

Society for the Second Self



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**WHAT IS IT?
WHOM IS IT FOR?
WHAT ARE ITS GOALS?**

Dear Crossdressing Friend:

We thank you for your interest in the Society For The Second Self, also known as Tri-Ess sorority. We hope that you will enjoy and benefit from your reading.

The first thing you should do is READ THE BROCHURE. It will explain the goals and objectives of the sorority and make you feel more comfortable with it. If, when you are through with your reading, you decide to become a Tri-Ess girl, fill in the PLEDGE (which you will find later on in your reading) and do remember to sign the PLEDGE at the bottom of the page.

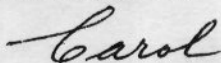
Do note the sample of the page from our national Directory of members. We would appreciate your preparing a similar profile to what is shown for your guidance. If you are able to send us a picture for the Directory, so much the better. You don't have to but it makes your profile more interesting. We also have found that those who have pictures will receive more letters from members than do those without pictures. Please take some time in the preparation of your profile.

A word about pictures. The printer can usually do a better job with black-and-white pictures although if you only have colored pictures, we are happy to have them. In the case of colored pictures, please try to have a white background (use a sheet as a backdrop) if you are wearing dark colors. And do remember that if you are wearing a red skirt and a blue blouse, for instance, when the picture appears in the Directory, both outfits will appear as one and appear almost black. So vary your colors, too. The same goes for black-and-white photos.

Please return your signed PLEDGE and annual Dues of \$30.00 to Carol Beecroft, Box 194, Tulare, California 93275.

We look forward to having you as a Tri-Ess sister and hope that you will take an active part in the sorority. We would also be interested in knowing whether you would like to serve in a leadership position within a chapter.

Sincerely yours,



Carol Beecroft
National Leader

THE SOCIETY —

A Sorority Without Women

Say the word "Sorority" and the last thing most people think of is an all-male organization! The Society For The Second Self was created to help the heterosexual male crossdresser, often called/transvestite. However, the professional literature is gradually getting away from the word "transvestite" and using the more descriptive word, **CROSSDRESSER**. Crossdressers are men who have a compulsive desire to dress in the clothing normally reserved for women.

Crossdressers are probably one of the most misunderstood minority groups in the world. As with other minorities, ignorance fosters prejudice and prejudice produces intolerance and hostility towards crossdressers by the public.

In such a climate, many of us live in fear of discovery by a scornful public. We've kept our crossdressing a secret from our closest loved ones. While in the closet many of us think that we are the only ones in the world with these rather "different" desires. In our isolation, we may even come to believe the popular stereotypes and think: "Maybe I'm gay," or, "Maybe I'm headed towards a sex change operation," or, "Maybe I'm sick to want to wear women's clothing and wanting to go out in public dressed that way." Even — "And if I'm not sick, I feel so guilty to want to dress this way."

It's not surprising that many crossdressers feel or think these things. But, we of the Society believe — and know from experience — that the fundamental

problem for crossdressers is not personal but actually social in nature. We believe that our guilt, shame and confusion (and possibly fear) are the products of a non-accepting and very uninformed public.

The Society believes that crossdressers can — and indeed, many do — live happy, well-adjusted lives and the Society members dedicate themselves to this end. We know that the best "treatment" for crossdressers is self-acceptance and the creation of a more knowledgeable and understanding public. We firmly **REJECT** the notion that crossdressers should — or even can — be "cured" of the desire to wear the clothing of women.

We invite you to read on and consider joining with us to help others find peace and acceptance that comes through membership in the Society. If you are not a crossdresser but only one who is interested in the subject, you are encouraged to re-examine your own attitudes towards crossdressing and consider how you can be supportive of the many crossdressers around you.

NEW LIGHT ON THE CAUSES OF CROSSDRESSING

Contributed by Dr. Robert A. Butler

Traditional research into gender role behavior has resulted in a dichotomy between biological explanations and social learning theory. More recently, there has been a trend towards explanations that combine biological predispositioning with social and cultural learning. Dr. John Money, who heads the Psychohormonal Research Unit at John Hopkins, rejects the idea of a strict nature/

nurture dichotomy and contends that a gender problem as serious as transsexualism and transvestism is the product of both biology and psychology.

