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ANNUAL DINNER PLANNED

Quatrefoil Library will celebrate its 4th anniversary with a spaghetti dinner at St Paul Reformation Church on Sunday, February 4, at 5pm. The dinner will provide library members an opportunity to meet members of the board, talk with other members, and celebrate Quatrefoil's birthday in grand style. The dinner will be followed by a short program of readings by local authors. St Paul Reformation is located at the corner of Laurel and Oxford and is handicapped accessible via the Laurel St elevator entrance. Tickets are \$6 and must be purchased in advance. They will be available at the library until February 1.

Volunteers are needed to help before and on the day of the dinner. Shoppers are needed on February 3 (Saturday). People are needed on Sunday to cook, decorate the hall, serve dinner, and operate the dishwasher (here's your chance to break a stereotype). If you would like to help with any of these tasks, please contact Mary Jean Mulherin at 487-3407, or leave you name and phone number at the library.

NEW VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR ASSUMES DUTIES

Bill Lyons is the new Volunteer Coordinator for Quatrefoil Library. He is excited about taking on this new responsibility, and is looking forward to working with current and future volunteers. Bill notes we need assistance in the following areas: book reclassification, clipping file organization, and desk staffing. Volunteers are needed on these nights: 3rd Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday; 4th Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday; 5th Monday. If you would like to help out in any of these areas, please contact Bill at the library.

HOLIDAY HOURS/NEW BUILDING HOURS

The library will be open regular hours on Saturdays, Dec. 23 and 30 (1-4pm), and Mon., Jan 15 (7-9:30pm). We will be closed Dec. 25 and Jan. 1.

The Richards Gordon building, in which Quatrefoil Library is located, has a new weekend entrance policy. Saturdays, only the southwest entrance will be open. This is the door near the elevator, at the opposite end of the building from the library. The building will be locked on Sundays except for special functions.

WELCOME NEW BOARD MEMBERS

New board members elected are: David Hanzy, Mpls; Marti Lybeck, St Paul; Taylor Wilcox, Glenwood City, WI; and Rick Miller, Northfield. They join Cathy Hoffman, Ed Swanson, and Tim Ferry, who were re-elected in November.

A special thank you to Kevin Sitter, who served as the Board's secretary this past year (no easy task). Kevin did not run for a second term because of other work and school commitments. His efforts on the board have been greatly appreciated.

UPCOMING EVENTS

January 14 -- opening of exhibit of works by Christine Cottom

January 28 -- Mature Gays and Lesbians

February 4 -- Quatrefoil Annual Dinner

February 17 -- deadline for next Bookworm

February 25 -- Mature Gays and Lesbians

GIVE THE GIFT THAT KEEPS ON GIVING

Looking for a holiday or birthday gift? Want to send that someone special something special? Gift memberships are available at any time during the year. Just ask the volunteer on duty next time you visit the library.

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STATISTICS FOR OCTOBER 1989

Library Open 23 days
Director in 19 days - 130 hours
46 Volunteers - 211 hours
Men In - 278
Women In - 154
Total In - 432
Telephone Calls - 90
Items Checked Out - 349
New Members - 33

STATISTICS FOR NOVEMBER 1989

Library Open 20 days
Director in 19 days - 98 hours
30 Volunteers - 152 hours
Men In - 184
Women In - 74
Total In - 258
Telephone Calls - 76
Items Checked Out - 318
New Members - 29

FROM THE DIRECTOR

The highlight of my month was a visit to the Lesbian & Gay Library/Archive of Philadelphia. I had lunch with Russel Silkey, the coordinator, on Monday, December 4, and later met with several of their volunteers. They are well organized, have developed a workable classification, and have produced an excellent handbook for volunteers. Unfortunately, they are cramped for space (as we soon will be) and they, like us, do not have funds for the purchase of new books. They do not have to worry about rent, since they share space with the Gay and Lesbian Center, but because they are not autonomous, they are not as free as we to "do our own thing." the visit was very instructive and worthwhile. I felt the sharing and exchanging of ideas was good for both organizations.

Barbara Gittings met me at the airport and delivered me to my hotel, when we spent a couple of hours talking. She is a good friend and wants to help Quatrefoil to grow and prosper. She has referred several people to us who want to donate books and papers. She also asked for a "want list" of things we are looking for that she might have. I missed seeing Tom Wilson-Weinberg while I was in Philadelphia, but he tells me that they are still trying to bring Ten Per Cent Revue to the Twin Cities.

One of the most valuable research tools we have in the library is Wayne R Dyne's Homosexuality: A Research Guide. Dynes was active in the NY Gay Academic Union and was editor of the Gay Books Bulletin (later The Cabirion) from 1979-1985. A new reference book, The Encyclopedia of Homosexuality, which he edited, is now being published. Unfortunately, the library does not have the \$125 to buy the new book. Wouldn't it be wonderful if someone felt moved to contribute either the book or the purchase price to the library?

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