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About Masquerade!

Masquerade is a FUN LOVING social and support group for
cross-dressers, and transgendered persons. Our purpose is for people who
crossdress to associate, socialize, and learn about all facets of this lifestyle
in an open and safe atmosphere of fun, respect and understanding. It is not
for the purpose of soliciting or engaging in sexual activities.

Spouses and significant others are more than welcome and encouraged to
attend all our meetings and functions, as are all such individuals, who are
18 years of age or older, and are prepared to respect our bi-laws.
We regularly meet the 2nd Tuesday of every month. The meetings begin at
7:30 p.m. and go until 9:30. They feature topics related to all facets of
cross dressing including makeup tips, dressing techniques, and lifestyle,
taught by our experienced members and guest speakers. Socializing and
dancing are done afterwards!

We endeavor to maintain a fun, friendly, laid-back atmosphere. We are all
there for the same reason, a place to go to be the girls we strive to be.
Change facilities are available.

You are welcome to attend two meetings before paying your annual dues
prior to joining. Dressing for the first meeting or two is not required, but
obviously encouraged!

Masquerade, where boys have fun being girls!

Our Special Girl!



Chantal's Space!

Ahhhhhhhhhhh! I always have a sigh of relief when the summer is here since it means I can finally pack up those heavy jackets, boots, etc. and to be able to flaunt myself about wearing fun summer dresses and open toe shoes. It's so much more satisfying to do sidewalk time without donning layers of bulky clothing. I so love the attention of sidewalk time so it is gratifying not needing to cover up and rush indoors.

It's been like eight months since the last time I enjoyed my sidewalk time. I really missed the cat calling, the looks from passerbys, and the clickety-click of my heels on concrete as I stroll about. It so does wonders to my self esteem.

I also love the fun events that fill up the summer calendar. The Womyn's boat cruise (kind of a downer that it was postponed this year, CURSE you Red

River and Mother Nature), Pride March and other Pride week events, Canada Day celebrations, Coronation and Folklorama are the events that I so enjoy doing every year en-femme.

Then there's the spur of the moment outings that tend to keep me busy. Walks with the dog, shopping trips (with or without friends), enjoying the patio get-togethers at places like Second Cup, and the luxury of going to Gio's for clubbing.

Summer is the time to get out and about, enjoying the life to the fullest and that's what I intend to do again this year. I'm sure that this summer

will bring a smile to my face all through out the upcoming months. What could be a better starting point then enjoying Pride Week to its fullest? (especially when I



have the whole week off of work, whoohoooo)

Have a happy Pride people, I know that I sure will!

Chantal

Proud President of
Masquerade

...**"Summer is
the time to get
out and about."**

Words From Felicia

Anatomy of Coming Out

(09:55:13 PM) **Michael:** so.....

(09:55:24 PM) **Felicia:** so.....?

(09:55:25 PM) **Michael:** are you a cross dresser?

I have known Michael (as a boy) for about seven years. We both worked at the same gas station while going through university, although I didn't physically meet him until six months in - he worked weekend mornings and I had weekday mornings during the school year. Michael is one of the best guys I know - smart, funny, loyal to a fault. He even introduced me to Stan Rogers' music, which kicked off my love of folk. He's very good friends with my wife and I still wonder how he doesn't have a girlfriend.

This entire conversation was kicked off because I thought something was funny and people think I'm a bit too girly to start with. I have two facebook profiles - one for me and one for my male self. On my girl facebook page as a friend I have a drag queen who tends to like to make funny quotes. This particular quote I laughed my head off at and so I decided to copy and post it onto my male facebook page so everyone else could get a chuckle: "It's unnatural for a man and a woman to have sex. If God intended man and woman to be together, he would have given them both penises." Obviously it did not have the intended result. I knew there would be comments made - there always are with those types of posts - but I never intended to have this happen.

(09:56:05 PM) **Michael:** not that there is anything wrong with that

At this point I started sweating. I was thinking 'How do I get myself out of this? Do I lie and say no, or fess up and say yes?' I really don't want to out myself to a lot of people since eventually it will become common knowledge and start cause issues with family and such. But if I lie about it, then I'm not being honest about who I am as a person. And when I look back at how much I've changed my

appearance in the past two years, and how I have changed as a person in those two years, how can I deny who I am?

(09:57:46 PM) **Felicia:** Do you REALLY want the answer to that?

With this comment I came out. Simple really - he's way too smart a cookie to not take this as a yes, and I'm giving my answer a bit cryptically - just in case. Just in case of what I have no idea.

