	2nd Fantasy Adventure Weekend	Houston, TX
5/10	Transpitt	Social	Pittsburgh
5/12	Transpitt	Meeting	Pittsburgh
5/12	Alpha Omega	Meeting	Lakewood, OH
5/17-20	CDS	Paradise in the Poconos	PA
5/17	Cross-Port	Meeting	Cincinnati
5/19	Paradise	Social	Lakewood, OH
5/26	Crystal	Meeting	Columbus
6/6-10	Several Clubs	Be All	Pittsburgh, PA

March Meeting

Our March meeting will be on March 24 in the usual place. The doors will be open by 7:00 PM unless advance arrangements are made. Please bring a can of food with you to the meeting as a donation to the needy.

We are fortunate to have Nancy Lucas of Lucas Pharmacies speaking at our meeting. Nancy carries a full line of breast prostheses, and fits mastectomy patients with them regularly. She wrote to us after the Dispatch article, and offered to serve our members.

I happened to be in the market for a pair of forms, and was having some trouble figuring out what size to get. Tanya is great, but the opportunity for a personal fitting by an expert in town was like a dream come true! I phoned Nancy and made an appointment for later that day. The fitting was very private, confidential, and very professional. She really made me feel like "one of the girls." I came away with a sore Visa card (the forms I bought aren't cheap) but when they came in a few days later, I couldn't believe how good they felt. It was like they were part of me!