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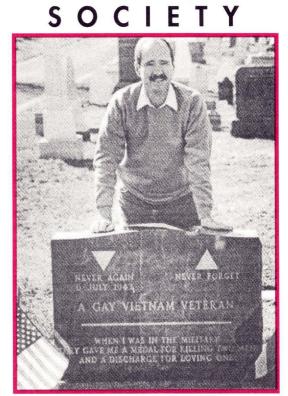
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Leonard Matlovich

The Matlovich Society

April 10 Wendy chapkis - Beauty secrets and sex Acts

Wendy Chapkis will read from her two most recent books – "Beauty Secrets: women and the politics of appearance" (on the pleasures and punishments of femininity), and "Live SexActs: women performing erotic labor" (on the sex wars over prostitution and pornography). "Beauty Secrets" has been called "... the book Naomi Wolf might have written if she was a leather dyke with bright red lipstick and a full blonde mustache" (the Jerry Springer Show); "Live Sex Acts" has been praised for it's "superb interviewing" (Susie Bright, "Sexwise") and its "tough realism, capacity for clear thinking, and irrepressible sense of humor" (RW Connell "Masculinities"). Wendy is a faculty member at the University of Southern Maine. A book signing at Drop Me A Line will follow this presentation.

April 24 meeting starts at 1 pm

Annual Members Meeting & Last call at Maude's

This special program will begin at 7:00 instead of our usual 7:30 start time. We will have our annual (OK, so we missed a year) members meeting. Jim Estes will give a short description of the transition Matlovich is going through (new bylaws). Larry Bliss will present the financial report (find out what really happens to the collection box). Gene Rochow and Madelene Winter will summarize last years accomplishments (better than Clinton's State of the Union). There will also be an election for board members. We want everyone to come to our annual meeting. To participate in the election you need to be a Matlovich Member. To become a member just pay your (tax deductible) dues, which you can do at the meeting (and get a fabulous Matlovich Bumper Sticker).

After the Members Meeting we will watch the video "Last Call at Maude's". Maude's was one of the mainstays of the San Francisco lesbian community for many years, it was a neighborhood bar and meeting place. This video documents the auctioning of the contents of the bar after owner Ricki Streicher decided to close the San Francisco landmark. Patrons talk about the history and sense of community created there.

May 8

Women First

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Women First, a local community coalition of health, women's and senior services agencies, is dedicated to increasing awareness of breast and cervical health by early detection screenings. Hear Nina Mollicone, Lesbian Peer Educator, discuss these very important issues and find out how women over 50 with limited incomes can qualify for free screenings. Program Coordinator Maureen Clancy will also be on hand to answer questions.

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May 22 Let's Get Beyond "Hello, my name is...

Wouldn't it be great if we could begin to build a community ... and have fun doing it? This program will give us all a chance to get to meet some new people, get re-acquainted with old friends, and begin to strengthen our ties as a community. Bring your friends, and be sure to wear comfortable clothes! (We're gonna move around a lot ... and sit on the floor!) Be prepared to have a good time.

June 12

Remembering Roland's

The Stonewall riot of 1969 changed the social landscape forever. However, change did not come overnight. It gained momentum from year to year and spread from major urban centers to rural states like Maine. The period of transition from the days of secrecy to the current openness of gay and lesbian bars was a special time in Portland's lesbian/gay history that was spanned by Roland's Tavern. Join us for our first in a series of local history programs as Roland Labbe and Randy Scott tell what it was like when the local bar was the primary (sometimes the only) visible focus for gay and lesbian culture.

June 26 Leonard Matlovich: Who was he anyway?

Ever wonder why our organization is proudly called the Matlovich Society. Here's your chance to find out why - and to explore and understand Leonard Matlovich's celebrated life with Society co-founder Lois Galgay Reckitt. She will share the history of our naming, Leonard's accomplishments, and recollections of her personal acquaintance with him. You won't want to miss this one!

> All Matlovich programs are held at: Holiday Inn By the Bay 88 Spring Street, Portland

> > 7:30 - 9:00pm Free Hotel Parking

