

SAN FRANCISCO MATTACHINE NEWSLETTER

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SEPTEMBER BOARD MEETING TO BE HELD HERE

A meeting of the Board of Directors of the Society will be held September 3-5 at San Francisco, with officers and members of the board from Los Angeles and Long Beach in attendance.

Planned for the 3-day event over the Labor Day holiday are business sessions to be held in the Area Council office, and a general meeting of all members in the San Francisco area, probably to be called for Sunday afternoon, Sept. 4.

The Research Director has begun work on a planned symposium of leaders in professions and public agencies, which will probably be outlined in detail at the Board meeting, and if possible, the first conference in this projected series might be held at the time all members of the Board are here.

Gamma Chapter Social Chairman has announced that a dinner meeting will also be planned for either Sunday evening or Saturday evening during the time representatives from Southern California are in San Francisco.

New policy for Board meetings, established at the May convention of the Society, calls for quarterly meetings only. Next convention of the Society will be held in San Francisco in mid-May 1956.

PSYCHOLOGY GRADUATE A SPEAKER

Discussion Group speaker July 7 at San Francisco was a graduate student in psychology from the University of California, who told how development of the creative

talent inherent in all of us was a challenge facing a group such as sexual inverts. A lengthy question and answer period followed the brief discussion made on the subject by the speaker.

Another interesting speaker will appear at a similar meeting to be held Thursday, August 4, at 1830 Sutter street, San Francisco, 8 p.m. Following the August meeting, announcement of plans to engage several outstanding speakers from various professional fields will be announced by the Area Council Chairman in charge of these monthly events.

SIMPLIFIED DUES PAYMENT IN EFFECT NOW

As of July 1, the new method of payment of dues in two ~~semi~~-annual amounts of \$10 each went into effect. The first \$10 payment from members is now due for the last half of 1955.

Membership cards will be issued as a receipt from the Board of Directors at Los Angeles when the 40% share of the dues which goes to the Board is received by the Society's treasurer.

MATTACHINE PINS AVAILABLE NOW

Attractive blue, grey and gold pins designed from the Mattachine emblem (a letter "M" superimposed upon a diamond-shaped shield divided into four smaller diamonds) are now available upon order from the Area Council Treasurer. The price is \$1.50 each. Pins are designed to be worn as a tie holder or lapel ornament.

DINNER MEETINGS CONTINUE TO ATTRACT

Monthly dinner meetings, inaugurated last December, continue to attract up to 35 persons at the restaurants where they are held each third Thursday evening.

The July dinner will be held on the 21st, for which reservations should be made in advance as usual. The charge is \$2.00 per plate.

At a recent dinner, considerable discussion was devoted to the formation of new chapters, in answer to

FALL MEETING OF ICSE IN PARIS ANNOUNCED

Cover feature for the fifth issue of the Mattachine Review (September-October 1955) will be the forthcoming mid-November Congress of the International Committee for Sexual Equality, Amsterdam. Pictured will be a Paris scene, since the Congress will be held there, opening on Nov. 12. Events on the program, which will relate to the theme of "Homosexuality and the Origin of Human Morals," will also be listed.

The Mattachine Society, at its May convention, voted to join the international organization. ICSE advocates ethical behavior, individual responsibility, realistic legal attitudes, and full sexual equality for all persons.

OUTSTANDING ARTICLES COMING IN FIFTH ISSUE

With the fourth issue almost off the press, the September-October issue of the Review is now in production. It will appear September 15th.

Material in the issues continues to improve, readers report, and, according to the editorial director, the fifth issue will continue the trend of making each new edition better than the one preceding.

R. W. Crowther, Lyn Pedersen, Dr. Albert Ellis, Luther Allen and other authors of note will be presented in the issue, with articles related to historical, adjustment, philosophical, cultural and religious aspects of the homosexual problem.

Need for additional subscribers as well as greater newsstand distribution continues to press the publications department which produces the magazine. To date, funds have limited the scope and size of the magazine, but at the same time, the best possible issues have been produced from funds available.

Latest report on paid subscribers lists the total at 360. Circulation of the fourth issue on newsstands will hit 1400 through some 16 locations.

Attractive commissions, it is pointed out, are offered to newsdealers (Continued on page 6)

Mattachine **REVIEW**

OFFICE OF THE PUBLICATIONS DIRECTOR

*Mattachine Society, Inc.
Post Office Box 1925
Los Angeles 53, California*

July 8, 1955

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The fifth issue for September-October is already planned and the material is almost all in our hands. It will also be outstanding, as reports on adjacent pages state.

But the fact remains: Funds to guarantee production of the magazine are slow in arriving. Subscriptions are continuing to come in, but the number is "tapering off." Efforts in placing the magazine on more newsstands nationally are going ahead, but the effect of such increase in circulation will not be realized before mid-September. In the meantime, overhead and production costs continue. These costs are being held to an absolute minimum--in fact, the magazine costs only about ~~one-third~~ the commercial rate or LESS because ALL the work on it--~~including~~ the actual printing--is donated by a few persons who spend up to 30 hours per week on the project. And that's in addition to their regular jobs, don't forget.

Your help is sorely needed. If you have not subscribed, do so. If you have an extra few dollars you'd like to contribute, do so. Every buck helps to buy paper, postage, printing plates and other materials which can't come free. None of it goes to pay anyone working on the magazine.

