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Publication of the Mattachine Society of the Niagara Frontier

MARCH/APRIL, 1978

NEW OFFICE LOCATION

Mattachine is proud to announce the opening of a new business-office complex for its use--45 Allen Street, #'s 3 and 4. Out of this location, the Society will publish the Fifth Freedom (see below), as well as provide counseling services. It is hoped in this way, Mattachine will be able to upgrade its commitment to the Gay Community.

This site was chosen for its location, size and price, after months of intensive searching. In the next few weeks, energy will be needed to clean-up, put in order and decorate the offices. If you wish to volunteer a half hour, hour or whole evening, contact either Claude at the Hotline: 881-5335 or Bill Coplon at 883-6672.

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FIFTH FREEDOM

This will hopefully be the last Fifth Freedom in the present format; fine efforts are being made by a core of dedicated individuals to revive the "old" Fifth Freedom. Articles on psychology, legal rights, art openings, book reviews have been received. If you have any contributions to make in writing, typing, layout, distribution or advertising don't hesitate to call 881-5335, 883-6672 or drop in some evening to the Mattachine Offices--45 Allen Street, #'s 3 and 4.

The first of such issues will be out the last week of April.

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MATTACHINE NEWS

Mattachine, as an organization, is making great strides to re-establish some continuity in programming. In the meeting of February 19th, elections were held, and the following officers were elected:

Bill Coplon	-	President
Jim Haynes	-	Vice President
John Good	-	Secretary
Bart Kane	-	Treasurer
Tim Denesha & Don Licht	-	Members-at-Large

(Bill Coplon is a "new Face" in Buffalo. He comes to us from Rochester, where he was past president of the Gay Alliance of the Genesee Valley, Inc., as well as Media Chairperson for that organization. Jim Haynes, retaining his position of Vice President, has been a major figure with Mattachine, as well as Buffalo Gay visibility for several

years. Bart Kane, as well has retained his position as treasurer. John Good is a welcome new addition to the Mattachine board.)

At the last general meeting, March 16th, the future of Mattachine was discussed. Future plans include revival of counseling services, extension of its contacts with the officialdom of Buffalo; all this is being pursued towards the end of further Gay visibility.

Another advancement for the Society, is the extension of the meeting format. Beside the general meeting at 7:30, tea dances at 4pm, and Pot-luck Dinners at 6 have been established.

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Programs for the Month of April

April 2 : Sex Therapy / Couples Counseling. Sex therapist Daryl Clemens, from the Gay Alliance of the Genesee Valley, Inc., will speak as well as answer questions on same-sex couples counseling. (tea dance for this meeting will be of a 50's theme)

April 16 : VD Counseling / Clinic. Members of the Erie County Medical VD Clinic will be on hand to discuss Gay health problems and needs; free blood testing will be available at that time.

All meetings occur at the Unitarian Church, at the corner of Elmwood and W. Ferry. We hope to see you at the social functions as well (also at the Church.)

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Albany Lobby Day

April 18th is Buffalo's day to make its voice known to its legislators. The New York State Coalition of Gay Organizations is sponsoring this visit to Albany. They will 'put us up' Monday night, and then lead us to the offices of the correct Assemblypersons and State Senators. It is important that we make an impressive showing. Caravans of cars will be leaving Monday evening. Give Jim Haynes a call at 884-8198 evenings, if you need a ride, or are willing to offer one. You don't have to be a political wiz to come, ... just have a sincere interest in Gay Rights !

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Speakers Bureau and Media

The Speakers Bureau is one of the more visible entities of Mattachine. By this means were able to explain Gay lifestyles, erode negative stereotypes and develop one-on-one communications with straight people. In April two such engagements are scheduled : the 13th: at Genesee Community College from 1-3; as well as at Daeman College on the 18th on a panel of 'Alternate Lifestyles.'

Speakers Bureau and Media

Listen to WEBR-AM, Tuesday, April 4th, from 7-8pm for "Final Edition", host, John Martin. Our own Jim Haynes and Don Licht will be guests for the one-hour phone-in program. Please call 886-0970 to lend them support !

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Dignity

Late word from our fellow Gay Activists is that Dignity will now be holding services at the Center for Justice, 23 Agassiz Cir., phone 838-4910. Mass is the first and third Sunday of every month. The First Sunday mass is at 3pm, with a pot-luck supper to follow. The third Sunday's program starts at 5pm.

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Funding

You might be wondering how we can afford the \$100/mo. office space rent, the \$25/Sunday for the Church, the \$85 phone re-instilation service, the \$20+/mo. regular phone bills, the reproduction of this newsletter, the postage for this newsletter, etc., ad infinitum. To be honest, we are wondering the same thing. We have a good idea, however, that you, our supporters, will not let us down.

Monthly pledges have been reinstated, by which means we can count on a monthly income, and you can help pay for our essential services on an installment basis, as much as you can afford. With that in mind, you will see below a 'clip-out' form you can use to send to us with your pledge. Please help out; we're here to help you !

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mail to: Funding, c/o Mattachine (or M.S.N.F.), P.O.Box 1270, Ellicott Sta., Buffalo, NY 14205. Please enclose first month's pledge.

YES, I WOULD LIKE TO HELP YOU HELP. I WOULD LIKE TO PLEDGE:

_____ \$1.00, _____ \$2.00, _____ \$5.00, _____ \$10.00, _____ \$25.00
_____ (_____)You're amount.

This I understand I will send monthly. Monthly reminders will be mailed out. If you donot wish to receive mail at your home, please check : _____.

name _____, address _____

_____. Thanks.

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Dear Mother
I received your letter of the 15th and was glad to hear from you. I am well and hope these few lines will find you the same. I have not much news to write at present.

I have been thinking of you very much lately and wondering how you are getting on. I hope you are all happy and content. I have not much news to write at present.

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