

The Editor's Corner
By: Wendi Danielle



Professor Whitam & Wendi

Hello girls, I hope this newsletter reaches all of you in good health and all has been well during the past month. As for me, I guess you could say that this has probably been one of the busiest months that I can remember. I'm not one to follow astrological forecasts but last spring mine said that September would be memorable, was it ever right.

The month started out with a trip back east to a convention. as some of you know by now I am pretty androgynous, but it really surprised me to be read as a woman throughout the entire trip, plane flights and all. This gave me the confidence to, shall we say push things a little further and, later in the month I decided to go for it! I made another trip, this time to the west coast and presented my first professional paper at a conference "En Femme". I was able to do this because I used my initials in all my dealings with the organization that sponsored the conference, and when a feminine figure showed up at the conference, at first there was some confusion, but after the dust settled all went well. Not only was I accepted but I got a good applause from the audience at the completion of the speech. This will be a thrill that I will always remember.

Later in the month Alpha Zeta was truly honored by a visit from Ellen Summers, an I.F.G.E. board member and a good friend of mine. Judee and I hosted a reception, actually a wine and cheese party in honor of her and her spouse at our home. The evening was a success as several members of Alpha Zeta were able to attend on fairly short

notice, actually it was a great excuse to get dressed up and socialize as we all love to do.

The high point for me that evening was when Ellen informed me that I was being nominated as a possible I.F.G.E. board member myself. This totally caught me by surprise, since she had never mentioned anything to me in the many little exchanges we had prior to her visit. It took me all of about 10 seconds to think it over and accept her nomination. All I could think was, "You've come a long way baby!". The I.F.G.E. is, to me, the best thing that has ever happened to our culture. The concept of unity that it strives for and it's wide spread and diverse member groups give it the insight to truly represent and look out for our special needs. To be a member of the core group that directs this organization in accomplishing the goal of unity throughout our culture is an exciting thought. I speak as if I have already been voted in by the organization's membership, this is not the case. The elections will take place in November and all Tapestry subscribers and Tiffany members will vote at that time. The thrill of being nominated is in itself a great honor for me.

The month ended, actually it was October 1st, with a lecture at ASU by myself, Diane and Terri. It was Terri's first speaking engagement and she was a little bit nervous before the lecture began, but as the evening went on she came through with flying colors. She's a real dear and was very well received as were we all by the class. When time ran out and Professor Whitam informed the class that we had to adjourn, we received a very strong round of applause. I would say this was a job well done in educating another small segment of the population that we, in this culture, are just people like they are with a strong desire to express our true nature a little differently than most.

Some of you may wonder why this newsletter is reaching you a little early this month. Well, the reason is that Judee and I will be at Fantasia Fair, or at least in Boston next week and all schedules had to be pushed a little ahead so that the letter could get out this month. We will be arriving in Boston, traveling through New England and upstate New York for a week or so and finishing up our vacation at the fair. I love the beautiful scenery in that part of the country in the fall and to end such a perfect vac-

ation with Fantasia Fair is a real treat. I am hoping to visit with several friends that I have been corresponding with and also will try to drop in at "Tiffany House" while in the Boston area. Plenty of pictures are sure to be taken so look for them in future newsletters.

Well I've about run our of room again. Maybe I should write a book some day. It wouldn't be a best seller or even make me rich but it would be fun. Until next month girls, "GO FOR IT!".

Letters To Alpha Zeta

Sept. 27th 1987

Dear Sisters,

Both my spouse and I wish to thank you all for your kindness and hospitality during our recent visit to your lovely area. It was our extreme pleasure to meet all of you.

Sincerely,

Ellen Summers

Thanks to you from all of us, we truly enjoyed your brief visit and hope that you and your spouse will return soon to the "valley of the sun" to renew and continue the friendships that were started this past month.

