

Vol. 2 No. 7

Columbus Ohio

Sept/Oct 1991

Little by little, men learn crying is OK

By Larry Hackett New York Daily News

A veil of tears has always separated the men from the boys in this vale of tears called life.

Lately, it has appeared the men are weeping - quietly, of course - at films such Oscar nominees Born on the Fourth of and Field Third baseman Dreams. Mike Schmidt sobbed openly when announced his retirement from baseball last year.

TV programs such as thirtysomething and L.A. Law, which are considered bellwethers of the Zeitgeist, show male characters weeping, in one case over a spouse's cancer and in another, a suicide.

But whether the emotional tide, swelling with generations of

repressed male tears, has turned remains uncertain, experts say.

what is In believed to be most comprehensive study of male arring. Dr. William Frey the Dry Eye and Tear Research Center in St. Paul, Minn., found that 55 percent of men least wept at over month long All period. but percent of women said they cried during the month.

Those who men acknowledged crying said more than twothirds of the their "crying" amounted only to their eyes filling with tears, while 47 percent of women said tears flowed when they Nearly percent of the men but only 46 percent of the women - said they could control their crying.

What all this means, said Frey, is that men are

uncomfortable about their tears. Since most men believe they can control crying, those who do cry feel self-conscious.

Men have less of the tear-producing Symme gariation and restrictive glands than women, Frey said, but those differences secondary to outside conditioning. common knowledge that boys are pressured to abandon crying at or before puberty; Frey's studies show boys and girls up to age 12 cry the same amount. But stanching their tears, Frey and others say growing boys are really petrifying their emotions, which can lead to problems when they grow up.

"Men are full of just everybody else," said Scheff, emotions expert and sociologist at the University o f California at Santa "If Barbara. they

Sociologists 'say it is acceptable for to cry about certain things - death of a parent, empathy with others, joy over a child's birth. But for a man to cry if the car won't start or the boss is cross is highly suspect, while such censure generally does not apply to women.

"We do not want them cry situations where they appear vulnerable, out control, fulfilling their mail role," said University of Southern Florida sociologist Carolyn Ellis. For traditional women, a man's tears frustration unsettling, while for many ardent feminists they are intolerable from anyone, Ellis said.

"For years, now the message sent out to men is that it's OK to cry. It's almost as if you're not a whole person if you can't. But what happens underneath of contradictory things."



Publication Notice and Club Policies

This newsletter is Copyright (C) 1991 by the Crystal Club, Lana Morris, editor. All rights reserved. Articles and information contained in The Crystal Chronicle may be reprinted by other non-profit organizations without advance permission, provided a copy of the issue containing the reprinted material is sent to Crystal Club within two months after the material is published. The opinions or statements contained in The Chronicle are those of the authors and do not necessarily reflect the views of The Crystal Club. Contributions of articles are welcomed, but may be altered, with the author's intent retained, or may be rejected, whether solicited or not. Absolutely no sexually explicit material will be accepted or printed.

The Crystal Club is a non-profit support group for TV, TS, TG, FI, and others who assume a complete trans-gendered identity. Spouses and significant others are welcome and are encouraged to participate. Both Male-to-Female and Female-to-Male are welcome. Also, members from related organizations, helping professionals, and approved guests are welcome when cleared through a Crystal Club elected officer.

Meetings are the fourth Saturday evening of each month unless a special event is scheduled that takes the place of the regular scheduled meeting. The location of the meeting or event(s) are only released to members or others with the approval of an officer.

New prospective members must be screened by the Member Representative or another delegated repetitive of the Crystal Club. We do not discriminate on the basis of sexual orientation, race, creed, or age of the members and attendees. We do, however, require that all attendees behave like ladies or gentlemen at all times. We are not a dating service or a therapy

We require that all attendees come completely dressed as a Male or a Female. Attendees are not permitted to arrive or change into a partially dressed status. With prior arrangement, an adjacent changing room should be available at the meeting site.

The Crystal Club membership fee is \$15 for a individual and \$20 for a couple (member and a significant other/spouse). The start of a new membership is pro-rated in coordination with the Crystal Club fiscal year end of 30 June, in quarter increments (4 months) to the nearest \$5. in advance. Additional consecutive years consist of the standard membership fee, in advance. Meeting fees are: \$15 for a single member, \$20 for a member couple and \$20 for a single non-member, \$25 for a non-member couple.

