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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 2, 7:00 pm, Tostados
 August Board meeting, Tue. Aug 6, 7:00 pm, Mt. Auburn Presbyterian Church
 Second Saturday, Sat. Aug 10, 7:00 pm, Boswell's
 Transgender Peer Support, Mon. Aug 12, 7:30 pm, Mt Auburn Presbyterian Church
 Thursday Dinner, Thur. Aug 15, 7:00 pm, Bar Louie, 3100 Vandercar Way, Cincy
 Saturday Night Out, Sat. Aug 24, 7:00 pm, TBD (see Facebook or website)
 Transgender Peer Support, Mon. Aug 26, 7:30 pm, Mt Auburn Presbyterian Church

September Board meeting, Tue. Sep 3, 7:00 pm, Mt. Auburn Presbyterian Church
 First Friday Karaoke, Fri. Sep 6, 7:00 pm, Tostados
 Transgender Peer Support, Mon. Jul 9, 7:30 pm, Mt Auburn Presbyterian Church
 Second Saturday, Sat. Sep 14, 7:00 pm, Boswell's
 Thursday Dinner, Thur. Sep 19 7:00 pm, Bar Louie, 3100 Vandercar Way, Cincy
 Saturday Night Out, Sat. Sep 28, 7:00 pm, TBD (see Facebook or website)
 Transgender Peer Support, Mon. Sep 30, 7:30 pm, 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.

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

The Green Dodge Dart.

So many years ago, back in college, I dated a girl who drove an early 70's Dodge Dart. It was a deep forest green, with that slight metallic speckle. The rear window had a distinctive convex curve, the bumpers were shiny chrome, and the rear and forward fenders had sharp edges that hinted of vestigial fins of a by-gone day. The car was her baby, pride and joy. I was head over heels for her, and so her love was my love too. Before dating her, I would have never recognized a Dart, or it's twin, the Plymouth Valiant. But soon enough, and for a number of years after she moved away, I saw Darts all over the place, and I could tell the difference between a Dart and Valiant pretty quickly.

I think this is a normal reaction for people. When they become aware and accustomed to something, it shows up on their radar. If you buy a Coach Purse, suddenly you see them all over the place. Not that your awareness has had any magical power of invoking them into existence, but rather you are sensitized to picking them out. My guess is the fabled "Gaydar" that some people claim to have works this same way.

So, even though I've had CD experiences (on and off) going all the way back to childhood, in the last few years, it feels like I've developed a "Transwareness". I think it formed when I succumbed to the need to get out and participate in the CD/TG community. Crossport has been a large part of that active education, or OJT. Now, when I go out, whether en-femme or en-homme, to LBGT+ friendly places or just normal venues, I pick up on trans folks fairly easily. Now this isn't because all of these trans-folks are not passable, attractive, or otherwise obvious. Some are noticeable and some are not as much. Some blend very well, and some stand out. But like being able to distinguish between the Dart and Valiant, it is something that I have developed.

What I find interesting is that there have been numerous occasions when I've been out with my wife, and I have picked up on a passerby. My wife, on the other hand, was fairly oblivious. I don't think that my observation should be construed as a judgement on how "passable" any given trans-person may or may not be. Besides, even if I can detect that someone is trans, I still very much appreciate seeing them, and enjoy the levels of care and thought they have put

into being who they are. And this is also not to say that I can recognize any trans person instantaneously, if at all, like Superman with X-Ray vision! In the last couple of weeks, I've been on the road a lot, and I have seen a lot of trans-folks out in public, and that makes me happy.

While watching the fireworks from a pier in Brooklyn, I saw several trans folks milling about. How did I know? Well, there were a couple of different families with adolescent kids who were wearing trans flags as capes. There were a few individuals that certainly had a mix of secondary characteristics and facial feature that caught my attention. The fact that some of them were also wearing trans slogans on their T-shirts was also a bit of a clue. I think some of these folks were still on a bit of a high from the previous week when NYC had not one, but three separate Pride parades, and that is just the island of Manhattan. But there were a couple of others that were not running around with labels that I noticed. Of course, my wife made no mention or had any kind of reaction indicating she noticed.

