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NEXT MEETING

23RD MARCH. (FRIDAY)

AT THE MOTEL. SOUTH BRISBANE.
UNIT NUMBER IN WINDOW OF CAR
DISPLAYING CLUB EMBLEM.

ANY ENQUIRIES REGARDING MEETING
RING JAYNE BEFORE MARCH 22ND
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BRING. BUY, SELL, SWOP

OR.

AUCTION.

CLOTHING, COSMETICS, BRIC-A-BRAC.
THE SPOUSE, OLD CRICKET TEAMS,
SHOES, BAGS, CAKES BISCUITS. etc.

JAYNE'S JOTTINGS

It must happen some time! I won't be running late to get the magazine out. Unfortunately it's not this time - I'm late as usual, too late in fact to send it down to Sue for typing so you'll just have to suffer.

Last months meeting was quite well attended and it was interesting to observe the different styles that people chose to wear. I really like the present fashion scene which appears to allow you to wear almost anything that takes your fancy. Of course there are a few 'No Nos!' but if you avoid these you are free to express your own personality through your dress. Of course we all commit some errors when buying clothes. They look great in the shop, but when you get them home - Yuk!

This month we are giving you an opportunity to get rid of some of those WARDROBE DISASTERS. We're going to have a BRING, BUY, TRADE, SWOP OR AUCTION Meeting.

When Joanne took off for overseas she left behind a large quantity of make-up which we will auction on the evening of the 23rd March. If you have any items for auction bring them along on that occasion. You can either donate the proceeds to SHQ or you pay a small commission on their sale. You set a reserve price if you want to. Sales strictly cash; no credit cards, lay-by, Russian Rubles or Government bonds.

Last month's meeting was something of an experiment. Kerri's talk raised some discussion, but by the time she'd finished it was obvious that members attention span was exhausted. Obviously we tried to get too much into one session.

One disappointing (though not unexpected) feature has been the total lack of feedback about the session. Do you want that type of thing again or not? PLEASE let me know.

Also at the last meeting we had the opportunity to meet and welcome GERALDINE who is over here on a twelve months working trip. She gave us quite a bit of information on the functioning of several of the United Kingdom groups. I'm sure that I express the feelings of all the members of SHQ when I say 'welcome to Brisbane Geraldine, and we hope that you will become a regular attendee at our gatherings while you are here.'

Quite a lot of local input into this month's magazine with contributions from Kerri, Rona and Wendy as well as one from a non-member, Elizabeth. I hope that we can keep up this level of local content in future editions.

Happy crossdressing,

Fayne



Bra Fillers.

By Wendy Ormond.

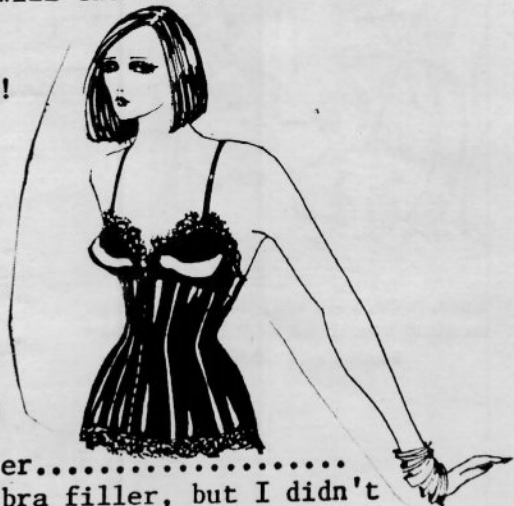
In the January edition of Q-Girl I saw an article on bra fillers and I was amazed to read that some TV's use bird-seed! What an usual use for bird-seed. I have a more modern day filler, the bottom of plastic Coke bottles, under the black plastic base is a pure round shape suitable for a bra filler, just become a man for a few moments and rip off the black part, you will have to be very un-lady like and use brute force!!!