We will exchange newsletters with any other similar group. Feel free to include a disk version in ASCII format if possible either on 5.25 or 3.5 floppy. Send all correspondence to: The Crystal Club PO. Box 287 Reynoldsburg, Ohio 43068-0287 or call (614)

In This Issue

Men
Learn to Cry1
President's
Column3
Regional News3
Marilyn's
Miscellaneous6
A Wonderfull
Be-All: 1''
Calendar of
Events12

President's Column

By Rochelle

Once again it"s time to make plans for another meeting. We've made history another month, those of you that didn't show for the last meeting missed out on a great time. It was a great game and we could only have one winner but I think the meeting as a hole was a winner, and both teams are winners. Even if the score was 15 to 14 in favor of the odd team. We are still working having a speaker from the Columbus Police Department speak at

the September meeting. I'm trying very hard to get the type of speakers that everyone asks for.

The October meeting

dates are as follows. October 11th , 8:30 Ladies Night October Grapevine. meeting is on the 26th, the doors open at 6:00, we will be having Halloween party set on a Rocky Horror Don't be shy, come in costume! This meeting will be a pot luck. Those bringing covered dish \$10.00 dollars at the door and those coming empty handed will be charged the regular \$15.00 meeting fee. It will work best If those with names beginning with A-G will bring a meet dish, F-L a vegatable dish, M-P a pasta and R-Z dish, dessert. Remember you save \$5.00 when you bring a cover dish to the October meeting. This is the fem. name beginning with these leters..

The next board meetimg will be at my Thursday place on 17 t h October, beginning at 8:30pm. Anyone is welcome, please contact me if you need directions.

December 7th will be the Christmas Party

date, and if nothing happens between now and then it will be held at Herby's Tavern. More information at a later

Regional News

Local by Lana

On October 5, at `~r's Inn in Dublin, these "Joint Conference --the Family" for family professionals. university faculty, educators. therapists students of marital and family studies. It was held by the Ohio section οf American Association Sex Educators, Counselors. Therapists and Ohio division of the American Assoc. for Marriage and Family Therapy.

Marilyn Cristi from the Cleveland area put together presentation which included member from each crossdressing group here in Ohio. Rochelle represented The Crystal Club Cathy and Elaine from Cincinnati represented Cross-Port.

> Rochelle reports

organizers are planning on devoting more time to transgendered issues next year. Hopefully, we can look forward to a more detailed report next month.

Cathy and Elaine visited after the conference and said that it was a very interesting experience. there was not a particularly large turnout for their presentation.

While Cathy was here she gave me a brief lesson in WordPerfect 5.1 (the software she uses for The Inner View). Now I'm finally motivated to dive in and start using it. Up until I've been now, printing out text in big columns, shrinking them at the local copy shop then performing the old fashioned cut & paste routine. Very time consuming. WordPerfect should eliminate a bunch of those steps and cut the time it takes me to produce the Thanks, newsletter. Cathy.

Thanks again to Jennifer G. for being

the newsletter InnerView. together. Jennifer has been typing in long articles and also provided printed mailing labels as well as being a computer consultant and trouble shooter. A couple of months ago she delivered the copy to the print shop for me when I was unable to get there. Maryilyn, however Adrianne, Mary Ann and Laura have all been a great help by consistently providing original articles.

> From Cross-Port by Cathy

Heather reminded me last month that I did not say anything about Cross-Port's sixth anniversary. course, me being on top of things like always had to respond "When was that?".

Time for the Reader's Digest version of Cross-Port's history. Cross-Port's first meeting was held in May 1985. The first issue of the InnerView came out in July 1985. Of course, Heather who started it all, ran everything until stepping down in January 1989 when Linda began running the meetings and I

One biggest reasons for our longevity (with little relative effort) has been our meeting place. June 1986, the Cross-Port meetings were moved to a gay bar in Monroe called The Hangout. Christopher took over in early 1987, made it Christopher's Lounge, and continued to let meet there. Thanks, Chris! Everyone "knows" where and when we meet, so they just show up.

