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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 3, 7:00 pm, Mt. Auburn Presbyterian Church
First Friday Social Dinner, Fri. Sep 6, 7:00 pm, Tostados
Transgender Peer Support, Mon. Jul 9, 7:30 pm, Mt Auburn Presbyterian Church
Second Saturday Social Dinner, Sat. Sep 14, 7:00 pm, Boswell's
Third Thursday Dinner, Thur. Sep 19 7:00 pm, Location TBD
4th 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

October Board meeting, Tue. Oct 1, 7:00 pm, Mt. Auburn Presbyterian Church
First Friday Social Dinner, Fri. Oct 4, 7:00 pm, Tostados
Second Saturday Social Dinner, Sat. Oct 12, 7:00 pm, Boswell's
Transgender Peer Support, Mon. Oct 14, 7:30 pm, Mt Auburn Presbyterian Church
Third Thursday Dinner, Thur. Oct 17, 7:00 pm, Location TBD

Halloween Party! Costumes Encouraged!

4th Saturday Night Out, Sat. Oct 26, 7:00 pm, Crazy Fox Saloon, Newport

Transgender Peer Support, Mon. Oct 28, 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: Please Check the CrossportCincy Facebook group for updates on Social Event locations, as they are subject to change

NOTE FROM THE EDITOR

Why does the military trans ban matter?

Our community can be very contentious or thin skinned about slights, insults and injustices. Certainly, there are some issues that do not illicit a strong response across the demographic we refer to as the umbrella. And we are not always all of the same opinion on political, social and religious issues. But there are some basic issues that affect the Trans community across the board that I believe having a united front is imperative to our basic freedoms of life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. One of them is the freedom to participate in the defense of our country.

Regardless of opinions on other policy and executive style matters, I suggest the direction of the current administration in this ban is both detrimental to the trans community and unjustified. Further, by rescinding the ban, the administration could actually improve the lives of a great number of citizens and fulfill a promise to the LGBT community of protection and support. Other than a single public statement that the US decries blunt physical abuse of LGBT individuals at the hands of other governments, the current administration has gone out of it's way to eliminate any support of the entire community.

How is this ban detrimental to the trans community? By issuing this policy, and defending it's position, the administration has promoted several discriminatory ideas as acceptable and factual. By promoting and condoning these concepts at the Federal level, this implicitly influences the general public attitudes and beliefs. The rhetoric is based on several fallacies about: The physical reality of transgender people, the effects and requirements of transition, the cost of transition, the readiness and capability of trans people before, during and after transition, the appropriate use of funds to treat medical conditions, and the role of the military in providing justice and parity on social issues.

To begin with, the language used in the ban lumps does not distinguish between individuals that are experiencing GID, are in medical transition, are pre-transition, post-transition or are perhaps in a social transition. Instead, the language infers that all trans people suffer from GID, and further infers that GID is a debilitating mental condition that makes all trans people unfit for duty. This is important, because

the arguments for the ban focus on military readiness. The assumption that individuals will be in a perpetual state of limited physical or mental ability is seriously flawed.

From a physical perspective, even if an individual has major surgery, this is a temporary disability. There are lots of other procedures performed on soldiers that produce a similar temporary disability which do not disqualify them from service. Another often cited "complaint" is that the use of hormones is incompatible with potential in-field deployment conditions. The argument is that they need special care and refrigeration. While I am not a medical expert, I know that many HRT protocols use dry package delivery that does not suffer from the lack of refrigeration. Even if some protocols, say for testosterone delivery, do have this limitation, some do not. Even then, it could be possible to suspend certain protocols in a forward, war time deployment.

From a mental or emotional perspective, studies have shown that while GID can indeed adversely affect performance and judgement, it is not universally experienced in the same way, and can be treated or managed with a variety of techniques, which transition is one. Also consider that soldiers have dealt with other mental and emotional issues for year, without the need to bar them from service. Loss of a parent or child, divorce, and even PTSD are encountered regularly by those who serve. These issues can be addressed without a blanket dismissal of anyone who suffers them.

I could continue with a series of arguments and counters for why trans folks are unfit for duty, like non-acceptance by fellow soldiers, the propensity for blackmail, poor moral conduct and on. Most of these arguments are based on old, ill formed and unsubstantiated thoughts left over from the days of the Lavender Scare and DADT. But there is an even more important thought to consider. Because the military is a microcosm of our society, and belonging to the military is a very intimate experience of community, policies espoused by the military have a major impact on social impact on a wider scale. For example, the eventual parity and opportunity afforded African Americans has done a tremendous amount of good at reducing the effect of racism in both the military and society at large. It does this by opening the eyes of those involved to see value beyond background and birth. The concept of brothers in arms is vital to the military, but also carries on beyond the local unit.

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Some would argue that it is not the job of the military to serve as some grand social experiment. But the inclusion of trans folks is not an experiment, nor was the inclusion of ethnicities, races or biological sex. The United States Armed Services were not innovators in any of these areas, and success in all of these areas was experienced in Forces by other countries before acceptance by the US. The same is true for the inclusion of trans folks. Furthermore, the success of integration in these other areas predicts a model of success. In fact, it is likely that the Armed Services is limiting it's success to the primary mission by discounting a valuable resource just to appease narrow minded prejudice. Further, the adoption of a more diverse pool of talent is likely to have the effect

of fostering growth of youth even considering the military as a vocation.

