



CROSS DRESSERS INTERNATIONAL

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Serving the Special Needs of Special People



CROSS DRESSERS INTERNATIONAL CDI IS FOR YOU

Cross Dressers International, hereinafter called GDI, was founded by S. Kristine James, now director of the gown. Kristine acted after many requests and years of planning. Finally, there are week night programs!
CDI is a non-profit, non-sexual organization open to all who cross dress with a full feminine identity regardless of sexual practices or orientation.
CDI sponsors meetings, parties, dinners, shows and serves as a membership organization serving the educational, social, recreational needs of all cross dressers.
For members and friends, CDI provides friendship and a secure, non-threatening environment. A newsletter is published and supplied free to members. Members receive substantial discounts to all special programs and activities and often free admission. Members also receive discounts on services and merchandise. Karen Ciolek is our New York Director and S. Kristine James is our National Executive Director. 212-213-3952.

MOONLIGHT...A HUGE SUCCESS!

Those of you that attended the Moonlight in Manhattan in April know what a great time we had. Both the bus trip and the dinner/dance were sold out. We had 49 people for the bus tour and 96 for dinner.



Here is Jean Taylor on the left, Kristine in the center and Marlayna Lacie from California (Epic Magazine) at Sally's on the Friday night bus tour. We sure had a good time.

The entertainment presented by the Imperial Court was superb. The elegant gowns and wonderful ambiance assured everyone of a great time. I was at the front door most of the evening and I can tell you that there was a lot of interest from the regular hotel guests. I had fun dancing with a young girl from Germany that just could not stand to sit at the door and watch the fun. I'll bet she had a story to tell when she got home.

Yes, I can never keep my mouth shut. But I was the CoChair so I had my chance.

1994 event will be April 21-24, 1994. Plan now to attend.



MAY 27, 1993 SOCIAL NIGHT

PLEASE NOTE THE DATE CHANGE!

This will be our second social of the year. CDI will meet at Beefsteak Charlies, 8th Avenue and 45th Street at 7:30 pm. Dinner will be from the menu and each person will be responsible for their own tab. This is a very nice facility with a wonderful salad bar. Bring your friends. We will have our own special room and all the time you want for socializing.

Dressing facilities will be very limited. You should plan to come dressed. However, if this is a problem, let us know and we will make some arrangements for you.

There will be no door charge for members and a \$5 charge for non-members. Reservations will be required by calling Jan at 212-321-2302.

CALENDAR

May 20 Social night
August 19 Pool Party

POOL PARTY-AUGUST 19, 1993

That's right -- we are going to do it again! The 1993 CDI pool party will be at the same place it was last year, but it is now known as the Days Hotel, 8th Ave. and 49th St. There are plenty of changing rooms available so bring that favorite bikini swim suit or that frilly summer dress and join the party. Last year 18 members attended this event and had a great time. Yes, it rained on our party but we still had fun. The view from the roof top is great and just the fun of having a private pool party was exciting. The cost will be \$20 for members and \$25 for non members. Sorry that it's so high, but this pool



don't come cheap. Reservations early please call Jan 212-321-2302.



SHOPPING SENSE: - Paul K.

Copied from the Transgenderist 1986.

Crossdressers have three basic problems in shopping:

1. Sizes. We aren't built like women. Most of us have bigger shoulders than hips. We can buy separates, but even jackets can be a bit odd if not taken in some. It's surprising how inexpensive it can be to have garments altered, so finding a good seamstress can be very useful. You can then buy outfits for your shoulders, and have them taken in at the waist and hips.

2. Try-On. Women spend lots of time looking at how various shapes and colors look on them, but unless we pass extremely well, or find a very unique store, we have to wait until we get home. Most stores have strict rules about women in the dressing rooms and who can blame them?

3. Prices: For most TV's, investment dressing is silly. We don't need good leather shoes that wear well, we need good looking props. A woman who spends \$120 for a suit may wear it 20 times a year for the next 3 years or \$2 for each wearing. We may wear it 5 times or \$24 for each wearing. If you have the cash then spend it, but make sure you get the service along with your purchase.

My solution to these issues is to collect interesting wardrobe pieces wherever and whenever I see them and keep them. I recently bought a new skirt and found it went with a jacket I bought seven years ago and had never worn. I bought the jacket because it was inexpensive and I liked it and it paid off. I know that this style of shopping isn't for everyone, but for me much of the fun dressing up is the fun of fashion and building a new look.



MURIEL SUGGESTS...

