



ROSEBUDS January 2005

1ST EVENT IS GOING THROUGH THE ROOF

As of press time, over 200 people have registered to attend the Tiffany Club of New England's annual First Event January 19-23 at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Woburn, Massachusetts. As of December 20th, all pre-registration records for First Event have been smashed as people have taken advantage of the early registration discounts and the ease of on-line sign-up. As the event grows close there are a number of dates to remember for those who have not yet signed up. Mail-in registrations or payments must be postmarked by January 5th. Any mail-in registrations postmarked after that date will not be processed and returned to the sender. Online registrations which include a credit card number will be accepted right through First Event as long as they are for the next day's event. By that, you can't register on-line for events the same day. After these deadlines you must register in-person at First Event.

TIFFANY NIGHT AT THE MOVIES

Starting this month, we will have a movie showing in the living room once a month on the 3rd Tuesday of the month. The movie will begin at 8:00PM and Tiffany will provide free popcorn to our moviegoers. On January 18th, we will present the film, "Different for Girls". It's the story about two English school friends who meet years later after one of them has had SRS. We will offer you a good deal of Trans themed films, but are not limited to that subject. If you want to see "Dirty Harry", please let us know. If you have a video that you think would be a good film of the month, please let Sarah or Cheryl know and we will get it on the schedule.

USE IT OR LOSE IT

By Debra Kelly

It is that time of year for many of us with vacation time; you either use it or lose it. In my company at the end of the year, you are only allowed to carry vacation time if you have under a certain amount of days. Well, I am over it so I decided to take a Friday off from the office and do something with it or at least my sister, Debra, could make better use of it. A few weeks ago, I had made arrangements with Carolyn, a friend of Joan Hoff, to meet and go out to lunch, shopping, or a museum. We had been going back and forth via e-mail and had everything worked out. My big dilemma was how I was going to get over to Cambridge. Was I going to drive or take the MBTA commuter train? This had been going back in my mind for over a week. It was even a bigger question than this "What am I going to wear?" for this occasion. Finally, Friday December 3, 2004 arrived. I was going to the ATM to get some cash and was uptown. WBZ said possibility of some snow showers that day and it would be chilly. I said the heck with it and went over to the store that sells the train tickets and bought a round trip ticket for the train.

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Use it or Lose it (Contd)

I went home showered and shaved my face. I had shaved my legs the night before. I put on my lingerie and make up and dressed as classic Debra (see attached photo). My wig was brushed out and looked fine. I checked my e-mail and there was a message from Carolyn that things on her end were running as planned. My train was scheduled to leave at 11:17AM so I left my apartment at about 1055AM and walked up the hill and to the Norwood Depot station. It is about a 10-minute walk from my apartment. It was the first time that I had been out dressed in my town in daylight other than using my vehicle. It is amazing how quiet the streets are in my town during the day. Got to the station with plenty of time to spare. Good thing I bought the Herald (easy to carry). At the station, my carefully laid plans were thrown awry, by something beyond my control. This was track maintenance. There are info signs at the stations advising if trains are on schedule. Well, it turned out on the Franklin Line things were 15 minutes behind because of this. I had built enough time in my planning to consider if the Red Line was delayed, but not if the Commuter Rail was delayed. The train did arrive about 15 minutes late and we got into South Station exactly at "High Noon" (sorry Gary Cooper). I took the escalator down to the South Station Subway stop and got in line to buy the token (\$1.25 and still a bargain) unfortunately, there were these 2 idiots ahead from out of town who decided to ask the token seller where to connect to the Green Line. There was 15-20 of us behind who were getting rather irritated. For heavens sake, read the damn signs and maps in the station. If I can figure out the NYC Metro, which is a lot bigger, they certainly can figure out the MBTA, which is very easy to navigate. I am standing in line looking at my watch and it is about 1215PM. The subway got me over to Kendall in about 7 minutes and I walked over to the Cheesecake Factory at the Cambridge side Galleria at 1235pm. I made it and was fashionably late. Carolyn had not yet arrived so I was in good shape so I thought. I went inside and asked if Carolyn had left her name, but the staff advised she had not... I waited inside the restaurant for about 10 minutes and then went into the mall to wait. I have to say that the ladies around there sure do know how to dress. I enjoyed the sights as they walked buy. An hour went by, but no Carolyn. At this time, I figured something must have happened and my stomach could not take it anymore, so I went inside and was seated next to two other ladies. I ordered the meatloaf sandwich and as a lady dined alone. The meatloaf sandwich was very good, but I don't care for the barbecue sauce. I prefer beef gravy on meatloaf and mashed potatoes. However, out of 5 stars I give the meal 4 stars and that is due to the barbecue sauce. I recommend this place to anyone. I did pass on the Cheesecake for dessert. I have to be able to wear a skirt you know!! I went around and poked inside of Borders and Best buy for a while. Lots of nice things in Best Buy, but prices are not that cheap. I am looking for a compact flash card for my digital camera, but I think I can do better on the web at overstock.com. Their prices are \$15.00 to \$25.00 cheaper even with shipping. On the way back to Kendall Square MBTA station, I discovered the Marriott Hotel right across the street. This appears to be a safe place to go to. It has a restaurant and bar, but most important a safe ladies room to use. This ladies room has plenty of room and has a couch and a large vanity and wall mirror so we can all touch up our make up and hair and make sure our dresses and skirts are on straight. The writer will be investigating this location in the near future. It was running late so I took the subway back to South Station and ran into a mob of people. I did not think at 330PM on a Friday the place would be jammed, but it was. Apparently, I must have blended in since I did not attract attention from anyone even when I went to the ladies bathroom. My train was called at 4PM and was it jammed. I was able to get a seat and some attractive lady sat next to me and I enjoyed that very much. (IF SHE ONLY KNEW).