It is important to note that the ban on trans inclusion in the military is not universally espoused by military leaders or troops, but predominately by politicians that do not have to live with their decisions or work in the trenches. The military has conducted study which supports inclusion. Policy should be driven by fact, not opinion. This issue affects all military personnel and American citizens alike, regardless of what political party they identify with. My hope is that those with influence will realize that this should not be treated as a partisan issue.

Your Editor,
Meghan Fournoit

SPECIAL ELECTION

Two important developments in the Crossport Board membership occurred in August. First is that the Open position that Marris Gene Fine held was filled during the August 6 Board Meeting. Joni Andrews has graciously volunteered to take that position, and the Board voted on and approved her designation as a Board member (as is witnessed in the meeting minutes. This issue of The Innerview contains an article introducing Joni to our constituents.

Second is the departure of Jill Ambrose. Jill tendered her resignation at the August 6 board meeting. Announced to the membership at large via social media and E-Mail on August 16, Jill is resigning her position after 6 years and 8 months. Health reasons have limited Jill's available time and energy to fulfill the numerous commitments she has with a variety of organizations. Jill will still serve in the role of Librarian for Crossport. With her resignation, another board position has become available.

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, September 3, 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, Joni, Laura Ann, Stacy, Wendy

**A BIG THANK YOU TO
Jill Ambrose
For many years and dedication as
Librarian and
Crossport Board Member!!!**

Happy Birthday!

Jamie Lynn T. Danielle Marie K. Tee D.
Chris R. Georgia D. Trina Ann D.
Mick S.

If you would like to be added to our list, please send

Crossport Board Meeting Minutes

August 6, 2019

Cathy was the meeting Facilitator.

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

(Gene had resigned the previous month; all other board members present)

Board members absent: None

Guests: Brittney A., Joni Andrews, Gina Marie

The meeting was called to order at 7:08 pm

Old Business:

Installation of a New Board Member: The board had accepted Gene's resignation at the previous meeting and wished her well as one of Crossport's reps to the Transgender Advisory Council. Cathy announced that there is an open board position to the voting membership and ask for volunteers to fill the remainder of Gene's term. Joni and Gina had expressed interest in becoming board members and attended the August meeting to make their case for board membership to the six board members who were present. After their presentation, a vote was taken the outcome of which was that Joni was elected to the board by a closed vote of 4-1 with 1 abstention

Minutes. Cathy submitted the Minutes from the July 2, 2019 meeting. They were accepted unanimously.

Picnic Followup: Crossport spent \$640.44 on the picnic. 68 people attended. The decisions were made to keep the same venue for next year and to shorten the hours to no more than five. There was discussion on how to better determine the number of attendees for future picnics and adjust the menu so less food preparation time was required.

Bar Louie Followup: The attendees at the July Thursday Social at Bar Louie were split as to whether the venue was appropriate due to several shortcomings in service and ambiance. It was determined that a decision whether to continue at that venue would be made after giving it a second try in August.

New Business:

Jill announced her retirement from the board effective with the close of the August 6th board meeting. Jill will continue to be the keeper of the Crossport Library. It was decided, as per the protocol established in the Bylaws, that Jill's retirement will be announced in an email to the membership with a request for eligible members interested in serving on the board to be present at the next the Board meeting, September 3rd 2019.

Chris Fortin from OUTCincinnati contacted Crossport by email, asking for a representative to be interviewed for radio broadcast. Laura Ann volunteered her time to return Chris' request. [Note: arrangements were subsequently made between Chris Fortin and Laura Ann for the interview to be done at 2:00 pm on Saturday, August 24th 2019.]

A closed door session was called to order. Cathy presented a petition on behalf of a Crossport event attendee. The Crossport Board voted 4 in favor and 1 against to add the petition to the next board meeting agenda. A special closed-door Board meeting was scheduled for the following Tuesday, August 13th 2019, to review the petition.

Monthly Reports:

Membership. Cathy submitted a report to the board. As of this Board Meeting, CrossPort currently has 39 voting members for 2019.

Finances. Cathy submitted a report to the board. Crossport has \$1428.34 in their checking account as of July 31, 2019.

CD/TS Peer Support Group. Stacy submitted a report to the board. She reported that attendance was 16 for the first meeting and 20 for the second.

First Friday Social. Stacy submitted a report to the board. She reported that in July, 12 attended.

Second Saturday Social. Stacy submitted a report to the board. She reported she was unable to attend but that Cathy filled in. 7 people went to dinner then some went to Crazy Fox afterwards.

Thursday Night Social. Stacy submitted a report to the board. She reported that at the new location at Bar Louie, we had 20 friends join us for dinner some of our friends complained about the noise and the slow service, it was Burger week in Cincinnati and they were really busy!

