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MAIDEN VOYAGE

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Greetings

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CALENDAR OF COMING EVENTS

- Fri., 12/11--DPOB meeting. Discussion on, "Can we function in the name of DOB?" 8 p.m. Clarke Room, Arlington Street Church.
- Sat., 12/12--DOB Christmas dance. See details page 8.
- Tue., 12/15--Finance and program committee meeting, 8 p.m. Ginger's call: 453-6059 (Lowell)
- Wed., 12/16--A meeting for all those interested in DOB's upcoming production of Hair, 8 p.m. at Jo and Gail's, 436-7913.
- Thur., 12/17--Officer's meeting at Rose and Julie's, 8 p.m., call 261-1130.
- Fri., 12/18--DOB business meeting, 8 p.m. Clarke room, Arlington Street Church. Open to members and nonmembers.
- Sat., 12/19--A class in basic self-defense techniques, 3-4:30 p.m. Clarke Room, Arlington Street Church.
- SUN., 12/20--HUB Christmas and New Year's party, call: 436-9181.
- Tue., 12/22--Public education committee meeting, 7:30 p.m. at Jo and Gail's, call: 436-7913.
- Sat., 1/2--DEADLINE FOR COPY FOR JANUARY MAIDEN VOYAGE.
- Tue., 1/5--Finance and program committee meeting, Ginger's, 8 p.m. call: 453-6059 (Lowell)
- Wed., 1/6--A second meeting for all women interested in DOB's production of Hair, 8 p.m. Gail and Jo's, call: 436-7913,
- Sat., 1/9--A second class in self-defense for women, 3-4:30 p.m., Clarke Room, Arlington Street Church.
- Mon., 1/11--MAIDEN VOYAGE COMES OUT.
- Fri., 1/15--DOB business meeting, 8 p.m. Clarke Room, Arlington Street Church. Open to all women.
- Sat., 1/16--A third self-defense class, 3-4:30 p.m. Clarke Room, Arlington Street Church.

DOB functions are open to all interested women. When coming to a committee meeting, call the number listed for directions, to check for any change of time or place and for transportation aid if necessary.

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Boston Women United, P.O. Box 270, Allston, 02134 or 253-6498.

Bread and Roses, Old Cambridge Baptist Church, 1151 Mass. Ave. 492-4130.

Media Women, P.O. Box 8926, JFK P.O. 02114.

Female Liberation. 1126 Boylston St., Boston. Nancy--445-3907.

National Organization for Women (NOW) P.O. Box 346, Camb. 02130. 892-5533.

Women's Center at B.U., 232 Bay State St. 2nd floor. Mon-Fri: 9-5. For info.--731-6350.

DOB REFERRALS

DOB recommends these persons to members who want professional advice.

LEGAL
Frieda Cook, 1514 Dorchester Ave., Dorchester, Mass. 288-4041

Michael Bushman, 1514 Dorchester Ave., Dorchester, Mass. 288-4041

Psychiatric
Dr. Richard Pillard, 6 Bond St. Boston, Mass. 423-9722 or 262-4200 ext. 251

RELIGIOUS

Roman Catholic--Father Kevin, Women's Center (St. Clement's Church) 1105 Boylston St., Boston, Mass. 246-2376 or 277-4047.

Episcopal--Rev. Gilbert Dent, Christ Church, 200 Garden St., Cambridge, Mass., 876-0220.

Methodist--Dr. William Alberts, Old West Methodist Church, 131 Cambridge St., Boston, Mass. 277-5008.

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227-1236.

OVER THE FENCE with Diane O'Keefe

Weddings--usually for the excitement they hold for me, I'd rather watch a moth eat up a coat. Don't misunderstand. They were a lovely couple; it's just their youth you resent and a bygone era you can never recapture. You wake up one morning not only to find frost on the pumpkin but the knowledge that the priest at the rectory and the cop on the corner are ten years younger than you.

But this was a Jewish wedding and one is bound to have a good time. Hot hors d'oeuvres, stuffed cabbage, kishke, kreplach, potato pancakes and stuffed mushroom caps. The sweet table beyond description--pyramids of cascading fruit--succulent strawberries the size of small plums, grapes and pungent watermelon that melted in your mouth, bon-bons, and petit-fours and gooey Jewish pastries of every kind. The scent of flowers was everywhere and the reading of telegrams and people congratulating people made me dizzy. Liquor flowed freely and the music from Fiddler on the Roof was so intense and infectious people danced until they dropped. The whole scene reminded me of a Dionysian feast right out of Fraser's Golden Cough.

