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# **CrossPort Schedule of Events**

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

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, Boswell's

Thursday Dinner, Thur. Oct 18, 7:00, Mokka in Newport then Social at Rosie's Fall Party and Clothes Swap @ Heartland Wellness Sat. Oct 20, 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! (PLEASE CHECK ON LINE OR CALL TO CONFIRM LOCATION)

First Friday Karaoke, Fri. Nov 2, 9:00PM Tostados

November Board meeting, Tue Nov 6, 7PM, Mt. Auburn Presbyterian Church
Second Saturday, Sat. Nov 10, 7:00 PM Boswell's

Transgender Peer Support, Mon. Nov 12, 7:30PM, Mt Auburn Presbyterian

Thursday Dinner, Thur. Nov 15, 7:00, Mokka in Newport then Social at Rosie's Saturday Night Out, Sat. Nov 24, 7-11PM, TBD (see Facebook or website)

Transgender Peer Support, Mon. Nov 26, 7:30PM, Mt Auburn Presbyterian

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 Cross-Port at 513-344-0116 or at CrossPortCincy@yahoo.com or post them on the CrossPortCincy Facebook group

### NOTE FROM THE EDITOR

## Veracity

Last month I mentioned the sad news that one of our Sister organizations was disbanding after many years. IXE, in Indianapolis, had been around for about as long as Crossport, and had been publishing their newsletter for most of their entirety. In it's heyday, IXE's newsletter garnered attention of the Trans/CD community nationally. I was surprised that it also had been embroiled in controversy. What, you may ask, are you talking about? It turns out that the newsletter published some articles with false information about trans related issues and medical procedures.

The intent of the articles was not intended to be specifically malicious, more of a spoof or satire of discussions and articles that the author felt were being overblown or overstated. She figured she would test the audiences ability or desire to question the veracity of the written word. When she found that the audience just nodded along, she decided to push it further just to see how gullible people really were. This sparked a big row within the community, however IXE continued to publish satirical pieces for sometime, but at least by then it was understood that these pieces were not actual factual news. But it should be noted that the first two articles were a lot like the infamous HG Wells radio broadcast of "The War of the Worlds" and not everyone was in on the joke.

While I understand both the anger toward being spoofed, and the temptation to point out gullibility, I would suggest that everyone needs to be more careful in their communication, now more than ever. I believe that writers need to be clear and cautious about differentiating between fact and opinion. And if an article intentionally contains mistruth or exaggerated information for entertainment purposes, fair warning should be given. Other than entertainment, intentional misguiding and exaggeration tends to be irresponsible at best. Sure, hyperbole is method of highlighting the importance of a topic, but it can be dangerous because not everyone recognizes when it is being used. Sometimes people use hyperbole as an excuse for making inflammatory statements that they get called out on later. It is best to avoid it altogether.

On the other hand, it is our responsibility to not believe everything we read. I've heard that an old Japanese proverb says "If you believe everything you read, stop reading". This is where veracity comes in. How are we to believe what is written? What is a trustworthy source? We can start by looking at the statements themselves. Are they too good to be true? Are they too audacious to be be-

lieved? That's a good indication to at least start with some skeptsism. Does the article contain a relatively new or surprising fact or discovery? Is the article from a trusted source? Even when news comes from a relatively trusted source, it may be good to verify the accuracy.

I have recently read posted articles about Transgender being linked to 20 genes, about sudden onset of Transgender being the result social media contagion and even that vibrators were NOT invented to induce orgasms in women suffering from hysteria during the Victorian age. Why do I bring these up? Because in each case, these stories were being purported to be factual. Upon initial examination, the first two stories were being touted by or disputed by outlets like The Daily Mirror, Pink News, Fox News and The Daily Caller. An internet search on each showed some distribution to other media outlets, but much like many stories, if you trace back you can find an original source.

In the case of the 20 genes, I looked deeper at the story and found a supposed "Named" source of the study. I looked up the source and found her blog, and it turns out that while she is indeed a credible genetic researcher, her study was misquoted and misconstrued, which lead to faulty conclusions in the original article. In the case of sudden onset Transgender, it turns out the researcher did not follow good practices, the studies were not scientifically constructed, the source of the data was biased and collected by organizations that had a clear anti-trans agenda, and the resultant study did not stand to peer scrutiny. Nonetheless, the study was widely disseminated by outlets with political and social agendas that use anti-trans demagoguery as marketing tool.

