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CrossPort Schedule of Events

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

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

October Board meeting, Tue Oct 2, 7PM, Mt. Auburn Presbyterian Church
 First Friday Karaoke, Fri. Oct 5, 9:00PM Tostados
 Transgender Peer Support, Mon. Oct 8, 7:30PM, Mt Auburn Presbyterian Church
 Second Saturday, Sat. Oct 13, Location TBD
 Thursday Dinner, Thur. Oct 18, 7:00, Mokka in Newport then Social at Rosie's
 Fall Party and Clothes Swap @ Heartland Wellness Sat. Oct 22, 7PM-9PM
 Transgender Peer Support, Mon. Oct 22, 7:30PM, Mt Auburn Presbyterian Church
 Saturday Night Out, Sat. Oct 27, 7-11++PM, HALLOWEEN AT CRAZY FOX!

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.

ALSO NOTE: Crossport.org is posting additional meetings by other Trans- related groups. Please check out the website for more information

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**Who Needs This Anyway?**

This Month, our cousins in Indianapolis, IXE, announced that they were going to discontinue publishing their newsletter, and far more drastically disband. IXE has been around about as long a CrossPort, and has seen changes great and small. At their biggest, they reported that they had around 80 active members. Their newsletter sometimes courted controversy within the larger Trans community, and I found that it was generally well constructed and informative. Unfortunately attendance to monthly meetings and membership has been very low, and IXE decided to call it quits.

Cathy has been forwarding their newsletter to me, and as I said, I was fairly impressed with it. This latest issue was a little surprising as it recapped the controversy from the past. The big issue was that some articles were written as a bit of satire and to see if anyone was paying attention. I may write a bit about that elsewhere, especially given the current state of the media today.

The main thought that went through my head when I read the news what "What a shame to lose an important resource." I've know about IXE in general for about 12 or more years, long before I even joined CrossPort. In fact, I do believe that I knew of IXE's existence while I was still living in the Hoosier state. Of course I was deeply in the closet, in denial, working my tail off on a private business and keeping a home with a wife and two very young children. Not even remotely able to join in.

I get why IXE has run out of steam. I ran a business for almost 15 years. It's tiring and often thankless. I also was on the board of a local chapter of a professional society, filling various roles including chair, newsletter editor, database chair, etc. I saw the decline in membership and participation from very active in the early 90s to dwindling by the 2000's. The chapter had all kinds of opportunities, events and resources. Despite all of that, an erosion occurred. I always questioned why.

In retrospect, I think the erosion has a lot to do with the changing landscape that we see in so many

areas. For a long time, societies and groups were the best resource for support and knowledge. Sure, there were books, periodicals and professionals to get information from, but if you wanted to get a personal perspective, or get a direct answer, you had to talk face to face. Given the security concerns that many have regarding Trans or CD, having a safe place to do that was vital.

The internet certainly changed that quite a bit. All of a sudden, people could search for information from the comfort of their own home. Any and all times of the day, answers were at their fingertips. With IMs, blogs and bulletin boards or forums, very personal information and specific questions could be posted. Publishing this information did not require a major investment, an editorial board, or any credential or even writing skill. Suddenly individuals needs from an organization had a major shift.

Does this mean that groups like IXE or Crossport are doomed? I say NO. There is still a great need for groups like this. Sure, there is tons of information, instantly available. And yes, you can even live a vicarious life through chats and Skype. But there is now an overload. Plus there is about as much disinformation out there as real information. And lets not forget that living a life with a Trans or CD experience is very lonely if your stuck at home in the closet. If anything, the need for personal connection may even be greater than ever before.

Where an organization is either going to wither or flourish, is in recognizing the change in needs. Just as important is understanding the tools for communicating and organizing. As evidence, I would point out that CrossPorts use of Facebook and improved web page have made a huge difference in participation over the last year. Maybe it is just my perception, but I have a larger sense of community from using these tools.

I leave you with my original question, Who needs this anyway? Do you? Well then get involved! And to our IXE sisters, you always have a home here.

