

Let the Leaves fall! Masquerade girls say
"Short skirts still rule!"



Masquerade

Lipstick & Lace



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New!

"Girlstuff" events page!!

Check out

what's coming up!

Presidentially Speaking

Now that SUMMER has finally arrived.... yes, only in Winnipeg!

Winter storms in May, and perfect mini skirt weather in October. Although, if you ask me, mini skirt weather is all year round. So make the best of this wonderful fall we are having, and break all those fashion rules, about wearing white after Labour Day, short skirts etc, and just have fun. After all...Isn't that what it's all about?

Speaking of fun, Halloween is just around the corner, and the perfect time to wear that wild and special outfit you've always wanted to wear. Be it your favorite "Super Heroine", movie star and so on. Go for it, and enjoy what has come to be known as the "Crossdresser's National Holiday". Not that we need a holiday to simply be ourselves, but it does give us a terrific opportunity to get out and have fun. Yes, even in mainstream venues!

Coming up there will be our Halloween Party at Mary's on the 30th. And our friends at KeyCon will be having their Halloween social on the same day as the B&B...Saturday October 23, 2004!

Masquerade is all about getting together with friends and sharing this special part of

ourselves in a friendly environment. And no, we are not trying to extend Halloween throughout the year. As most I'm sure would agree... we take this special part of our lives far from that, just by being who we are.... any day throughout the year!

Carp Diem

Sabrina

have fun. After all...

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about?



Our President Sabrina,



Wired to the web?!

Do you need a mouse like this?

Chances are if you're a members of Masquerade, you don't!

We encourage all our girls to get out from behind their computers to enjoy their femme selves and make friends at our meetings, outings and other events!



What's holding you back?

For more info visit our website at:

www.masquerade.ca

Or contact us at:

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So Happy, I Cry!

Thirty Years Part 1 of 2. --- OOPS !!! I gave the wrong draft to our editor . Here is the real story .

So much to say , but I will try to keep it simple . In the beginning life was good . Around age seven there was a family crisis which caused a rift between all of us ; father, mother and two older brothers . I was too young to fully understand, so i learned to trust no one . Having a funny first name and being the shortest until grade seven also kept trust .

The family tried a new start by moving to a new middle class suburb . It was a little better than the old middle class suburb . I still got picked on , but I also received some needed respect . Has this depressed you ? Well snap out of it ! It's going to be all right because the will to live is strong .

In between the nonsense and sleep there is television . TV gives so much and asks so little . Besides TV there is also imagination , logic, philosophy, hope, intuition and girls .

I spent a lot of my spare time alone , thinking and reasoning some of those monkeys off my back . Only two more monkeys left . WHOO HOO!

In the last few years living with my parents , Charlene carefully sampled some of moms wardrobe . Eighty percent of which was the right size . Mom knows about Charlene since the summer of 2002 , so now I'm no longer guilty of snooping . All is forgiven.

I moved out at age 21 .

The next 24 years i always had one or two roommates, but it was not a problem for Charlene to start on her wardrobe .

Charlene had only four outings in the last 30 years . Feb. 1987 - Her first time out was on a date to see " The Rocky Horror Picture Show " . My date got the tickets. I

thought What !? The movie is at the U of M in two weeks and not this weekend. I was planning to tell my date about Charlene after the movie. Time for a new plan.



Now I can show her Charlene.

Two weeks was plenty of time to purchase a dress , accessories, makeup and time off work. Two days before the show I suggested that we dress up for the show. She agreed and asked what I would wear. I said that I already had a " Dress ". She was surprised but not shocked.

