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7/87

Calendar Of Events

- 07/16/87 TGIC RAP Group
- 07/18/87 EON Party
- 07/24/87 TGIC Business Meeting
- 07/24/87 TGIC Party Mixed
- 07/25/87 Butterfly Rap Group
- 07/26/87 Butterfly Party Mixed
- 08/01/87 Mate Support Group
- 08/08/87 Butterfly Rap Group
- 08/08/87 TGIC Party-145 Club
- 08/15/87 EON Party
- 08/20/87 TGIC Rap Group
- 08/22/87 Butterfly Rap Group
- 08/23/87 Butterfly Party
- 08/28/87 TGIC Business Meeting
- 08/28/87 TGIC Party
- 09/05/87 Mate Support Group
- 09/12/87 Butterfly Rap Group
- 09/12/87 TGIC Party-145 Club
- 09/17/87 TGIC Rap Group
- 09/19/87 EON Party
- 09/25/87 TGIC Business Meeting
- 09/25/87 TGIC Party
- 09/26/87 Butterfly Rap Group
- 09/27/87 Butterfly Party
- 10/03/87 TGIC Mate Support
- 10/10/87 TGIC Party
- 10/10/87 Butterfly Rap Group

HELLO AGAIN

A reminder, we will not have a newsletter for the month of August, so save this month's. We are having a picnic for the mate support group, on August 1st (see the mate support section). The ad is still in the Times Union, every Tuesday.

The warm weather is upon us, If you want to dress there are styles that will look good and still hide the large shoulders and other signs of masculinity. I would recommend the latest summery top and bottom sets. The new short's are very baggy and the tops have long sleeves. The new dresses have large shoulder pads (they can be removed). And some of the new wigs are very light and airy. Go ahead, dress and have a ball!

Dawn, Tamie, Megan, Karyn, and Ren'ee are going to go to Boston on July 15, 1987 for an interview with a German Magazine. There will be pictures and many questions. I hope we all will be up to it. Mariette Pathy Allen has an exhibition in Europe (Italy I think), so a German Magazine is sending a reporter or interviewer over to do a story. As the plans stand now we are going to meet

 * HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU *
 * Happy Birthday Happy Birthday *
 * To Tamie and Beverly and *
 * Ren'ee [REDACTED] *
 * HAPPY BIRTHDAY !!! *

in a large Hotel in downtown Boston, have the interview in the suite, then go to the Tiffany Club for dinner. We all are hoping for cooler weather.

The weekend of May 9, 1987 I received my first Mother's day present. A trip to New York City, as Ren'ee, to help Mariette shoot a beauty pageant.

It took me from 5am to 6am to wake up on satutrday morning, then an hour to get ready, then off to the train station. The 8:25 train, all aboard, the trip begins. The scenery was great, Pam told me it would be, the ride very pleasant and uneventful. Grand Central Station didnt change much, a short walk to the subway, a short ride downtown, a



This is really a little boy doll that I dressed up like us and our dads!

long walk to Mariette's, and the day was ready to begin. First, we had to pick up a few things and by the time we got back it was close to three o'clock, and time to leave. The ride on the subway was pleasant as we chatted about Chicago and all the people who were there. We arrived at the Hotel around 3:30 and went to work. We shot the girls rehearsing, putting on their makeup, and interacting and helping each other. The shots were great, the people were fantastic; we had a good time. It was time for the evening's activities. We started around 8pm and finished around 10:15. After everything ended we took a roll of film to A.P. and then we went to Mariette's for more pictures, only of me.

This was the first time that anyone has taken pictures of me, the first time that I was in front of the camera for more than one picture. It was a new experience, now I know what others go through when I point the camera at them. The two days in New York were without a doubt the best two I had in a long time, I hope the experience will be repeated.

I was also able to get away for two days, July 2nd and 3rd. First I went to Tiffany club, then to Vernon's in Waldham—a short drive from Tiffany Club—then off to Boston to Quincy market, all during the first day. That evening I went to visit Michelle Ann [redacted] and Dennie. I had a great time with these two very nice people, who are very good friends. If I forgot to say so, thanks Michelle and Dennie for the very enjoyable time.

THE Mate Support Group!

HI! Instead of having a regular meeting on Saturday, August 1st, there will be a picnic. We decided to have it at our house (non dress). We would like each one person or family to bring something that will go with hamburgers and hot dogs. We will furnish the meat, some soda, and some beer. If you would like something else to drink, bring it. Let us know if you want to attend and what you would like to bring by July 28th. You can let us know if you are coming by calling 436-4513 and leaving a message and what you will bring. If you need directions leave a number where you can be reached and we will call you back. We are looking forward to seeing you all. We are setting up the badminton and horse shoes.

Karyn

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WE MISS YOU
WHERE ARE YOU

We miss all of you, we would like to hear from all the people who were unable to attend any meetings or functions for awhile: WE MISS YOU!

We need more information for the news letter.

Remember the P.O. box is yours to use. Feel free to use it for correspondence you are not sure of. Send mail to: TGIC P.O. Box 13604 Albany, N.Y. 12212-3604 ATT. your fem c masculine name first and possibly last name initial.

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 * THE 145 CLUB AT 145 BARRETT ST. *
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 * Sch'dy N.Y. Dance all night ALA *
 * Fem or kick up your heels and *
 * listen to piano tunes in the *
 * Lounge. If its your 1st time, *
 * don't be shy-introduce yourself *
 * to Jerry or Eve. They will *
 * help you in any *
 * way they can, if you tell them *
 * TGIC or Ren'ee told you to come *
 * Have Fun *

NEWS

Thanks to Dawn and Michael Ann [redacted], we have the interview with Mariette and Nayomie on tape. We will be able to view it at one of the meetings. We also have the tapes from the Donahue shows—the one about the crossdressers and the one about the impersonators—thanks to Michelle Ann [redacted]

We still have a few of Marriett's articles. If you would like a copy, send us a self addressed stamped envelope and two dollars.