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2018 Cincinnati Body Paint Expo

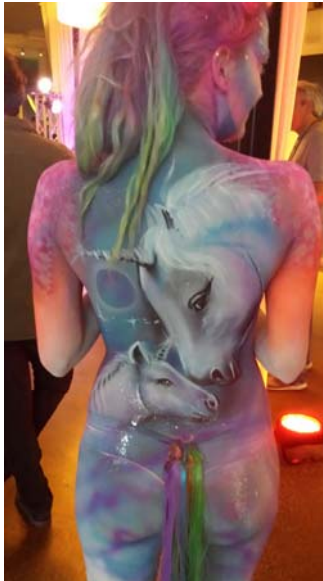
-Meghan Fournoit

As an individual very interested in make-up and the ability to use paint and decoration to create a pleasing and somewhat “enhanced” image, I also have a great admiration for the art of Body Painting. The art form is not some simple slapping on paint in the bedroom for fun, or just some designs for children’s faces done at the local parish festival. Body painting is an advanced and highly skilled artform. It encompasses many different styles, techniques and materials. It is well respected in the Art community, and can be very competitive. In fact, the recent Expo was organized by Aryn Fox, who placed Third in the second season (2015) of Skin Wars on GSN.



While various forms of Body painting have been around for centuries, modern body painting tends to be very complete and complex. Popularized by spreads on Vanity Faire, and perennially featured in the Sports Illustrated Swim Suite edition, body painting has been elevated to Haute Art. There are many styles and techniques involved. Some of the more popular styles include optical illusions where the model will blend in with the setting, completely camouflaged, ultra-realistic representation of clothing on the otherwise (mostly) naked body, and the surreal

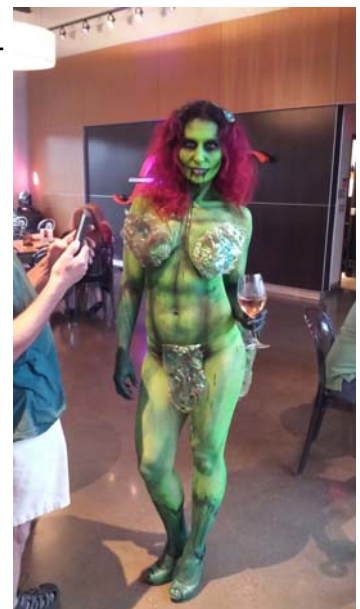
creation of creatures and other objects from body parts to multiple models.



Aryn Fox, a local artist, put together an Expo featuring several other local artist and 14 models. In hopes of creating an annual event, the Expo was held at the New Riff distillery. Tickets included an open buffet and bar, and encouraged attendees to vote for their favorite presentation and to interact with the artists and models. All of the artists and models were fantastic, and it was hard to pick a favorite. The skill that the artist displayed was incredible. The use of color, the continuity of line and form that used the body’s natural shape and features, and especially the ability to create shadowing and highlighting to create impressive contouring was all impressive.

All of the artist were regionally local. Several of them do special effects make up for events and film and notably for haunted houses (Who doesn’t like Halloween??). Many of the artist also do beauty make up as well. This venue was a good opportunity for these artist to get together and compare notes, as well as showcase their talents for the public. Aryn also really encouraged the audience to interact, and personal photography was not just allowed, but encouraged.

Most of the attendees were personal friends of the artists or models, but Aryn is hop-
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Cathy's Corner Market

-Cathy Allison

Wow! The Third Thursday Social in August had its largest attendance in over two years.

We did have the extra draw of sociologist Denise Bullock from Indiana University East joining us. She is doing a study on both gender and sexual identities.

In part, it was like "Old Home Week". Jeanette, editor of the InnerView from 1996-2002 attended her first meeting in several years. She now lives in Dayton. I got to meet her in person for the first time. She came at the suggestion of Kristine. Now, even though I have known Kristine since 1992, I met her twin brother Bruce for the very first time at this social. That was a lot of fun for me.

Emma and Ruth were there for their first meeting in several years. They've been rehabbing two homes and needed a bit of "fun time" as respite.

Dawn came down from the Dayton area. The last time she attended a CrossPort meeting, we were still up in Monroe at Old Street Saloon, so about 20 years ago? Antonia and Michael also came down from the Dayton area, so that made four from 'up north'.

Dixie & Loretta came up from Louisville for their first social so they get the "furthest traveled award", and Wendy came to her first Third Thursday Social. Great progress, Wendy!

Georgia and Shirley came up from Williamstown. Samantha brought her parents, Chuck and Ana in from Switzerland County. They are always so sweet.

Meade was there for the first time in a few months, and Renae, regular attendee that she is was there too. Laurie came with me.

CrossPort's board was represented by Jill, Laura Ann, Stacy and myself, then special guest, sociologist Denise Bullock made 23. Like I said, a big turnout.