(09:57:53 PM) **Michael:** hmmm

(09:57:57 PM) **Michael:** maybe not

(09:58:20 PM) **Michael:** but, like you said, long hair, hairless body....

(09:58:43 PM) **Felicia:** Makes you wonder, doesn't it?

(09:59:14 PM) **Michael:** might explain a few things

(09:59:39 PM) **Michael:** crossing is ok, sexy is ok for other people

At this point it's become fun rope-a-dope for me. The genie has left that particular bottle and I'm going through my pile of pictures to find one I really like. I pick one and send it to him.

(10:07:24 PM) **Michael:** you are one ugly woman

OUCH! Ok, maybe it wasn't my best but I really thought I looked great in the shot.

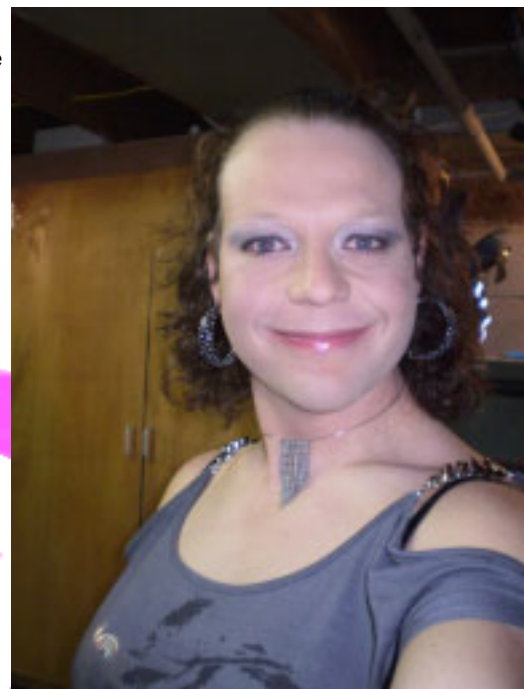
(10:07:30 PM) **Michael:** sorry

(10:07:37 PM) **Michael:** but i have to be honest

(10:07:44 PM) **Michael:** nice lipstick

(10:08:16 PM) **Michael:** of course Cindy said you might partake in this but i did not believe her

Cindy was another co-worker of ours that neither of us really liked due to her personality and her problem with cocaine. Obviously she picked up on a lot of things since neither of us had really seen her since 2005, long before I really started to work on being a girl. After this came the standard questions were asked, and



the discussion continued on about the little things I had said about knowing a TG (he works with one in Calgary) and discussion about various topics that we had common ground on with his new knowledge.

In the few days I have had to sit back and review all of this, I think that it went remarkably well. although the person doing the asking was very open to all of it and has a very laissez-faire attitude towards most things. Most of the people who began knowing me as a boy and especially those who have known me since my teens would not be so accepting. In fact, he is only the second male who I have come out to, the first being an old friend who came out to his parents and brother while he was moving in with his boyfriend four provinces away. The only question is how do I handle it next time, when someone asks that isn't nearly as accepting? That will be the challenge. I honestly have no idea, although I hope I will be as open as possible, and in the end hope they accept who I really am.

Felicia

Hey!
It's Page 5
girl!

A new regular feature highlighting our members to help us all learn more about each other. To show our similarities and differences! You could be next!

Name: Shandi

Reason for the Name Choice: It's the name of a girl in a KISS song, and I'm a big fan. It's also a little different, I didn't want a common name. Chose it at my first meeting, because at the time I hadn't considered that I needed one!

Birthday: May 14th.

Joined Masquerade: At the 3rd ever meeting in the basement of Lady Godiva's on Corydon. I found out about the group from a friend and jumped at the opportunity to meet others like me.

Interests: Music, Movies, Video games, cooking, science fiction, GLBT* Community outreach, and shoes!!

Favourite Song: Too many, but Rock and Roll All Night by KISS was my first favourite song, so I'll go with that.

Favourite Restaurant: Currently the Star Grill, but always looking to try more!

Favourite Colour: Purple!

Favourite Quote: Can't think of one that I use a lot, but I like..."Attitude is a small thing that can make a big difference!"

Favourite Movie: The New Star Trek!

Personal Goals pertaining to crossdressing: To help others realize that this part of them can and should be shared with others. It not only helps them understand you, but it helps you understand yourself, which leads to improved self confidence and better emotional well being.

Favourite Accessory: earrings!

Favourite Dressing Style: depends on my mood, I would consider it office casual/evening wear. I like short skirts that show off my legs, but really love capris in the summer.

First Feminine Attire Worn: Borrowed bra's and panties from Mom!

First Feminine Purchase: Little black dress from Value Village that I modified with lace trim to fit.

