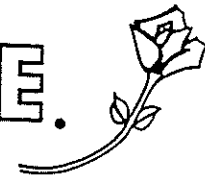




# The Crystal CHRONICLE.



January 1990

## Calendar of Events

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1/18	Cross-Port	Meeting	Cincinnati
1/20	Paradise	Social - Open	Lakewood, OH
1/27	Crystal	Meeting	Columbus
2/3	Crossroads	Meeting	Romulus, OH
2/10	Alpha Omega	Meeting	Lakewood, OH
2/10	Transpitt	Meeting	Pittsburgh, PA
2/15	Cross-Port	Meeting	Cincinnati
2/17	Paradise	Meeting	Lakewood, OH
2/23-25	Boulton&Park	Texas Tea Party	San Antonio, TX
2/24	Crystal	Meeting	Columbus
2/24	Lambda	Lambda Ball	Pittsburgh
3/3	Crossroads	Meeting	Romulus, OH
3/3	Imperial Court	Night of 1000 Gowns	New York, NY
3/10	Alpha Omega	Meeting	Lakewood, OH
3/10	Transpitt	Meeting	Pittsburgh, PA
3/15	Cross-Port	Meeting	Cincinnati
3/17	Paradise	Social	Lakewood, OH
3/24	Crystal	Meeting	Columbus
3/27-4/1	IFGE	Coming Together	Natick, MA
4/14	Alpha Omega	Meeting	Lakewood, OH
4/14	Transpitt	Meeting	Pittsburgh, PA
4/19	Cross-Port	Meeting	Cincinnati
4/21	Paradise	Meeting-Prevent Rape	Lakewood, OH
4/28	Crystal	Meeting	Columbus
6/6-10	Several Clubs	Be All	Pittsburgh, PA

## New Years Party

We had a nice after-the-holiday party in January 6. Lots of old-timers, but no new faces this time. We'd love to meet you, ladies!

While the party was mostly a social occasion, we did talk about the offer from Renaissance to informally affiliate with them. The group seemed very interested in the Renaissance newsletter, which was

generally felt to be of high quality and very interesting. Members were very concerned about loss of control or independence, but that doesn't seem to be an issue. There was very little interest in the voice mail system. An increase in annual dues of \$5 to \$10 to cover the small fee to Renaissance, extra copying, and extra postage was felt to be OK. We decided to write a letter to Renaissance asking them to make a written proposal to our members. We can then vote on it.

**Treasurer's Report Dec. 1989**

Starting Balance	181.12
Meeting Fees	186.00
Memberships	15.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>382.12</b>
Food and Beverages	-33.11
Meeting Rooms	-93.50
Copying	-48.00
Postage	-17.10
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>-191.61</b>
<b>Ending Balance</b>	<b>190.51</b>

Susan

**Your Name in Lights**

Ladies, this is your space. We'd really like to have you write articles for the newsletter. Surely there are some interesting stories out there. Or some tips on how to avoid getting read. Or some great ideas about things to do. Some feelings about the club, or about how your first time felt. We'd like to hear from the

newcomers.

Please write something up for the newsletter and bring it to the next meeting, or mail it to the club PO box.

**Editor's Edict By Rochelle**

Hi ladies! It was a laid back night for our January 6th meeting. We had twelve turn out for our after the holiday party. There was one TS and eleven TV's. It felt good to just sit back, relax, and visit with friends that you have something special in common with. I'd like to thank Randi for bringing the chocolates and homemade wine to the party.

We broke up a little early and split up into two groups. One group went to Wallstreet. I haven't heard anything from them on how the evening was. But I'm sure that they had a good time. Myself and a few others went to Vals on High which was the Grotto II. We went to watch the show. I think

they've upgraded the shows some since they've made the change. I hope that we can do that more often.

Next meeting is on the 27th of January. This is our regular meeting night. We need to talk a little about our elections coming up next month. Crystal Club is almost a year old and I know

that everyone wants to see it continue as I do. So we'd like to hear any suggestions that you might have. It helps us and the new officers prepare for the up coming meetings. Till I see you at the next meeting I hope you all the best.

Rochelle Richards

### **A New Year**

Gee, here it is, January of 1990. We've come a long way in the past year! A year ago, there was nothing in Columbus. If we wanted to get together with other ladies, we had to drive to Cleveland, or Cincinnati, or Pittsburgh. Usually it shot the whole weekend. There are some really good friends in these other cities, but that's some drive!

