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### **FROM THE DIRECTOR**

When we started Quatrefoil Library, I thought it would be a nice part-time job to keep me busy in my retirement; however, the library has grown to such an extent that it has become full-time. We have had so many good things happen: gifts from friends all over the country, excellent coverage in the local gay press, a wonderful and loyal group of volunteers, and some 400 dues-paying members.

So far we have been able to meet our bills, but it is becoming more difficult to do so day by day. Two things are much on my mind these days: how to find enough time to do everything I see that needs to be done and where the money is coming from to continue the library. Anything you can do to help me solve these two problems would be greatly appreciated! When I get discouraged, I tell myself that any new enterprise takes time to develop. Someone has said that starting a new business is like convalescing from an illness: at first you are a wreck, but gradually you get better and better!

### **RENEWALS**

We have sent out quite a number of renewal notices the past couple of months. If you haven't returned your renewal, please do so as soon as possible.

### **BOOK SALE - MAY 21**

Our spring book sale has been re-scheduled for Saturday, May 21, at the library from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Bring in books that we can sell. The sale is for the general public so the books need not be of gay/lesbian nature. There will be some gay/lesbian material on sale (in the library), too. Come and bring your friends.

## **EIGHTEEN YEARS OF GAY PRIDE !**

Quatrefoil will offer an exhibit of almost two decades of Gay Pride celebrations--from the original Stonewall demonstration to the March On Washington, to the present--from Seattle, St. Louis, San Francisco, Los Angeles, Boston, Chicago, New York and, of course, the Twin Cities, June 1-30, at the library.

## **GAY PRIDE '88**

A volunteer is having a banner made and if you would like to march in the Gay Pride parade - Sunday, June 26th - with a contingent from the library, call 641-0969 and sign up. After the march, stop by the Quatrefoil information table at Powderhorn Park, and bring a friend! If you can volunteer for a one-hour shift at the table, please sign up at the library.

## **CONGRATULATIONS, DAVID!**

Quatrefoil Director David Irwin received the Bruce Brockway Award for his outstanding work in promoting social change in the lesbian and gay community. The award was presented at The Gallery on West Seventh Place, St. Paul, by the Minnesota Organizing Committee on April 25. A note from Carolyn Sparks read: "You deserve it. You made your dream of a library come true and we've all benefited from it. Thanks."  
Congratulations, David--thanks for your work!!

## **STATISTICS:**

### **MARCH:**

Library open 23 days.  
Director at the Library 190 hours.  
28 Volunteers worked 128 hours.  
225 Patrons used the Library:  
    153 Men and 72 Women  
63 Telephone Inquiries.  
244 Items checked out.

### **APRIL:**

21 days.  
152 hours.  
24 worked 100 hours.  
201 Patrons:  
    142 Men and 59 Women  
65 Telephone Inquiries.  
294 items.

## **GIFTS**

Quatrefoil is sustained by gifts. Some recent acquisitions are:

*Aids: A Self-Care Manual*, by the Los Angeles Aids Project.  
*When Someone You Know Has AIDS: A Practical Guide* by Leonard Martelli, Fran D. Peltz, and William Messina.  
*To All the Girls I've Loved Before: An AIDS Diary*, by J. W. Money.  
*Naming the Violence: Speaking Out Against Lesbian Battering*, by Kerry Lobel.  
*Journey To Fulfillment, Return To Lesbos*, by Valerie Taylor  
*Winter Passsages* , by Judith McDaniel  
"Lesbian Nuns" - Phil Donahue [video]  
"Front Line-Germany" - PBS [video]  
"The Brothers" - Phil Donahue [video]  
"Consenting Adult" [video]  
"Twin Cities Men's Chorus, 1981-85" [cassette tape]  
"Fresh Fruit Radio" - KFAI [cassette tapes]  
"I Thought You'd Be Taller" - Romanovsky and Phillips [cassette tape]  
"Lesbian and Gay Images In Film" - KUOM [cassette tape]  
"Songwriter" - Maggie Adams [record]  
"Lesbian Concentrate" - Anthology [record]  
"What Makes A Man A Man?" - Larry Paulette [record]  
Gay Trivia [game]  
Twinkies and Trolls [game]  
CHECK THEM OUT!!!

## **DONATIONS WELCOME!**

Quatrefoil builds its collection almost entirely on donations. David contributes a substantial amount of his own money to new materials. Almost everything else comes from gay and lesbian donors. Do you have gay or lesbian materials--books, magazines, newspapers [especially from other countries], tapes, videos, records or art work--you no longer want? Do you have stuff that's too good not to share? Call David [641-0969] or bring it to Quatrefoil. Receipts are available for tax deductions. Be a giver!

## **FROM THE VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR:**

Thanks to all of you who volunteer or have said that you would do so. Sometimes it is difficult for me to get back to new volunteers immediately, but *you will hear from me*. There are always things to be done; so just stop by the library on a free evening and ask what you can do.

### **NEVER ON A SUNDAY?**

Quatrefoil is staffed by over forty men and women, including a token straight! Volunteers staff the desk, check library materials in and out, sort donations, maintain computer records, write the newsletter, arrange publicity, plan fund-raisers, staff the Gay Pride booth and hundreds of other things. Does anybody want to do it on Sunday? If you have time and talent you can contribute, or if you know someone who has, *especially on Sunday*, call Dick in the evening at 227-3952 or stop by the library. There's a whole list of things that need doing--like sorting male erotica, planning art shows or poetry readings, putting the magazines in chronological order, etc., etc. ...Come and help us, we'd love to have you!

## **SIGN LANGUAGE CLASS**

We were pleased with the response to having American Sign Language classes at Quatrefoil. However, because of a new work schedule for our volunteer teacher, Dick Blumenfeld, and the usual problems with people's summer scheduling, we have decided to put the classes on hold until fall. We will keep the list of those who showed interest in the classes, and get back to you in the fall.

## **COMING EVENTS**

Linda Boyle, historian/singer, will perform June 23 at 8:00 PM at the Playwrights' Center, 2301 E. Franklin. This is a Pride week event and a benefit for Quatrefoil. Admission will be \$5.00. Harry Hay and John Burnside, pioneer gay activists, will be with us the evening of July 20. We are planning a buffet dinner and a chat with these two men. Reserve this date and watch for further details.

*THANKS TO ALL FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT.  
WITHOUT YOU QUATREFOIL COULD NOT CONTINUE.  
HELP US TO CONTINUE TO COLLECT AND PRESERVE  
OUR GAY AND LESBIAN HERITAGE.*