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The Phi Journal



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GREETINGS FROM THE PUBLISHER

In the newspaper business, I understand, the lead article contains the most important news. So here goes.

For a number of reasons it has been decided to incorporate the Phi Chapter into Renaissance, effective immediately. You may have already noted the Renaissance return address on the envelope. The April meeting in Cherry Hill was the last Phi Chapter meeting at Selma's. And this newsletter, issue 30, is the last issue of the *Phi Journal*.

Where do we go from here? I urge all of you who are not already members of Renaissance to fill out and to return the application form at the bottom of page 3. An envelope is enclosed. For only \$15 you can become a member for the remainder of 1988, with the privilege of attending meetings at no extra cost. If your situation is such that you cannot attend any meetings, the cost for a half-year of the *Renaissance News* is \$6. Renaissance meetings are held in the vicinity of King of Prussia, PA, generally on the third Saturday, and they will continue during the summer.

If King of Prussia is the other side of the moon for you, you might want to consider the Tri-Ess group that meets in the Bordentown, NJ area on the last Saturday of the month. For information, write SNR, P.D. Box 467, Dakhurst, NJ 07755, or call 201 663 0772, between 9 and 11 pm weekday evenings. Possibly a south Jersey group could be organized as a "special interest" group under the aegis of Renaissance.

Before closing this section, I want to thank a few of the many people who have served the crossdressing community through the Phi Chapter. First there is Michelle Williams, who with the help of Betty Ann Lind founded the Phi Chapter about 1978 and hosted the meetings in her apartment in Collingswood. Next I would mention Linda Walker, the cover girl on Tapestry issue 51, who assumed leadership in the Fall of 1983 when Michelle withdrew from the scene and who wrote and published the Journal from then until Spring of 1985. Finally there is the present leadership group: our hard-working president, Tina Louise; our affable vice president, Connie; our dependable treasurer, Emily; our prolific editor, Wendi (yes, there really is a Wendi); and without our hostess, Selma, we should have had no place to meet. Selma is still in the wig business, and I commend her to you. Her phone is 609 428 8448. There are many others, but of these I particularly want to recognize those of our spouses and significant others who support us in our "hobby", even though it is not always easy.

GREETINGS CONTINUED

To keep in touch with the paraculture elsewhere, I suggest subscriptions to:

> *TU-TS Tapestry* (\$40) P.D. Box 19 Wayland, MA 01778

Our Sorority (\$5) P.O.Box 11254 Lincolnia Station Alexandria, VA 22312

En Femme Magazine (\$25) P.O. Box 7854 Trenton, NJ 08628

There are now many commercial establishments that welcome crossdressers. This is largely as a result of public education efforts by Virginia Prince, Ari Kane, Eve Buchert, Naomi Owen, JoAnn Roberts, Angela Gardner, and others. In our area I have recently had good experiences at Dream Dresser at Loehmanns Plaza in Pennsauken, at KD's Boutique at Crossroads Plaza in Cherry Hill (Amy Peak is a love), and at Mark Gilbert's Head First salon, next door to KD's (Mark and his makeup genius Joy were at the April Renaissance meeting). I get my glasses from Selma's son, Allen Blaker at 609 428 6969.

As Linda Walker would say, "Pax vobiscum." Jane Peabody

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TREASURERS REPORT
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On hand after 28 November meeting 23 January receipts	\$65
attendance fees - 18 × \$15 thrift shop total	\$270 <u>5</u> \$340
23 January disbursements Selma - 18 x \$12 program total	\$216 <u>80</u> \$296
Balance forward after 23 January meeting 27 February receipts	\$44
attendance fees - 6 x \$15 thrift shop total	\$90 _ <u>20</u> \$154
27 February disbursements Selma - 6 x \$12	\$72
Balance forward after 27 February meeting 23 April receipts	\$82
attendance fees - 5 x \$15 thrift shop	\$75 7
total	\$164

23 April disbursements Selma - 5 x \$12	\$ 6 0
Jane - postage for newsletters 25,26,27,28	\$104
Balance forward after 23 April meeting	-\$0-

Emily

GOOD NEWS FROM THE WEST COAST

Emerald City reports victories for two crossdressers in local legal battles. In one case, the Seattle Human Rights Department ordered a restaurant to reinstate a person with full back pay after she was fired for coming to the restaurant en femme. She was not on duty at the time.

In the second case, a person faced a custody hearing in which his exwife used the "TV's are perverts" argument. The judge in his infinite wisdom threw the case out.

TIME FLIES WHEN YOU'RE DRAGGING IT

Its hard to believe, but it's been nearly four years since the An Evening at La Cage show opened at Bally's 400-seat Park Caberet in Atlantic City. So many people, including management, felt that the show would turn off high rollers, who represent so much of the repeat business necessary for the casinos. Whether the show's durability is due to its ability to constantly add fresh material or a bit of curiosity on the part of the showgoers, *Evening* is one huge success. So much of a success in fact that there are companies working in several other cities now.

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