As soon as I got back from New York, I turned around and went up to Detroit for business. While up there, I needed to go out for dinner. Everyone needs to eat, right? And work trips are not always a 24-7 situation. So I took advantage of the trip to grab dinner with someone I knew from social media and some correspondence. Some of you may know Samantha Rodgers, who organizes the Trans-Invasion (and now Trans-Infusion) events up in Detroit. Even though she had a huge event on schedule for the following week, she was a dear and met me for dinner, and then went to another location for a drink.

A couple of things struck me. First, at the restaurant, our waitress was a lot of fun. While I'm pretty sure she read me (Samantha not so much), she was a doll and super enthusiastic. She didn't treat either of us as anything other than a couple of gals out for a bite. We ate out on the street patio, and a few passerbys struck up a conversation. No problems, and I didn't feel uncomfortable or unsafe. I would say that it's probably likely that most observers would clock me if paying any attention, but no one made it clear that they "knew".

The second and more interesting thing to me was that when we went to Ferndale, I saw several trans women. I thought Samantha should introduce

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me to a couple that passed by our table, but she declined. Her response was that some girls don't want to get read. Which I guess I understand, but me being me, I just wanted to be friendly. I also thought it was a little funny, because these girls were far prettier than me. Samantha was a little surprised that they didn't stop to say hello, as she definitely knew one of them. Due to a parking ticket, I ended up back in Ferndale the next evening, so stopped in for dinner. Again, I saw a number of trans people. I didn't strike up a conversation with any of them, which was too bad.

However, what I noticed is that they all looked really good, whether or not they exemplified the stereotypical standard of beauty (or hunkiness). Even those with more tell-tales looked comfortable and happy, and dare I say natural in their surroundings. Of course, this was Ferndale, which is evidently home turf for the trans community in Detroit. There very well may have been other trans folks that I totally did not

pick up on, but it really doesn't matter. I guess my point is that even though some of us can get read, especially by fellow tribe members, the important thing is being comfortable with who we are. Or at least comfortable enough to go about our time, relaxed enough to enjoy life.

Anyway, these types of encounters always remind me of that Dodge Dart. Am I noticing trans folks more because there are more to notice, or am I just tuned in? Regardless of the reason, seeing a comfortable trans person in public brings a smile to my face. They don't have to be a certain size, shape or dressed to the nines, just knowing that they have at least gotten to the stage where they own who they are, even partially, does a lot to lift my spirits. And I still smile when I see a Dart, especially in dark green.

Your Editor,
Meghan Fournoit

Crossport Board Meeting Minutes

July 2, 2019

Cathy was the meeting Facilitator.

Board members present: Callie, Cathy, Gene, Jill via phone, Laura Ann, Stacy, Wendy

Board members absent:

Guests present: Brittney A.

The meeting was called to order at 7:07pm.

Old Business:

Minutes: Jill submitted the Minutes from the June 4th meeting. They were accepted.

Picnic Planning: Cathy reported that the Facebook event has been viewed by 6500 people. 34 indicated they are attending, 167 indicated they are interested. In Eventbrite, 41 people have reserved 111 tickets. With so many non-Crossport people attending, the board instructed Cathy to arrange for event insurance which is \$92. Callie went over the food budget. Would be about \$400 if we plan for 200 attendees. Gina is requesting a \$25 gift card from Walmart to help defray costs.

Event Followup:

NKY Pride – Stacy reported there was quite a large turnout and she ran out of things to hand out by the end of the day.

VA Pride – Cathy reported that attendance was about 50% from the previous year and shut down an

hour early.

