#### How Is The Chapter Organized ?

The Chapter was established by our national leader, Carol Beecroft, in the summer of 1981. We have a President, Vice President, Treasurer and Secretary, with a number of other members serving on special committees such as Publicity and Programs. We are growing in size, primarily due to the several radio, television and newspaper features on us.

We are the only chapter in the general area. We cover a large area: New York, New Jersey, and Connecticut. We have members coming to meetings from Philadelphia and the south Jersey shore, from upstate New York and far out on Long Island. To better manage the Chapter, we have established the position of Geographic Area Leader (GAL); these are trusted Chapter members who help with contacting others in their area (i.e., northern New Jersey), provide meeting information, etc. Additionally, the Chapter has a special wife/girlfriend support group to assist new wives/grilfriends in answering questions, talk, etc.

How Would Someone Learn More
Or Become A Member ?

People learn about TRI-ESS from various sources. The media, print, clergy and counselors all provide referrals. If you don't already know a member, write our national leader, Carol Beecroft, P. O. Box 194, Tulare, CA 93275, for more information about the Society, for local contact, and to answer any questions you may still have, or to establish contact with the GAL responsible for your area. The Chapter does require you to become a member of the national organization soon after joining if you are not a member already.

What Are The Goals And Objectives of the Chapter ?

The goals of the Chi Delta Mu Chapter are the same as the national organization, since all local chapters operate within the Society's overall policy framework.

The specific OBJECTIVES of the Chapter are:

\* assist in educating the general public about the facts concerning male heterosexual crossdressing

\* offer mutual support to those members who are having difficulty accepting the feminine side of their personality

\* provide the loved-ones of crossdressers an opportunity to meet their counterparts.

New Members Write

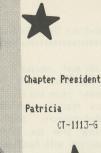




"Joining TRI-ESS and the Chapter has been about the best thing I've done for myself"..."I sincerely hope that others who feel as I do are somehow able to find their way to your meeting"..."I am so pleased to receive the copies of OUR SPECIAL JOY ... "How fortunate you are to live where an active TRI-ESS chapter exists"..."I would like to say what a relief if was to learn 'I'm not alone'"..."It was only this summer that I decided to do something to help myself by joining the Chapter ... "You gals really did a number on my wife at my first meeting. She was skeptical when she agreed to go, but we had a wonderful evening and my wife loved you all and was quite impressed with the gathering." \*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*

"Thank you for the information on your organization...it is of interest to me as there are many men who call about this behavior". (Dr. Judith Kurianski, formerly of WABC Radio and now with WOR)







"I want to thank you for expressing an interest in our organization. I hope that this pamplet answers most of your questions. If we can be of help to you, we stand ready. Many of us went through difficult times with our crossdressing when we thought we were 'alone' or 'the only one'. We want to help others, and their families, who now feel in that position. If our organization sounds like the type you wanted, I do hope you will join us! Meeting others who are just like yourself can add a whole new, positive dimension to your life. Many of us have become good friends, socializing outside crossdressing setting. We are especially delighted in that a number of our wives or girlfriends attend the meeting. So, again, if you meet our group's criteria, you will not regret joining us. If you are not a crossdresser, I hope that this pamplet has informed you. Please pass it on to someone who should see it".



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# Society for the Second Self

Perhaps one of the most misunderstood minority groups is the transvestite heterosexual "crossdresser". has manu Society incorrect opinions about this group. many professionals admit In fact. about heterosexual ionorance crossdressing. They usually see only the most troubled transvestite and are unaware that there is a large number of happy, adjusted men who enjoy crossdressing. These men are not homosexual, bisexual nor transsexual. Many of them are family men, successful in their fields and respected in their communities.

It is the purpose of the Society for the Second Self (known as TRI-ESS) to educate society with the true facts concerning male, heterosexual crossdressing, and to provide a support organization for those who follow this life stule.

This pamplet briefly describes the Society's national organization and provides detailed information about the chapter for the Tri-State metropolitan area: Chi Delta Mu. We encourage you to read this pamplet, you should not find it offensive, but hopefully informative.



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What Is TRI-ESS ?



