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## CrossPort Schedule of Events

The Monthly Schedule of Events for CrossPort for August and September are as follows:

First Friday Karaoke, Fri. Aug 3, 9:00PM Tostados  
 August Board meeting, Tue Aug 7, 7PM, Mt. Auburn Presbyterian Church  
 Second Saturday, Sat. Aug 11, Location TBD  
 Transgender Peer Support, Mon. Aug 13, 7:30PM, Mt Auburn Presbyterian Church  
 Thursday Dinner, Thur. Aug 16, 7:00, Mokka in Newport then Social at Rosie's  
 Saturday Night Out, Sat. Aug 25, 7-11PM, TBD (see Facebook or website)  
 Transgender Peer Support, Mon. Aug 27, 7:30PM, Mt Auburn Presbyterian Church

September Board meeting, Tue Sep 4, 7PM, Mt. Auburn Presbyterian Church  
 First Friday Karaoke, Fri. Sep 7, 9:00PM Tostados  
 Second Saturday, Sat. Sep 8, 7:00 PM at Boswell's  
 Game Night, Sat. Sep 8, 6:00 PM Heartland Trans Wellness  
 Transgender Peer Support, Mon. Sep 10, 7:30PM, Mt Auburn Presbyterian Church  
 Thursday Dinner, Thur. Sep 20, 7:00, Mokka in Newport then Social at Rosie's  
 Saturday Night Out, Sat. Sep 22, 7-11PM, TBD (see Facebook or website)  
 Transgender Peer Support, Mon. Sep 24, 7:30PM, Mt Auburn Presbyterian Church

Other TG Support meetings may also involve a theme or speaker. Stay in touch with our website and Facebook for the latest changes. Suggestions for themes, venues and events are always welcome.

If you have questions or comments on meeting locations or times, contact CrossPort at 513-344-0116 or at CrossPortCincy@yahoo.com or post them on the CrossPortCincy Facebook group

**NOTE FROM THE EDITOR****VACATION TIME!**

When I was a kid, August was always the month for that week or two long vacation. Just a little before school was supposed to restart, my Father figured it would be better to wait a couple of months to let the crowds diminish. At least that is what he said, but I suspect it had a lot more to do with subordinates getting their time off sooner, and allowing for newbies learning the ropes a bit before he was comfortable leaving patients in their care. Anyway vacation is my extended metaphor this month.

Living with crossdressing or being transgender makes me think of vacation. When I don my alter-ego, especially when I go forth into the world, it is much like vacation to me. I get to go visit an exciting and foreign land. It's usually a lot of fun. I always forget something. There is sometime stress because I don't always know where I am going, and planning is really important. The vacation is always over too soon, and it feels a little funny going home. Plus there is always something I missed or didn't get quite right. And of course, there are always the photos you took that you want to share, but nobody else really wants to see.

Something I find interesting about vacations is that quite often the visitor gets to see the local attractions more often than the local residents. This may be because the locals are too busy, or because an attraction has a bad reputation. It might be because it's too expensive. Quite often it is because the novelty has worn off; been there, done that, don't want to wait in line! In my metaphor, think of all the times you've heard a CD or an inexperienced trans woman extol the wonder of wearing hose or bra, while the middle age woman (cis or trans) rolls her eyes and says they can't wait to get out of them by the end of the day! Sometimes these women have long forgotten their youth, and the thrill of being decked out for a night on the town. It existed but got lost long ago, after years of marriage and babies spitting up on her best dress, the dog running past her, smearing her

with mud, or her unobservant husband who is more interested in the Reds score and beer missed the fact that she got rid of those grey roots, she just doesn't care anymore.

One thing that always comes back to me, every time I go on vacation, is that burning question in my mind. I love the glimpse into another life, and often wonder if that is a life that I would like to live full time. The battle in my mind is if the reality of living there would be as wonderful as the visit, or is the uninhibited and unencumbered celebration of the best that the region has to offer merely a temporary euphoria and therefore an illusion? Would the real day to day life, with work, and battling traffic, seasonal challenges, resource availability, change in diet and distance from family and friends be worth the move? How difficult would it be to make such a move? What would it cost? And ultimately, could I fit in and be happy and satisfied? Or is it better to just visit?

