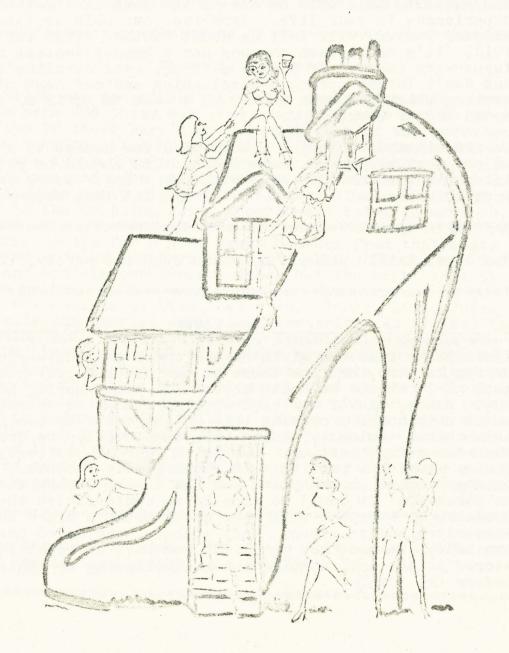
# WITHER ORD FIRM



From Jean

I'd like to thank those who have contributed their time and ideas to the newsletter. I wish everyone would add their two cents to the cover or the content. Our cover designer, Sandy, would gladly consider your suggestions and we'd be happy to publish your words of wisdom or fancy. Just send them to our box no. and share your thoughts with others.

Sue was the hit of the evening at our last meeting. She was welcomed by over 20 people who, I have a feeling, are already making plans for "Dream '74". Hopefully, she'll come again very soon. It's good to keep up with the TV action around the country and Sue has many more fascinating pictures and stories from her travels.

The most exciting event included in this month's news is an invitation to a wedding by one of our members. If you can make it, this will be one of the most unforgettable experiences in your life. Caroline, our able assistant chapter leader, will tell us about another first for Hartford TVIC. It's not a fashion show nor a beauty contest nor a tupperware party. If you're curious, read Caroline's column. And don't forget spring housecleaning and our next planned meeting which has been pushed up a week to April 20 to avoid Easter weekend.

We are attempting to get a hold of a few movies to show at our next meeting. These short films should be rather interesting since they deal with our thing. Sorry to say that they are not X rated, but don't let that keep you away.

Man loves little and often, woman much and rarely. (BASTA)

### The Cover

If it looks like the girls on the cover are busy—you're right. Spring is here, and the theme of the cover represents what all good girls should be doing about this time—spring housecleaning. Sandy, one of our hardworking executive secretaries, spent many hours preparing this unique cover to remind us of this chore. Actually, doing this together can be just as much fun as any meeting. But bring your housedresses or jeans, you don't want to soil those pretty clothes. Plan on starting to work anytime you can arrive during the day on March 30. It would be nice if we could finish the rooms upstairs so everyone will have a comfortable place to prepare themselves and to sleep. Many members have asked how they can help. We need you now. (If you have any clothing, etc. stored at the apt. come to the housecleaning or contact Jean before the 30th.)

# ANNOUNCEMENT

The honour of your presence is requested at the marriage of Rochelle D to Charles Ma at the Unitarian Church, 50 Bloomfield Ave., Hartford, Conn. seven o'clock in the evening April 6th, 1974. Reception immediately following at the Lithuanian Hall, 352 Park St., New Britain, Conn. Buffet and open bar. RSVP. Please notify Charles Ma , Plainville, Conn. 06062. There will be a caravan from the church to the reception hall. (Editors note-Rochelle and Charles are very sincere about this invitation. Contact Charles early and tell him you are a member of Hartford TVIC.)

Women forgive injuries, but never forget slights. (HALIBURTON)

# March in Hartford

The house was packed this time and except for a few bottlenecks here and there everyone seemed to have a fine time. At 7:30 PM there wasn't even enough room in the bedrooms for a make-up kit. But Caroline, Jeam, Winnie, and Nancy Ann were lucky, for by accident or design, they were already themselves and were playing chess and drinking and generally starting to party along with Gail and Gloria. Meanwhile back in the dressing rooms, doors were being pounded on, elbows were sticking in ribs and heads bobbing in and out of mirrors all for a good cause because from that chaos emerged some of our favorite girls Wilma, Diana, and Annette, Jan and Cynthia our newest member had the right idea by finding a private little spot upstairs which reminds us that the time has come to utilize that area. Terry, Lisa, Joyce, Betsy, Rochelle and Charles arrived as themselves so avoided the dressing room hassles. By far, Cynthia from Canada was one of the nicest and most attractive guests ever to appear at a meeting. We also want to welcome Pamela and friend to our group and hope they had a pleasent time at their first meeting. Sorry Joanne had to leave early, hope she can stay later next time to enjoy the festivities. Karen, who's interested in joining our group, came saturday afternoon to talk with a few of the girls. I know we'll see her at our next meeting. But no meeting is complete without Nancy who added a bit more sparkle to the wonderful hours we all spent together.