The Indianapolis girls came to those early meetings but quickly got their stuff together and started their group (I think) in January 1987. name IXE was adopted in April of that year. The Indy Report appeared in the InnerView for several months until began putting their own newsletter. Before a year was over, IXE drew a larger attendance than Cross-Port.

Well, there you have it, here's to another six years!

Several of us who a big help in putting began editing the attended the "Be All"

Several of us who attended the "Be All" were in Cleveland wondering what had happened to Dorothy Finch. Everyone who has ever attended a convention knew Dorothy "Mrs. Shufflewick"; the boozy East Ender who made us all laugh at her antics during the talent shows.

Word has come to us that Dorothy passed away on August 14 after a long illness. We wish to express our sympathies to her family. We will miss her very much.

From IXE by Shannon

WE MAKE HISTORY

IXE recently made history. Our infamous July parody issue had ! all of its articles in the reprinted September issue of ! Cross-Talk. There was a bit of nonsensical trash thrown in at the beginning and most definitely at the end, but one must take the bad along with the good.

friends Our and fellow newsletter traders out in New York, LIFELINES, say that they really enjoy and Crystal ours Club's newsletters and that they read them from cover to cover.

Thanks !! That means a lot to us and we really like yours too

Keep your calendar free on December 14 cause that's the date for the IXE Christmas Dinner.

To Do Is To Be Socrates

To Be Is To Do Plato Do Be Do Be Do

Powder Puffs of Orange County CROSS-TALK present

CULTODAID

April 29 - May 3, 1992

FOR INFORMATION, WRITE: CALIFORNIA DREAMIN' P.O. 90X 9091 ANAHEIM, CA 92812

**** COUPON **** LAVENDER & LACE

21823 Van Dyke Warren, MI 48089 754-4578

\$5.00 OFF ON \$25.00 TO \$49.00 \$10.00 OFF ON \$50.00 OR MORE

STORE WIDE

(EXCEPT CUSTOM)

CROSS-TALK

The Transgendered Community's Newsletter

> ONE YEAR (12 ISSUES) \$24.00

TWO YEARS (24 ISSUES) \$42.00

OR SEND \$2.00 FOR A SAMPLE COPY TO:

P.O. Box 944 Woodland Hills, CA

Marilyn's Miscellaneous

by Marilyn

often letters from persons seeking advice. I've decided to do something about answering some of the more frequent inquiries in the hope that our readers will benefit. Here's an example of what we get all the time.

Dear M.

I've been a comfortable closet crossdresser most of my life and my wife of 32 years does not know. I get concerned about being found out. What pointers can you provide on avoiding embarrassing pratfalls over the long haul. Comfortable Signed. but Cautious Closet Crossdresser.

Dear CCCC,

Please write a newsletter article so the rest of us maylearn how you've gotten away with it for so long!

As CD's become comfortable and secure with all aspects of their personalities, things become natural, instinctive, second

This nature. naturalness is dangerous! For example, my wife and I were working with a woman whose name is also Marilyn. Someone on the other side of the crowded warehouse velled " Hey Marilyn!" With a thousand people plus my wife looking on, this woman and I simultaneously turned around, looked up, and opened our mouths to answer! (Catch me at the next Crystal Club meeting to find out what happened next.)

Simple little things can get you into quicksand as happened to me as folows:

I enter bathroom, wife is finishing make-up. Me: "That's pretty lip color. What shade is it?" She: "XYZ" Me: "What brand is it?" She: "ABC" Me: "Were did you find

it?" She: "TG&Y" Me: "How much did it Me: (hasty defense and cost?" She: "\$1.63" Me: "It really seems to go well with your skin tones. Did you have a

analysis?" She: "No! Why the hell do you want to know all this!?" (OOP's, pushed too far! Nothing in Excuse Book on this. Think fast!) Me: "Well, uuh, a girl at work wanted to know. She admired your look." "What girl?"

"The little brunette you met at the boss's New Year's reception. Don't you remember?"

worked New Year's. Don't you remember!?" (Red Alert!)

"Oh. Well, she saw you somewhere" (Scotty! Get to the bridge!)

She (on offense): " Just how often do you see this little brunette girl and just how closely do you work with her?

"What did you say her name was!?" ("Sulu, fullpower to deflector shields!) damage control): "Oh, actually I don't really know her at all. In fact, I hardly ever see her, except color for when she delivers

the quarterly report.