I see my own journey in the land of lace and lashes very similarly. There is that question, and one that is not just an easy answer. I suspect the metaphor is applicable to many of us. Some transgender people just know they've always wanted to "live in Hawaii". From very young, they knew about the beaches, volcanoes, pineapples and poi. They read up and researched it. Some will jump at the chance to move, even without ever going to visit. For others, it takes a visit or two to confirm their resolve. But for many of us, we need to see more. Maybe an extended visit, maybe a temporary residency. We need to get away from the tourist areas, and go see what the daily life is going to be like. I like to think that WPATH attempts to give someone seriously contemplating a move like this an opportunity to be that foreign exchange student before applying for our green card. And finally, it is OK for someone to just want to go on vacation. They love their own home and life, but just want a bit of a break, and the chance to see things from a different perspective.

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Q: Why did the chicken cross the road?

A: To get to the other side

B: To prove to the possum it could actually be done

C: No-one knows, but the road sure was pissed

D: Why do you question the chickens' motives?

## How to get trans health care covered by insurance

*By Cathy Allison*

On July 16, CrossPort and Heartland Trans Wellness joined together to sponsor a presentation by Noah Lewis of Transcend Legal which is based in New York City.

Noah was the first openly transgender student to graduate from Harvard Law School and faced a student health system that excluded care for transgender students. Setting to work, before he graduated, he was able to get Harvard to rescind that exclusion.

His experience at Harvard eventually led him to found Transcend Legal. Before that he worked for the Transgender Law Center, the National LGBTQ Task Force, and served as the staff attorney at the Transgender Legal Defense & Education Fund for five years.

Thirty-three people gathered to hear Noah's presentation, which was held at the Heartland Trans Wellness Center, located at the Mt. Auburn Presbyterian Church at 103 William Howard Taft Rd.

Noah started his presentation with a short history of how transgender health care came to be excluded, starting with the Nazis destroying the research of Dr. Magnus Hirschfeld in 1933, to Dr. Paul R. McHugh who shut down the transgender clinic at John Hopkins in 1979 to Dr. Janice G. Raymond whose work led directly to the Medicare ban on transgender health care in 1989. (For more on this history, see:

<https://blogs.scientificamerican.com/guest-blog/a-history-of-transgender-health-care>,  
<http://transgriot.blogspot.com/2010/09/why-trans-community-hates-dr-paul.html>,  
<http://transgriot.blogspot.com/2010/09/why-trans-community-hates-dr-janice-g.html> )

From there, Noah discussed the concept that companies such as Starbucks are not actually adding transgender health care coverage, they are simply removing exclusions that are based on trans animus, not scientific findings. He contends that exclusions need to be fought as being illegal discriminatory acts and that if trans people have to "prove" their health care is medically necessary then they have already lost. The insurance companies should have to prove why their exclusions are not based on animus.

Noah went on to list three common types of

medical denials faced by transgender individuals. The first is that a patient's gender is not valid for that type of procedure, such as a transman needing a pap smear. The second type of denial is for medical necessity, such as declaring feminine facial surgery as cosmetic or requiring an individual to be in HRT for at least a year before a breast augmentation. The third type of denial is based on specific plan exclusions, and are most commonly found in state Medicaid plans and employer based plans.

So what to do if you get a denial of coverage? The first thing Noah says to do is to determine what type of insurance you have. These fall into three types.

The first is health insurance purchased through the "Obamacare marketplace" at <https://www.healthcare.gov>. These plans are mandated by Section 1557 of the Affordable Care Act which states that patients must be treated according to their gender they present, not that of their birth. Even though a federal judge in Texas has an injunction against HHS enforcing this rule, it is still the law (see <https://transequality.org/1557-FAQ> ). There are to be no categorical exclusions or discriminatory denials with these plans.

