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## PRESIDENT'S REPORT: - Dawn C.

Hi everybody. I thought it was about time that I wrote down a few notes about what has been hapening with our group. I would also like to ask all of you out there to try to participate a little more in our group activities.

First off, after talking with Jennifer (our newsletter editor), Winnie, Tiffane, and some of the others who regularly come to our Board meetings, it was decided that we will attempt to keep the newsletter in its new format, the booklet style that you all recieved the last time. In that form we can get you 20 pages of information for the price of the original 10. One of the minor problems with that is that we will be needing more letters, stories, and poems to keep it filled. There is also an over abundance of strictly TS information for the newsletter. We need more stories and articles from the crossdressers and from spouses and couples to round it out. Remember this little group (it isn't so little - ed note) of ours is for everybody.

Second, the club will be purchasing some new books for our library. The titles are as follows: THE TRANSVESTITE AND HIS WIFE, HOW TO BE A WOMAN THOUGH MALE, HANDBOOK FOR SPEAKERS ON CROSSDRESSING, THE SPIRIT AND THE FLESH, and MY HUSBAND WEARS MY CLOTHES. Some of these books will be replacements for some of the books that have disappeared over time. If you happen to have any of the club books that you have forgotten to return please do so. (If you have any gender related books which you no longer use as well and would like to pass them along, the club is always welcoming donations! - ed).

Third, the new shopping guides have

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## JUST THOUGHT YOU WOULD LIKE TO KNOW DEPARTMENT:

On May 22, 1990, the following letter was sent to the state Attorney Generals office, seeking a speaker for our NYS Gender Coalition breakfast meetin on June 3. As of July 1, no one from this office has bothered to grace us with a reply.

The Honorable Robert Abrahms, Atty Gen  
Department of Law  
State Capital, Room 221  
Albany, NY 12224

Dear Mr. Abrahms,

I represent a local support group for transsexuals and transvestites based in Albany. Our immediate group represents approximately 80 active members and we maintain communications with a network of over 300 other crossdressers and helping professionals statewide. We are going to be sponsoring a weekend of events for members of our community in our area which will culminate with a breakfast meeting for the newly formed New York State Gender Coalition on June 3, 1990. The NSYGC is an activist group of leaders from our community from support groups similar to ours statewide. The overwhelming goal of the NYSGC, is to establish an agenda, to promote leadership, understanding, and in general make strides to improve the state of affairs for those residents of New York afflicted with gender dysphoria.

Before such an agenda can be established, it is important to have some understanding of the present state of affairs as to how we are viewed on a number of fronts. One of the most important of these fronts to our members

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## PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

been completed. Many thanks to Rachel for her efforts in getting all the information and sorting through it all and getting it printed up in time for our dinner cruise. Copies are available at our meetings for members, just ask. Copies are available to non members for \$3.00 each.

Fourth, our dinner cruise in June. The weekend started with dinner at the Beverwyck a stylish restaurant on Lark Street in Albany, and a Pub crawl on Friday night. Saturday's events included a fantastic Fashion Show - with fashions available from Gloria Lauren in Loudenville, and Undercover Wear, Image consulting - Julia Forbes, the dinner cruise (excellent time - ed), psychic readings by our own Sue M. and the Comedy Works (the comedians didn't quite know what to make of us - ed). Sunday was an informal breakfast for those leaving early followed by a more formal breakfast meeting for the NYS Gender Coalition. From all the people that I've talked with, everyone had a great time.

Now for the minor bitch session. We had thirty eight people participate in all or part of the weekend. Twenty of those people were from out of town or from other groups. I want to ask all of you from our group who chose not to participate, where in the hell were you? These events are not easy to plan or fund. In order for them and our group to continue to prosper we need your participation. As of the deadline for reservations our group was in the red ink as far as total club monies go and we even considered canceling the event! After members went out begging people to come out for at least one day of the weekend and modifying our reservations, we ended up able to pay the bills (we initially had a break even point of 50 people, and had recieved assurances from nearly 70 that they would be attending - ed) and we made \$57.00 (thanks to Sue and Julia donating their talents and fees). I think its about time that those of you who are hanging on for a free ride get off your collective butts and help out. The group sent out over three hundred notices fo the event and thirty eight of you chose to join us.

Those of you who didn't participate should talk to someone who did, just to find out what a great time you missed.

Fifth, thanks to the \$57.00 we made on the Weekend, we now have a new coffeemaker. That ought to make Katherine happy. The group is still looking for a VCR, TELEVISION, and COPY MACHINE for the club room. If anyone has one that they would like to donate let us know.

Sixth, this fall there will be two events with other groups we hope you will participate in, a fifties night

### ----- TGIC Officers & Board:

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### TGIC RATE STRUCTURES:

Full Membership	\$35.00
Couples Membership	40.00
Newsletter Only	20.00
Party Fees:	
2nd Saturday	5.00
4th Friday	3.00
Newsletter Ads:	
Business Card 1 Year	35.00
1/4 Page per insertion	20.00
1/4 Page per year	100.00
1/2 Page per insertion	35.00
1/2 Page per year	170.00
(No Full Page Ads Accepted)	
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Classified - others	10.00
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sock hop in Rochester and a Weekend Dinner and Dance in Syracuse. People from both groups have been regular participants at our events, so let's help them out. Details about each will be made available as soon as we get them.

Enough of me babbling on. Let's all try to do her share around here and keep our group strong and growing.

## JUST THOUGHT - A.I

is legality. In an attempt to obtain a clearer understanding of the legalities of crossdressing, transvestism, and transsexualism in New York, we would like to invite you or someone from your office to address our meeting on June 3. It is specifically of interest to us to know how law in New York views these subjects in relation to crossdressing in public, housing, discrimination, equal access to legal process, bias related crimes, divorce, marriage, drivers licenses, medicaid, welfare, birth certificates and other relavant areas.

I realize that you may not be fully aware of the existance of organizations such as ours, and to help you increase your awareness, I have enclosed some information for your review, including a copy of the TV/TS Tapestry Journal, several of our local newsletters, and our membership/information brochure. Please be assured that this is a legitimate request. We expect approximately 40 attendees at this breakfast from across the state. I understand that the time is short but was unaware that requests such as this had to be made in writing. We are hopeful that you will be able to assist us in this matter with a suitably informed presenter ready to make a presentation of aproximately thirty minutes duration. Other presenters scheduled to attend will include Jennifer Rich, Executive Director of the New York State Lesbian and Gay Lobby.