I don't even know her name for sure, I think it's Gazelda. but I'm really not certain." (Spock's analysis: " The answer is truly worthy of a crossdressing Starship Captain.")

So you can see how things can develop with the seasoned crossdresser. Some CD's are so proficient with make-up, fashion, coordinating outfits etc. that they get caught up in the moment, lose their and concentration actually offer tips and/or constructive criticism to their spouses. This is a 4th magnitude faux pas. Here are just a few of more common made by comments careless CD's to their wives:

- "Aren't you carrying the blush too common theme: far down your cheek?"
- "Shouldn't you a lighter eyes?"
- " Honey, your make-up won't look so muddy if you would get powder to match the foundation."
- "Isn't there a better eye shadow

scarf you have on?"

* "Shouldn't you be using pan stick or something to better hide those old acne scars?"

Also, you need to avoid doing the following when your spouse is with you.

- 20 (or whatever) dresses when your wife is looking for a size 8 for herself.
- issues of: Cosmopolitan. Madamoiselle, Glamour magazines while waiting in grocery check lines.

Remember! Men are supposed to be fashion clutzes, so act the many men crossdress?" part!

Here's representative of a

Dear M,

Please help! I'm foundation to lighten in a real jam! My wife the circles under your discovered a picture of me crossdressed. She thinks it's a picture of another woman and that I'm having an affair. She's suing me for divorce! I tried to tell her it was me but she thinks that's the most bogus excuse I shade to go with that could have ever

thought of. Please offer some encouraging

Signed, Confessed Crossdresser Capitulating in Court

Dear CCCC,

Congratulations looking so good that you passed your wife's * Checking out size scrutiny! Also, congratulations on maintaining confidentiality of your identity. We're real sorry about the * Intently studying divorce, but hey, two out of three ain't bad!

> Some letters are short and sweet. Answering them is neat!

Dear M. Why do so Signed, Curiously Collecting another Crossdressing Causes

> Dear CCCC. Fun, Travel, Adventure.

That's all for now, I'll be back next month with answers to all of your wonderful questions.

After 12 years of therapy, my psychiatrist said something that brought tears to my eyes. He said, "No hablo inglés."

important and the second and the second and the second second second to the second second second second second

Ronnie Shakes

What did He Say?

Excerpt from Dave "Mister Barry column Language Answers Pressing Grammatical Questions", Setember 12, 1991.

O. Did an alert reader named Linda Bevard send you an article from the Dec. 19, 1990, Denver Post concerning Stanley Biber, who was elected commissioner in Las Animas County, and who is identified in the article as "the world's leading sex-change surgeon''?

A. Yes.

Q. And what did Dr. Biber say when he was elected?

A. He said, quote: 'We pulled it off.''

(C) 1991 THE MIANI HERALD

Convention Fever Courtesy Cross-Port

Here ladies; check it out. No fewer than four conventions to go to in the months October and November. The only real decision is "Which part of the country do I wish to visit?"

October 18-27 17th Annual Fantasia Fair Provincetown, MA

> Fantasia Fair Kenmore Station Box 368 Boston, MA 02215

Oct. 31 - Nov. 3 Annual Harvest Festival Kansas City, KS Write:

> P.O. Box 4092 Overland Park, KS 66204 (913) 268-9847

November 8-10 Fantasy Adventure Weekend Houston, TX Write:

> GCTC P.O. Box 90335 Houston, TX 77090 (713) 780-3553

November 20-24 Tri-Ess Holiday En Femme Chicago, IL Write:

> Chi Chapter P.O. Box 342 Chicago, IL 60690

Lusin:

I think difficult to whether there is such a thing as hope or not. Hope is like a road in the country; there was never a road, but when many people walk on it, the road comes into existance.

-- The Wisdom of China and India, edited by Lin Yutang (Random House)

B.C. OUR TOWN WAS SO SMALL ... THE MAIN DRAG WAS A CROSS DRESSER HOW SMALL



A Wonderful "Be-All!"

by Adrianne and Mary Ann

Part Three of Three



[Saturday]

Saturday morning when I went to breakfast, Eve came up to me and asked if I would model the outfit I was wearing in the lunchtime fashion show. Flattery will get you anywhere with a cross-dresser, so I said yes. Actually this pointed out to me, you are at the convention, among friends, you should not be afraid to participate. I was great fun modeling on a runway daydreaming I'm in Paris or New York. The rest of the day I was planning to attend lessons on voice and speech, a session by Jim Bridges and socializing before I went to attempt to recreate the look I had Thursday night, for the "Prom" night dance.