The second is a health insurance plan purchased directly from an insurance company by an individual or employer. There are commonly two level of appeals for these two types of insurance.

The third is self-funded coverage that is used by a lot of large companies who put money into a pool and then hire an insurance company to manage withdrawals from that pool for health care coverage.

This difference is important in that under state law, self-funded coverage is not considered "insurance" and does not fall under the insurance laws of that state. They are covered instead by the federal ERISA (Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, ( see [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Employee\\_Retirement\\_Income\\_Security\\_Act\\_of\\_1974](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Employee_Retirement_Income_Security_Act_of_1974) ) and also Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 that bans employee discrimination on the basis of race, color, religion, sex or national origin (see [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Civil\\_Rights\\_Act\\_of\\_1964#Title\\_VII](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Civil_Rights_Act_of_1964#Title_VII) ). There is commonly only one level of appeal with this type of coverage so it is critically important to do it correctly, and frequently requires the aid of an attorney who is familiar with these laws and precedence.

Noah's advice was that if the insurance you

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get is from an employer, and you plan to seek transgender health care, get a copy of the plan coverage guide to see if there is an exclusion. For example, my health care plan guide states:

"The Plan will cover Medically Necessary services for the treatment of gender dysphoria, subject to accepted medical clinical guidelines and corporate medical policies."

So, it all sounds good, right? But there is that pesky "corporate medical policies" clause. Fortunately on the Resources page of Transcend Legal's website (<https://transcendlegal.org/health-insurance-medical-policies>), they have made over 100 of these corporate medical policies available. So when I find my company's policy, it says things like:

"The company considers certain procedures **cosmetic** and **not** eligible for reimbursement when performed as part of gender reassignment, including, but not limited to, the following:

- Breast augmentation including implants
- Brow lift
- Collagen injections
- Facial implants
- Facial modifications including facial feminization and face lift

... and seventeen other exclusions. So not good after all. I might need legal help with this.

Noah suggested the first step would be a visit to your HR department to see if they will address the

insurance company for you.

Of course there are several other type of insurance as well. Student health care plans are covered by Title IX of the United States Education Amendments of 1972 which prohibits discrimination "on the basis of sex" in educational programs and activities that receive financial assistance from the federal government ( see [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Gender\\_identity\\_under\\_Title\\_IX](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Gender_identity_under_Title_IX) ).

The Medicare exclusion on transgender health care was reversed in 2014 but is interpreted inconsistently. Appeals are made through the Medicare Appeals Council.

Medicaid appeals vary by state. In Ohio, appeals are made through the Ohio Department of Jobs and Family Services (ODJFS).

It took a full hour for Noah to present this information. After that he had a question and answer session for another thirty minutes.

I found Noah's presentation to be extremely informative and useful. It demystified many areas of how insurance companies treat transgender clients, and even how we got to how the health care system was turned against transgender individuals in the first place.

But I was relieved at his insistence that "No one with health insurance in the United States today should be forced to pay out of pocket for the care they need." And Noah Lewis is dedicated to making sure that statement is true.

## Happy Birthday!

Vicky B.

Debbie M.

Jamie Lynn T.

Jill A.

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## Cathy's Corner Market

*By Cathy Alison*

### Game Night at Heartland

I have met a fair number of people in CrossPort who like to play board games. In fact, I have been surprised to learn that several have worked in the game industry.

Therefore, when I learned that Heartland had a monthly gaming night, I determined to go. In July, it was held the same night as CrossPort's Second Saturday Social, so great! I could go to both.

Heartlands Game Night is held at their center which is in the basement of Mt. Auburn Presbyterian Church, the same place that CrossPort's support group meets. The Heartland center is in the basement at the opposite end of the building from the support group entrance. They don't have a sign, they have a flower pot painted the same colors as the transgender flag.