Money's views on the etiology of transsexualism are relevant to any discussion of the causes of transvestism. He contends that if an inborn predisposition to gender dysphoria is severe, nothing will prevent the child from becoming a transsexual. At conception, an embryo develops in an undifferentiated manner until the sixth week of pregnancy. Then the male chromosome (Y) signals the gonads to become testicles, which thereafter regulate the hormone formula to develop the male genital tract. If this critical "push" from the male chromosome does not occur, the fetus will develop as a female.

Dr. Money and Patricia Tucker contend that when this male chromosome "push" is weak, the female pattern establishes itself. In the case of transsexuals, the hormones do some "pushing" in the male direction (enough to produce a male body) but not enough to establish a clear-cut gender identity. This suggests the possibility that many transvestites who do not progress to the transsexual stage, are ALSO the result of a less than normal chromosome "push" in the male direction, but the transvestite "push" may be a little stronger than the transsexual "push" and therefore the transvestite may not feel compelled to go as far as having a sex-change operation.

In this view, the transvestite is more on the male side of the fence than the transsexual and can therefore maintain a heterosexual existence, marry, make love to a female and father children

without ever proceeding toward a transsexual conversion. The point being made here is that transvestic behavior will tend to occur in males who had a weak chromosome "push" toward maleness. Interviews with a number of crossdressers has convinced Dr. Butler that some inner biological influence predisposed such individuals for the learning and conditioning that occurred and eventually resulted in their need to crossdress.

UNDERSTANDING THE SECOND SELF

The SECOND SELF! The woman within! Most every crossdresser knows what we mean by this. But even crossdressers tend to under-estimate how common — even universal — this SECOND SELF is.

There is buried within every man a composite "woman". It is the sum of all those feminine potentials — behavior, yearnings — that are part of a man's birthright but which society says we should disown. Crossdressers and other men have somehow made contact with the "woman within" and found it to be stimulating and satisfying.



Carol Beecroft
Society National Leader

For many of us, this contact came early in life — as early as three and four years of age. It could result from finding mother's lingerie in the clothes hamper, wondering what it would feel like when worn, and then trying the garment on. For others, the precipitating event could have been being dressed as a girl in a school play or on Halloween.

Regardless of when or how, the impact is usually the same. It FEELS nice, both emotionally, sensually and perhaps even spiritually. Whatever the feeling, it is a potent magnet, drawing the crossdresser back, time and time again.

Conservative estimates suggest that several million of today's males have had this sort of contact with their "woman within". And the mystery of it all makes the idea of a "cure" little more than a fantasy. Crossdressers have thrown their clothes away, gotten "saved", grown beards — all in an attempt to free themselves of the desire to crossdress. But nothing ever seems to work. The desire keeps coming back. It's as if the need to crossdress were actually a part of ourselves and we could no more do without crossdressing than would we do without any other part of our true selves.

The members of the Society see crossdressing as yet another mode of self-expression — one which is personally and socially healthy and rewarding.

CROSSDRESSING — What It Is and Is Not

Crossdressing is common to a number of behavior patterns — a fact that confuses crossdressers alike. Crossdressers, drag queens, pre-operative transsex-

uals, fetishists, female impersonators and others, approach crossdressing with different motivations and derive different satisfactions from it. Crossdressers can achieve greater self-understanding, and hence self acceptance, by considering how our own motivations and satisfactions compare with these different personality types.

Drag Queens and female impersonators are the most visible types of crossdressers. Drag Queens are gay — or at least bi-sexual — males who don women's clothing to either mock the behavior of females or use such clothing to attract a sex partner.

An offshoot of gay crossdressing is the drag prostitute. Like their female counterpart, they typically prefer to deal with heterosexual males.

