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Annual Meeting Sat. November 9th

How time flies when you're having fun. It seems just a few days ago we were at the 2012 Annual Meeting and here we are gearing up for the 2013 edition.

Meanwhile we played Sheepshead, Cirbbage and Board games. We cooked up a storm, had wonderful parties, visited great restaurants, relaxed to together at our Happy Hours, Facebooked, ran, along the lake, did the AIDS Walk, celebrated Pride, hiked and camped.

And if that's not enough over the last few months, we doubled our Happy Hour bubbles, added a Bowling night, sponsored an LGBT Film Fest, movie, and went to the Theater.

As if that's still not enough as you will see in

this issue, there are plans to expand our activities even more.

No one can say that GAMMA is resting on 35 years worth of laurels. Quite to the contrary, this year has seen a bevy of new ideas and activities.

Which brings us to the 35th Anniversary Annual Meeting, to be held on Saturday, November 9th at the St. Francis Brewery on the corner of Kinnickinnic and Howard Avenues in St. Francis.

Attendees will have their choice of four great dinners: Prime Rib of Beef, Grilled Salmon, One half BBQed Chicken or a Vegetarian Pasta dish. Salad, Dessert and great company are included!

The cost of this bountiful meal is a mere \$20.00. Those wishing to skip din-

ner and just attend the meeting are welcome to do so at no charge. The meeting is scheduled to begin at about 8:30 pm.

As this is our 35th Anniversary year, we'd like to see all of our members attending," said GAMMA President Gerry Ottone. "We have a lot to celebrate and some exciting new ideas to look forward to in the next year."

The meeting will include the election of new Board members, a financial report and discussions on some ideas.

This is your chance to bring up your ideas, concerns and suggestions. So don't delay fill out your RSVP on page 7 and send it in today. RSVP's are due Nov. 2nd.

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A Past Version of Our History, Part Two

A few months ago, I shared some info from the unearthing of some historical documents by longtime member Tod Templin. The two short pieces, which apparently ran in the newsletter, give an account of Milwaukee GAMMA's beginnings from the perspective of 1997 – a little more than halfway through our now-35 year history. This time, I'll share a bit more.

The unidentified author or editor was interviewing Bob Moore, who was involved in the organization's founding. The fallibility of our memories contributes to the imprecision of history; in the second installment, Moore corrected himself about the name of one of the founder athletes. He recounted how the initial touch football players launched a volleyball team known as...yes, the GAMMA Rays! (That's coincidentally the name of one of our new bowling teams.) They may have wanted to sound dangerous but, shockingly, the team did not do well in competitions in Chicago and Detroit; in the former, they lost every game! Locally, competitive and social volleyball were played at UWM and the lakefront.

Moore also recounted how GAMMA membership was initially by invitation only, in an era when gay organizations understandably kept a lower public profile. A striking revelation: the first GAMMA "corn roast" was held on Sunday, September 9, 1979. This is the ancestor of our annual picnic (no longer a corn roast), held this year on Sunday, September 8, 2013. This is a remarkable continuity of tradition. Coupled with the fact that the first annual "banquet" was held in November, 1978, it shows that two of our signature events date to our very first year of existence.

Whether or not we are in fact the oldest existing Milwaukee-area LGBT organization (a claim I'm unable to verify), we have a long history marked of course by much change, but also much continuity.

Gerry Ottone



Successful Theater Night!

We did it! GAMMA pulled off its first successful theater outing in at least eight or nine years. On October 18, we visited the intimate Soulstice Theater space in St. Francis for a performance of "The Laramie Project." Bim took the initiative in arranging the event, and the tickets were at a nice price.

The play took a somewhat unconventional approach in that the ten actors (five men, five women) all played multiple roles in presenting a narrative account of the killing of Matthew Shepard outside that Wyoming city. There were eight of us who attended the show. Lest that not seem like a lot, consider this: we made up one third of the entire audience on this Friday evening.