Well, they HAD a flower pot painted that way. Last week, some jerk threw it over a railing down on the concrete broke it into several pieces. The cool thing was that Jonah let people know though Facebook and by the end of the week, they had FOUR flower pots. I thought that was really cool, especially as several of them are plastic so a lot less fragile.

The night I was there, I was one of ten people which included Jonah and Leo who are involved in running Heartland. In talking to Jonah, I discovered that early in his life, he also working in the game industry, designing and sculpting miniatures (see Joni Andrews, we are everywhere). Jonah also told me that the attendance varies widely, they have had as many as thirty show up.

I ended up playing Ticket To Ride:Europe with Ted, Daniel and Noelle. The object of the game is to collect and play train cards in order to place your pieces on the board, attempting to connect cities on your ticket cards. Points are earned both from placing trains and completing tickets but uncompleted tickets lose you points.

The other game being played was Photosynthesis. It is a relatively new game published in 2017 where up to four players grow trees in a forest, each trying to grow their trees and block the sunlight from the other player's trees. You earn points by growing the tallest trees and harvesting them. This game

has won several awards including the 2018 Mensa Select Winner and the 2017 Meeples' Choice Nominee.

The game I was playing lasted about an hour and a half (I came in second) which fit right into my schedule as I was supposed to head off to Boswell's for Second Saturday. As I was headed out, everyone was set to start up a game of Cards Against Humanity, a particularly irrelevant game that encourages players to poke fun at practically every awkward or taboo subject including race, religion, gender, poverty, sex and celebrities.

The next Heartland Game Night is Saturday, August 18. I plan on being there.

The July Second Saturday Social started at Boswell's again this month. Unlike last month, however, the turnout was pretty anemic. There were only five of us; Stacy, Renae, Tina, Laurie and myself. Perhaps turnout was low because the weather folk were all calling it the hottest day of the year at 98 degrees and 100% humidity. Maybe Stacy getting locked out of Facebook contributed as well.

As usual when at Boswell's the food was good for the price. I had the Saturday Special which this time was a chicken stir fry. Boswell's was pretty quiet that evening too, not a lot of folks even though they had a two piece combo called Boomerang that played a lot of 70s-80s acoustic music.

At about 10 we headed over to Urban Artifact. They had a band there too, but they wanted a \$12 cover so we ended up sitting outside and chatting about life, the universe and everything for an hour or so. By that time the temperature and humidity were way down and it was just nice to relax in the open air.

August's Second Saturday will start at Boswell's again on the 11th at 7:30.

"To be yourself in a world that is constantly trying to make you something else is the greatest accomplishment." – Ralph Waldo Emerson

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## CrossPort Board Meeting Minutes

July 3, 2018

Cathy was the meeting Facilitator.

Board members present: Cathy, Jeanne, Jill, Stacy, Vicky

Board members absent: Laura Ann, Tina

Guests present: None

The meeting was called to order at 7:05pm.

### **Old Business:**

Cathy submitted the Minutes from the June 5th meeting. They were accepted.

### **June Pride Festivals:**

June 13 VA Pride Fair - Cathy reported that according to the VA, 107 visitors signed in and over 140 went through. Approximately 1/3 were vets.

June 23 Cincinnati Pride Festival – Jeanne reported that Cincinnati Pride was a huge success. Over 150 CrossPort brochures were handed out. The only negative is that people at the booth need advance training to provide consistent messaging about what CrossPort does and its purpose.

### **Summer Picnic Planning:**

Stacy reported the only pools available the weekend of August 4-5 cost \$160 an hour. With only four weeks remaining, the board voted 4-1 to not have a 2018 picnic. Planning for the 2019 picnic should begin in February and should either be late May or in July, avoiding Pride month. Burnett or Alms would be preferred parks. 2018 Membership Drive. Cathy posted a request for members and two more people became voting members in response. There are 28 voting members as of the July board meeting.

### **Pursuit of Paying Sponsors:**

Cathy sent notices to all sponsors that their advertising payment is due. One renewed, one responded they were retiring so would not be renewing. No response from the other four. Cathy and Jeanne will form a sub-committee to find additional sponsors.