Saturday Night Out. Stacy submitted a report to the board. There was no Saturday night in July.

Library. Jill reported there was no activity this month.

Outreach. Cathy submitted a report to the board. TAC held their first board meeting on July 9. The second board meeting scheduled July 31 was moved to August 8.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:28 pm. The board agreed that Cathy should facilitate the September meeting.

Getting Stoned?

-Meghan Fournoit

Ok, so I used a clickbait title to this article. I'd ask for forgiveness, but since you are reading this, you must actually be intrigued. Hopefully this isn't too disappointing, but I am writing about Jewelry!

Two things inspired me recently. One was a scene from Pose, where Stan is shopping for a present for his wife, and his girlfriend Angela. Stan asks for advice on jewelry selection from the S.A. in an upscale store. The advice is that selection of colors should match skin tones. He suggests gold, red and amber for warm tones, and Silver, blues and greens for cool skin tones. I had never heard this, but sure enough, if you it up on the internet, there it is. Since it's on the internet, it must be true!

The second inspiration was a gift I recently received. I am out to a few select people at work, predominantly in the LBGT employee resource group. I was showing one guy some pictures of Meghan, and he remarked, "Gee, you must not like jewelry much". I confided in him that I just don't have much and am a little on the conservative side anyway. Mind you, I wear conservative studs, my wedding ring, and occasionally a cross under my shirt on a day to day basis. My friend, on the other hand, tends to wear larger, chunkier gold chains, heavier hoops and rings, and natural finished stones. A couple of days later, he had a gift for me of a couple of sets of natural stone and silver dangly type jewelry and some odds and ends rings. I get a 70's southwest vibe from the items, but they can be mixed a matched to the proper outfit beyond western wear. He said he had tons of this stuff at home and thought I could use a little bling.

Which brings me to the point of this article. How do you know what jewelry is right for you? While there is a lot of latitude for personal style, I will hazard a guess at some basic considerations. Much like clothing or make up, there are so many aspects and options available, it can be daunting to navigate this territory. It might be useful to break it down in terms of items, materials, colors and size. Each of these characteristics has a wide selection. Remember that the primary function of jewelry is to enhance your look. Jewelry and other accessories are rarely the main focus of your outfit, and should not take away from the true object of beauty: You.

That being said, typically you want to coordinate your jewelry to your outfit. While matching colors is a concept, remember that you don't want to be too matchy-matchy, or have some off shade that clashes. Contrast colors (that is opposite on the color wheel) can be done successfully, or naturally occurring combinations can work.

Think of copper matching to green, and especially aqua. Some times you will want to mix pieces that did not come in a set, like matching earrings to a necklace and bracelet. When doing this, try to stay with a close match on complementary colors. For example, pair silver earrings with the black or silver pearl necklace. While you can mix metals, it should be done with forethought.

How the jewelry hangs and how big you may want it to be can also depend on the neckline of your outfit. How busy your outfit may also affect size of your bling, as well as design and intricacy. You don't want the jewelry either overwhelming or getting lost. Typically longer necklaces match well to tops that cover your neck and décolletage, while scoop necks and more revealing tops do well with a mid length pendant. Less revealing tops that still show neck and collar bone are complimented with a choker. Consider where the jewelry is drawing the eye, and how comfortable it is to wear. Do you really want a lariat hanging down into your cleavage?

While style choices are subjective, there are still some matches that are classic. Nice simple styles, that cut a clean line look very classy with solid or simple two tone outfits. Ethnic designs pair best with ethnically inspired outfits. Think Greek geometric design with that gauzy white top, trimmed with Santorini blue highlights, or turquoise and silver with your tan fringed jacket and long suede skirt. Ethnic inspired outfits can be fun, but not everyone can pull them off. I doubt very seriously, I could rock an Indian Sari! Age appropriate dress is also important to a degree. Avoid very immature or overly matronly items. I'm sorry, but if you are over the age of 12, forget My Little Pony, Holli Hobbie or Hello Kitty (unless you really like those as a fetish....). Be careful with vintage pieces as well, not that there is anything wrong with them, just be aware that they can date you.



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Finally, consider the quality of the pieces that you wear. Avoid plastic stones, plastic chains, and well really plastic in general. Real stone and metal is not that more expensive, and looks much better. If you are using a piece that has paint or enamel, choose one that isn't chipped or the colors are out of the line. Sloppy workmanship does not convey confidence. Avoid cheap metals and finishes. Not only are the colors not as good, they can tarnish badly, stain your skin, cause allergic reactions, and even break at an inopportune moment. Workmanship of the jewelry is also part of the quality. Look for balanced lines, smooth transitions at joining points, and generally a lack of inclusions or defects in the piece.

Welcome our newest Board Member: Joni Andrews

-Meghan Fournoit

For those of you that have been paying attention, our good friend Marissa Gene has decided to step down from the board for a couple of reasons. This opened up an opportunity for another individual to step up to the position. Enter Joni from stage right! We've known Joni, and her lovely wife Tonya, for a couple of years. Joni has been a very active member and regularly shows up to a variety of meetings and social gatherings. Her announcement provides the perfect opportunity to get to know her better. Fortunately I took advantage of my Meghan night out during Third Thursday at Bar Louie to interview her.