Cincinnati Pride – Wendy reported that there was a huge turnout and they ran out of things to hand out about 2:30 in the afternoon.

Lawrenceburg Pride – Laura Ann reported attendance was 75-100 people. Crossport did not have a booth there.

Birdcage Fundraiser - On June 15, The Birdcage held a Crossport fundraiser. 12 people affiliated with Crossport were there. On June 24, Cathy followed up with them, and they will be sending a check to Crossport.

Equitas Breast/Chest Health event – On June 25, Crossport and Heartland hosted an Equitas Lesbian/Bi/Trans Breast/Chest Health event at Mt Auburn Presbyterian. Only three attendees. Cathy followed up on reasons for low attendance and reported her findings back to Equitas.

December Holiday Party: Stacy reported the party has been booked December 19 at DeSha's.

TAC Update: Heartland has selected their two reps, Elliot and Leo. Cathy now has a copy of the IRS determination letter and registered TAC as a charity with the State of Ohio. On June 25, Cathy and Leo opened up a checking account in TAC's name. The first TAC board meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, July 9 at the Heartland Center.

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Library Trans Event: On Friday, June 7, Cathy met with David Siders and Robert Macke to discuss holding a trans oriented event in September to go along with the 50th anniversary of Stonewall. Afterwards, ideas were solicited for a conversation topic and Calie's idea "Transgender Reality 101" focusing on what life in Cincinnati is like for trans people was accepted.

New Business:

Gene's Resignation and Replacement: The board accepted Gene's resignation and wished her well as one of Crossport's reps to the Transgender Advisory Council. Cathy will announce that there is an open board position to the voting membership and ask for volunteers to full the remainder of Gene's term.

Monthly Reports:

P.O. Box: Stacy reported the PO Box contained only junk mail.

Hotline Phone. Stacy submitted a report to the board. There was a higher volume of calls than normal due to Pride. Also a lot of Support Group queries.

Membership. Cathy submitted a report to the board. As of this Board Meeting, CrossPort currently has 36 voting members for 2019.

Finances. Cathy submitted a report to the board. CrossPort currently has \$1903.49. One membership and one expense (PO Box) did not post to the checking account before the June Statement. Crossport no longer holds any TAC money.

CrossPort Website and Social Media. Cathy submitted a report to the board. Facebook activity for both Crossport Cincinnati and the Crossportcincy group are up about 30% from the previous month. Activity on the web site was up about 50% with the highest two days being the day before and the day of Cincinnati Pride.

Email Correspondence. Cathy submitted a report to the board.

- There was an email from The Birdcage offering to do a Crossport fundraiser. Cathy added it to the June board agenda.
- There was an email from Strategies to End Homelessness with information on how to access their services.
- There was one request for information about emergency housing for a trans woman. Cathy resolved it.
- There was an email offering to donate clothes,

shoes and wigs to Crossport. Cathy arranged for it to be picked up.

- There was one request from a disabled person for a pair of breast forms. As there was one donated pair, Cathy arranged for them to be delivered.
- There was a request from Joy Ellison from OSU looking to interview people about pre-2000 transgender activism. Cathy posted it on Crossportcincy.
- There was one notification from Paypal that a \$20 donation had been made.

CD/TS Peer Support Group. Stacy submitted a report to the board. She reported that attendance has been between 14-20 people.

First Friday Social. Stacy submitted a report to the board. She reported that in June, 14 attended.

Second Saturday Social. Stacy submitted a report to the board. She reported since the Second Saturday was the day after First Friday that Mick and Brandy hosted at Boswells. They were the only ones to attend.

Thursday Night Social. Stacy submitted a report to the board. She reported that 14 showed up for dinner. As Mokka is now closing on Thursdays at 9pm, she is actively looking for a new venue.

Saturday Night Out. Stacy submitted a report to the board. There was no Saturday night in June because it was the same day as Cincinnati Pride.

Library. Jill reported there was no activity this month.

