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Prez Stuff by Denise Peters

In the future !

We are presently working on plans for several future events.

1; Our Christmas dinner/dance, Putin' on the Ritz, which is scheduled for Dec 18., at the Ramada

2; Canceled were the plans for the Chi Chapter, Faux Millennium New Years Eve party on Dec 31st. It is called the Faux (Fake) because, as we all know, the real millennium begins on Jan 1, 2001. Unfortunately, the hotel wanted \$137 per person so it has been tabled...

3; Coming up in November, 2001, Chi Chapter is proud to be the host of the 1st Holiday EnFemme of the new Millennia, Aptly named, so far, 2001, The Tri-Ess Odyssey.

4; The 1999 picnic is being planned for August, at this time it appears to be Sunday the 15th.

Soon

Big Brother, otherwise known as the U. S. Postal Service has announced that those people using private mail box services, such as Mail Boxes Etc, will have to begin using the prefix PMB before their box number. Gone are the days of using Apt, Suite or just a plain old number. Also, **anyone** receiving mail at one of these locations must produce two types of ID, one of which has their photo. ie; Passport, Drivers License,

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Programs

July 24, Garden Party Luau

August, Picnic

October, Halloween Karaoke party.

November, Turkey on the house

December, Putin' on the Ritz

Faux Millennium New Years Eve Party



You are cordially invited to attend a pizza reception for the members of the Tri-Ess National board on Friday, July 23rd at 6:30 p.m. at the usual meeting location in Elmhurst. Stop by and chat.

You are also welcome to stop by and sit in at the board meeting on Saturday, between 9am and 4pm

At this time the following board members are planning on attending the Saturday board meeting.

**Virginia Prince
Carol Beecroft
Jane Ellen Fairfax
Frances Fairfax
Samantha Walls
Naomi Owen
Donna Martin
Robin K.
Lynda Frank
Marlene Liston
Deanna Johns
Denise Peters**

**Chi Chapter/ C.G.S.
Garden Party
July 24th
4 p.m.**

Get your tickets before the rush

**THERE IS NO MEETING ON JULY 17th
due to SPICE and the Garden Party.**



Just a couple short but important items this month.

Giving: I think a lot of CD's do a lot of giving in. There is so much we give up and give in to in order to keep our lives and relationships in order. We might think it's a lot, but perhaps there are some that give more. I want to especially call attention to and congratulate our own Terri, Abby's spouse, on a superior gift. In late May she came to Chicago to donate one of her kidneys to a dear friend. I visited with one nervous Abby as she awaited Terri's return from the operating room. The following day I visited one happy woman who was making a quick recovery. So was Abby, who was much more her happy self knowing the operations were successful. Both, donor and recipient are doing well in the aftermath. Terri you have shown us all a great example that life is to be shared. We have seen it in your sharing of your own body to help someone else live, and we see it in your loving support of Abby. Thank you for this living lesson in giving and sharing!



Dancing at the ITI Dinner

Represented: A few months ago I wrote about the heterosexual crossdressers being involved more in the activities of the wider gender community, especially since some 80% of the community is hetero. I am proud to say that at the recent It's Time Illinois celebration on June 12th, quite a number of CD's from Chi-Chapter were present. The attendance even included 80% of our 5 board members, and several spouses. This event honored the continuing achievements of It's Time Illinois and The Illinois Federation For Human Rights. The room was a true gathering of the many diverse ethnic and gender variations of America. Persons of many races, ethnic backgrounds, religions, alternate lifestyles and many gender variations were present. We celebrated our diversity and the fact that we have worked together and made significant progress. Congratulations to Miranda Stevens-Miller (who started in Tri-Ess and has grown to become her true self) and her hard working ITIL active members. We need to do more though. Hopefully in the fall, HB474 will come up for another vote. Your support will make it happen. Get up the courage to call, write or visit your congress person. After all, aren't YOU one of those it seeks to protect?

Feminine Boy Shakes Up Small School

CARROLLTON, Ga. (AP) -- Patrick Nelson had heard there was a cross-dressing boy enrolled at his high school. But darned if he could figure out just who it was.

"I looked for him the first couple weeks. The honest truth -- I didn't even know," Patrick said.

One day, he was talking about the mystery to a friend, who smiled and pointed to the pretty blonde at the desk next to his.