My first seminar of the day was Allison Laing's "Speaking as a Woman" class. I'd been looking forward to this the whole time, because my voice was the part of me that caused the most trouble in public. Adrianne, Pamela, Karen, and I formed a group in the front of the room, as Allison gave her talk. Some people have it easy, because of their regional accent. Karen's cultured New England voice works beautifully, as does Rochelle's Oklahoma drawl.

I found out that my pitch points. She is out of the as the week progressed, my voice social party of 4!

At lunch, after the fashion show, the speaker was Kathryn Kathryn and Virginia Prince in McGuire from Houston. As covered the hallway, having a spirited in the Crystal Chronicle, she discussion. Virginia is one of ran for city council last year, the most boisterous people I and did much better than most know, and sure knows how to have first- timers. Kathryn was a a good time. fascinating individual.

She was quite attractive. and while large boned, her makeup and hairstyle looked a baritone Texas accent boomed from her mouth. "Ah've had voice ah'm tahrd!"

Kathryn made some excellent the right solution.

was OK, but even more amazingly, closet, and often attends big parties had been getting better and Everybody in Houston knows who better from constant use, and what she is. "If you write Forcing myself to remember to out the big check, you get have the pitch go up and down, invited to the social parties, instead of my usual monotone, and nobody cares what you're was the major change I had to wearing." Kathryn has become make. I had to think about it, almost a one-woman fad in it wasn't natural at all. But Houston, everybody wants to be now I know what to do. As seen with her and to impress Allison says, you can rehearse others by having her at their the line you know you're going parties. It's been said she has to have to say in advance, as in "brass balls", which just goes "Table for 2 please". Just watch to prove what I've said all out if you happen to be in a along: it takes balls to wear a skirt.

Later in the day I saw

I knew what that discussion was about, having heard Virginia express her views about Kathryn better than most of the people earlier. She did not agree with at the Be-All. I was amazed when Kathryn's decision to have reassignment surgery in London in two weeks. Virginia Prince lessons, but dammit, ah took the has a lot of very strong red-eye in this mornin', and opinions and one is that very few people need to have that surgery, living transgendered is

predicted that Kathryn would lose her notoriety within a few months after the surgery, and we as a community would therefore lose a prominent voice, one who is listened to.

Saturday afternoon I went upstairs to regroup for the afternoon, and saw the message lamp on the phone. I called the operator and asked for my message. The operator told me Beth had called, and said "Thank you, ma'am"! My spirits soared -I had passed on the phone!

Now came the seminar I had been dreading all week - the video critique. I was to bring in a blank tape, and the whole crew from Renaissance would give me feedback to take back and study. After being called a gorilla, I was expecting the worst. Nonetheless, I figured it was better to have constructive feedback on tape instead of looking like an idiot in public. Paula Jordan Sinclair lead the workshop, with JoAnn Roberts and Allison Laing joining her in the feedback. There were 10 people, three of whom had actually brought a tape, and only an hour, so it had to move quickly. (Too bad I hadn't thought to bring extra tapes, I could have made a fortune!)

I was wearing a simple black dress, with a white belt, and large multi-colored flashy earrings I'd bought at Jim Bridges the other day. My gold dress wristwatch and the nametag on my dress were the only accessories. I had my favorite 3 inch slings on, carrying two other pairs of shoes in a shoebox, hoping to see on tape how they affected my walk. Once I got there, I realized there was no time to try different shoes, and Paula more than once jokingly asked me if I had "gotten those shoes fixed yet".