Female impersonators are men who develop their crossdressing and femme manner into a performing art, usually for the purpose of making a living. They often perform impressions of classic female types such as Judy Garland and Mae West. Craig Russell and Jim Bailey are possibly the most popular impersonators. Such impersonators are often drag queens. Most of our society forms its impression of crossdressers through contact with female impersonators in night clubs, movie theaters or on television, or even through contact with drag queens and drag prostitutes. The public also notes the professional comedians who crossdress for laughs. Hence, crossdressers are EXPECTED to be outrageous, gay or hustling for sex!!!

Transsexuals are people who believe that they are trapped in the body of the wrong sex. Male-to-female transsexuals

deeply believe that they are actually females and seek sex-change surgery to correct what they consider nature's mistake. Though the transsexual himself doesn't consider it so, most people see this pre-operative behavior as cross-dressing.

Fetishists are usually crossdressers who have an erotic attachment to some article of women's clothing. Holding, feeling, smelling or wearing such items is a powerful erotic stimulant. In some cases, the male is impotent without his fetish.

The line between fetishism and regular crossdressing is often unclear. Many crossdressers start with one or two articles of women's clothing and find their interest growing. On the other hand, the fetishist seems to be "arrested" in his development and appears never to get beyond the erotic attachment to certain female garments.

Bondage, domination and humiliation are forms of sexually satisfying sado-masochistic behavior as an incidental element. Since men in our society consider wearing women's clothing to be a humiliating step **DOWNWARD**, they derive pleasure from this form of humiliation, especially when administered by a dominating woman.

So how does "our type" of crossdresser differ from these "other" types?

In contrast to the sado-masochist, our type of crossdresser is a lover of the feminine. To him, feeling, looking and acting feminine is delightful, rather than humiliating.

Compared to a fetishist, our type of crossdresser cultivates a **COMPLETE**

feminine image, with undergarments, makeup, wig, padding for hips and breasts and even a female-type name, like Susan, Ann, Debbie and so forth.

Unlike transsexuals, our type of crossdresser knows that he is a man and derives satisfaction through being a male and has no desire to change his sex.

For most crossdressers, such dressing is an end to itself. Being free to act and move in a more feminine way, being treated as a woman, being free to adorn one's self and feel the caressing touch of the many soft fabrics available to women — these feelings are satisfying in and of themselves.

Though gay and bi-sexual crossdressers do exist, most authorities now believe that the majority of crossdressers are heterosexual.

Many people are indeed surprised to find that our type of crossdresser is not interested in finding sex like the drag queens, or of making a living like the drag prostitutes and female impersonators. Many gay people are even surprised that heterosexual crossdressers exist at all!!!

THE CROSSDRESSING CULTURE

The oppression of social minorities does have its positive side, and this is as true for crossdressers as it is for black people or gays. Huddled together in society's shadows, we not only learn to survive but to flourish.

Social/educational organizations like the Society are only part of the larger crossdressing culture. There is a wide variety of magazines and newspapers, ranging on sleaze to quite dignified

publications — like *Transvestia* which is published by Chevalier Publications and the *Femme Mirror*, which is published in the interest of the Society.

There are a number of professionals, researchers and educational groups which are doing their part in dealing with crossdressing. The above includes counseling groups and a variety of gender clinics in many of our large cities.

COMING OUT OF THE CLOSET

There is a vicious circle that seems to keep public attitudes hostile towards crossdressing and thus many crossdressers are at fault. Through keeping our feminine sides in the closet, we deny the experience of knowing a crossdresser from those people most likely to accept and understand us. As a result, much of the public perception of crossdressing is arrived at from the more visible types of crossdressers — and, unfortunately, these “extreme” types of crossdressers are often taken as the norm.

So, coming out of the closet is not only essential for our own peace of mind, but also a precondition for the creation of a more understanding and accepting society.

To members of the Society, “Coming out” begins with self-recognition. Admitting that “I do like to crossdress and have liked doing it for a long time,” and “these are my desires, a part of me” — owning up to these feelings is the beginning of self-recognition. For many of us, the decision to join the Society was our first firm statement of self-recognition.

