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## Crossport Schedule of Events

The Monthly Schedule of Events for Crossport for April and May are as follows:

**NOTE: SCHEDULED EVENTS MAY BE CANCELLED, RESCHEDULED OR RELOCATED DEPENDING UPON THE CURRENT DIRECTIVES FOR SOCIAL DISTANCING DUE TO THE CORONA VIRUS PANDEMIC.**

(Strikeouts are cancelled, red text are uncertain, green text are current, blue text are changes from usual schedule or place)

1st Friday Social Dinner, Fri. May 1, 7:00 pm, Tostados

May Board meeting, Tue. May 5, 7:00 pm, [Via Zoom](#)

2nd Saturday Social Dinner, Sat. May 9, 7:00 pm, Boswell's

Transgender Peer Support, Mon. May 11, 7:30 pm, [Via Zoom](#)

3rd Thursday Dinner, Thur. May 21, 7:00 pm, The Rusty Bucket 2692 Madison Rd

4th Saturday Night Out, Sat. May 23, 7:00 pm, TBD

Transgender Peer Support, Mon. May 25, 7:30 pm, Mt Auburn Presbyterian Church (**Memorial Day, Check May Newsletter or FB for update**)

June Board meeting, Tue. Jun 2, 7:00 pm, Mt Auburn Presbyterian Church

1st Friday Social Dinner, Fri. Jun 5 7:00 pm, Tostados

Transgender Peer Support, Mon. Jun 8, 7:30 pm, Mt Auburn Presbyterian Church

2nd Saturday Social Dinner, Sat. June 13, 7:00 pm, Boswell's

3rd Thursday Dinner, Thur. Jun 18, 7:00 pm, The Rusty Bucket 2692 Madison Rd

Transgender Peer Support, Mon. Jun 22, 7:30 pm, Mt Auburn Presbyterian Church

**PRIDE HAS BEEN CANCELED FOR JUNE**

4th Saturday Night Out, Sat. Jun 27, 7:00 pm, TBD

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](mailto:CrossportCincy@yahoo.com) or post them on the

CrossportCincy Facebook group

**Please Check the CrossportCincy Facebook group for updates on Social Event locations, as they are subject to change**

**NOTE FROM THE EDITOR****Inch by Inch**

Ok, so I'm showing my age, but this song is going through my head. Written in 1975 by David Mallet, The Garden Song has been recorded by several folk singers. My most vivid memory of this song is from the Peter Paul and Mary CD that my wife and I insentiently played while trying to get our newborn first child to stop crying and allow us to get some desperately needed sleep. The first couple of verses went like this:

Inch by inch, row by row  
 Gonna make this garden grow  
 Gonna mulch it deep and low  
 Gonna make it fertile ground  
 Inch by inch, row by row  
 Please bless these seeds I sow  
 Please keep them safe below  
 'Til the rain comes tumbling down

It's actually a very good song that has a very encouraging message and even some humor later in the song. I am reflecting on this song in answer to a question running around in my mind. How do we keep our organization alive and growing? The simple answer is inch by inch and row by row. Organizations can be a lot like a plant or a garden, and typically grow in an organic fashion.

Certainly we can provide essentials like communications, events, and providing easy access by having regularly scheduled meetings in familiar places. Even though our current social distancing requirements are putting some of these things on hold, they WILL return, but perhaps in an altered form. Regardless, all of these things are like water, sun and fertilizer. But to help insure that a garden grows strong and produces, we need an extra bit of care. While having a presence on the internet can help "advertise" Crossport, a personal invitation or a warm welcome are often the biggest factors in deciding to join.

My reason for being editor for the Innerview is quite selfish. I see Crossport as an important, if not essential, vehicle for self acceptance and growth. I value the friendships and comradery that I get from participating, and have come to count on the organization to enable me to connect with others. For me, without the security and support of a group like Crossport, I would have been very reluctant to venture out. Instead, I would continue to cycle between a closet existence, and the parched existence of denial and "purge-atory". Instead, by trying to help where I can, I hope to foster growth of this vital life link.

Before the pandemic, I was going to appeal to our community to help by participating more fully in the various social and outreach events that we have scheduled. One of the biggest annual events that gave us a tremendous opportunity to reach out has been PRIDE. If you haven't heard, the event in June has been cancelled for the year. There is a chance it may occur later in the year, but that is uncertain. Given the situation, I am now changing my appeal from participating in these events to a deeper commitment. Crossport desperately needs members, friends and allies to be as communal as possible.

