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Calendar of events

FEBRUARY

5 Friday—Monthly Public Discussion Forum: Report on One's 1960 Mid-Winter Institute by attending delegates. Granada Hotel—1000 Sutter Street—San Francisco—8 P.M.

KPPA TO BROADCAST PUBLICATIONS DAY SEMINAR

On February 12 Radio Station KPFA(FM), Berkeley, will broadcast the Panel discussion on "Should Americans Read About Sex?", from the Mattachine Publications Day Seminar held last December. KPFA staff member Elsa Knight Thompson was moderator of the discussion. Those who were there will remember the lively exchange that took place between the panelists, and especially between Mrs. Molly Minudri, a local advocate of censorship, and Dr. Phyllis Kronhausen, an ardent advocate of complete freedom to read. The other panelists—Dr. Wallace Maxey and attorneys Charles Garry and Walter Winter—all had important things to say about the effects of reading about sex, and the role of the law in regulating our activities. Members who were not present at the discussion will now have a chance to find out what went on.
On the evening of the 12th there will be a listening party at the Mattachine offices. We expect to be open straight through, so come down when you can. Refreshments will be available. Broadcast time is 10:30 P.M. If you cannot make it to the office, tune in to 94.1 or 89.3 MC on your FM radio.

VALENTINE PARTY TO BE HELD FEBRUARY 6TH

On Saturday evening the 6th the SFAC is sponsoring a party for its members and friends. The party is going to be a benefit for the national library as one-half of any profits will be given to the fund for buying new books. There will be a buck donation charged at the door for all non-members. Members will not be required to donate but....

The party will be held at 1700 Diamond Street. The starting time is 8:00 P.M. and the finish will be 2:00 A.M. For those who will come via public transportation, take either a K or L streetcar up to the Twin Peaks Tunnel and transfer there (Market and Castro streets) to the No. 35 Eureka Valley bus and get off at 28th and Diamond Streets.

NOTES FROM THE LAST JANUARY BUSINESS MEETING

At the January Business Meeting it was decided to donate to the national organization the postage stamps they borrowed from us. In other words fellows, you don't have to return them! It was also decided to help share the cost of the public relations cocktail party to be held after the ONE Institute banquet. To encourage more members to come to our parties, approval was given to a motion not to require a donation but that we would still charge a donation from non-members. We decided to donate half the profits from our next party to the fund for the national library.

APOLOGIES TO LOS ANGELES, BUT IT'S TRUE

The Bulletin of the First Presbyterian Church of Burbank prints an oath of aggrievement: "I pledge allegiance to the County of Los Angeles, and to the smog under which it stands; one county, invisible, with misery and discomfort for all."
The January issue of the Denver Area Council Newsletter featured their second silk-screened cover. They now have not only the best written letter but have the distinction of being the most attractively produced one as well. To all concerned with putting out this fine newsletter go our congratulations (and envy too!) Rollan Howard (he has had several articles printed in the REVIEW with one coming up in February on the Publications Day Seminar) and David L. Daniels are the co-editors. On January 16th at their Monthly Discussion Forum the Denver area heard an address by Mr. Charles S. Milligan, Associate Professor of Christian Ethics at the Iliff School of Theology. Mr. Milligan's talk was on "Social Cohesion and Individual Differences."

Detroit's fine Newsletter has been conspicuous by its very absence! They have a fine mimeographed letter spiced with some very jolly humor.

In their January letter the New York area announced the start of a film program series. Two films with homosexual overtones are to inaugurate this series and will be shown on February 6. They are "Narcissus" (a dramatic study of self-love) and "Lafcadio" (a study of the problems of teenagers).

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The DOB need a place to throw their St. Patrick's Day brunch. If you can help them out would you call in to the Mattachine office and let us know. This is the annual affair to which the girls invite the boys and where one swell time is had by all.

Local columnist Herb Caen recently did a piece about bygone slang expressions (twenty-three skidoos—that sort of thing). Wonder whether gay slang changes from generation to generation like that? Harold Call and Don Lucas should make a report on the gay slang of the good old days.

We have a little old lady joke too: Two LOL's were on a cable car and one said to the other "Let's get off and go see the 'holysexuals'". The other said, "They also call themselves Gay." I think that last place must be where to see them. It's called The Gay Nineties!"

Veteran member of Mattachine Eric V. has just returned from self-imposed exile in Europe and is ready to jump into Mattachine activities again. He asks that anyone knowing about a job for him pass the info to him via the N.H. Welcome back Eric.

This ad appeared in situations wanted columns here:

"Yg. man, no ties, prefer adventure to daily grind, Will train. Not Gay."

Hollywood has tiptoed quietly around the subject of homosexuality again, in "Suddenly Last Summer." If I had not read the reviews before seeing the picture I probably would not have known what was supposed to be going on, myself. I wonder whether they will ever do an honest film on the subject? The trouble this time probably was that the people who wrote the screenplay (Tennessee Williams and Gore Vidal) did not know enough about homosexuality to write convincingly about it. The picture is entertaining, though—the plot centers around the mysterious death of a homosexual whose whole problem was that his Weltanschauung, like that of the Nazis, was based on biological theories fifty years out of date.
The first national convention of the Daughters of Bilitis, Inc., will be held in San Francisco May 27-30, 1960—and a cordial invitation is extended to all members and friends of The Mattachine Society, Inc., and ONE, Inc., to attend.

Theme for the convention is "A Look at the Lesbian." Sessions on Saturday, May 28, will be held at the Whitcomb Hotel in the Vista Room. Price for the day's activities will be $12.50 per person which includes the cost of the luncheon and banquet. Drinks during the cocktail hour are not included.

DOB would appreciate it if as many as possible of those planning to attend would register as far in advance as possible, preferably including at least a $5.00 deposit with their advance registration. The total amount must be paid prior to the convention. Please address all correspondence to DOB at 165 O'Farrell Street, Room 405, San Francisco 2, California.

Tentatively, the program for May 28 includes a comparison between the male and female homosexual based on the questionnaire distributed by DOB; a roundtable discussion featuring authors of homophile books and articles; "Why the Lesbian?", a theoretical discussion by a panel of well-known psychiatrists and psychologists; "The Gay Bar in the Courts", by Attorney Morris Lowenthal; "Can the Practicing Homosexual be Accepted by the Church?", address by a Protestant clergyman; "Legal Problems of Lesbian Couples", Attorney Kenneth Zwerin; "Changing Sex Laws", address by a California Legislator.

The above is still tentative, as noted, but the general format of the day's activities will remain much the same. Additional information will be forthcoming as time progresses.

We hope you will all plan to attend.

ANOTHER FOR THE JOKE DEPARTMENT

Overheard the other day was the following definitions.

NEUROTIC: One who builds castles in the air.
PSYCHOTIC: One who lives in these castles.
PSYCHIATRIST: Landlord who collects the rent on them!