### **Library Donations:**

No new donations have come in. The board decided to remove this topic from continued old business.

### **Provider Questionnaire:**

Laura Ann was not present but sent an email saying she would bring it up at the VA Hospital LGBT meeting Wednesday, July 11th

### **New Business:**

#### **Living with Change Midwest Regional Transgender Symposium, September 15:**

Jeanne will check at the next LwC meeting to determine what a booth there might cost us. To be held at the Sharonville Convention Center. The board voted 4-0 to allow her to commit to a booth as long as it was \$50 or less. Karen Aert is no longer with LwC.

### **Christmas Party Planning:**

The date will be December 20. Stacy is looking at several places in the Rookwood and Kenwood area. Planning for 50 people at \$30-\$35 cost per head.

### **501(c)(3) Status:**

There was a discussion as to whether CrossPort should apply for 501(c)(3) tax exempt status. There is some concern that the 'donation' membership model the board adopted is not bringing in enough funds and 501(c)(3) would make CrossPort eligible for grants. The paperwork requirements for organizations bringing in less than \$50,000 are far simpler than they used to be. The board gave Cathy permission to contact Heartland to discuss their experiences with being a 501(c)(3) as they were granted that status in July 2015.

### **Vicky Retiring:**

Vicky let the board know that after nine years, she will be stepping down from the board at the end of 2018. As she is Treasurer and that person is required by the CrossPort bylaws to also be a board member, then she will also be stepping down from that position. Vicky will aid the new treasurer during the transition. Her SSN is on the CrossPort checking account because CrossPort has never had its own tax ID, so that will need to be changed as well.

### **Third Thursday Social changes:**

Stacy is concerned that attendance at the Mokka is dwindling while the other socials are growing. The board asked her to poll the attendees at the next social to get their opinion of that venue. There was also discussion of additional types of social events such as a sober friendly social, a Sunday brunch, a trip to a tea house, a reprisal of the dinner train done several years ago.

**Monthly Reports:****PO Box:**

Vicky reported that one membership check was received this month. The box was renewed for another year at \$82.

**Hotline Phone:**

Stacy submitted a report to the board. Only one person called about CrossPort.

**Membership:**

Vicky submitted a report to the board. As of this Board Meeting, CrossPort currently has 28 voting members for 2018.

**Finances:**

Vicky submitted a report to the board. CrossPort currently has \$1165.93.

**CrossPort Website and Social Media:**

Jeanne submitted a report to the board. There were 387 unique visitors to the CrossPort website in June, but the Monday after Pride there was a spike of 56 visitors. Jeanne continues to work on the provider and resources database for the web site. Facebook continues to be CrossPort's most effective source of communications.

**Email Correspondence:**

Cathy submitted a report to the board.

- There was one request for information about the peer group events and to get the InnerView. Cathy resolved them.
- There was one request for information about trans groups in the Lebanon/Monroe/Loveland area. Cathy responded that there were not.
- There was one request to be added to the CrossPortcincy FB group. Cathy resolved it.
- There was a request for CrossPort to post info about transgender health focus groups in Dayton. Cathy posted it to the Crossportcincy FB group.
- Two TG newsletters were received, from IXE and from Chicago Gender Society. These were forwarded to the board and to Meghan.
- Ann Easton from the VA sent an email thanking everyone for their participation at the VA Pride Fair.

**CD/TS Peer Support Group:**

Stacy submitted a report to the board. Last meeting was attended by 14 people.

**First Friday Social:**

Stacy submitted a report to the board. 15 attended the June event, July event has not yet happened.

**Second Saturday Social:**

Stacy submitted a report to the board. Seven had dinner at Boswell's and then went to several local bars afterwards.

**Thursday Night Social:**

Stacy submitted a report to the board. 12 showed up for dinner, then some went to Rosie's to meet others. (See the New Business section for additional discussion.)

**Saturday Night Out:**

Stacy submitted a report to the board. The June Saturday Night Out was at Pride.

