



ROSEBUDS NOVEMBER 2004

WE'RE HAVING A PARTY IN JANUARY

Registrations are coming in for the Tiffany Club's 25th year anniversary FIRST EVENT to be held January 19-23, 2005 at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Woburn Massachusetts. The event theme, Many Communities One Community is an attempt to be more inclusive of all aspects of the Transgender and Transsexual community. First Event is the second largest transgendered convention held in the United States every year and provides educational and social events for attendees. "This year we've expanded from four to five days because of the demand of people for more of everything", said Joanie Stratton Chairperson of First Event. "We offer programs of interest to crossdressers, both male to female and female to male transsexuals and people who are friends and family of transgendered people". The highlight of the 5 day event is the awards banquet on Saturday evening January 22. The keynote speaker will be Veronica Vera, author of two best selling books and the founder of "Miss Vera's Finishing School for Boys Who Want to Be Girls" in New York City. Other social activities during the convention include the First Event Prom hosted by the Imperial Court of Massachusetts. A fashion show and a pool party, both at the Crowne Plaza, and a night at a theatre in Boston will also be part of the convention events.

For more information and to register for First Event you can access the web site at: www.tcne.org/fe2005

SOMETHING YOU MIGHT NOT KNOW

Tiffany Club is a nonprofit tax exempt educational organization that works with the transgendered community. This club is registered with the Internal Revenue Service as a 501 (c) (3) organization. There are a number of rules and regulations that the IRS has that we must follow. One of those is that Tiffany is prohibited from any political activity to support candidates. That means from Town Selectmen to President of the United States we do not support ANY candidate either financially or by endorsement. Tiffany has never supported candidates for any office in any way and never will.

DRAFT MIGHT BE REINSTATED

The Tiffany Club is alive and well with over 100 active paying members on the rolls. However the number of members who are involved in helping out the organization in some way hovers around just 10% of the number of members. Those that do help give back to TCNE beyond membership are in some cases 2 and 3 different jobs to keep the club going. There are needs for people to come forward to help the club in all areas, but especially in web, publication, finance, program planning, Tuesday night reception and the Board of Directors. If someone only has a few hours a month to give to help out, that's fine. The bottom line is that people are needed now to come forward to offer to help out. Please contact any member of the Board of Directors and tell us what you would like to do and we will find a way for you to help out. As someone once said, "it's not always about you". So try to think and act to help someone else.

HOLIDAY PARTY BASH

Mark **Tuesday December 14** on your palm pilot as the annual TCNE Holiday Party will be held at the club building in Waltham. The party is famous as one of the most popular events on the calendar every year at TCNE. Since it's held in the building, it's perfect for those who are not comfortable with being out. Somewhere you will find mistletoe hanging and all refreshments are donated by the club canteen. So all the quarters you lost in the coke machine all year help fund this event. There will be music, some entertainment and of course the ever popular Yankee swap. Last years "winner" will be back to try and give away the Slim Whitman Christmas CD they got last year.

Poetry Corner

Why ??

By Sarah Anne Thompson

I sit and wonder why?

I sleep and dreams

Come true

I wake and dreams

End

I dream of a world in

Which no one asks why?

Why was I born male?

Why was not born female?

Why was I born female?

Why was I not born male?

Why Why?

I wake and I am me

I go about in the world

I have to be he or she

I come home to my world as me

I don't ask why?

I am me.

I am myself, neither

He nor she

I am myself either

He or she

Who am I , Why am I

The questions of my life

Eternally asked, never answered

Who am I?

Why am I?

What am I?

A long journey,

Soon answers I need

To finish my journey

Questions I no longer need

Who am I?

Why am I?

What am I?

I am me

I WOULD LIKE TO THANK THE ACADEMY

Everybody has a story to tell. Go out dressed for the first time? Run into your softball team while getting your nails done? Go shopping for that special dress while in DRAB? Whatever it is, we want to hear about it. What do people want to read the most in TCNE publications? Our surveys tell us that by far its personal stories. Please e-mail your stories to the ROSEBUDS Editor and who knows, the Pulitzer Prize could be sitting on your mantle and Julia Roberts might play you in the movie version of your story. Send your info to: cherleaston@yahoo.com.

YOU BETTER VOTE FOR

Our club is in need for good people to serve on the Board of Directors (4 seats) and to be the Vice President (Vice President Cheney and Senator Edwards need not apply). The term of office is for two years
The qualifications needed to serve, as a member of the board is to a member in good standing and a strong desire to help our members and our club.

If you are interested, please send either Debra Kelly (debrakelly13@hotmail.com) or Stephanie Edwards (Stef616@aol.com) a written statement advising that you would like to be a candidate for either the Board of Directors or the Vice President. You can either e mail it to us or send it via snail mail to the club or hand it in to one of us. Please have this in to us by November 22, 2004.

