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NEW YORK AREA CHAPTER

DAUGHTERS OF BILITIS

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NEWSLETTER

Last month we tried to make you feel guilty about your lack of attendance at business meetings. This month we're back at the old stand but selling new merchandise. Attendance at Gab-n-Java's has been low lately. Perhaps you've been away on vacation and we'll see you at the September session. It can be an interesting meeting but only if you make it so by coming and contributing to the talk. If possible, bring others along. We have few ways of advertising DOB and depend largely upon word of mouth to bring in new people. So come - and bring a friend.

DATES TO REMEMBER

- September 18 8:00 p.m. - Creative group meeting at the office
- September 27 2:00 p.m. - Business meeting at apartment C-11, 97-25 64th Avenue, Forest Hills. * (63rd Drive stop on GG Local; IND)
- 2:30 p.m. - GAB-N-JAVA session, informal discussion with a moderator. Same address. Topic - "Your Parents - To Tell or Not To Tell" (See Miscellany column)
- October 24 3:00 p.m. - Business meeting at the office. On the agenda: election of officers. Active members who cannot attend can obtain ballots by writing to the office before October 24.
- 8:30 p.m. - GAB-N-JAVA session. Apartment 302, 332 Gray St. in Orange, New Jersey. Train: Lackawanna from Hoboken to Orange, walk 1 block from station down S. Essex Avenue. Busses: Hourly on the hour from Port Authority Bus Terminal, 41st & 8th. #88 marked ORANGE, get off at S. Essex and Central Aves., walk 3 blocks north. #77 marked MORRISTOWN, get off at Main & Day Sts., walk south on Day to Hulburt St., make right turn to S. Essex Ave. Apt. is just across the street.

Topic - "Why Gay Bars?"

October 31 9:00 p.m. - "Mad Hatter" Halloween party, for members and their personal guests only. Members please make reservations with one of the officers. (See page 3)

* Note change of place for September business meeting.

MATTACHINE SOCIETY

September 26 8:30 p.m. - Albert Ellis, author of The Folklore of Sex, will speak on "Creativity and the Homosexual" at Steinway Hall, 113 West 57th St., New York City

Library Notes

New arrivals worth mentioning:

A Lesson In Love by Margaret Creal. A first novel, well handled. The story is laid in a boarding school and deals with the unrequited and, indeed, almost unrealized love of one girl for another.

The Mesh by Lucie Marchal. Winner of the LES LETTRES FRANCAISES prize for the best novel of the year (1949)

We Too Are Drifting by Gale Wilhelm. One of the old standbys. A beautifully written novel which handles the situation sympathetically.

Thanks - Whoever You Are! We've recently received (with great joy) two packages of about twenty books, donated anonymously. They represent an excellent addition to our growing library. Thank you, mystery giver, very much.

?????????? A new program has been initiated to develop the talents of our members and their friends in the fields of literature, poetry, painting, acting, dancing, etc. To give this a big start, please come with samples of your work if you have any, or with anything you would like to have discussed. The first meeting will be held at the office at eight p.m. Friday, September 18. This endeavor should have a name, so please have some ideas ready.

S. G.

MISCELLANY. . Congrats to the L. A. area chapter for a fine newsletter. Keep up the good work. . . Won't you please send for or pick up a copy of Dr. Norton's outline mentioned in our last newsletter, and in your spare time work on it? . . Sorry we had to cancel that Fire Island picnic in August - there weren't enough advance reservations. . . Third quarter dues are being collected now. Send your check or money order to the treasurer at the office. . . We're going to try something new for our next few GAB-N-JAVA's by announcing the topic for each in the newsletter. Perhaps a few advance thoughts will make for even more interesting discussions than those we've had in the past. September topic - "Your Parents - To Tell or Not To Tell";

October - "Why Gay Bars?" (We want to emphasize that the whole evening's talk need not stick to the announced topics. These are just starting places.) . . . We need information on the following for the newsletter: lectures, courses, movies, plays, on the sexual deviation theme. If you hear or know of anything, please drop us a line.

Education Department

There are three courses being given during the fall term at the New School For Social Research, 66 West 12th St., New York, that readers of the newsletter may be interested in.

1. Sex and Its Social Control - Arthur L. Swift, Jr.
Tuesdays 8:30-10:10 p.m.
2. The Nature of Man - Kurt Goldstein
Tuesdays 6:20-8:00 p.m.
3. Minority Groups - Bernard Rosenberg
Fridays 6:20-8:00 p.m.

Many other courses on various subjects are also listed in the New School bulletin which is available at the DOB office to anyone who wishes to study its contents.

G. C.

This year we are planning to celebrate Halloween Eve by having an Original Hat Masquerade. This will be held, naturally, on October 31st, Saturday night at 9:00 p. m. The party will be limited to active and associate members, plus one guest each. Liquid and other refreshments will be "on the house". We are, however, looking forward to a donation to DOB of \$2.00 for each person attending. A prize will be given for the hat voted most original by the group.

S. G.

Entertainment Around New York City

Takarazuka Dance Theater - Metropolitan Opera House, September 16 to October 3. This troupe is noted for its skillful male impersonations.

"Many Loves" - Living Theater, Sixth Ave. and 14th St. No telling how long this William Carlos Williams verse play will last. See it if you can.

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