

Stonewall Celebrates 2nd Birthday

A BRIEF HISTORY OF A VERY ACTIVE TWO-YEAR-OLD

The Stonewall Democratic Club was organized on November 8, 1975 by 13 gay activists and friends. They chartered with the L.A. County Committee, the California Democratic Council and promptly sent a delegation to the CDC Issues Conference in San Jose.

February, 1976 was a very busy month for Stonewall. On the 7th, Tom Hayden, the first in a long and ever-growing line of office seeking candidates, appeared before the Club seeking their endorsement. We closed the month by making our fast-growing strength felt at the CDC Statewide Convention held in Los Angeles. Stonewall hosted a Gay Hospitality Suite that is still the talk of the convention delegates. Stonewall also introduced the Gay Rights Platform. Parts of the GRP made it into the State Party Platform but unfortunately were not part of the National Platform that year. In April, several members participated as candidates in the Democratic Delegate Selections for the Party Nominating Convention. Some made it past the first hurdle but only one, Clayton Wells, went on to represent us as a delegate to the New York Convention which nominated the Carter-Mondale slate.



Los Angeles Mayor Tom Bradley addresses the Stonewall Democratic Club.



Daniel Whiteside, David Schwinkendorf, Ken Schnorr and Morris Kight (President of Stonewall) celebrate the event.

With important upcoming local elections, candidates continued to solicit Stonewall's endorsement. District Attorney John Van DeKamp and his opponent Vincent Bugliosi both addressed the club before the June Primary. Stonewall printed and distributed its first Slate Sheet, giving our endorsements for the various races and propositions. We knew it was a success when we were told voters carried the Slate Sheet into the voting booth with them.

The Fourth of July weekend was a big one for the Gay Community as a whole with the Christopher Street West Carnival and Parade. Stonewall's booth sold popcorn, cotton candy and snow cones. We also registered voters by the dozens. Our marching unit in the parade, with the slogan REGISTER TO VOTE...VOTE GAY, was awarded the theme prize. CDC President Wallace Albertson, a longtime friend of the gay community, rode in the parade as part of the Stonewall contingent.

In October, Senator John Tunney appeared before Stonewall, the highest elected official to do so.

The November election results were especially pleasing to us with the election of two liberal women candidates we supported to judgeships, Roberta Ralph and Florence Bernstein. Bernstein's opponent, incumbent Judge Dettmar, was quoted as saying, "Those god-damned faggots beat me." referring to our endorsement and distribution of Slate Sheets.

Stonewall saw in the new year, 1977, with a Trashy, Flashy Beer Bust at Jus-

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STRICTLY FOR FUN!!

Following the success of Stonewall's first Dinner-Social in August, we happily announce a replay of the same -- Good food, Cheerful wine, Convivial friends.
The Date: Saturday, Dec. 10, 1977
The Time: 7:00 PM to 10:00 PM
The Place: President Kight's, 1428 McCadden Pl. 1 block east of Highland, 1 block south of Sunset in the Heart of Hollywood.

Join us for a pre-holiday social gathering, meet the Stonewall officers and mix with our friendly members. Non-members joyfully welcomed. In the Holiday Spirit, you may bring a gift of unisex clothing or an educational toy that will be distributed to children through the Gay Community Services Center. Please RSVP (we need to know how much to prepare for the feasting). Call Morris at 463-3928 / Clay at 661-3339 or Rob at 874-0640.

SOCIAL SOCIAL SOCIAL

Political activity can be an exciting and rewarding experience and Stonewall members have sure had their share of those hectic, frustrating and exhilarating moments in our brief two-year history. But now and then it would be nice to relax and socialize, get to know individual members on a more personal level. Meet some old friends, make some new ones. An evening at the theatre, a picnic, a ball game, a barbecue... Rob Jurina is interested in planning a monthly social activity for Stonewall and would like input from members. Your feelings pro and con, suggestions for events. Contact Rob at 874-0640 or see him at the December Dinner-Social.



Jack Albertson, star of "Chico and the Man", Wallace Albertson, President of the California Democratic Council and Morris Kight.