I'd like to extend my thanks to all who have made this club possible. To Cheryl Marie, who started writing letters to other crossdressers in Central Ohio to see about forming a group. To everyone who ventured out to that first informal gathering in my house in March, not knowing who would answer the door. To Kelly, who was instrumental in getting our current meeting facility, and served as Meeting Coordinator until job changes kept her out of town. To Susan and Rochelle, for their untiring work keeping the club going through the entire year. To Stephanie H, who navigated

the thorny path of bank accounts and IRS regulations to establish us as a legitimate non-profit group. To all the new members, who have had the courage to knock on that door and meet a group of lifelong friends. To the wives and girlfriends who have had the love to come to our meetings and support their partners. To everyone who has brought food or drink for the club to share. To Rebecca, who keeps on coming back, helping to make TSs feel at home. To Lana, who designed our beautiful logo and newsletter headline. To Beth, who stuck with me through the thick of it all.

1990 is a brand new year. We'll soon have a new slate of officers. Looking at how far we've come in just one year, we can only dream of what lies ahead. Here's wishing all of you and yours a glorious new year!

Mary Ann

### **Elections**

We plan to have elections of officers at our February meeting. If you care about the future of our group, you should come to the meeting and make your wishes known! (If you really can't make it, we'll accept absentee ballots, but the set of candidates may change, not to mention the set of offices may even change!)

We need our members to get involved in the club. Right

now most of the work is being done by the three of us, and there's a lot that isn't getting done because of lack of time. Some of you have special skills, or special ideas, that can make this club really take off. We've had a few ladies come up with some really excellent thoughts at previous meetings. We'd love to have you involved!

If we have about five officers, instead of the current three, this club can be much better, and nobody will have to burn out. If you attend most Crystal Club meetings, chances are you could serve the club in some capacity. If you want to do something and there's no office to run for to do it, let us know! The set of offices can be changed as needed.

I was asked to list the offices and duties involved. This list is far from being cast in stone, but it gives you some ideas.

1. **President** This job involves leading the group, having a vision of where the club should be and getting us there. There are many tasks to be done, and the President must make sure they are done, either by delegating them to another officer or member, or by doing them herself.

2. **Vice-President** The VP takes over when another officer is unavailable, and is generally second-in-command.
3. **Secretary** The Secretary records the minutes of the meeting and reports them, in writing, by the newsletter deadline for inclusion in the newsletter.
4. **Treasurer** The Treasurer handles the money. This includes collecting meeting fees and membership dues at meetings, doing the banking, keeping track of the income and expenses, and preparing the Treasurer's Report for the newsletter.
5. **Meeting Coordinator** This job involves making sure the meeting room is paid for, opening up early, closing up late, and making sure there will be food and beverages available. Actually providing the food and beverage may be delegated to others.
6. **Newsletter Editor** This person puts out the newsletter you're reading here; reading other newsletters, typing things in, laying out pages, getting copies, and

stuffing envelopes. Other members can help with \*submissions\*, copies, and mailing. Having a computer and printer is a big help.

create Member-at-Large positions. These ladies are officers who can serve unexpected needs or short-term tasks, as well as participating in club decisions.

7. **New Member Screening**

Several potential new members write to us each month. Someone must write back to these ladies, establish telephone contact, and interview them.

We may not have enough officers to have a separate person for each job. As a result, some jobs may not get done, and some officers may take on two or more roles. For example, it's common to have a Secretary-Treasurer, or for the Vice President to also have one or two other positions.

8. **Public Relations**

**Director** This person will talk to other local groups, the media, arrange advertising of the group, and coordinate with businesses that serve our community. Work on the Resource Handbook may be part of this job.

We'd like to encourage you to think about what office you might want to run for. If possible, please write up a brief position paper (a few paragraphs) telling why you want the office and what you'd do with it, and bring it to the January 27 meeting. We'll print it in the February newsletter. Of course, if you don't have anything written up, you can still run. Let's make our club into something we can all be proud of!

9. **Club Representative**

The Crystal Club is affiliated with IFGE and has a representative to that organization. We may become affiliated with Renaissance as well. This person is a liaison to these organizations. Ability to travel to annual IFGE meetings is a plus, but not essential.

Mary Ann

**Quote of the Day**

''Women's groups are demanding that women be able to walk the streets without fear ... like men. They do not realize that, if men walk without fear, it is not because men face less danger. Rather, it is because fear is one of

10. **Member at Large** If you want to be involved but there is no specific slot, we may

several emotions which are prohibited under the rules of masculinity. The man 'who walks the streets without fear' is statistically four times more likely to be murdered as the woman who commands our attention. It is easy, ladies, to feel no fear. Here's the trick: simply learn the manly art of suppressing your emotions.''