My first question for Joni was what prompted her to volunteer to become a Board member. Joni responded "Well, I knew there was a vacancy becoming available on the board. I first heard about it at the Trans-family picnic. I also knew the board was over-worked and could use the help. I had been board meetings before as a guest, and when I saw a chance to serve the membership at large, I decided to take it."

Joni also said that the timing was right for her to take on this role. Her available free time has recently increased as her and Tonya's children have grown. Joni had considered running for election last year, but she had some health issues that have since improved.

I further inquired why Joni felt that becoming a board member was important. Joni indicated that Crossport does a lot of worthwhile things. For the members, it provides good resources both socially and through support. Integrating our members into the larger community is both good for the individual, and also provides the public a much better understanding of who we are, which hopefully leads to better acceptance.

I asked Joni what role on the board she would likely fulfill. She answered that while she would participate in a variety of tasks and discussions, her most

immediate role would be that of secretary. I ribbed her a little about needing more pencil skirts, to which she laughed. Joni told me that she was preparing for the role, not by shopping, but by looking into what it takes to perform her job well. We discussed this, and where she had sought advice. Her first piece of research was a very wise one: Joni asked the board what their expectations were. She also read up on this type of position from some online articles.

"The best piece of advice I got is that the secretary is not a court reporter. Not every piece of conversation needs to be recorded." We talked about the role in more detail, and Joni was quite interested in making sure she understood what could make her successful especially in providing the Innerview with the minutes, on time and in the best format. I told her I was very grateful for her efforts and looked forward to working with her on this.

Based upon Joni's description, I have a lot of confidence she will execute her charge well. Wait, does this make her an Executive Secretary?

When asked about what she thought Crossport could do to improve, Joni replied that she thought we were doing a pretty good job already. Joni felt that the support meetings were very good and that we have fair to good attendance at social events. She said that the events throughout the year were diverse enough and that some were spectacular. When pressed, Joni suggested that encouraging first-time-outers is very important. Joni mentioned that the success of the Trans-family picnic was an excellent example. She met several people that had never been to a Crossport event before. Some of them she knew

from an online (Facebook) existence but had never met them face to face.

Joni recollected "The picnic was a great success. Almost 70 some people showed up. It was really great, very laid back. Name tags helped. The food was great, games were fun and the location was safe and relaxed. Of course certain people did a ton of work to prepare everything, and that was a little stressful for them. I would like to see more members

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get involved next year to share the load.”

Wanting to share more about Joni on a personal level, I asked her how long she had been a Crossport member. Joni considered her first real Crossport event to be the Christmas party in 2016. She had gone to a previous social event, but only a couple of people showed up. Not to be discouraged, Joni and Tonya tried again, at the suggestion of someone they were friends with on Crossdressers.com. The happy couple had a great time, and with subsequent events, found a group they could relate to.

I asked Joni about this, and her first impressions of the group. Joni said “Well, they seemed like a nice bunch of friendly people that liked to dress in pretty cloths. What struck me was, first, that these people were really normal, and second, I was not unusual or alone”

Inevitably the question of How Long Have You Been Dressing came up. Kind of like “What’s your Major” when you’re in college, this question, although almost cliché, can provide some insight into who this person is. Joni, of course, responded by asking me what I meant by the question, as there are many facets and actions that can define what constitutes a non-normative gender expression. But to get down to it, Joni’s earliest memories of gender questioning began at 5. Why did girls and boys not get to dress the same? Then later around 10, Joni discovered some garments her mother had outgrown, so she tried them on. Like many of us this occurred on and off for a few years.

At age 14, while she was in the High School drama club, Joni was attracted to stage craft. This included set construction, costuming and makeup of course. Joni was fascinated by how make up could make an actor appear younger or older or someone completely different. Joni shared a room in the attic with her brother (remember the late 70’s?) She had a secret stash of make up she put together, and experimented up in her room, almost getting caught on a number of occasions. This is when Joni first saw herself looking back from the mirror, in all that 70’s big turquois blue eye shadowed glory.

While it was somewhat obvious that Joni’s current wife and oldest daughter know about her (after all, they shared the table with me at the restaurant), I was curious about how many close people in her life she shared with. That list has been growing. While Tonya knew early on (yea!), recently Joni divulged to all of her and Tonya’s kids. They have been very accepting and it makes life much easier. Joni also confided in her best friend from high school. His reaction

was, “Well that just makes you a more interesting person”

The journey of Joni’s revelation continues. She is planning on discussing this aspect of her with additional siblings. Some of them already have a clue, given a couple of Halloween costumes she has appeared in. Plus a mutual friend of theirs commented on Joni’s comportment and mannerisms on occasion. “Look at that pony tail flip! Like He’s done That before!”

