# NAAFA Newsletter Supplement TO VOLUME X, ISSUE # 6, 1985

# CONVENTION PHOTO SPECIAL

#### THE 1984 NAAFA CONVENTION

Whether you were in the mood for a swim in the pool, dancing, workshops, meeting a "movie star", or playing an all-night game of Trivial Pursuit, the 1984 NAAFA Convention at the La Guardia Marriott in New York

was the place to be on the Labor Day weekend of 1984. Highlights of the Convention included an awards brunch, two pool parties, a fashion show produced by Joanne Preissler of Fully Feminine, a talent show cabaret, workshops, rap sessions, the largest dance in NAAFA history (almost 350 people!), and a showing of the film Fat Chance.

Fat Chance.

On hand to accept their Distinguished Achievement Awards in person were the stars of Fat Chance, January Stevens and Farnham Scott, as were Deah Schwartz of Leftovers and Eric Johnson of Grandview Hospital. [See Awards coverage in the main section of this Newsletter.]

The cabaret proved that NAAFA has some very talented members. Susan Matthews, Susan Mason, Ruth Boyle and Laura Brown provided musical entertainment. George Hammel and Lloyd Ingram did a lip sync rendition of "Sylvia's Mother". Louise Wolfe read segments from Fat Lip Readers Theater, and comedy was provided by Paula Lip Readers Theater, and comedy was provided by Paula Dachis, Nancy Summer, and a comic troup that included June Bailey and Elisabeth Williams.

Workshops were provided on an assortment of topics including emotional support, make-up and fashion, health, activism, assertiveness training, sexuality, family relationships, hug therapy, and the Special Interest Groups held their first national meetings since the start of SIGs in NAAFA.

Convention Co-Chairpersons Bunny Peckham and Nancy Summer received special service awards for their efforts in presenting the convention.

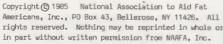
SPECIAL THANKS to the photographers without whom this "Convention Photo Special" would not have been pos sible: Anna Cannizzaro, Wayne Heinmiller, Ira Cohen, and Laura Brown.

> [Please refer to the separate caption sheet for descriptions of the photographs.]







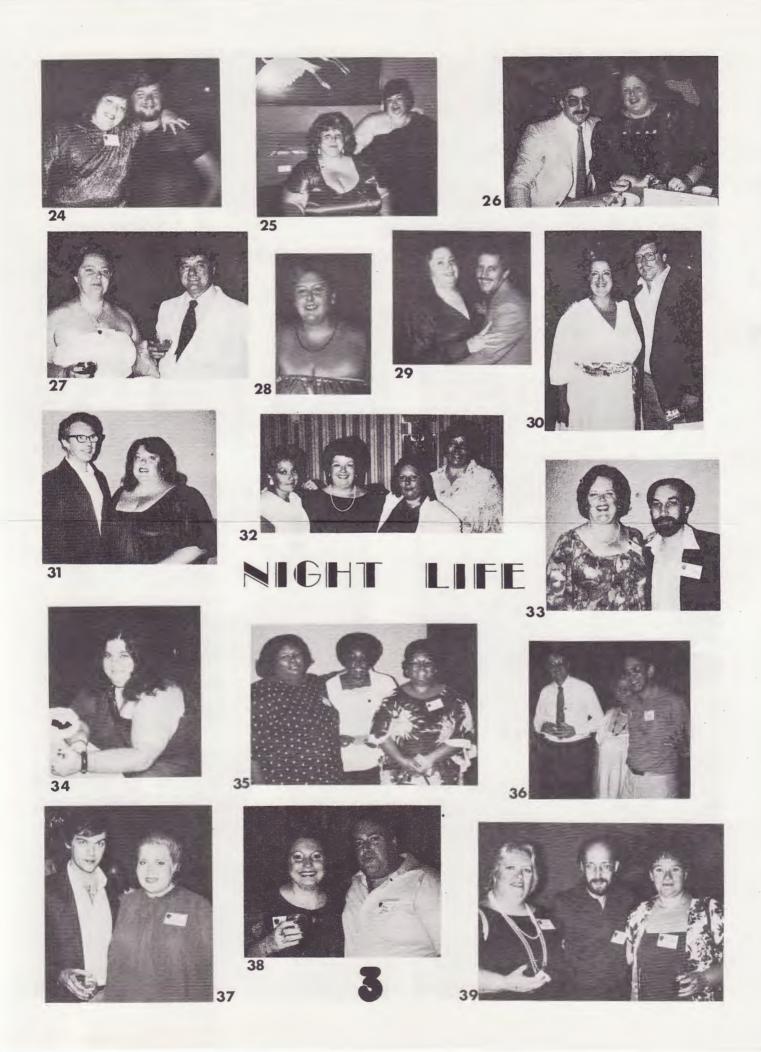












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### 1984 CONVENTION "PHOTO SPECIAL" CAPTIONS

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- 1. Just prior to the showing of the film <a href="Fat Chance">Fat Chance</a>, some NAAFA notables posed with the movie's stars. Standing (left to right): Neil Dachis (MD); Conrad Blickenstorfer (NY), Board member and F.A. SIG Coordinator; Eli Langner (NY); Elisabeth Williams (NY), NAAFA Vice-President. Seated: Ruby Greenwald (NY); Farnham Scott and January Stevens, Distinguished Achievement Award recipients; and Paula Dachis (MD), NAAFA President.
- 2. Mary-Jane Grace (NJ) and Nancy Fleischmann (NY) help at registration.
- 3. Greeting friends at registration...Jerilyn Carmichael (OH), Harvey Parker (NY), Robert Bain (NY) and Aglaia Koras-Bain (NY).
- 4. Chairman Fabrey (left) swears in new Board members Nellie Hensley (MD), Eileen Lefebure (NY), and Conrad Blickenstorfer (NY).
- 5. Founder and Chairman of the Board William J. Fabrey; Convention Co-Chairperson and Newsletter Managing Editor Nancy Summer (both NY).
- 6. Convention Co-Chairperson Bunny Peckham (NY) poses before the dance.