We hope your office is able to be represented, as we are looking forward to discussing these matters with you. The meeting is scheduled for June 3, 1990 at 10:00AM (Breakfast buffet will be provided) at the Days Inn route 9W at exit

23 of the Thruway. If you need to reach me personally to discuss further arrangements you can do so at 432-7092. Thank you for your consideration to this matter.

Sincerely,  
Jennifer [redacted]  
Outreach Chairperson, TGIC

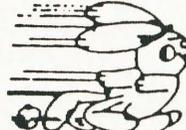
### SELF DISCOVERY QUESTIONS FOR TS'S

The following questions are submitted through GenderLine by Caryn, director of the Ingersoll Gender Center in Seattle, and were used for their TS discussion group the week of 5/16/90. We thank her for this contribution.

1. Are you moving away from being a man, or towards being a woman?
2. What changes will SRS mean in your life? If post-op, what changes has SRS meant?
3. Are you "NOT" a man? or "ARE" you a woman?
4. Are you comfortable being "bored" in your chosen role? (After going to the laundromat 52 weeks in a row, the newness of washing your own "unmentionables" tends to wear off.)
5. What would you do if you cannot get SRS, for whatever reason?

All the above are valid questions which we all should be asking ourselves, if we are even contemplating SRS. How did you rate yourself? -JW.

BARBARA MASTROUANI, L.P.S.  
GINNY SMITH, C.P.E.



## Hair Goes



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KREE CERTIFIED ELECTROLOGISTS  
BODY WAXING

**DEPO LEUPROLIDE OR LEUPROLIDE ACETATE AS A CHEMICAL CASTRATE FOR MALE TO FEMALE TRANSEXUALS** - Edited by Jennifer Wells from material submitted through Gender-Line.

**NOTICE:** This is not a medical report. Its information is presented by non medical personnel. Any drug program should be discussed with your physician or endocrinologist!

Many of us, both TV and TS have often wondered whether we would take "a magic pill" that turns you into a woman, if such a thing existed. While estrogens and other female hormones may do most of the job, Depo leuprolide may help complete the job. This drug produces total chemical castration in males, and one dose lasts for a month. It does cost \$360 a dose though.

**USES:**

In females it is used in fertility clinics to treat fibroids of the uterus. The main use is treatment of men for prostatic cancer. Although it is unknown at this time if it has been used in pre-operative TS's, estrogens are not contraindicated and it's use may make sense. Cost would be a big factor in its use though.(1)

**LEUPROLIDE ACETATE (Depo leuprolide) HOW IT WORKS:**

A bit of a complex drug to describe. It basically shuts down steroidogenesis in the testicle or ovary. According to reference books (including the PDR) ... Leuprolide acetate ... is an LH - RH antagonist. What that means basically is that it inhibits the secretion of gonadotropins by the body, when it is given continuously and in therapeutic doses (1mg/day administered in a subcutaneous inj. or 7.5mg/month administered in "depot form" in an intramuscular injection) It causes the inhibition of the production of LH (leutinizing hormone) and FSH (follicle stimulating hormone) which influence the production, by the body, of the gonadal steroids.

What this means is that it does result in a decrease in production of testosterone to castrate levels (after an initial increase...which occurs over about 1 week - after initial administration). At this time there are no known major side effects, or contraindications, and no evidence of mutagenicity has been uncovered in animal studies.(2)

**CONCLUSION:**

You may want to inform your endocrinologist/gynecologist of this drug as a possible compliment to your hormonal program. Drug use of any kind should be left up to your doctor.

1. Natalie (tv)
2. Cynthia K.

**TIFFANE'S TALE:**

- Tiffane V.

Hi Ladies,

As I keep moving on with my changes, many things are happening, some good, some not so good. One day I will never forget - the hurt and pain of signing a piece of paper that gave away a part of my life - a piece that I wanted to keep, but could not.

Everyone came away a loser and in some small part a winner if there can be one. I left the court crying and feeling empty. I thought I was ready, for this agreement was something I put together. Believe me this was a good deal for me. I had talked to people and researched what little information there was. It didn't look good. But, my wife didn't want a fight and I would have fought if pushed. I put a lot of information together which I thought would help if needed. Sometimes I wonder if it will ever get easier being a TS. The hurt of giving up the right to see my boys, hopefully will be short term, and the last hard thing I have to do. - LOVE & HUGGS TIFFANE

**FRIDAY NIGHTS ARE FALLING APART!**

Melissa K.

Hi girls! This your Big Sister Program coordinator here. We thought that it's about time somebody wrote something concerning the Friday night parties at the club loft. They are the fourth Friday of the month and for the last few months the attendance at them has been dismal to say the least. One time I was the only one there!

Now with it staying light out so late some of you may not want to venture out so early this time of year. And the Thursday night Rap group meetings seem to be ripping the inerts out of the Friday get-togethers. This is not to say "don't attend the Rap groups.", but just the opposite. Rap group attendance has been great.

The Friday night parties are a chance for all of us to get together, dress if you wish, and then maybe go out to Rage or The Playhouse and have a good time. I like the Friday parties because I don't have to worry about going to work the next day and can stay out as late as I wish. Now I know that not everybody has weekends off, but chances are most do. I think that this might be a good time for the out-of-towners to pay us a call. Dressed or not, the choice is yours. But we may have to stop the Friday parties altogether unless more people attend. (Friday night parties for July and August are canceled - However we are trying to schedule a BBQ or Steakout at the Last Straw for the Fourth Saturday in August - Ed)

Starting in September we are going to try to organize some sort of program or theme for the Friday parties. I, myself, am going to try to get a couple representatives from our merchant listings in to talk about their businesses and what we can purchase from them. Maybe I'll even be able to convince them to bring some of their wares along for samples. But I'm sure hate to arrange all that and then have only a couple of people show up. So, come on down! Let's see you at the Friday night loft parties!



"We're making progress, Miss Notchkins...  
No need to think he was queen of England."