**Library:**

Jill submitted a report to the board. It was amended that one movie was checked out in June.

**Outreach:**

Jeanne submitted a report to the board. It covered the three June Pride events as well as the future outreach opportunities of Building Bridges event July 9, Living with Change Transgender Community Advisory Group July 10, LGBTQ Columbus Leadership Summit July 11 and the Midwest Regional Transgender Symposium in Sharonville September 15.

**Newsletter:**

- Cathy submitted a report to the board. The May newsletter was emailed to 281 email addresses on May 2. 279 were delivered. 100 emails were opened and 69 had clicked through to the InnerView.
- The July newsletter was emailed to 290 email addresses on July 3. 289 were delivered. 1 bounced and was corrected and re-sent.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:47pm. The board agreed that Cathy should facilitate the August meeting.

## The 5 Most Insanely Useful Makeup Tricks for Transgender Women

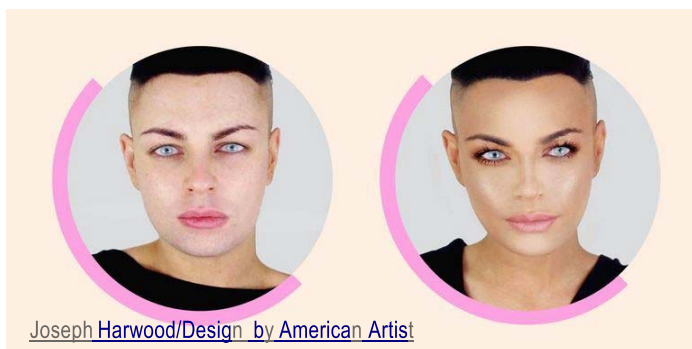
If facial feminization is what you're after.

by CHLOE METZGER OCT 9, 2017

*Editors Note: This Article was taken from the Marie Claire website:*

<https://www.marieclaire.com/beauty/a12797879/transgender-makeup-tips/>

*Some Images have been removed.*



Joseph Harwood/Design by American Artist

Ask most makeup artists, and they'll probably say that the beauty industry is officially super inclusive, because look! There are male beauty ambassadors! And look! We have some dark...ish...foundation shades! And though, yes, the industry has come a significantly long way in the last few years, there are still some noticeable gaps, namely in that of transgender beauty.

"If you're just at the start of your transition, it can be quite difficult to navigate makeup and beauty tutorials online, since the majority aren't really created with a masculine face in mind," says YouTube vlogger Joseph Harwood, a two-spirited, transgender makeup artist who's known for transforming himself into celebrities using only makeup, while also acting as a voice for the transgender community and documenting his own personal journey through feminization surgeries.

"If you're not on hormones, and you haven't had facial feminization, which is when a doctor uses hydrophilic fillers to build female fat pads in your face, then your makeup process will be focused more on downplaying your masculine features, which isn't as obvious as you might think," he says. "Aside from obvious bone structure differences, even fat is in a different distribution pattern in women than in men, so there are so many facets that come into play when you're doing your makeup."

But rather than leave you to your own devices to hunt through a billion YouTube videos, we got Harwood to break down the five most helpful makeup tips for transitioning women, ahead.

### 1. DITCH THE CONTOUR

"Many transitioning women believe that the most feminizing thing they can do is a fully extravagant contour, but if you haven't already softened into your features through hormones or fillers, then a contour will actually highlight the male bone structure more visibly," says Harwood. The goal, here, is actually to give the illusion of a softer, plumper face—"it's automatically more feminizing"—which Harwood achieves by using highlighter, yes, highlighter, in place of his contour.

"I like to start my cream highlighter just beneath the inner eyebrows, filling in the inner corners of the eyes to soften the brow ridge" he says. "Then, instead of drawing brown lines down the sides of your nose like you see in every makeup video, I line the sides with highlighter, which gives the face a softer, brighter dimension, without any harsh lines," he says.