"I said, 'No way, that's too weird!'" Patrick recalled. "Then I thought about it, and I said, 'So what's so weird about that?'"

But while Patrick and his friends were willing to accept Matthew "Alex" McLendon's feminine appearance and mannerisms, others in this rural, conservative western Georgia community of about 20,000 weren't.

And so 15-year-old Alex withdrew from school under pressure, leaving supporters of the popular, easygoing student wondering what threat they had supposedly been protected from.

"Alex wasn't causing any problems. She got along well with everybody," said classmate and friend Meayghan Denkers. "She wasn't trying to change anybody to be like her or anything."

After a heated meeting of the board of the small, private Georgian Country Day School on Oct. 6, Alex was "invited to withdraw" or face expulsion. Alex, who had enrolled in September after attending public school, was cited for wearing a tongue ring, but had been called before school authorities earlier about his female dress, makeup and hairstyle.

Most of Alex's classmates -- including some of the boys -- wore bows in their hair in protest until ordered to remove them by the principal. Some indignantly quoted their school handbook, which urges acceptance of "diversity in opinion, culture, ideas, behavioral characteristics, attributes or challenges."

"Alex represents something that's way beyond the experience and the comfort zone of the very conservative people we live with," said Lori Lipoma, Meayghan's mother and a drama teacher at the school. "I really think we all lost something very precious that night."

School officials would not discuss the case.

"We make no comments on students," said Rex Camp, chairman of the board of the school, where tuition is more than \$5,000 a year for the 50 or so high school students. Kindergarten and elementary students are in a separate building, but one parent of a 6-year-old expressed concern at the board meeting about Alex's effect on younger children.

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WANTED !

YOU !

**Chi Chapter is looking for volunteers
for the following duties.**

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Assistant Hotline attendees.

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Proposed Amendment to Chi Chapter By Laws.

The following amendment was voted on by the Chi Chapter board and presented in writing to the membership on June 19th, pursuant to ARTICLE VII, SECTION 1 of the Chi Chapter ByLaws. Ratification by the membership will take place on August 21st.

All Changes are in bold/underlined type.

ARTICLE V

SECTION 2

ADD: C. The Board of Directors shall be responsible for adopting rules and procedures governing the operation of the chapter, which rules and procedures shall be published from time to time in the newsletter. Any rules or procedures considered by the Board shall require a majority vote of the membership for adoption or repeal.

D. The board of directors is responsible for establishing committees and appointing committee heads as needed.

ARTICLE VI- MEMBERSHIP

ADD:

Section 4 - Application

A. All persons seeking membership in Chi Chapter shall submit an application to the chapter. The confidentiality of application information shall be governed by Article XII.

B. Membership applications shall be accompanied by payment of National and Chapter dues for the calendar year at the time of submission.

All applicants must be accepted as a National member prior to finalization of Chapter membership.

C. All applications are subject to review by the Board of Directors to insure compliance with National and Chapter By-Laws. If a Board member believes an application or applicant to be ineligible for Chapter membership due to non-compliance with National or Chapter By-Laws, said Board member shall notify the President and the matter shall be presented as an agenda item for review at the next scheduled Board meeting. The applicant shall be entitled to present evidence and witnesses showing compliance.

D. Membership applications submitted for Board review shall require a majority vote of the quorum of directors present for acceptance.

E. Any rejected applicant may reapply after six months. Dues shall be promptly refunded to any rejected applicant.

ARTICLE IX - ELECTIONS

SECTION 2- Ballots and Campaigning

REMOVE:

C. Members must be present at the November Saturday night meeting to vote, or present at the October meeting to obtain an absentee ballot..

ADD:

ADD: C. Members must be present at the November Saturday night meeting to vote, or have previously requested an absentee ballot..

NOTE:(Deletes requirement to be present, in person, at the October meeting to obtain an absentee ballot.

ARTICLE III - CODE OF CONDUCT

ADD:

SECTION 5 - VENDORS

A: Vendor is defined as anyone, a member of the chapter or not, who advertises in the Chapter Newsletter and/or attends chapter meetings and/or events for the purpose of sales of products or services to our members.

B. Vendors must submit a completed code of conduct agreement to the board of directors, and receive their approval prior to advertising and or attending meetings, events.