Encouraging is the mail we receive. One person recently donated \$50, and another sent in \$10. Several others have sent in such financial aid in smaller amounts. This is greatly appreciated.

On the other hand, Dr. Menninger of Topeka has requested copies for distribution to his students in psychiatry; Dr. Kinsey has stated that our presentation of factual material on our subject is indeed a worthy project toward changing public attitude and performing a genuine public service.

Others high in many professions and in public office have praised what the Review is trying to do. Promoting such a project is not the easy, standard kind of promotion, because our subject is so sensitive and beset with emotional attitudes and prejudice--as well as actual ignorance of realistic human sex behavior.

But without resorting to the kind of flippant material (which some readers, undoubtedly prefer to see), and without sensationalism of any kind, the editorial board of the magazine hopes to continue to issue an improved magazine each time--one that will seriously aid efforts to achieve Mattachine aims and principles with truth, responsibility and dignity.

It's a big job, and the money to do it with is absolutely a "must." If you can help, don't hesitate. Your support is what we must depend upon.

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marketing the magazine. Members and friends of the Society can perform genuine service to the magazine by contacting prospective newsdealers, presenting a sample copy, and taking the order for the number of issues the dealer will handle.

"MATTACHINE SALUTES" A NEW MAGAZINE FEATURE

Recognition and tribute to institutions, agencies and individuals who spearhead public change in attitude or point up errors in common thinking on matters of human sexual behavior will be presented in future issues of Mattachine Review in a new feature called, "Mattachine Salutes."

In the July-August issue, due any day on newsstands, the first such salute is given to Judge Learned Hand, 83, retired from the bench of the U. S. Court of Appeals, New York, for his noteworthy remarks before the American Law Institute. His ideas resulted in causing this organization, made up of some 90 top minds from the fields of law and jurisprudence, to remove laws relating to sodomy and adultery from the "Model Penal Code" which the institute has been preparing for the past several years. Our states will be asked to adopt the complete Code in the near future.

Other examples of the kind of action which will be recognized are: (1) The State of Kentucky, for lowering the age of consent to 16 years, a step reflecting a realistic evaluation of a situation that has long been a law enforcement headache, and (2) Sir Magazine, for an intelligent and honest article, "What it Feels Like to Be a Homo," which appeared in its August issue, placed on newsstands only a few days ago.

Readers are also invited to present nominations for the recognition which can be accorded through this new magazine feature.

BOUND VOLUMES TO BE AVAILABLE

On December 1, 1955, bound volumes of Mattachine Review (the complete first year of the magazine--six issues) will be available for \$5.85 to the first 50 orders.

questions asked by two visitors from Florida. They expressed the hope that a chapter on the west coast of that state might be formed this winter.

Business announcements, general discussion, film programs and brief addresses characterize these meetings, with the accent upon clarification of Mattachine aims, projects and progress.

SOCIETY SECRETARY VISITS SAN FRANCISCO

The Secretary of the Mattachine Society was a visitor at San Francisco during the middle of July. He had been on vacation in the Pacific Northwest and scheduled a stopover here on his return to Los Angeles. While here he visited the office of Pan-Graphic Press, the firm which publishes the Mattachine Review, and saw the 4th issue of the magazine in production. He also met with Board members and Area Council officers while here.

NEW CHAPTER IN FORMATION IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

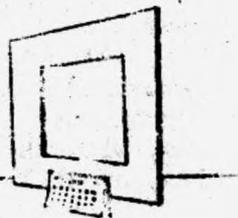
Announcement was made by the Chairman of the Mattachine Society, Los Angeles, that a new chapter is being formed at Westminister, Calif., a suburb of Long Beach. The chapter will become the third one in the Long Beach Area when formation is complete. Present chapters in that area have conducted discussion groups at Westminister and other nearby cities for some time.

EACH AREA COUNCIL TO HANDLE REVIEW SALES

In accordance with a decision of the Board of Directors at the close of the May convention, bulk quantities of the Mattachine Review will be sent to each area council in the following quantities: Los Angeles --50; San Francisco, 50; Chicago, 50, and Long Beach, 25. Each area council is expected to sell this number of copies during the 60 days following, and remit 50% of the amount (25c per copy) to the Review. This plan, therefore, calls for each area council to produce sales of the Review totaling \$12.50, with the exception of Long Beach, where the amount is \$6.25.

CALENDAR

OF EVENTS



JULY

- 7 -- Discussion Group meeting, 1830 Sutter St., 8 p.m. Speaker, Graduate Student in Psychology.
- 21-- Combined Dinner-Business Meeting, 7:30 p.m.
\$2 per plate. Advance reservations required
--Call Gamma Chapter Chairman (Market 1-5300)
- 27-- Area Council Meeting, 8 p.m., 693 Mission St., San Francisco

AUGUST

- 4 -- Discussion Group Meeting, 1830 Sutter St., 8 p.m. Speaker to be announced.
- 18-- Combined Dinner-Business Meeting, 7:30 p.m.
\$2 per plate. Advance reservations required.
- 31-- Area Council Meeting, San Francisco, as above

SEPTEMBER

- 3-5--Special Meeting Board of Directors, San Francisco. Detailed program to be announced.
- 1 --Discussion Group Meeting, 1830 Sutter St.