Finally, in the case of the Victorian vibrator story, it was eye opening to learn that widely held and repeated "knowledge" can be totally wrong. In this case, it turned out that original source was a study conducted about 20 years ago. The article, in The Atlantic, detailed how another researcher wanted to use the original source as a reference for her own study. In conducting peer review, she was challenged to go back to that study and verify that the cited references from the original were accurate. As she peeled it back, it turns out that the original study and review contained many mistakes, unvalidated assumptions and dubious translations. But because the study supported a certain political agenda, it's own peer review was less critical. Some of the original research was traceable, but not correctly translated or interpreted. The original study's author backtracked, and claimed that her study was pre-

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senting a theory, however the language used presented the "findings" with certainty. As a result the original study's conclusion became a widely accepted bit of folklore.

So what does this all mean? First of all, just because it is in print does not make it so. Secondly, there is a LOT you can learn with a bit of research. You don't even need to be an expert on the subject to do this. Third even though an article is repeated, or generally accepted, does not guarantee that it is correct. Finally, sometimes a little bit of truth can obfuscate a wrong conclusion. While, I personally believe that writers bear the weight of honesty, I also recognize we are all responsible for checking veracity before making conclusions.

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# Notice of Proposed changes to the CrossPort Bylaws, October 2018

All Voting Members of CrossPort are hereby Notified of a Proposal to update the CrossPort Bylaws. In accordance with the existing Bylaws, changes to the Bylaws requires Voting Members to be informed of the proposal via a written ballot published in <a href="The Innerview">The Innerview</a> Newsletter. Bylaws may be changed by a simple majority of a voting member quorum, who submit their written ballots.

The following pages (4,5, and 6) of this issue of <a href="The Innerview">The Innerview</a> detail the changes. Page 6 has a summary ballot that you may print and either send in via US Post, bring to a meeting, or scan the written ballot and send via e-mail.

# Proposed changes to the CrossPort Bylaws, October 2018:

Section 1 – Definition of Membership:

1.1 Current: Anyone who attends a meeting is a CrossPort member.

1.1 Proposal: {Remove this section from the bylaws.} **Issue 1 on Ballot** 

Rationale for change: CrossPort currently has two classes of members, voting and non-voting. Given that the State of Ohio (Ohio Revised Code 1745.20) requires CrossPort to keep a list of all members, this section requires us to collect information on everyone who attends a CrossPort meeting. If passed, Cross-Port would have just a single class of members, all of whom may vote and CrossPort would only need to collect information on those members.

1.2 Current: Any law abiding person, over the age of 18, paying a yearly membership fee, and who attends a meeting or social, is a CrossPort voting member.

1.2 Proposal 1: Voting Membership in CrossPort is open to all persons over the age of 18, subject to the payment of dues or donation and approval of the membership committee. Issue 2 on Ballot

Rationale for change: A membership committee would have a chairperson and two additional members of the committee, plus others as necessary or appropriate. That would eliminate undesirable members, but in a much more straightforward fashion while avoiding vague language with possible unintended consequences. For most membership applications, it would be pro forma, but for outliers the Membership Chair would address it with the committee.

<u>1.2 Proposal 2: {</u>Append the following verbiage:} *Voting membership shall be for the twelve month period starting the month payment is made.* 

Rationale for change: While not specified in the bylaws, the current membership structure has been interpreted the last several years to run through the calendar year, meaning that if someone becomes a

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Voting Member in December, they would then be unable to vote in January of the following year unless they again made another payment. This change would standardize a voting membership to be 12 months long regardless of what month they became a voting member. Issue 3 on Ballot

# Section 2 – Board and the Election of the Board:

- <u>2.1 Current:</u> The board shall have seven positions.
- 2.1 Proposal: The board shall have seven members.
  Issue 4 on Ballot

Rationale for change: The word "positions" replaced "members" in November 2015. Since that time, CrossPort's board has never defined what a "position" was so this change is a simple reversion to how the board has operated since its formation in 1998.

- 2.3 Current: The term of office for all board members shall be one (1) year, beginning on January 1st.
- 2.3 Proposal: The term of office for all board members shall be two (2) years. Election of board members shall be held on even numbered years and commence on January 1st of the following year through December 31st of the second year of the term of office. **Issue 5**

Rationale for change: To help CrossPort follow through on its long term goals to providing support to the transgender community in the greater Cincinnati area, it is desirable to have a longer term of commitment from people running for the board.