We hope to schedule more theater events in the near future. If you have a theater event in mind, contact BIM at 418-9198 or by email: gammamke@gmail.com



\$540 Thank You's

**To those who donated to the
2013 GAMMA
AIDS Walk Team**

**Our Special Thanks to
Team Captain Ian Musson**

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Thank You

To everyone who helped to make
October a great month for
GAMMA!

AIDS Walk-Ian Musson
Theater Night – BIM Florek
Cribbage - Ed Hartfield
Board Meeting - Bill Meunier
Front Runners - John Schoenknecht
Happy Hour - Bim Florek, Tom Radtke
Sheepshead - Steve Reddy
Game Night - Wayne Peters & Rick Fuchs.
Dining Out - Bill Meunier

Movie Night November 2nd



Looking for something different to do on a Saturday night? Why not enjoy a good film at GAMMA's movie night. Movies are always more enjoyable when you're seeing them in a group. Our ever so fabulous host, Tod Templin will be providing soft drinks, popcorn and comfortable seating for his screening of Cloud Atlas. With a star studded cast that includes Tom Hanks, Susan Sarandon, and Halle Barry, Cloud Atlas uses six stories (including a gay themed one) that

span 600 years (from 300 years in the past to 300 years in the future) to show that we are more connected than we realize.

All of the actors and actresses are in of the stories. Critically acclaimed, one critic called it "The masterpiece of this century," Cloud Atlas is not to be missed.

Show time is 7:00. RSVP's are appreciated. To RSVP

GAMMA BOARD OFFERS \$250!

Does Jack Frost nip at your nose? Do you like your chestnuts roasted on an open fire. (Ouch that would hurt wouldn't it)

Maybe you just like to throw a good party.

The GAMMA Board is looking for a member to host our annual Holiday Party. Throughout its 35 year history GAMMA's annual Holiday get together has been one of its signature events

The GAMMA Board is offering the willing party host up to \$250.00 reimbursement for food and drink.

This is a great opportunity to for a member to show off their holiday decorations and host a memorable event during the holidays.

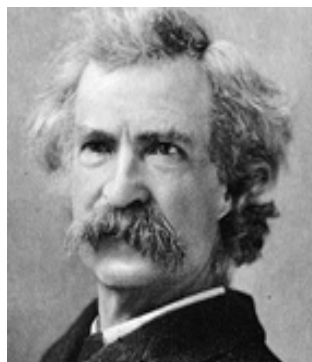
The holiday party is held on a Saturday evening in December. If you'd like to be the belle of our Christmas balls, please contact Gerry Ottone



Happy November Birthdays

Four fabulous GAMMA members will be blowing out some candles during September

- Tom Wilson Nov 1**
- Tod Templin Nov 7**
- Andrew Klein Nov 16**
- Gene Knoske Nov 16**
- BJ Lim Nov. 26**



Mark Twain was born on November 30, 1835. He was a very distinguished author and humorist. Unfortunately, he was born way to soon to join GAMMA. Fortunately, we have five distinguished members with November birthdays

YES! We Really Do Want You!

Get in on the ground floor as the GAMMA Board lays the foundation for the next 35 years of GAMMA history.

As a membership driven organization, GAMMA needs members to step up and help govern the organization.

Members serve for two year terms and meet monthly at a Board member's home. During these meetings, they discuss upcoming events, set the monthly calendar and come up with new ideas to maintain GAMMA's status as Southeast Wisconsin's premier

LGBT social group.

The GAMMA Board is especially interested in members who have experience in event planning, publicity and marketing.

However, all interested members are welcome.

A small commitment of your time will have big rewards as we move forward. The new Board will be elected at the Annual Meeting on November 9th. For more information contact Gerry Ottone at 964-6973.

GAMMA PLANS TO GIVE IT UP!

Several of our members have been discussing the possibility of adding a new set of activities to GAMMA.

Specifically, a series of fundraising events that would benefit charities in our community. The idea is to use the wealth of experience in our membership to put on an event or two to raise money for a worthy cause.

