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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)

June Board meeting, Tue. Jun 2, 7:00 pm, Via Zoom

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

Transgender Peer Support, Mon. Jun 8, 7:30 pm, Via Zoom

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

3rd Thursday ~~Social Dinner~~, Thur. Jun 18, 7:00 pm, Via Zoom

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~~

1st Friday Social Dinner, Fri. Jul 3, 7:00 pm, Tostados

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

2nd Saturday Social Dinner, Sat. Jul 11, 7:00 pm, Boswell's

Transgender Peer Support, Mon. Jul 13, 7:30 pm, Mt Auburn Presbyterian Church

3rd Thursday Dinner, Thur. Jul 16, 7:00 pm, The Rusty Bucket 2692 Madison Rd

Picnic Details to follow, TBD

Transgender Peer Support, Mon. Jul 27, 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

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

NOTE FROM THE EDITOR

Another month has passed, and we are still in the “stay at home” mode in response to the Covid 19 pandemic. While Meghan misses going out and seeing her friends, Life has not been terrible. The time spent with my wife has been enjoyable, and we’ve managed to get down to the farm or out hiking quite a bit. We’ve gone up to visit my mother-in-law to do some much needed lawn work and gardening. We stay outside at a safe distance.

The flowers and hydrangeas that my wife planted are quite lovely. So much so, that we decided to add some hydrangeas to the spot out front that I built a retaining around last year. Our front flower beds look decent, except a few Asiatic lilies that the cold snap took out. Almost all of the mulch my wife bought from the Boy Scouts is gone. The backyard is not as nice. All this rain has kept a large portion swampy. Of course the dog LOVES to splash around in the mud puddle, and drag it in all over the carpet.

The farm has both been a treasure and toil. We’ve been down to mow acres of land, with rocks, trees and mud hazards to avoid. The 125 year old barn needs repair, but certainly protects our equipment. The trails are constantly over growing and eroding, to the point that I am building a couple of substantial bridges. But they are fun to hike. The dog is in heaven every trip. I find morels and raspberries. The creeks are always a source of amusement. The cliffs, caves and waterfalls are all good places to sit quietly and reflect and meditate.

But beyond all the work and nature, one other activity has been ubiquitous over the past several months: Binge watching. My wife and I have Hulu and Netflix, and have almost abandon the old traditional TV (other than the news and a couple of shows). I mention this for an important reason.

June is typically LGBT+ PRIDE month, which all started as a month for activism for political and social equity. With the Pride parades and festivals on hold until October, it is easy to forget about the struggle that our community has faced. The struggle that our community still faces, in fact. While Pride has become a bit of a holiday and celebration, its roots remain in a true need and struggle to end discrimination.

The last couple of years has not provided much growth in this area, and in many cases some large setbacks. There backlash to the passage of same sex marriage and anti gender bias has been amplified by loud and angry voices. Many of these

voices are trying to use the issue build support of their political structure by pandering to the lowest common denominator and capitalizing on hate and anger.

The news and social media have allowed this anger grow into a cacophony that can drown out other more positive messages. Fortunately, there ARE some more positive messages available. And there are some very interesting films, documentaries and miniseries that demonstrate the power of individuals to make a difference.

One film I recently saw was Crip Camp. This film followed the efforts of several individuals that lead the charge for equality for disabled persons. The focus of the film was based on individuals that met at Camp Jened. I found several things fascinating about this film. First and foremost was that the camp fostered a true sense of self and worth that the disabled people had not experienced elsewhere. Away from camp, these individuals often were treated as “Less Than”, or not even fully human. Once they found that there were others like them, that they had value, and were whole beings, they knew that they could live full lives.

Another interesting point of the film was that these people realized that lives of disabled people would not be improved by weak legislation. They come to recognize that laws would need to be enforced. The biggest barrier to this was societal recognition. Until the attitude of most of the public would shift, consideration and funding to allow them equal access would be seen as a waste of money. Not inconsequentially, they recognized that the old saw of separate but equal was as much of a fallacy for them as it was for African Americans. And in fact, one of the lessons to take away from this film is the importance of solidarity with other underserved minorities.