Outreach. Cathy submitted a report to the board. All topics were covered under Old Business.

Newsletter. Cathy submitted a report to the board. The June newsletter was emailed to 331 email addresses on June 1. One bounced and one unsubscribed.

As of July 1, 108 unique emails had been opened (32.7%) and 74 had clicked through to the InnerView (22.4%).

The July newsletter was emailed to 336 email addresses on June 30. None bounced and none unsubscribed.

As of July 3, 100 unique emails had been opened (29.8%) and 56 had clicked through to the InnerView (16.7%). 16 had clicked through to the picnic event. Between June 3 and July 1, six more email addresses were added.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:49pm. The board agreed Cathy should facilitate the August meeting.

Perception,
 Seeded by a glimpse,
 An infection in the mind,
 Of the innocent from nothing,
 More than a
 "Vision out of the corner of one eye"
 Rooted by the lack of truth,
 Nourished by blinded obscurities,
 Pampered to fruition by the loud
 Silence, rather than putting into words the
 Questions gnawing at the brain
 And leaving it as

Is.
 The equality,
 The known,
 The unknown,
 The comparison of the two,
 The understanding that
 This is and this is not,
 The wisdom between truth and untruth,
 The scepter of truth
 The armor of wisdom,
 The overarching fact of

Reality,
 Known to be truth
 Without sublimities,
 Embellishments,
 Half truth,
 Half lies,
 Half seen,
 Half heard,
 And understanding the event
 Without prior
 Bias,
 Negativity,
 Or positivity,
 Perceiving without questioning,
 Seeing with lack of Understanding
 And believing without knowledge,
 That's when perception is construed to be reality.
 So I laugh and smile when they tell me,
 Perception is Reality.

-Orlando Morel, Perception Perspective is Reality, 2019

SPECIAL ELECTION

July 3, an E-mail was sent as an official notification that Crossport currently has an open Board position that needs to be filled (Crossport Bylaws, Section 2.7)

At the July 2019 Board Meeting held July 2, the board accepted the resignation of Marissa Gene Fine (aka Gene Fine, aka Jean Fine, aka Jeanne Fine) who has served on Crossport's board the last 3 years and 11 months, first joining the board August 2016.

Gene will still be representing Crossport, but now as one of Crossport's representatives on the newly formed Transgender Advocacy Council, a 501(c)(3) corporation whose purpose is to support greater Cincinnati transgender individuals and support groups in the areas of policy advocacy, direct services, outreach to encourage culture change, community organizing, and other key strategies.

Gene has been a valuable member of Crossport's board. Please make sure you thank Gene for her past and future efforts in Crossport's behalf.

It is important that Crossport have a full and functioning board, therefore we encourage you, our voting members, to consider volunteering to fill the open position. The term to be filled runs through December 2020 (17 months).

According to the Crossport Bylaws, Section 2,6 and Section 2.8:

An open seat on the board can be filled by any voting member in good standing with 6 months paid membership in the organization. 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.

A voting member may volunteer in person at the next scheduled board meeting, and may be voted in to officially fill the position, by a majority of the board present. If more than one member volunteers, board members will give the candidates an opportunity to each make a statement at the board meeting, after which there will be a vote by board members, via written ballot. The candidate with the majority vote will be elected to the position.

Crossport's next scheduled board meeting is 7pm, Tuesday, August 6, 2019.

Please let us know if you are interested in this position and/or have any questions regarding this position, the duties and responsibilities of a board member or the process in selecting a new board member.