But weddings are long affairs and I can't hold my liquor like I used to. Two glasses of champagne and before anyone can say Hazel-tov I've spilt gravy on my dress, run my stockings and eaten my fruit cocktail with my salad fork again.

Just as I was about to put my salad on my dinner plate instead of in my salad bowl, the woman next to me gave me a shove that nearly sent me into the next room. I was embarrassed--what do people want anyway? I was brought up in an orphanage where they threw a platter of lukewarm spaghetti on the table along with an assortment of forks and plates and that was the ball game.

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She was a great one to find fault--sitting there with her hairy arms and legs and rigor mortis face looking like a druck driver in drag waiting for the undertaker to arrive. She bored me to death with her lousy recipes, crummy jokes and stories about her sister that mine would have shot me at sunrise for telling. And every time she opened her bag for a cigarette her rotten kleenex kept popping out, along with a beat-up copy of Dr. Rueben's book, her coloring book and crayons, a half a tube of contraceptive jelly and some pictures of ugly kids only she could have had. Her psychiatrist husband sitting next to her was no prize either. How did I know he was a psychiatrist? Who else goes around in argyle socks, high-water pants, patent leather shoes that don't match and a dog-eared Captain Marvel comic book sticking out of his back pocket. When he found out I was a Lesbian his face turned green (the color of money) and he began to wring his hands and foam at the mouth. When they got up to dance there was a short discussion. Imagining it was over who was going to lead, I suggested she put a bow in her hair so as not to confuse people. I don't wear chocolate cream pie too well, so after regaining my composure I decided to keep my mouth shut and mind my manners.

I can't imagine them making love, though. She probably puts on tights and a black mask and dresses up like an executioner, and he puts on a Mardi Gras suit so they can "pretend." I'm only kidding. They're probably a lovely couple who enjoy cutting their toenails over the toilet together and taking in a stag movie on Saturday nights like any other couple. Later he whispered to me that his wife was going to be away the following week-end and would I like to come up to his apartment and watch him do "around the world" on his yo-yo. I wasn't fooled. I know that type. They get you up to their apartment and all they really want to do is play jump rope and ride their hobby horse. Besides, it might crush him to see how well I do "walk the dog" and "over the waterfall."

So after gently letting him down, I gathered up my schizophrenic body and headed for home. When I arrived, however, I was overcome with a malaise of euphoric melancholy. Some unfinished business plagued me and I realized it was the first time I'd been to a wedding that I hadn't shed a tear. Frustrated, I poured myself a brandy and put on Herschel Bernardi's Fiddler. When it came to the band "To Life," I listened intently to the words as his rich voice drove home their philosophy. I played it over and over again.

"If Monday was no worse than Sunday was---drink L'chiam--to life. It has a way of confusing us, blessing and bruising us---drink---L'chiam--to life. And if good fortune never comes, here's to whatever comes--drink L'chiam--to life." No longer frustrated, the tears finally came.

REV. TROY PERRY FEATURED AT CONFERENCE ON THE CHURCH AND THE HOMOSEXUAL

Old West Church was packed to capacity Nov. 10 for The Council on Religion and the Homosexual's Ecumenical conference on "The Church and The Homosexual." Registration and coffee conferences began at 9 am with the first address at 10. The Rev. Troy Perry spoke in the afternoon.

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The Rev. Perry is pastor of the homosexually-oriented Metropolitan Community Church in California.

During his opening remarks, David Shannon, Chairman of Boston CRH, used as an example comments made by DOB's Gail in a talk at Old West some months back. He told of how Gail had symbolically placed her love on the altar and had asked the congregation if any one of them wanted to step forward to remove that offering. In his closing remarks at the end of the conference, Dave again referred to this symbolic offering, stating that no one had yet to remove it. He did comment that perhaps it would have been better, rather than to let it lie there dormant all these months, if responsible parties had removed it in order to study and nurture what it signifies to the gay community.

Speakers and discussion leaders during the day included clergy from a number of denominations, a sexologist and marriage counselor, authorities in sociology and psychiatry, and representatives of Boston's homophile organizations.

Professor R. A. Laud Humphreys, Episcopal priest and author of Tearoom Trade, who is with the S.U.N.Y. Department of Criminology, stated that the gay liberation movement is the fastest growing, most dynamic of all movements today, women's liberation included. Prof. Humphreys predicts a coming repression of thought and free expression which will hit blacks, gays, the church itself.

After lunch there was a discussion with speakers from HUB, SHL, GLF and DOB. On last minute notice Kim Stabinski addressed the group for DOB, explaining our formation, purposes and current activities. A number of clergy expressed the desire to have DOB speakers visit their congregations in the future.