With Joni taking steps to normalize herself and share with family and friends, the question arose of where do you see yourself on the Trans Spectrum? After joking about a specific number on a sliding scale and logarithmic values, Joni gave the question some thought. In a discovery phase, Joni doesn’t find trying to assign a number or ratio very useful. Joni is still working out her personal identity. For her, this is a very personal issue, and a journey. With her spouse and family at her side, she still has a lot of questions to be answered, and her map for the journey is not yet complete. For now, Joni would rather not speculate any further on what that means.

I asked Joni what are the best and worst parts of being gender diverse. Her answers reflect what many of us feel. “The best part is the chance to be pretty. It makes me happy” she told me. As far as the hardest thing goes, it’s the end of the evening, taking off the make-up and deconstructing which is always a let down. That’s one of the big reasons she has come out to more of her family. She is much freer to express her self (as long as there are no strangers around) with no issues or worries at home.

Finally, I asked Joni if she had any thoughts or advise to people that are new to their gender identity discovery. She suggested that new folks come to the support group meeting and social events. It may be difficult, but you shouldn’t feel bad or guilty about who you are. This is not that unusual and certainly not dangerous or “bad”. We live in the United States of America, and we are free to be who we are.

A BIG THANK YOU TO
Renae R.
 For becoming a
Gold Level Crossport Member!!!

A Historical look back at the InnerView

-Cathy Allison

Crossport was started in June 1985 and the first InnerView newsletter was published in July 1985. Heather Cox, who started our group, always felt strongly that a newsletter not only kept people informed about what was going on, but provided a documented history of our community; who we were, what we did, how we would change and grow.

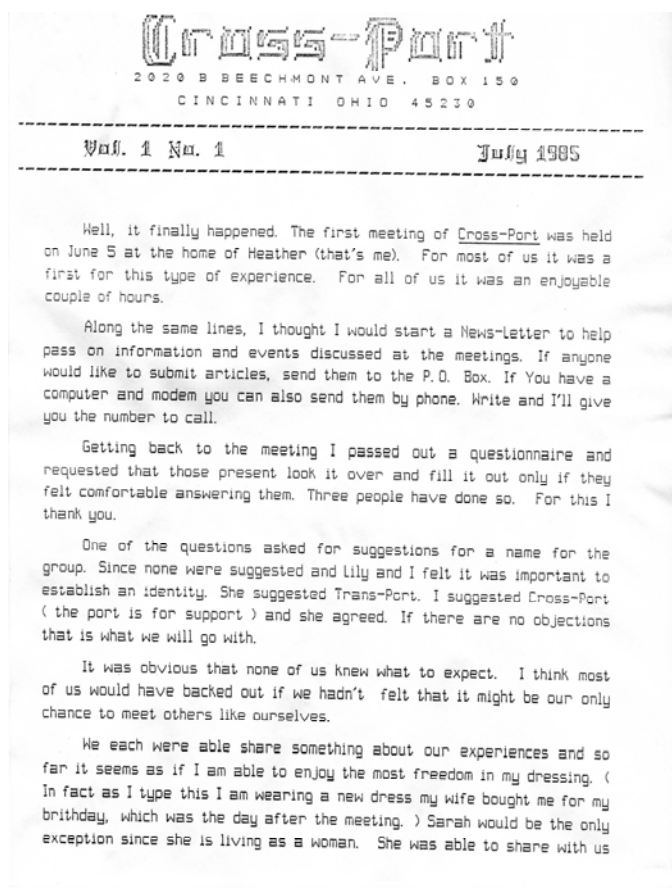
Since that first issue, the InnerView has been published (with a few exceptions) every month for over 34 years. We have had many dedicated newsletter editors over those 34 years. From June 1985 through August 2019, there have only been 15 issues that were not published when they should have been. Including this issue, 396 issues of the InnerView have been published. Assuming that our current hard working editor Meghan Fournoit continues cranking out issues, in January 2020 we will publish our 400th issue! Wow.

I love the current newsletter email distribution system. I was Crossport's second newsletter editor, from January 1989 until December 1991. I think my

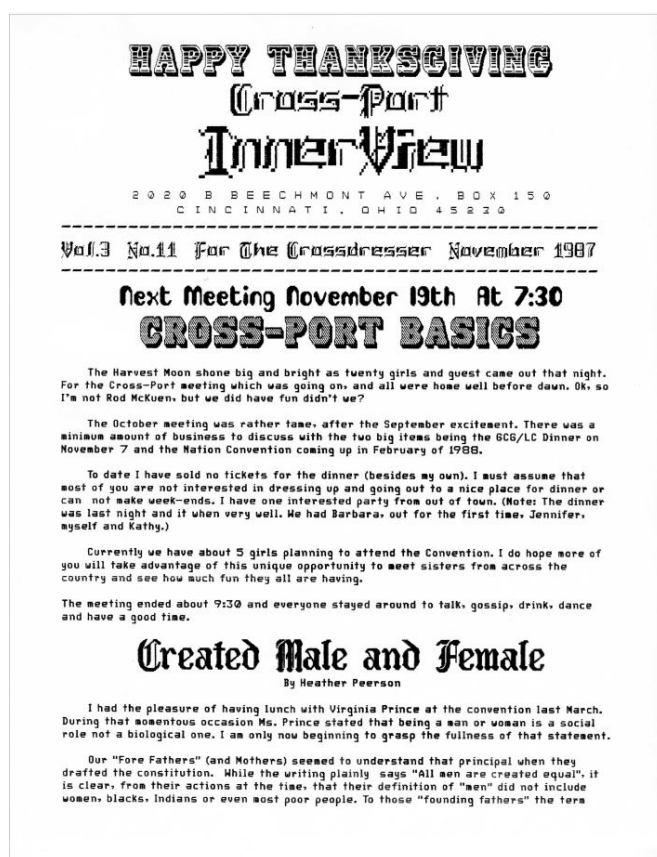
biggest contribution during that time was switching the printing of the newsletter from a dot matrix printer to a laser. In the days before "The Internet", we would mail about 150 issues every month. It was a tremendous undertaking.