Get a sharp knife and some scissors and cut the bottom off. If you like light weight boobs they are perfect the way they are, I prefer to fill them with plaster of Paris or Polyfilla. You can scrape out the inside if you find them to "real" in weight. You may have to put something between your skin and the bra filler, other you will end up with red rings around your boobs.

Try different size bottles!

More about bra sizes:-

- A cup = Ample
- B cup = Beautiful
- C cup = Cuddly
- D cup = Droopy
- E cup = Elephant
- F cup = Fantastic



I wished my cup runneth over.....
I once tried condoms as a bra filler, but I didn't like the taste!
And how on earth do you get a kilogram of bird-seed into a condom???????

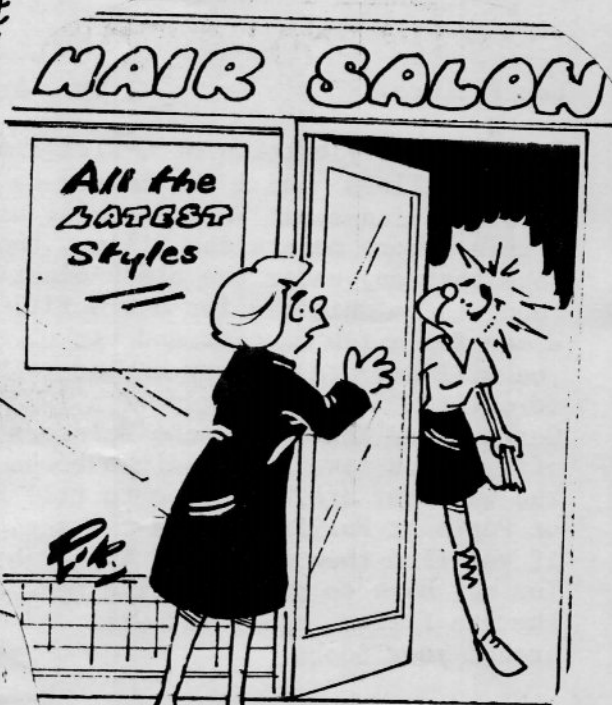
What's wrong
with birdseed?
coke yuk!



smile a while!

A chap went looking for a Saturday morning job so that he could earn a few dollars to bet on his favorite horse. A woman gave him a tin of green paint and asked him to paint her porch.

He finished the task and returned for his pay. "By the way," he said, "your car is a Ferrari, not a Porsche."



★ "GOING in, or coming out?"



"Look here, son. Why don't you stop wasting your time with that and do something useful?"



"Really, these estate agents' abbreviations! What do you suppose 'TP' means?"

A reply to Kerri's article in last month's newsletter, from Elizabeth:

Dear Jayne,

A copy of the Seahorse Club of Queensland's Newsletter just happened to fall into my hands, please note I am not a member of your organisation but I would like to reply to the article by Kerri Petrie about trans-sexuals.

First let me say that I am a post-operative transsexual or to be more accurate I AM A WOMAN and no one can dispute the fact, not even the Federal Government with whom I have dealings.

The article written by Kerri rather set me back, to say the least, and could do more harm than good to any person who thinks that she is transsexual.

I have been a member of the management committee of the transsexual organisation of Australia and thus have come into contact with many transsexuals (both pre and post op) and when one comes to grip with the facts of life 99 out of 100 lead normal lives as females. The fear is in your own mind. I have known girls of over six foot who don't have any trouble in public. I myself am over 5'10" tall and live in a medium sized

Queensland town and yet I have never experienced any trouble, I regularly go visiting girl friends.

Kerry stated "if you are a transsexual you will be an embarrassment to society and to do Kerry, with such comments? I've never heard of anyone being embarrassed by trying to do Kerry, with such comments? Your last paragraph would be enough to make any person who thinks she is transsexual blow her brains

out. Wake up and get with the times! South Australia has now made it legal to change one's birth certificate and soon Queensland and New South Wales will be the same.

