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QUATREFOIL ELECTS NEW BOARD

Four new members have been elected to the Board of Directors of Quatrefoil Library: Ed Burke, former business manager of Equal Time and now running his own business; Vicki Dunevitz, MN Dept of Natural Resources; and Peggy Miller, Ramsey County Sexual Offenses Service. Incumbents include Edward Swanson, chief cataloger for MHS, president; Catharine Hoffman, coordinator of volunteers at Hennepin County Library, vice-president; Kevin Sitter, a social worker with a private agency, secretary; and Tim Perry, project leader with MIS in Mpls.

New members were inducted on February 25, with an orientation session preceding the regular board meeting. "The future of Quatrefoil Library looks bright", said Edward Swanson, board president.

David Irwin and Dick Hewetson, co-founders of the library, are no longer serving as board members, but will continue to serve respectively as Library Director and Coordinator of Volunteers. "Too many people have thought of Quatrefoil as 'Dick and David's' project", said Irwin. "We have deliberately removed ourselves from the board to emphasize that the Library is a community project, and strong enough to survive if Dick and I are no longer here".

QUATREFOIL NOW MEMBER OF COOPERATING FUND DRIVE

Quatrefoil Library was one of three organizations (out of about 50 applicants) selected for membership in the Cooperating Fund Drive, a St. Paul-based fundraising federation of community, self-help, and social change organizations. This means that the Library will receive at least \$10,000 from undesignated payroll deductions in CFD's 1990 campaign. CFD's annual payroll deduction campaign includes over 100 Twin Cities businesses, agencies, and organizations. Employees enrolling in CFD through their work place can designate that their deduction goes to the Library. This is not only a financial 'feather in the Library's cap,' but it will also increase Quatrefoil's visibility and prestige in the metropolitan area.

NEW ART EXHIBIT OPENS MARCH 12

The Library's fourth art show, 'MAXINE MASHEK: ART AS MEDITATION, CREATIVITY AS PRAYER' will open with a reception on Sunday, March 12, from 2 to 4pm. Refreshments will be served. Most of the oil paintings that will be shown were completed during a prolific period Ms. Mashek experienced after return from Europe. Selected paintings in the collection will be for sale. Ms. Mashek has generously decided to donate half of the purchase price of each work sold to the Library. The exhibit will run through April 15. For further information on exhibition opportunities, call Bonnie Fournier at 291-1164 during business hours, or the Library at 641-0969.

'WOMEN-ONLY OPEN HOUSE' HUGE SUCCESS

The "women only" open house held at the Library on January 29 was termed a success in all respects by those who attended. Seventy-two women visited the Library during the 3-hour event. Sixteen new memberships were taken out, four members renewed, four new volunteers were signed up and a number of books were donated. . It was the first look at the Library for several women, who were delighted with the range of materials available.

The main goal of the afternoon - to make the Library more visible to the Women's community in the Twin Cities area - was met; moreover, the many new memberships and donations exceeded expectations. As a result of the open house's success, the Board decided that part of the money received that day would be spent on Lesbian materials. That amount was later matched by a local Lesbian. Thanks again to all who participated.

LESBIAN PUBLICATIONS

Following is a list of Lesbian Publications currently in the Library. Some are partial collections and some are fairly complete. We are currently planning to purchase others with money received at the Women's Open House.

Black/Out	Off Our Backs
Bad Attitude	On Our Backs
Common Lives/Lesbian Lives	plain brown rapper
Daughters of Sarah	Sinister Wisdom
Forte	Trivia
Lesbian Connection	Visibilities
Lesbian Contradiction	Women of Power
Lesbian Ethics	Women's Review of Books

OLDER LESBIANS AND GAYS MEET AT QUATREFOIL

The Gay and Lesbian Community Action Council launched a new social gathering for older Gays and Lesbians at Quatrefoil Library, Sunday, February 26. "It was a decided success, said Ann Viitala, chair of the committee that planned the event. "It was good to see the evenly divided group of over forty men and women interacting with each other." The next meeting of the group is planned for Sunday, March 26 at 2 p.m. at the Library.

GAY/LESBIAN RESOURCE CENTER TO OPEN IN DES MOINES

A new Gay/Lesbian Resource Center is opening in Des Moines. They want to start a library, but are short on resources at the onset. After conversations with a representative of the Center, it was decided to make a long term loan of books to get them started. Quatrefoil will be sending the collection formerly at Pride Institute and we will be exchanging lists of duplicate books each of us has.

UPCOMING EVENTS

March 12 - April 15 -- Art Show by Maxine Mashek

March 19 - Meeting of the Executive Committee of the Board of Directors

March 25 -- Mature Gays at the Library - joint project of CAC and Quatrefoil.

(Library will be closed on Saturday, March 25, for Easter Holiday.)

April 16 - Board of Directors Meeting

April 22 - May 20 -- Art Show by Jason King

May 20 -- Semi-annual book sale at the Library.