" NOT SHOCKED "!? Now I feel is the time to reveal Charlene. There was a moment of shock followed by questions which

I happily answered. All went well at the show. After the show we went to the Blue Note Cafe' for " SPUDS " then off to Robins Donuts to end the evening. First contact was more satisfying than First Sex! "WOW "

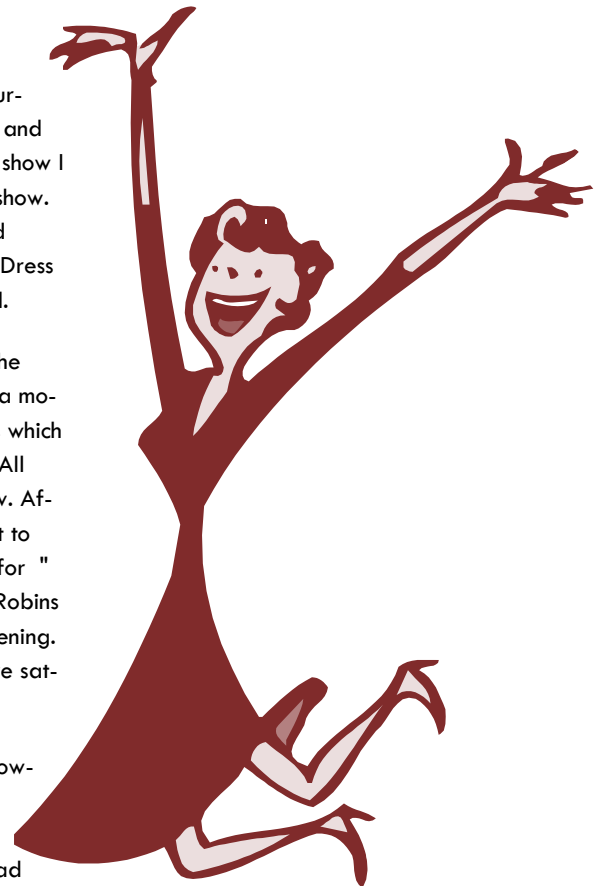
The next two adventures were Halloween parties. The fourth was a solo Halloween / 2003 spent driving around. Charlene vs. Winnipeg. I had two first contacts with close friends. The fifth outing was official, New Years at

Mary's and Andrea's. WOW! all over again.

As much now as then , I thank Masquerade for " Being ". More joy in part two. S. H. I. C.

So happy i cry . .

Charlene



Are you depressed? Well, snap out of it! It's going to be all right!



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Saturday, October 16....

Presents: The Happy Gang!

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Then...Saturday, October 30.... **Hallowe'en** Mr. and Ms. Gio's present a Hallowe'en Show and Party

We are a community-owned club operating for the benefit of gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgendered people. Come visit with us!

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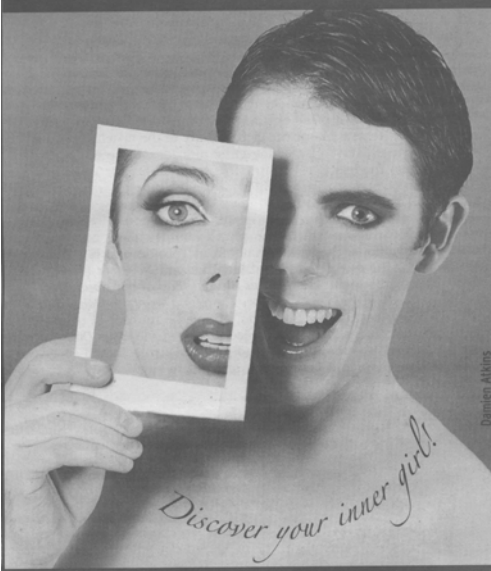
**WEDNESDAY
 NOVEMBER 10, 2004**
 (The evening prior to Remembrance Day!)

CLUB 200 - 190 GARRY STREET
 SHOWTIME: 11:00 P.M. ADMISSION: \$3.00
 ALL PROCEEDS TO THE S.O.M.S. MEMORIAL FUND

SPACE
Girls

The Space Girls have been invited to perform! All proceeds go to charity! Hope to see you there!

REALLIVE



Discover your inner girl!

