



Lesbian and Gay HISTORICAL SOCIETY of San Diego

NEWSLETTER

"Preserving and Teaching Our History"

SAA Archivists Visit Historical Society

The Historical Society was involved in a little of its own history-making on August 31st. Lesbian and gay archivists from both coasts and points in between — plus Hawaii — were guests of the Historical Society, the first time such an assemblage has gathered under our roof.

The archivists were in San Diego to attend the annual conference of the Society of American Archivists. About 30 members of the SAA's Lesbian and Gay Archives Roundtable (LAGAR) attended the Historical Society's open house and reception. Our guests represented three types of archives: some were archivists in larger institutions such as academic libraries; others were archivists of specifically lesbian/gay collections within larger archives; and some represented community archives much like ours.

Frank Nobiletti, who coordinated the event with LAGAR members Paula Jabloner and Mark Martin, gave the archivists a brief overview of our organization's history — from its genesis in the apartment of founder Jess Jessop, to its second home at the old Robinson Street Lesbian and Gay Center in Hillcrest, to our present location on Park Avenue in University Heights.

Nobiletti explained what makes San Diego's gay and lesbian history unique, highlighting the military's influ-

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Community archivists who attended the LAGAR reception at the Historical Society: Row one — Frank Nobiletti, LGHSSD; Paula Jabloner and Willie Walker of the Gay and Lesbian Historical Society of Northern California. Row two — Nancy Richard, Boston Area Lesbian and Gay History Project; Margaret Gillon and Diana Griffiths of the June Mazer Collection of Los Angeles; Janet Miller, along with Judith Schwarz, Lesbian Herstory Archives of New York City. Not pictured: John O'Brien of the International Gay and Lesbian Archives/One Institute of Los Angeles.

New Display Cases Now at the Center

by Dennis Fiordaliso

The Historical Society has recently inaugurated a new project to increase the visibility of the organization to the community. After many years of planning and coordination, we installed three wall-mounted display cases in the hallways of the Lesbian and Gay Men's Center.

The display cases measure 3 feet by 4 feet and were obtained with the help of a grant from the Foundation

For Change. With these displays, we plan to showcase a wide variety of the historical materials in our collections reflecting the breadth and diversity of our community.

This project is a natural pairing of the Center with the Historical Society, which has lots of display-worthy materials but not much space for public exhibits. The Center, on the other hand, has lots of wall space in its hall-

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