We need feed back from each of you on how we can meet the needs of the community. Let us know what you need! Also I would love to see us expand beyond this and get ideas and suggestions from you on creative ideas that might help us strengthen and enjoy our relationships. Beyond this, as I originally intended for this article, I would love to have a conversation on how we can break through to the hundreds of individuals out there that live in fear. Closets are for dresses, not Crossdressers! (or other trans folks)

Your Editor,  
 Meghan Fournoit

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## NOTICE ABOUT SUPPORT MEETINGS

In light of the continuing restrictions on gatherings, the Monday evening Crossport Support Group will be meeting virtually until further notice.

We are using Zoom as our meeting platform. Zoom clients and apps may be downloaded here:

<https://zoom.us/download>

If you're joining a Zoom meeting for the very first time, please watch this How to Join a Zoom Meeting video first.

Please join the Zoom room at least 15 minutes ahead, especially if you've never Zoomed before.

You can join using a laptop, iPad or smartphone for the video portion. Even a desktop that doesn't have a cam.

You can use a phone with the phone number listed

below.

Using the video portion is not required. Audio is enough for sharing!

To join our Zoom Support Meeting on Monday, April 27 at 7:30pm:

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If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to email us at: [crossportcincy@yahoo.com](mailto:crossportcincy@yahoo.com)

Just a reminder that if you are on Facebook, we have a private discussion group. You need to ask to become a member.

Please let us know if you want to be added!

## Cathy's Corner

-Cathy Allison

April has just kind of oozed by. Thanks to the coronavirus, not only was TDoV cancelled, but we have gotten word that both Northern Kentucky Pride and Cincinnati Pride have been "postponed" and there have been no substitute dates put forward for either yet.

Everyone's life has been put on hold and now the argument is "stay at home to be safe" vs. "open up to save businesses, jobs and people's finances." As I write this, the unemployment figures are higher than they have been since the Great Depression. Over 30 million people in this country are out of work and over 12.5 million have lost their employer based health care. It boggles the mind. Makes me glad I have never run for public office.

On top of all this financial angst, our own Federal Government's Department of Health and Human Services is one step closer to finalizing a major change to the federal regulation implementing the civil rights provision, Section 1557, of the Affordable Care Act (ACA) to remove explicit protections for LGBTQ people in health care programs and activities by excluding protections from discrimination based on sex stereotyping and gender identity.

Just in the last month, one of our members had an appointment to see an Endocrinologist for the first time to get help with her diabetes. When the doctor reviewed her chart and saw that she was transgender, he had his nurse call her and cancel the appointment because he "isn't trained in that transgender stuff". Dr. Jimmy Alele from TriHealth Physician Partners is the doctor. He is originally from Uganda which as a country has a horrible record on LGBT rights. One has to wonder if his country of birth affected his decision to not see our sister. We definitely need explicit protections in health care.

If you need trans affirming medical care, Equitas Health is up and running with their new clinic in Cincinnati. Many people for our community have already gone to them for trans affirming health care, and everything I have heard about them has been very positive. Their website is here: <https://equitashealth.com/locations/cincinnati-medical-center> or you can call them at 513-815-4475.

What will May bring? Ohio's Stay at Home Order has been extended through May 29 with additional exceptions. Businesses will be starting to open back up, it appears. Social distancing, face masks and reduced store capacity will be in place. Restaurants, salons and gyms will have to wait until Ohio

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## Transgender fertility study sheds light on testosterone's impact

Trans men who stopped taking testosterone for an average of four months were found to have similar egg yields to cisgender women.

April 14, 2020, 10:06 AM EDT

By Julie Compton

(from <https://www.nbcnews.com/feature/nbc-out/transgender-fertility-study-sheds-light-testosterone-s-impact-n1182636> *images removed*)

When Emmett Hardiman transitioned at age 18, he didn't think he would ever have his own child. At the time, doctors told the transgender man that long-term testosterone use would probably ruin his reproductive organs, along with any chance of having kids.

"It was very much the belief that you could only be on testosterone for so long before you had to get everything removed or you would be very high risk [for cancer] or you were definitely going to be infertile," Hardiman, 29, told NBC News.