WAREHOUSE 04/09

"A marvelous cabaret show packed with humour and great songs" - Now
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 November 25 - December 11/04

Shandi is organizing an outing to see this play on either Saturday November 27, or Saturday December 4th. Let her know if you are interested!! girlstuff@masquerade.ca

Get your *Masquerade* pin today!

Ever wanted to be a member of a not-so-secret sorority?

Well... here's your chance girlfriend! Get your cool Masquerade logo pin for only \$6.00! Support our fun group and wear it with pride!

Available at every meeting!



The Successful Crossdresser Speaks!

Lacey Leigh made an off-list reply to someone who wrote, "...nobody has the right to demean you for wanting to take your time and give credence (sic) to the fears of those who just don't know." Well, if they "...just don't know..." how does it make sense to give them any credibility at all?

The Successful Crossdresser was established as a counter to those who continue buying into the mindset of failure. In this forum, we don't countenance negativity. There is plenty of that elsewhere and it only serves to keep our peers frightened and closeted.

"Things will go badly," they warn. "You'll get beat up," they alert. "People won't understand," they predict. "You'll end up a victim of violence," they threaten. Of course, this kind of counsel is usually offered by those who are willing to settle for cultural invisibility at the cost of their own self acceptance.

There's a story circulating among motivational speakers about a bucket of crabs. Every time a clever, enterprising crustacean starts lifting itself toward the pail's rim and freedom, the others below pull the escaping crab back into their midst. Such are the actions of those who are too fearful to attempt their own escape or emancipation; they haven't the fortitude to climb free of the mediocre and pull the rest back to their level of misery in a justification of their own denial of the obvious.

Those among us who have experienced the benefits of being unafraid and open have an obligation to remind the fright-