Sept. 1987

Hi Wendi,

I read the Sept. issue of the Alpha Zeta Newsletter and very thoroughly enjoyed the two pieces you and Diane put in. I enjoyed your open caring and the kind response to the Fan Fair experience. Most hold the thoughts in that you put out so easily. You are truly a credit to the community we share as sisters. Wendi, I see your effort and applaud it. Diane's article was well written, very humorous and very caring and gentle. I howled, I was very unladylike, over the comment of the surveyor walking off and the part of being ushered into a room to see commercials, anything to be accepted as a woman. Please keep up the good work from the heart.

In Warm Friendship and sisterhood,

Ren'ee [REDACTED]

Much thanks from both of us, it's nice to get some feedback and know that your efforts are being read and enjoyed by notable persons such as yourself around the country. If this newsletter brings joy and in some

cases comfort to even a few of the thousands of our sisters around the country, then I would say it is a success and well worth our efforts.

Sept. 20, 1987

Dear Diane,

We are finally settled in our home in northern Arizona. Our nearest neighbor is about 1/2 mile away which makes it secluded and private. I dress all the time and even work on the house en femme. I really enjoy the freedom of being able to dress whenever I want and spend the evenings sewing my wardrobe. I really enjoy the newsletters and hope to be at one of the meetings soon. However, it is difficult to get down to Phoenix and time the visit to coincide with a meeting. I'll do it someday soon I hope. We would like to extend an invitation to all our sisters to come up and see us. We are north of Prescott on highway 89. If you are in the area or want to make a weekend trip please give us a call so we can be sure to be here. (ed: see Diane for the number) We have plenty of room for an overnight stay so consider spending the weekend if you like. If you come up, don't bring any male clothes, they are prohibited here, HA! HA!. I hope to hear from you soon and please extend the invitation to all.

Sincerely,

Jamie

Sounds like a great weekend girls, why not give her a call and plan a short visit to an old friend.

The First Lady's Notebook

By: Diane

Alpha Zeta is a support group for heterosexual cross-dressers in Arizona. It is more than a club or service group, as it has a unique motive. That is to provide support, information and a place to go for crossdressers. Remember what it was like to think you were the only person in the world dealing with the desires to dress as a woman and be feminine. Alpha Zeta can at least provide crossdressers with the reassurance that there is someone else out there who understands and feels the same way. The chapter has been based on three



objectives for the past three years. These include:

- 1) a place to go dressed and meet with other crossdressers at least once a month
- 2) a program at each meeting
- 3) a monthly newsletter.

We have done much more than this at times, but it is these three basics which have provided a continuing service to meet the needs of group members.

This is an important time for Alpha Zeta Chapter. As our 4th birthday approaches, we are growing and maturing at a constant rate. There are more inquiries from the advertisements and community service referrals. We have national status with the largest crossdresser's organizations in the country. Our newsletter is one of the best in the crossdressing community, and our membership is more active. Things are on the upswing, but we need help. Alpha Zeta needs people in leadership positions. We all need to share the joys and burdens of setting a course for our organization. We need help to share the work load.

This is how you can help: the Alpha Zeta elections are just around the corner and we must have a full slate of candidates. Run for an office! Terms are for one year, starting in February. To hold office, you must simply be a current member of Tri-Ess and Alpha Zeta Chapter. To vote, you simply must be a member of the Alpha Zeta Chapter, with your dues current. Offices available include First Lady, Second Lady, and Secretary Treasurer. The appointed positions at this time include newsletter editor and special events coordinator. If you are interested in an office or know someone who would make a good officer of Alpha Zeta, let us know.

Nominations will be taken at the December meeting this year and elections will be held at the January meeting. If there is not a quorum at the January meeting, the Secretary will canvass the voting members and tally the vote to be announced at the February meeting.