**TRANSEXUAL STAMINA** - Jackie K.  
(submitted through GenderLine)

People who do a lot of talking about things, but never DO anything. And there are certain things (obviously) that require a certain amount of dedication and purpose, and are to some degree irreversible (because they change relationships). Such as seeking out a genderdoc, getting on hormones, living full time, etc. Also coming out publicly as a ts. It is easy to say to your support group "I am a ts". It is a hell of a lot different to say to your SO, or your Boss, or your Family, "I am a ts". It changes permanently your social relationships. Some actually get on the pill, but then get scared after a few weeks. Or after a few months, when some real changes occur. Or after around 6 months, when their ability to get an erection diminishes, or around 9 months to a year, when physical body changes become really noticeable, no matter HOW you are dressed. There are plateaus that you reach along the gender road. These "stages" determine to a great extent whether you are a say, type 4 or 5 ts. [ A candidate or not for SRS]. So I always look at what stage of the gender road they are on. There are also other factors, such as family situations to consider, children and other relationships, etc. But, a real ts will walk through hell itself to get where she belongs. You look at the general picture, and get a sense of whether or not they are serious or not. Real ts's are deadly serious about their gender problems, and are constantly looking for solutions. Got the idea?

**IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT FOR ANYONE INTERESTED IN RUNNING A TRANSSEXUAL SUPPORT GROUP - Veronica Jean [REDACTED]**

This article is in response to the "Important Announcement For Anyone Interested in Transsexualism" that appeared in the May-June issue of TGIC NEWS.

I think it's an excellent idea for TGIC, or any other successful CD organization to be willing to sponsor a program aimed at people interested in transsexualism. While I certainly don't have all the answers, or even claim to, I do have some experiences to share based upon objective observations of numerous transsexual groups which I have visited.

TS Tea? Many transsexual people are not looking for a place to socialize, indeed, some after a time, do not even wish to be seen with other transsexuals. Most are desperately hungry for specific answers to their own questions or problems and for some reassurance that what they are doing is the right thing.

The idea of not providing any kind of structure or agenda is not a good one. In any group of a social nature, you don't need much structure or agenda. For a bonafide support group to be successful and to provide valuable information and resources to those attending, you do need to provide leadership in the form of strong personality types, a simple but flexible structure and some kind of general or specific agenda.

Without a strong leader, or authority figure, the transsexual support meeting can easily deteriorate into a hodgepodge of everyone trying to talk at the same time, or worse, no one willing to talk at all. I've seen it happen at other groups.

As peer moderator of the Twenty Club for the past couple of years, I was faced with many a meeting where the people, both newcomers and oldtimers, sat in the

circle of chairs and didn't have anything to say. I sometimes presided at each meeting without a specific agenda in mind but in the opening moments of each meeting, I was able to ascertain the immediate needs of those present and went on from there. In other words, you need to sense the way the wind is blowing. At other times I opened the meetings with a specific or pre-arranged program, or a show and tell session to run.

You can't make people talk if they feel shy or feel uncomfortable about talking about a problem that to them, is embarrassing or unique. But once they discover they're not alone, they usually soften a bit. I've visited other transsexual support groups where the moderator in charge did not have a strong personality, was not capable of running the meeting and keeping the riff raff (Yes, there is even riff raff among transsexuals...) in line. As a result, the stronger opinionated personality types took over the meeting and by speaking in cutting, personal tones, managed to insult and seriously hurt some of the vulnerable people present. They presented opinions and comments designed to increase their status and to put down those they perceived as a threat to their imagined self importance.

The most dastardly comment I ever heard at a transsexual support group meeting was this past January and (the club shall remain nameless) it was spoken by a "supposed" post-op who sat back in her chair and said, "Well, I got my surgery and I don't care if any of you ever get it." This comment occurred in the middle of a free for all name calling session and the moderator could not regain control. I asked for and was given the floor as an impromptu guest speaker and for the second hour, I was able to turn the meeting back into a constructive support session. Unfortunately for me, only three of the thirty people present had heard of my name so I wasn't able to draw upon my reputation for strength. I was forced

to use all my charm and wits to gather the attention and interest of those present. I was able to spot certain people who had informative and constructive information to share and I made sure they were able to convey the information to the group.

I have observed non-transsexual people successfully moderate transsexual forums, but in those instances, there were real transsexuals present to add credibility and first hand experiences to the meeting. There is nothing like the 'having been there' to carry weight. This situation is similar to a white person attempting to address the needs of blacks at a NAACP meeting. Think about it.

Crossdressers have specific problems and needs. Transsexuals on the other hand have a much different set of problems unique only to them that the crossdresser doesn't have. Both sets of needs are equally important to the individuals in either category. Successfully operating a support group is a serious undertaking that requires knowledge, experience and understanding. It isn't enough to merely throw everybody together and hope things work out. There has to be a plan and there has to be someone to implement that plan in an objective, compassionate manner. Most transsexuals don't need a casual social atmosphere, they need a lot more, because so much is taken from them when they begin their arduous journey towards gender congruity. And there is more to reaching out to them than mere practical issues like hormones or ID changes. Transsexuals need compassion and a little love. They need to be told that I'm okay and you're okay.

How often have you ever seen crossdressed men hug each other at a meeting? I mean, really exchange a warm, meaningful embrace? Unthinkable? Does it smack of suppressed homosexuality? Well, that's too bad if you have that mindset. Let me tell you, if you've ever been to a lesbian, gay or womens' meeting, you will see plenty of

that going on and it's all non-sexual. You will see people standing arm in arm in a circle exchanging thoughts, ideas, reflecting about the meeting past or looking ahead to the next one.

There was a cute little ditty about hugging going around the gender newsletters a while back on this very topic. It was cute to print and cute to read, but how many of you actually put it into practice? I first introduced this method of expressing friendship at a Twenty Club Christmas party several years ago, it worked then and it works every time. I've hugged newcomers at Twenty Club meetings and many said, "How did you know that's what I needed?"

That was the first thing I did at the above not mentioned transsexual support group meeting when I got the floor. I walked around the circle of strangers, introduced myself, shook hands, smiled, asked them to stand and asked if they'd like a hug. You should have seen the smiles on their faces where just a few moments before, there had been anger and resentment. No, it isn't easy running a support group meeting, but any effort deserves merit.

Experience isn't what happens to you, but it's what you do with what's happened to you. In running a successful transsexual support group, it isn't what you say that is important, but it's the manner in which you say it. It's a true sharing of the human spirit on a deeper, understanding, and feeling level.



"Then this part fastens behind your back, like no..."