Of course, we're not talking about using a super-glittery, Studio 54-level highlighter, here—just something creamy, blendable, and a few shades lighter than your natural skin tone, like Harwood's favorite, Kryolan DermaColor Camouflage Cream. And yes, you'll want to apply your highlighter before your foundation, so you get a super-natural, lit-from-within glow.

### 2. DON'T FEAR THE CONCEALER

"If you're working with a more masculine starting point, I recommend using a concealer with a peach or orange undertone, because you have the double benefit of being able to use it to color-correct your beard and neutralize any under-eye circles," says Harwood, who suggests tapping a layer of concealer in a triangle beneath your eyes, in the space between your lips and your nose, and across your beard line with your finger. "The warmth from your finger helps blend the concealer out more realistically," he says.

One of Harwood's favorite formulas? The Bobbi Brown Corrector creams, which come in virtually every undertone shade. For fair skin tones, look



for light-pink shades; for tan skin tones, try light, peach-based shades; for olive skin tones, go for deeper peach shades; for dark skin, look for tangerine shades; and for deep skin, try red (yes, red) shades of concealer.

### 3. LOOK FOR MATTE FORMULAS

"If you're still working on the process of getting laser hair removal, you need to be conscientious of the texture of your skin, especially around your beard, which means you should avoid dewy foundations," says Harwood, noting that not only will sheer, glow-y formulas slide off your face by noon ("men naturally sweat more on the face than woman do"), but they'll also draw attention to every nook and cranny on your skin. "It's like painting gloss over an unfinished wooden wall," he says.



Instead, Harwood suggests finding a matte, full-coverage foundation that you can press and stipple into your beard line without it looking cakey.

"It doesn't necessarily matter how you apply the foundation—though I like to do it with the flat side of a sponge—it just matters that, after applying it, you press setting powder into your skin with an old-fashioned powder puff, which will help you get the smoothest texture possible," he says. His favorites? Urban Decay All-Nighter Foundation as a base, and Kryolan Setting Powder.

### 4. BUT STILL EMBRACE THE GLOW

Just because you're using matte formulas, it doesn't mean you're now relegated to a life of matte, flat skin until you finish transitioning. But rather than

grabbing a strobing powder and slathering it across your face like a disco ball, stick to a blush with a bit of iridescence.

"I love using MAC Skinfinish Natural powders as blush, since they're not pink or rosy—they're just baked, satin-y powders that can give you a soft, feminine glow that doesn't look dewy," says Harwood. "Just pick a formula that matches your skin tone and swirl it around your cheeks and the temples to brighten up the face a bit."

### 5. PLAY WITH SHADOWS

This trick sounds odd, but trust us: The results are kind of magical. "One thing that's very noticeably different in males and female faces is the hairline," says Harwood. "The form of testosterone that creates balding in men ends up giving you a squarer face shape as your hairline recedes, but with women, their hairlines tend to be pulled down and rounded out."

Luckily, you can fake a softer, more-feminine hairline, without resulting to hair transplant surgery, as long as you have some matte eyeshadow that matches your hair color. "It's honestly so easy—just swirl a short smudge brush in a matte shadow, then gently fill in and round out the sparse areas around your hairline using smooth strokes," says Harwood, who uses the MAC 214 Shader Brush with MAC Omega or Espresso matte eyeshadows, depending on his hair color. "It's all an optical illusion, but if you start slow and add sheer layers, you'll get a really soft, rounder face that completely changes your appearance," he says.

And if all of the above tips just sounded like anxiety-producing jargon, don't freak—Harwood has a slew of feminizing makeup videos on his page, including one, below, that demonstrates a bunch of the tips and tricks above. Watch them, study them, and then try these tricks on yourself; we'll be happily waiting for the pictures.

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### CrossPort Social Meeting

The social is held on the *third Thursday of each month at 7:30pm* at a local restaurant (currently Mokka) and its purpose is to provide an opportunity for all transgender individuals to get out and socialize at a safe environment. Following dinner is a gathering at Rosie's Tavern, Covington, an LGBT friendly bar that is used to TG patrons.