Favourite Dressing Moment: Going shopping on my own, and finding out that Sabrina was playing "Spy Girl", she watched me and later told me how no one paid any extra attention to me while I did so. It really helped make me more comfortable in public.

Favourite Masquerade Moment: Too many to choose from. But I will never forget the first time we went to the bar after a meeting. Four of us decided to be brave but two of us went to Happenings which was empty, and the other two went to Club 200 and had a fantastic time. That opened the door for lots of club outings! The other was the first club party at our old apartment, there was so much fun and bonding between everyone there, it really brought us together. Then of course there was the past year as Ms. Gio's, which really was one long moment, thanks to Masquerade!

Something Most Don't Know About Me: I can be very insecure at times.

More About me: I am happy and proud to have grown more as a person because of my dressing. People I have reconnected with since coming out as Trans, have commented how much more outgoing and less uptight I am now. Having kept so much of myself hidden for so long really has been a challenge, and my only regret is keeping it hidden for so long. Not having to hide it from my spouse and children, and now so many friends and co-workers really has been an enjoyable benefit.





Upcoming Events!



- ◆ **PRIDE! See all the Gio's events on the back page!**
- ◆ **Rocker Chick Party! Come down and play "Rock Band" with all the girls! Dressing theme is of course "Rock Chick Style!" Saturday June 20 at Shandi's. BYOB and a munchie or contribution!**
- ◆ **Canada Day! Come show your Maple Leaf Pride with Masquerade on July 1st on Gio's Patio in the afternoon, and join us for fireworks at the Forks after dark!**
- ◆ **Saturday July 18, SOMS Coronation! Come out and support our friends in the SOMS!**
- ◆ **Masquerade's Trannie Car Wash! To help raise money for Gio's Cares! Volunteer's needed to help with washing and other duties! Email Shandi at Shandi@masquerade.ca . Bring your vehicle for a wash and have some fabulous BBQ while you wait! Tell all your GLBT* friendly friends! Date and Time in July TBA by the end of June!**
- ◆ **Shandi & Charm's August long weekend party! Come on down and party with all our friends on Saturday August 1st. BYOB, more details next issue!**
- ◆ **Hope to see you there!**



Upcoming Meetings!



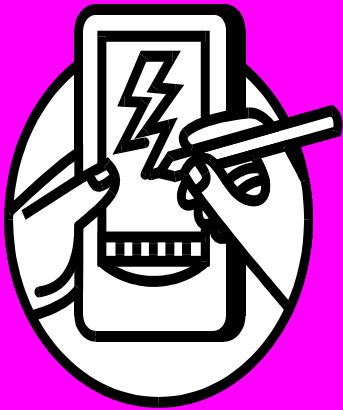
- ◆ Tuesday July, 14 2009. Meeting starts at 7:30 pm sharp. Family and Friends Day! All friends, Spouses and family (over 18!) are welcome. Special topics of discussion just for them! Dressing theme "Dress to Impress!"
- ◆ Tuesday August 11, 2009. Meeting starts at 7:30 pm sharp. Topic & Theme TBA!
- ◆ Every meeting! Girlstuff Fun! Makeup tips, dressing tips, making new friends! Dancing and socializing. Plus Raffle prize draws, Gift Certificates for Lady Godiva Boutique and more!

Get your own Girlstuff "@masquerade.ca" email address!

Free to members and can be forwarded to any existing email address!

Contact Sabrina for the details! sabrina_markes@masquerade.ca

Assistant Newsletter Editor WANTED!



Alright Ladies,

Seriously I'm looking for an assistant to help in the monthly duties of putting together our little newsletter here! I have been doing this for 13 years, and this will likely be my last year. So far I have only had two interested people, one a newbie, and another from too far out of town!

So if you want Lipstick & Lace to continue past 2010, step forward soon!

Contact Shandi at Shandi@masquerade.ca Thank you!

MARILYN MONROE: LIFE AS A LEGEND

March 28 to June 7, 2009

Charm and I went to The Winnipeg Art Gallery on May 31, by ourselves because no one emailed to expressed interest in coming along.

There was a reasonable crowd in attendance for a Sunday afternoon. We went to see the exhibit in hopes of finding out more about one of the most famous women of the 20th century. The candid photographs were the most intriguing giving us a glimpse of the real person rather than the icon. Many of the prints, and other works were interesting, but so much of the art, we felt related more of the artist's issues rather than that of the subject. Indeed some of it was so odd it looked as if it was made in a grade school art class. The accompanying text did give insight into the person who rose from being an orphan to a mega celebrity, chronicling significant points in her life.

