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Dear Henry,

What a lovely surprise! It was a pleasure to look through that *Newsletter* of 1959 and to realize that it was almost 40 years ago. The names alone -- Lenzner, Nord, Shapiro, Zuger, Bauer, Whittier, and the speakers Nate Klein and Harvey Tompkins-- brought back images. I remember almost all of them. It was a much freer time in psychiatry; our battles with the psychologists seem like the battles of Neanderthals today.

I am delighted that you are sending the old numbers to the Society archives.

I am still teaching at Stony Brook. I have maintained an active research interest, and seem to have made a name in keeping electroshock alive. My book in 1979 was useful; my student Richard Abrams took it over in 1988 and is now issuing his third edition. Not to compete with him, I decided that a 'popular' book on electroshock was needed and I have just signed a contract with Oxford University Press for a 'trade' [read=popular] book which I hope to have done by June.

All in all, life has been good to me. I trust the same for you. My thanks for thinking of me.

Sincerely yours,

Max Fink, M.D.