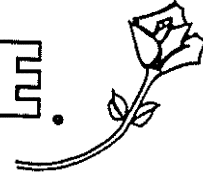




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Calendar of Events				
8/2	IXE	Meeting		Indianapolis
8/9	Transpitt	Social		Pittsburgh
8/11	Transpitt	Meeting		Pittsburgh
8/11	Alpha Omega	Meeting		Lakewood, OH
8/16	Cross-Port	Meeting		Cincinnati
8/18	Paradise	Meeting		Lakewood, OH
8/25	Crystal	Meeting, Atty		Columbus
9/6	IXE	Meeting		Indianapolis
9/8	Alpha Omega	Meeting		Lakewood, OH
9/8	Transpitt	Meeting		Pittsburgh
9/13	Transpitt	Social		Pittsburgh
9/15	Paradise	Social		Lakewood, OH
9/20	Cross-Port	Meeting		Cincinnati
9/22	Crystal	Meeting		Columbus
9/20-23	CDS	Paradise In The Poconos		Poconos, PA
10/4	IXE	Meeting		Indianapolis
10/11	Transpitt	Social		Pittsburgh
10/12-21	Outreach Institute	Fantasia Fair		Provincetown, MA
10/13	Transpitt	Meeting		Pittsburgh
10/13	Alpha Omega	Meeting		Lakewood, OH
10/18	Cross-Port	Meeting		Cincinnati
10/20	Paradise	Meeting		Lakewood, OH
10/27	Crystal	Meeting		Columbus
11/1	IXE	Meeting		Indianapolis
11/1-4	CAF	Moon Shadow Ball		Kansas City
11/8	Transpitt	Social		Pittsburgh
11/10	Alpha Omega	Meeting		Lakewood, OH
11/10	Transpitt	Meeting		Pittsburgh
11/14-18	Tri-Ess	National Convention		San Francisco
11/15	Cross-Port	Meeting		Cincinnati
11/17	Paradise	Social		Lakewood, OH
12/1	Crystal	Christmas Party		Columbus
1/5	Crystal	New Years Party		Columbus
1/26	Crystal	Meeting		Columbus
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6/91	Paradise	Be All You Can Be		Akron

President's Column

If you came to the July meeting you saw many familiar faces but as the night went on you would have seen some great changes in them. Our speaker for the night was Yvonne, a member of the Crystal Club and good with hair and make-up. She did a great job showing us other options. She styled several wigs to give many members a refreshing look. Thank you Yvonne for coming on such a short notice. It was good to see you again and I hope that it's not so long till the next time.

Our next meeting will be August 25th and we will have Laura the attorney. She has agreed to come this month since she couldn't make it last month. The legal do's & don'ts are very important to us. This is something that we all as crossdressers need to know. So I hope to see you at the next meeting.

The next board meeting will be Wednesday, August 15th at my place at 8:30. There are a few important things to discuss.

See you then.

Rochelele Richards

July Meeting

Hello everybody, July has been an eventful month, and most of it has been positive.

Our speaker on crossdressing and legal issues had to cancel and has been rescheduled for August 25. Yvonne very graciously filled the void by consenting to give an informal hands-on session about wigs and styling.

Yvonne has been crossdressing for 12 years and passing for some time, so I'm sure her advice is pretty sound. The one comment she said that really stuck in my mind is "Any woman will tell you (how important well-styled hair is). What do they say? It's your crowning glory!"

Yvonne also gave this advice: Don't be overly afraid of hurting the wig when styling it. Decide what kind of face and complexion you have when choosing a wig, also fit and color are primary considerations. Styrofoam heads are helpful for styling and clamp swivels for the heads are also available at wig shops. Wigs can be cut down -- be careful. "They won't grow back." Old wigs can be moussed. You can use hair sprays to set the hair and don't hedge on wig care, "too many TVs do."

Yvonne commented to me that she has never had a problem buying a wig in any of the shops she's been in. Kim of Kim's Fashion Wigs very perceptively commented on one occasion "You should come back with your makeup on if you want to choose the right wig."