Now, it is up to you, the membership to become more involved. If we spread out the workload, share the responsibility, yet keep a common goal of providing mutual support, Alpha Zeta will stay strong. If you feel you can help Alpha Zeta grow with your ideas and efforts, run for an office. If elected, it is a

great experience and there will be a lot of support to help during your term. If you don't want to hold office, volunteer your ideas and time. Let us know your goals and dreams concerning the chapter. This is our organization and it will take the efforts of many to keep us a truly effective support group for other crossdressers.

Chapter Update

by: Terri

The September meeting was held at Jackie and Christine's home. Attending were: Diane, Rosalind, Terri, Angela, Bob, Wendi & Judee, Lynda & Jackie, Mae, Omer, Terri J., Ericka and Vanessa. We have had some very good turnouts at the past few meetings, and all members are encouraged to attend these friendly gatherings as regularly as possible.



With this in mind, we will be holding elections for First Lady, Second Lady, and secretary/Treasurer in a few months. The nominations will be in December, so start thinking about who you would like for officers. The only stipulation is that all officers must be Tri-Ess (national) members. If we have a Quorum at the December meeting and christmas party at Terri's, we will be able to conduct the balloting at that time.

For those of you interested in "The Holiday En Femme", we have received the official promotional literature on it. This Tri-Ess sponsored function will be held in San Francisco Nov. 11-15th. and our own Diane has put in many long hours into the planning and organization of it. Many events are on tap, such as a tour of Alcatraz (2 way), a wine country trip, visits to a wig shop, a modeling school and a theater show, a banquet/Fashion show with our sister group in San Francisco.

We are continuing to advertise in three week stretches in the "New Times" with four to five letters per week in responses. We are also continuing to "Speak out", with Diane, Terri and Wendi speaking at ASU and Diane and Terri going to Paradise Valley Community College to educate the masses.

Got any stories, tidbits, etc. for the newsletter? We would appreciate any articles you might care to submit or bits of tasteful gossip, literary efforts, poetry etc.. Also, for

those of you with VCR's, try to monitor the Phil Donahue and Sally Jesse Raphael shows as often as you can. Many times the television guides do not announce the program topics, such as the appearance of Tri-Ess Chi Chapter members on a recent Donahue. These tapes make great meeting entertainment and can also help us in educating the public about our sub-culture.

National Events

"Holiday En Femme"

The Holiday En Femme is an annual event provided for members of the Society for the Second Self the Tri-Ess Sorority. It is a chance for crossdressers to spend four fun-filled days as their feminine selves going to fine restaurants, special events and touring the city. This year the programs and events will offer a diversity of things for both crossdressers and their significant others. There will be organized tours on the bay and classes to help perfect your image. Our own Diane will be coordinating the financial and budgeting portions of the Holiday. For those interested in attending this unique and enjoyable event, see Diane for a brochure and more information. Checks for the Holiday En Femme may be made out to Tri-Ess and mailed to:

Tri-Ess,
P.O. Box 8425,
Mesa, AZ 85204.

The purpose of the Holiday En Femme is to offer our Tri-Ess sisters the experience of actually living as a feminine person for three full days. The holiday offers an atmosphere to help develop self-awareness and gain confidence about your feminine appearance. The registration fee for the Holiday En Femme is \$25 for current Tri-Ess members. This fee does not include the cost of the hotel or events. For those who are not currently members, to attend it is required to join Tri-Ess prior to registration.

For more information on the Holiday En Femme please contact:

Carol Beecroft
P.O. Box 194
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"1988 I.F.G.E. Convention"

Work is progressing on the next I.F.G.E. convention to be held in Chicago next year. The dates will be February 23rd to March 1st

1988. The excitement about this event is starting to build. It's getting good coverage on all the newsletters around the country and from the comments we've heard. Just about every group in the country is going to have representation. Look for more information in this newsletter, or write to:

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Local Events, Groups & Places

A New Club in Town

After the September meeting several of our girls ventured over to a new club in town that features female impersonators. The name of the establishment is "Impulse" and it's located on the north-west corner of 24th Street and Indian School Rd. in Phoenix. All were very well received and



had a great time watching the end of the show and dancing at after hours till the wee hours. The entertainment bevy consisted of such notable locals as Penelope, Jamie, Devina, Lady Casandra and a host of others, a truly first class show. We were warmly welcomed by Felicia, the hostess, and the owner, both of whom offered an invitation to all in both Alpha Zeta and A Rose (remember A Rose), to stop by, chat a bit and enjoy the show.