2.6a Proposal: The board may, by a simple majority plus one, vote to waive the six month paid voting membership requirement for a replacement board candidate they feel is particularly well qualified to serve CrossPort as a board member. Issue 6 on

# **Ballot**

Rationale for change: There have been instances in the past when a replacement board candidate wished

to serve on the board and brought several good qualifications for service, but lacked the necessary membership longevity required. This change would allow the board to waive that specific requirement.

- <u>2.7 Current:</u> All voting members will be notified that a seat is vacant on the board, via the InnerView.
- 2.7 Proposal: All voting members will be notified that a seat is vacant on the board, via the InnerView or by e-mail or other means. Issue 7 on Ballot

Rationale for change: The verbiage limiting how voting members were notified only via the InnerView was approved in November 2015. Since then there have been periods when the InnerView was not being published so there was no valid way for the board to notify the voting members. This is a simple reversion to how the voting members were notified from 1998-2015.

# Section 3 – Meetings of the Board:

- <u>3.3 Current:</u> Minutes of the board meetings will be published in the InnerView.
- 3.3 Proposal: Minutes of the board meetings will be published in the InnerView or by email or other means. Issue 7 on Ballot

Rationale for change: The verbiage limiting how minutes were published only via the InnerView was approved in November 2015. Since then there have been periods when the InnerView was not being published so there was no valid way for the board to make the minutes available to the membership. This will allow the minutes to be made available after every board meeting.

# Section 4 – Bylaw Changes:

<u>4.1 Current:</u> Any proposed bylaw changes shall be posted to the voting members in the InnerView.

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<u>4.1 Proposal:</u> Any proposed bylaw changes shall be posted to the voting members in the InnerView *or by email or by other means.* **Issue 7 on Ballot** 

Rationale for change: The verbiage limiting proposed bylaw changes to being posted only via the InnerView was approved in November 2015. Since then there have been periods when the InnerView was not being published so there was no valid way for the board to notify the voting members of proposed bylaw changes. This will allow the board to notify the voting members through other means.

- <u>4.2 Current:</u> These bylaws may only be changed by a simple majority of the voting members, who submit their written ballots, distributed via the InnerView.
- <u>4.2 Proposal:</u> These bylaws may only be changed by a simple majority of the voting members, who submit their written ballots, distributed via the InnerView *or* by email or other means. **Issue 7 on Ballot**

Rationale for change: The verbiage limiting proposed bylaw change ballots to be distributed only via the InnerView was approved in November 2015. Since then there have been periods when the InnerView was not being published so there was no valid way for the board to allow the voting members to vote on proposed bylaw changes. This will allow the board to allow a bylaw change to be voted on through other means.

4.3 Proposal: Voting members of CrossPort may submit in writing or email, proposed changes of the Bylaws to the CrossPort board for consideration of changes to the Bylaws. The CrossPort board shall, after debate amongst the board and the approval of three board members, bring the proposed Bylaw changes to the voting membership for a majority vote to amend the existing Bylaws. Issue 8 on Ballot

Rationale for change: The mechanism to allow voting members to bring Bylaw changes up for a vote was removed from the Bylaws in November 2015. This change restores a right granted the voting membership from 1998-2015. If a proposed Bylaw change

cannot muster the support of three board members then it needs to be reworked and resubmitted.

# **Section 5 – Finance Coordinator:**

- <u>5.3 Current:</u> All voting members will receive an annual financial accounting report, published in the InnerView.
- <u>5.3 Proposal:</u> All voting members will receive an annual financial accounting report, published in the InnerView *or by email or other means*. **Issue 7 on Ballot**

Rationale for change: The verbiage limiting the annual financial accounting report to being published only via the InnerView was approved in November 2015. Since then there have been periods when the InnerView was not being published so there was no valid way for the Finance Coordinator to publish an annual financial accounting report to the voting members. This will allow the annual financial accounting report to be published through other means.

### Section 6 - Board Functions:

- <u>6.4 Current:</u> The board shall have the authority to change subscription rates and fees as circumstances demand. A simple majority vote is required. Notification to members via the InnerView.
- <u>6.4 Proposal:</u> The board shall have the authority to change subscription rates and fees as circumstances demand. A simple majority vote is required. Notification to members via the InnerView *or by email or other means*. **Issue 7 on Ballot**

Rationale for change: The verbiage limiting the notification of subscription rates and fees to be published only via the InnerView was approved in November 2015. Since then there have been periods when the InnerView was not being published so there was no valid way for the board to notify the membership of changes in subscription rates and fees. This will al-

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low the notification of changes to subscription rates and fees through other means.