Thank you very much, Yvonne, for the hands-on demonstration. I'm sure several people benefited from your efforts.

I personally talked to Kim of Kim's Fashion Wigs. She told me she has no problem dealing with crossdressers. She has knowingly dealt with crossdressers since she opened the shop.

I'm happy to report that the F2M's and their SO's that came to the July 27th meeting had a good time and will probably be back. Mark and Cindy and also Eddie and Jan came to the Crystal Club meeting for the first time. Mark said he enjoyed it. Eddie's comment was "We had a riot and a lot of fun." Whenever you're ready, you're welcome back to the Crystal Club. I hope other F2M's will find this encouraging enough to contact the Crystal Club!

We had two visitors from Crossport, Cathy and Belinda, they both looked great. We enjoyed their company. After the meeting, Yvonne took them downtown to some of the bars; I bet they had a good time. Cathy commented that some of the Crystal Club people should visit Crossport.

Congratulations to Rebecca! She has just had sexual reassignment surgery at OSU.

Rebecca is a graduate of the Central Ohio Gender Dysphoria program which is run by Meral Crane. She has been working and living successfully as a woman for over a year and has overcome the last obstacle to living in her preferred gender.

When I talked to her the day after surgery, she said "It feels very real, it's a comfortable feeling". Rebecca also said "I feel so good, I appreciate all the support given. Thanks for the phone calls, flowers, and cards."

She commented "Workwise I'm doing so well, they're very anxious to get me back." She also added that she will come to the Crystal Club meetings from time to time.

This is very encouraging; those of you TS's who are seriously considering SRS, it can be done. Rebecca, have a wonderful life as a woman!

Susan

Treasurer's Report July 1990

!Starting Balance	808.74	!
!Meeting Fees	322.00	!
!Membership Dues	75.00	!
!Total	397.00	!
!Food and Beverages	-59.07	!
!Printing	-45.31	!
!Postage	-29.00	!
!Meeting Room	261.84	!
!Advertising	-46.00	!
!Supplies	-10.48	!
!Total Expenses	-451.70	!
!		!
!Ending Balance	754.94	!

Susan

Picnic

Due to the short amount of time we had to look this year, we will not be having a Crystal Club picnic in September. The few private places that are available are already filled up.

We would like to have a picnic next year, and will start working on it early in the spring. To make a picnic work in a private place, we will need to have at least 30 people come. It is possible to have a far less expensive picnic in a quiet part of a public park, or even to sign up for our own shelter at one of the Columbus metro parks. One disadvantage to this is that no alcohol would be allowed.

Be thinking about what you will want to do next year. Think about what you would wear on a picnic, and when would be a good time for you. Cooler months permit more clothing to be worn, and fewer people to contend with for prime locations. Keep your eyes open for good places. For example, Portman Park on Refugee near Gender is a city park with a stream and very few people, even on a hot summer day, but the picnic grounds are visible from the road a few hundred feet away. Drive by sometime and see what you think. Columbus Metro parks (Blacklick Woods, Sharon Woods, etc) have sections for private parties. Pine Quarry Park on the east end of Reynoldsburg is shady and nearly deserted, but there is only parking for five cars, and there's a fair walk to the picnic grounds.

Letter from Meral Crane

Thank you for being so gracious in your appreciation of my taking the time to talk to your group. It was especially worthwhile for me too, because I had the pleasure of running into some old familiar faces. Needless to say, I appreciate the value of your getting together as you do and am glad to contribute to it in some way.