volunteer to go first. Paula had the same day by a random me stand at the other end of the passerby in transit. You can't room, then walk toward the fool all the people all the camera, sit down, and introduce time, so it's better not to set myself, all with the camera yourself up expecting to always rolling. Then the panel took pass. turns giving feedback. I didn't know I was supposed to sit, on camera, while their voices spoke about me off-camera, so I got up just thoroughly enjoying myself, twice and had to sit back down. being what I always wanted. This Nonetheless, I wasn't prepared was my fourth entire day being for their glowing commentary. in makeup, heels, lingerie; and Paula liked my walk! She wanted despite sore feet and redoing more shoulder movement but makeup twice a day, everything and made some suggestions about months. I attended two seminars a more balanced jewelry image: today, but most of the time was the flashy earrings worked spent better with bigger flashier friendships. jewelry in other places, such as bracelets. A bigger watch and lower neckline were also many of the same issues that suggested. Allison had good Mary Ann was covering in her things to say about my voice and seminars. Elaine and I talked my smile, pointing out a few about shopping, dress sizes, and phrases such as "lovely" and before.)

attend. They began with a couple fast! of very important observations. First, while we may think our goal is to pass, our goal should was somewhat anti-climactic, and really be to be accepted. After this was not because of the all, we don't know if we passed efforts of the Be-All committee. or were read and ignored. But we It was us, we knew our do know if everything worked out blossoming was complete, and for OK for us.

Second, everyone gets read sometimes. Even Paula and Johnn, who were doing a talk show in

I was crazy enough to introduced themselves, were read

Much of Saturday I spent otherwise thought my deportment had gone as wonderfully as I'd was good! JoAnn liked my makeup imagined over the prior five cultivating

Interestingly, we discussed wardrobes, and how to frugally "time of my life" that I could expand them with taste. I sat get more out of if I managed to down in the courtyard to sip a work them into my vocabulary Coke and feel the radiance of more. No bananas this time, this the sun, I was joined by a girl was looking good! I brought couple other girls and as we home the videotape as a prized talked we were being stared at memento. (When I played it later by some men in the pool. They for Beth, she commented that she continued to look back and forth had never heard "that voice" and apparently discuss us. After about ten minutes we decided it was time to end the show so we The final seminar was by turned, gave them our most JoAnn and Paula on the subject seductive smile and a little of going out in public. Since I wave. For being in an indoor like to go out, I wanted to pool they sure got sunburned

> Unfortunately, the "Prom" most, the petals would fall off tonight.

In my last couple of hours Philadelphia, and had passed at before the prom, I did a little the studio before they shopping, finding the right match my formal dress. After though.) Matt looked up, seems so inadequate. four days in heels, my feet were shrugged his shoulders, said he killing me, and I sat down every had no idea and went back to the chance I got. I realized that I food line. Men! missed Beth, and I felt kind of silly by myself at the prom. alone. I just missed Beth.)

bed, and called Beth. I was by the end of the week. changing back.

I had heard that many people have a hard time going back after four days en femme. I could certainly understand that. I was really enjoying myself, and I had mixed feelings about going back. But I was determined to take this lemon and make lemonade. I felt terrific, and I resolved to carry those positive feelings forward into my male life.

[Sunday]

Pamela and I were up early again Sunday. We were both going home en homme today. Since we didn't have to spend hours getting ready, we were up and packed by 8:30. Adrianne came by to get the car keys to load her stuff up. By 9:00 we had the car loaded up, new tires shining out at us. As I checked out, I ran into my friend Nancy, who was still dressed Sunday. Since people had been taking pictures all week, I was curious how recognizable I was when dressed. Nancy gave me a very puzzled look, and was shocked when I told her I was Mary Ann. She said I'd have no problems.

Going into the banquet room, where a big brunch was prepared.

(Actually, with Adrianne, Lana, same table with Johnn, Paula, and Jennifer there, I was hardly Allison, and Pamela, all en homme. By this time I knew what Paul looked like, and that People were very nice, but helped me figure out the rest. after dinner and a little JoAnn identified me by my voice, socializing, my sore feet and I but pointed out that she'd been were ready to call it quits. I watching me and listening to me went upstairs, got ready for all week and knew me pretty well

> The relationships formed and friends made at a convention like this after the essence of what a convention like this is all about. Cheryl provided me with many insights to myself and to how to adjust to the general public. She was not so concerned with "passing", she just wants and not be hassled. Throughout all the people who made it the four days we really opened up to each other, and unexpectedly we had our tears together early Saturday night, and a closeness that sisters have with each other. We had an unspoken good-bye hours before either of us was to leave, words were not necessary. Making a new friend is wonderful. My personal support group now stretches over four states. Cheryl left Sunday morning while I was still sleeping; she had an eight hour drive. Sunday evening she phoned, to make sure I got home all right, a real big sister. Thank you, Chery!!