There was an influx of people just before the featured speaker, the Rev. Troy Perry, spoke. He discussed, "The Gay Church: A Necessary Heresy?" The Rev. Perry began Metropolitan Community Church in Los Angeles Oct. 16, 1968. MCC had a slow beginning with only a handful of the gay community gathering in the Rev. Perry's home. Now, two years later, MCC has literally exploded. In addition to regular attendance of more than 500 persons at the home church, MCC has 10 other churches across the country.

MCC, known commonly as "the gay church", does not close its doors to the heterosexual community. This would be discrimination in reverse. In fact, MCC lists among its membership a number of heterosexual singles and young married couples. In closing the Rev. Perry said he does not like the idea of a gay church as such. He feels that as children of God we should worship as a family, heterosexuals and homosexuals together. He ended with a plea and a challenge to the clergy present--the church of Christ on earth will open its arms to the homosexual community, MCC must exist. He received a standing ovation.

Persons attending the conference said the spirit of the entire day was warm, enlightening and inspiring. Near the end of the conference many members of the clergy expressed the desire to see CRH sponsor another conference soon.

HAIR, HAIR, HAIR!!!!

The program and finance committee is going to produce a GAY version of HAIR. Those who have seen the stage production will know this can be a lot of fun, and fun is what we are after.

This is to be an all female undertaking. We have had offers from some of our talented male counterparts, which we have gracefully declined, feeling we can do a really great thing with just women.

You don't need to be a member, just join in the spirit. We need all sorts of help---actresses, singers, directors, scenery, etc. We are planning a performance in February, so that means we must get started. We have set up meetings for Dec. 16, at Gail and Jo's (see their phone number elsewhere). We can't do it without you....so hustle your bussle.

GINGER AND ANN WIN AUTO RALLY

Ginger and Ann won the DOB auto rally held Nov. 22. Fourteen women started at the parking of a supermarket on Memorial Drive in Cambridge. Each car was given a set of riddle clues. The first clue took them to the Howard Johnson's parking lot at Fresh Pond Circle, where they then had to find the next set of clues hidden in the Good Will box there.

This set of clues took them to Old North Bridge in Concord, where they had to find berries to bring back and also the next set of clues, hidden under a stone in the stone wall. This third set of rhymed clues brought them to Walden Pond, where they made their way to the site of Thoreau's house and copied a part of the inscription on the plaque there, also bringing back pine cones from the area.

Then they were off to the final destination, Russo's Restaurant in Maynard, where all met in the cocktail lounge and later had dinner. Ginger and Ann had a winning time of an hour and fifty-five minutes. They received a free drink and lots of congratulations.

COMING ATTRACTIONS

Watch for the ^{IV}Snow Weekend in January. This will be a trip to some snow spot where members can ski, sled, skate, snow shoe and sit by a roaring fire with a drink and watch the girls. Details will be in the next Maiden Voyage.

The program and finance committee is in the process of contacting Martha Shelley of the New York DOB. Martha has long been active in gay liberation and female liberation through several organizations and on an individual basis. A frequent contributor to The Ladder under several pseudonyms, she also does some related free lance writing. She has recently had chapters in three books on women's liberation. They are, The Hand That Rocks the Cradle, (editor Robin Morgan, Random House) Sisterhood is Powerful, (editor Robin Morgan) and Women's Liberation: Blueprint for the Future (editor Sooki Stambler).

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

(Copy of a postcard from the Rev. W. Edward Harris of Arlington Street Church)

Dear DOB friends:

I am leaving as of Dec. 1 to go to the Unitarian Church of Urbana, Ill. I have certainly enjoyed my association with your group. Please take me off your mailing list and put the Rev. Renford Gaines on at the same address. Dr. Gaines is a good person and you should not hesitate to seek him out on any problem you encounter. With every good wish,
W. Edward Harris.

GAY NEWS AND REVIEWS

From L.A.---

It was recently announced by the Rev. Troy Perry, pastor of the Metropolitan Community Church, that the Los Angeles County Probation department has approached church officials concerning placement of disturbed homophile youngsters in the homes of homophile couples as foster parents. Such a move is interpreted as a major breakthrough in communication between two communities.

From Chicago Gay Alliance---

SEXOLOGY PUTS DOWN DR. SOCARIDES AND AMA...Writing in the November issue of Sexology magazine, Dr. Isadore Rubin, editor of the magazine until his recent death, derided an article in which Dr. Charles W. Socarides characterized homosexuality as a "dread" and "malignant" medical disorder that had risen to epidemic proportions. He also questioned the motivations of the journal of the American Medical Association in publishing Socarides' obviously unscientific piece of work.

