FROM THE PRESIDENT

Well, everyone, I am still president and (except for Randall) we have the same fine slate of officers. I would very much like to present to you our new Corresponding Secretary, Sandy Pettinger. After much pleading and begging Sandy has agreed to join our hard working crew and I know she will do a wonderful job. With that announcement I would also like to thank Randall for his work during the previous year and the fine job he has done.

For those of you who could not attend, the Con was great. Trudy and her gang did a smashing job. They have raised the level a notch and future Cons will have to work harder.

Now to looking ahead, I believe the Friday morning General Meeting was a good idea. We plan to schedule the meeting the same way next year, but I think a 3-hour time slot is needed to allow us enough time for everything.

A lot of ground was covered and a lot of work done. I guess this is as good a place to announce that on July 1, 2004, dues for new and renewing members will be raised by $2 to a total of $6 per member. This raise in dues is primarily to help support an increase in our newsletter publication schedule. Beginning in July, 2004, we will be sending out six issues of The ICG Newsletter per year, rather than the current four originally announced for 2004. The new schedule is posted on page 6 of this newsletter.

As the archivist, I want to thank the board for its support in finding the funds to complete the tape transfer to DVD disks.

Changing the subject: There seems to be a small problem with our ICG Board of Directors reps NOT keeping their chapters informed about the subjects and actions being taken by the Board. A motion was passed to create another list or in some way get the news out to our members. It troubles me that Board Reps are not talking to their chapter members and are not voting when motions reach that stage. Simply put, they are not doing their job.

My problem is this: I don’t feel that we, the Officers of the ICG, should interfere with the structure of the local chapters.

If a local chapter’s Board Rep does not fail to participate, then that chapter’s members are being cheated out of what their chapter should be providing to them.

We have a lot of plans for the future of the ICG, and we simply can’t accomplish them without funds. Even fundraising requires some initial investment. Now we can build our bank account up from a small initial investment. Now we can build our bank account up to help pay for some additional benefits to our members.

Amongst the projects the ICG presently supports:

- The ICG Archives
- The ICG Web Site (www.costume.org)
- The ICG-D discussion mailing list
- The ICG Newsletter
- The ICG Lifetime Achievement Award

Your input is valuable, and we’re actively looking for it - please let us know what you would like to see, or consider contributing.

C. D. Mami, President

FROM THE EDITOR

Thanks for all your support over the last two years! I’ve certainly appreciated all the feedback - positive and negative - concerning the content of this publication.

Beginning with the next issue of the newsletter, due in July, 2004, we will be publishing on a bi-monthly schedule. This was my original stated goal, but was impossible to achieve because we couldn’t afford the additional cost. At the time of last year’s meeting I agreed, reluctantly, to limit production to quarterly.

I am pleased to report that during the 2004 Annual Meeting the newsletter was increased to six issues per year (bimonthly). The schedule is outlined on Page 6. This clear vote of confidence is deeply appreciated! I’ve worked very hard to produce a quality, timely and manageable product for our members.

There are two ways to handle this problem. One way is for the ICG to take a more active part in the running of local chapters, which I am not in favor of doing. The other way is to create in the Standing Rules a “code of conduct” for Board Reps to follow which spells out to the letter what is expected of Board Reps and what tasks they must fulfill.

I will be shortly asking Nora to look into the second of these options and report on her findings. Until then I will take what ever steps I can to create an information flow from the Board Reps to their local chapters.

On May 1st I will ask for a roll call from each chapter. For each roll call, I will need the name of the president of the chapter or the chapter’s acknowledged representative to the Board, with a valid e-mail address and postal mail contact address. I will also ask that for the time being the treasurers act as alternate Board Reps. I will expect each board member to check in once a month.

I will request that Betsy set aside a small amount of space in the newsletter for Board reports.

I will also request a meeting schedule from each chapter so we may better time delivery of special information to each chapter as a whole.

Until we have a clear picture of what is needed, I have asked Jeff to research another list or a way to send this information to members, but not to take any action until we are sure of what we need and what will do the job.

While I realize some of these requests will add more work for all of us, they are needed until we can solve this problem.

I want to thank you all for your hard work last year and I know you will all work just as hard, if not harder this year.

C. D. Mami, President

Correction

The Chicagoland Costumers’ Guild web site may be found at: www.ChicCostume.org

Apparently we missed making this change some time ago, but the correction has been made to the Chapter page. We apologize for any inconvenience the error may have caused.
2004 ICG ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES
A Summary of the business conducted this year

The following are not the minutes of the ICG meeting, but are a summary with clarifications of the motions passed at the meeting. I am sending this in the hopes that the chapters that were not represented at the meeting will be brought up to date quickly, and that we all know what changes have transpired. The clarifications are my own interpretations of the discussions and their significance.