Shandi



Felicia's

Rhubarb Steak Sauce

INGREDIENTS

8 cups finely chopped fresh or frozen rhubarb
4 cups chopped onion
2 cups white vinegar
2 1/3 cups packed brown sugar
1 teaspoon ground cinnamon
1 teaspoon ground allspice
1/2 teaspoon ground cloves
1 teaspoon salt
1/2 teaspoon pepper

DIRECTIONS

In a large saucepan or Dutch oven, combine all ingredients. Bring to a boil. Reduce heat and simmer for 1 hour or until thickened, stirring occasionally. Cool. Refrigerate in covered containers.



FOOTNOTE

If using frozen rhubarb, measure rhubarb while still frozen, then thaw completely. Drain in a colander, but do not press liquid out.

Felicia

Where to party in Winnipeg!

Below is a current list of CD and TG friendly night spots in Winnipeg, where Masquerade members have always had good times!

- ◆ **Gio's**, 155 Smith St. (of course!) Masquerade's home for many years, with the friendliest staff and facilities for parties, dancing, and special events! Fridays are the busiest party night, with drag shows and other special events on Saturday nights!
- ◆ **The Ball**, The Ball is Manitoba's most glorious, if only, pansexual fetish event. The Black & Blue Ball is a fetish event held about every six weeks throughout the year and is the perfect place to wear that wild little number that just isn't right for wearing during an afternoon shopping trip! "Masquerade Members have been attending the Black and Blue Ball for many years, because of the acceptance we have found there. For many girls it is one of the first places they can go outside their homes and Masquerade meetings. Although many people consider crossdressing a "fetish" the girls of Masquerade do not consider ourselves a "fetish club" and we wish that to be clearly understood by all who read our website and newsletter." Here, prairie dwellers can find updates on all the important local fetish news. Very positive towards the GLBT* community and of course cross dressing! For more info please visit www.theball.ca
- ◆ **Club 200**, 180 Garry St. the first place Masquerade went as we forayed into the clubs, home of our friend Anita Stallion and others who have always been fabulous supporters of our group.
- ◆ **Theatres!** Silver City Polo Park, Grant Park Cinemas and Cinema City McGillivray, and Cinemateque, have always been pleasant places to go and enjoy our favourite flicks enfemme.
- ◆ **Dining!** Masquerade members have been everywhere, The Star Grill, Paradise Restaurant, both on Portage Avenue, Pizza Place in Grant Park shopping Centre rank among favourites!



Gio's Cares

Donations and support make it possible for us to provide "Gift Packs" three times a year;

Easter, Pride Week and Christmas

To PHAs (People having HIV/AIDS) who are confined to hospitals or homes or for whom their caregivers feel there is a strong psychological need.

Please help us to let these people know they are not forgotten and that we still care.

"Caring Through Sharing" is Gio's Cares' motto.

Welcome our New Ambassador for 2009-2010

Ms. Shandi Strong

She will be representing Gio's Cares at many Gio's and community events throughout the year and hopes that she can count on your support to assist us with our fundraising efforts.

Coming Soon! Masquerade's Trannie Car Wash! Featuring many of the Girls Of Masquerade and other local celebrities! Get your car washed, have some BBQ and win prizes! All for a good cause! See you there!



Ask Our Den Mother

Q: What feminine mannerisms do the majority of crossdressers overlook and which mannerisms do they tend to focus on too much?

This is our new regular column where you girls get to ask Mary our Den Mother questions about crossdressing and how it pertains to you and your life! Mary has always been the "go to" person for our girls, especially new girls. Her wealth of knowledge and experience make her the perfect person to answer all your questions! Email them to her care of Girlstuff@masquerade.ca or call Lady Godiva's at (204) 452-1100 and leave your question with one of her friendly staff!

The majority of dressers tend to focus too much on hand gestures, looking coy, voice and swinging of the hips.

They tend to feel the need to give limp handshakes or offering only their fingers, when introduced to someone. They think it gives the appearance of being a timid lady. It does not.

Voice: It is better to speak quietly with your normal voice than attempting a higher pitched voice that makes one sound more like Tiny Tim than a lady.

Coy: Looking away or down to hide their face does not present a shy look; it tends to make someone think that are ashamed or embarrassed. To give the coy appearance, don't be loud or aggressive, just be quiet, soft spoken and attentive.

Hips: The hip swing can sometimes look like you're trying to knock over a grocery store display. Too much emphasis is put on how far out one pushes the hips instead of walking properly and letting the body do the swinging. The hip push is not natural and stands out.

