



CHECK IT OUT!

RENAISSANCE OF MADISON, INC

COORDINATOR'S NEWSLETTER

SEPTEMBER 1975

This newsletter comes to you a week early this month mostly because I will be taking a week's vacation and attending the second Dignity Convention in Boston over the Labor Day weekend. Further, with registration week coming up at the UW, the Center will be covering a desk at registration on Thursday and Friday. We will be handing out a new flyer on VD and Gay People, a Gay Guide to Mad City, and the general Gay Center flyer.

If you look again at the top of this page you will see the words CHECK IT OUT! printed above the horizon line. This is a tentative name which I am giving to the newsletter. In a nutshell, it comes close to summarizing how I feel about writing this newsletter. I try to keep my eyes open to what is going on in Mad City and elsewhere and share it with you, the reader. Some will be of interest, some not, but check it out. I can make suggestions but you will have to follow it up. I'd be happy to have feedback on this.

Mailing Lists

Beginning in November we will be using a Xeroxing method of reproducing the mailing list on labels. Much time and energy will be saved thereby and it will simplify mailings. The mailing list is confidential and not available for use. The only master copy is in my possession. If you are concerned with this move let me know.

Disco Dance

On Friday September 5, from midnight till 3:00 a.m. there will be another After Bar Party at Neighborhood House. \$1.00 donation will be collected to benefit the Gay Center. Bring your own beer and we'll cool it for free or provide soft drinks. One thing about our location at 29 S. Mills is that there is plenty of room. Try out your hustle or do a funky jive number, but you'll have lots of space. See you there!

New Poster

You may be seeing our new poster around town soon. Designed and laid out by Bob Andrews, it utilizes the logo and clearly spells out our services, hours, and location.

The Cardinal Disco Room Opens

On Friday and Saturday, August 15-16, the new super disco room opened at the Cardinal Bar. An invitation-only occasion, the troops were there en masse. If you missed the opening, do check it out if you enjoy dancing and hot, hot music. Thanks to Rick and everyone

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at the Cardinal for a gala evening.

Consenting Adult

I've checked with the Madison Public Library and they do have multiple copies of Consenting Adult on 7-day reserve.

Speakeasy Reopening

Possibly the oldest continuously running bar in Mad City, located in the Washington Hotel, is under new ownership. Rodney Sheel has a lot of ideas for possible changes in the bar and a lot of room to do it in. If you're into decorative suggestions do share them with him. He anticipates a reopening of part of the Speakeasy in October.

Co-op

On August 1st I officially became a member of the Yahara-Linden Coop, 2117 E. Linden. The move, which will involve living and interacting with nine other people, was an important step for me in my own personal development and will be a challenge at times, and a growing experience for all of us. Now, I think that I will be having a pot luck birthday party, for myself, of course, at 2117 and invite all of you who are interested. I'll let you know details in the October Newsletter; I'm a Libra.

Men's Liberation

On Saturday and Sunday September 27-28, Turning Point will sponsor a Men's Celebration on a farm 40 miles north of Madison. If you might be interested in getting together for a celebration with other men, gay and non-gay, for a weekend of sharing food, music, Zen baseball, dancing and whatever, send \$3.00 to Turning Point, c/o UW/YMCA, 306 N. Brooks, Madison, 53715. Reservations must be in by Friday September 19th. Details and a map on how to get there will be mailed.

In Hoc Signo Vinces

Hurrah for the sign in the Cardinal Bar which reads in essence: "Welcome to the Cardinal Bar. This is a gay bar. If you are not gay that is cool. Just remember where you are."

Support Groups

At the counseling staff meeting last Sunday we discussed the possibilities and implications of working through the Gay Center with groups. In general the feeling was that if people are ready to participate in groups, we are ready to help facilitate them. A Social Work major from the UW gave us some tips on the dynamics of group work. If you would be interested in joining such a group:

- 1) Think over what you would like to get out of a group;
- 2) Figure out evenings or weekend times when you would be available to meet;
- 3) Call the Center and give your name and a number where you can be reached. We will be calling back when we get a group together.
- 4) The groups will be self-defined as to goals and objectives once formed.
- 5) Groups will form and remain closed for a period.

Mail, Mail, Mail

In the next few weeks the Gay Center will be mailing a flyer and cover letter to churches, religious organizations, and social service agencies throughout Madison. Our purpose is to acquaint them with our services and let them know how to contact us for referrals or panels.

UW/Madison

Likewise we will be sending flyers to UW faculty to let them know we are here and allow them to use the Center personnel for classroom discussions and panels.

If you would be interested in taking part in some of these discussions, call the Center in the evenings and rap about what panels are all about. If you are still interested give your name and phone number and some general idea when you would be available.

Fund Raising

The summer has been slow and leisurely. The fund-raising letters went out in mid-July and still the follow-up calls have not occurred. Be patient. We are interested in your suggestions and money. You will hear from us by the end of September. If you wish to avoid the contact, just send a pledge or donation to the address on the front of the newsletter.

Casteneda

I have just finished Tales of Power by Carlos Casteneda and have been really blown away. Wow, what a series. I want to go back now and review the whole four books. If you decide to get into this I strongly suggest you begin with Don Juan, Yaquai Way Of Knowledge and read them in sequence.

File Of Books

I now have at least twelve books on my "must read" list. I have declared a moratorium on new material and walk steely-eyed past bookstore windows. I'll be sharing these with you as I get through them. Please feel free to comment and share your reading with me.

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