There will be a more complete set of minutes in the not-to-distant future.

- Dana MacDermott, Recording Secretary

The BOD and general meeting on April 2, 2004 produced the following passed motions of significance:

1) Motion 0304-01 was passed in the BOD meeting

WHEREAS both members and non-members of the International Costumers’ Guild have expressed dissatisfaction with the ICG Masquerade Guidelines as they now exist;

AND WHEREAS it appears that most of the dissatisfaction lies in the form rather than the substance of the guidelines;

AND WHEREAS certain topics pertinent to the concept of the guidelines were not addressed in the original document;

IT IS MOVED that the International Costumers’ Guild establish a committee to study and make recommendations regarding rewriting, modifying and expanding the ICG Masquerade Guidelines.

IT IS FURTHER MOVED that the responsibilities of the committee shall include, but not be limited to:

1. Strengthen the focus on fairness in competition
2. Improve the clarity of the text
3. Make the guidelines more approachable
4. Preserve the basic concepts of the current guidelines
5. Create a new draft of the ICG Masquerade Guidelines

IT IS RECOMMENDED that the committee consist of the following individuals:
1. Andy Trembley (Co-Chair) GBACG
2. Betsy Delaney (Co-Chair) NJ/NYCG
3. Karen Dick - Costume-Con Service Mark Owner
4. Dana MacDermott - SiWeb
5. Bruce Mai - SLCG
6. Kevin Roche - GBACG
7. John O’Halloran - GBACG
8. Henry Osier - CCG

IT IS RECOGNIZED that the ICG president shall retain final authority to appoint these or any other individuals to the committee.

IT IS FURTHER RECOGNIZED that in accordance with common procedure the ICG president shall serve as a de facto member of the committee.

2) Also passed at the BOD meeting: To Suspend Standing Rule 15 B for the calendar year 2004 and to give a Posthumous Lifetime Achievement award to Pat Kennedy.

At the general meeting:

3) Standing Rule 23 wording changed from "Directors" to "Members".

Clarification: This means that any member of the ICG can be a member of the ICG Newsletter Editorial Board. We now need those two members.

4) Up to $975 from the general fund was allocated for a one time charge for specific video media to transfer the deteriorating recordings of masquerades.

Clarification: We have all the equipment needed to do this, including cases. We just needed the DVD+R disks for transfer.

5) To increase dues by $2 per year for all new and renewing members, effective July 1, 2004.

Clarification: There was a very long and thorough discussion of the reasons, the concerns and the possible ramifications. The chapter reps or someone present if there was no official chapter rep contributed their perception of the chapter membership’s viewpoints. The motion was overwhelmingly passed by a vote of 73 to 4 (including proxies). We tried to give particular consideration to the opinions of CGW and GBACG, which was hampered by the lack of an official representative to the Board from either chapter.

6) Form a committee composed of the Board of Directors of the corporation to discuss and make recommendations to the BOD regarding membership issues and issues of Newsletter distribution.

Clarification: The BOD has been charged by the membership to study and make recommendations about issues such as household memberships, membership in more than a single chapter, optional distribution of the Newsletter by electronic means or by mailing one issue to a household, etc.

7) To increase the number of issues of the Newsletter from 4 to 6 per year beginning July, 2004.

8) That the ICG establish an announcement only electronic mailing list available by subscription to the General Public for the dissemination of official announcements and information by the corporation.

Clarification: In the web guy’s lap, now. This is to get the word out to concerned individual members and non-members who might not be getting the information in any other way. It was further suggested that the ICG-D list would be a Member of this additional list. Further details were not stipulated, but will be announced when they have been finalized.
## Costume Calendar

**Conventions/Conferences/Gatherings/etc**

To add or change event listings, send your event info to the address on Page 10 of this newsletter.

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### Convergence ’04

Handweavers’ Guild of America  
June 30 - July 3, 2004  
Colorado Convention Center, Denver, CO (USA)  

### The Lord of the Rings Motion Picture Trilogy — The Exhibition

August 1 2004 - October 24, 2004  
Museum of Science, Boston, MA (USA)  
[www.mos.org/lotr/](http://www.mos.org/lotr/)

Calendar items are listed courtesy of the following:  
The ICG Web Site: [www.costume.org](http://www.costume.org), the GBACG Conventions, Seminars & Symposums page, at: [www.gbacg.org/conventions.htm](http://www.gbacg.org/conventions.htm), Adequate Anime, at:  
[www.adequate.com/anime/events/calendar.html](http://www.adequate.com/anime/events/calendar.html) and the SF Lovers Convention List, at:  
RESTITUTION BLOOM TO GRANNY'S BLOOMERS  
By Julia Ann Hyll

If you come across the most wonderful slip or camisole and hesitate to purchase it because of yellowing or staining, consider these easy hints for restoring them to their original beauty.