After dinner, Denise introduced herself to the group and explained her research project, and several people signed up to be interviewed for it.

Eventually, Mokka had to give us a "heads up" that they would be closing, so the conversations wound down and people headed out.

Stacy, Denise, Laurie and I went to Rosie's Tavern after Mokka. There we met up with Amy, Debbie and Marsha. There were times when the rain just came down in buckets, but eventually there was a break and Laurie and I headed home. Pretty sure the other ladies closed down the bar.

Apparently there were a record 19 people at the Peer Support group on August 13. We on the board are all quite happy attendance at many of our events seems to be growing.

I was chatting with another member of CrossPort and she was bemoaning having to wear long sleeves in the summer because the hair on her arms is rather dark.

I know a lot of people who do shave their arms or who have had laser or electrolysis to thin or remove it. And several girls on HRT have told me that after several months, they have noticed a decrease in the amount of body hair, but that effect is not consistent for everyone.

I have always bleached the hair on my arms. Compared to a lot of things we go through, it is not that difficult, time consuming or expensive.

My go-to product has always been Sally Hansen Extra Strength Creme Hair Bleach Kit. You can find it at



Walmart or Target or your local drug store chain for less than \$6. Depending on the amount of hair you need to bleach, one kit contains enough product for 2-3 treatments. Each kit contains a bottle of conditioner, a bottle of granulated bleach, a tube of activator cream, a mixing cup, a mixing and application spatula and instructions.

Like any product of this type, follow the instructions and try it on a small, out of site area

first. There is always a chance that your skin will have a negative reaction to it. Wiping down the areas you want to treat with the conditioner is a must. Skip that part and your skin will definitely have a reaction to the bleach. Conditioner, mixing, applying, waiting and cleanup takes about 20 minutes. Be aware that right after you rinse the bleach off, your skin will have a mottled appearance, but that disappears after 20 minutes or so.

What are the down sides? Bleaching does cause a change to the physical structure of your hair. It can become more brittle, more coarse, become curlier or develop kinks. Dark roots will begin to appear in about a week.



Request for Participants

While gender and sexual identity is framed in multiple ways, our culture identifies and privileges dominant forms (heterosexuality & gender as assigned at birth) over all others. Research is currently being conducted in your area, focusing on individuals who identify themselves as trans, lesbian, gay, bisexual, queer or another non-normative identity. This study hopes to gain a better understanding of how individuals maintain alternative identities in the face of a society which emphasizes heterosexual and gender conformity. It is hoped that this research will help bring awareness of the great diversity of gender and sexual identities.

Your participation would be greatly appreciated. Individuals, aged 18 and older, are asked to engage in an interview, lasting approximately 2 hours, with the principle researcher. **Trans identified, racial minorities, and men and women who have lived in rural areas are especially needed.** Interviews will be scheduled at a time and location of your choosing. All interviews are tape recorded so as not to miss essential information. All attempts will be made to insure confidentiality. Your voice and story are important for this research. Please contact the principle research to participate.

**Contact Denise Bullock:
765-973-8618
email - debulloc@iue.edu**



The principle researcher is Denise Bullock, PhD who is an Associate Professor of Sociology at Indiana University East.

CrossPort Board Meeting Minutes

August 7, 2018

Cathy was the meeting Facilitator.

Board members present: Cathy, Stacy, Tina, Jill, Laura Ann, Vicky, Jeanne via phone

Board members absent: None

Guests present: None

The meeting was called to order at 6:59pm.

Old Business:

Cathy submitted the Minutes from the July 3rd meeting. They were accepted.

Holiday Party Planning: The date will be December 20. Stacy reported that the best prospective places to date were Bravo at Rookwood and Olive Garden in Oakley. The board declined to endorse the Olive Garden choice and asked Stacy to also look at Parker's Grill in Blue Ash.

Provider Questionnaire. Laura Ann presented a completed questionnaire from the VA. They suggested no changes to the format. The board voted to allow Meghan to distribute it to providers as-is.

501(c)(3) Status/Legal Compliance: Cathy submitted a report. The State of Ohio considers CrossPort to be an unincorporated nonprofit association. According to the Ohio Revised Code, Section 1745, Uniform Unincorporated Nonprofit Association Act passed in 2014, CrossPort must do the following to be in compliance with state law:

1. File a fictitious name registration (Name Registration Form 534A) with the Ohio Secretary of State and pay the \$39.00 fee.
2. Maintain a list of member's names, addresses and termination dates. This list may be kept secret.
3. Have an annual meeting of the members. Quorum is 50%+1 of the members.