Now, research is giving fertility experts insight into the true impact of testosterone use on fertility.

A recent study from Boston IVF, a fertility clinic and research organization, based on eight years of patient data, revealed that transgender men who stopped taking testosterone for an average of four months had similar egg yields to cisgender (nontransgender) women when undergoing ovarian stimulation.

"The numbers were very small (about 25 patients in total), but it was very reassuring that even though these transgender men had taken testosterone, when they stopped it and were treated, they responded well and we had good outcomes," said Dr. Samuel Pang, a reproductive endocrinologist and medical director at Boston IVF.

It's unclear how many trans men give birth or have their eggs frozen in the U.S. In Australia, where government agencies have tracked both sex and gender in official records since 2013, 54 transgender men gave birth in 2014, according to data from the country's universal health care system. A Dutch study published in the journal *Human Reproduction* in 2012 found that a majority of trans men reported wanting families.

If possible, trans men who know they want to have children should get their eggs frozen prior to transitioning, according to Pang. For one, it's unclear what effect long-term testosterone use might have on eggs and embryos, even if the person goes off hormone treatment prior to fertilization. However, he added, there have been no reports thus far of harmful side effects to children born to those who have taken testosterone.

He added that gender dysphoria is another reason to freeze eggs prior to transition.

"I have seen a lot of transgender men who come in, they've already transitioned, they've already started testosterone," Pang said, but "the thought of stopping testosterone or going through hormone treatments is very daunting for them, so they frequently will not pursue it because of that."

### 'I had to make a choice'

Hardiman, an attorney who lives in Cranston, Rhode Island, said he believed that transitioning would prevent him from ever having his own kids. At the same time, the gender dysphoria he suffered since childhood — the distress many trans people feel over the mismatch between their gender and sex assigned at birth — was severe. Throughout high school, he wore baggy clothes to conceal his developing body, and started to self harm. Though he feared the impact it might have on his fertility, he said he began making plans to transition as soon as he turned 18. "I had to make a choice," Hardiman said.

But his fear turned out to be unwarranted. At age 21, he lost his health insurance when his father died, and was forced to discontinue his hormone treatment. Hardiman's period soon returned. By then, he was married, and decided to get his eggs harvested so his wife, Calla, could get pregnant with his child through in vitro fertilization. Now, he is a father to two daughters, ages 3 and 6.

"I mean there is definitely a hard, difficult choice either way," he said of his decision to undergo fertility treatment. "Just having to go off testosterone in order to do IVF was not a great option, but it was to me better than the alternative."

According to Dr. Johanna Olson-Kennedy, medical director of the Center for Transyouth Health and Development at Children's Hospital Los Angeles, it's not uncommon for young trans men to be unsure

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about their fertility options, since there has been little data on it until now.

“I think there is a giant myth that testosterone turns your ovaries into papier-mâché,” she said, “and I think these studies that are coming out are saying that’s not true, actually. Actually, they are more like hibernating.”

“Now, when people are making these decisions to either carry their own children or harvest, they will come off of testosterone and their body kicks in,” Olson-Kennedy continued. “They start ovulating, having menstrual cycles, and then they go through harvesting procedures or whatever they decide to do.”

Still, many trans men may struggle with dysphoria around having their own children, even if it’s what they want.

“It does still seem like there is either a fear that their reproductive systems won’t work because of testosterone, or there’s that feeling that carrying a child would devalue their existence as a man,” said Chris Rehs-Dupin, 36, a parking enforcement officer who lives in Columbus, Ohio.

Rehs-Dupin, who is trans, said he made the decision to have his own child before he transitioned. One reason, he said, was because he wasn’t sure what impact testosterone might have on his ability to have children later. Another reason, he said, was because his wife was struggling with infertility at the time, and they desperately wanted their own biological child.

“I realized I could do this; there was nothing keeping my body from doing it,” said Rehs-Dupin, who gave birth to a daughter, now 5 years old, through IVF in 2014.

### **Informing trans youth about fertility options**

As transgender individuals start to transition at younger ages, many questions remain about how hormone blockers may potentially impact their fertility as adults.