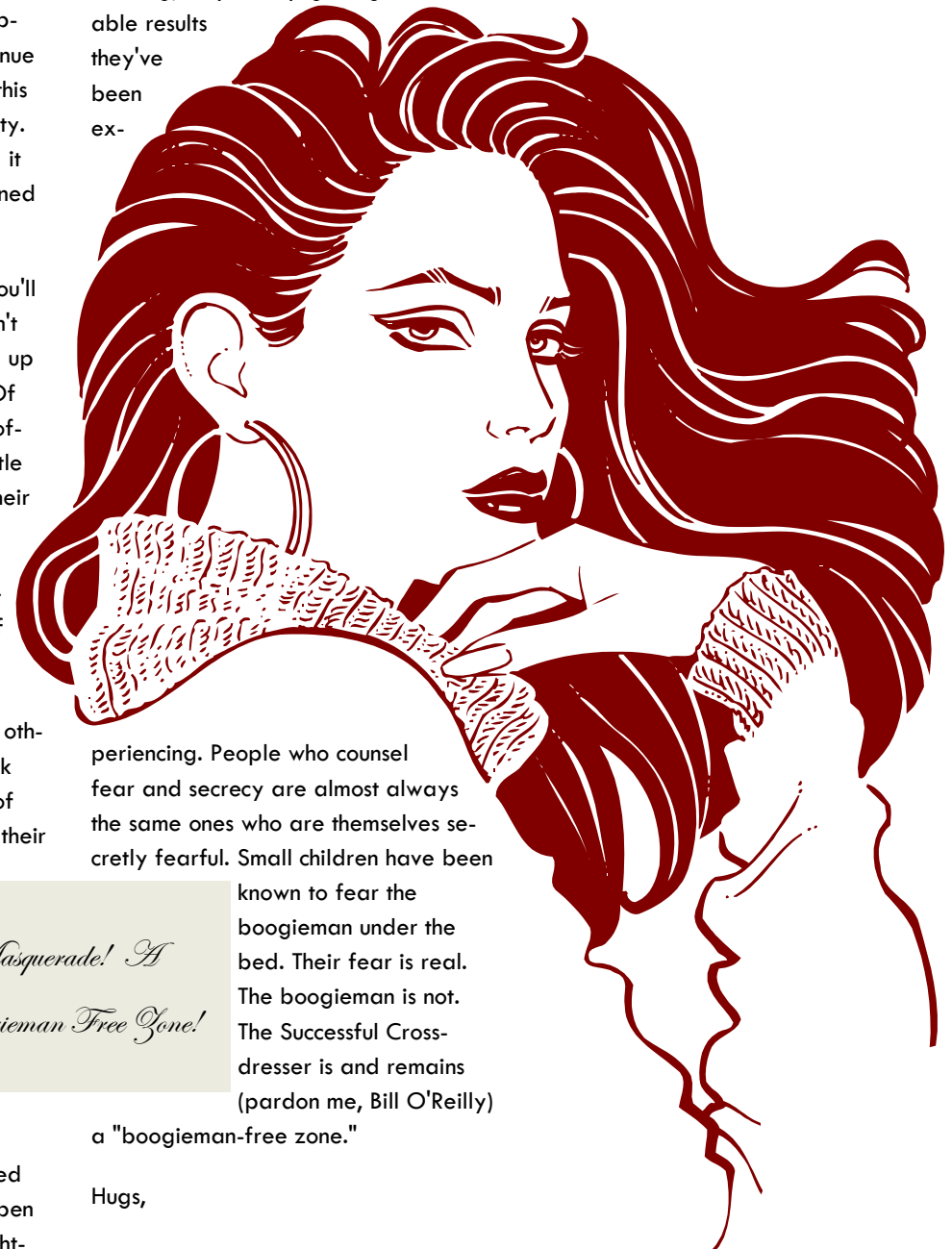


Lacey Leigh

Author of

"7 Secrets of Successful Cross-dressers" <http://www.LaceyLeigh.com>

ened multitudes that if they continue cowering in the same fear they've been showing, they'll keep getting the miserable results they've been ex-



periencing. People who counsel fear and secrecy are almost always the same ones who are themselves secretly fearful. Small children have been known to fear the boogieman under the bed. Their fear is real. The boogieman is not. The Successful Crossdresser is and remains (pardon me, Bill O'Reilly) a "boogieman-free zone."

Hugs,

Masquerade! H

"Boogieman Free Zone!"

Girlstuff Events!

Hey girls! Here is the schedule for our upcoming events and outings for the next little while!!

- **Saturday October 16th "Happy Gang" at Gio's. Music from the 50's, 60's and 70's!**
- **Saturday October 23rd Black & Blue Ball at the Purple Peanut.**
- **Saturday October 30 - Masquerade Halloween Party at Mary's**
- **Saturday November 6 White Chicks premier on DVD at Shandi's**
- **Wednesday November 10th the Space Girls at Club 200 See the ad on page 5!**
- **Saturday November 13th afternoon shopping with Shandi!**
- **Saturday November 17th "Real Live Girl" at MTC**
- **December 4 dinner out at Step-pin' Out.**

In order for us to co-ordinate please be considerate and email us at

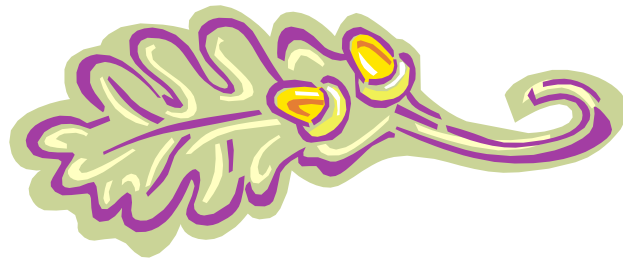
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at least 48 hours prior to the event to let us know that you will be attending. Or contact Shandi through Mary. Thank you!

Hope to see you there!!



Cartoon Courtesy of Chantal!



September meeting photos!



Vanessa at the bar!

Lots of good girlie fun from our September meeting!



Our newest member Rosalie, and our president Sabrina!



Charlene and Chantal

Natalie's Party!



Our Hostess!



