MATTACHINE NEWSLETTER...37th ISSUE

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JUNE CALENDAR

June 7  Public Discussion Meeting, Friend's Center, 1830 Sutter St., 8:00 p.m.
Subject: "TRANSVESTISM"

June 17  Mattachine Brunch: 3840 - 21st St.,
just off Castro; 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.

June 21  Fellowship Dinner  Reservations call
EX 7-0773, 1560A Haight St. 8:00 p.m.

June 28  Monthly Business Meeting; Mattachine
Members, 693 Mission, Suite 307,
8:00 p.m.

NEED PERMANENT BRUNCH LOCATION

Due to relocation of the member whose home
we were using for brunch, the necessity of
finding a place where we can hold our monthly
Sunday afternoon brunches has arrived. Any
of you who have suggestions, or are willing
to use your place for the brunch, please give us a jingle at EX 7-0773.

With the coming of warm summer days, how
about a picnic instead of a brunch one day
before long? The Social Chairman brought up
this idea at last business meeting; sounds
good to us; what's your thought?
MEMO TO ALL BAY-AREA MATTACHINE MEMBERS

LOCATION: 693 Mission St., Suite 307
June 28, 8:00 p.m.

RE: ELECTION OF OFFICERS
SAN FRANCISCO AREA COUNCIL

Your presence and vote are needed. Plan now to come.
Mal Betti, Chairman, SFAC

WAYS TO KILL AN ORGANIZATION

(from I.S.C.E. Newsletter, January 1956)

1. Don't go to meetings. If you do, be late.
2. When you do attend a meeting, find fault with the officers.
3. Never accept an office. It is much easier to sit back and criticize.
4. If you should be appointed on a Committee, do not go to meetings. If you're not appointed, get peeved about it.
5. When your opinion is asked, reply that you have nothing to say; but after the meeting tell everyone how things should be done.
6. Do nothing more than is absolutely necessary, but when others do the lion's share, tell everyone the organization is run by a clique.
7. Don't worry about paying your dues. Wait until you receive two or three notices from the Secretary, which will keep him from running out of something to do.

NEW QUARTERLY COMING FOR MEMBERS ONLY

"Interim," a new quarterly newsletter of the MATTACHINE Society, will make its initial appearance later this month. It will be circulated to every member of the Society over the U.S., sent to foreign publications, and a selected list of professional persons, agencies, and institutions with an interest in the work of the Society.

Decision to publish "Interim" was made at the meeting of the Board of Directors which immediately followed the general business session at the May convention. The Chairman felt that one of the crippling handicaps faced by the Society was a lack of adequate and frequent communication among the areas. The quarterly newsletter, it was felt, would bridge this gap.

"Interim" is in no way intended to duplicate any present area newsletter, nor will it repeat material published in the Review. It will tell in general the activities of all areas of the Society, and particularly strive to inform all members of the Society of the actions of the Board of Directors, directors of the departments, etc.

Format of the quarterly will be the same as for the Review and present area newsletters, so that the publication will be uniform in size and thereby can be bound into permanent files of those who keep copies for historical purposes.

(Interim will carry a complete re-cap of the recent convention, names of new officers, etc. in its initial issue. For that reason, convention coverage was omitted from this issue of the Area Newsletter.)
NEW BI-MONTHLY PUBLICATION RECEIVED FROM BOMBAY, INDIA

"The Journal of Family Welfare," a bi-monthly magazine devoted to personal, marital and sociological aspects of sex, has been received by the Mattachine Society. Its publisher is Dr. A. P. Pillay, who also published "The International Journal of Sexology," but which suspended publication recently.

Address of the magazine is 278, Dr. Dadabhoy Naoroji Road, Bombay 1. Subscription rate is 18 shillings (British) or $4.50 U.S. funds.

The magazine stresses birth control, a problem in India which has now received active sanction of the government. It reports policies of the Family Planning Research & Programmes Committee. Birth control information, it must be pointed out, is regulated in the U.S. by federal and state laws. Information regarding birth control and questions on the subject are habitually referred to the Planned Parenthood Federation of America.

AREA REORGANIZATION ON AT LOS ANGELES

No. 1 project of the Los Angeles area council following the convention, it has been announced, will be a reorganization of the area and a drive for additional active members. Concern has been felt about the drop in membership there and at Long Beach. New projects are being planned which will, it is hoped, attract additional members with an active interest in the work.

AMONG THOSE IN ATTENDANCE at the recent 3rd annual convention of the Society at San Francisco were officials of three California penal institutions and hospitals, and the Mental Health Dept.
IN THE UNITED STATES ALONE....

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They are found in every city and town, regardless of size.

UNDOUBTEDLY YOU KNOW SOME OF THEM....

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The fact is that most homosexuals can and do lead useful and productive lives. MANY OF THEM ARE AMONG OUR MOST RESPECTED AND SUCCESSFUL CITIZENS.

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BUT HOMOSEXUALS, AS SUCH....

Have only limited social and civil rights.

In fact, our whole society is organized to keep them, in many respects, more completely oppressed than are various racial and religious minorities.

This is why a group of responsible, socially conscious citizens has formed....

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(a California corporation)

...To encourage medical and social research pertaining to socio-sexual behavior and publish the results of such research...

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The Mattachine Society Looks When the Homosexual Will....

1. Live a well-oriented, social life with pride and without fear of society's disapprobation.

2. Follow a high standard of conduct and emotional expression in conformity with the expectations of society;

3. Be accepted as a useful citizen by the enlightened public, and

4. Make a recognized addition to the usefulness and social consciousness of cities, states and the nation.

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...To help develop social and moral responsibility in those persons whose behavior may vary from accepted present-day standards.