STRENGTH ISN'T PHALLIC

ACROSS THE EDITOR'S DESK-----

At the Nov. 20 business meeting the Boston DOB members voted against granting a charter to the New England DOB (NEDOB) group. The vote was not unanimous because some members abstained. The sentiment behind the action was that Boston DOB and NEDOB would be confused and Boston DOB could possibly be mistaken for an affiliate of NEDOB by the uninformed public and other gay groups.

We don't know how the other DOB chapters will feel or whether the governing board will grant NEDOB a charter.

We can understand Boston DOB's feelings, but wonder what the solution is. If the women who formed NEDOB want to be a DOB group and gain approval from the governing board there is nothing Boston DOB can do.

But the question remains will the two groups really be confused? We don't think so---each group will probably be very conscious of pointing out the distinction.

What's of more concern to us is making Boston DOB so distinctive it will establish a reputation and carve out a definite identity. Now is the time to redouble our efforts to make ours a more visible, viable organization serving our own members and recruiting more who will make a real commitment to the group and the liberation of her sister lesbian.

OTHER CHURCHES OPEN TO GAYS
First Congregational Church
Central and Hamilton streets
Saugus, Mass. 01906
617-233-3028 (church)
617-233-0085 (parsonage, Rev. Kenneth Claus)

SELF-DEFENSE TIPS OFFERED

Some knowledge of basic self-defense is a necessity for all women, especially gay women. The number of women raped, molested or shaken up is large. You may never be bothered, but it doesn't always happen to the other person.

There are many problems involved, making it impossible for all women to be able to study self-defense; some of them are, time, expense, and the coordination and energy requirements.

Some of us have been studying a Korean form of self-defense called Tae KWON DO, an excellent technique. We have set up three Saturday afternoon sessions to show any woman interested some of the basic and surprisingly easy methods. See the calendar for dates. Julie, Nancy, Dee, Diana, Jo.

GAIL KING, DIANA TRAVIS ON TV

Six members of the Homophile Union of Boston (HUB) appeared on educational television WHDX channel 44 (UHF) Nov. 16. They created a half hour discussion among themselves on the program, "Catch 44", which offers free use of the program time to any groups who apply. It reaches 10,000 persons.

Participating were Frank Morgan and Dick York, HUB officers, Mark Charles, Joe McCauley, and Diana Travis and Gail King who are also DOB members.

The most impressive aspect of the evening was that those appearing were exposing themselves to employment troubles. One participant works with negotiable securities for which he is bonded and no bonding company has been known to bond a homosexual. Another worked in a hospital.

Gail King said, "It's not only the economic business of 'you may lose your job and have no money to live' but the fact that our job for most of us is something that we want to do--that we enjoy doing--and to take away the job, and I think most gay people have this hanging over their heads, would really be a hurt to all of us."

RECIPES FROM SANDY'S KITCHEN

Chicken Tetrizzini

3½ to 4 lbs roasting chicken (cut up)	3 tbs dry sherry
4 cups water	1/4 tsp pepper
1tsp salt	1/2 tsp nutmeg
1/2 lb fresh mushrooms (sliced)	1 truffle (finely chopped)
3tbs butter or margerine	1 pkg thick spaghetti (cooked and drained)
2 tbs flour	1/2 cup parmesian cheese
1 cup heavy cream	

Simmer chicken in water with 1 tsp salt about an hour or until tender. Remove chicken save broth bone, the chicken and return to broth. Simmer 20 minutes. Cool and skin off fat, cut chicken into small pieces. You should have about two cups of broth. Combine all other ingredients except cheese and simmer five minutes.
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SANDY'S KITCHEN (continued from p. 7)

Drain spaghetti, put on platter, throw chicken mixture on spaghetti then sprinkle cheese on top and bake in hot oven for 15 minutes at 375 degrees.

THINGS TO DO/PLACES TO GO

Drama ---continuing

Jacques Brel is Alive and Well and Living in Paris, at the Cabaret, Somerset Hotel, for a limited engagement.

Drama---Coming

Forty Carats, at the Shubert for two weeks, a touring company headed by Hollywood's Barbara Rush. Comedy about the generation gap by the French authors of Cactus Flower. Opens Monday, Dec. 21.

For the past year Boston DOB has held its meetings on Friday night at the Arlington Street Church.

Some members find that this is an inconvenient day and would like to meet at some other time during the week. Sunday afternoon has been suggested as a possible alternative day.

To help us determine a time convenient for the majority of members to meet, please indicate your preference below and return the block to the Maiden Voyage, P.O. Box 221, Prudential Center Station, Boston, 02199 Before Jan. 2.

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Friday nights

Sunday afternoons

Other time

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