**A MOMENTS REFLECTION - Jennifer**

Well we pulled it off - barely. You've already read Dawn's remarks about how the lack of participation during our spring fling almost bankrupted our club, Tiffane, when asked to write about the weekend chose to focus on similar thoughts. I didn't enclose them here because I didn't want you, our members to feel we were beating you over your heads. Please let me assure you, though that concern is very high. In recent weeks we have seen participation drop off drastically for all or most of our club events. We have tried to design events for our weekends which are not only social for new visitors, exciting for our transvestite members, but are varied enough to even be of interest to our jaded old transsexual members. When told about this weekend, the excitement and anticipation generated led us to believe it would be a huge success. After the fact all comments from participants were exceptionally favorable. It was promoted heavier than anything we have ever done. What are we doing wrong? Apparently many of you are at a stage in this part of your lives where you don't feel you need to dress or interact with other dressers. Frankly, based on the numbers, I find this hard to believe. People, we have nearly 100 paid members! We also have approximately 50 nonpaid people who interact with our group regularly or who were former members. In addition to this we have developed a correspondence and networking list of over three hundred other crossdressers in the north east who are informed of major functions. In short, we are better linked to the dressing community than almost any other group save Renaissance and maybe Tiffany clubs.

Many of the key people in our group are discouraged, and highly disappointed and on the verge of burn out. We need new blood to get involved. We need YOU to get involved. Apparently we aren't offering the sort of events you need, or we aren't hitting the people for membership who need support and socialization. What do we do? If it

weren't for the efforts of Dawn, Pam, Tiffane, Rachael, Katherine, Melissa, Winnie, myself and maybe one or two others, there would be no TGIC. Think about that a minute. We have something unique here. We have a group of social outcasts which is largely accepted and respected by our community. Its one of the largest and most active groups of its sort in the world. Yet without the efforts of the above folks, we would have nothing. YOU would have nothing, and quite frankly that's not beyond the realm of possibility.

Its great to sit back and think... well I don't feel like dressing so I won't go to the 145 Club this month...there's always next month. Will there always be a next month? Think about it. And while you are thinking, what about the first timer who just coming to terms with his own needs and is looking for support, and noone is there? Back into the closet he goes, because noone is there, noone cares. Remember how dark and lonely and frightening it was in that closet? If you can't or don't want to join us for yourself... Join us for someone else.

Dear Jennifer:

I just wanted to drop a line to thank you, and TGIC for the delightful experience of the SPRING FLING. I can't find enough good things to say about all the wonderful people who I met.

The social activities were marvelous. I enjoyed the dinner at the Beverwyck, the cruise and the comedy show were out of this world. The fashion show just made me drool. I would gladly kill for the opportunity to wear either the jumpsuit, which you modeled, or the black dress worn by Pam.

The NYSGC (New York State Gender Coalition - ed) has great promise. I sincerely hope that all of us will carry out our intentions, and make this thing work. I think that it is significant that 2 Tri-Ess groups are participating, despite the bullshit that comes out of California.

I am enclosing some pictures, taken during the week-end. I hope that you will enjoy them. Please distribute the pictures to the other girls. That's all for now. I'll close with love from

Your Sister  
Beth T  
LIFE

**SUMMER - FALL EVENTS:**

**LIFE HOSTS PARTY**

During our weekend outing, Beth and Delores from LIFE in Long Island invited the sisters of TGIC to visit for their first party and social at the Forever Green Bar in Lindenhurst, Friday August 3, 1990. If anyone is interested in attending we will need to leave early Friday afternoon, as this is about a four hour drive for our girls. This may be a good opportunity for those who haven't been to Fire Island, to make it a weekend affair! Fire Island is summer home of NYC's gay party crowd, and is quite the experience. Accomodations can be found at the Ice Palace in Cherry Grove or at numerous Summer homes if other accomodations are not available. Fire Island boasts an almost perpetual drag show through out the summer, and is really something to be seen! If you go bring your flashiest wardrobe your swimsuit and your Visa card... (do they accept American Express?) Take the Fire Island Ferry from Sayville.

**BOSTON OUTING PLANNED**

Well so many of you liked the dinner cruise at our last coming out weekend that we felt you might like to know that Tiffany club will be hosting a cruise in Boston Harbor on August 18. The boat holds 600 people and Tiffany has a block of 50 spaces being held, but only until July 18. The fee is \$50, for what sounds like an evening of fun and dancing on Boston Harbor. The absolute deadline to have in your reservations and payment to Tiffany Club is July 18. For those interested, and even those who aren't we are trying to put together one of our impromptu to weekend outings to the east coast, August 17th and 18th.

Leave Friday Morning for Provincetown to enjoy one of the nights at the height of CARNIVAL, (reservations should be made as soon as possible for those planning to attend), then Saturday morning we will return to Boston to visit the Tiffany Club Open House on Saturday. For those who don't wish to go on the cruise, we will find something else to do in downtown Boston that night! This schedule is only tentative and will be adjusted to accomodate those wishing to attend... All fees are on your own! Put it on your calendar!

**ORIGINAL POCONOS WEEKEND**

September 6, 7, 8 and 9 will again see Jennifer and Angel trekking to the Pines Resort in Pennsylvania's Poconos Mountains for Muriel Olive's Original Poconos Weekend. Details are not yet available as of this writing but fees generally run about \$275 for the whole four days... all expences except your drinks are included. Events include the Pocono's Princess pageant, Best legs contest, dancing all night every night with Jennifer as DJ. A show Saturday, Make up and Comportment instruction with Muriel Olive and assistants, and special guests. All this and more in the beautiful relaxed setting of the Pines Resort. If you are looking for a special event, this could be a great secure way to get out. Contact Muriel Olive at Fem Fashions, NYC, or contact me for details.

**CD NETWORK CELEBRATES SOCK HOP**

Rochester will be hopping (sorry couldn't resist) with poodle skirts and bobby socks galore on September 14th. (Yes your's truly will be DJ'ing) Fun gets underway at 7PM for dancing and dinner. Fee is \$25.00. Registration is required by September 1, 1990 to CD Network Box 92055, Rochester NY 14692. This event will again be held at the caterer who hosted their last big dance. Rochester is about a four hour drive so plan your time accordingly.

**EON ANNOUNCES ORGANIZATIONAL BANQUET AND AWARDS:**

Eon, has finally taken flight in

Syracuse. Through the efforts of Angela, Charliss, Cheryl and many others the girls of Syracuse have finally gotten things going and in a big way. A recent ad in the local weekly drew over 40 responses from people interested in the group. So great has been the response that they are planning a big celebration on November 3 with their first ever BANQUET! Also at this time the NYS Gender Coalition will be making its first AWARDS! I will be DJing for this one too, so plan on attending! Write BON Box 6293, Camillus, NY 13031, for details and registration. Lets show these new groups we care and support their activities!