First, due to the weight limit of what could be sent using a first class stamp, we were limited to an eight page format. After printing the "master copy" (which I did at work because a laser printer in 1989 cost over \$1500), we took it to a printer to have 175 issues printed. We had to have extras to mail out to new subscribers and sometimes we messed up a couple during the *manual* collating process. Four to eight of us would gather together, often in my home and we would form an assembly line. Collate, staple, fold twice, stuff in an envelope, apply address label, add a postage stamp then place in a box. The whole process would take 2-3 hours depending on the number of people involved. Then off to the post office to complete the mailing. The entire process took 2-3 days dependent on the printer.

It cost a tremendous (for us) amount of money to mail out the newsletter. A first class stamp in 1989 was \$.25 so mailing 150 issues was \$37.50 just in postage. In 1991 the cost of a first class stamp jumped to \$.29 so our postage costs increased \$6 a



The very first Innerview from 1985. State of the art!!



Innerview from November of 1987. Still using Dot matrix graphics

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month. If we had to mail them today at the current rate of \$.55, postage alone would be \$82.40 a month. Ouch!

In early 2017, after returning to Crossport after being gone for 23 years, I started trying to locate copies of all the hundreds of issues of the InnerView that have ever been published. As it turned out, the Crossport Archives only had issues from 2002 to 2008! All of a sudden, my goal seemed almost impossible.

For the next two years, I started searching for old issues. Google searches located issues in the Canadian Lesbian & Gay Archives and in the Oviatt Library at California State University. More issues were located locally in the Ohio Lesbian Archives here in Cincinnati. But it was primarily former InnerView editors and writers who helped me locate most of the missing issues. I would like to thank Heather Cox, Bobbie Robertson, Kristine Jones, Erica Cameron, Jeanette Caden, Beverly Haven and Meade Stemple for their invaluable help.

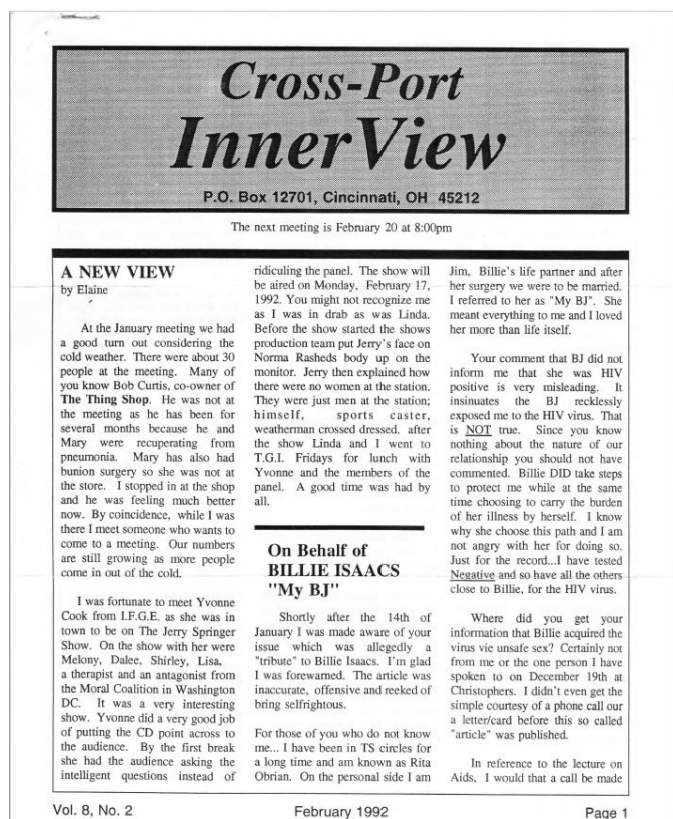
I am currently missing a mere seven of the 396 issues published to date, a 92.8% "found" rate.

The few still missing are:

1985 - August
1995 - October
2001 - January, December
2004 - September, December
2005 - February

I would also like to thank the 17 (more or less) editors the InnerView has had since July 1985. And please, if you know of any errors in this list, please let me know.