Hormone blockers, which are used to delay puberty in trans youth, do not cause infertility, experts say — their purpose is to buy these teens some time while they decide whether transitioning is right for them. But if a teenager who has been on puberty blockers moves on to cross-sex hormones without first going through an endogenous puberty, the reproductive organs won’t have a chance to fully mature. However, if a trans man who takes this path does de-

cide at some point in adulthood to go off testosterone in order to have children, he should, in theory, be able to go through an endogenous puberty, according to Olson-Kennedy. But since hormone blockers are a relatively new treatment, experts can only speculate.

“We don’t know because no one has ever done it,” she said. “I mean, it stands to reason that somebody would, because your hypothalamus doesn’t change — you’re still secreting the same hormones that you would otherwise, you’re just significantly delayed.”

According to the guidelines from the World Professional Association for Transgender Health, Fenway Health and the Endocrine Society, among other health organizations, providers should advise trans patients — both adults and youth — about the potential impact to future fertility that transition-related care might have as part of the informed consent process, and brief them about their reproductive options before treatment.

There is little data on how often trans youth and their families seek fertility preservation. While surveys indicate these young individuals receive a wide range of counseling on the matter, one study found that only 13 percent were referred to fertility preservation clinics, and that a disproportionate number of them were transgender girls (assigned male at birth), according to a 2019 report from the journal *Pediatrics*.

According to the same study, transgender youth showed a mix of interest in possible family building options, including both the ability to eventually have their own children and adopt, while other studies found lower rates of interest in having children among these youth. Half of them, however, questioned whether their feelings might change as they got older.

Fertility experts usually recommend trans youth who want to undergo fertility preservation temporarily stop treatment in order to freeze eggs or sperm. But a recent case report from the University of Pittsburgh Medical Center suggests that going off hormone blockers may not always be necessary. According to the report, published last year, a 16-year-old trans boy was able to have his eggs preserved without stopping hormone blockers. Five of his eggs were harvested, and four were successfully preserved, according to the report, published last year in the *New England Journal of Medicine*.

While it was only one case and the retrieval

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was small, the findings were significant, considering more people are transitioning earlier in life, according to Dr. Stephanie Rothenberg, the fertility doctor who treated the teen. But she said the procedure still posed challenges for a young person, who was struggling with dysphoria. The teen was unwilling to go off blockers, she said, and required extensive counseling over a period of several months to prepare him for potential side effects.

“It was a big discussion with a lot of counseling and just making sure that everybody was on the same page about the fact that we just didn’t know what was going to happen,” said Rothenberg, who is now at Pacific NW Fertility in Seattle.

While the teenager remained on hormone blockers, he did experience one period and developed a small amount of breast tissue during the fertility process, she said. And while it was his choice to undergo treatment with his parents’ support, she said the teen still struggled with dysphoria.

“He has several mental health care providers, so we were able to coordinate support for him; he also had an extraordinarily supportive family,” she said. “But I think that he felt prepared that that was going to happen, and then ultimately, it was very challenging for him.”

In an email to NBC News, Pang said the results of the Pittsburgh case study are “new and encouraging information” for dysphoric teenagers who wish to preserve eggs, but he said the sparse number of eggs retrieved are unlikely to result in a future baby.

“Until there are more cases reported, and until cases which ultimately result in successful pregnancy and live births are reported, I continue to have significant concerns about whether fertility preservation can truly be accomplished while these pre-pubertal teens are treated with puberty suppression drugs,” he wrote. “The bottom line is that fertility preservation isn’t just about being able to freeze a few eggs; fertility preservation is the ability to freeze eggs which can ultimately be used successfully to achieve a successful pregnancy and live birth of a healthy baby.”

Transgender girls may be able to have sperm preserved prior to hormone treatment, depending on the progression of endogenous puberty at the time, according to Rothenberg. In an email, however, she said there have been no reports to date of any attempting to preserve sperm while on hormone blockers, and that success would likely be “quite low” un-

less blockers are discontinued.

While the impacts of hormone treatment on fertility remains uncertain for these teens, specialists who work closely with trans youth stress the importance of the mental health benefits they offer. Not only do these treatments prevent them from having to undergo unnecessary surgical interventions in the future — such as mastectomies and facial feminization surgeries, which cost thousands of dollars — they help reduce youth suicide attempts and depression, and give them the ability to function at school free from discrimination and the constant nagging of their own dysphoria. These benefits, experts argue, should not be outweighed by concerns over fertility. Such concerns, according to Olson, are often “rooted in the idea that procreation is the most important thing about somebody’s life.”