Ardra!



Chantal and Vanessa!

News!



Shandi & Charm are awarded for their contributions to the SOMS by the Monarchs Stephanie and Tony.



Natalie has decided to leave the Space Girls! To spend more time with family and friends. We will be continuing as a four-some for the time being.

We'll miss her!

The Best of "Nail Tips" By Rhaina!

Keven Aucoin's the three-dimensional mouth.

To create the three dimensional mouth. First define the lipline with pencil, darker than the lip colour and lightly fill in the rest of the mouth. Then cover the entire mouth with the lighter lip colour up to the edge of the darker lipline. Leave a **very thin** darker lipline. Next take a lighter shade of lip colour or gloss and apply to just the center and inside of the upper and lower lip. Powder, blot and re-apply.

Powder products:

When applied directly to the skin, powder products such as eyeshadow and blush will adhere in oily areas and create a blotchy application. A light dusting of loose or pressed powder first is the best way to ensure a smooth blended application. This tip is useful even when a foundation or concealer has been applied. I use a concealer on the eyelid followed by a light dusting with loose translucent powder. This technique provides a smoothed blended application that lasts for several hours.

Applying artificial nails.

Always apply a basecoat prior to the application of artificial nails. This ensures that removal will be efficient and as painless as possible. I like to place a drop of adhesive on the natural nail. With the tip of the nail adhesive container, spread the adhesive over the nail. Position the artificial nail on the base of the natural nail near the cuticle. Slide the artificial nail towards the cuticle as you press onto the natural nail. Press and hold. Keep a tissue handy for the removal of any excess adhesive that extrudes from under the nail. Remove this excess adhesive immediately. Press and hold until secure. Once secure apply a clear lacquer topcoat.

Curling the eyelashes.

Curling the eyelash is an effective makeup technique. Place the eyelash curler as close to the base of the eyelash as you can get. Squeeze for a few seconds. Release and move the curler out along the length of the eyelash, squeezing as you go. The change is instantaneous. Curled eyelashes can make you look awake and vibrant. Mascara enhances the effect.

Opening small eyes:

Before applying your eyeliner, rim the eye with white eye pencil. This technique will help to extend the whites of the eyes. Always use a magnifying mirror. First soften the tip of the eye pencil by drawing a few lines on the back of your hand. To apply, pull the lower eyelid away from the eye and draw a line along the inner eye rim. Repeat for the upper eyelid.



Here is a sampling of the best beauty tips published in previous issues. Tips us girls should know!

Lipstick with staying power.

Looking for the long lasting smudge-proof effect? Powder the first coat of lipstick then re-apply the lipstick, powder and blot. Powder and blotting lipstick absorbs excess oil and leaves the pigment. To blot more evenly, separate a 2-ply tissue and use one sheet at a time.



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For the girl inside us all!



We are a support group for cross-dressers, transvestites, and transsexuals. Our purpose is for people with like/common interests to associate and socialize. It is not for the purpose of soliciting or engaging in sexual activities.

All gender gifted individuals, who are 18 years of age or older, and are prepared to respect our bi-laws, are welcome. Spouses and significant others are encouraged and welcome to attend meetings and functions and join if they wish.

We regularly meet the 2nd Tuesday of every month at Gio's, 155 Smith St.. The meetings begin around 7:30 p.m. and go until 9 or 10. Refreshments, but no alcohol, are served. A \$3.00 due is charged to help cover costs of the tea & coffee, etc. that are provided. Socializing and dancing are done afterwards!

We endeavour to maintain a very friendly, laid-back atmosphere. We are all there for the same reasons-a place to go to that is accepting, private and relaxing.

Change facilities are available. Dressing for the first meeting or two is not required, but encouraged!

Birthday Girls!

Ardra	Oct 12
Charlene	Oct 15
Lisa	Oct 19
Alyssa	Nov 1
Natalie	Nov 5
Brenda	Nov 19



Have a Happy One!

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