There are some other really good films and series that you might be interested in for June, including Mrs. America, a story of the battle over the ERA. There is a documentary about Marsha Johnson, and early LGBT activist. Pose is a series centered around “Ball” culture in the 1980s New York City. Sensate is a matrix like scifi adventure by the Wachowski’s. AJ and the Queen is a funny series featuring RuPaul. So there is a lot to choose from.

Your Editor,
Meghan Fournoit



Editors Note: For those of you that are not aware, Heather is the founder of Crossport. Cathy contacted her about writing an article for the Anniversary issue. I am overjoyed that she took the time to write this article.

CrossPort at 35

By Heather Peerson Cox

On June 5, 2020 CrossPort turns 35 years old. It may seem like a strange birthday to celebrate because 30 is so much more natural. This year however it is also my 70th birthday, the following day June 6, D-Day and the day Robert Kennedy was assassinated in 1968. It means CrossPort has been in existence for half of my life. That first meeting feels like a lifetime ago yet the feelings I experienced remain fresh in my mind as I am certain many of you can remember your first time. Still in some ways I am a bit saddened. I always said the purpose of any support group is to ultimately go out of business as acceptance grows and people can simply live their most authentic life.

Much has changed in 35 years. Same [gender] marriage is the law. Many Trans gay and Trans lesbian couples can get married. Information about Gender "Dysphoria" is readily available because of groups like CrossPort. We see people on TV and in movies. Some people are starting to understand that gender can be fluid and not tied to sexuality.

Still the killing of Trans black females is on the rise. Assaults, by the religious right, against gay and Trans people, have increased. Once again Trans people are not welcome in the US military. The need for CrossPort support remains.

2020 is also the 30th anniversary of meeting and starting a life with my partner. She has been my rock, ever supportive and infinitely loving. 2021 brings the anniversary of my surgery in Brussels, Belgium. It will be 30 years. That is almost half of my life. Had it not been for CrossPort I don't believe I would be having a birthday. I have no idea how many others say

they owe their continued existence to CrossPort but I suspect I am not alone. Knowing there are others, being able to meet others and to share our stories is so important.

During the last 20 years I have watched the Gender Community from a distance. While I lived in Cincinnati I was involved. Once I moved to Florida, where nobody knew me, I was free of the Trans label. I live proudly as a lesbian woman. Even with a friend or two, who are Trans and open about it, I have not opened up to them. Fortunately, when I started seeing my family doctor and I told him he mentioned his "brother" in Chicago was Trans. What were the chances? I struggle with it. I know visibility brings acceptance yet for me it is about accomplishments. I have felt like a woman my entire life. I did OK career wise before I was 35 and I include those accomplishments as part of my female Her-story. I don't want people to feel I got where I am because of who I was and not who I am. I was aware that while I was in Cincinnati and "Trans out", some people felt that way.

My way of staying in touch and grounded is the monthly newsletter "InnerView." Reading your stories helps to remind me just how relevant CrossPort has remained. I'm thrilled to read about Trans men getting involved and the diversity of meetings. I sometimes miss not being able to attend the parties and get-togethers.

Suddenly everything has changed so CrossPort is adapting to online meetings. That is the kind of attitude and dedication that has allowed CrossPort to continue for 35 years and will hopefully continue for as long as the need exists.

Happy 35th Birthday CrossPort.

A BIG THANK YOU TO

Laura Ann

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Ode to a Name

-Mick S.

I buried my name today.
Left it beneath a pile of stone.
I surrendered the past away
Now I'm left sitting here all alone.

Was who I was all spelled out?
Is this who I'm meant to be?
I finished the day as mister,
But started the morning as she.

Though time shall tell the story
It's written here in black and white.
Once they saw a girl,
But now a man stands in their sight.

Who are they to question this?
Is it not my cross to bare?
I only ask for an equal part
Of the life I've unselfishly shared.

I've given to them so much
By hiding my very truth.
I pretended to play the part,
And squandered away my youth.

So much is left uncertain
But nothing can remain the same.
I've murdered the hearts of many
And buried them with a name.

They Will See You

-Michael Chanack Jr.

Hope you find great joy and support in these efforts! I was part of a P&G/CNN virtual press conference (for media/lgbt organizations/Corporate Diversity-Inclusion folks) yesterday morning with Kate Bolduan, CNN moderator, Sarah Kate Ellis - CEO of GLAAD, Brent Miller - P&G LGBTQ Global Equality Leader, and Marc Pritchard, P&G Chief of Brands were the film was introduced.

