



News From the Top June



What's happening in the Windy City?



From time to time, chapters abandon their commitment to the core mission of Tri-Ess, opting instead to become diversity groups. In recent years the board has had to make the difficult decision to decertify more than one chapter due to continued noncompliance with the bylaws they have agreed to when the charter was signed.

The most recent Chapter to lose certification was the Chi Chapter in Chicago, IL. Chi Chapter has a long history and it was a very difficult decision for the board to make. A decertification of a Chapter means the Chapter is no longer officially affiliated with Tri-Ess and becomes a “forming Chapter” again. A forming Chapter is one that needs to build up its infrastructure again and petition Tri-Ess to become a certified Chapter.

The following are excerpts from the letter that was sent to the Chapter and its current membership, if any current Tri-Ess member wishes to see the full letter, please contact me at rwall@tri-ess.org .

“Over the past several months discussions have taken place between the leadership of the Chi Chapter and Members of the Board of Governance of Tri-Ess and their appointed representatives.”

“As communications from the Chi leadership became increasingly intense and their objectives clarified, the Board of Governance found it necessary to have a face to face meeting with the parties involved.”

“Opportunity was provided to the Chi leadership to adhere to the Standards for Chapters as set forth by The Society for the Second Self - but, the acting President and a few of the members declined.”

“Those of you who wish to change Tri-Ess' goals and directions by taking our Chapter into a direction which strays from our guidelines, compliment us by acknowledging what we have built. Furthermore, you have also reaped the benefits of our core beliefs and philosophies; as we have accomplished our goal in helping you find the direction your lives must take for you to be complete.”

“However, we are still Tri-Ess; we still have our parameters for membership and we remain a needed and viable part of the gender society.”

“Out of respect and support to our Chapters who hold dear and adhere to Tri-Ess Policies and in consideration to the degree that the Chi chapter leadership has strayed from these policies and

have campaigned to take over the Chi Chapter, the Board of Governance of Tri-Ess is immediately decertifying the Chi chapter.”

“At this juncture, the Chi Chapter will be considered a forming Chapter. We will begin the process of reformation of our Chicago affiliate with the intention of developing a fully compliant Chapter for the Chicago area Heterosexual Cross Dressers.”

“Furthermore, as many months of discussion have already taken place on this issue between the members of the former Chi Chapter and the Board of Governance, and as the decision to decertify the Chi Chapter is final, there will be no further discussion of this matter with the parties involved who precipitated this decertification.”

No SPICE for 2010 (speaking Italian by Jane Ellen)



SPICE has been one of the highest quality conferences in all Genderland. Some of the conferences have been truly memorable. Who can forget the event hosted by TENE, with a New England clambake accompanied by live entertainment from the chapter? Or the event in Minneapolis, with walleye on the river, log-rolling, and the woodland scenes given as door prizes or prizes in the first-ever SPICE Bingo? Or the Barber shop quartet, The Four Spices, in Houston. The presenters have been some of the most eminent therapists in the country.

But this year's event had to be canceled because of lack of interest. Ladies, let me "speak Italian" to you. This wonderful conference should be embraced by every chapter all across the country. If SPICE is to continue, the members and chapters are going to have to start giving more than casual lip service to it. Every chapter should work matching grants with Tri-Ess to send one couple to SPICE. Chapters in the region should gather vans to bring folks to the conference. Vacations can be planned around this conference.

Earlier this year, there was a lot of whining about why there was no SPICE last year. Whether SPICE survives, and what it becomes is strictly up to you. We have built it. It is a splendid work. But will you come?

Love,
Jane

Holiday At Sea



At the last Board meeting it was announced that over 40 people have registered for the Holiday at Sea, making it the biggest cruise ever in the transgender community. Registrations are still coming in. It should be a lot of fun for everybody.

The deadline for sign up is July 15, 2010 - A deposit of only \$200.00 will hold the

cabin of your choice - the remaining balance will be due on or before August 15, 2010.

Final Thoughts.



I would like all chapters to feel free to contact me at rwall@tri-ess.org with any questions or concerns regarding Tri-Ess, your chapter or your membership.
All the best,

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