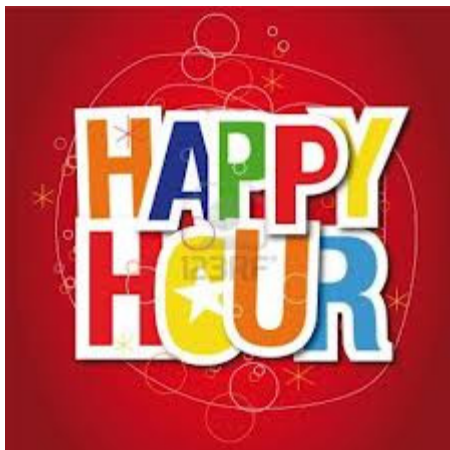
"GAMMA Gives, could be a great vehicle to get our name out in the community, attract new members, help to foster a great sense of community and raise needed funds," said Board member BIM Florek.

"Most LGBT communities have organizations that put

on events to raise funds, Milwaukee doesn't. That's a shame given that many younger people are looking for outlets that are fun, worthwhile and allow them to hone their talents and skills," added GAMMA Secretary, Bill Meunier.

At this point the Board is not asking for volunteers. What it is asking for are your ideas on what GAMMA Gives should be. What charities should it support, what type of fundraisers should it hold and how can it be made into something that will attract new members.

Just think about it for now and email your thoughts to gammamke@gmail.com or call BIM at 418-9198



Join The Fun! November Happy Hours

Friday November 8th
The Room
625 S. Second Street
5 pm to ????

Friday November 22nd
This Is It
418 E. Wells
5 pm to ????

NOVEMBER EVENTS

Movie Night

Saturday, November 2
When: 7:00

Board Meeting

Tues. November 5th
When: 7:00 pm

Cribbage

Thursday, November 7th

GAMMA Happy Hour

Friday, November 8th
When: 5:00 to 9:00
Where: The Room, 625 S. 2nd Street
Directions; S. 2nd Street between Pierce and Bruce Directly across from the Mobil station.

ANNUAL DINNER & MEETING

Saturday November 9th
When: 6:30
Where: St. Francis Brewery, 3825 S. Kinnickinnic
Directions: Take 794 to Howard Exit. Turn East onto Howard and then left onto Kinnickinnic

Game Night

Saturday, November 16th
When: 7:00 pm

GAMMA Cooking Group

Saturday, November 16th
When: 5:00 pm

Sheepshead

Tuesday, November 19

GAMMA Happy Hour

Friday, November 22nd
When: 5:00 to 9:00
Where: This Is It , 418 E. Wells
Directions; Downtown on Wells Street between Milwaukee and Jefferson

HAPPY THANKSGIVING

Thursday, November 28th

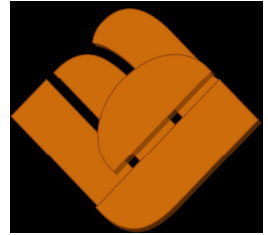
GAMMA BOWLING

Every Monday
When: 7:00
Where: AMF Lanes, HWY 100 and Greenfield
Directions: Take I 45 to Greenfield Turn Left on HWY 100.

Front Runners

When: 9 am Every Saturday
Where: Start from the Water Tower at the east end of North Ave
Host: John Schoenknecht

GAMMA Dinner and Annual Meeting
St. Francis Brewery
3825 S. Kinnickinnic Avenue, St. Francis WI



November 9, 2013 – Cocktails at 6:30 pm and Dinner at 7:30 pm

Member(s) Name(s) _____

Guest name _____

Dinner Choice	Number of Dinners	Total
Prime Rib of Beef	___ @ \$20.00	
Grilled Salmon	___ @ \$20.00	
Chicken with barbeque sauce	___ @ \$20.00	
Vegetarian Pasta Dish	___ @ \$20.00	

Total Amount \$ _____

Make checks payable to Milwaukee GAMMA.

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GAMMA'S NOVEMBER, 2013 CALENDAR

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