Mary Ann and I had an uneventful ride home, we did nothing but talk and get to know each other better. Although we did do things together, we had not been in each others constant company, which worked out well for both of us. I was able to I ran into Matt and Karen. Karen further extend our friendship on said she knew who I was, that that ride home, we have a lot in she could tell by my eyes. (She common. To you, Mary Ann, a very

earrings and a red hair bow to never did call me by name, special thank you, and that

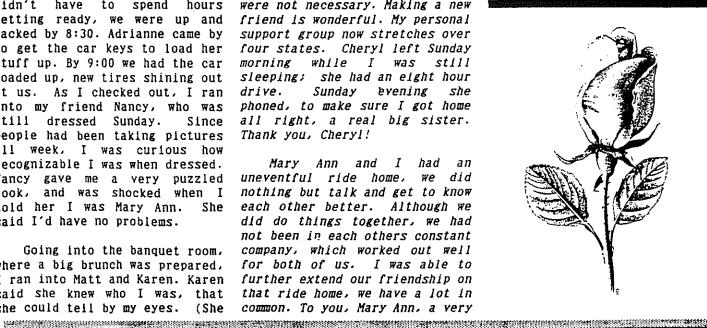
feeling's mutual, The Adrianne! What a friendship we Adrianne and I sat at the formed in those five days!

> After getting home, I found myself preoccupied with the Be-All. I just couldn't get it out of my mind. Some electronic mail from Lana confirmed it wasn't just me. I wanted to go out again, this time with Beth. Since my son was celebrating a birthday, this wasn't exactly easy. But Wednesday night, Beth and Mary Ann went to Penney's to choose a femme pair of glasses from their delightful and professional optical department, and then went out for dinner. The magic was still there, and the evening was lovely. I didn't come down until Friday!

The Be-All of 1991 Will to be able to express herself always be a special memory, and possible will live on in our hearts forever.

With love,

Adrianne and Mary Ann



	Calendar of	Events Novemb	er 1991
11/7	IXE	Meeting	Indianapolis
11/8	Crystal Club	Ladies Night Out	Columbus
11/15	Trans-Wv.	Meeting	Huntington Wv.
11/16	CrossPort	Weekenders	Cincinnati
11/16	Paradise	Meeting	Lakewood Oh.
11/21	Crossport	Meeting	Cincinnati
11/23	Crystal Club	Meeting	Columbus
12/7	Crystal Club	Christmas Party	Columbus

Nearby Support Groups

Cross-Port P.O. Box 12701 Cincinnati, OH 45212 (513) 851-6174

Alpha Omega Ohio Tri-Ess Chapter P.O. Box 954 Elyria, OH 44036

Transpitt P.O. Box 3214 Pittsburgh, PA 15230

Paradise Club P.O. Box 29564 Parma, OH 44129 IXE Box 20710 Indianapolis. IN 46220

Crossroads Box 1245 Royal Oak, MI 48068-1245

Trans West Virginia P.O. Box 2322 Huntington, WV 25724-2322 P.O. Box 287

Reynoldsburg, Ohio 43058-0287



(614) 237-4321



Debra A. Leno, LISW, CDC, CSC Counseling in Addictions and Sexuality For consultation/appointments (614) 771-7060



Meral G. Crane M. A., L.P.C.C.

Licensed Clinical Counsler
THE CENTRAL OHIO
GENDER DYSPHORIA PROGRAM

20 Box 02008 COLUMBUS, OHIO 43202 (614) 299-5042



2-ONE (614) 457-3979

3230 NORTHWEST BLVD , 2NO FL COLUMBUS, OHIO 43221 2154

ROBERT W. BIRCH, PH.D., ABFAMP

PSYCHOLOGIST

WARITAL AND SEX THERAPIST

FELLOW: AMER, ASSOC, FOR MARRIAGE & FAMILY THERAPY
DIPLOMATE AMERICAN BOARD OF FAMILY PSYCHOLOGY
CERTIFIED: AMER ASSOC, OF SEX EDUCATORS, COUNSELORS & THERAPISTS