C. Code of conduct form utilized must be approved by the Board of Directors and completed copies of same may be distributed to other groups as stated on the agreement.

D. Vendor need only complete one Code of Conduct Agreement. If the vendor has signed the agreement with another group, a signed copy of the agreement, which was submitted to the other group, is acceptable. This Code of Conduct Agreement will be acceptable by all participating member groups of the Great Lakes Council of Gender Groups.

ARTICLE XIV - DISCIPLINARY PROCEDURES

SECTION 3- EXPULSION FROM CHAPTER

5. Any member expelled shall no longer be afforded any rights or privileges of members or guests of members and shall not be allowed to attend any Chapter sponsored events unless such event is co-sponsored with another organization and the individual is attending as a member of the co-sponsoring organization. Further all written material shall be immediately terminated to this individual.

Voted this 19th day of June, 1999

Yeas; Amanda , Shelley Hartt, Denise Peters, Sara Fenwick

Nays; None

Absent: Abby Adams

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“I believe in sexual standards in society, and I want my child in a school that holds the same sexual ethics that I do,” said Craig Neal.

Alex, who speaks in a soft, feminine voice, began cross-dressing two years ago and considers himself “95 percent girl.”

Larry Harmon, a Dade County, Fla., psychologist who counsels patients on sexual identity, said such feelings appear to fit a rare condition called gender-identity disorder. He said it doesn't necessarily imply homosexuality, and it's difficult to know how many youngsters have it and why.

“I'm not homosexual,” Alex said. “I just look like a girl and I dress like a girl. It wasn't anything flamboyant, not sequins or anything. But because I'm a guy .

He has since enrolled in night school and hopes to pursue a career in fashion merchandising and modeling.

At the Georgian Country Day School -- where Alex said he enrolled to get a better education -- he struck up a friendship with Meayghan and was soon invited to spend nights over at her house. The first couple of times, Meayghan's mother popped in on them unannounced just in case.

“They'd be sitting there doing hair, or painting nails, and I said to myself, “This is a girl,” Ms. Lipoma said.

A few weeks into the school year, he and his father were summoned to a meeting with school officials. They said that parents had complained, and that he had to dress like a boy, Alex recalled. He refused and was sent home. A special board meeting followed.

Under the law, a public school would have had to show that Alex was disrupting education or undermining safety. A private school has more leeway.

Alex's mother died when he was young. He said that his cross-dressing initially caused a rift with his father, but that the older man stood with him in the dispute with the board. Mack McLendon declined an interview.

“School is supposed to be preparing you for life,” Alex said. “Parents are trying to protect their kids by covering their eyes. It's going to be a real shock for some of these parents when their kids get out into the real world.”

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mortgage etc. In an announcement on March 25th they declared that “Our primary concern is the protection of the American Public.” “The changes close a loophole...by strengthen the private mailbox ID procedures and maintenance of ongoing customer lists.”

Well, as you can see, this will be a problem for some of you. I would recommend a regular PO Box, they are less intrusive and additional names (Fem) may normally be added with no problem or ID. You may also use UPS or Fed-Ex delivery to a “Mail Box” street location...they don't come under post office regulations and they don't inspect your mail. Check with your local store regarding setting up a ‘UPS only’ account. It will cost a little more but keeps your mail private.

Effective October 24, any mail addressed to a private mail box which has the prefix APT STE or no PMB prefix will be returned to sender. A separate flyer will be enclosed with this newsletter if we believe that you may be effected by this rule.

Now, in defense of the USPS I must mention, if the Post Office wasn't a quasi government agency, it would have been broken up as a monopoly many years ago. Ala AT&T. Lest we forget the havoc caused by that little move and the high cost of phone calls and the mess that made, we do have it easy in the service and cost of mail delivery.

Now, what about that proposed USPS tax on each and every E-Mail message which you send on the internet?????? Don't worry, they announced that it was never considered and they do not intend to consider it. Yeah, I remember Ameritech, a few years back, when they sent out a letter saying that they have not considered nor would they ever, in the foreseeable future, change the area code of a local area. A week later Ameritech announced that they were changing area codes in that area... Joking aside, Unfortunately this will impact many crossdressers. it may put many of them back in the small closet and they will have no contact with the outside CD world.

Hello

Candace and Dawn say HI! On June 12th, Kim and I attended their daughter's graduation party and everyone had a great time.

