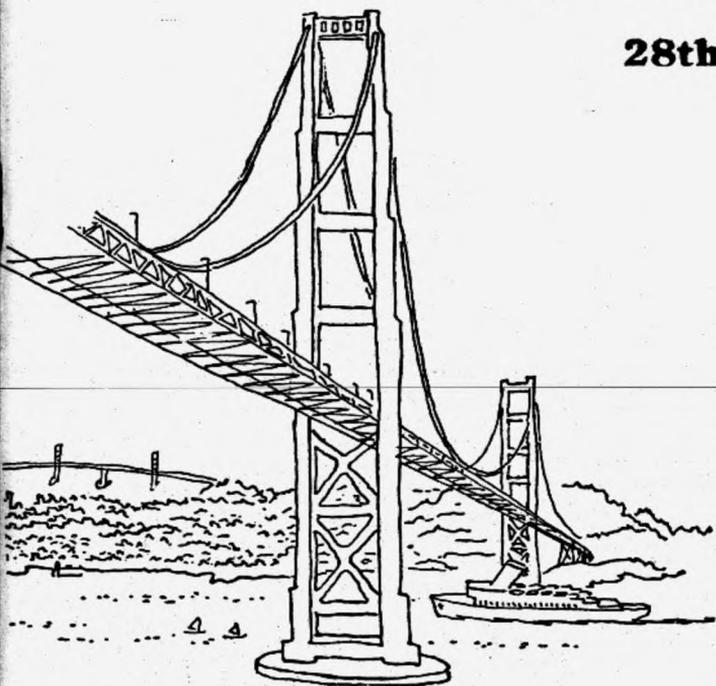


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MATTACHINE WEEK AT SAN FRANCISCO

The period August 30-September 5 at San Francisco has been equivalent to "Mattachine Week" as activities of the Society were stepped up with the meeting of the Board of Directors here. The Area Council met August 31. September 1, the following night, was a first Thursday which saw the presentation of the monthly discussion meeting. The 3-day period beginning September 5 centered about Board activities, climaxing at a banquet on Sunday evening, and concluding with a general "work session" on the Mattachine Review Labor day. Members and guests attended from Los Angeles, Long Beach and New York. Details of these events are covered in this issue of the newsletter.

LOS ANGELES PSYCHOLOGIST EVOKES LIVELY DISCUSSION AT SAN FRANCISCO MEETING

Evelyn Hooker, Ph.D., research psychologist on the faculty of the University of California at Los Angeles, and research advisor of the Mattachine Society, appeared before 35 persons at the regular monthly September discussion group sponsored by the San Francisco Area Council September 1st.

After brief remarks outlining the scope and progress of her research projects in the human personality area and the influence of a homosexual behavior pattern upon it, she conducted a lively hour-long discussion period. The basic questions upon which she confined and guided the discussion were:

1. Does a definite homosexual minority exist as we know and define other minorities;

2. Do pressures from the dominant majority have an effect upon homosexuals, their attitudes, etc.

While the discussion resulted in a great deal of "thinking out loud," some conclusions, perhaps, were reached;

1. Broadly speaking, only the mode of sexual behavior would differentiate and distinguish a homosexual minority as such. This means that for the most part, the term minority as sometimes applied to this group is in many ways a misnomer.

2. The existence of a homosexual minority, if it does exist, is probably the result of attitudes expressed over centuries by the dominant majority: stemming from religious, moral and legal codes. These same attitudes and pressures, which sometimes cause homosexual individuals to cloak themselves with feelings of superiority based upon an actual condition of imposed inferiority, are the cause of the existence of minority characteristics among homosexuals, rather than the effect. In other words, if society as a whole had no special attitude about homosexuality, then no significant minority characteristics would develop, and most homosexual problems would not develop as such.

The above comment, while following points discussed, is not a direct quotation from Dr. Hooker nor from any other speaker.

Present at the meeting were several other psychologists who had been in attendance at opening activities of the convention of the American Psychological Association at San Francisco. From over the U.S., some 4000 persons in this field convened in the city during the first week of Sept.

DR. REYNAUD IS OCTOBER SPEAKER

Everyone is invited to attend and bring friends to the October 6 discussion meeting at which Harold R. Reynaud, Ph.D., M.D., professor of psychological medicine and chief clinical psychologist on the staff of Cowell Memorial Hospital, University of California, Berkeley, will be speaker.

Dr. Reynaud has not announced his specific subject, but it will relate to the area of research and education in which the Mattachine Society specializes. Time and place are as per usual: Friends Center, 1830 Sutter street, 8 p.m. sharp.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

San Francisco Area Council

(Calendars of events for other areas are listed elsewhere in this newsletter)

SEPTEMBER

- 15--Monthly Dinner-Business Meeting, Montclair Restaurant, 550 Green St. (Near Grant Ave.) 8 p.m. (Cocktails from 7:30). Tickets, \$2 per plate. Make usual advance reservations.
- 28--Area Council Meeting--New location, Research Director's office, 8 p.m.