The board voted to not attempt to become a 501(c) corporation because then the organization would not be able to keep its membership list secret.

The board also voted to obtain a Federal EIN for the purpose of having a bank account associated with the organization rather than with the treasurer.

The board also voted to authorize Jeanne and Cathy to work with all of the other transgender groups in the greater Cincinnati to explore the creation of an umbrella 501(c)(3) whose sole purpose would be to direct monies to the individual transgender groups.

Living with Change Midwest Regional Transgender Symposium, September 15: Jeanne reported that there is no need for CrossPort to have a booth at this event as it is designed for healthcare providers.

New Business:

Communications with the VA: The VA had informed Laura Ann that they were considering no longer referring their patients to CrossPort due to negative feedback from one or more patients about the behavior and dress of CrossPort members at the weekend socials.

The board instructed Laura Ann to present the VA with a copy of the "Code of Conduct for CrossPort Events" with the recommendation that they only refer patients to the peer support meetings and to the Third Thursday Social at Mokka where the Code of Conduct is enforced. They should not refer patients to the Saturday Socials as they are in public places where CrossPort has no authority.

Checking Account transfer: Vicky will file for a Federal EIN for CrossPort and see if she can get the current checking account switched over to that EIN. We will also have to transfer the Paypal account out of Vicky's name when the EIN is received.

Transgender Day of Remembrance: This event is scheduled for November 20 at the Woodward Theater. Sarah Kabakoff is organizing it, but will need helpers as she travels a lot. Stacy and Laura Ann volunteered to help organize it. Cathy will inform Sarah.

Proposed Bylaw Changes: The board reviewed and discussed 20 different proposals for changes to the bylaws. They approved sending 16 of those to the voting members. Cathy will put together a comprehensive list for final approval.

Monthly Reports:

P.O. Box: Vicky reported there was nothing but junk mail this month.

Hotline Phone: Stacy submitted a report to the board. One person called from the Hamilton County Justice Center but Stacy was unable to reach her on call back. There was also one very good contact made with a new person.

Membership: Vicky submitted a report to the board. As of this Board Meeting, CrossPort currently has 27 voting members for 2018.

Finances: Vicky submitted a report to the board. CrossPort currently has \$1351.60.

CrossPort Website and Social Media: Jeanne was unable to report on this topic due to accepting a new position and being sent out of town for training.

Email Correspondence: Cathy submitted a report to the

board.

- There were four requests for information about the peer group events or socials. Cathy resolved them.
- There was one request from a transman looking for additional information. Told him about CrossPort and Heartland. Added him to Crossportcincy.
- There were several emails about Building Bridges. These were forwarded to the board.
- There was one request about Cincinnati trans health services from a therapist in Huntington, WV. Forwarded it to Evie Heflin at Central Clinic.
- There was an invitation for CP members to attend a Women Helping Women community health needs assessment for LGBTQIA community. Same night as our health insurance presentation.
- There was a request for info on a place to get an expensive wig styled. Told them about Becca's 3700.
- Two TG newsletters were received, from IXE and from Chicago Gender Society. These were forwarded to the board and to Meghan.
- Two emails from Pride Life's Community Outreach offering no cost concierge service for health insurance questions.
- Email from Antonia stating that attendance at the Third Thursday Social should be determined in the winter as it is always more lightly attended in the summer.

CD/TS Peer Support Group: Stacy submitted a report to the board. Last meeting was attended by a record 19 people.

First Friday Social: Stacy submitted a report to the board. 19 attended the August event, even though there were two DUI checkpoints set up nearby.

Second Saturday Social: Stacy submitted a report to the board. Five had dinner at Boswell's and then went to Urban Artifact afterward.

Thursday Night Social: Stacy submitted a report to the board. 17 showed up for dinner, then some went to first Bar 32 then Rosie's to meet others. Cathy reported that

Antonia had sent in an email to state that attendance at this social should be determined in the winter as it is always more lightly attended in the summer.

Saturday Night Out: Stacy submitted a report to the board. There was no official Saturday Night Out in July, though several girls went to the Midsummer Masquerade at Southgate Revival.

Stacy also wants CrossPort members to begin attending the Tea Dance Cincy events on Sundays which are put on by the LGBTQ community.