Fred Hayward

### **Houston Council Race Gets TV Candidate**

Houston city politics got an unexpected jolt in late September when businessman Charles McGuire filed to run for city council. What made this newsworthy for our community was the fact that Mr. McGuire is also known to many as Catharine. The candidate has, in fact, been cross-dressing for many years and regularly appears in public as a woman. Catharine (who, by the way, prefers the old terminology of transvestite) does not attempt to hide her true sex while shopping at fashionable ladies' stores, attending society parties, and even supervising the men who work for her in her contracting business.

The campaign attracted attention beyond the city limits, with reporters coming from as far away as Dallas to interview the candidate. Questions asked centered as much around cross-dressing as around the

issues confronting city government. To each, Ms McGuire replied openly and honestly. While openly admitting that being a cross-dresser brought notoriety to the council race, Catharine did not apologize for it.

The coverage of the campaign has also provided the public with information about cross-dressing. For instance, on the 'Good Morning Houston' television show, Ms McGuire pointed out that cross-dressing was not sequential on the path to becoming a transsexual. Her friendly, down-to-earth manner of communicating also put the rest room issue in its true perspective.

Responding to a question posted by a local television reporter, Ms McGuire said she didn't believe being a cross-dresser was a liability, and that the voters in her district would decide the race on the basis of the issues.

(Note: Catharine/Charles was not successful in her/his bid for office, according to the Houston City Clerk's office.)

[Courtesy Vicki Thomas of Femme Forum, and Paradise Tales.]

### **Bakula: Don't Call Him Madam**

Viewers who enjoyed-or missed-seeing Quantum Leap's Scott Bakula in a dress earlier this season, when he played a sexy young

secretary, will get another chance in an upcoming episode of the NBC time-travel series. [The episode aired 1/10/90; both will no doubt be in reruns.] This time Bakula's character, Sam Beckett, enters the body of a harried single mother. Instead of a form-fitting decolletage and spike heels, think "free-flowing long skirts and boots."

"It's interesting the second time around," reports Bakula. "The first time I got so much grief from the crew. They were doing catcalls and whistles, calling me 'madam' and opening doors for me. There was a definite change in attitude toward me. Now it's basically, 'Oh, there goes Scott in a dress again',"

The actor says playing women has been "very wonderful for me. I learned the difficulty of just wearing women's clothes; literally, how painful they are. My wife had a ball. Every time I came home complaining how cold I was on the set, freezing in stockings and a skirt, she'd say, 'See',"

Bakula also says he got his comeuppance when he had to come in extra early for makeup with the rest of the women on the show.

"Looking at everything from a woman's standpoint," he says, "how you're treated, how people hit on you, how uncomfortable it made me feel, even though I'm an actor playing a part, even

though I'm a man, maybe because I am a man being hit on by other men-the reality is this is not pleasant. It's irritating."

[Courtesy I.R., TV Guide.]

### **Crystal Club Cancellation And Refund Policy**

Cancellation up to two days before an event: 100% refund. From two days until noon of the event day: 50% refund. After noon on the day of the event: no refund.

### **Policies**

The Crystal Club is an open support group for cross dressers. We welcome TV, TS, TG, FI, and others who assume a complete feminine identity. We welcome their wives and significant others (SO's.) We welcome guests from other cross dressing organizations, when cleared through an officer.

We do not care about the sexual preference of the members and attendees. We do, however, require that all attendees behave like ladies at all times. Everyone has the right to feel secure, knowing they will not be ridiculed for their dressing or their appearance, and knowing they will not be "hit on" by anyone present.

We require that all attendees come completely dressed in feminine attire, or not dressed (i.e. in masculine attire). It is expected that most members will normally dress, but this is not required. Persons are not permitted to arrive partially dressed, for example, a dress and male hair, or a dress and an unshaven face, as this may draw unwanted attention to the rest of the group. Ladies pants and casual wear are fine. An adjacent changing room is available if you prefer to come in male clothing and dress at the meeting site.

Meetings are open only to cross dressers who have been screened or approved by an officer, and to cross dresser's wives/SO's, helping professionals, and approved guests. The location of the hotel is given out after the screening process.

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**Reservation Form**

For January 27th meeting, reservations must be received in the mail by Jan 23rd, at Box 287, with payment, to qualify for the "early bird" rates. You can also pay at the previous meeting if you wish.

Before January 23rd:  
 Members \$12.00  
 Member couples \$17.00  
 Non-members \$15.00  
 Non-member couples \$20.00

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