Your Crossport board members,
 Callie, Cathy, Jill, Laura Ann, Stacy, Wendy

New Venue for Third Thursday

-Meghan Fournoit, Stacy Mankin

If you have been paying attention to the Crossport Facebook page, you may have noticed a notice by Stacy Mankin on behalf of the board:

On behalf of The Crossport Board we have decided to move The Third Thursday Social from Mokka to Bar Louie in Oakley, the address is 3100 Vandercar Way, Cincinnati 45209

We made this decision because every month that we are at Mokka no one is there, the food isn't like it once was and some nights they were out of a lot of menu items we wanted. We were constantly being asked by management every month for the past 6 months if we could be done by 9 so they can close! 7-9 just doesn't seem like a lot of time for us to be together. In fact most evenings Mokka isn't even open. They were only staying open for us!

We thought it was time to find another location for our Third Thursday Social. We tried to find a location which is centrally located. Bar Louie is off I-71 at the Ridge Rd Exit, and is very accessible from the Norwood Lateral and I-75. Plenty of free parking can be



found right in front of the restaurant. The Restaurant is huge. It's bright and lively, and the night we were there was a fun atmosphere. There were other people around having a good time. The food was good and reasonably priced. The staff was friendly polite and accepting!

Bar Louie is open till 2, and there is an outdoor patio to sit out at if the weather is nice. They have a fire-place outside for those cooler nights. There are huge windows that look out on to the patio and parking lot. The bar has lots of adult beverages if you chose to enjoy. A hotel is within walking distance if you want to stay there! There are plenty of reasons why we feel this will be a better spot for everyone, we sincerely hope you will give it a try, our Next Third Thursday Social will be on July 18 at 7:00 At Bar Louie in Oakley, we hope to see you there!



This subject had been up for debate previously, and led to the selection of Boswell's for Second Saturday as a compromise. Since the decision was made, the switch occurred in time for the July Thursday meeting. Wendy reported a very successful attendance, with a post to Facebook. Crossport had 19 attendees, which is a fairly large turn out for a Thursday.

Does your wrinkle cream really work? FDA warns about false claims

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By Maggie Fox

<https://www.today.com/health/does-your-wrinkle-cream-really-work-fda-warns-about-bogus-t10391>

No, that skin cream cannot reverse aging. It can't repair DNA damage and it can't cure rosacea.

The FDA's taken on five cosmetic companies in the past five months, telling them to stop making medical claims for wrinkle creams.

One product at a time, the Food and Drug Administration is taking on the beauty industry and some of the over-the-top claims being made for some of the products. Five warnings have gone out since November.



RunPhoto / Getty Images

The latest warning letter went out to Strivectin, whose wrinkle creams are sold at retailers that range from Costco to Nordstrom.

The language FDA objects to?

- “Clinically proven to change the anatomy of a wrinkle”
- “This superb age-fighting serum is super charged with ...potent elastin stimulating peptides”
- “Potent elastin-stimulating peptides help enhance skin structure”

“The claims on your website indicate that the products are intended to affect the structure or any function of the human body, rendering them drugs under the (Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic) Act,” FDA says in a warning letter sent to the company.

And when Strivectin says its “Advanced Tightening Neck Cream,” can “restore the elastin fiber architecture, providing noticeable lift and improving resistance to gravity”, it's actually claiming that product is a drug—and it's one that hasn't been through the FDA's review process, the agency said in its letter.

In response, Strivectin has changed the wording on its website. “Over time, the visible effects of gravity appear reversed for even more refined and toned definition of the neck line, profile, and décolleté,” it now says.

There's no more mention of “restoring” elastin fiber.

“We stand by the efficacy of our products which is proven by scientific testing and clinical trials,” Emmy Brooks, vice president for beauty at Strivectin, said by e-mail. “We are doing everything in our power to ensure that our communication to the public complies with the Federal Food, Drug & Cosmetic Act, per the Food & Drug Administration's request.”

Wrinkle creams really don't do much besides temporarily add moisture to the skin. “There are no wrinkle creams that are going to get rid of wrinkles,” says Bryan Barron, co-author of “The Original Beauty Bible” and consultant to the beauty mythbusting website Paula's Choice.