Before you proceed with the washing, you must remove any stains.

To treat brown or yellow stained areas, add a few drops of lemon juice mixed with distilled water to an ounce of Orvis. This mild pH-neutral cleaner is recommended for all washable fabric. Use only enough of the liquids to form a workable paste. [Orvis is a dry livestock shampoo, available in quilt shops, tack and feed stores. -Editor]

Wet the stain, work in the paste and let it sit for several minutes.

Use warm, soft water to rinse the item. (A word of caution: The lemon in this paste mixture may discolor dyed fabric or may even remove the color completely.)

Now, on to the washing.

Heirloom clothing made of natural fibers such as linen or flax can be restored to crisp, snowy whiteness using care and mild cleaners. Gently wash the fabric with mild soap using the delicate cycle on your machine. Be sure the water is soft and repeat the rinse cycle to remove all the residue of soap.

Do not use the machine to dry these items. While they are still damp, lay them on clean towels on the lawn in direct sunlight. The brighter the sunlight, the more dazzling the resulting whiteness of your garment.

Using strong bleaching chemicals is not recommended and they may eat holes in the fabric, dissolving stitching and destroy all of the elastic.

Press linen or cotton while the fabric is still damp. Flax, pure cotton or linen may be ironed at high settings. Slips, petticoats and bloomers trimmed in embroidery or delicate lace must be pressed between two pieces of soft cotton such as old sheeting.

If an accident occurs and the iron scorches an item, rub a cut onion over it, soak the piece in cold water for about an hour and repeat the washing instructions given above.

(From an article in the Antique Trader - February, 1996 - History of Underwear Oddments by Lisa Didier. Copyright (c) 1996 Krause Publications)

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Years ago, before moving to the islands, I had a neighbor lady who collected, restored and redressed antique dolls - mostly china headed ones, but also bisque, etc. She restored the bodies of some that were made of leather, by using old kid gloves. She made arms and legs for those dolls that did not have china arms and legs, using old kid gloves and making hands and fingers using tiny, tiny stitches. It was amazing to see her collection; it seemed to grow every day. She and her husband would go to all the yard and garage sales and found some lovely doll furniture - old four poster beds, etc. and restored these also. Her collection filled a rather large attic.

She told me that she would buy old cotton undergarments, petticoats, camisoles, corset covers or whatever she found at yard sales or wherever and use them for the undergarments for the dolls. Many of these items were in bad shape, stained, torn, worn, etc. but had enough good fabric for her to use.

She put them in a solution of Tide and blueing and simmered them on the stove for an hour or so. Then thoroughly rinsing and line drying them, she repeated the process. Line drying serves the same purpose as laying the items on towels in the sun.

I tried this with some of my Grandmother’s petticoats and it worked fine - this before the days of Orvis.

Since the initial article was written [several years ago], I have discovered that the product “OxiClean” works wonders for many whites and doesn’t seem to effect colors. I put a measure in a bucket of water or enough to cover the article and let it soak, sometimes for overnight. The thing I don’t know and no one else does I guess, is what the long term effects (if any) may be. So far it seems fine.

MY FAVORITE PLACES TO SHOP  
A Regular Feature by Karen Dick

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8347 Beverly Blvd., Los Angeles, CA 90048  
Phone: (323) 653-6453; FAX: (323) 653-9276  
Hours: Mon-Sat 9:00-6:00; Wed 9:00-9:00; Sun 11:00-5:00  
Contact Person: Queti Valqui  
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Shop where the Hollywood costume designers do. Will swatch if you’re hunting a particular fabric. Nice selection of metallic brocades and other fancy fabrics. Near Oriental Silk Company so you can visit both shops.

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8377 Beverly Blvd., Los Angeles, CA 90048  
(310) 651-2323  
Hours: Mon-Sat 9:00-6:00  
Contact Person: Ken Wong  
URL: www.orientalsilk.com  
Excellent selection, good prices, near International Silks & Woolens so you can visit both shops.

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(650) 948-8611; FAX: (650) 948-3426  
Phone: (800) 221-SILK outside CA  
(800) 221-SILK in CA  
Hours: 9:00-5:30 Mon-Sat  
Contact Person: Queti Valqui  
URL: www.thaisilks.com  
Amazing selection, excellent prices, will do mail-order, discounts to businesses, students, and artisans. Swatch sets available for a fee. Also carries dyeable silk garments.