I just went through the two recent Crystal Club Chronicles which were in my P.O. box. One was the issue following my address to the Crystal Club at your May meeting. I know it is not easy to sum up some loosely presented lecture as mine was, and most things are not worth the bother to correct. However, one point in your summary is especially important for me. I did not create the Human Outreach Institute. I established and was the Director of the Human Sexuality Center at the University of Massachusetts in Boston (1973-1975). This was a training, public education and counseling center. In my capacity as Director of that program and before that as a therapist with specialty in sexuality issues, I was already working with some of the TV and TS population in Boston in the early seventies. I got to know Ari Kane when she put on the first Gender Conference in Boston, in the spring of 1974, following which her dreams for the Outreach Institute really took off. I relocated here in Columbus, Ohio in the fall of 1975 but just before leaving, Ari and I attempted to collaborate in some programming, in fact, I am not clear how much of it really took place after I left as Director of HSC.

As long as I am writing I'll try to sum up a few other facts that are not right even though it may be due to my unclear expression. Rather than authoritatively saying that gender dysphoria is not a progressive condition, I would say, it is not necessarily a progressive condition. Also, 74%, not 94%, of crossdressers are married. (I am sure that was a typing error.) Christine Jorgenson's surgery had been done in Denmark (1952), not in the USA. In the US surgery first took place at Johns Hopkins beginning in 1965. Finally, I am not opposed to attempts to change the mind when that can be done without coercion and in the context of therapy with true respect to the state of mind of the person expressing gender dysphoria. When the mind cannot be changed to assure a quality of life, I feel we should help change the body to suit the mind.

Sorry for perhaps being tedious but I feel I would be irresponsible if I do not clarify. Thank you for indulging me. Best wishes to all of you. I look forward to other future occasions to share.

Sincerely,
Meral G. Crane

Talk by Meral Crane

[Thanks for the corrections! This is an important talk. We are rerunning the original column with corrections made, in order to have a correct copy for future generations - MAH]

All of us at the May 26th meeting were privileged to have Meral Crane as our guest speaker. Her talk on transsexualism and crossdressing was very informative and went beyond what we collectively know about it at the Crystal Club. I'm sure many of the people there benefited from Meral's talk.

These are some of the highlights that Meral spoke about. She created Human Sexuality Center at the University of Massachusetts in Boston in 1973. She collaborated with Ari Kane in some programming that eventually led to Ms. Kane's creation of the Human Outreach Institute.

"We know" that it's not a case of being TV or TS but is a matter of degree between the two. This ranges from the occasional part-way crossdresser to the post-operative transsexual. Also, gender dysphoria is not necessarily a progressive condition.

Meral believes there is considerably more tolerance for female-to-male crossdressers because society has put women down and by crossdressing they are perceived to be elevating their status.

There is nothing deviant about crossdressing.

Victorian oppression probably made crossdressing more exciting by forbidding people to do it.

It is a myth that crossdressers are gay, most are not, and 74% are married, 69% have children. Only 25% of crossdressers have gay characteristics. However, 37% of the regular male population have had gay experiences. [She clarified that the 25% and 37% numbers are directly comparable - MAH] Most TVs have ordinary sex habits.

Crossdressing is pleasurable, relaxing, and serene.

As a therapist, Meral helps crossdressers to regain their self-esteem and to accept their uniqueness.

As therapist for couples, Meral gets the parties to negotiate compromises involving crossdressing.

Meral's perspective of a transsexual is a person with "incredible discomfort" who is "not content with crossdressing" who "simply wants a normal life and to blend in with society and be inconspicuous".

There are also transgenderists (TGs) who are roughly somewhere between the TV and TS on the continuum. These people have some of the same characteristics of the TS but aren't driven to have the sex change surgery.

Meral's rationale for transsexuals is that if we cannot change the mind, without coercion, to suit the body, then we should help change the body to suit the mind.

The first sex change surgery was in Germany in 1917. Christine Jorgenson's was done in Denmark in 1952. The first in the US was at Johns Hopkins in 1965.

OSU is doing some research on prenatal brain structure with gender dysphorics. If researchers find some evidence of this or hormonal effects, Meral feels this would be very positive because society will accept physical reasons over mental reasons.

"What a crime for TSs to go through puberty not to find it before the change." (Find out they are TS before they have to try to change what puberty has done.)