The Mattachine Society looks toward the day when the homosexual will...

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OTHER PUBLICATIONS...

The Society publishes a magazine, "MATTACHINE REVIEW," to keep you informed of significant trends in public opinion, fact and comment, and the thinking of prominent professional persons who are concerned with the problem of homosexuality. Subscription rate is $2.50 per year in the U.S., Canada and Mexico; $3.50 elsewhere. Send orders to

Mattachine REVIEW
693 Mission Street, Rm. 312,
San Francisco 5, Calif.

The REVIEW is bi-monthly on many U.S. news stands, single copies 50c. However, it now publishes an additional six alternate-month editions which are mailed to subscribers... making it a monthly magazine for them. The extra issues are special editions and contain news items of the society nationally.

OUTSTANDING MATERIAL SCHEDULED TO APPEAR IN MATTACHINE REVIEW

First appearance of Dr. Alfred Kinsey will be in the August issue of Mattachine Review. The article which will carry the by-line of the famous sex research expert and his associates from the University of Indiana is a selection of quotations from a previous work, on the subject of "Toward a Clarification of Homosexual Terminology."

Also in the August issue will be Carl B. Harding's "Whom Should We Tell," and a description of the statutes and effects of the Italian Penal Code, written by Mack Fingal of Washington, D.C.

Two addresses delivered at the Society's 3rd Annual Convention last month will be printed as articles. One is the speech of the Chairman, and the other is a legal subject.

October's Review will be equally outstanding. The Publications Chapter of New York is now at work translating material from foreign homophile publications, and will "package" this material into a comprehensive "international edition."

Peter Wildeblood, British author of "Against the Law," has offered to write a leading article for that issue. Wildeblood was a principal in the Montagu trials in London a few years ago, was sentenced to Wormwood Scrubs Prison, and not long ago obtained his freedom. He has another book scheduled for publication in England in the fall, upon which his article in the Review will be based.

Wildeblood reported that he had appeared in lectures recently before groups at Oxford University, and is to appear before some of the committees in Great Britain concerned with study of laws relating to homosexuality.

AREA NEWSLETTERS....

Area Councils publish monthly newsletters which tell of meetings, discussion groups and other activities of units of the Society in their areas, plus general news about the Society itself. Address all inquiries about newsletters to the areas in which you are interested.
NEW PUBLICATIONS SCHEDULED FOR 1956

First of a series of folders to be produced for the Society is included as an insert in the center of this issue of the newsletter. While many readers have already received the folder, another copy is herewith distributed so that it may be removed and sent to a friend or associate who may have an interest in the Society and its projects.

Quantities of "In Case You Didn't Know" are available for any person who wishes to mail them to several friends, relatives or associates. Quantity prices are as follows: 100 folders, $1.50 postpaid; 50 folders, $1, and in smaller quantities, 3 cents each.

Area councils elsewhere, and/or chapters are invited to order a sufficient quantity to insert in their newsletters in the future, or be mailed to all members in the area.

REVIEW GOES TO ALL MEMBERS NOW

Approval of a new system of dues ($10 per year, all of which goes to the Board of Directors) also brought an additional benefit to members of the organization: They will now receive Mattachine Review as a part of their membership standing. For this purpose, the Board treasurer will rebate $2 of each $10 paid in dues to the Review at San Francisco to pay for the subscription.

Membership status also entitles everyone to receive an area newsletter, and the new quarterly, "Interim," which will appear in June.

The new schedule of dues is retroactive to January 1, 1956. This means that those who paid full dues for the first half of the year under the old schedule are now paid for the entire year.

NEW LIBRARY BOOKS

Three books have been added to the Reference Library as a donation at the last Business Meeting. They are: "Female Sex Perversion," by Dr. Maurice Chideckel, "Girl Chasers, Sex Life in Hudson County," a sociological study of teenagers and a strange cult of raptores, by Dixie Anner, and a second copy of "Sexual Deviations," by London and Caprio.

If any of you readers have any duplicates, or books overflowing your library shelves, dealing with the general subject of sexual variations, would you care to contribute them to the Mattachine Reference Library? This library, while small, does contain publications and books difficult to find or refer to, and it is our aim to eventually build it into a well-knit nucleus of information pertaining to sexual variations.

"TRANSVESTISM" June 7th DISCUSSION MEETING

A bay-area resident, with a long acquaintance and research on transvestism, will discuss the subject at the Friend's Center, 1830 Sutter St., 8:00 p.m., June 7.

The July speaker will be Ernest Besig, Executive Director of the American Civil Liberties Union of Northern California, who will speak on "Homosexuals and Civil Liberties," at the Friend's Center, July 5.

The Family Welfare Bureau is financed by the Government of India, sponsored by F.P.A.I., and staffed by experienced specialists. The Bureau helps infertile and subfertile couples and those with marital problems and sex disabilities.

WANTED

During this month we need helpers at the Review office, 693 Mission St., to help address envelopes and make advance preparations for forthcoming issues. Please call EX-7-0773 before coming down to schedule your time.

NEW BRITISH BOOK


Here's a book that presents the Church of England's reversal of its attitude towards sex. The authors, both members of the Church of England, set out to neutrally consider the "facts of sex" and do a fair job of it. The book is well printed, and nicely bound in apple green with black lettering. It has a good index, 149 pages, and is priced at ten shillings.

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