



NEW YORK AREA CHAPTER

DAUGHTERS OF BILITIS

Anybody here cherish the Gab-n-Java sessions? Anybody miss them if they stop? Then speak up, because our chapter is fresh out of places to serve the java. Gab we can, anywhere. . . but it's more fun amid the rattle of coffee cups. If you live in Queens, Brooklyn, Manhattan, Bronx, or any of the suburbs easily accessible to New York--or if you have a sympathetic friend who does--won't you offer your quarters for a Gab-n-Java session? Saturday nights are preferred.

**	SPRING TRY-OUTS	**
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**	WANTED: Girls over 21 who like to play baseball and who have their own equipment.	**
**	OUR D.O.B. CHAPTER IS FIELDING A BASEBALL TEAM!	**
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**	Beginning practice sessions will be held in public parks or at whatever places team members can recommend. Contact our office by June 10--tell us what playing position you prefer. Bat girls and coaches needed too! Let's get the bats swinging so we can accept challenges from other all-girl teams.	**
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Where's the fire? Why on Fire Island, of course, at the annual picnic sponsored by the New York Council of the Mattachine Society, on Saturday June 25. Tickets may be purchased almost any week-day evening at the Mattachine-DOB office at 1133 Broadway, Room 304. It would be best to telephone first (WA 4-7743) to make sure the office is open. Cost is \$4.50 to members of Mattachine and Daughters of Bilitis, \$5.00 to non-members. This includes ferry and chartered bus fares. . . . Since restaurant facilities on Fire Island are undependable, it will be necessary to pack your own food - enough for two meals is suggested. . . . Chartered busses will leave promptly at 8:30 a.m. from 26th & Broadway.

HERE AND THERE

ART - The traditional Washington Square Outdoor Art Exhibit will be on from May 27 to June 19. Chapter members and friends are especially invited to view the showing by Toni Ripp at the very northeast corner of the square, off University Place.

Philadelphia's annual Clothesline Art Exhibit is scheduled for June 2, 3 and 4 in Rittenhouse Square. Wonder how many yards of clothesline are used to hang up the paintings and sketches?

FILMS "Three Strange Loves" - In one of the incidents, a distraught widow meets a former school companion who is now a Lesbian.

"Open City" - A Lesbian appears throughout this well-known wartime Italian movie.

"The Cousins" - A student from the provinces looks up his boy cousin upon arriving in Paris and is drawn into an exotic life which includes a charming Lesbian couple as a matter of course.

CALENDAR

- May 14 9:00 p.m. - SPRING HAT PARTY for members and their personal guests.
- May 27 8:00 p.m. - Start of our first national convention in San Francisco, with an informal home reception.
- May 28, 29, 30 - CONVENTION !. Full program on page 3.
- June 11 8:15 p.m. - Gab-n-Java informal discussion session. At 808 76th St., North Bergen, New Jersey. Topic: "The Lesbian's Responsibility to Her Family."
- June 18 8:30 p.m. - Business meeting. Report on national convention by chapter representative. Address on request.

MATTACHINE SOCIETY

- May 13 8:30 p.m. - "How Psalm 88 Speaks to the Homosexual." by Rev. Robert Wood, clergyman and author of "Christ and the Homosexual." Freedom House, 20 West 40th St.
- May 21 8:00 & 9:30 p.m. - Film showings at Academy Hall, 853 Broadway (14th) in Room 16-A. "Fireworks", "Mechanics of Love", "Mounting Tension", one other to be announced.
- June 16 8:30 p.m. - Mr. I. Rubin, assistant publisher of "Sexology" magazine, will describe "Conflicting Theories of Homosexuality". Freedom House, 20 West 40th St.
- June 25 ALL DAY - FIRE ISLAND PICNIC. See page 1.

Convention Flash!

Moderator: Mrs. Bernice Engle of the
Langley-Porter Clinic

Dr. Frank A. Beach, Psychology Dept., Univ.
of California at Berkeley, co-author of
book "Patterns of Sexual Behavior"

Patricia Lyon, ethnologist and archaeologist,
Univ. of California at Santa Barbara

Dr. Norman Reider, head of Psychiatric Clinic
at Mt. Zion Hospital, San Francisco

Dr. Leo J. Zeff, Berkeley clinical psychologist

WHY THE LESBIAN?

a panel discussion
of factors involved

This panel discussion is a major event in the Daughters of Bilitis' 1st National Convention which officially opens on Saturday May 28. The above and other professional persons will all be taking "A Look At The Lesbian", following the theme of this our blast-off into the public consciousness.

An interesting comparison between male and female homosexuals, based on a questionnaire distributed by D.O.B., will be described by the DOB Research Committee. . . Novelist Artemis Smith will talk on the problems involved in writing and publishing Lesbian novels. . . Other facets to be presented are:

CAN THE PRACTICING HOMOSEXUAL BE ACCEPTED BY THE CHURCH? - Reverend Fordyce Eastburn, Episcopal chaplain, St. Luke's Hospital, San Francisco

CIVIL LIBERTIES--THE HOMOSEXUAL'S RESPONSIBILITY - Albert M. Bendich, staff counsel Northern Calif. Division, American Civil Liberties Union

THE GAY BAR PROBLEM - Sidney Feinberg, area administrator, California Alcoholic Beverage Control Board, AND Morris Lowenthal, attorney

THE LEGAL PROBLEMS OF LESBIAN COUPLES - Kenneth Zwerin, attorney

These lectures and discussions, which are open to all men and women, will be spaced between a luncheon, cocktail hour, and banquet, rounding out a full day of public sessions in the penthouse Vista Room of the Whitcomb Hotel. Dr. Vera Plunkett of San Francisco will be toastmistress for the evening, and Lisa Ben will sing gay folk songs at the close of the afternoon sessions.

Organization business will be taken up the following morning at a meeting for D.O.B. members only, who will afterwards visit the National Headquarters office. Closing event this day is a dutch-treat dinner for members and women guests at a popular bar-restaurant.

Monday, the final day of convention, begins with an informal continental-style breakfast given by members of the San Francisco chapter. The concluding feature will be a sight-seeing tour, with car transportation provided, of this charming and cosmopolitan city which is hostess for our first major public venture.

BOOKS

Some of the titles on the Lesbian theme available in hard cover through the Winston Book Service are as follows:

DIANA: A STRANGE BIOGRAPHY by Diana Frederics. The outspoken story of a woman teacher and writer and her three romances. \$3.00

THE HEARTH AND THE STRANGENESS by N. Martin Kramer. A fascinating account of the Grange family--its genius and its madness--and the inspired and devoted friendship between two charming young women. \$3.75

THE ILLUSIONIST by Francoise Mallet. A fifteen-year-old girl is seduced and dominated by her father's mistress. \$3.50

SEXUAL DEVIATIONS IN THE FEMALE by Dr. Louis London. Seventeen case histories dealing with sexual deviations. \$4.00

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