If you are interested in working for the club's growth, attend a meeting and volunteer for a committee or offer to help. We need you! For more information, please call or write the club. The club has it's own phone with an answering machine, so call, leave a name to ask for when we call you back, and also leave a number where we can reach you. The only people who will have access to the machine are the officers of the group and they will NOT give out your number or name and WILL follow all instructions given, so please leave complete instructions. You may not make contact if you don't leave a number. The club phone is 518-436-4513.

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 * OUTINGS, A GREAT TIME FOR ALL, *
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 * WRITE TO REN'EE AT TGIC OR *
 * CONTACT MERRISSA SHERYL [REDACTED] *
 * AT P.O. BOX 19 Wayland Ma. *
 * 01778 Tell.617-358 2305 *

A TIME FOR REFLECTION

What does it feel like to be a TV? Well, I don't really know. Foolish, yes; extravagant, yes; exciting; fun...and very full of wonder--not in the ethereal sense, but in the sense of questioning.

Why do I do it? Why do I like it? Why cause the pained look in a loved one's eyes when dressed or dressing, and then fill up with remorse and shame--even though for only a moment?

The moment passes, to be followed by the excitement and frivolity of the "passing" game.

Do I pass when I ask the hostess for a table for one? Do I pass when the waiter brings me my food? Do I pass when I am more than casually observed by other diners...or is their attention brought on because I am more dressed-up or made-up than most?

But that is part of the game: the excitement of the moment before it's all over with the full and complete divestment of my feminine facade. And with this return to "normalcy" comes the usual overriding feeling of "guilt".

Why do I do it? Why do I like it?

From a friend of Dawn

 * Helpful guides for the *
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 *Hair removal-32 pages-covers *
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Roger's Notebook
 by
 Roger E. [REDACTED], PH.D.

Are you a boy or a girl? That's usually the first thing someone wants to know about you. The world we live in is divided into sexes. Men and woman do different things. There are punishments for those who dare to cross the line that divides the two.

Many people tend to deny some part of their being in order to survive with a minimum of harassment from other people. The crossdresser who has taken some time to explore his feelings (a feminine trait by the way) often wants to know more about these denied parts of his personality.

"Exploring femininity": It's a phrase often heard in gatherings of crossdressers and seen in articles written for crossdressers. Sometimes, however, it seems to me that all some crossdressers are interested in exploring are the more enjoyable aspects of the feminine world; nice clothes, makeup, going to parties, and so on. But this is only a partial view of women and the world they live in every day.

Femininity has little to do with the clothing women wear. What these clothes do is to identify the wearers as women (often with the unspoken message that they are first and foremost sex objects). If you take the time to watch women as they interact with other

people, you will see some behaviors that few men do on a routine basis.

For example, there is concern for other people's situations, sometimes to the point of denying themselves. Many women put other people's needs ahead of their own. Mothers go without so that their children can have what they need. Wives give in to their husbands' desires to preserve harmony in the marriage. The examples are endless...

What does this have to do with you, the crossdresser? Probably very little if the only reason you crossdress is for personal reasons. If you wish to move beyond the immediate personal gratification and truly explore the femininity within you, then it is necessary for you to be aware of your interactions with other people.

When you are at a meeting, do you brag about how often you were able to pass or do you take the time to seek out that panic stricken person who is at his first meeting and doesn't know what to do? If you have an understanding partner, are you sensitive to her feelings about your crossdressing? If you do not have an understanding partner, do you take the time to understand why she does not understand and empathize with your situation? Do you support her needs and feelings in either case?

Crossdressing is often an enjoyable experience...with new feelings and different roles to play. But if you had to wear women's clothing all the time, I suspect that you would find the demands placed on women are much less fun than you think they are.

On a wider scale, if you work at exploring and developing the feminine aspects of your personality, it can provide you with new information that will carry over into the male aspects of your life. Being "in tune" with those around you can make your everyday life less of a contest and more of a team

effort.

If you have any questions you need to have answered privately, you may write to P.O. Box 4887, Poughkeepsie, N.Y. 12602, or call 914 462-7455. All communications are kept strictly confidential.

Any questions on the above? Write or call us.

Landlord shocked by tenant's secret

DEAR ABBY: My husband and I own and manage a very nice small apartment building. We've never discriminated against anyone, and have always rented to tenants based on their applications being approved through credit checks, references, etc.

We recently rented an apartment to "Douglas," a nice single man (or so we thought); then we noticed a strikingly glamorous woman leaving and entering his apartment with increasing frequency. One night last week we saw this woman, beautifully dressed, leaving Douglas' apartment, so I went out and asked her where Douglas was. She smiled and in a very husky voice replied, "I am Douglas, but when I'm in this attire, you may call me Melanie."

Abby, we certainly don't want this type of person in our building. How can we get him out? — IN SHOCK

DEAR IN: Unless he creates a disturbance, damages your property, falls behind in his rent, or in some way becomes an undesirable tenant, if he has a lease, you cannot legally get him out. "This type" of person isn't harming anyone, so if you've never discriminated against anyone, please don't start now, and give Douglas high marks for honesty.

Abigail
Van Buren



Dear Abby

SOME COMMONLY ASKED QUESTIONS

1. What is the difference between a crossdresser and a transvestite?
2. What percentage of the population would you say is part of our community (TV, TG, TS).

How would you answer the above questions?

Why be a member of TGIC or any group? At one time you were alone, how did you feel? I know I felt terrible, but now I feel much better, cause I can share with you.

Remember BE ALL YOU CAN BE!!
REN'EE and KARYN

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