It's all in the mind. There is a saying: "What the eyes see the brain believes." I've proved this to be true. You stated about loved ones, well I haven't lost any love from my family. My two children understand and my ex-wife and I are the best of friends. All the other friends that I've known for years are still good friends and that is the story of most of the girls I know, so its not just my experience.

Please don't get me wrong I think that the Seahorse Club does a wonderful service, but for goodness sake don't dabble in something you are not sure about yourself. It is a very dangerous field you are dealing in. Remember it's human lives at stake.

Finally if any girl would like more information I'm only too happy to provide it although I won't advise them the best thing to do (only where to go and how to get the best advise possible). Jayne knows how to contact me.

I wish everyone all the best in their chosen life-style what ever it may be.

Elizabeth.

Editor's note: It seems a good time to mention that articles published in our newsletter, whether they are from members or others do not necessarily express the official view of Seahorse Queensland. As Elizabeth says we (nor anyone else) are not in the business of TELLING people what to do, but we do have an obligation to expose them to as many points of view as possible. I should like to hear more comments and experiences form other TSs on these matters. --- Keep those contributions rolling in.

Dear Jayne,

I thought you might like this for the next edition of Q girl. I always think that in some respects we are on the same wavelength as the feminists.

Rona.

A FEMINISTS PRAYER.



Our Mother which art in heaven
Sister shall be thy name
Our washings done, our kitchen clean
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this equality and forgive us our
disparagements
As we forgive them who disparage against us
And lead us not into home economics
But deliver us into politics
For there is the power and the glory.
Forever and ever
A-woman.

SOUND FAMILIAR ?

Life seems very unfair at times. While I'm getting depressingly close to 40, my blossoming daughter is slinking around the house with fabulous skin, perfect nails, thick hair and sparkling eyes — just eight minutes after falling out of bed. Your articles designed to bring glamour and hope are doing just the opposite for me. Have a luxurious Sunday you say! It's impossible in my bathroom, our bath's too shallow and my knees stick out all goosepimple and spiky. What about some helpful, realistic hints to really solve my problems? Maybe a few articles like Do-It-Yourself Plastic Surgery; Polyfilla, The Super Substance; Glamorous Dresses From Two Metres Of Hessian; Smooth Legs Without A Chainsaw, and Waxing Without Eczema? I don't feel old. I still fit a size 10 and have a mop of thick blonde hair. I look damn good in fact . . . from the back, at 400 metres on a rainy night. Just give me the courage to turn around. Cheers!



A WALK WITH WENDY.

I was out walking dressed as a man along a high road that went around the Brisbane river, it was quiet and about 10am on a nice sunny Monday morning. And then I saw this woman? walking in the same direction as me, she was about 100 metres away. A TV can spot another TV a mile away! I think it was the way she walked that gave her away. I was walking faster than her and I passed her. She must have had trouble walking in her girls shoes, or she was trying to walk sexy, she was just taking herself out for a walk. And really she did look good, I wanted a better look so at the next seat I sat down - she had no choice to walk by, or turn around. She walked by. I wanted to say hello, but I sensed some panic inside her. So I thought I won't bother her - so I started to walk again, and boy was she nervous - as I got closer she was looking back over her shoulder to see where I was, so I walked passed quickly.

She was a transvestite.

A question? If you see a transvestite out walking should you say hello, or leave them alone?

What do you think? Write and say.

Agassi's hot pink draws cool response

UNITED States teenager Andre Agassi dropped tennis fashion to its lowest level yesterday with hot pink shorts and matching nail polish on his fingers.

Agassi, known to parade the tennis circuit with other odd outfits, produced his gaudy apparel in his match against Swede Stefan Edberg at the \$US3 million Masters tournament at Madison Square Gardens.

He wore hot pink lycra cycling pants under his black shorts, matched it with a hot-

From MICHELANGELO
RUCCI in New York

pink and black shirt and stunned even his rivals in the locker room by applying nail polish to his finger nails.