OCTOBER

- 6--Discussion Meeting, Friends Center, 1830 Sutter street, 8 p.m. sharp. Speaker: Dr. Harold R. Reynaud, Prof. of Psychological Medicine, University of California, Berkeley.
- 20--Monthly Dinner-Business Meeting, Montclair Restaurant, as above. Reservations as per usual. Program to be announced.
- 26--Monthly San Francisco Area Council Meeting, time and place as per above.

LAST HALF DUES FOR 1955--Due and payable now to the San Francisco Area Council Treasurer. Amount, \$10

.....Have you paid yours?

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Los Angeles Area Council

First Wednesday of every month---

-Dinner Meeting. Padre Hotel, Cahuenga Blvd., Hollywood, 7p.m. Speaker: Herbert Selwyn, Attorney, Subject: Society and the Sex Deviate; a series of four talks. Tickets \$1.65

Second Wednesday---

Work session to publish newsletter and work on other projects. Area Council office, 357 Belmont, 8:30 p.m.

Third Wednesday---

Discussion Group; 215 N. Avenue 53 - Highland Park; 8:30 p.m.; Speakers, Films, Group Discussions.

Last Sunday of every month---

Beach Party - Playa del Rey, North Fire Pits. Los Angeles Area Council furnishes beverage, bring your own lunch... 12 noon.

Long Beach Area Council

(For addresses, newsletters, and notification of Special Activities write to: Long Beach Area Council, Mattachine Society, P.O. Box 1232, Long Beach 1, Calif.)

SEPTEMBER

9---Area Council Business Meeting

14---Discussion - Westminster - Sex and the Law

19---Discussion - Huntington Park

28---Discussion - Long Beach

PROGRAM

SECOND QUARTERLY MEETING

Board of Directors

MATTACHINE SOCIETY, Inc.

- * Welcome
- * Official Board Meeting
- * Mattachine Review Meeting
- * Banquet

September 3-5, 1955

HOTEL BELLEVUE
505 Geary
SAN FRANCISCO

WELCOME!

Officers and members of the San Francisco Area Council, and members and friends of the five San Francisco Bay Area chapters of the Mattachine Society extend a hearty welcome to the Chairman, members of the Board of Directors, and other guests from Southern California and elsewhere to this second quarterly meeting of the Board since our second annual convention (Held May 14 and 15 at Los Angeles).

At the convention, it was decided that the Board would meet quarterly. First quarterly meeting of the Board was held at 3 p.m., Sunday May 15, immediately after the final convention session. Two additional Board meetings will be held before the next annual convention.

San Francisco has earned worldwide fame as host city to conventions, meetings and conferences--large or small. This tradition will, we believe, be evident once again to all who have come here for this meeting. The same tradition will also be evident again next May 12-13 (1956) when we shall be host to the 3rd annual convention of the Mattachine Society.

On behalf of the City by the Golden Gate, we are proud to welcome you to San Francisco! -- Mel Betti, Chairman, San Francisco Area Council.

PROGRAM

Saturday, September 3, 1955

- 1:30 p.m. -- Quarterly Meeting, Board of Directors, Ken Burns, Chairman, Presiding. Room 221, Hotel Bellevue, 505 Geary St.
- 6:00 p.m. -- Optional "Dutch" dinner for Board of Directors, San Francisco Area Council, Members and Friends (Place to be announced when decided upon by those wishing to attend. No planned program.)

Sunday, September 4, 1955

- 1:30 p.m. -- Mattachine Review Production Problems, for Board of Directors, Editorial Board, San Francisco Area Council Officers, Harold L. Call, Publications Director, presiding. Room 312, Williams Bldg., 693 Mission St.
- 6:30 p.m. -- Cocktail Hour, Hunt Room, Hotel Bellevue.
- 7:30 p.m. -- Banquet, sponsored by San Francisco Area Council honoring Board of Directors, Featured Speaker, Mrs. Rhoda Kellogg, child guidance specialist. Subject, "Personality Development Influences Within the Family, and Their Effect Upon Small Children." Jade Room, Hotel Bellevue.

Monday, September 5, 1955

- 11:00 a.m. -- Work Session, Mattachine Review Office, 693 Mission Street. (Those present will see a continuation of printing the Review's 2-color cover for September-October issue)

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NOTES

1. While anyone may attend Mattachine Review meeting, it is emphasized that space is limited.

2. Advance reservations required for banquet. . . .
Make reservations and obtain tickets (\$3.50 per plate) with J. Fooks, Social Chairman, or Mel Betti, SFAC Chairman.

SPECIAL REPORT: Board Meeting Events

Here is a series of capsule comments upon the Board of Directors meeting held Sept. 3-5 here:

1. A resolution was passed calling for individuals to write state legislators endorsing the recommendations of the American Law Institute's "Model Penal Code," in which a stand was taken to the effect that laws against sodomy and adultery should be abolished from all state statutes.

2. The contract between Mattachine Society and Pan-Graphic Press for publication of the Review was approved for a 1-year period.

3. Review advertising rates were set up and approved. Advertising policy was also approved.

4. Reports from all areas and departments were made.

5. Departmental directors were instructed to revise and shorten existing statements of policy for the forthcoming new edition of the Blue Book. The revised constitution and by-laws will also be included in this edition.