Library: Jill submitted a report to the board. One movie is currently checked out.

Outreach: Jeanne reported that Living with Change wants to partner with grass roots trans groups but that they need a 501(c)(3) group to donate money to. Along that line, she will schedule a meeting with Cathy and Heartland to explore new umbrella 501(c)(3). Jeanne is also on the Building Bridges Steering Committee. Evie Heflin from Central Clinic is exploring the possibility of a setting up a community center which would be a physical space for either the trans community or the LGBTQ community.

Newsletter: Cathy submitted a report to the board. The July newsletter was emailed to 290 email addresses on July 3. 289 were delivered. 1 bounced and was corrected and re-sent.

As of August 6, 103 unique emails had been opened (35.6%) and 79 had clicked through to access the InnerView (27.3%).

The August newsletter was emailed to 292 email addresses on August 1. None bounced and one unsubscribed.

As of August 6, 98 unique emails had been opened (33.6%) and 68 had clicked through to the InnerView (23.3%).

Heartland gave CrossPort permission to post about the InnerView on their TCGC closed group. This generated six new people signing up to get the newsletter. The subscriber list is now at 300.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:02pm. The board agreed that Cathy should facilitate the September meeting.

Happy Birthday!

Danielle M Chris R Georgia D

If you would like to be added to our list, please send the month and date of your birthday along with your name to:

CrossPortcincy@yahoo.com.

Movie Review: “A Fantastic Woman”

-Meghan Fournoit

This Oscar winning Film is the story of a transgender woman who deals with the repercussions of the death of her older boyfriend. Marina, played by Daniela Vega, is young waitress who moonlights as a nightclub singer. After the sudden and tragic death of her boyfriend Orlando, she has to deal with the family he left behind. Orlando's former wife and son are very resistant to her attending the funeral, and are unwilling to allow her any claims to his belongings and apartment.

In addition to the rejection from Orlando's family, Marina also has to deal with questions and speculations from the hospital and police. The police question her due to injuries that Orlando sustained as he fell down the stairs on their way to the hospital. A female officer also makes inferences about whether Marina was either a sex worker or possibly been abused by Orlando. The police demand that Marina go in for questioning, and photographing her in the nude to prove she did not have any injuries.

Several other scenes depict the challenges in life for a transwoman trying to live a normal life. There are a couple of scenes that showed mild violence and threatening behaviors. Interestingly, some people in the film seem to pick Marina out as trans right away, and others show no sign of awareness. There is one scene where Marina is mostly nude at

a sauna, and passes through from the Female to Male side of the facility, apparently unnoticed and unimpeded.

Not every one in the film treats Marina poorly. Orlando's brother at least tries to be somewhat decent, but has difficulty in his role between her and the family. Marina's boss at the restaurant and her sister and sister's husband are very supportive. And finally, her voice coach, (who I was unsure if he was also her father?) is also very loving and supportive.

I found this film to be engaging, well acted and directed. Even though I felt the main character was a bit moody, and I wanted her to react a bit differently in certain situations, she was very easy to empathize with. There were some quirky, surreal scenes, but they did not detract from the film. I would put this film on par with “The Crying Game” and probably above “TransAmerica”

Winning Best Foreign Language Film, this film was produced in Santiago Chile by Sebastian Lelio. Lelio and Gonzalo Maza wrote the screenplay. The movie is filmed in Spanish with English subtitles Daniela Vega is a transgender woman, who the producer originally hired as a script consultant.

In addition to this being a good film on its own, I applaud the fact that the film used an actual trans woman. Given recent controversies with Jeffery Tambor and Scarlet Johansson, this is a refreshing and confirming decision. Plus I feel that it provided an accurate depiction, good and bad, of real life for trans people.

You Are Invited!

Just a reminder, you are always invited to participate in making CrossPort the best available local resource for the trans and crossdressing community. If you are aware of any events that might be interesting, fun venues, great places to shop, etc. please share them with us. You can write a note or letter to the Innerview, or post on the Facebook page.

Paid advertisements or Letters to the editor or CrossPort organization in the Innerview are not an endorsement by CrossPort.

What is CrossPort?

-Cathy Allison

What is CrossPort?

I have heard CrossPort described as a support group. I have heard it described as a social club. I have even heard it described as a group that does not actually exist.

But what happens, legally speaking, when a group of people get together and decide to perform some task without filing any legal paperwork or establishing any formal legal structure?