#### CAR POOLING:

If you would like to attend any of the above events, please contact Jennifer at 432-7092 and I will try to coordinate car pooling.

### "MY HUSBAND WEARS MY CLOTHES"

by Peggy J. Rudd, Ed.D

The expression "Clothes don't make the man," has never had greater meaning. Dr. Rudd is the wife of a crossdresser.

The emotion of the book comes from her heart, and the credibility from a strong educational background. Topics include: "A wife's Introduction", "Liberation of the total person," "A new male image," "What is femininity?" "The crossdresser and his parents," "The crossdresser and his wife," "Improving the marriage," "The crossdresser and his children," "The effects of suppressed femininity," "Getting professional help," "Learning to love your husband en femme," and, "Help from organizations."

Cost: \$10.00 plus \$1.50 postage and handling. Make checks or money orders payable to: "TFGE", P.O. Box 367, Wayland, MA 01778

## 'Dress Code' Unfair?

**Dear Ann Landers: How come girls and women can wear blue jeans, plaid flannel shirts, boots, sweatshirts and leather jackets, and nobody raises an eyebrow? But when a man wears lace panties, nylons or a black flimsy nightgown he is considered abnormal?**

**This seems unfair to me, and I'd like an explanation. — San Francisco**

**Dear San Fran: Marlene Dietrich made slacks fashionable for women in the 1940s.**

**During World War II, when Rosie the Riveter went to work in the defense plant, she wore trousers, because they were more practical and safer than a skirt. Men's shirts, boots and pants proved to be more comfortable**

### DEAR ANN LANDERS



I DON'T KNOW WHY I'M TALKING ABOUT!

By Ann Landers

than dresses and heels.

Men who wear women's underwear and lace nighties do it to get turned on.

### Transvestite Hunt A Real Drag, Says Buffalo PD

**BUFFALO (AP)** — After two months' work, police think they may finally have the lineup they need to press their investigation of a man accused of robbing three people at knife-point while wearing women's clothing.

Authorities hope to present Jesse Medley to the victims on Thursday for identification from a lineup of similarly garbed men.

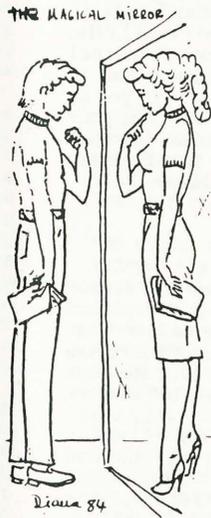
Finding Medley wasn't the problem. He was arrested in September, hours after one of the robberies, and has been jailed ever since. But finding other men to fill out the lineup has been tough.

"We've been having a very difficult time getting men willing to put on make-up and wigs," said prosecutor Carol Giarrizzo Bridge, who obtained permission for the lineup from Erie County Judge Timothy J. Drury on Oct. 2.

Buffalo Police Sgt. Daniel Rich said professional makeup artists have been used in previous lineups to change men's hairstyles and apply mustaches and beards on lineup decoys, but they haven't applied transvestite makeup.

Medley, 27, who sometimes goes by the name Cherise, has a history of about 60 arrests, including prostitution, and a reputation for showing up in court wearing wigs and heavy eye makeup, police said.

John M. Garrity, Medley's court-assigned lawyer, declined to comment.



The New-York Historical Society

### A Lord in Lady's Garb, or Just a Nobody?

Tradition holds that this portrait in the collection of the New-York Historical Society is of Viscount Cornbury, a Royal Governor, who liked to wear women's clothes. Now, a New York University professor, who says it is not the Viscount, is being challenged by a British historian. Page B3.

## A Tempest in a Portrait: Was That Lady a Lord?

By ERIC PACE

For 38 years, an old portrait of a jowly person in women's garb has reposed in the collection of the New-York Historical Society, serene in the decidedly unconventional wisdom about its subject.

Now, a New York University professor, Patricia U. Bonomi, has ignited a trans-Atlantic tempest by challenging the traditional view: that the portrait depicts Viscount Cornbury, Royal Governor of the British colonies of New York and New Jersey from 1702 to 1708 and a man long said to have liked wearing women's clothes in public now and then.

The professor, who is writing the Viscount's biography, said in a recent interview and in a letter published in a British literary weekly that her research indicated that he would not have gone in for that sort of thing and that the anonymous undated portrait was "not of Cornbury at all."

Arguing against her is Dr. Philip Davenport-Hines, a fellow of the Royal Historical Society who has written a new book of social history that accepts the traditional identifica-

tion of the painting. He writes in the book that "we begin to find people who are openly unhappy with some of the social expectations of their gender — for example, Viscount Cornbury" — in that historical period.

#### Important Evidence

In a later letter in the weekly Times Literary Supplement, Dr. Davenport-Hines said that the professor's argument was "inconclusive" and ignored some important evidence and that he was still inclined to believe the portrait was of Lord Cornbury.

His book, "Sex, Death and Punishment: Attitudes to Sex and Sexuality in Britain Since the Renaissance," was put out by Collins Publishers, a British concern. Of the dispute that came after the weekly reviewed the book, a Collins editor, Philip Gwyn Jones, said: "It seems a very English exchange. It's funny to see an American coming to the defense of such a distant and rather peculiar historical figure — with such dispatch and in the grand British manner."

Not only that, but the New-York Historical Society is keeping a stiff upper lip. A senior curator there, Dr. Annette Blaugrund, said: "I have some questions about the painting. We will have someone here this summer to do some research in addition

to Professor Bonomi's. We would love to have some of her input as well."

In the meantime, the portrait remains prominently displayed in the society's museum-headquarters on Central Park West, and Dr. Blaugrund said she had no plans to change the labels that say flatly that the Viscount was the subject of the painting.

In her letter, Professor Bonomi, an expert on early American history, says the portrait, which the society bought from a British family named Pakington in 1952, "has tickled the fancy of viewers for 200 years." It was being kept on a Pakington estate in England, she adds, when in 1796 it was first said to portray Lord Cornbury, who died in 1723 after inheriting the higher title of Earl of Clarendon.

#### 'Floated in Derision'

The professor writes that a "tale that when in America Governor Cornbury had dressed as a woman to show his resemblance to his cousin Queen Anne" was "originally floated in derision" by his opponents in the colonies.