They Will See You: LGBTQ+ Visibility in Advertising

Imagine living in a world where your story isn't being told. Never seeing yourself reflected in the people on TV as they navigate life and share their struggles. Worse yet, never seeing you or your family represented in commercials as people practice daily routines, such as washing their hands with soap or starting a load of laundry. It could feel as if you didn't exist, at least not in the televised version of the world being depicted. This has been the reality for people in the LGBTQ+ community for decades. Only in the last few years have there been steps towards LGBTQ+ repre-

sentation in advertising, but there is still work to be done. That's why P&G is committed to starting this conversation, no matter how difficult.

In 2019, P&G ran a commercial for Gillette that featured a transgender man learning to shave from his father. It was a groundbreaking depiction of a universal right-of-passage, and many LGBTQ+ activists applauded the ad. Others expressed concern about brands jumping on the bandwagon inauthentically. The questions they asked encouraged P&G to examine their intentions and ensure that they didn't view this advertisement as a one-time opportunity to represent the experiences of transgender men. It's not always easy to have these conversations in a corporate environment, but P&G knows that visibility and proper representation matters. In the short film, "They Will See You," we explore the history of LGBTQ+ advertising and meet the inspirational people whose lives have been impacted by seeing their stories represented on screen.

Editors Note: you can see the film at the following link. It runs about 13 minutes long. I hope you take the time to view this segment, as it is very well done, and quite appropriate for June in lieu of the annual Pride celebration.

<https://www.greatbigstory.com/stories/courageous-p-g-they-will-see-you>

Crossport Board Meeting Minutes

5 May 2020

Cathy was meeting facilitator

Board members present: (all via Zoom) Cathy, Joni, Laura Ann, Mick, Wendy

Board members absent: Brittney, Gina

Guests:

Meeting called to order: 19:04 (7:04 PM)

Old Business:

Minutes: Incorrect Minutes put into Agenda. Board agreed to accept proper Minutes without further review from the 3 March 2020 meeting.

Summer Picnic: Scheduled for 26 July, but may have to cancel due to statewide COVID-19 restrictions. HRC has donated \$250 towards expenses for the picnic. Tentative menu includes burgers and possibly grilled chicken. Revisit in June.

Annual Meeting: Originally scheduled for April or May, but delayed due to statewide COVID-19 restrictions. May not be able to convene this year dependent on pandemic. Tentatively reset for September.

New Business:

Virtual Socials: Virtual Social for Third Thursday via Zoom (27 May). Suggested to possibly add permanent virtual element to future support meetings. Board will ask Mt. Auburn about possible access to their Wi-Fi to facilitate that.

Transgender Day of Remembrance: Set for Friday November 20. Most likely same format as last year, but due to statewide COVID-19 restrictions we will have to wait and see. Cathy to check with The Woodward about availability of the date.

Zoom Account: The Board voted unanimously to allow an expenditure to secure a permanent Zoom account for Crossport. Cathy agreed to investigate/pursue.

Monthly Reports:

P.O. box: Cathy submitted a report to the Board that the only mail of note were several membership checks.

Hotline phone: Mick submitted a report to the Board that there were two calls of note to the hotline phone:

- Alejandra from Central Clinic called about tabling for TDoV. Cathy took care of this.
- A missed call from Massachusetts but before he

could call back, the person sent a text asking about support meetings. Mick directed them to Facebook, but as they are not on our Facebook page yet, he took a screenshot of the information and sent it to the person.

Membership: Cathy submitted a report to the Board that Crossport currently has 36 paid members.

Finances: Cathy submitted a report to the Board that Crossport currently has \$2175.53 in their checking account as of 30 April 2020. This is \$400 more than last year on the same date.

Website and Social Media: Cathy submitted a report to the Board that the Crossportcincy Facebook page has 402 followers, 371 total page likes, 233 members, and 38 posts. As of this meeting there were around 171 individual sessions from 129 users, with 709 distinct page views at 4.15 pages per session. The Exactmetrics plugin was replaced by the GAinWP plugin.

Email Correspondence: No report submitted.