6. In the publications department, sound tapes will be made available for use by other organizations. They will explain Mattachine organization, aims and principles.

NEW YORK PSYCHOLOGIST A VISITOR

Samuel Morford, psychologist from New York, here for APA convention, visited Mattachine Society Area Council officers while in San Francisco.

MRS. RHODA KELLOGG WAS BANQUET SPEAKER

Mrs. Rhoda Kellogg, San Francisco child guidance expert and author of "Children Need Fathers Too" and another book on the subject, was speaker at the Area Council banquet honoring the Board of Directors Sept. 4 at Hotel Bellevue. She criticized the present situation in many families where influences, especially those of the mother, tended to create problem situations for children.

SEPTEMBER DINNER TO BE HELD AT MONTCLAIR

Montclair Restaurant, 550 Green street (North Beach area) is the place where the September 15 dinner-business meeting will be held. An interesting entertainment feature will be arranged for that program. Price per plate remains the same, \$2. Serving begins promptly at 8 p.m. Please make advance reservations with the social chairman, or call EXbrook 7-0773.

COLORFUL 5TH ISSUE OF REVIEW TO APPEAR

With a colorful blue and yellow cover, the 5th issue of Mattachine Review will appear soon after September 15th, reports the Publications Director. Featured authors in the issue include names already familiar to readers of the Review: James (Barr) Fugate, MacFingal, Luther Allen, R. W. Crowther, Lyn Pedersen, Albert Ellis and others. The issue continues the regular improvement trend noted with each successive previous issue, the editor says.

NEXT BOARD MEETING NOVEMBER 27

Next quarterly meeting of the Board of Directors will be held at Long Beach, November 26-27. The Long Beach Area Council will be host to the 2-day meeting.

BOARD MEETING PROGRAM IS SPECIAL INSERT

The 4-page insert on pink pages in this newsletter is the program of the 3-day meeting of the Board of Directors held Sept. 3-5 here.

At the main business meeting and the special meeting for Mattachine Review, many problems were clarified and solved. Reports were made by all departmental directors and officers, since the entire Board was present.

The program lists all officers by name, plus the names of all members of the San Francisco Area Council, the Mattachine Review and its editorial board.

SEE TREASURER TO OBTAIN PINS

Members who wish to purchase the attractive lapel pin of the Mattachine Society may obtain them from the Area Council treasurer. He has a supply on hand now. Price is \$1.50 each.

MEMBERSHIP TALLY NOW STANDS AT 14

As of Sept. 1st, total membership in the San Francisco area stood at 14, based upon receipt of payment of full half-year dues of \$10 to the Area Council treasurer. Estimate of total membership for the area's five chapters (Alpha, Beta and Gamma, San Francisco, and Berkeley and Oakland chapters) for the last half of 1955 is 30, the figure of membership which is expected to have been reached by December 1955.

TELEPHONE MONITORING SERVICE CONSIDERED

One of the matters discussed at the August 31st Area Council meeting was setting up a schedule for members of the area to rotate duty at the area council office to answer the telephone. It is planned to call for volunteers so that someone will be at the Society's telephone here (EXbrook 7-0773) from 7-10 p.m. each evening during the week, and 1-5 p.m. on Saturdays and Sundays. Reference material will be provided to those answering the telephone, so that they in turn can answer questions or properly refer calling parties to the source of correct information sought.

CHRISTMAS PARTY APPROVED BY AREA COUNCIL

Plans have started to present a Christmas social event on December 15, in place of the regular dinner for that month. In charge of preparations is the Social chairman. He will be assisted by other members of the Gamma Chapter, San Francisco. Complete details will be announced in future newsletters. Watch for it!

AREA COUNCIL REORGANIZATION EFFECTED

With the recent election of Mel Betti as San Francisco Area Council Chairman, a further reorganization of that body has been completed, with resulting improvement in Area Council functions already noted.

B. Brackett has been elected treasurer to succeed the former treasurer who found it necessary to resign, although this was not a resignation from the Society.

Duties and assignment for principal officers and committee heads were outlined at an August 31 meeting of the Council. The new definition and assignment of duties showed up in an improved discussion group presentation September 1st. Future discussion groups and dinner meetings, the activities chairman announced, will start promptly at the announced time (8 p.m. unless otherwise stated). Future newsletters will be issued before or during the first week of each month. Orientation meetings for newcomers and others interested in learning more about the Society's setup and functions will be held as needed, not to exceed once each month, at times and places to be announced. First such meeting will probably be held in October and announced in the next newsletter.

Because space at the Area Council office (693 Mission street) is limited, the council voted to meet in the future in another office with more space and facilities. Exact location of this meeting place will be announced, prior to the next meeting scheduled for September 28th.

TREASURY REPORT GIVEN AUGUST 31

As of the close of business on August 31, when books were turned over from the old treasurer to one newly elected at that meeting, balance on hand was \$120. Approximately \$20 was collected at the Sept. 1st discussion meeting, it was also reported.