<u>6.5 Proposal:</u> The board shall generate goals for the future of the organization. **Issue 9 on Ballot** 

Rationale for change: This verbiage was removed from the Bylaws in November 2015. This addition is simply a reversion to how the board operated from 1998-2015.

# Section 7 – Library:

7.1 Current: The library is available for use by voting members only.

<u>7.2 Proposed:</u> The library is available for use by members only. **Issue 10 on Ballot** 

Rationale for change: If approved by the voting members, this change would only go into effect if those same members also vote to remove the existing Bylaw Section 1.1 which defines a non-voting membership class.

# Bylaw Change Proposal Ballot, OCTOBER 2018

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<u>Issue 1</u> , Remove section 1.1 changing differentiation of voting and non-voting members.	<b>Issue 7</b> , Allow Board functions and voting to use additional means beyond the newsletter as a means of
es □No	official communication.
	□Yes □No
<u>Issue 2</u> , Define and clarify Voting Membership requirements.	
□Yes □No	<u>Issue 8</u> , Restore Mechanism for Members to propose changes to the Bylaws.
	□Yes □No
<u>Issue 3</u> , Change Membership term based on Due	
payment date.	Issue 9, Restore statement on setting goals.
□Yes □No	□Yes □No
<u>Issue 4</u> , Change Board Positions to Board Members.  □Yes □No	<u>Issue 10</u> , Update Library access statement in conjunction with Issue 1.
	□Yes □No
<u>Issue 5</u> , Change the Board member Term of Office.	
□Yes □No	Member Name
<u>Issue 6</u> , Allow Board to waive the minimum length of general membership before allowing a member to become part of the board.	Signature
,	Date
□Yes □No	
Return Completed ballot to the Crossport Board by: Mailing ballot to: P.O. Box 1692, Cincinnati, OH 45201	Personally turning in ballot to a known board member.

Or by

Scanning and emailing to: crossportcincy@yahoo.com

Or by

All Ballots due by October 25, 2018. The results of the ballot will be published in the November Newsletter. Since a minimum of 14 votes by "Voting Members" is required, please exercise your membership rights diligently!

# CrossPort Board Meeting Minutes Monthly Reports:

September 4, 2018

Cathy was the meeting Facilitator.

Board members present: Cathy, Stacy, Jill, Laura

Ann, Jeanne via phone

Board members absent: Tina, Vicky

Guests present: Sheila Y.

The meeting was called to order at 7:04pm.

# **Old Business:**

Cathy submitted the Minutes from the August 7th meeting. They were accepted.

Holiday Party Planning: The date will be December 20. Stacy reported she had narrowed the final choices down to Bravo in Rookwood and DeSha's in Blue Ash. After much discussion, the board voted 3-2 to select DeSha's. They will require a \$100.00 deposit to hold the date.

Communications with the VA: Laura Ann reported that after giving them a copy of our Code of Conduct and recommending that they only refer people to our support group meetings, that they will continue recommending CrossPort to their patients.

Checking Account/PayPal Transfer: With Vicky absent, this topic was pushed to the next meeting.

Bringing CrossPort into Legal Compliance: With Vicky absent, this topic was pushed to the next meet- Series of email with researcher from Indiana Univering.

Proposed Bylaw Changes: The board reviewed the final list and wording of the proposed Bylaw changes and voted unanimously to put them to the voting membership in the October InnerView for approval.

# **New Business:**

Volunteer Policy: The board briefly discussed the need for a formal volunteer policy. Laura Ann will get a copy of the one used by the VA.

**P.O. Box:** There was no report on the PO Box.

**Hotline Phone.** Stacy submitted a report to the board. She got 10 calls last month and took one new girl out for a makeover.

**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 \$1345.33.

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 three requests for information about the peer group events or socials. Cathy resolved them.

There was one request for help finding emergency housing in Cincinnati.

There was one request for help with a marriage situation in Florida.

There was one email about Building Bridges. This was forwarded to the board.

There was one request to publish info about a job fair and wellness event in Columbus.

sity looking to trans volunteers to interview.