Whether they know it or not, they have formed an unincorporated association. "Unincorporated association" means a group of two or more persons joined by mutual consent for a common lawful purpose, whether organized for profit or not. That is what CrossPort has been since 1989, an unincorporated nonprofit association.

When Heather founded CrossPort in 1985 and ran everything by herself, CrossPort was a single proprietorship. In 1989 when Heather decided she needed to step back and turned CrossPort over to a group of six to run, it then became an unincorporated nonprofit association. It has remained such, even though in 1998 its members adopted a set of bylaws that created a board of directors and both voting and non-voting classes of members.

There have also been four times in CrossPort's history when either the board, or members of CrossPort have attempted to convert the group to a 501(c)(3) nonprofit corporation, but none of these efforts ever came to fruition. You would think after four different attempts, one would have succeeded, so why did all of those efforts failed?

It all comes down to protecting the identities of CrossPort's members. In every case, the board has ultimately determined that this one factor overrides all other advantages the group might receive for being a 501(c)(3).

As it turns out, according to the laws of the State of Ohio (ORC 1745.20 for unincorporated nonprofit associations, and ORC 1702.13 for nonprofit corporations), both legal entities are required to keep a list of their member's names and addresses. However, an unincorporated association can keep their membership list secret, while a corporation must make their membership list available to any member

who wants to see it. That has been the single reason that CrossPort has never converted to a 501(c)(3).

The State of Ohio has not been idle either. In 2012 they replaced all of the laws governing unincorporated nonprofit associations with a version of the Uniform Unincorporated Nonprofit Act that was developed by the National Conference of Commissioners on Uniform State Laws. How's that for a mouthful? The goal of the NCCUSL is to try to make sure that laws affecting certain areas are relatively the same from state to state. And in 2012 Ohio joined the group.

As stated in CrossPort's bylaw, one of duties of the board is "The board shall oversee the general health and welfare of the organization" which includes making sure that CrossPort is operating according to the laws of Ohio.

After a deep dive into the current Ohio Revised Code, CrossPort does need to make some changes. But it also gets some advantages that it did not have in the past.

- Things that CrossPort is required to do under current State law:
- File a fictitious name registration with the Ohio Secretary of State, which gives notice that our organization is using the name 'CrossPort'.
- Hold an annual membership meeting.

Things that CrossPort can now do that it could not under the pre-2012 laws:

- Apply for and receive a Federal Tax ID. CrossPort's treasurer no longer has to keep the group checking account under their own name and social security number.
- The board can now sign a contract as 'CrossPort' rather than the individual board members signing under own name.
- Get official recognition as an unincorporated nonprofit association from the IRS (only necessary if CrossPort has more than \$5000 in receipts in a given year.)

So the board is moving forward on the fictitious name registration and also applying for a Federal Tax ID, and is working to get an annual schedule on the calendar.

The board believes CrossPort should also modify our Bylaws (subject to member vote and ap-

What is CrossPort? (Continued from Page 8)

proval) to change from two classes of members, voting and non-voting to a single voting class of members. This is due to the membership list requirement. We really do not want to be forced to attempt to collect the names and addresses of anyone who simply comes to a CrossPort meeting.

None of the changes will affect how CrossPort does business on a day-to-day basis and the goals of CrossPort remain the same. If you have any questions on this topic. Please feel free to email them to me at: cathyallisonxp@gmail.com

2018 Cincinnati Body Paint Expo (continued from page 3)

ing to extend the attendance to a larger public forum in the future. I heard about the Expo from an "Interested in an Event" post on Facebook by Maggie Mae (Thanks sweetheart!). When I saw the event, I knew I had to go. Both my wife and I loved the Skin Wars show and the art. This year, the gathering was really intimate and great fun. It personally came at great time for my wife and I to do something fun, cool and different. She had a great time, and even though I was there en-Drab, the Meghan in me also delighted in talking to the artist and models.



If the Expo makes a return visit next year, I would really encourage anyone who loves makeup and artistry to go. Of course, one of the highlights from this year won't likely be repeated. The MC proposed to Aryn at the end of the evening. Congrats to the loving couple!

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

Email: crossportcincy@yahoo.com

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, 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

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? _____

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

TYPE OF PAYMENT: CHECK _____ CASH

PAYPAL accepted via our website: 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

SILVER LEVEL @ \$75/YEAR

GOLD LEVEL @ \$100/YEAR

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

Or pay at any CrossPort meeting or event

Or via the website: CrossPort.org