Ohio won't change sex on birth certificates, consequently TSs can't marry in Ohio.

In the case of children of a TV or TS parent: children of the TV generally should not be told, they should be allowed to be children without the burden of dealing with a parent crossdressing. TSs cannot avoid telling their children.

Where crossdressing is concerned, freedom to crossdress reduces the compulsion to do so.

One of Meral's goals in counseling CIs is to help them control the addictive side to crossdressing.

She said it's good to have a group here (in Columbus) so couples can get together.

She also said that crossdressers are not sick.

Meral, thank you very much for addressing the Crystal Club, we profited a great deal,

Sincerely,
Susan

Christmas Party

Rochelle has found an outstanding location for our Christmas Party this year. We will have a fancy dinner catered in a nice hotel with considerable privacy. Professional, courteous staff will be serving us. Mark your calendars for December 1, and be thinking about that glamorous party dress sitting in your closet you've been dying to wear! More details after everything has been firmed up.

Tips from Abby

Dear Abby: Because of an unfortunate accident that left me blind in one eye, I am writing to you to warn others.

Wanting to give myself a coat of fingernail polish, I noticed that my polish was quite thick. Instead of running the bottle under hot water to "thin" it, I placed the bottle in my microwave oven to warm it quickly. When I removed the bottle, it exploded in my hand, sending shattered glass in every direction. One sliver of glass penetrated my right eye, and another sliver struck me less than an inch below my left eye.

Abby, I learned the hard way that fingernail polish is an extremely volatile substance -- Patti Walter, Grand Haven.

Dear Patti: Thanks for sharing your experience in order to warn others. Perhaps others will think twice before placing any container in a microwave oven.

Dear Abby: You recently printed some letters from people who wrote to defend the "masculinity" of boys who take piano lessons. In one example, an 18-year-old was a weight-lifter who lettered in soccer and had girls calling him for dates. In another, a 16-year-old boy weighed 200 pounds, had a black belt in some martial art and played varsity football.

Abby, those things are fine, but please, let's not try to prove the rule by citing the exception.

Most music students don't fit that mold, and more important, they shouldn't have to. If the kid weighs 140, has zits, thinks a date is an exotic fruit and plays the harp like he was born in heaven, what do we have? A "sissy"? Is he expected to compensate for his shameful interest in music by taking up football or karate?

Alber Schweitzer played the organ and probably never touched a football. Winston Churchill painted. I believe that when we face the only judge who counts, he won't consider our masculinity or femininity - only our humanity. -- Anonymous in Houston

The real difference between boys and girls

This was told to me by both Sandy and Barryl Rem, both of whom are Psychology Professors at Cornell University. [They are the leading psycho-gender researchers - EAM]

The Rems, being well-versed in the area of sex roles and psychology, had decided to raise their children androgynously. This included not only the typical male-toy/female-toy aspects, but they were also very careful not to impose any of their own learned sex role socialization upon their children. For example, a frequent phrase was "the only difference between a male and female is that a male has a penis and a female has a vagina." When the parents were asked whether a person that the child could see was male or female, they would reply (even if the parents could tell which it was), "I don't know, dear, they have pants on, so we can't see if they are male or female."

One day, their son (then in Kindergarten) decided that he wanted to wear hair barrettes to school. Sandy and Barryl, of course, acquiesced and put barrettes in his hair.

That night, they got a phone call from his teacher (who knew about the Rems' rearing plan), who related the following story:

Upon arriving at school, another boy came up to their son and asked why he was wearing barrettes in his hair. Little Rem replied, "Because I felt like it." The other boy was visibly upset at this, but walked away.

A little while later, the boy comes back and says, "Why are you wearing barrettes in your hair? Only girls wear barrettes; you must be a girl." Rem, true to his upbringing, replies, "I am not a girl; I have a penis and testicles, girls have a vagina." The boy once again walks away.

During recess, the boy comes back once again, and insists that Rem is a girl because he is wearing barrettes. Once again, "The only difference between boys and girls is that boys have a penis and testicles and girls have a vagina."