But recognition is only the first step towards acceptance — feeling that it’s all

right to WANT to crossdress and all right to DO it. Overcoming the guilt and shame is part of this process. This is a road that few of us are able to travel alone and that many of us may never have traveled without the help of the Society.

For the emerging crossdresser, there are few, if any, more powerful experiences than meeting or even corresponding with other crossdressers who are at peace with themselves. To find that other crossdressers can live happy, well-adjusted lives with friends and families who accept and understand them; to actually meet a crossdresser’s accepting wife; to see and feel first hand that crossdressers like us are really as likeable and respectable as anyone else; to feel the companionship, encouragement and compassion towards people like “themselves” — all such experiences are emotionally uplifting and heart-warming to the emerging crossdresser.

For most of us, our joining the society unlocked the doors to these kinds of experiences — our first letter from a sorority sister; our first attendance at a local chapter party — many of us mark these as turning points in our “coming out”.

And, for some — indeed a growing number of us — the culmination of this “coming out” occurs in public — passing as women on the street or in a restaurant, acting as a contact for a sorority chapter or perhaps doing an interview in the local media in order to let others know that they are not alone. With the support and experience gained through Society activities, some of our members have found a confidence in public that seemed inconceivable a few short years ago.

Going public, though is NOT for everyone. Indeed, many of our members rightfully fear the loss of family, job and reputation that public exposure might bring. "Coming out", then, is a most personal thing. There is no right or wrong path — only alternatives. Each crossdresser's choice of alternatives must be tailored to their individual circumstances and needs. The Society tries to provide the safe and supportive climate that each crossdresser needs in charting the course for him.

THE SOCIETY:

History — Structure — Identity

The Society was born in 1976 with the merger of two established organizations. The merger combined the successful "security" membership system of one organization with successful experience in chapter organization of the other. Virginia Prince was the leader of Phi Pi Epsilon and Carol Beecroft was the leader of Mamselle Sorority. Carol is now the President of our incorporated and non-profit sorority.

Today the Society has a nationwide affiliation of over 600 members. The organization is administered by a dedicated and total volunteer team of national and local leaders. There is also a newly created ADVISORY BOARD composed of outstanding and experienced members who assist Carol in planning and directing the sorority. In addition, a Board Of Professional Authorities has been created to assist in research, advice, and other ways to help educate the public concerning cross-dressing. At the present time, this Board of Professionals consists of both medical and psychological authorities who have

made their names in the field of cross-dressing. Just recently, a study was made of the wives of crossdressers — the study being led and supervised by Dr. Vern Bullough, Dean of the Dept. of Natural and Social Sciences at the University of New York at Buffalo. We look forward to other scientific studies in the future.

Who are we? The typical Society member is either married or formerly married — only about 20% of our members are not or have never been married. We are slightly older than the male population as a whole, although many younger crossdressers are now finding the Society and joining with us. We are highly educated with more than half of our membership being college graduates and more than $\frac{3}{4}$ having had some college education. Virtually every kind of occupation can be found among our membership.

The vast majority of our "sisters" are private crossdressers. That is, they limit their dressing to the privacy of their homes or the cover of night and socialize "en femme" only at chapter meetings with their closet confidants. Over a third of our married members describe their wives as "co-operative or understanding". It appears that many of our younger and newer members are bringing with them wives who are quite supportive of their husband's need to crossdress, so the above figure should go higher in the years just ahead.

And, of course, many wives of our crossdressers are either antagonistic towards crossdressing or don't even know that their husband is crossdressing — perhaps in a motel or during a business trip. A somewhat humorous aside is that

we have a "sister" who has been going to a "club for train enthusiasts" each month for years and the wife has been none the wiser.

THE SOCIETY:

Policies and Programs

The Society remains true to the central policies of the parent organization. It accepts ONLY heterosexual cross-dressers for membership, referring gays, transsexuals, fetishists and other types of crossdressers to other organizations with "open" membership policies.

The Society places a premium on preserving the privacy and protecting the identity of its members!! Each new member signs a pledge to respect these policies and is subject to automatic and swift expulsion if caught breaking the pledge. These broad policies give the Society its basic character and tone. With these as both back-drop and defining-limits, the Society's multiple programs offer something for each member.