"Given the spleen of Governor Cornbury's colonial opposition, the transvestism charge was in all likelihood a slander," she contends.

Yet accounts of his cross-dressing have proven highly durable. In a 1989 book, Louis Auchincloss wrote unreservedly that the Viscount was "a notorious transvestite." But Mr. Auchincloss, who is president of the Museum of the City of New York, said it was only a "dubious legend" that the Governor "used to wear women's robes in presiding over the City Council to represent more appropriately his royal female relative."

Professor Bonomi said that in the past she had not questioned the conventional wisdom that Lord Cornbury

had cross-dressed and had also been corrupt. But in more recent research, she said, she found that contemporary "English officials and Church of England clergymen seemed to think quite highly of Governor Cornbury."

"No one among British officials ever mentioned the cross-dressing specifically," she said, "but there are letters from British officials in the colonies in which they said Cornbury had been slandered viciously."

The mysterious painting, she said, "is the most frustrating aspect." Recent tests have not helped to date it accurately, she said, but experts have concluded it was painted in England.

In "Sex, Death and Punishment," the author asserts that Lord Cornbury "was undeniably a man who felt false when he dressed and behaved as men were expected to do" and that "it was probably relevant to the acting out of his fantasy that the Queen whom he imitated was his first cousin, to whom he bore some facial resemblance."



"RONALD PROPOSED WHILE FINISHING COLLEGE IN ENGLAND AND WAS BEING FINISHED IN CASABLANCA."



THE WISH OF EVERY TV IS TO HAVE A SET LIKE THESE.

## Buyer beware when it comes to plastic surgery

NEW YORK (AP) — Looking for a present for the woman who has more than everything? How about an eyelid tuck, or liposuction?

But at anywhere from \$600 to \$8,000, cosmetic surgery may be too pricey, so how does \$85 a month sound for the woman, or man, of your dreams?

Buyer, beware!  
"It really is a medical procedure and all surgery has problems. It's not buying a fur coat," warns Dr. R. Barrett Noone, a director of the American Board of Plastic Surgeons, which certifies doctors in the speciality.

"Don't bother," Lee Goldsmith, a physician and practicing lawyer, says to those thinking of cosmetic surgery. "It's an abused, unnecessary procedure."

Goldsmith only sees the failures in his New York-area law practice, such as the a woman who came in after an implant with "one breast going up and one going down and the surgeon was going to charge her to do it over."

But successes outnumber horror stories in the multibillion-dollar industry — an estimated 1 million to 3 million "image enhancement" procedures a year in the United States.

Cher had her nose "refined" several years ago. "It looked too big onscreen and bothered me. Hey, if I need cosmetic surgery, the moment I need it

I'm getting it. OK?" she told People magazine.

Angela Lansbury went public last year: Periodic cosmetic surgery dating to 1966 has helped keep her a leading lady. The star of the TV series "Murder, She Wrote," said she decided

The consumer's dilemma — and everyone seems to agree the consumer can get caught in the middle — is that any licensed physician can do cosmetic surgery.

to talk about it because "cosmetic surgery shouldn't be just the secret of actresses and socialites now that it's available to anyone who wants it and can afford it."

Supporters call that accessibility democratic. Critics call it a problem.

"Medicine goes Madison Avenue" with the kind of advertising previously reserved for the ABCs — automobiles, beer and cigarettes," says the staff of a House subcommittee pre-

12 or younger. Men had 23 percent of the eyelid surgery, 12 percent of the facelifts and 13 percent of the liposuction — fat removal.

The consumer's dilemma — and everyone seems to agree the consumer can get caught in the middle — is that any licensed physician can do cosmetic surgery. Or brain surgery, for that matter, but the demand doesn't seem to be so high.

"Physicians have responded to the demand, not created it," says Dr. Richard Caleel, president of the American Academy of Cosmetic Surgery.

The demand, or the money, has induced doctors who are certified in gynecology, ear, nose and throat, or whatever to turn to the more lucrative work. A top plastic surgeon can do 16 operations a week at "\$3,000 to \$4,000 a pop," Goldsmith says.

Doctors can legally advertise, perform operations any place they choose and call themselves board certified without designating the speciality.

This has set up a feud involving doctors trained in plastic and reconstructive surgery and those trained in some other speciality who turned to cosmetic work, those who square off for or against advertising, and those who, like Goldsmith, say the risks of such elective surgery are just too great.

paring a bill to set some standards on how doctors can advertise such procedures and where they can perform the operations.

Cosmetic surgery is "a dangerously under-regulated medical field," said Rep. Ron Wyden, D-Ore., who chaired hearings last spring that prompted his panel of the Small Business Committee to draft the regulations.

The panel found that cosmetic surgery is often performed by unqualified doctors in undersupplied facilities. The staff report estimated that 3 million cosmetic operations are performed a year, 95 percent of them in doctors' offices where crucial emergency equipment is often lacking. Some say the 3 million figure is way too high, but there's no way to know for sure.

Men accounted for nearly 30 percent of the 1988 patients for doctors in the American Academy of Cosmetic Surgery, and 22 percent of facial surgery by those in the American Society of Plastic and Reconstructive Surgeons.

Earpinnings, or croppings, are big with males, who had 53 percent of those procedures reported for 1988 by the Plastic and Reconstructive Surgeons group; a further breakdown shows that 53 percent of the total ear procedures was done on children age

The following article is a new and hopefully regular feature of the TGIC NEWS prepared by our own Melissa K. We hope you enjoy it. - JW

D&S CORNER: Review of Tie Me Up - Tie Me Down - Melissa K.

It is a fact that a lot of TVs are into some kind of D&S (Discipline & Submission) activity. (Don't worry. A lot of "straight" people are too!) This can include bondage, sadomasochism (S&M), submission, and discipline. So it is no secret that I myself am, more or less, into this scene. I'm not the "leather mistress" type, or the "get down on your knees!" type either. But, in the end I thought it might be a good idea to write some sort of piece on this obscure subject.

For now I'll just stick to a movie review. I'm sure most of you in the Capital area are familiar with the Spectrum Theater in Albany. They show some of the more lesser-known movies along with foreign films. Well, when I found out that a movie titled "Tie Me Up! Tie Me Down!" was playing there, I almost went through the ceiling!

"Tie Me Up! Tie Me Down!" is a movie by the Spanish director Pedro Almondovar (Women on the Verge of a Nervous Breakdown). It was originally going to receive an X rating because of one controversial scene involving a toy scuba-diver in a bathtub with one of the main characters. About two months ago, there was a short story done on Entertainment Tonight concerning this picture and included a cut from that one scene. However, before the movie was actually rated, it was withdrawn and re-released unrated.