The little boy exclaims, "You must be a girl; you're wearing barrettes." But Rem replies, "I'm a boy; I have a penis and testicles. Look -- I'll show you!" At this point, Rem pulls down his pants to prove that he has a penis and testicles...

The boy replies, "Everybody has one of those, but only girls wear barrettes."

Excerpts from The NewsQueen

[The Renaissance Education Association publishes the Renaissance News each month. They have graciously granted us permission to reprint items from their publication. We have found several items of interest from Paula Jordan Sinclair's column, The NewsQueen, and we excerpt them here. We don't always agree with the gender of the pronouns Ms. Sinclair uses, however. - MAH]

Here is the case of Mona Dez of Dayton, a hopeful during the Miss Ohio U.S.A. At-Large pageant held recently in Kettering, Ohio. Mona was named the mere second runner-up, and reacted by throwing glasses, pitching a hissy fit, and questioning the abilities of the judges, who included Carmella Marcella Garcia, Miss Gay U.S.A. At-Large 1989. Behavior like that can be a particular problem on the At-Large pageant circuit because contestants must weigh at least 200 pounds.

Dez was also named Miss Congeniality. Go figure.

The title was won by Jena Jones of Indianapolis, a well-known entertainer in the Hoosier state.

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At-Large pageants are a relatively new but not unwelcome feature in the female impersonator beauty queen game. As pageant impresaria Kitty Daniels explains, "Just as you see specialty shops for big and tall girls, the at-large pageant was designed with the larger queen in mind. If you stood 5'5", 125-pound Cezanne (Miss Gay U.S.A. 1990) next to an At-Large hopeful, you will see a difference. While both may be beautiful and talented, there is really no comparison or competition."

The girls who compete are quite properly not ashamed of their stature. Witness some of the names they compete under: Eartha Quake, third runner-up for Miss Ohio U.S.A. At-Large, and Dieta Pepsi, Miss Illinois At-Large.

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Is Elizabeth Michael, a candidate for the Republican nomination for the 45th State Assembly District, a woman, a transsexual or a transvestite? Bob Davis, her GOP opponent, and Tom Larkin, co-chair of the Lesbian and Gay Republican Task Force, both claim that Michael is, or at least was, a man. Larkin charges that Michael "was born Alan Michael, later becoming Alanna Elizabeth Michael and finally Elizabeth Michael." He also said that in the mid-1980's, Michael attended a local synagogue in drag. He's been quoted as calling the candidate "a six-foot, four-inch transvestite."

"Basically, we're 'outing' her," Davis said, using the term that describes the practice of forcing gays and lesbians out of the closet. "She's a person who is definitely trying to harm gay people, who's got this (gender) condition and certainly took advantage of the right to do with one's body as one wishes." [Envious, Bob? - EAM]

Michael has refused to respond directly to the charges from Davis and Larkin. But she did say that she was sorry about the "gender-bashing attack" that is an attempt "to make sexuality an issue." She added that she supported "bread and butter" gay rights.

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Charles McGuire of Houston, the owner of a construction company, made his transgendered lifestyle public several years ago when he began living as a woman and took to using the first name Kathryn. He was thrust further into the public eye when his construction company became the target of a federal probe into alleged price fixing. And as if that wasn't enough publicity, McGuire last year made an unsuccessful bid for the Houston City Council. [See the January 1990 Chronicle. - MAH] He also is featured regularly in the Houston society columns as Kathryn.

McGuire was again in the papers last month regarding the closing of one of Houston's leading department stores, Sakowitz, where he reportedly spent \$10,000 to \$15,000 a year on frocks, including the \$3,000 gown he wore to one of George Bush's presidential inaugural balls.

McGuire was quoted, "I could worry because I am under investigation and because Sakowitz is gone, but what would it do? I prefer to be concerned with those things I can fix, like this fingernail I've broken. Doesn't it look terrible?"