THE SOCIETY:

Communication and Security

As a Society member you will have instant access to the companionship and support of our Sisters, but it is, however access with security in mind.

First contacts between members are channeled through our coded Directory and mail forwarding service. The Directory, which only our members can possess, lists our members by their femme name and code number, and includes enough biographical information as well as a FEMME PICTURE, that allows each of us to make an informed choice of correspondents. First-time letters are sent to our national office and addressed only to the recipient member's code

number. The office staff then forwards the letters to the correct address.

As a first-time correspondent, you may or may not wish to reveal your mailing address. If you choose not to do so, letters of response will reach you through the forwarding service. Once you and your new Society friends feel comfortable with each other, you may exchange letters directly.

THE FEMME MIRROR

All members receive the *Femme Mirror*, our professional-looking, quarterly magazine. The *Femme Mirror* is the place where members can share their experiences and insights with one another. It's a place where our leaders can inform us about events concerning the Society. Perhaps it is the airing of some important Society policy issue. Or it could be a message alerting us to an inflammatory newspaper column or television show that demands a response from the membership.

The *Femme Mirror* is also a place where we can have some fun; where we can share cartoons, photos, poems and information about relevant books and movies, etc. And it's a place where our wives and woman-friends can talk to one another about THEIR special concerns.

THE HOLIDAY EN FEMME

Inaugurated in 1979, the Society holds an annual four day Holiday En Femme for members and their wives in hospitable and accepting cities. The two best and most enjoyable cities have been San Francisco and New Orleans. A well-rounded and full femme-experience, the Holiday combines social events, educa-

tional discussions and the freedom to float through the town as a woman along with your supportive sisters. For many of us, the Holiday En Femme is truly an inspiring event and we return home determined to help recreate that freedom and acceptance!!

Educational and Promotional Materials

The Society produces and distributes educational material concerning cross-dressing. The brochure that you hold in your hands is sent free to services who work with crossdressers. We have a sister who is Director of Publicity and who has created a package of material dealing with interviews for newspapers, radio and television.

Chevalier publications, a private business owned by Carol Beecroft, distributes some of the definitive literature available concerning crossdressing. Included are such books as "Understanding Crossdressing", and "The Transvestite and His Wife". (See price list in back of this brochure).

Special library cards have been created for insertion in the index files of public and college libraries. Many people have written to us after having observed such library file cards.

Another publication is the BUYERS GUIDE, a list of names and addresses of stores and shops which will serve our sisters without embarrassment. The places to shop are listed by state and followed up often to make sure that Society members are still welcome. This eliminates possible problems of a sister going to a shop where crossdressers are no longer welcome. All kinds of shops

are listed, including dress shops, wig shops, shoe stores, electrologists services and other places where our sisters can receive assistance in becoming more feminine and better-looking girls.

LOCAL CHAPTERS

All Society members are eligible — and indeed, encouraged — to join one of our local chapters. These chapters and their continued development are at the heart of the Society's program

Our Chapters hold regular social gatherings that give our members an outlet — a chance to crossdress among understanding sisters. Some of our members travel hundreds of miles to take advantage of these gatherings. The chapters are places where friendships are created that can last for a lifetime. Such friendships give the kind of companionship and support that each of us needs to gain true self-acceptance.

Many a crossdresser's wife has had her fears put to rest at a Society meeting. Often, one such gathering can be worth a thousand books and articles and countless counseling sessions. Our wives and woman-friends find us to be dignified and decent people secure in our heterosexuality and maleness. In the presence of other understanding females, wives and woman-friends find emotional assistance and wisdom.

Our chapters also provide programs and guest speakers tailored to the interests of its members. Many chapters cultivate relationships with sympathetic professionals — hair stylists, cosmeticians, lawyers, counselors, electrologists and photographers. Their expertise, whether offered in discussions or dem-

onstrations, or on a one-to-one basis, has high-lighted many a chapter gathering.