Heather Cox, July 1985-Dec 1988
Cathy Allison, Jan 1989-Dec 1991
Elaine Bair, Jan 1992-Dec 1994
Bobbie Robertson, Jan 1995-May 1996
Jennette Caden, June 1996-Sep 2002
Jenelle Rose, Oct 2002-Mar 2003
Marie Loux, May 2003-Jun 2003
Stacy Lynn Makin & Marsha Dimel, Jul 2003-Jan 2004
Joanna Lerner, Feb 2004-Jul 2005
Jenelle Rose, Oct 2005-May 2006
Erica Cameron, Jun 2006-Dec 2007
Unknown, Jan 2008
Tammie Huber, Feb 2008-Jun 2009



Innerview from February of 1992. Laser graphics added sophistication. It was printed in color, but copies were still black and white.



Innerview from June of 1997. Artwork and images became easier to incorporate (Continued on page 10)

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Erica Cameron, Jul 2009-Dec 2014

Meade Stemple, Jan 2015-Feb 2017

Laura Ann Weaver, Mar 2017-Apr 2017

No one, May 2017-Dec 2017

Meghan Fournoit, Jan 2018-today

There are currently 155 issues of the InnerView published from 1985-1996 available online at the Digital Transgender Archive: <https://www.digitaltransgenderarchive.net/>

The DTA currently has 113 different collections of pictures, magazines, photographs and newsletters and is tremendous resource to anyone researching trans life over the years though 2000. Check them out!

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Board Election Time!

By Jenette Caden, Editor

We wish the best of luck to all candidates. Candidate campaign statements were requested from all candidates. We received one from everyone and they are printed on Page 3 of this issue.

You may remember that Melissa Montgomery and Heather Black resigned earlier this year. In addition, Marsha Dinsel has decided to not run after four consecutive terms as a board member.

We nominated a total of six girls. This means that we have six candidates for the seven board seats.

In alphabetical order (by last name), the seven candidates for the 2001-2002 term of the CrossPort board are as follows (incumbent board members are noted as such):

- Shelly Brooks (incumbent)
- Barbara Ellis (incumbent)
- Cynthia Jeffries (incumbent)
- Stacy Lynn Parker (incumbent)
- Jennelle Rose
- Michelle Duval

As in past years, there are a few common sense rules. For your ballot to be valid, you must vote for no fewer than one but no more than seven candidates (including write-ins) on your ballot.

As write-in votes may play a significant role in the voting, here is the policy we have used for all previous elections: Write-in candidates are acceptable, however, a write-in candidate must also accept the position if elected for their election to all ballots are received.

The election will be by majority of votes cast, with the top seven being declared the winners. The results will be announced prior to the end of that meeting, plus printed here next month. The new board takes office, effective immediately. (Admittedly, the election is pretty much a given for those six, as long as each candidate gets at least one vote. If we don't get any write-ins and do not elect seven board members, it will be up to the remaining board members to appoint someone to fill in.

Remember, there is a way to fix that: Run for a board seat next year!

Mail-In Ballot

If you decide to mail in your ballot, fill it out completely and send it to the CrossPort P.O. Box address listed on Page 10. For anonymity, you should NOT include a return address, but please DO mark the word "BALLOT" on the outside of the envelope in the lower left corner. All such envelopes will be held unopened until all ballots are received at the meeting, at which time, these envelopes will be opened and their votes included and tallied with the others. Don't forget to vote!

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Sign up for the Equality Ohio Lobby Day! Wednesday May 10! See page 5!

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Tammie and Debi's Cali trip
By Debbie Johnson

As some of you know Tammie and I went out to California January 16th thru the 23rd and boy what an adventure. It all started when I needed to get my Name change done and see my Doctor (yes I am fulltime). So Tammie and I started to look at trip dates, Airfares (best prices), rental cars and set up our Doctors Appt. Once we got all of that arranged we started looking at Airport flying guidelines for flying En-femmen and you will never guess what we found or heard back from the Airport security people? Well we found out nothing I mean we never heard back from the Airport security (email) so Tammie said that I am going to be the Guinea Pig for this trip (enfemmen and no fem ID) so I did and there was not a look nor any kind of questions at any of the Airport, restrooms or even the restaurant/bars in there and Tammie flew back enfemmen with no problems either. So for those who are thinking of traveling enfemmen and aren't sure about it I say Go For It.

Tuesday 1/16/07

So we arrived at Ontario Airport in So Cal at around 9:00 pm on the 16th (Tuesday) and had to go over and get the rental car (Budget) and once we got it we were on the road heading to my Mom's house (Debi's) but on the way I had to stop in at the In & Out burger on the way (great burgers) and

get us a couple Burgers (Double/Double animal style mmmmm) since Tammie has never had one I just had to go there, so we got some and ate then finished the trip to my Mom's house.

From left: Debi's mom, Debi, Andi, and Tammie

We arrived at my Mom's home (Tammie has never met my Mom or Baker except for the phone) and unloaded the car (4 suit cases) and rang the bell.

My Mom answered the door and was just so very happy to see us. So while we were sitting around talking and Tammie and my Mom were getting to know each other we realized what time it was and Tammie and I had my Doc appt. to go to the next day so we called it a night.

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Innerview from March 2007, PDF allows for emailing and posting on line, With Color!

