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**A LETTER TO THE MEMBERSHIP FROM OUR  
NEW PRESIDENT, DARLENE GISH**

As National Library Week (April 17-23) approaches, we hope you will remember Quatrefoil Library with a visit. What better time to peruse our many recent acquisitions, meet other members, or introduce some of your friends to the many services Quatrefoil Library provides. As this edition of our newsletter explains, we have some events and new services for members that may especially interest you. And, of course, your tax deductible contribution to Quatrefoil Library during National Library Week helps us continue to expand our collection, develop educational programs, and fund the operational expenses of the library. Thank you for your on-going support!

**NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK BOOK SALE**

Our spring book sale is scheduled for Saturday, April 23 (Will Shakespeare's birthday!) at the library. Bring in books that we can sell! Book sales are for the general public so that the books need not be of gay/lesbian nature.

**CLASSES IN AMERICAN SIGN LANGUAGE**

A new member of Quatrefoil Library, Dick Blumenfeld, a qualified instructor who has taught at the Minnesota Hearing Society, has offered to give classes in sign language to members of the Library at no charge. If you are interested, please call or write the library giving us your name and phone number along with the evenings of week-end times that would be convenient. If we have enough interest, we will set up a time and place.

## GOOD NEWS/BAD NEWS

Since the move to our present location our membership has almost doubled. However, the average donation ( membership ) has been reduced by fifty per cent. Therefore, our net gain in income has not increased. We had hoped to increase our membership as well as our income so that we could purchase more books and magazine subscriptions as well as pay the overhead for keeping Quatrefoil open to the public.

For this reason the Board at its March meeting voted to increase the minimum membership from \$10 to \$15 beginning April 1, 1988. Household memberships will become \$25 at the same time. In appreciation of the support of our present members, they may renew for another year any time before September 1, 1988 at the present \$10/\$15 membership. Members can check out books, games, videos, and audio tapes at no charge.

Perhaps it was a great act of generosity that so many of our first members gave us more than the minimum membership which helped us get the library rolling. We would certainly appreciate any who can afford to do so to consider giving more than the minimum amount.

We sent out renewal notices to forty of you in February and March. Do try to get them back to us as soon as possible so we can continue to pay the bills as well as purchasing new books and magazine subscriptions. At present we are just keeping up with the monthly bills!

## COMING EVENTS

Through the goodwill of the our good friends at James White Review Harry Hay and John Burnside will be spending an evening with Quatrefoil members in July. Watch for details. Harry was one of the founders of the Mattachine Society and both are involved in the Radical Faeries.

During Gay Pride week we hope to have a benefit night at the Uptown Theater in Minneapolis.

Pat Bond has promised to return in the fall to do *Gerty, Gerty, Gerty Stein is Back, Back, Back* and another performance of *Beloved Hick, Eleanor Roosevelt's First Lady*. Last Spring many who saw her asked if she wouldn't return to do Gerty Stein.

Watch for details on all these events!

## WISH LIST

TV and VCR. We have tapes that could be viewed in the library.

Micro-reader.

Portable Coat Rack. ( At least by next winter )

*Alternative Press Index*( \$300 )

Complete Set of *The Ladder*

We had a fair turnout for artist Greg Storbakken's reception January 31. Several people asked if we could be open on Sunday afternoons. The Director is willing if we can find four or five volunteers to staff the desk. The Board has decided that the fall of the year is the time to change schedules so we would like input from members and potential volunteers.

## JANUARY STATISTICS

Library open 22 days.  
Director at the Library 146 hours.  
28 Volunteers worked 148 hours.  
196 Patrons used the Library.  
    133 Men and 46 Women  
63 Telephone Inquiries.  
290 Items checked out.

## FEBRUARY STATISTICS

21 days.  
130 hours.  
27 worked 132 hours  
176 Patrons  
    123 Men and 53 Women  
57 Telephone inquiries  
236 Items

## ARTS COMMITTEE

A group of people interested in promoting art shows has formed and is now meeting. They are studying the feasibility of having regular shows at the Library. If this is not workable, they are looking at other possible locations.

**THANKS TO ALL FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT  
WITHOUT YOU QUATREFOLL COULD NOT CONTINUE**