All chapters operate within the Society's overall policy framework. Yet they also exercise considerable autonomy. Each chapter develops its own program of activities and its own strategy for recruiting. Each chapter has its own officers, newsletter and dues structure.

Where chapters exist, the Society's national staff provides backup assistance for local leaders. For example, the National Staff runs our nationwide publicity campaign. This campaign yields a steady flow of inquiries from around the country and such inquiries are referred to local leaders.

Currently, some of the chapters are located in Phoenix, Los Angeles, San Diego, Chicago, New York City, St. Louis, Cleveland, Portland, Houston, and other chapters are being formed in a dozen other cities.

Needless to say, there are many members who give much of their time in order to keep the chapters growing.

THE COUPLES AUXILIARY

At the time of this particular printing of our brochure, we are developing an auxiliary organization for crossdressers and their wives and woman-friends. The purpose of this organization is to enhance the crossdressing lives of both parties through regional gatherings which will be held at resort hotels and which will be a two-day event. Most of the time will be social, but our intentions are also to have guest speakers who are quite knowledgeable and proven authorities concerning crossdressing. It is believed that our wives and woman-friends will benefit from association with many other wives and woman-friends and will find the going a bit easier when dealing with crossdressing. And, of course, there is the belief that many marriages can be made more secure and happier through this Couples



Chi Chapter Awards Banquet

Auxiliary. This organization is not intended in any way to compete with any of the chapters, especially when such gatherings will only be held once or twice a year and on a regional basis.

OUR WIVES

Relatively few crossdressers are fortunate enough to have a wife who understands and cooperates with her cross-dressing husband. Such wives often help their husbands chose proper clothing. They often accompany their husbands, who are dressed en femme, to restaurants and on shopping trips. Unfortunately, many of our wives fall into the category where the husband has to repress his dressing activities. We can understand that many wives are experiencing great difficulty in understanding their husband's need to crossdress. As a result, the family is often split with arguments and recriminations – the net result often being a divided family or even divorce. The Society is most interested in healing these breaches in the family and is busy working with several plans and activities in an attempt to come up with successful programs and activities to help wives who need and desire assistance in their quest for understanding. The Couples Auxiliary is just one such program.

AND FINALLY

The Society, through it's many programs designed to help the heterosexual male crossdresser and his wife or woman friend, is the best equipped organization that has yet been developed to assist our type of people. The Society is growing each month and is actively seeking the many crossdressers who are still hiding deep in their closets. As organized, each chapter is not alone but can

depend on assistance from other chapters and the National Staff. It is planned that in the future there will be many regional, state and even larger area gatherings which will allow our members to develop new friendships and assist in the development of new ideas to make the Society strong and successful.

The leaders of the Society feel that most people will agree that the national dues, amounting to \$30.00 a year, are hardly too much when one looks at the benefits to be gained. And not previously mentioned are the thousands of volunteered hours donated by leaders at all levels – all done in the interest of developing and planning for now and the future.

The Society hopes that the reader of this brochure can comprehend and appreciate all that has been done and will be done in the future. The future will bring new problems to be solved and new programs to be developed, but through the dedication of experienced leaders the individual member can be assured that the Society will grow and prosper throughout the world. In the final analysis, a crossdresser from our sorority, virtually worships femininity, and perhaps the only way he can enjoy feminine pleasure to the fullest extent is to create the illusion of it, to feel female garments on his own body, and to act it out in his own behavior. When he expresses such behavior he is not purposely harming anyone, and he may have been a victim of a conditioning process that he has no control over. It is also time for doctors, therapists, ministers and others to begin helping the wives and children of crossdressers to understand the complex problems and

suffering associated with crossdressing and to assist such crossdressers in finding acceptance in an unforgiving society.

JOINING THE SOCIETY

Our admission procedure is really quite simple — it works on the HONOR system.

Having gotten this far into our brochure, ask yourself if you qualify for membership in the Society. Are you a heterosexual crossdresser? Are you looking for a crossdressing "home" that emphasis friendship and mutual support? Are you concerned about your own privacy and willing to respect the privacy of our members?