CD/TS Peer Support Group: Cathy submitted a report to the Board that Lorie W. moderated all support meetings via her Zoom account. The 23 March meeting had nine in attendance, the 13 April meeting had ten in attendance, and the 27 April meeting had 11 in attendance.

All Socials: Due to statewide COVID-19 restrictions all social meetings have been temporarily suspended.

Library: Jill submitted a report to the Board that in February there was no new activity in March or April.

Outreach:

Cathy submitted a report to the Board.

- **Transgender Day of Visibility:** TDoV was canceled due to statewide COVID-19 restrictions.
- **Public Library (downtown):** Gina is tabled at the Lady Fest health event on March 6.
- **Cincinnati State:** [This event was cancelled due to statewide COVID-19 restrictions.](#)
- **Cincinnati Women's Political Caucus (CWPC):** This event was cancelled due to statewide COVID-19 restrictions.
- **Cincinnati Pride:** The June event was cancelled due to statewide COVID-19 restrictions.
- **Summer Picnic:** Cathy reserved the Drake Park Shelter for Sunday, July 26. Menu to be determined. HRC has donated \$250 towards operating

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expenses for this event.

- **LGBT Leader's Summit in Dayton:** This event was cancelled due to statewide COVID-19 restrictions.
- **Artswave Pride Networking event:** This event was cancelled due to statewide COVID-19 restrictions.
- **Northern KY Pride:** This event was cancelled due to statewide COVID-19 restrictions.

Newsletter: Cathy submitted a report to the Board.

- The March issue was emailed to 359 addresses. There were no soft bounces and one unsubscribe, an increase of one from the previous report. 131 unique emails had been opened (36.2%) an increase of 131 from the previous report, and 83 had clicked through to access the InnerView (22.9%) an increase of 83 from the previous report. One had clicked through to

Crossport Cincinnati FB page, and zero had clicked through to Crossport.org

- The April issue was mailed to 366 addresses. There were no bounces, and one unsubscribe. 111 unique emails had been opened (36.2%), and 67 had clicked through to access the InnerView (22.9%). One had clicked through to Crossport Cincinnati FB page, and zero had clicked through to Crossport.org.
- Between 3 March and 5 May fifteen more emails were added to the list increasing the current number of subscribers to 366. All subscribed themselves through the Crossport Cincinnati FB page.

The meeting was adjourned at 19:55 (7:55 PM). The Board agreed to meet virtually again if statewide COVID-19 restrictions are not lifted. Joni will submit minutes for this meeting.

Cathy's Corner

-Cathy Allison

Hi all you cooped up folk!

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On Friday, May 29, Dr. Amy Acton signed new health orders for Ohio that states gatherings of more than 10 are still banned through July 1. That means that in June, Crossport's Monday Support Group meetings and the Third Thursday Social will all be held using Zoom. We have been getting 8-12 people for most of the online meetings.

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On June 5, 2020, Crossport will be 35 years old. Wow. I know of no other local organization that serves our Community that has operated continuously for that long. Tri-Ess has been around longer, but they only serve a small segment of the gender spectrum, heterosexual cross-dressers.

What has always made Crossport unique was the early decision to refuse to discriminate in that fashion. Crossport has always accepted anyone on the transgender spectrum regardless of where they fall, because not everyone knows where they belong when they first come out and many do not stay in the same place.

I consider myself very lucky. I have been involved with Crossport in the late 1980s and early 1990s then again starting in 2017. I am proud of the

work done by so many over the years to keep Crossport relevant as the times and needs have changed.

Happy 35th everyone!

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Our July 26 Trans Family Picnic plans are still up in the air due to gathering and social distancing concerns. We will let everyone know what the plans are via email and Facebook as soon as we are able to do so. For now, just pencil Sunday, July 26 noon-5pm on your calendar.

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Cincinnati Pride has been moved to Saturday, October 3 and Crossport plans to be there. At least we won't be fighting the heat of June. We will need volunteers to help staff the booth. A signup will be available in September.

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Last June, MasterCard announced the "True Name" card which was supposed to allow Trans and non-binary folk get a credit card with their preferred name rather than their legal name. One year later, how successful has that rollout been?

Not very successful at all, it turns out. MasterCard apparently has had problems getting partners to agree to provide it. In fact, only one bank is offering a "True Name" card, and then only an ATM/debit card, not a credit card.