There are no ugly women; there are only women who do not know how to look pretty. (LA BRUYERE)

# ALBANY ANECTDOTES

Last month I mentioned that the Gay Community of Albany had purchased a house for a Community Center, and were having a grand opening. The affair happened March 2nd. About 150 kids - young and old - attended. One TV was there. Guess who.

Everyone had a good, swinging time. The group is very receptive to TV's. In fact they encouraged us to become part of their group. We were offerred use of the facilities for parties, for a nominal or no fee at all.

The house is large - 3 floors, so there is plenty of room for everyone. Furnishings, thus far, are scant, but they are just starting. Remember when.

There doesn't seem to be any hassle with the authorities. According to the chapter president "the fuzz are happy to have the kids off the streets and out of the bars." One interesting note, the mayor was invited to the gala. He didn't attend, but he did send a letter wishing the venture good luck. So far the Community house looks like a good thing for all.

A new bar opened in Albany, called the 699 Club. (At 699 Central Ave.). It may be receptive to TV'S, not like the older bars here. I've heard that the owner is an acquaintance of mine who had a bar previously called the David. They loved us there. If the same owner presides we should have another spot to go. Cross fingers. Will check.

The Albany TV'C chapter is to meet this coming Saturday. If I wait I can't meet our deadline so No news this time.

Tive noticed an intersting group of ads in the New York Times about the Cabaret Theatre (Top of the Gate, Bleecker & Thompson) which features, for example, MR. Claude is Barbra Streisand, MR. is Bette Midler and there is a Judy Garland and oters. When in N.Y. this may be a spot to try.

Quite a few references to TV and TS lately. MS. Magazine had Candy Darling ( a Warhol Superstar ) on their cover. They also had a short article on Holly Woodlawn, another "star". Psychology Today

has a series on Gender Identity and Effeminization of boys. Newsweek had a picture of a Harvard Chorous "Girl", who was no joke. Different from the old days. Everything seems sympathetic. The magzines are at the apartment.

Don't forget Spring Cleanup March 30.

Rochelle's wedding is April 6th. She and Charles are great people. They've extended an open invitation to all of us - come as you wish. Itshould be a unforgettable affair. We purchased the gowns for the Bridal Party last Saturday. They are beautiful I can't wait to see Rochelle's gown.

We are going to need some gorgeous (well) girls to play a softball game against Millie's LIB girls, later this spring. She threatened to beat our ---. We have to rise to that challenge and strike a blow for somebody's lib. Next meeting we have to sign you up. We need you. (TV costume mini skirts and sliding pads.) The big game may be for a keg of beer. I can't imagine who suggested that.

Enough ramblings for now.

Love and kisses and (?).

See you soon ..

Carole.

### Girl of the Month

Joyce must be our happiest member at this time. She's just completed the first phase of her life long dream to become a complete woman. Her major and final part of the operation is planned for July. This will make life a lot easier for Joyce since everyone who meets her thinks she's a real girl anyway. She always mentions the support the members of Hartford and Albany TVICs gave her through some rough times. We're all proud of Joyce and when she becomes famous we can say, "We remember when...".

# General Information

Hartford TVIC is essentially a TVTS organization which offers information and social activities to its members. Our primary goal is to offer the opportunity to any TV or TS to develop into the person she wishes to be. We accept a wide range of individuals into our group to avoid the discrimination experienced by TVs and TSs. We believe that growth comes through opened not closed doors. Because TVs and TSs have the unique problem of needing proper facilities to develop some of their feminine potentials, a key club is available to them. To respect the privacy of the key members, no guests can be admitted to the apartment without the approval of one of the officers.

# Types of Members

Regular Menbers-All members of Hartford TVIC who do not hold a key.

Key Members-All TV and TS members who have joined the key club and have been issued a key.

# Monthly Fees

Regular Members ------ \$2.00 for monthly meeting

Regular Members ----\$5.00 for overnight use of apt. (if desired)

Regular and Key Members -- \$1.50 for monthly buffet

\*All first time visitors to apartment will be admitted free.

Members may donate any TV or TS books, magazines, or other literature to the apartment. Many have done so already. We're building a collection of this type of literature for ourselves and posterity.