Agassi had no regrets with his new look.

"I like it," he said. "Now is the time to get my game to match it.

"I'm more concerned with that than how I'm looking but it's nice. It's a good change of pace."

Edberg, who beat Agassi 6-4, 6-2 in the shortest match of the opening night, did not seem interested in Agassi's hot-pink uniform.

"It didn't bother me, not at all," Edberg said.

And the nail polish?

"I don't look at guys' nails," he said.

Ivan Lendl did. His sarcastic critique gave Agassi just the response he wanted.

"It is spectacular," Lendl said, agreeing the look may catch on — in women's tennis.





NAIL CARE.

Have a look at the hands that hold this magazine, what do your nails reveal about you?

That you're well groomed? Or messy with your nails.

Nails require attention and TIME! Grooming nails does take time and effort, and to have attractive finger nails is well worth the effort.

Aim for an oval shape and not long pointed claws. Never bite your nails.

Clip nails as a last resort.

Find a length that you can live with - drying yourself with a towel is a good indication. If you are having problems - your nails are too long.

Never file wet nails. They tear easily.

Always file your nails. Enjoy the feeling of sitting down and relaxing while shaping your nails. Do it while watching TV, not a transvestite, I mean the television set!!!!

If you are right handed, put nail polish on your right hand first.

Nails are a lovely part of the human body, how many times have you seen girls with bitten nails. TV's go to a lot of trouble over their nails, because you can see them all the time. You don't need a mirror to see your lovely nails.

Wear nail polish with pride, enjoy the feeling. But oh what a problem waiting for it to dry!!!

I've just broken a nail! Sob sob

Wendy

KERRI'S TIPS

Hi there!

Have you ever regarded a woman, perhaps on the street, perhaps in her late twenties, thirties or even older, looking really good? She is confident, relaxed, her beauty deliberately understated. It has taken years of experience for her to cultivate and accentuate her strong points. You will listen hard to a mechanic who knows his job well, a sportsman top of his field or a professional. Regard this woman well too. Show respect for her expertise and realise that Rome wasn't built in a day and if you wish to look good it requires time effort and research.



Half the glow of many a woman's complexion is eating right and not knocking herself about, All this is part of any good beauty regime. There is no reason why in an effort to look better you may not only improve your lifestyle through 'moderation' becoming a more self satisfying attractive woman when you crossdress and an overall healthier and happier person, someone to be admired and respected by your mates.

Healthy Mind — Healthy Body.



WHAT'S IN A LABEL? by Janice Van Cleve.

Condensed from TV-TS Tapestry Issue 55

Are you a transvestite or a transexual? Howmany times have people asked you this question... But what does it matter what label you wear?

Actually it matters quite a lot. Labels are powerful symbols. Just by speaking their name we invoke the stereotype they represent. Remember what a difference it made when you finally chose a femme name? It seemed to chrystallize your new identity.. A good label appropriately applied can be a boost to your self esteem....Labels help us to make sense of the world around us.

Labels can be dangerous if misused. Misapplication, incorrect definitions or groupings of data and as cruel weapons in name calling. There is another danger to beware of and that is "justification".

Some people feel uncomfortable without a label. Now if they choose a label to expand their social horizon or for some other practical gain, no problem. We see people in all stages of gender and social role exploration who feel internal or external pressure to adopt either the "transsexual" or "transvetite" label. Then they feel obligated to try to live up to everything included in that label's stereotype. In fact it may smother their internal reality to conform to that label. This is foolishness! The label was created for them, not them for the label. Do they give up a false front in the straight world only to take on another in the transgenendered world?.... Should they feel less whole, less genuine, less justified, because they do not fulfill the "requirements" of the label. Heavens no! You do not need a label to BE somebody; you already ARE somebody - a unique and wonderful creation with a purpose and a destiny only you can fill.

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