“The companies may want you to think it is about exotic plant extracts harvested at 3 a.m. off the coast of Brittany,” Barron says. So-called tightening ingredients are nothing secret or special, he adds. “There are cosmetic ingredients that you can put on your skin that will make it feel tighter,” he said. But it's just perception—and they're mundane ingredients such as polyvinyl alcohol or even egg whites (which may show up on a label as “serum albumin”).

New York-based dermatologist Dr. Fayne Frey says “anti-aging” agents are pretty much bogus. “If you are looking for ‘the fountain of youth’ in a bottle, you will not find it in over-the-counter skin care products,” Frey advises on her website that tries to rebut some of the claims.

“The ‘workhorse’ of any over-the counter anti-wrinkle cream is its ability to hydrate the skin. As moisturizers, these products increase the water content in the most superficial layers of skin temporarily improving the appearance of fine lines and wrinkles.”

FDA says it will continue to do what it can, but it doesn't have much authority.

“The law doesn't require cosmetic firms to register with FDA or to submit their products, ingredients, labeling or claims to FDA for approval before the

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products go on the market (with the exception of color additives, which must be approved by FDA)," an FDA spokesperson said by e-mail.

All the agency can do is look for when a cosmetic maker goes over the line in making a claim.

Other recent warnings have gone to L'Oreal USA, taken to task for saying its "Rosaliac AR Intense" can reduce redness or rosacea, and for saying Mela-D Pigment Control can lighten dark spots.

Chaga Mountain was asked to stop claiming the mushroom extracts in its products could fight cancer and the AIDS virus. Cell Vitals appears to have taken down its website after FDA noticed its claims about human stem cells and chemicals that the com-

pany suggested might act in ways similar to Botox in stopping wrinkles.

And although they may register with the FDA, they don't submit non-medical products for review.

"Consumers should be aware that, although companies are making drug claims for these products, they are being sold to consumers as cosmetics and therefore FDA has not evaluated them for safety and effectiveness," FDA says.

There's only one true anti-aging ingredient, and that's sunscreen, Barron says. And it only works to prevent skin aging, not to cure it.

This article was originally published Mar. 20, 2015 at 4:32 p.m. ET.

A Cheater's Guide To Applying Eyeliner

by Lacey Gattis

<https://intothegloss.com/2014/04/how-to-apply-eyeliner/>

I have the steadiness and hand-eye coordination of a drunk baby panda, and yet my eyeliner? Always perfect. Over the years I've collected an arsenal of tricks (decade of raccoon eyes + hundreds of hours of very important YouTube-ing = EXPERTISE), and at this point I think I have the definitive cheats for easy cat eyes, straight lines, smudge-proofing, and invisible liner. You might look a little weird doing them, but it's a small price to pay for the perfect flick. Here's how I prevent a few of the most annoying eye makeup issues:



Eyes Somehow Look Smaller When You Use Eyeliner

The Solution: Tightlining/Waterlining, aka 'The Invisible

Liner Trick'

How To Do It: With a waterproof pencil, rim your eyes on top of the lash line. For a dramatic look like the one shown, draw on the very inner edges of your lids, between your lashes and eyeball. For more subtlety, dot pencil in the tiny gaps between your lashes, then softly blend upwards with a liner brush or Q-Tip.



Desperately Want Cat Eyes, But Just Can't. Do. It.

The Solution: Scotch Tape Stencils

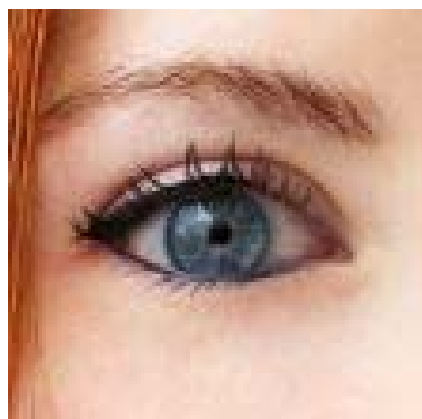
How To Do It: Use two pieces of Scotch

tape to create a triangle at the outer corner of your eye, then fill in with liner, remove the tape, and you get a perfect flick. Thanks, geometry!