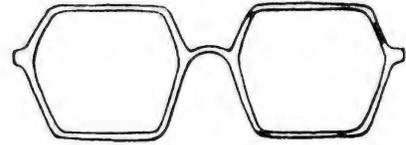
by Muriel Olive

GLASSES:

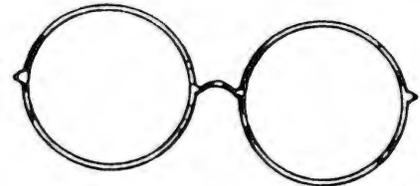
Many of us wear glasses in our male role and thus require glasses in our feminine role. The shape of your

eyebrows and your face must be considered when selecting frames for your feminine role.

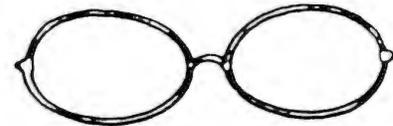
A **square face** will appear more oval in a large square or oblong frame which protrudes sideways beyond the cheekbone.



A **short face** can be made to look longer by a huge, round frame which sits high on the nose or a shallow, rectangular frame which does not extend to the bottom of the nose.

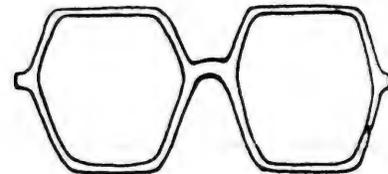


A **round face** will look thinner in a shallow, wide



frame.

A **long face** can be shortened by a deep vertical frame leaving less face showing from the frame down.



That's it for this series. See you at Beefsteak Charlies.



FASHION TIPS FROM TERRI by Terri White

Terri Says:

While reading the *Rochester (NY) Network - CD News*, I noticed the following article. I hope you find it interesting.

The SHEAR ELEGANCE - (guide To Great Fashion) (Courtesy of Leggs)

Add some romance to your leg ware by treating yourself to Lace French cut pantyhose and Thigh Highs. Suggestions for wearing these styles:

-It's important to feel feminine and pretty right down to your leg ware. Lace French Cut and Thigh Highs are the perfect way to indulge yourself, even if you're the only one who knows you're wearing them.

-Thigh Highs are cooler in summer months, but still provide year around convenience and comfort.

-They are pretty and functional at the same time. A no-slip band means Thigh Highs won't sag and droop.

-French cut pantyhose are especially suited for those of us with high hips. The high cut panty creates the illusion of longer, thinner legs.

Opaques are designed for stylish comfort anywhere. Here are four ideas for making the most of one of the hottest new leg ware styles:

-Silky Opaques are light enough to wear year-around, making them much more flexible than winter tights.

-Since Opaques are traditionally more casual than regular pantyhose, always wear them with flat or low-heeled shoes.

-If you're tired of those bumps and bulges that show through knit skirts and stirrup pants, try wearing "Silky Opaques" for a smoother slimming line.

-Dive into the latest fashion sensation with a monochromatic outfit (predominately one color from head to toe), for instance a black skirt, black Opaques and black shoes, together, will look quite modern and fashionable.

Silken Mist pantyhose add a perfect touch to any special occasion. Here are a few helpful ideas about glamorous dressing:

-Sheer black pantyhose have become one of the true fashion basics. Always match hose with shoes and blend with the skirt for a leggie look.

-If you are wearing brightly colored or metallic evening shoes, neutral or nude shades work best.

-Black hose are always slimming, while white hose add shape to too-thin legs.

Other pointers:

-Shoes should never be lighter than hose. White hose with black shoes lend a classy look, but the reverse is "never" acceptable.

-Lacy looks and ornamented stockings may be too dressy for everyday wear and are best left for evening occasions.

-Match up shoes and stockings by pulling the stockings, not just over your hand but your entire are...then hold against the shoe.

NEW BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

CDI has been growing to the point that it is not possible to do everything from Pennsylvania. Karen is going to take some time off and work in some different areas for awhile and has already started with some educational classes. Jan Vomacka has volunteered to man the phones so if you want to know what is going on call Jan at 212-321-2302. Jan will be handling all reservations for all the events. Terri White will be working on programs for this fall and Nancy will be helping with facilities. All of these gals will need a lot of support and input. Next board meeting will be after the regular meeting on May 27. Hope everybody can attend. Thanks for your help.

CORPORATE CROSSDRESSING (Part 2)

by: Jean Taylor

The interrogation started with:

"Is it true that you correspond under an assumed name 'Jean Taylor' and have a Post Office box in town?"

..Do you have homosexual tendencies?

..How long has this activity been going on?

..How many people know about this?

..When and how did this behavior start?