I was getting nervous when we were getting close to Norwood Depot since I would have to excuse myself, stand up and reach into the overhead rack for my coat and walk down the aisle in front of a 100 people. Well, ladies, nothing happened. Only trouble I had was that my feet were killing and it was freezing out since I did not have my coat on for the walk home.

YES WE HAVE MEETINGS (but don't expect a free lunch)

1/4/05-OPEN MEETING 7:00-11:00PM

1/6/05-YOU ARE NOT ALONE-7:30PM

1/7/05-COUPLES, FRIENDS AND FAMILIES-7:30PM

1/11/05-OPEN MEETING 7:00-11:00PM

1/13/05-A TIME FOR US-7:00PM

1/17/05-MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR HOLIDAY

1/18/05-OPEN MEETING-7:00-11:00PM

TCNE MOVIE NIGHT "DIFFERENT FOR GIRLS-8:00PM LIVING ROOM

1/19/05-1/23/05-FIRST EVENT AT CROWNE PLAZA IN WOBURN, MA

1/25/05-OPEN MEETING-7:00-11:00PM

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

1/27/05-A TIME FOR US-7:00PM

2/1/05-OPEN MEETING-7:00-11:00PM

FROM THE BOARD

The TCNE Board of Directors voted recently to establish a committee to review the current by-laws of the club and to recommend any changes. Club President Sarah Anne Thompson, who sought the establishment of the committee, was elected the Chair. Meetings will be held in 2005 and any club member is welcome to serve on the committee. For more information, please contact Sarah... The Board authorized the purchase of a DVD player for the living room so that both VHS tapes and DVD's can now be played at the club... For TCNE Members or new Members who join at First Event, the Board has authorized a reduced Membership dues rate of \$95.00. In order to get this rate, you must pay the \$95.00 AT FIRST EVENT (cash, check or credit card). You must also be either a New TCNE Member or a renewing Member with an expire date in 2005... The Board has voted to change the locks at the club building on March 1, 2005. The locks are changed from time to time for security reasons to prevent duplication of keys. All key holders will be required to pick up their new keys before the March 1 changeover. More details will be made available soon. The project will be under the direction of Facility Director Sue Bauer.