All interested candidates are invited to send a brief biography to either Stephanie or Debra.

For all that who moan and groan and complain why nothing gets done or why don't we do this way, this your chance to get involved and get things changed.

For more information, please contact either Stephanie or Debra.

Debra Kelly and Stephanie Edwards

Co chairs, Election Committee

HIT THE ESCAPE BUTTON THE BOSS IS COMING

Sarah Anne Thompson-Club President (exp 05)

Randi Elise "Britt" Brittaen-Vice President (exp 04)

Cherl Easton-Chair of Board (exp 04)

Stephanie Edwards-Vice Chair (exp 05)

Debra Kelly-Secretary (exp 05)

Denise LeClair-Treasurer (exp 04)

Barbara Lyons-Board Member (exp 04)

WHAT IS GOING ON?

Couples, Friends and Families Support group with Dr. Christine Becker- 1st Friday of each month 7:30PM

You Are Not Alone Support Group with Johanna- 1st and 3rd Thursday of every month 7:30PM

Open meeting night- Every Tuesday from 7PM till 11PM

Board of Directors- 4th Tuesday of month 7:30PM

Avon Cosmetics with Stephanie- 3rd Tuesday of every month 8PM

Tiffany night at the movies- Starting in November in the living room

Got an idea for a Tuesday night program? Please let us know and we will try to schedule

AND NOW A WORD FROM OUR SPONSORS

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ONLY THE FOUNDERS KNOW

Everybody knows the "hands" logo of Tiffany. Did you ever wonder who provided the male and female hands for the original artwork? Some of the names that come to mind that might have been the models: Dusty Springfield, John Madden, J. Edgar Hoover, Florence Henderson, Mia Hamm and Nomar. I'm sure that we will get an answer to the question and when we do, we will pass it along.

FIRST EVENT REGISTRATION TIP

Our Registration Manager asks that you submit your form online. If you must mail it, please fill out the form on your computer and THEN print it out. This will help speed your registration form and help eliminate any questions on your form. THANK YOU!!

TWO SIMPLE RULES ABOUT TCNE

***Rule number ONE when in conversation with strangers: NEVER TALK ABOUT POLITICS OR RELIGION. While you may know the people you're talking with, most weeks we have new people who come to our club. Every person in our building is a representative of Tiffany Club and a new person is a potential member. If a new person gets the wrong idea about this club, they leave and tell others about their experience. This organization is here to make friends and help people.**

***Rule number ONE explained to all prospective TCNE Members: WE SUPPORT ALL TRANSGENDERED PERSONS FROM THE PERSON WHO BRINGS THEIR CLOTHING IN A BAG, DRESSES AT THE CLUB AND DRESSES BACK BEFORE GOING HOME, TO POST-OP TRANSEXUALS AND EVERYBODY IN BETWEEN.**

MY TRIP TO CAMBRIDGE

By Susan Pauline Bauer

When my friend, John, and I were living in Manhattan's Columbus Circle in 1961. We both, "loved," Jazz, Broadway Show Music as well as the, "classic," composers. Even though we never saw him, Gene Kelly was living in the same apartment building as we were. He was staring in, "Pal Joey," on Broadway. One of the shows that John and I went to see was, "Roar of the Greasepaint; Smell of the Crowd." It had superb music by Leslie Bricusse and Anthony Newley. The excitement began when Sir Cyril Ritchard (Yes - same one who played Captain Hook in Mary Martin's Peter Pan) started singing:

"On a wonderful day like today,
The sun is a big a yellow balloon;
Even the sparrows are singing in tune.
On a wonderful day like today. ..."

I usually clean the Tiffany Club on Wednesdays after work. Last night, I was a tad hungry so I stopped at an inexpensive, oriental restaurant before I went to the club. I paged through the, "Improper Bostonian," magazine while waiting for and eating my dinner. After paging through one way, I started to backtrack. There I saw a picture of the author, Jennifer Weiner. ("Good in Bed;" "In Her Shoes." [A great title!]) She was having a book signing for her new book that very night. The next blurb of information was that Jennifer Finney Boylan was going to be signing her book, "She's Not There," (A Life In Two Genders) on Thursday. I had read it last year. It's her memoir of her transition from James to Jenny. She's a professor of English at Colby College in Maine. My spirits brightened. I now knew what I was going to do on my day off tomorrow, Thursday. The only other scheduled item was to have my nails done at the Nail Safari in Easton, Massachusetts. Arlete takes good care of her cross-dressing customer. This time it's not, OPI Clear. It's going to be OPI's "Dutch Tulip." Instead of moping and half-heartedly doing, "things around the house," Ms. Susan was going out. I made an early dinner for my wife and myself. It came out perfect. Then I had to think of what I was going to wear. I listened to the, "weather on the tens," and, "the traffic on the threes." (WBZ – Radio) I wanted to wear my new Navy Blue pumps. Then I selected something proper, a new skirt suit. It was a navy blue skirt with a cranberry jacket with navy blue trim. There'll be no black stockings for this girl tonight, as I'll be wearing the nude color hose. I have to show off my legs, you know. The selection of my shoes always comes first. The clothes to be worn come second. It feels so nice to roll up a new pair of stockings on my legs. I use garter belts and stockings. I'm not a pantyhose girl. It's also so heavenly to feel a full slip or a camisole float and cascade down my body when I get dressed. In the, "wee hours," as I sit here and key in this night's narrative, I know I'm not a real girl. Why? My high heels are still on! My clothes are still on as well, as are my clip-on earrings. It feels nice to wiggle my head and feel the earrings touch my neck. Most genetic girls, you see, take their shoes off as soon as they get in the door. Not this girl. It is so much nicer to be a girl.