Two TG newsletters were received, from IXE and from Chicago Gender Society. These were forwarded to the board and to Meghan. Additionally, IXE announced that after 31 years, they were shutting down after the September meeting.

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Email from Living with Change offering a table at their MRTS event. Forwarded to the board which declined the offer.

One email from Pride Life's Community Outreach offering no cost concierge service for health insurance questions.

**CD/TS Peer Support Group.** Stacy reported that attendance has been about 14. The researcher from Indiana University came to one.

**First Friday Social.** Stacy reported that Tostados continues to attract a lot of people.

**Second Saturday Social.** Stacy reported that five had dinner at Boswell's and then went to Tillie's afterward.

**Thursday Night Social.** Stacy reported that 21 showed up for dinner. The researcher from Indiana University came, then some went to Rosie's to meet others.

**Saturday Night Out.** Stacy reported only three went to the concert on Fountain Square. Next month will be a road trip to Indianapolis for the last IXE meeting.

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

**Outreach**. There was no report on Outreach.

**Newsletter.** Cathy submitted a report to the board. The August newsletter was emailed to 292 email addresses on August 1. None bounced and one unsubscribed.

As of September 3, 109 unique emails had been opened (37.3%) and 77 had clicked through to the InnerView (26.4%).

The September newsletter was emailed to 304 email addresses on August 30. The bounced and none unsubscribed.

As of September 3, 88 unique emails had been opened (29.2%) and 59 had clicked through to the InnerView (19.6%).

Between August 2 and September 3, five more email addresses were added.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:38pm. The board agreed that Cathy should facilitate the October meeting.

# **Cathy's Corner**

-Cathy Allison

Sometimes all it takes is hair and care.

In mid-September, Stacy and I went with Wendy to Becca's 3700 Hair Studio in Kettering to help Wendy pick out her first real wig. Antonia met us there so we were four.

Shannon is one of their wig experts and is always a pleasure to work with. She picked out a half dozen wigs for Wendy to try, and the rest of us added a couple more to the pile. Wendy got to try all these on, and we took pictures of each so Wendy could see what we saw. Everyone voted yay or nay, and we quickly narrowed the choices down to three.

Another round of trying on the remainders and Wendy had made a final decision that everyone agreed was the best. Shannon trimmed up the bangs so they wouldn't get in Wendy's eyes and we were done. Wendy was so happy with her new hair that

she wore it out of the shop.

We decided on a nearby Mexican restaurant for lunch which was pleasant, then Antonia headed back home and the rest of us headed back to Cincinnati. Wendy was still wearing her new hair when we dropped her off at her car in Sharonville.

If you have been on the CrossportCincy Face-Book group at all in the last couple weeks, you have probably noticed the wonderful change in Wendy's attitude toward Life, the Universe and Everything. And it all is because of something as simple as friendship and a new doo.

All things change, or need to.

This past Saturday, Erica, Wendy and I travelled to Indianapolis for the last regular meeting of IXE. IXE was a group a lot like CrossPort that was started in 1987. Differently than CrossPort, for the last several years they have been meeting in a fellow-

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# Join us at the

# CrossPort Holiday Party

December 20, 7 p.m. DeSha's Restaurant

> 11320 Montgomery Rd Cincinnati, OH 45249

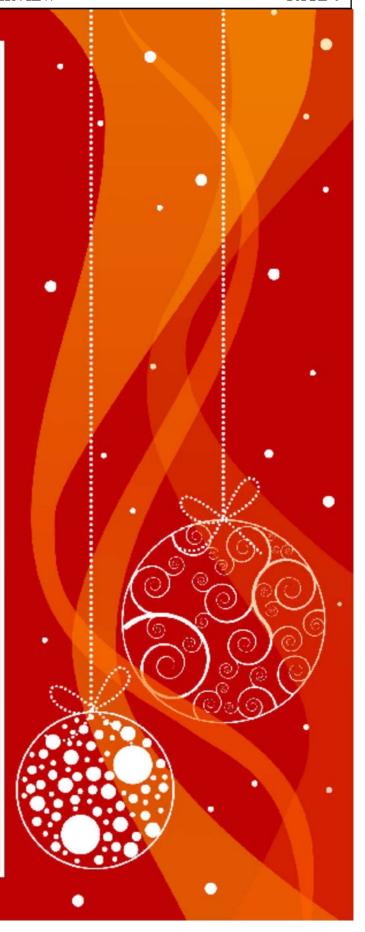
Cost: \$40 per person

Includes a buffet dinner with salad, nonalcoholic drinks, cake and a chance to win a door prize.