“That’s not true for a lot of trans people,” she said. “I’m not saying it’s not important — I’m not certain that it is more important than people have the opportunity that blockers bring them.”

### **High out-of-pocket costs for fertility care**

For trans dads, there are many routes to fatherhood. Some trans men may become pregnant unintentionally, believing that testosterone treatment will prevent pregnancy (testosterone does not completely block ovulation, especially if it’s not being taken regularly). Others may temporarily halt testosterone to get their eggs frozen in the hope that a female partner or surrogate will someday carry their child through in vitro fertilization. Some may decide to get pregnant intentionally before or after their transition (stopping testosterone temporarily if that’s the case). Others may choose to adopt. And many never desire to have children at all.

Rehs-Dupin, who transitioned shortly after his daughter was born, said he decided to get pregnant only because his wife was unable to do so at the time. He said pregnancy did not make him feel dysphoric, but he feared how other people would judge him.

“I feel like I was put in the position where it was just like this isn’t even going to happen because it’s not what’s supposed to happen,” he said of his struggle over the decision. “Like, this is my wife, she wears dresses, she should carry the babies. I want to be a man, I’m going to be a man, I shouldn’t do it. It took her not being able to carry for me to be able to

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have one of the most important and valuable experiences of my life, and I just feel like society doesn't set us up to make that decision."

Still, the cost of fertility preservation poses major obstacles for gender dysphoric patients regardless of where they are on their path to parenthood or transition.

Only 10 states (California, Colorado, Connecticut, Delaware, Illinois, Maryland, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, and Rhode Island) have laws that explicitly require health insurance plans to cover fertility preservation for patients who may lose their reproductive capacity due to treatment for a medical condition. While cancer treatment is the most common, these laws typically also apply to treatment for gender dysphoria, according to David Farmer, a spokesman for the National Center for Transgender Equality. Similar bills have been proposed in several other states, and a federal bill — the Access to Infertility Treatment and Care Act — has also been proposed, he said. Introduced in 2018, the federal measure would require private health insurance plans covering obstetrical services to include infertility treatments, and would extend coverage to federal employees, members of the U.S. military and veterans.

"In addition, federal and state laws prohibit discrimination based on sex (including on the basis of transgender status), disability, and other arbitrary factors. If a health plan covers fertility preservation when treating some medical conditions but not others, that

could potentially constitute discrimination," Farmer said in an email. "Unfortunately, many health plans still do not cover fertility preservation, including Medicare, military and veterans' health systems, and federal employee plans." The Access to Infertility Treatment and Care Act, if passed, would change that, he added.

As a result, few health insurance policies cover fertility treatments for trans men, and they often pay hefty out-of-pocket costs to have their eggs frozen. A single fertility treatment, on average, costs about \$15,000, with an added cost of \$275 a year for egg storage. What's more, there is no guarantee that the treatment will result in pregnancy.

"That's the biggest thing, especially when they are paying out of pocket, and we're using thousands of dollars worth of medication," Rothenberg said. "That's a big risk that they have to take."

Hardiman said he and his wife paid over \$20,000 out of pocket for their fertility care, but he said his kids are worth it.

"It's unreal," Hardiman said of his son and his daughter. "Sometimes I look at them and can't even believe it. They are just miracles and both awesome."



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determines that opening up other businesses does not cause Covid-19 cases to start increasing again.

Given this situation, Crossport will continue to have Monday Night Support Group meetings via Zoom. Lorie has moderated three so far and we have had ten people join in each time, though not always the same ten. All Crossport's social gatherings are still on hiatus through the month of May. We are still planning on having our Trans Family Picnic on July 26. Greater Cincinnati Human Rights Council has joined us this year in hosting it.

It is really difficult for an organization like Crossport to not have gatherings because we have fought against being isolated for almost 35 years. If you are on Facebook and are not a member of our private chat group, CrossportCincy, send us an email and we can get you added. No one can see that you are a member of the group except the other members of the group, and nothing posed within the group will pop up on your public timeline.

Stay safe!