I drove to the, "Quincy Adams," Red Line, "T," train station and took it to the Harvard Square stop. The lecture was at the Harvard (Book) COOP. It was about 45 minutes away. A few of the genetic women nodded at me with a smile. As if to say, "a pretty good job tonight but you're not fooling me." It appears that I won't be facing the danger of being raped as the Red Line has had some problems in that area in the past couple of years. It was a very nice evening. Jenny offered her thoughts, read some selections from her book and had a question and answer session. I bought a new copy of the book for Jenny to autograph. She chatted a little with each of us that purchased a book. I mentioned to her about the two different transitions that my friends, Donna Rose and Jennifer Leitham had and the transition that my close friend, Alanna, had. Jennifer knew of the Tiffany Club. I had purchased her book last year but had no idea where it was now. I also met one of my sisters from Tiffany's, "You're Not Alone," group, Kate Devlin. It's been a while since we had seen each other. While we were in line to check out with the autographed book, I complimented a young woman on her pendent necklace. We got to talking about where we all lived. I had made the comment that we moved nine times in six years.

Another bit from, "*Roar of the Greasepaint; Smell of the Crowd.*"

After the train-ride back to the Quincy Adams T-stop, I had enough time to stop in my local watering hole, Owen O'Leary's. While it was, "Thirsty Thursday," it wasn't too packed. They only needed two bartenders instead of three or four. I chatted with some of the regulars. I'm their, "resident cross-dresser." The fellas have no problem introducing me to their girlfriends. Some of the girls are always ready to give me a make-up tip or compare nail color. Compliments of jewelry worn are common. I'm a people watcher too.

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I look at girls to see how they fix their hair and how they dress themselves. I notice their makeup talents with eye shadow, lip-liner, and etcetera.

On my way out, I park in the back; I passed a few of the smokers who were looking at me walk to the car. I heard someone say, "What a great pair of legs ... and a nice ass too." Talk about, "Make my day! I then had to stop off and buy a little, "Ben and Jerry's," before heading home. Due to some increase in the number of days of work, it'll be a while before Susan gets to be dressed as Susan likes to dress. Perhaps that is why my reluctance to get undressed and change into my nightgown, panties and heels that I wear to bed. (Yes I wear high heels to bed. No spikes though, they'd rip the sheets.) I don't want this night to end. I feel so good and warm inside. "Where do you live now?" she asked and I told her, "Brockton." "Well," she said, my name's Tony Marotta; I write a column for the Brockton Enterprise."

"Oh!" I said, "I've sent you an e-mail about one of your nice columns a few weeks ago."

"You're that Susan? What's your e-mail address?" "Jazz_Scouter," I replied. She remembered me and that I wrote to her about her time in a coffee shop in her Sunday column a few weeks ago.

We had a nice chat. "Talk about a small world," was the comment. Kate and I then went for, "drinks and food," (as Brianna Austin would say) after the talk. Kate looks great. She is doing a very good job of presenting herself. She's also working a lot of hours. We had a nice chat about a lot of areas. She has some of her transition planned. Her name change is very soon. While walking back to the, "T," stop in Harvard Square we saw a genetic girl with the most delicious pair of black, patent leather, "heels," on her feet and great looking legs too. She and her date were walking too fast for me to run up and ask her where she got her shoes. I wish I would have but with me in my spike pumps, I couldn't see me, "running," anywhere. I'm always mindful to sit as a poised woman would sit. Keep your knees together, don't slouch, be mindful where your purse is, and don't let your skirt ride too high. Don't show the dark tops of your nylons, and be aware of what is going on around you, are just some of the things a girl as myself has to keep active in their mind.

"There are so many things to remember,
As you travel the highway of life."

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