

San Francisco

mattachine newsletter



Calendar of events

DECEMBER 1959

- 5 --- Saturday --- Second Annual Publications Day Seminar
Hotel Bellevue --- Geary and Taylor Streets --
San Francisco, California.
Panel Discussion: "Should Americans Read About Sex ?"
beginning at 2:00 P.M. in the Princess Room
Display of Homophile Magazines and other Sexological
Publications at 4:00 P.M. in the Princess Room
Cocktails at 6:00 P.M. in the Regent Room
Eveningsbanquet beginning at 7:00 P.M. in the Jade
Room.
Full details in enclosed program. Advance reservations
are advised.
- 16 --- Wednesday --- Regular Monthly Business Meeting at the
San Francisco Area Council Office, 693 Mission Street,
San Francisco at 8 P.M.
- 19 --- Christmas Party for all Mattachine members & friends.
1700 Diamond Street. (#35 bus at Castro and Market to
28th and Diamond Streets.) \$1.00 Donation at door;
refreshments on donation basis; raffle!!!
Starting at 8:30 P.M.

JANUARY 1959

- 8 --- Monthly Public Discussion Forum: details to be announced.

HAL CALL BACK FROM DENVER TRIP

Hal Call combined a brief vacation with a few business duties in his late November trip to Denver. Addressing the members of the Denver Area Council on November 21st, Hal's topic: "Who's Afraid of What?" was well received.

CENSORSHIP OF THE NEWSSTANDS

Recently the San Francisco Bay Area has witnessed the creation of two groups who aim to "drive obscene literature off the newsstands". The Smut Vigilantes of San Francisco organized themselves as a (seemingly) militant group after several public meetings which drew a moderate number of supporters.

In San Mateo County, the San Mateo County Citizens for Decent Literature was formed after an issue of the national Magazine "Playboy" was declared objectionable and removed from the newsstands of the county. The "Citizens" have issued lists of obscene or objectionable pocket books and also a list of objectionable magazines.

Coincidentally, the Mattachine Society's Second Annual Publications Day Forum had chosen for its topic; "Should Americans Read About Sex?" and it would seem from the public interest in the issue of censorship that the topic is well chosen and the timing of the Seminar little short of masterly.

Mrs. Molly Minudri, an Attorney at Law and President of the San Francisco Vigilante Committee for Decent Literature has agreed to be a panelist on the Mattachine Seminar Discussion.

See enclosed folder for full details.

MATTACHINE LIBRARY

The library is being reorganized and your cooperation is needed to keep it in order. Directions and rules for the use of the library are posted above the card catalog. Please read and observe. Note especially that when returning a book, you should cross your name off the card and put the book back on the shelf after first replacing the card in the book.

Some books are overdue and should be returned. Many books have been lost. Please check to see whether you have any of the following:

A Year with the Secret Police, Strange Friends, Finistere, The Tower and the Abyss, Trials of Oscar Wilde, Barbarism and Sexual Freedom, Special Friendships, The Last of the Wine, The World Within, Sexual Deviations, Judge Not, Gay Bar or Sam.

If you find any of these, return them to the Secretary General at once.

Some of the books in the library do not belong to the Society, but are the property of individual members who have been kind enough to loan rare or hard-to-find books for the benefit of the membership in general. If any of your books are in the library, please be sure that your name is in them and not the stamp of the Mattachine Society.

We have a number of copies of some titles. We plan to keep two copies of each title and offer the extra copies to other chapters of the Society. We hope, also, to obtain from other chapters some duplicates of titles we do not have.

There are a few books in the library that are not pertinent to the Society's fields of interest and we may auction these off to the members at a future business meeting. Money obtained from any such sale will be used to purchase additional titles for the Library.

At present there is no fund for buying new books for the Library. You can assist us and contribute to the education and enjoyment of others by:

1. Giving appropriate titles to the library.
2. Giving us other books which we can auction off.
3. Donating funds for purchase of new books.

At the regular business meeting of November 18th, a new librarian was appointed. Walt has already assumed his duties, displaying competence and professional skill. Your assistance will be much appreciated.

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CHRISTMAS BENEFIT RAFFLE

A raffle will be conducted in conjunction with the Mattachine Christmas Party, the awards being presented on December 19th Saturday Night at 12:00 P.M. (See Calendar of Events for details on the party.)

The awards will be: First - A cockateel - fabulous tropical bird.
Second - A beautiful early 18th century painting.
Third - Set of four fine Swedish crystal glasses.
Others to be announced. (It is not necessary to be present at the drawing to receive an award...., but think of the fun you'll miss if you don't attend the Christmas Party!)

Contributions 25¢ --- 5 for \$1.00.

PERSONAL DISCUSSION GROUP SESSIONS ANNOUNCED

John Gaston, a staff member of the Accredited Counseling Service at 625 Market Street (Suite 901) San Francisco has announced that he will be leading a series of personal discussion group sessions starting the first week in January 1960. Mr. Gaston spoke to the Mattachine public on October 1st on "Psychodynamics of Group Processes" with enormous success. Anyone interested in these group therapy sessions should contact Mr. Gaston. Telephone EXbrook 7-3750

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