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In November, MasterCard announced BMO Harris Bank and Superbia Credit Union would be the first partners to offer the "True Name" card. BMO Harris began issuing a "True Name" ATM/debit card in December. Superbia, the first credit union created specifically for the LGBTQIA community has been granted a charter to operate by the State of Michigan, but has yet to open their doors or start taking account applications.

Luckily there are a number of BMO Harris branches in central Indiana. There are eighteen in the Indianapolis area, but the closest to Cincinnati is in Rushville, IN, a less than 90 minute drive from Cincinnati. Before you ask, I have no idea how Rushville (population 6341) treats LGBT folx in general, so Indy may be a "safer" bet. According to the BMO Harris website, "For questions about getting your True Name on your BMO Harris debit or ATM cards, or if you are not located near a BMO Harris Branch, please call 888-340-2265."

<https://www.bmoharris.com/main/personal/true-name/>

So what other options are there? Very few, actually, mainly due to money laundering restrictions put in place over the last thirty years which has made most credit card issuers like Visa and Discover always ask for a social security number every time you add an "Associate User" to your account.

There is an exception to this required SSN

rule for Associate Users: American Express. They only ask for a name and birth date.

Most American Express cards come with a pretty hefty annual fee, but guess who offers an American Express card with no annual fee?

Macy's does. Several years ago Macy's added the "Macy's American Express® Card" in addition to their standard store credit card. Which means you can use it anywhere; you are not limited to using it at Macy's. And it has a rewards program that gives you points that go to money off future Macy's purchases and also gives you access to Amex Offers.

But does it actually work? It does!

I have had a Macy's American Express® Card in my legal name for several years, so I logged in to my online account, selected the option to add an Associate User, entered the name for the card and birth date and I now have a brand new "Catherine Allison" credit card from Macy's.

Be aware that Macy's American Express Card program is issued and administered by Department Stores National Bank (a subsidiary of Citibank) under license from American Express, and you won't automatically receive this card if you apply. You will be given the option if you pass the credit check. If your credit is not up to snuff, you may only be offered the standard in-store Macy's card, not the American Express version.

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, June 8 and June 22 at 7:30pm:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/424195108>

Meeting ID: 424 195 108

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If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to email us at: 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!

**CINCINNATI PRIDE – NEW DATE, NEW LOCATION!
RESCHEDULED TO SATURDAY, OCTOBER 3 AND
MOVED TO 2ND & 3RD STREETS BETWEEN ELM & WALNUT**

To our Cincinnati Pride family: Over the past few months, our world has faced numerous uncertainties and challenges: friends and loved ones becoming ill, the loss of jobs and income, overwhelming feelings of isolation, and the closure of our favorite places to gather and socialize. One thing that has not been lost during this time: HOPE. We realize that the postponement of our original June date was a disappointment to many, when we all desperately needed to hear some good news. Our Pride Festival & Parade are events that everyone looks forward to year after year. A time to celebrate ALL that makes every one of you within our community, great. We wanted to act in the best interest of the community in which we serve, and to protect those who are the most vulnerable. Your support for this decision was heard loud and clear.

We have continued to work with local officials, and have **rescheduled our event this year to Saturday, October 3**. With a new date, comes a new location. The Festival will be **moved to 2nd & 3rd Streets between Elm & Walnut**, in downtown Cincinnati. This setup is where Oktoberfest Zinzinnati has moved in recent years, to great success. Our Parade route and staging area might be adjusted as well. We know that the transition to October is a WELCOME change to many that hate dealing with the heat of the summer. Previously registered vendors and parade participants will have their registrations carried over automatically. Currently, we are not accepting any new registrations. We will continue to communicate logistical information to those registered and keep them in the loop of the changes being made.

As a final reminder, Pride is more than one weekend or month of the year. It is a constant celebration within us, to live life as our most authentic selves. We encourage you to take part in virtual celebrations throughout the month of June and beyond. We will be sharing many of these events from our numerous community partners, via our social media. Be Safe. Be Kind. Be YOU! We look forward to seeing you in October.



Happy Birthday!

