

## **Looking Beyond**

When wives and partners of crossdressers first find out about the crossdressing, it consumes their lives. They can think of nothing else but the crossdressing. So much time and effort is spent on criticizing this behavior that there is no time left to discover that perhaps there is more to their husbands than just the crossdressing.

In talking with other wives, we have learned just how varied we, the significant others are. Some of us are professionals; others of us are homemakers. Some of us have children; others of us do not. We are all ages, all religions, and we live all over the world. We have benefited from these friendships. We have learned that there is both similarity and difference in our experiences. But we have learned there is more to us than just having a husband or partner who crossdresses.

So it should not be a surprise that our crossdressing husbands vary also. I found this out when we first joined a support group. We met doctors, lawyers, civil servants, truck drivers, computer programmers, electricians, plumbers, auto repairmen, writers, painters, artists, reporters, stock brokers, pilots, etc., etc. I was amazed at the variety of occupations among these men who had crossdressing in common. I had sort of thought they would all be the same.

As the “guys” came to know each and discovered each other’s talents, they found they could rely upon each other for advice and service when it was needed. Whatever talents each one had could be used by others. Because these crossdressers became good friends, they often offered advice and services free of charge. And guess who benefited in addition to the crossdressers! The wives and families, of course!

This was definitely an asset of belonging to a support group that I had never thought of.

So perhaps it would behoove those wives who are concentrating on the negative aspects of crossdressing in their lives to look beyond. To look to the skills and talents of their husbands and how their lives have been enhanced by these abilities. They just might be pleasantly surprised!