#### PAGE 2 - "PEOPLE"

- 7. Linda Ward (PA) and Elizabeth McCarthy (NJ).
- 8. Conrad Blickenstorfer poses with two "Fattie Dolls" donated to the raffle by June Bailey.
- 9. Ruby Greenwald, Chairperson of the Raffle Committee, announces winners of the 1984 raffle.
- 10. Andrea Fuehrer (NY).
- 11. Jean Spradlin, Jerry Hoxworth and Mary Jo Hoxworth (all OH).
- 12. Becky Haas (IL) sold buttons in the hospitality suite as a fundraiser for the Chicago Chapter.
- 13. Lillian Nielsen (IL) enters the dance and has her hand stamped by volunteers Rene Anderson and Carrie Hemenway (both MA).
- 14. Linda Martin (NY), Barbara Colgin (OH), Eileen Lemke-Meconi (WA), and Susan Dubin (CA), after a leadership training session run by Eileen.
- 15. Official photographer Anna Cannizzaro (NY) and John Baker (CA).
- 16. Adrienne Placek (NY) and Neil Osbourn (CT).
- 17. Standing: Joni İngersoll (CA), Peggy Williams (MD), Ernest Schraeter (NY), and Helmuth Skowronek (NY). Seated: Susan Mason (NJ), Laura Brown and her mother (both NY).
- 18. Standing: Ruth Boyle, (MD), Susan Mason (NJ), and January Stevens (NJ). Seated: Elyse Derman (NY) and Joyce Malony (NY).
- 19. Laura Panzarino (NY).
- 20. Bill Brinkerhoff (NJ).
- 21. Marcia Koslo (IL), Ira Cohen (NY), and Donna Marie Ryan (IL).
- 22. Laura Kowalsky (NJ).
- 23. Janet Mumma (TX) and Annette Paffen (NY) converse in the crowded hospitality suite.

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#### PAGE 3 - "NIGHT LIFE"

- 24. Ruth Boyle (MD) and David Coleman (NY).
- 25. Peggy Williams (MD) and Susan Mason (NJ).
- 26. Neil Dachis and Paula Dachis (both MD).
- 27. Lynn Meletiche and Helmuth Skowronek (both NY).
- 28. Lynn McAfee (PA).
- 29. Pat Coles and Robert George (both NY).
- 30. Lisbeth Fisher Burns and Robert Hartenstine (both NY).
- 31. Mel Cropley (NJ) and Carrie Lutwin (NY).
- 32. Unidentified woman with Jane Kettell (MA), Marie Butcher (NY), and Susan Hesse (NY).
- 33. Susan Matthews and Louis Brockman (WI).
- 34. Susan Dubin (CA).
- 35. Marisa Campbell, Sheila Pigford, and Yolanda Campbell (all NY).
- 36. Wayne Heinmiller (NJ), Carol Sternhell (NY), and Ira Cohen (NY).
- 37. Arthur Dudley (NY) and Linda Solarczyk (IL).
- 38. Mary Taylor (CA) and Steven Kurtz (NY).
- 39. Board member Eileen Lefebure (NY), Jim Brown (NJ), and Helen Hoffstaetter (NY).

### PAGE 4 - "WORKSHOPS"

- 40. Robbie Kassell (NY) center is given a taste of hug therapy by workshop co-leaders Barbara Colgin, left, and Karol Boyer, right.
- 41. F.A. rap session: Wes Beattie seated (front left) and Lou Brockman seated (front right).
- 42. Mary Taylor (CA) led a workshop on make-up and beauty.
- 43. June Bailey (OH) led rap sessions and workshops on feelings and support.
- 44. Debra Ernsberger (NY) led the Feminist Caucus (SIG) meeting. She's having dinner in this picture with Dr. Paul Ernsberger (NY), who gave a workshop on health.
- 45. Neil Dachis (MD) led the F.A. rap and gave a workshop on how extreme weight loss measures used on children may be considered a form of child abuse.

#### "TALENT SHOW"

- 46. Ruth Boyle (MD) entertained with folk songs.
- 47. Lloyd Ingram (NY) comforts his friend George Hammel (NJ) during their lip sync version of "Sylvia's Mother".
- 48. Louise Wolfe (CA) shared some excerpts from Fat Lip Readers Theater.
- 49. M.C. and talent show producer, Paula Dachis (MD) performing comedy routine.

#### "FASHION SHOW"

- 50. David Coleman (NY) escorts Ronnie Arden (CT) down the runway.
- 51. Elisabeth Williams (NY) models two-piece nightwear by Middendorf.
- 52. Bunny Peckham (NY) in a winter white cape with taupe accessories.
- 53. Laura Brown (NY) models a pink sheer summer dress by Edith Flagg.
- 54. Robert Hartenstine (NY) escorts Linda Ward (PA) who is wearing a georgette dress by Sammantha Scott of California.
- 55. Dorothy Williams (NY) in a summer voile dress.
- 56. Elizabeth McCarthy (NJ) models a pantsuit for eveningwear by St. James.
- 57. Alisa Wry in a satin-look robe by St. James.

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