The story concerns recently released mental patient Ricky (Antonio Banderas) who becomes infatuated with Marina (Victoria Abril), a B horror movie star and recovering junky. Ricky stalks her on the set of her current film and follows her home to her apartment and breaks in. He tells her that he loves her and wants to marry and take care of her and raise their

children. Marina is outraged, telling him that many men have made that same promise to her and never followed through. But Ricky hopes to convince her of his love, hoping that if she spends enough time with him that she'll love him.

Angered over her several escape attempts, and her need for some stronger medicine for her tooth, Ricky ties Marina to her bed and takes to the streets to buy some drugs for his reluctant bride. Upon returning, he finds her "asleep" and gently unties her but leaves her gagged. This scene really shows love bondage at it's peek as Marina, actually awake, leaves her gag in place. Another good example of this occurs when a pair of handcuffs is left dangling on one wrist.

In all it was very mild for a movie that was virtually guaranteed an X rating. But don't let that fool you. "Tie Me Up! Tie Me Down!" was an entertaining film. So, if you like foreign films, then this one is right up your alley. And if you're a bondage enthusiast, then "Tie Me!" won't disappoint.

The picture was not filled with what some people would refer to as "pornography". Maybe that's why things in other countries are so open. It's normal to encounter subjects like this more openly in Spain and especially in Italy. They're normal parts of life. But, in America they are Kinjite. They are forbidden subjects. We Americans love our privacy. And things like this are very private to most people. In a way, this film is better than most domestic films because it shows honest views on a mysterious subject without the violent degree that has become an American staple.

On a scale of 1 to 4, I give "Tie Me Up! Tie Me Down!" 3 1/2 stars. Because of the adult nature of this film, no one under 18 will be admitted. I've seen a lot of D&S films in the past, and this is destined to be a classic in the same league as "The Story of O".

TRANVESTISM, OUR PROBLEM OR "THEIRS" - VIEWS ON TRANVESTISM AS A SOCIETAL RATHER THAN PSYCHIATRIC PROBLEM -Part one.

By Jennifer [REDACTED]

You may have heard the old saw than transsexualism is a medical problem, transvestism is a psychiatric problem and homosexuality is a sexual problem, but is transvestism really a psychiatric "problem"? Or are the problematical aspects of transvestism or crossdressing nothing more than a function of the society we live in?

WHO IS A TV?

A transvestite is a person who finds that they are unexplicably and often undeniably drawn to at least on occasion dress in the clothes reserved for a member of the opposite sex. For many, this compulsion is linked to sexual activity either in the form of masturbation or intercourse, but this is not a universal distinction of this group. At present, due to the deeply closeted nature of crossdressers or transvestites, research has been unable to establish any common root cause for this behaviour pattern. Although anxiety reduction seems to be a common theme.

Early theories as to causes tend to exhibit a specificity or skew derived from the particular population of subjects studied during research. For example one study conducted early this century, on homosexual prisoners who happened to crossdress concluded that crossdressers where homosexual and had criminal intent. This has been the root of the popular misconception fostered in literature, movies (DePalma's DRESSED TO KILL) and television (Several episodes of MIKE HAMMER) that crossdressers were sick individuals which pose a threat to society. Many other studies have been conducted on psychiatric patients who had many not necessarily related problems, with the conclusion that transvestites are people with psychiatric problems. If people were unfamiliar with birds in their everyday life, and

a study were conducted on only birds which were walking on land, and it concluded that "birds walk on land" then it is unlikely that the average person reading the study would ever believe that some birds swim (ducks), let alone that birds fly!

Due in a large part to these early badly researched theories, many societal precepts have been formed...crossdressers are criminals, gay, or perverted, and the maturing crossdresser often finds himself struggling to qualify these precepts within the context of his own existence, usually finding that they just aren't valid. This search usually leaves him carrying a heavy burden of guilt and self doubts.

Not all theories are bad work however, although speculation as to cause ranges from "his mother dressed him in girls clothes as a child" (possibly valid in some cases) through to "the concept of transgendered behaviour has its derivations in genetic / hormonal (pick one) dysfunctioning" (also possibly valid in some cases) no comprehensive explanation is available to us. Due in part to the lack of knowledge as to causes, no known cure has proven to be effective in more than a few isolated cases which may indeed have been psychiatric or derivative in nature.

Most of the transvestites I have worked with or met as a peer counselor through GenderLine, and in person through various gender organizations are heterosexual, successful, well established, contributing members of our larger general society, who go to great extremes to not interject their transvestism on any aspect of their personal, professional, and social lives. Elaborate cover stories, untruths, and manipulations are devised to allow them some time to dress in a manner which is non-intrusive on their other established lives. For these people crossdressing is largely a very personal and private thing. By the time this person finds that he can bring himself to associate with other crossdressers he has

established a healthy attitude of his own self worth and value to society and often seeks affirmation of his conclusions by observing similar traits in other gender persons with whom he becomes associated.

Many transvestites are strongly polarized in their masculine and feminine personas, opting for careers which are highly structured and often require the wearing of a uniform for the masculine persona and elaborate lingerie or evening wear for the feminine persona. Transvestism is generally viewed by knowledgeable professionals today as a harmless deviation, which helps the person feel more comfortable with their more normal roles in society. Transvestites themselves often are heard to comment that dressing in clothes of the opposite gender helps them cope with stressful situations in their lives generated from hectic work or social schedules. Research is currently being conducted on transvestism as a stress release mechanism for patients afflicted with stress induced or influenced illnesses such as ulcers, crohns disease, ulcerative colitis and other related digestive tract ailments. This research is focused on the theory that suppressed transvestism may in fact aggravate a propensity towards these conditions.

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### INTERVIEW: CHOICES COUNSELING SERVICES

Jennifer [REDACTED]

(Part one of two parts)

Choices counseling is a regular advertiser and supporter of TGIC NEWS. Although this service primarily works with clients from the gay community, they offer the gender community a holistic, supportive, private, confidential and professional alternative for those seeking assistance dealing with their gender conflicts. Their offices are in the WOMEN'S BUILDING located at 79 Central Avenue, Albany, and their phone number is 518-393-6403. Our interview was with Arlene Istar, CSW, CAC.

JW: Why don't we start with you telling us a little about your services?