Jamie on Stage

Halloween Ball

The traditional Halloween Ball presented by the I.T.E of Phoenix has been scheduled to be held this year at the Hilton Hotel in downtown Phoenix on Sunday, October 25th. The theme of this year's ball will be "Proud to be an American" and it will feature \$1,000 in prize money to be given in five categories: Best Male; Best Female; Most Creative; Most

Humorous: and Best Theme. Tickets are \$7.50 in advance or \$10 at the door. The doors will open at 7 p.m., the festivities will start at 8 p.m. and the contests will begin at 10 p.m. Please contact Lynda or Diane at your earliest convenience if you would like to make reservations in advance. Also, let us know if you are interested in our renting a room for dressing purposes. There will be professional entertainment by Miss Rusty Warren and Mr. Keith Morris. Music, sounds and lighting will be coordinated by George Hill. Some of you will remember last year's ball, "Legends of the Silver Screen". This event is fun and gives us a chance for us to get out in our most formal, prettiest or outrageous dress. It's a lot of fun, and it's in Phoenix. We will reserve two tables, if we have enough interested. Let us know.

Alpha Zeta Monthly Meeting

The October meeting will be at Terri's home on the 17th at 8:00 pm. Diane informs us that the business portion of the meeting will cover such things as our upcoming elections, the appointment of a few individuals to some newly created positions within the group and discussion of the possibility of starting a satellite group in the Tucson area. We have had several inquiries from the old Pueblo and it looks like there might be enough interest to get something going down there. The fall weather and longer evening hours are here girls, time to get out and renew a few old friendships and possibly make a few new ones. Let's make Terri J.'s first meeting at her home a memorable evening for all.

A Rose Update

Most of you should remember "A Rose". It was mentioned in this newsletter a few months ago. Basically, it is a sister group to Alpha Zeta, open to all in the TV/TG/TS community and is a non-sexual social organization.

Due to other pressing commitments, work on this fledgling group has not been progressing as we would like, but in the next few months the organization hopefully, will be taking shape in earnest.

The management of "Impulse" has offered their facility as a meeting place, should we desire such accommodations and, we are receiving about 1 letter every week or so from prospective members. Not too bad since

the only coverage that the group is getting is through Tapestry. At last count, we had about 10 tentative members.

A meeting of all those that have expressed interest in the group will be scheduled in the December time frame to review a tentative constitution (modeled after the old Spectrum group) and select officers. If any of you know of anyone that might be interested in joining or helping out in general, please contact Wendi.

Food For Thought

This month's fare is a great tasting dish that will make brunch a treat to remember. It comes to us from Judee's recipe collection and is very easy to make.

Swiss Egg Bake

1 10 1/2 oz can cream of chicken soup
1/2 cup milk
2 tsp. instant minced onion
1/2 tsp. prepared mustard
4 oz. processed swiss cheese
6 eggs
6 1/2 in. thick slices french bread
snipped parsley

In saucepan, combine soup, milk, onion and mustard. Cook and stir until smooth and heated through. Remove from heat; stir in cheese till melted. Pour 1 cup sauce into 10x6 in. baking dish. Break eggs into sauce. Carefully spoon remaining sauce around eggs. Stand french bread slices around edges with crusts up. Bake in 350 deg. oven for 20 mins. or until eggs are set. Garnish with parsley. Makes 6 servings.

Classified

Wanted - Phone answering machine (This one's getting old but we still need one for our hot line).

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Terri, Wendi & Diane at ASU