At the time, about a year and a half ago, I thought I was only having erotic fantasies and that there was nothing compulsive about my behavior. I promised the CEO and Marketing Manager in Europe that I would cease all activities and cancel all my ads. I really thought I could do it. I reasoned, with my deep religious upbringing and spiritual power, I could overcome or suppress these desires. I have tried before - burning all my pictures, destroying erotic lingerie, discarding books and correspondence collections and each time, for a while, managed to bottle my feelings up inside me. Well, of course, in time the feelings returned only to be stronger each time. I just could not deny my feminine self any longer. So, I decided that if management could not tolerate my personal life style, I would face the consequences and quit. Rumors spread to customers and dealers. I got mail from Europe and USA sent to my femme name but addressing my male persona-but leaving out the same of the sender. This drove me crazy at first but I quit wondering. A second meeting was called by the CEO realizing that 'Jean Taylor' was for real and wouldn't go away., I was told that my image and my authority was seriously impaired vis-a-vis my employees and that there might be some negative business fall-out due to my alternate life style. I was asked if I was prepared to address the employees in an open meeting and admit to my crossdressing. At least this way the people would know officially about my crossdressing and management could show that they know of it too, and still stood behind their US General Manager.

For me, it was an opportunity to face my employees and correct some misunderstandings they seem to have had about me. The CEO had great concern for me

personally and of course, was concerned about the success of our subsidiary in the USA. When he knew that my wife was now aware of my transvestism and tolerated it, he showed much more tolerance and an unexpected understanding of my situation. I was to call the meeting for 4:00 pm in the conference room. Everybody wanted to know what the occasion was for the sudden appearance of the 'big chief.'

The first reason was to tell everybody that anonymous letters from a disgruntled employee could not destroy the confidence management had in their US operations manager. Indeed, the company was started by me from scratch and developed into a multi-million dollar business with a distribution network all over the USA and Canada. The second reason was to regain the trust of the employees as well as that of management in their man in the USA.

Third, was that my 'thing' was of a personal nature and had nothing to do with the business as along as was making an effort to keep Jean in the closet. Following the bosses' explanation concerning the story that had been circulating, he told everybody that management was standing with me. I then was asked to address the employees. I told them that this was the toughest thing I had ever faced in my life having to admit to my fellow workers of my fantasies, desires and actual dressing. I told them that I had wished that the person or persons that seemed to have been troubled would have come to me directly. I told them at crossdressing has nothing to do with homosexuality and that I never ever made sexual advances to any of my employees. If I had caused anyone any problems or mental stress at their job

because of my 'hobby' I regretted it very much. I offered to answer questions but was glad nobody took me up on it.

Up to that point, my wife did not know that our bosses abroad knew of my crossdressing and that our employees were talking about it all day long behind my back. She just so happened to visit me in the office that very day the boss arrived. I was frightened about how she would react when she learned that the boss flew in because of my crossdressing and that all the employees knew and had even reported me to headquarters. How will she take it - what an embarrassment for her? I told her that the facts were out in the open - everybody knows and they have talked about me behind my back. The boss called a meeting and that I would be expected to confess openly. She felt like she wanted to die. She could not face the employees whom she all knew. My wife and I had another private discussion with the boss that helped her to get over her chagrin. Some weeks later the boss was back in the USA with his wife. When those two ladies got together, they talked about my crossdressing. Looking back over the past few months in my life, I can say that it was a very eventful period. I's especially glad that my imprudence forced me to come out of the closet. Otherwise it most likely would have taken years for me to reach this juncture. I'm still learning to understand my famine persona. I must give my wife a lot of credit for being so tolerant and helping me to understand her feelings.

Now I am very active in the community both here in the USA with CDI and in Europe. Hope to see you at the next CDI meeting and we can swap some stories.

May 12 to 16, 1993

Esprit, 93, Port Angeles, WA

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P.O. Box 873

Kirkland, WA 98083-0873

May 20-23, 1993

Paradise In The Poconos

CDS

P.O. Box 61263

King of Prussia, PA 19406

May 20-24, 1993

Dignity Cruise IV - Royal Caribbean's Bahamas

\$545 without air transportation or \$698 with air transportation from most cities.

Contact Dr. Peggy Rudd

1811 Crutchfield

Katy, Texas 77449

June 1-7, 1993

Tiffany Club Provincetown Outing

Tiffany Club of New England

P.O. Box 2283

Woburn, MA 01888-0483

508-358-2305

June 9-13, 1993

Be All Weekend, Chicago

P.O. Box 342

Chicago, IL 60690

July 9-10, 1993

W.A.C.S in conjunction with Tri-Ess presents S.P.I.C.E.

(Spouses/female Partners International Conference for Education.

Dallas Texas

Cynthia Philips

P.O. Box 17

Butverde, TX 78163, 512-438-7604

September 16-19, 1993

Paradise In The Pcoonos

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Feb 25 to 27, 1994

Sixth Annual Texas T Party

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April 21-24, 1994

Moonlight in Manhattan

Contact the CDI Office

For all the information on what is happening in the community, join CDI by completing an application and sending it to CDI, P.O. Box 61, Easton, PA 18044-0061. For information call Karen or Kristine 212-213-3352.