Debi D.	Richelle B.	Lauren
Emily C.	Vicki D.	Jo Rose O.
Joan E.	Brandon W.	Ken U.
Sheila W.	Antonia H.	Bobbi S.
Helena B.	Grace R.	

Crossport (35 years old!)

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.

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. There will probably be a few challenges, but the Crossport board is working very diligently to address any issues, and provide a great experience for everyone. You can join the board in planning and getting things ready.

T-Shirts for Sale!

Get them while they last! There are 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.



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Well, it finally happened. The first meeting of Cross-Port was held on June 5 at the home of Heather (that's me). For most of us it was a first for this type of experience. For all of us it was an enjoyable couple of hours.

Along the same lines, I thought I would start a News-Letter to help pass on information and events discussed at the meetings. If anyone would like to submit articles, send them to the P.O. Box. If You have a computer and modem you can also send them by phone. Write and I'll give you the number to call.

Getting back to the meeting I passed out a questionnaire and requested that those present look it over and fill it out only if they felt comfortable answering them. Three people have done so. For this I thank you.

One of the questions asked for suggestions for a name for the group. Since none were suggested and Lily and I felt it was important to establish an identity. She suggested Trans-Port. I suggested Cross-Port (the port is for support) and she agreed. If there are no objections that is what we will go with.

It was obvious that none of us knew what to expect. I think most of us would have backed out if we hadn't felt that it might be our only chance to meet others like ourselves.

We each were able share something about our experiences and so far it seems as if I am able to enjoy the most freedom in my dressing. (In fact as I type this I am wearing a new dress my wife bought me for my brithday, which was the day after the meeting.) Sarah would be the only exception since she is living as a woman. She was able to share with us

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some of her background and what she has gone through so far. We thank you for sharing with us.

One of the discussions focused on a national organization called Tri-Ess Sorority / Society for the Second Self. It's an organization for the heterosexual cross-dresser. They publish a national directory and a bi-monthly news letter. Due are \$30 / year and 20% of that goes to advertising. If you wish to join or want more information, write to Tri-Ess, P.O. Box 194, Tulare, CA 93275.

Since there was no time set for a second meeting, Lily said it would be left up to me. I feel it is important that we get together at least once a month. I am therefore proposing that we meet on the third Thursday of the month, beginning July 18 at 6:30 p.m. We can meet here at my home until we decide on/find another place. Before that time however I would like to invite you over for a meeting on Thursday June 27 at 6:30. If you want to bring something to dress in feel free to do so. However, those who don't wish to dress please come anyway. This is what we are about. We need eachother's support. Plan to stay awhile. I plan to show the HBO special called What Sex Am I?. It runs about an hour and I feel it will benefit everyone. We can send out for a pizza so don't have supper first. Those that have my number can call and let me know if you can make it. Those who don't can write to the P.O. Box and Lily can forward the info to me.

One of you summed up my feelings nicely on the questionnaire, " I was impressed with the different levels of development each had reached...It was a positive experience... "

My thanks to all who had the courage to come and to those who couldn't make it. It was a big first step. Lily and I thank you all.

Sincerely, your friend

Heather

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Mail: Crossport P.O. Box 19936 Cincinnati, OH 45201

Email: crossportcincy@yahoo.com

Crossport Social Meeting

The social is held on the *third Thursday of each month at 7:30pm* at a local restaurant 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, visit the Crossportcincy Face Book group, or call the Crossport Phone number listed below.

Contacting Crossport

Mail: PO Box 19936, Cincinnati, OH 45219

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Current Board (Jan 2109-Dec 2020)

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Laura Ann Weaver

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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: _____

*EMAIL: _____

NEWSLETTER: YES ___ NO ___

PHONE: _____ OK TO TEXT? _____

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

YOUR INTERESTS: TS ___ TG ___ CD ___ GAY ___ FRIENDSHIP ___

EVENTS ___ OTHER ___

*YOUR DATE OF BIRTH: ___/___/___

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

SPOUSE/SIGNIFICANT OTHER'S NAME: _____

TODAY'S DATE: ___/___/___

HOW DID YOU FIND CROSSPORT? _____

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

TYPE OF PAYMENT: CHECK _____ CASH

PAYPAL accepted via our website: Crossport.org

FULL MEMBERSHIP @ \$30/YEAR**Voting, hold office**

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