**A BIG THANK YOU TO  
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If you would like to be added to our list, please send the month and date of your birthday along with your name to: [Crossportcincy@yahoo.com](mailto:Crossportcincy@yahoo.com).

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**T-Shirts for Sale!**

Get them while they last! There a few Crossport T-Shirts left from the run this past summer. It has been years since Crossport has offered any merchandise, and decided to make T-shirts available in time for the Picnic this year. They are a light gray cotton blend with the purple Crossport "mirror" logo across the top. The shirts are \$20.00 apiece.

You can contact a board member to make arrangements for purchase.





## Straddling The Fence?

-Lorie W.

There are many folx I know who have walked away from their male self in the discovery of their femme self. For them, it becomes crystal clear which side of the fence they came from all along. They recognize how foreign the other side of that fence feels for them. I get it. And I'm SOOOO happy for all of you!

Then I look at myself, one of many folx who are not willing to decide which side of the fence they're going to land on. With that "indecision" comes the feeling of invalid or illegitimate.

This is probably my greatest source of dysphoria! LOL

No, I could name several more, but I am frequently (though less and less as I get to experience my true self as gender fluid) confronting myself with this question: "which side of the fence are you going to choose?"

What if there IS no fence?

I remember driving from Germany into France in 2006. The terrain began to become barren and desolate, though green and lush with healthy grass. No sign of civilization but for the highway that began to widen into more lanes. This was the border crossing. On both sides of the highway were the timbers erected in x-shaped stands once holding rows and rows of concertina wire that had long been removed when the EU was formed. The guard shack were

gone, merely their foundations a footprint between highway lanes.

When is a fence no longer a fence? When we take down the barbed wire of legitimate or valid? When we no longer station Trans guards at an arbitrary border? When we recognize these boundaries as a social construct that can just as easily be deconstructed with awareness, truth, and authenticity?

I'm the one who puts up the fences using my own fears and imaginary fires of inadequacy stoked by a minority of vilifying intolerants.

There is no fence. As eerie as the French-German border with mere remnants of a concrete and reinforced boundary, the fence in our society doesn't exist but in the minds of those who cannot imagine a free and open landscape of transgender experiences.

(Hold my beer) Watch this! See me dancing at the border, back and forth, zig zag, lying down on one side or the other in gender euphoria! There is no one to stop me but my own paranoid voices.

The fence is gone. No decision to be made. No declaration to be signed. Free. Free at last.

## Crossport Board Meeting Minutes

The regularly scheduled meeting for April was not held due to restrictions and recommendations for social distancing. Also give that these guidelines were in place for the entire month of April, the board felt that immediate events did not require a meeting to discuss. Further, advanced planning under the circumstances was determined to be challenging until a better understanding of public gathering recommendations could be assessed as events unfold.

The May board meeting will also not be held in person, but may involve a virtual meeting. For further information, contact the board. Point of Contact information can be found at the back of this newsletter.

## SAVE THE DATE!

### TRANS FAMILY PICNIC

As of the time of this writing, the annual Picnic is still on schedule for **July 26**. This may be the first opportunity since March for you to get together with your Crossport family.

Details will be forthcoming when we have a better idea of the restrictions and recommendations for large social gatherings. You can join the board in planning and getting things ready.

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- ENTERTAINMENT, EVENTS, COMMUNITY -  
 OUR DOORS ARE OPEN FOR EVERYONE

### Crossport Social Meeting

The social is held on the *third Thursday of each month at 7:30pm* at a local restaurant 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 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 and family are also welcome and encouraged to attend all meetings and events.

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

#### Contacting Crossport

Mail: PO Box 19936, Cincinnati, OH 45219

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

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#### Current Board (Jan 2109-Dec 2020)

Cathy Allison - [Cathyallisonxp@gmail.com](mailto:Cathyallisonxp@gmail.com)

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

Message us through Facebook, either through the Crossport Cincinnati page or the Crossportcincy group.

## MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

All membership information will be held in strict confidence.

Our goal is to better serve your needs!

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

EVENTS \_\_ OTHER \_\_

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

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

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

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

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

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MEMBERSHIP TYPE: NEW \_\_ RENEWAL \_\_ INFO CHANGE

(\$30/YEAR, JAN-DEC)

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

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

### FULL MEMBERSHIP @ \$30/YEAR

#### 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](http://Crossport.org)