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Straps Required

The Columbus Dispatch reported on August 10 (page F-1) that among the outdated and archaic laws still on the books is a law in Miami (Florida, I hope) making it illegal for men to be seen publicly in any kind of strapless gown. Many such old laws can be traced to boredom or humor, rather than ignorance. They remain on the books, because nobody has bothered to clean them out. They are usually unenforceable and often unconstitutional.

Another law in Chicago makes it illegal for an ugly person to be out on the city streets. I can see it all now: "She passes, but she's ugly! In the slammer!"

Auntie's Niece

By Carol Francine Saunders

Many years ago, when I was age 15 and visiting my Aunt Jean, I had worked up the nerve to ask her to dress me in my cousin Sally's clothes. I had always been especially fond of Aunt Jean. I enjoyed spending two weeks with her each summer. She seemed so easy to talk with, much easier than her sister, my mother. Aunt Jean was divorced from her husband. She and Sally had lived together until last year when Sally moved away for college.

My spending the two weeks of summer vacation with Auntie Jean seemed a good time to ask her. But what would she think if I asked her such a question? I had a life-long desire to dress in girl's clothes, but I did not know why and I had never talked to anyone about it. I had sneaked a few things of my mother's once in a while and did the same thing with my sister Nancy's clothes. But I never felt I could talk to either one of them about my unnatural desire.

A few times, I was nearly found out, when Nancy or Mother came home unexpectedly, and I had to hurry and change back to my own clothes in my bedroom, then secretly get their clothes back to where they were. I had gotten bold a few times, even putting on nail polish and lipstick, high heels and one of Nancy's prom dresses. I felt so good, yet so ashamed of myself for sneaking around to do it. I thought, what if an understanding woman or girl would agree to dress me as a female and let me try "being a girl" under their supervision?

Auntie Jean seemed like a good person to ask.

"Auntie Jean, could I ask you a question? And will you promise not to laugh?"

"Billy, now what could be so mysterious? Have I ever laughed at your ideas? What is it?" she asked thinking that maybe something might be wrong.

"Well... I; I have thought a long time now... wondered about how boys and girls are different; I mean what they wear, how the things girls wear are so much different from boy's clothes," I was really stumbling over my own rushing hopes. "I have often wondered how I might feel if I had a chance to be dressed up as a girl. I've been too scared to ask Mother or Nancy, but I have always felt comfortable talking with you." I paused to see if I had picked the right words, but her bemused look of concern was unchanged so I pressed on with my desires in a rush of words. "Do you think that maybe, while I was staying with you this week, you would let me see how it would feel to pretend I was a girl, and

wear my cousin Sally's clothes?"

"Why Billy, what would make you want to do something like this? What makes you think being a girl would be easier than or better than being a boy? You know that being a girl is more than just trying on dresses, you would not even get a hint of how it is to be a girl unless you did it for a week or more." She took my hands in hers as if to comfort me despite her words. "There are neighbors and others who might drop in. If you were to become my "niece" for the next week or two, I must really treat you like a girl, you know."

An uncertainty crept into my mind. Could I become good enough as a girl to convince others...

"But really, you're not serious are you? What ever gave you this idea? Is there something else you want to tell me? Is it...are you questioning whether you are, maybe gay?"

"No, not at all. I really do like girls, I have crushes on them all the time," I protested anxiously not wanting her to think that, yet knowing I owed her some kind of explanation. "But, unlike some of the boys who only think of girls as for having sex with, I think of girls and women as interesting, different, and for whatever reason, I have always wished I was free to dress up as a girl sometimes. But not to have people laugh at me or think I was strange. I really don't know what to do. But, I thought, if I had the chance to be a girl for a while, maybe here with you, I could see if maybe the desire would get out of my system. If I had a chance to be a girl for a few days?"