You can arrange the tape however you want, but here's my rule of thumb:

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A) The upper edge of the piece you put underneath your eye should align with both your eye's outer corner and the outer tip of your eyebrow.



little translucent powder or concealer on top of your liner. It'll help dry things up right away, keep liner from sliding off oily skin, and help prevent it from shifting when you blink.

—Lacey Gattis

Photos by Elizabeth Brockway.

B) The lower edge of the piece you use on top of your eye should align with the center of your iris and then tilt slightly upward. More tilt creates a thick retro wing. Less tilt looks minimalist and modern.

Straight Lines Are Straight-Up Impossible



The Solution: Business Card Line Guards

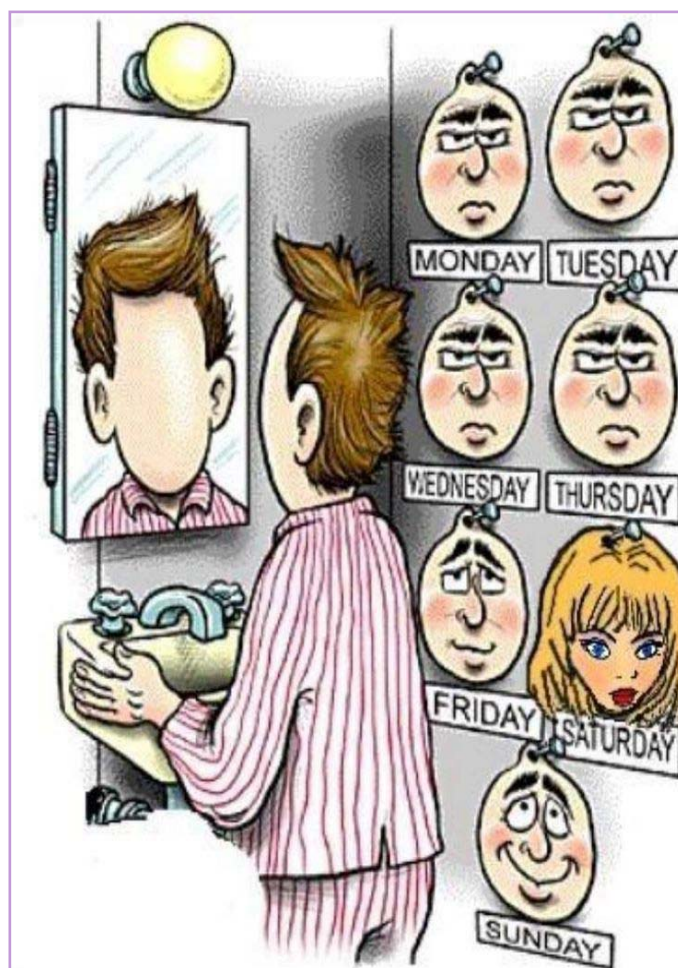
How To Do It: Cut one side of a business card off (cardboard works, too!)

and use it like a ruler to keep your line crisp and straight. Also great as a lid guard if your liner goes on too thick or when you're applying mascara to keep your lids clean.

You're The Queen Of Smudgeland

The Solution: Concealer Quick-Dry

How To Do It: Even pencil liner takes a little while to set—the wax in it is melting against your skin—so if you always end up smudging, the best fix is to pat a



This image is registered to Funtoo.com under the title of "choose your mask"

Trans Family Summer Picnic

-Cathy Allison

July is now past and was another big month for Crossport. After not having a summer picnic last year, the Board decided to go all out and invite the entire trans community to our picnic this year. Late July was chosen because we were looking to attract some of the families with trans kids at the Children's Hospital Transgender Clinic. We chose a new venue as well, moving the picnic from Mt Airy Forest to Daniel Drake Park on old Red Bank Road, not far from the Red Bank Expressway exit off I-71. A completely new menu idea was tried as well for a picnic; instead of hamburgers and hot dogs, we did a build your own taco bar.