If you can sincerely say "YES" to three questions, then we invite you to join with us. If you are satisfied with what you have read and believe that you qualify for membership, you should fill out the Pledge which follows as part of this brochure. Fill out all information including your profile for the Directory (send a suitable picture if you would like). Return all papers to The Society For The Second Self, Box 194, Tulare, California 93275. Don't forget the \$30.00 dues. You will shortly be notified of your acceptance along with your code number, a copy of the latest Femme Mirror and Directory as well as a copy of the Shopper's Guide.

MEMBERSHIP PLEDGE AND AGREEMENT

I understand the purpose of The Society For The Second Self to be the assistance of its members in developing understanding, acceptance and psychological growth in the realm of my expression of the feminine side of my personality. I pledge to assist, when possible, in the dissemination of information about crossdressing to the public so as to increase general awareness of this subject. I further agree:

1. To do my part in passing on what knowledge and understanding I can to those not so fortunate or as developed as myself.
2. To assist my Sorority sisters in handling their crossdressing related problems and to devote my energy to such problems when requested.
3. To take part in programs, when possible, and to actively contribute my talents towards making the Sorority a successful organization — psychologically, socially, and therapeutically.
4. To recognize that information about Sorority sisters (real names and addresses) is theirs to give voluntarily. If such information is given to me, I will keep it most confidential.
5. To keep National Headquarters informed of behavior and activities which are against the best interests of the organization. I understand that my membership will be revoked if found guilty of conduct unbecoming of a sister in the Sorority.
6. It is further understood that the personal information revealed in order to gain membership into the Sorority will not be revealed to any other than the officers of the organization and only then when needed for Sorority business.

In seeking membership I acknowledge that I believe in the full expression of my personality, both masculine AND feminine.

Understanding and agreeing to the above I am:

Name _____ Femme name _____

Address _____

Name and address to be used for mailing purposes

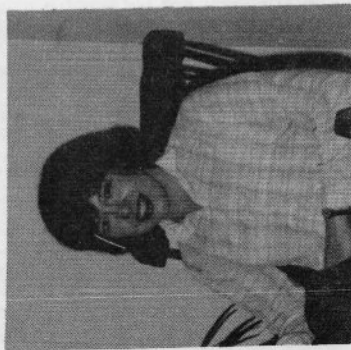
Pippin dresses and makes up at home but has not ventured out except to costume parties. She hopes to get out more in the future. Pippin reports that she has an understanding wife and family. She is interested in meeting and writing to her sisters. She likes to write poetry, dancing and experimenting with cosmetics. She writes non-fiction and is currently working on a book on appearance as an expression of character. She is active in church work. She enjoys cooking and doing general repairs. Best of all, she likes reading and writing. She promises to write. Pippin is 43 years young!

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EXAMPLES TO HELP YOU FILL OUT YOUR PROFILE FOR THE DIRECTORY

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Phyllis, Age 52, writes to tell us that she dresses mostly at home although she did attend Dream in 1974. She has an understanding wife who would be very interested in hearing from other wives of crossdressers - especially those who are understanding. Phyllis adds that she is interested and likes to go camping, likes to putter around in her garden at home, getting involved with antiques and she still finds time for another interest in home decorating.

LIKE PRETTY EARRINGS BUT DON'T WANT TO PIERCE YOUR EARS???

How many times have you admired all the pretty styles of earrings that women wear but which you can't wear because they are for pierced ears ONLY? There is a very limited selection of earrings for those who have to use the clip-on variety. But because of your job, family and other good reasons, you can't have your ears pierced — too many problems could occur if the holes in your ears were showing. So, you buy what you can in the clip-on variety — and that isn't much of a variety.

NOW you can leave your ears intact, without piercing them, and still wear all kinds of pierced earrings. What fun it would be to be able to wear the entire range of earrings that real girls, with pierced ears, wear.

Chevalier is offering a small, inexpensive and reuseable device which converts post earrings to clip-ons in seconds. They come in gold and silver. Buy one of each and enjoy being like a real lady! You'll be more convincing when people think that you have pierced ears.

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Quantity:

_____ gold \$ 5.95 a pair

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