TRI-ESS is a shortened name for the Society for the Second Self, an organization that exists to help the heterosexual male crossdresser: straight men who have a recurring desire to dress in feminine clothing.

The booklet "Society for the Second Self, What Is It, Who Is It For?, What Are Its Goals?", provides an excellent presentation of the organization's structure, history and purpose. It is strongly recommended that anyone seeking information about TRI-ESS read this publication. A copy can be obtained at no cost by writing the national leader as follows:



Ms. Carol Beecroft P. O. Box 194 Tulare, California 93275

Membership is limited to only those individuals who are heterosexual. It has been the experience of the organization that "open groups" (i.e., a mix of homosexual, bisexual, heterosexual crossdressers and transsexuals), do not work for the best interest of the male heterosexual crossdresser. TRI-ESS makes referals to other groups for those with different preferences. TRI-ESS and Chi Delta Mu Chapter are always ready to help those who are insecure of their feelings. Members pledge themselves to, "...do our part in passing on what knowledge and understanding we can...".

The remainder of this pamplet concerns the Society's New York metropolitan area Chapter: Chi Delta Mu.

#### What Are The Members Like ?

Like most special interest organizations in the area, there is a general mix of professions, ages, races and religions. In Chi Delta Mu there are teachers, consultants, salesmen, pilots, photographers, truck drivers, etc. The ages range from the 20's to the 80's. Most are married with families, and a number are fortunate to have wives or girlfriends who are understanding and supportive.

## What About Security ?

The Society's coded mail-forwarding service is described in detail in the national publication. Most members use post office boxes and femme names as a secure way to get mail and make contact. Chapter members operate under the general rule: "IF I REVEAL INFORMATION ABOUT MYSELF TO YOU, IT IS EXPECTED YOU WILL NOT REVEAL THAT INFORMATION TO ANYONE ELSE UNLESS I KNOW ABOUT IT AND APPROVE". At the hotels where the meetings are held the management is aware of our group and treats us like any other community or professional organization. Our members don't cause trouble and we are hardly noticed by other quests. The hotels we use are quite nice and the tupe of places where you and your family would use traveling.







Members of CHI DELTA MU at a recent Chapter Meeting

What Are the Meetings Like ?



The meetings of the Chapter are held every month (the second Saturday), and location varies between New York and New Jersey. Two rooms are opened at 3 - 4 PM. One room is used for dressing, changing and storage. The other room is for an informal meeting area, refreshments and business discussions. Sandwich, coffee and cake are provided. The business meeting begins at 7, and special programs or just plain socializing follow. The group usually leaves around midnight, and the Chapter has a special rate with the hotels if members plan on staying the night.

## Can A Guest Attend The Meeting ?

Those who are close to the crossdresser (wife, girlfriend, parents, etc.), are always welcome to attend meetings. We have found that when a wife meets and talks with other wives and girlfriends any fears she still may have about her loved-one being a crossdresser often disappear. Since we encourage wives, girlfriends and parents to attend, there is never an attendance fee for these queets.

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What About Membership Costs And Fees

As part of a \$30 national yearly dues, members get: a coded mail-forwarding Directory of Members; FEMME MIRROR, a bi-monthly magazine; access to educational and promotional materials; shopping directories; invitations to conventions; and the privilege of membership in one of the Society's chapters which are located throughout the country.

The local Chapter has a \$15 annual dues which finances the promotional efforts of the Chapter. An additional \$10 is currently charged for those who attend the meeting and this covers the cost of renting the hotel rooms and refreshments. Another benefit is the use of the Chapter's extensive collection of books, tape cassettes, videotapes, etc., available through our Chapter Librarian. Your only cost is one-way return postage (usually about \$1/item). Members of the Chapter also receive the monthly newsletter, OUR SPECIAL JOY, containing Chapter news and other interesting information.

Does The Grossdresser Have To Dress At The Meetings ?

We try to maintain a non-pressure type atmosphere since we realize how very difficult it is for some new members to come to a meeting. Some members come dressed, others change in the dressing room. Some come in male clothes because of other commitments or they didn't feel like dressing. There is never pressure on you to dress. It is all part of the understanding nature of our special group of male heterosexual crossdressers.