Some of the overlooked mannerisms are: sitting, standing, walking and drinking.

Sitting: While sitting, sit near the edge of the chair (not all the way back). Put your knees together, with your hands on your lap. You can cross your ankles, but angle your feet to one side. This gives the legs a longer look and keeps those knees together.

Standing: Stand with your feet near each other, not necessarily together. There should be no more than 5-6" between them. More space than that looks like you just got off a horse or motorcycle.

Walking: First thing you need to know is that women walk "from the knees", not the hips. Remembering this will help you shorten your stride. Walk by putting one foot directly ahead of the other. The stride (step) should not exceed 4-5" between the toe of the back foot and the heel of the front foot. Any more than that and you start lumbering. This movement will naturally make the hips swing and look more natural.

Drinking: When you partake of a drink (alcoholic or pop) have it in a glass or stemware. Small sips, no guzzling! If you are thirsty, get a glass of water and down that (but not in front of everyone!), then get whatever beverage you wanted. When you hold the glassware, use your fingers, not the whole fist, and the baby finger is extended, but relaxed. When placing your drink down, you do it gently, and do not slam it on the counter or table. Lastly, NO DRINKING CONTESTS! Those are for the thugs in the bars.



Got photos, stories or tips to share? Email them to Chandi@masquerade.ca

May Meeting Photos

The May meeting featured "what Not to Wear" with fun friendly critiques!.



Rhaina, Felicia, Chantal and Ardra in theme!



WNTW quiz!



Rhaina WNTW pose!



Tess WNTW pose!



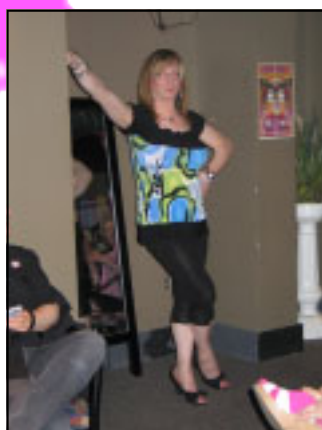
Felicia WNTW hams it up!



Arda does WNTW!



Stylin' Patti!



Shandi too hot for WNTW!!



Felicia mixes it up!!



Which shoes to choose?

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May Meeting Photos cont'd

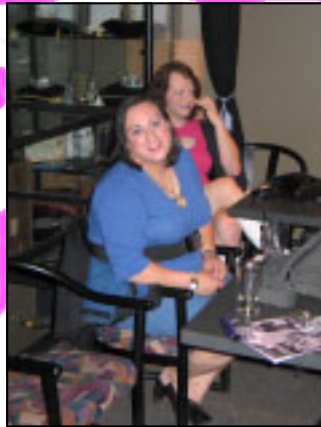
May meeting
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fun!!



Patti and Sabrina reunited!



Three trannies on a couch!?



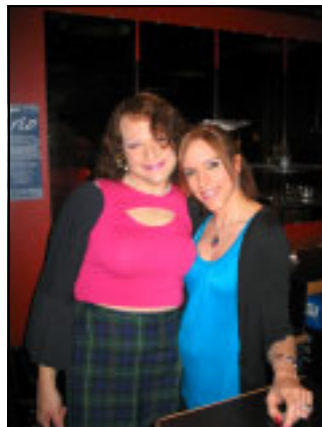
Linda looking lovely!



Buds Felicia and Shandi!



Tiffany, Brianna, Michelle, and Jean-Ann.



Felicia and Brianna



Birthday girls Shandi and Lizzie.

This issue's photos courtesy of Sabrina, and Shandi.

Masquerade Girl Profile!

Hey Girls!

Here is the basic information that you can put on your Masquerade website profile! Keep in mind that we would also like this information for future "Page 5 Girls" and we might be asking you! So be ready with your photo and fame and fortune could be yours. Well okay, maybe not the fortune part!

(Fill free to add/ignore any questions except for those with **)

**Name:

Reason for the Name Choice: Birthday:

**Joined Masquerade:

**Interests:

Favourite Song:

Favourite Restaurant:

Favourite Colour:

Favourite Quote:

Favourite Movie:

Personal Goals pertaining to crossdressing:

Favourite Accessory: Favourite Dressing Style:

First Feminine Attire Worn:

First Feminine Purchase:

**Favourite Dressing Moment:

**Favourite Masquerade Moment:

Something Most Don't Know About Me:

More About me:

Please send your answers and your favourite photo to our webmistress Sabrina at girlstuff@masquerade.ca, bring it to a meeting, or mail it to Lady Godiva's!

Photos are not required for your online profile, we will provide a suitable alternative.

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