"Well then, Billy; to satisfy your curiosity, maybe your Auntie should agree to dress you up in the clothes that you think will be enjoyable to wear. But what if after a while you feel that wearing girls' clothes is not so much fun?" She shook her head thinking of ever so many questions. "Will you like wearing and walking in high heels? Have you ever thought that wearing girls' clothes would not be so desirable? And, if you dress up and don't like it, and our neighbors have seen you as a girl; do you have the courage to stick it through until your visit is over?"

"Yes. I have not thought about this lightly. I would not have asked you if I thought it was just a lark. I feel this is something I really must do. With Sally away at college, and just the two of us here for two weeks, I thought this would be a chance I might not have again."

"Alright. I see you are serious about this. But since you want to try being a girl, then just dressing up will not do. We will have to show you how it might be if you were in fact a girl. We will have to give you a girl's name, keep you only in girl's clothes for several days, let you try

having your hair in curlers, make-up on your face all day, nail polish on constantly, everything possible to let you feel like a girl. Eventually, as you live and behave as a girl, you will probably see how much better off you are as a boy!"

She nodded her head in knowing self satisfaction.

Your name will be Cynthia. Cindy. I will try not to think of you as my nephew Billy, you will be my niece, Cindy. Of course, you will have to shave off whatever leg and body hair you have, except what's covered by your panties, especially if you want to look good in a party dress. To get you in a feminine mood, you must fully look female. And your body hair will grow back in time," she suggested as if testing my will to be a complete girl. "Be a good sport! With my new electric razor, you won't feel a thing."

Nervously I wondered how long it really might take for the hair to grow back? How could I explain it when I went swimming later in the summer? Yet, if I didn't shave my adventure would end now!

"Okay, I'll shave it off," I promised knowing that the die was cast. Once my body was shaved there was really little chance for retreat.

"Good. Go upstairs to my bathroom where the electric razor is. Once your body is shaved as smooth as a girl's I want you to take a nice bubble bath. While you are getting all dainty I will look through Sally's things she left behind. Maybe some of her older clothes which were smaller would fit you nicely."

[To be continued.]

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Gender Dysphoria, Devel. Research, & Mgmt	49.95
Transsexuality in the Male	31.95
Female to Male Transsexualism	29.95
Transvestites & Transsexualism	30.00
The Transsexual Phenomenon (Benjamin)	
Standard Edition	34.95
Deluxe Edition	39.95
Transvestites/Transsexuals, Mixed Views	17.95
Sex Change	14.95
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Autobiography of a Transgenderist	11.95
The Transvestite Memoirs of the Abbe de Choisy	12.95

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Towards Recognition of Androgyny (Heilbrun)	9.95
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The Feminine, Spacious as the Sky	14.95
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Understanding Crossdressing	11.95
Dressing Up	13.95
The Language of Clothes	15.95
Men In Frocks	14.95
The TV & His Wife	11.95
Mother Camp, F.I.'s in America	10.95
A Year Among the Girls	14.95
Geraldine, the Love of a Transvestite	15.95
How to be a Woman Though Male	12.95
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Sex & Gender	24.95
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Ariadne	10.95
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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. Both Male-to-Female and Female-to-Male individuals are welcome. 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 spouses/SO's, helping professionals, and approved. The location of the hotel is given out after the process.

There is a monthly meeting fee (see) cover the cost of the room, food, soft general operating expenses of the and in addition to annual membe. or wine, BYOB (many people do.)

Nonmembers may attend as many as t.

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 orientation 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, rounded to the nearest \$5 (4 months.) Additional years will be from July 1 to June 30.

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For August 25 meeting, reservations must be received by telephone at 777-0648, by August 23, to qualify for the \$3 "early bird" discount. You can also pay at the previous meeting if you wish. Include your femme name, mailing name and address.

EVEN IF YOU DON'T MAKE A RESERVATION BY THURSDAY, PLEASE LEAVE A MESSAGE AT THE CLUB PHONE NUMBER, 777-0648, TO LET US KNOW IF YOU'RE COMING TO THE MEETING. A message as late as noon Saturday can still help us make sure we have enough food.



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