(Regular sale will be held in the hall outside the Library. Gay books and materials will be on sale inside the Library. If you have books for the sale, call the Library. If you can't bring them to the Library, we will try to arrange to have them picked up).

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

To give David some free time and allow for scheduling flexibility, we would like to have two people on duty each time we are open. We need an extra person on the following days:

Every Monday of the Month
1st, 2nd and 5th Tuesdays
4th and 5th Wednesdays
1st, 3rd, and 5th Thursdays
5th Saturday.

Also, we need some volunteers to work on continuing Library projects. We had a volunteer who was cataloging tapes from Fresh Fruit KFAI, but he has moved out of state. The format and procedures are already established. All you need are some time, typing skills, and willingness to keep at it. We also need a data entry person. If you would like to learn how to use the Macintosh Plus computer, we will teach you. We need retired women and men to work with the director mornings and/or afternoons doing many tasks, organizing and making the wealth of materials in the Library more accessible to our users. Finally, we need someone to organize the video collection, put the videotapes into new boxes, make new labels and pockets, and catalog them so we have an accurate list of the materials on hand. In addition to our need for volunteer workers, we have two vacancies on the Board of Directors. Applications should be addressed to Edward Swanson, president of the Board. If you can help in any of these areas, please let the Coordinator of Volunteers (Dick) or the Director (David) know.

READ A GOOD BOOK LATELY?

We're still looking for 'book reviews'. Don't be shy. Write and tell us why you liked a particular book you found at the Library; or, buy a good book, read it, donate it to the Library and tell us why you liked it. Here's your chance to get your name in print. Or you can remain anonymous. You know her, that most prolific writer.

ON-GOING WISH LIST FOR QUATREFOIL.....

For the Archives:

-*The Ladder* - a complete set would be great, but any issues are welcome

-Minneapolis-St. Paul Gay Pride Bulletin 1978

-*RFD* - ISSUES 1, 2, 4-6, 8, 9, 11, 23-26, 29

For the Office:

-Heavy-duty stapler

QUATREFOIL LIBRARY
Income Summary
Year Ending 1988 December 31

GENERAL REVENUE

Memberships	4,900.00
Memberships+	1,225.00
Contributions	5,584.00
Ticket Sales	2,532.00
Book Sales	2,401.00
Fees	461.80

Total General Revenue	17,104.54

GENERAL EXPENSE

Rent	9,348.00
Utilities	725.00
Telephone	292.15
Supplies	599.56
Postage	593.02
Printing	158.89
Room Rental*	836.00
Food/Beverage Service*	220.00
Travel*	278.00
Honoraria*	1,750.00
Equipment	49.19
Equipment Rental	53.20
Equipment Repair	524.89
Insurance	245.30
Bank Charges	135.37
Bank Card Fees	43.60
Advertising	526.65

Total General Expense	16,379.00

Excess of Revenue over Expense	725.54

*For Events

CAPITAL EXPENDITURES

Books and Subscriptions	990.82
Depreciation	356.97

STATISTICS FOR JANUARY AND FEBRUARY

	JANUARY	FEBRUARY
Days Library Open	24	20
Director In	22	21
Hours	170	180
Volunteers	36	28
Hours	161	100
Patrons In	379	355
Men	199	182
Women	180	173
Phone Calls In	70	82
Items Checked Out	383	347
New Members	45	28
Renewals	19	26

RECENT ACQUISITIONS:

New Fiction:

Ahern, John - Brandy Wine
 Bright, Susie, ed. - Herotica* - Short Stories
 Cameron, Anne - Stubby Amberchuk and the Holy Grail*
 Cather, Willa - My Antonia* - New pb ed.; foreward by Doris Grumbach
 Curzon, Daniel - Curzon in Love
 Davis, Christopher - Valley of the Shadow
 Diaman, N. A. - Castro Street Memories
 Due, Linnea A. - High and Outside*
 Ferro, Robert - Second Son
 Graham, Morgan - These Loves Fled Away
 Haslund, Ebba - Nothing Happened*
 Jeffers, H. Paul - Gods & Lovers
 King, Francis - Danny Hill
 Leavitt, David - Equal Affections
 McConnell, Vicki - Double Daughter*
 McVay, Daniel - The Vanilla Kid
 Phillips, Edward - Sunday's Child
 Preston, John - Love of a Master
 Rees, David - The Exeter Blitz**
 Rees, David - Flux - a second collection of short stories
 Reid, Forrest - Young Tom
 Robins, Peter - Survivors
 Soesbe, Douglas - Children in a Burning House
 Sturtevant, Katherine - A Mistress Moderately Fair*

New Non-Fiction:

Al-Tifashi, Ahmed - The Delight of Hearts
Avedon, Burt - Ah, Men
Baulch, Evelyn M. - Extended Health Care at Home - has AIDS content
Baum, Terry - One Fool* - play she did in Minneapolis last fall
Brinkley, Ronald, et. al. - The Laws Against Homosexuality (1971)**
Byrnes, Sean M., ed. - Scavullo - photography by a master
Clark, Don - The New Loving Someone Gay
Clark, J. Michael - Liberation & Disillusionment
Countryman, L. William - Dirt, Greed, and Sex
Day, David, Things They Never Told You in Sunday School
Delaney, Martin - Strategies for Survival - an AIDS book
Dillard, Gavin - Notes from a Marriage - see Director's Report
Ehrenbach, Barbara - The Hearts of Men
Ferrari, Marianne, ed. - Inn Places - a travel guide
Fitzgerald, Frances - Cities on a Hill - good section on the SF Castro scene
Gifford, Barry - The Devil Thumbs a Ride - comments on movies
Goodwin, Joseph P. - More Man Than You'll Ever Be - See Director's Report
Hanscombe, Gillian E. - Hetro Sexuality (how the other half lives?)
Hay, Louise L. - You Can Heal Your Life
Hepburn, Cuca - Alive and Well* - health resource book for women
Holleran, Andrew - Ground Zero - essays, an AIDS book
Humphries, Martin, ed. - Three New York Poets
Ide, Arthur Frederick - Homosexuals Anonymous - expose of a "cure"
IGLA's Second Pink Book
Isherwood, Christopher - Exhumations**
Leonard, George - Adventures in Monogamy
Mohr, Richard D. - Gays/Justice
Nikolas, Wolf - Arjun - beautiful male photography
Reed, Paul - Serenity - an AIDS book
Roscoe, Will, ed. - Living the Spirit - Native American religion
Rutledge, Leigh W. - Unnatural Quotations
Shewey, Don, ed. - Out Front - anthology of Gay plays
Tavris, Carol - The Longest War**
Waters, John - Trash Trio - three screen plays
Wilson, Douglas - Gay Canada 88 - a travel guide
Woods, Richard - Another Kind of Love - new edition
Zanotti, Barbara, ed. - A Faith of One's Own* - Catholic Lesbians

New Biography:

Bauman, Robert - The Gentleman from Maryland
Callow, Simon - Being an Actor
DeSaivo, Louise, ed. - Letters of Vita Sackville-West*
Hibberd, Dominic - Owen the Poet - Wilfrid Owen, WWI poet
McNaught, Brian - On Being Gay
Schneebaum, Tobia - Where the Spirit Dwells - living with aborigines
Shively, Charley, ed. - Drum Beats - Walt Whitman in the Civil War

*Pertinent to Women ** New to Us

FROM THE DIRECTOR

As we start our fourth year, I am elated and excited about all the wonderful things that 1989 has already brought us. We have had such good participation in our special events: the opening of Les Buda's art show January 22; the Women's Only Day, January 29; the birthday party and volunteer recognition brunch on February 5, and the open house for Mature Gays and Lesbians, February 26. There have been many new members, many renewals, and we are in pretty good shape financially. Then, to top it all off, we received news that we had been selected for membership in CFD - which, of course, means additional funding for the Library. "Surely, my cup runneth over."

We have gotten a good selection of new books this month, too. One of the books I got such a kick out of was Gavin Dillard's poetry book, *Notes From a Marriage*. When I mentioned it to an erudite friend of mine, he dismissed Dillard as being less than intellectual (in the academic sense). However, it suited my mood one day and it was good fun. His epigrammatic verse tickled my funny bone. Maybe it will tickle yours too.

Another book of more serious content is *More Man Than You'll Ever Be* by Joseph P. Goodwin. It is a serious, scholarly examination of Gay folklore. He says that academic folklorists have ignored it since the Gay community is an urban phenomenon; but as a unique oral history of a distinct subculture it should be included in any study of folklore. He enlivens his serious study with classic examples of Gay humor

I close with the motto at the bottom of our letterhead: READ - *Learn About Our Lesbian and Gay Heritage* - READ.

EDITOR'S NOTE

Because this is my first issue as editor of the **BOOKWORM**, I have been asked to introduce myself. My name is Dolly Ruark and find this position, though exciting, very challenging. Am I really the last person on earth to learn how to use a Macintosh?

In future issues, you may be exposed to bits of wisdom, or the dreaded Ruark humor. For now, I would like to share with you the highlights of a discussion overheard at a recent volunteers' get-together. Someone mentioned that in the 1940s and 1950s, the word Homosexual was not yet in popular use. The early groups more often referred to themselves as "Homophiles". Someone else asked, since we were all involved with the Library, does that make us Homophilic Bibliophiles, or Bibliophilic Homophiles?

COME SEE US

Quatrefoil Library is located at 1619 Dayton Av, St Paul. That's one block northwest of Snelling and Selby. We're convenient to #4, #16 and #21 bus lines. The Library is open Monday-Thursday evenings 7-9:30, and 1-4pm Saturdays.

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