# Cash Bar

Bring a gift (value \$10 or less) if you would like to participate in the gift exchange.

There will also be a 'Split the Pot' fundraiser.



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ship hall, everyone bringing something to share for dinner. At this (their last) meeting, I counted twenty, including us.

headed for Cincinnati about 11:30.

I think the big take-away from IXE is that all groups need a periodic influx of new leadership to



(left to right) Emily, Wendy, Shannon, Cathy, Janet, Gloria

After the meal, Emily gave a history of IXE, and I had a chance to talk about what we were doing at CrossPort. We talked to several girls that seemed interested, but when the meeting ended about 10pm, no one wanted to go out, everyone just packed up and headed home.

Erica, Wendy and I decided to hit one of the local gay bars before going back to Cincinnati (Wendy had never been to one before). We chose the closest, a place called Greg's Indy, primarily because it came up on Google as a dance club. Erica found parking right out front and we headed in.

This place was pretty much a guy bar. We ran into a pair of transgirls there, and there were three mixed male/female couples there. Everyone else was male. The bathrooms were straight out of 1990, with no doors and there was only one stall in the three bathrooms I looked in that actually had a door on it.

The dance floor was pretty nice though, lots of colored lights and a good mashup of Madonna/Lady Gaga from the DJs. We danced a while and

keep them dynamic and growing. Emily and Shannon had basically been running IXE by themselves for the last 15 years, and just got tired.

CrossPort has two board members retiring at the end of this year, Vicky and Tina. If you are a voting member, please consider running to become a board member for 2019.

# Tip of the Month

Maybe one of these days I will head off to get a manicure, but for now I choose to use acrylic nails for the convenience. They look quite nice but main problem with them is adhesion. If I were wearing them for days at a time, I would use a nail glue (which is actually an acrylic resin called Cyanoacrylate, the same main ingredient in superglue.) But, they are usually off the next day so I use adhesive tabs to stick then on.

Way back in the 1980s there were *Lee Press-On Nails* which were invented by Dr. Henry L. Lee, Jr, a graduate of MIT and founder of Lee Pharmaceuticals (who knew?) They came with a couple

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sheets of shaped double-sided tape and you would simply stick them on and look marvelous. These nails were much loved by me and many others. Until, that is, one popped off while digging in your purse or pulling up your pantyhose in the ladies' room. You would always have to carry extra nails and sticky tabs in case you needed a replacement.

Fast forward thirty years later and while Lee Press-On Nails are gone, there are many other brands that fill the temporary nail niche. You might also think that thirty years later, there would



be an improvement in nail tab adhesive, and there certainly has been.

The best tabs I have come across to date are Nailene Ultra Adhesive Tabs. In the Cincinnati area the only

place I have been able to find them is on Amazon, but with Prime, I can pick them up for about \$5 per pack. Each pack says it comes with 28 tabs in seven sizes, but it actually comes with 32 tabs in eight sizes. That is enough tabs for three applications.

How well do they hold? I have had them still tight 24 hours later after repeated hand washings and a shower. My daughter says she has worn them up to three days without a nail popping loose.

More information on how to apply and remove adhesive nail tabs can be found here:

http://www.nailene.com/blog/blogs/how-to-use-nailene-ultra-adhesive-tabs/

# Happy Birthday!

Gina W., Stacy Lynn, Brittney A., Patty C., Scott K, Michelle L., Cindy R., Tina Oh, Debbie C., Becca Ann D., Susan B., Laura Ann W.

Wow, what was going on in February???

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

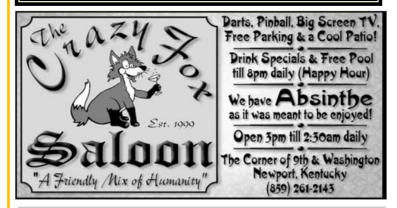
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"To be yourself in a world that is constantly trying to make you something else is the greatest accomplishment." – Ralph Waldo Emerson

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To place an ad contact:

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 LBGT 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 Cross-Port: 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 Cross-Port Cincinnati page or the CrossPortcincy group.

# **MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION**

All membership information will be held in strict confidence.

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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: TSTGCDGAYFRIENDSHIP
EVENTSOTHER
*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: CHECKCASH
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