AI: Well, there are three of us here in practice, myself, Paul Postiglione, and Jeffery Hallenbeck. Primarily, our commitment has been to work with the gay/lesbian - bisexual community. As far as I know, we are the only agency in the capital district that is geared toward that population. We've also done some work with transsexuals and transvestites... less so but then again there is less of, if you will excuse the term, a market, particularly in the capital district.

But we do training and consultation work with other therapists in the community, and in the practice itself we do individual therapy, group therapy, family therapy, couples therapy, and at this point we run two groups and we hope to get three other groups started.

JW: So you've worked with transvestites and transsexuals before, we're going to try to focus on that a little bit as that's a primary source of concern to our members.

AI: Right, just so you realize that that's just a smaller piece of what we've done.

JW: Have you had a fair amount of experience in this area?

AI: It would be fairer to say I've had some experience.

JW: What is your approach towards counseling TV's and TS's?

AI: It's basically an affirmative approach, a supportive approach to figure out where people are coming from and what their needs are. Sometimes what I've seen, particularly working with closeted gay people, is a lot of confusion about their gender...

JW: Because of their homosexuality?

AI: Well the job is to figure out what is going on... if what is going on is a transgender issue, or a sexual identity issue.

JW: That's interesting because many people in our community go through a lot of reverse of that. A lot of people who grow up transgendered wonder at one point or another whether they are gay or not.

AI: I think its the same...

JW: Or different sides of the same coin?

AI: Yes, and my job is to figure it out. If a young woman comes to me who is involved in a lesbian relationship and is feeling like she wants to be a man... I have to figure out... "is this a issue of..."

JW: Gender or Sexuality?

AI: Well, what it is to be a lesbian in an oppressive society where the only thing she can identify with is "well I must want to be a man"... or is this really a transgender issue... where what she really wants to do is change her gender regardless of her, to use clinical terms, object choice is... whether its men or women she's attracted to. So it's a piece of work sometimes.

JW: So you do the same thing we do as to separate sexuality (object choice) from gender.

AI: Right. One of my own particular fascinations, which I may do my thesis on when I go for my Ph.D. is kind of on what I call butch/femme, which is just trying to understand what is the gender piece. I basically believe that butch/femme is more of an important internal identity, than the terms of masculine and feminine that we use in this society. I think you could probably divide the world... maybe not everybody, but a good portion of the world half and half on how they identify.

JW: Rather than by their actual physical sex?

AI: By their genitals - Right. But of course as you know in this society, a man who is more identified with the feminine is obviously... um...

JW: It doesn't make it easy,

AI: It doesn't make it easy, I think its easier for women.

JW: So you take more of a holistic approach toward therapy with a person?

AI: Definitely.

JW: Have you dealt with any transgendered couples? One of the things which is a big concern with our people (especially with the heterosexual members of our community) is relationships, wives, significant others, and its a predominant theme...

AI: Are you saying its a man who, let's say, is married to a woman and then gets in touch with with his gender identity?

JW: Well, usually the way it works is that a lot of our people start at a very early age, to crossdress or to have feeling that they need to crossdress, whether they act on them or not. Its not unusual to hear people say that they can remember a fascination or interest or compulsion towards this end as early as three to five years of age. But most of the time the feelings go back way before the time there was ever a relationship. The problems that arise are as to acceptance within the relationship by the spouse or even by

the person himself.

AI: So you are talking about a heterosexual relationship affected from the past?

JW: Right.

AI: My understanding of your organization here is much more male to female than female to male. Isn't that true?

JW: Yes, however recently we have had a number of FTM's contact us. We have a former member of our board of directors who is FTM now living full time as a male, and generally we refer these people to him. And I can't honestly say what results he has been having as far as organizing a FTM support group or peer counselling. You don't see FTM that much although professionals say the numbers are approaching equity in both directions for transsexuals.

AI: I'm under the understanding that there is only one hospital in the US which is doing FTM surgery?

JW: Actually there is two that I'm aware of (I mispoke there are three I'm aware of as Dr. Biber also is reported to do FTM's in Trinidad, CO - JW) one is in Omaha, NB and the other is the University of Virginia at Norfolk... What else can you tell us about your services - What would you like our people to know?

AI: I like you to know that we are available and that we are supportive... a lot of the contact I've had (with the gender community - Ed) has been in strange settings, working in an alcohol - drug facility, working in a mental hospital, I mean not in my own practice but under the auspices of other people and their rules, where I have seen a lot of transgendered people, get very, very, very abused...

JW: That's not uncommon

AI: And what happened is being a lesbian, and have been (open about this) professionally, I am often running the gay groups or running the gay programs, I have been contact person on staff for

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**FASHION SHOW HUGE SUCCESS!** Modeling fashions from Gloria Lauren of Loudenville, TGIC Models drew Oh's and Aw's at our June 2, Fashion show. Immediately above: Models and Staff Back Row: Winnie B., Katherine H., Jennifer W. (behind Tiffane', Pam M. Front Row: Donna (Gloria Lauren), Candy, Terri (Gloria Lauren), Tiffane' V., Julia Forbes (Image Consultant & our MC), Patty.

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Jennifer models a powder blue crinkly silk strapless jump suit.



One of our loveliest and most senior girls, Roberta (who was unable to make the fashion show) looks demure after a make over by Jennifer. Photos: Beth T.

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4th Saturday - Church

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Wives Support Group - 2nd Tuesday

**JULY:**  
5 - RAP GROUP - Clubroom 7PM  
5 - Board Meeting - Clubroom  
7 - Couples Support Group (contact Dawn)  
12 - RAP GROUP - Clubroom 7PM  
13 - DRAG REVIEW - Open mike, 145 Club  
14 - SOCIAL NIGHT - 145 Club 8PM  
15 - TS TEA - (contact Rachael)  
19 - RAP GROUP - Clubroom 7PM  
26 - RAP GROUP - Clubroom 7PM  
27 - 4th Friday meeting canceled

**AUGUST:**  
2 - RAP GROUP - Clubroom 7PM  
2 - BOARD MEETING - Clubroom  
3 - LIFE - PARTY - Lindenhurst LI  
4 - COUPLES SUPPORT GROUP (Contact Dawn)  
9 - RAP GROUP - Clubroom 7PM  
11 - SOCIAL NIGHT - 145 Club - 8PM  
12 - TS TEA - (contact Rachael)  
16 - RAP GROUP - Clubroom 7PM  
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