### Combined Peer Support Meeting

Meets 7:30pm on the second and fourth Mondays of each month Mt Auburn Presbyterian Church. The meeting, which focuses on female-to-male and male-to-female transition as well as crossdressing issues, and living your authentic gender identity, offers an opportunity to network in a supportive forum.

### CrossPort Board Meeting

The board typically meets on the *first Tuesday of each month at 7:30pm*, Mt Auburn Presbyterian Church, to discuss club matters. All members are welcome to attend.

### CrossPort Saturday Night Out

This is an evening out at a local nightclub. It is tentatively scheduled for the *fourth Saturday* evenings of each month. The time and location of this event will change with each occurrence.

### CrossPort Second Saturday Social

This is an evening out at a local dining establishment. Similar to Third Thursday, but for those of us who can't get out during the week. It is scheduled for the *second Saturday* evenings of each month. Unlike Thursdays, the time and location of this event will change with each occurrence. Fantastic compromise on the Great Dinner Debate!

### Karaoke Friday Nights

The *first Friday* of the month CrossPort meets for a social engagement to share fellowship, music and merriment at a Tostado's, starting at about 9:00pm. Spouses, Significant Others (S O's), and family are also welcome and encouraged to attend all meetings and events.

For more information on all meetings please email CrossPort: [crossportcincy@yahoo.com](mailto:crossportcincy@yahoo.com), visit the CrossPortcincy Face Book group, or call the CrossPort Phone number listed below.

#### Contacting CrossPort

Mail: P.O. Box 1692, Cincinnati, OH 45201

Email: [crossportcincy@yahoo.com](mailto:crossportcincy@yahoo.com)

Phone: 513-344-0116

Our phone line is a digital mobile telephone answered by a designated CrossPort Member. Please be assured that you can safely leave a message and your call will be returned in confidence at a time of your choosing.

CrossPort Website: <http://www.crossport.org>

Message us through Facebook, either through the CrossPort Cincinnati page or the CrossPortcincy group.

## MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

All membership information will be held in strict confidence.

Our goal is to better serve your needs!

PREFERRED NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

(+LAST INITIAL) (used at gatherings/newsletter)

MAILING NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

MAILING ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\*EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

NEWSLETTER: YES \_\_\_ NO \_\_\_

PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_ OK TO TEXT? \_\_\_

SPECIAL EDUCATION/CAREER/SKILLS? (TELL US ABOUT YOU!)

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

YOUR INTERESTS: TS \_\_\_ TG \_\_\_ CD \_\_\_ GAY \_\_\_ FRIENDSHIP \_\_\_

EVENTS \_\_\_ OTHER \_\_\_

\*YOUR DATE OF BIRTH: \_\_\_/\_\_\_/\_\_\_

MUST BE OVER 18 TO ATTEND, UNLESS PARENT/GUARDIAN IS PRESENT

SPOUSE/SIGNIFICANT OTHER'S NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

TODAY'S DATE: \_\_\_/\_\_\_/\_\_\_

HOW DID YOU FIND CROSSPORT? \_\_\_\_\_

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MEMBERSHIP TYPE: NEW \_\_\_ RENEWAL \_\_\_ INFO CHANGE  
(\$30/YEAR, JAN-DEC)

TYPE OF PAYMENT: CHECK \_\_\_\_\_ CASH

PAYPAL accepted via our website: [CrossPort.org](http://CrossPort.org)

**FULL MEMBERSHIP @ \$30/YEAR (Jan 1-Dec 31)**

**Voting, hold office**

PLEASE CONSIDER DONATING AT A HIGHER LEVEL, TO SUPPORT CROSSPORT EVENTS AND SERVICE TO THE TRANSGENDER COMMUNITY IN THE GREATER CINCINNATI AREA

BRONZE LEVEL @ \$50/YEAR

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**MAIL TO: CrossPort, PO Box 19936, Cincinnati, OH 45219**

**Or pay at any CrossPort meeting or event**

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