Denise

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Great Lakes Council of Gender Groups Activities Calendar JULY 1999 - AUGUST 1999

July

Thu	7/8	7:30PM	It's Time Illinois Meeting - 7:30 Transformations, Lower Level
Sat	7/10	7:30PM	GGG meeting, Intersexed, Milwaukee, LGBT Center
Tue	7/13	8:30PM	CGS Meeting, Stardust, 5688 N. Milwaukee
Wed	7/14 -Sun. 7/18		S.P.I.C.E., Minneapolis, Minn
Fri	7/16	0:00PM	Rapture Drag Ball, "CANCELLED"
Sun	7/18	6:30PM	Dinner at Buca di Beppo, 2941 N. Clark. Rori: 708-383-8338
Fri	7/23	6:30PM	Reception for Tri-Ess National Board, Elmhurst
Sat	7/24	9:00AM	Tri-Ess National Board meeting, Elmhurst
Sat	7/24	4:00PM	Chi/CGS Garden Party, West Chicago - No meeting on 3rd Saturday
Tue	7/27	8:00PM	CGS Social at Hunters, Elk Grove Village
Sat	7/31	7:30PM	CGS/TS Support Group, Transformations

AUGUST

Sat	8/14	7:30PM	GGG meeting, Milwaukee, LGBT Center
Sat	8/21	6:30PM	Chi Chapter Meeting, Elmhurst

September and beyond

- Sat. 9/11 - GGG meeting, Unitarian church
- Sat. 9/18 - Chi Chapter Meeting, Elmhurst**
- Nov. 10-14 - Holiday En-Femme, Houston, Texas
- Nov. 11-14 - Fall Harvest, Milwaukee, 414-297-9328

Contact information:

- Chi-Chapter - Meetings on 3rd Saturdays - 708-383-1677
- Chicago Gender Society - CGS - Meetings on 2nd Tuesdays - 708-863-7714
- Gemini Gender Group - GGG - Milwaukee area, Meetings on 2nd Saturdays -414-297-9328
- It's Time Illinois - ITI - Political Action for Transgendered Community- 708-535-1506
- T.O.N.I - Northern Indiana - 219-650-2142

For an expanded list of community organizations, vendors and other CD friendly businesses see Pamela's Web Site: <http://members.aol.com/pamelatv/index.html>



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SECOND ANNUAL GARDEN PARTY *HAWAIIAN STYLE*

When: July 24th Saturday
Time: 4:00 p.m. to Midnight

Julie Ann's Johnson's beautiful home and grounds will be open at 4:00 p.m. We will be having two service bars available for our cocktail hour serving soft drinks, wine, and beer and wonderful hor-d'oeuvres. We are planning a buffet "Hawaiian Style" dinner to start at 6:00 p.m. with Hawaiian ham, sweet and sour shish-ka-bobs Hawaiian style and all the extras plus desserts for your dinning pleasures.

Following dinner you will be entertained by fabulous Hawaiian dancers who will perform traditional Hawaiian dances and may even ask you to join in the fun. We will have a DJ at you service during the cocktail hour, dinner and afterwards for dancing.

We are looking forward to this wonderful event co-sponsored by Chicago Gender Society and Tri-Ess Chi Chapter.

We are requesting that this event maintain on a semi formal basis so please no shorts or t-shirts. Tickets will be available through both Tri-Ess and CGS and this will be a pre-sold ticket event only.

Ticket prices are as follows: \$40.00 prior to July 10th and \$45.00 up to July 22nd. No tickets will be available after July 22nd.

Dancing, Dining, Entertainment Garden Party Tickets

Also available at Transformations and Rachel's Wigs and SkyScraper Heels

TO: **Chi-Chapter Tri-Ess**
PO Box 40
Wood Dale IL 60191-0040

For more information: call the "helpline" at 708-383-1677

Enclosed is my paid reservation for _____ person(s), for "Garden Party Luau" on Saturday evening, July 24th at Julie Ann Johnson's. I am enclosing a check or money order payable to Chi/Tri-Ess in the amount of \$ _____

Please print your femme name and last name or Initial _____

COST: Payment received by July 10; \$40 per person
July 10 thru July 22; \$45.00
At the door: Sorry, tickets must be purchased in advance.....
Please DO NOT MAIL after July 16th