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Spironolactone
By Laura Ann Weaver

This is the first of two articles on the two principle medications used for feminization.

Editor's note: The views presented in this article are those of a Crossport member. Hormone use should only be under the direction of a qualified physician.

Spironolactone is one of the principle medications used for feminization of the male body. The other, of course, is an estrogen compound - principally estradiol. In combination, the estradiol increases the female hormone levels while the spironolactone inhibits testosterone the male hormone - production. Both men and women produce testosterone and estrogen but in different proportions. The objective, under medical supervision, is the change the balance when wanting to change the sexual characteristics of the person. Mind you, no drug is able to change a person's gender identity. For those of us whose gender identity does not match our sexual characteristics, then medications that emphasize one sexual characteristic over the other is an option - one which should be taken only after serious consideration and medical consultation.

Spironolactone is a prescription medication typically administered orally as pills available in 25 mg, 50 mg, and 100 mg doses. Its principle use is to treat hypokalemia which is low potassium. Potassium has an important function in the body in maintaining heart rhythm and causing muscle contraction. Too little potassium can result in congestive heart failure. Spironolactone is used as a weak diuretic to treat hypertension (high blood pressure) by allowing the kidneys to excrete excess sodium while keeping the level of potassium intact. It is, therefore, referred to as *potassium-retentive*. And it is used in the treatment of liver cirrhosis and other diseases. The side effect makes it an androgenic competitive inhibitor - that is, a drug which blocks testosterone by occupying a receptor site used by the testosterone.

However, using a potassium-retentive drug such as spironolactone can cause potassium

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Special Notice: Social Meeting location

For the last few Monthly Social Meetings, we have tried Dee Felice and the York Street Cafe. The Crossport Board is considering trying other venues before making a decision for the ongoing location for the Social Meeting.

We will be discussing the meeting location at the Board Meeting on April 1. When we set the venue for the April meeting, we will send word out.

Feel free to share any input on the meeting location with the Board. If you have questions or comments on the meeting location contact Crossport at 513-344-0116 or at crossportincity@yahoo.com

Innerview from March 2014, Updated Masthead with new Logo, very close to today's format.

Love Lives Here: A Story of Thriving in a Transgender Family

A BOOK REVIEW

-by Tonya Andrews

I became friends with Amanda Jette Knox on Facebook in August of 2016, right after Joni shared with me that she had a feminine side. I had heard about her family's story online. Zoe, her wife, had gone back to work after coming out as transgender, and her coworkers had thrown her a party. I messaged her on Facebook and told her about Joni coming out to me and how we were getting married within the month. I expressed to her I was happy she shared their story on FB because there were people in the world that needed to hear that when you love someone you love THEM, not how they present.

Fast forward a few years and Amanda has shared her story in a wonderful memoir entitled "Love lives here: A story of Thriving in a Transgender Family" The story is about her daughter sharing her true self with her parents, by coming out as transgender. The disclosure tipped off

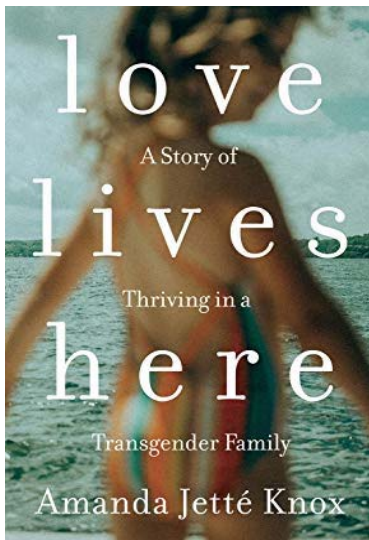
the beginning of their entire family coming out as their true selves, including her spouse also coming out as transgender. It is a story of love and acceptance.

I wondered when I read the book if Amanda and I would have a lot in common. Is there something that makes some S.O.'s immediately say, "Umm okay, so my picture of a happy family might end up looking a little different then I imagined it, but it is STILL a happy family."

What I read was a story of a someone looking for a secure life and wanting that for everyone she loves. She is authentic about what she felt when finding out revelations about her child and her spouse. Amanda writes honestly about her own internal struggles, and her fierce love for the people around her. She is blunt about her stumbles and things that she looks back on now, and can see where she should have done better. She is authentic about her doubts that this would all work out, and her commitment to doing research and advocating, or whatever she needed do to help make it work for the people she loves.

I *can* relate to that. I think everyone should read this book. I think peo-

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ple who love LGBTQ people should read the book. I think people who think they have never met or have a LGBTQ person in their inner circle should read the book. I think Mamas (and Daddies) trying to support their transgender children should read this book. It does not give you a roadmap on how to be an ally, but it teaches love and acceptance. In a world full of hate, we all need more of that.

Tonya and Joni have donated a copy to the Crossport library. It is available on Amazon as well, for people who want to purchase it. It may be difficult to find in a bookstore because it has mostly been released in Canada. ISBN: 0735235171; Publisher: Viking (July 30, 2019); Publication Date: July 30, 2019

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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. (For more information call the Hotline Phone listed below.)

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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