The hardest thing about putting on an event like this is estimating attendance. We chose to have people reserve a spot through Eventbrite, and we ultimately had 198 reservations. Looking at the numbers, at 3 tacos per person, we were looking at a fair amount of food preparation.

On the Friday before the picnic, Laurie and I went to Sam's Club and Gordon's Food Service and bought ingredients to make 600 tacos. That is 80 pounds of ground meat alone! No one had a kitchen big enough for that size prep work, so Stacy arranged for us to use the Mt Auburn Presbyterian Church kitchen at no charge. We were met there by Stacy, Lorie, Karla, Robin and Erica and the work began.



I mixed and measured spices, Stacy browned meat, Lorie crumbed it, Karla and Robin diced 25 pounds of tomatoes, Laurie diced 10 pounds of onions and Erica made sure everything we used was cleaned and put away. It took us about four and a half hours to get it all done and stored in gallon bags in the two refrigerators overnight.

At 8:30 the next morning, Stacy, Brittney and I were back at the church. It took two 120 quart cool-

ers and three 45 quart coolers to hold everything. We loaded it all in three vehicles and headed for Drake Park, getting there at 9. Wendy was already there with drinks and games and music. The four of us spent the next hour organizing and setting up two food serving lines. Laura Ann brought a selection of three sides she had cooked and Nancy and Sheila brought several gluten-free snacks and cookies.

The desserts people brought were really impressive.



Wendy brought her famous cheesecake. Joni and Tonya brought three key lime pies and set them up in a float with ice to keep them cool. It was really cute. Somebody brought cake from Servatii's and another person brought

a beautiful pineapple upside down cake.

The shelter house was quite nice. It had a large parking lot nearby and two bathrooms with running water. The park service sent a couple of fellows around to make sure both were stocked and clean. There was also a playground right next it. The best part was that it had a really high ceiling so that even though it got up to 89 degrees, it stayed shaded and cool, helped in part by a gentle breeze.



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People started arriving at 10am and we opened up the food lines at 11:30. By 2pm there were about 40 people there, about half Crossport folks we already knew and the rest folks we hadn't met before. It was really good to see a bunch of 20-somethings at a Crossport event, as well as a number of trans men. People played cornhole, hillbilly golf and threw a football around. Even better, they got to meet each other. I enjoyed seeing little groups gather to talk about Life, the Universe and Everything.



About half the people who were there early were gone by 4pm. Between 4 and 6 more people arrived, including two families, one of whom came in from Batavia. But we really didn't get anyone else

after 6pm, so by 7:30 we started taking everything down and were pretty much packed up and out by 8:30.

Even though it was a great day, we just did not get the numbers we had hoped. The official count of attendees at the end of the day was 68, not anywhere close to the 198 that had reserved. Needless to say, we had a LOT of food left over. On Sunday, Laurie and I delivered what was left over to the Esther Marie Hatton Center for Women at 2499 Reading Rd. They provide emergency housing for 60 homeless women and were thrilled to get the donation.



We are also sending out a survey to everyone who reserved, whether they attended or not, to try to get a handle on why there was such a large discrepancy, as well as seeking feedback from those who did attend on how to improve it. If you attended and did not make a reservation, please drop us a note to tell us what you did or did not like about the picnic.



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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 (Bar Louie) and its purpose is to provide an opportunity for all transgender individuals to get out and socialize at a safe environment. Often following dinner, some members proceed to another location for social engagement.

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 7:00pm*, 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. Held at Boswell's in Cincinnati's Northside neighborhood, dinner is at 7:00.

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, dinner at 7:00pm and music at 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.

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