TRANS NEWS FROM AROUND THE WORLD

A Marine who led police on a high-speed chase after allegedly killing a transgender prostitute in Hollywood was shot to death by officers. The 29-year-old Marine stationed in Twenty-nine Palms allegedly pointed a gun at pursuing officers in a McDonald's restaurant parking lot in the Atwater Village area early Sunday 12/26, Assistant Chief Jim McDonnell said. Officers first fired a beanbag round to subdue him, but he pointed the weapon at officers and he was shot. The name of the Marine, a military policeman at the Marine Corps Air Ground Combat Center, was withheld by police and the coroner's office. He was from Reseda in the San Fernando Valley." It's a sad situation," McDonnell. "Here's a guy who had his life ahead of him and in a very short period of time threw it all away." The Marine apparently picked up a prostitute he believed was a female. Investigators said. When he discovered the prostitute was a man, the Marine allegedly killed the man and dumped the body near Melrose Avenue... A Chicago YMCA director has been fired and overnight facility rentals banned after the parents of young children arriving for a morning swim meet clashed with participants in an overnight transgender fashion show and ball. Greg Weider, who had been acting director of the New City YMCA for two years, was fired December 22. Programming manager Michael Horton, who oversaw scheduling at the center, resigned two days earlier. "We've taken very swift, decisive action, and we will do everything we can in order to restore the integrity of our organization for those that we serve," said Steven Dahlin, executive vice president and chief operating officer of the YMCA of Metropolitan Chicago.

Trans News (cont'd)

Authorities said a YMCA member had reserved the entire facility from 11 p.m. Saturday to 8 a.m. Sunday for the fashion show and ball. The YMCA rented out the rooms, although families were scheduled to arrive at 7 a.m. to use some of the same rooms for a swim meet.

Police and private security guards were called after some parents used sexual slurs and scuffling broke out, authorities said. No arrests were made. "They have no idea what transgender is, and I wouldn't want that exposure forced on them," said Yeun Pearrelli, who has children ages 5 and 9 attending programs at New City. "I wouldn't think that should be something I have to worry about."

The Half's and the Have Nots

Happy, happy, joy, joy, etc. to all! Hope Santa was good to ya'll! Now that that is out of the way, I had one of the best holiday revelations in quite some time strike me this season, but first, a disclaimer, this article could be misconstrued as pure fluff, and if you believe so, so be it! Now, back to important things...

Just last evening I arrived early to a sparse gathering at Tiffany (there was a pissy front moving through the area). While hanging my coat I perused through the free goodies offered on the rack. And there, atop the shelf, was a delicious pair of lightly colored gold heels that felt like a perfect fit. Needless to say I snagged them. Arriving home, I announced to my girlfriend of my find, and upon first inspection, Michelle stated that they looked 'too big' for me and yet we observed that they still somehow fit perfectly! Had I found the Holy Grail of Heels?

I won't say yes but what I had discovered was an answer to a problem that had vexed me since time immemorial, (at least since I passed puberty). You see, I am a 10-½ wide woman's shoe size and Ladies' shoes are either too large or too small for me. This pair was size 11 narrow. The girth of my foot could still fit somewhat comfortably in them but at the same time not fall out because of the constriction of width. Add to that, I needn't worry my toes being crushed from the size 10 syndrome! My stars, my Prada!

Now, I know a lot of girls will say "Good for you, you size 10-ish beyotch!" and with good reason, but consider, this can be applied to larger sizes! I suppose it could be somewhat applied to girls with smaller feet but who wants to help those who have everything? LOL Oh well...

Because this is the season for giving, I thought it appropriate to share this nugget with other sisters who suffer the same frustrations regarding shoe hell. Either way, hope all is well and let me know if this theory has helped you.

Ho ho, hi ho,
Bobbi

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FROM THE EDITOR

It's a new year and you see some new names in the box above who have taken the step to help out this club. I want to thank them for being willing to help out this organization and their sisters. It's very easy to be a taker in this world, but much harder to be a giver of time, sweat, your heart or whatever to help a good cause. We thank our outgoing Board Members and Committee Chairs who are not returning for 2005. The New Year will be an important one for this organization. First Event helps kick off our 25th Anniversary later this month. Needless to say, this is our largest event of the year and all signs point to this being our largest event ever. Our reporters will have tape recorders and cameras ready and we will bring you full coverage of the 5 day educational and social bash.

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