CORRECTION (from last issue):  
Britex has moved temporarily. You can find them at 117 Post Street, (between Kearny Street and Grant Street) in San Francisco, CA (USA). Please visit their new location beginning 1/17/2004.  
(Still 4 floors of the finest fabrics and notions!) [Thanks, Dana, for the update! -Editor]
ICG CHAPTERS AND DUES

All ICG members receive *The ICG Newsletter*, which is included in the ICG membership fee. ICG Dues per year (per individual): Currently US$4.00. Beginning July 1, 2004, this amount will increase to US$6.00. Full “Individual” chapter members receive the chapter’s newsletter, when published, and may also offer additional amenities as well. Some chapters offer “Household” memberships to members of a household in which there is at least one full “Individual” chapter member. Such memberships generally don’t include additional copies of chapter publications. Contact each Chapter directly for more information on becoming a member.

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www.brcg.org

**Chicagoland Costumers’ Guild**
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aka The Chicago M.O.B.
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Arlington Heights, IL 60004-3562 USA
www.Chicostume.org (UPDATED)

**Costumer’s Guild West**
(CGW)
Post Office Box 3052
Santa Fe Springs, CA 90670-3052 USA
www.costumersguildwest.org

**Greater Bay Area Costumers Guild**
(GBACG)
aka Dreamers of Decadence
PMB #320
5214-F Diamond Heights Blvd.
San Francisco, CA 94131 USA
www.gbacg.org

**Greater Columbia Fantasy Costumers’ Guild, Inc.**
(GCFCG)
aka The Founders
Post Office Box 683
Columbia, MD 21045 USA
www.gcfcg.org

**Greater Delaware Valley Costumers’ Society**
(GDVCS)
aka The Lunatic Phrynge
c/o 246 W. Upsal St, Apt F-303
Philadelphia, PA 19119 USA
lunaticphrynge.nstemp.org

**Greater Sacramento Area Costumers Guild**
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aka The Fashioners of Fancy
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www.gsaacg.org

**Millenium Costumers Guild**
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Boulder, CO 80303-7143 USA
millenniumcg.tripod.com

**NJ/NY Costumers Guild**
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www.northernlights.pothole.com

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(SLUTS)
c/o Bruce Mai
7835 Milan
University City, MO 63130 USA
www.casamai.com/slcg/

**Silicon Web Costumers Guild**
(SIW)
c/o Carole Parker
630 Barnsley Way
Sunnyvale, CA 94087-3421
www.geocities.com/siwcostumers/

**Southwest Costumers Guild**
(SWCG)
PO Box 39504
Phoenix AZ 85069-9504 USA
www.southwestcostumersguild.org

**Utah Costumers Guild**
(UCG)
aka The Sew-and-Sewzz
289 West Hidden Hollow Drive
Orem, UT 84058 USA

**Western Canadian Costumer’s Guild**
(WCCG)
1903 Glenmount Dr. S.W.
Calgary, Alberta T3E 4B4 Canada
members.shaw.ca/petra-nef/

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**CHAPTER BUSINESS**

**More changes to the ICG Standing Rules**

A couple of changes have been made in the last few months. First, at the Annual Meeting we adjusted the composition of the ICG Editorial Board, which oversees the production of this publication, by changing the word “Directors” to “Members” so that anyone who belongs to the ICG may serve on the Board.

Secondly, on the ICG BOD List we have modified the ICG Standing Rule referring to dues, to comply with the raise in dues fee ($6.00 per person) passed at the Annual Meeting.

The ICG Board of Directors will shortly be discussing possible changes to the ICG’s current membership structure. These changes are to be determined and have not been finalized. More will be announced as we know it.

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**PROCEDURAL STUFF**

**For Your Information:**
At the ICG Annual Meeting, the members present determined that we needed to increase the frequency with which *The ICG Newsletter* is published, to provide better communication with our members. To cover the cost of two additional issues (for a total of six issues per year), the members present at the Annual Meeting voted to increase individual dues to $6.00 (an increase of $2.00/year). This increase will take effect on July 1, 2004 for all new and renewing members of the ICG.

Beginning with the July issue, our publication schedule will change to bimonthly, allowing more opportunities for submitting articles, calendar items or advertising. Consider this your invitation to contribute! Please see Page 6 for details.
ICG TREASURER’S REPORT

Bank balance as of January 17, 2004 was $6,650.06:
  ICG: $6,585.06
  Archives: $65.00

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Your ICG membership benefits include voting rights and subscription to this newsletter. Chapters that fail to report their members and submit their dues run the risk of being deactivated. Members of deactivated chapters who wish to participate in activities as ICG members must join an active chapter of the ICG.

LOST SOULS

ICG members must provide their correct mailing addresses to remain in good standing. Voting proxies are valid only when the ICG Treasurer has correct addresses. The addresses of the individuals below are not correct in our records. Please contact us to update the information:

Tonya Angelus (CCG)
Carolyn Kayta Barrows (CGW)
Maureen Brown (BRGC)
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There are more dead letter addresses on file. For a complete list, contact us at newsletter@costume.org.

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