

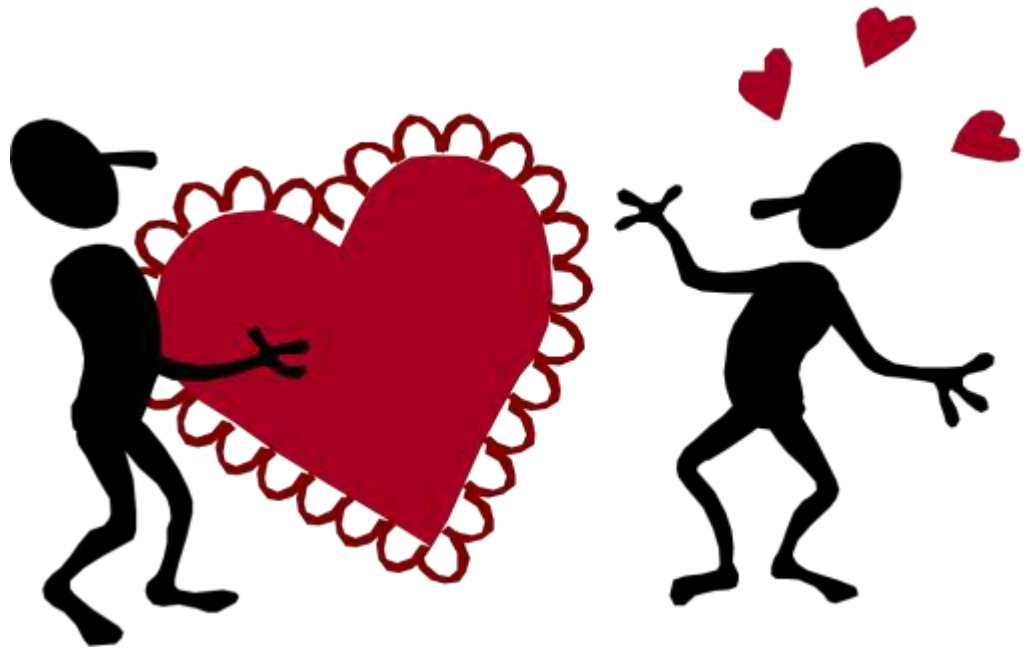


# GAMMA *Rays*

FEBRUARY 2012

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# Spread the Love!

With Saint Valentine's Day upon us one can't help but see lots of hearts, valentines, and cupids with arrows all around. It's a time when all those in love or with a significant, somewhat significant, marginally significant, or hopefully significant other, capture the essence of this "hallmark holiday" and show how much they care for each other in some special way. Well when you're done with your 10 minutes of sharing the love with your significant why not do something special in the true tradition of St Valentine. Here is a little history for you to fathom.

Saint Valentine was a Roman who was killed for his faith on February 14, 269 A.D. He had refused to worship pagan gods, and some stories say he was a priest who would marry young couples in secret who loved each other but who did not have parental permission. (That's because some of them were probably gay! Parents tended to frown on that sort of thing.)

In 496, his 'saint day' was established. He is associated with love because he fell in love with the daughter of his jailer, and would pass notes to her. His final note, before he was executed, read 'from your Valentine'. (Perhaps this is where cupid's arrow comes in. They didn't elaborate on how he was executed.)

In Italy, with its romantic and religious roots, St Valentine's Day became the traditional day to be engaged. Young Romans would spend this day gathered together in gardens to listen to romantic poetry and music. (Isn't that special. I'll have to add that to my festivities.) As with many holidays, the celebration of St. Valentine's Day became a mixture of the new Christian rites as well as the older pagan rites of that same time of year. St. Valentine's Day happened to fall on the Roman festival of Lupercalia. This festival was held each February to protect the villages from wolves, who would at this point be starving and cold and begin to make their village raids. (Kind of reminds me of my significant when he's horny.)

During the festival of Lupercalia, young men would playfully whip women with stripes of animal hide, chasing them around town. It was felt that this festival made the women (or men) who were 'whipped' more fertile (or stimulated). (Now there's an idea for a new GAMMA event.) The young men would sometimes draw the names of girls (or boys) from a jar, to choose their partner for the day for any singing and dancing... (and apparent whipping..)

So GAMMA Lupercalia on the 14th. Who's bringing the whips and the jar?

Editorial comments in parentheses provided by yours truly.... Reed

## Calling All Card Players

Every month GAMMA members host a Cribbage and a Sheepshead event. The Cribbage group meets the first Thursday of the month at 7pm. The Sheepshead group meets generally the third Tuesday at 7:30pm.

For either event all skill levels are welcome. For those with no experience this is a great time to learn.

Its also a wonderful opportunity to meet for conversation, food and lots of fun. We look forward to welcoming any interested members.

Check us out...you may enjoy it. Contact David S for Cribbage or Michael H for Sheepshead with any questions. Refer to the newsletter events and calendar for exact location, date, and time. Enjoy!

## Many Thanks!

John S	Saturday Run/Walk
Jim, Lee, and Peter	Monthly Party
Kip S & Tim L	Game Night
Tom W	Sheepshead
Gerry Ot	Board Meeting/Dinner
Todd S	Dining Out
Timm S & Reed M	GAMMA Happy Hour

## GAMMA HAPPY HOUR

"The Room"  
Friday, February 24th  
6-8pm



## Game Night

Kick the winter blues and  
come on out to Tod's for  
a night of fun and games!

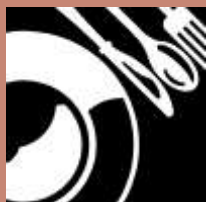
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7pm



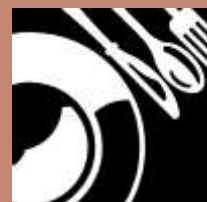
## HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

February  
2/03 James R  
2/13 Phil S  
2/15 Si S  
2/18 K E  
2/26 Roger K  
2/27 Jim H  
2/28 Andrew HB  
2/28 Joe C





## February Dining Out



# Three Brothers

In February we will be returning to a Milwaukee and a GAMMA favorite at Three Brothers Restaurant. A Milwaukee landmark, this "turn-of-the-century" corner tavern still proudly displays the Schlitz globe crowning the cupola on the roof.

Here you will find an eclectic blend of mismatched silver and no tablecloths, but excellent Old World Serbian comfort food. "Must Eats" include Burek (phylo-dough pastry) with choice of cheese, beef or spinach filling, or Serbian Salad, Roast Lamb, Musaka, and Chicken Dumpling Soup.

We will be seated upon arrival as there is no bar to meet at for a pre-dinner cocktail. So come at 7 ready to enjoy an unforgettable meal. Our reservation is limited to 16 so RSVP early to save your spot.

February 17th, 7 pm

### HOSTING CAN BE FUN!

We are looking for volunteers to step up and host or manage some of our 2012 events. Take a look at the following and if you would be available to serve as host or event manager let the event coordinator know.

**Cribbage-** March, April  
(David S-Coordinator)

**Monthly Party-** April, May, August, October, December  
(David S-Coordinator)

**Game Night-** March, September, October, December  
(David S-Coordinator)

**Dining Out-** March, June, August, September, December  
(Ned T-Coordinator)

## Video Night



# "Angels & Demons"

When Robert Langdon discovers evidence of the resurgence of an ancient secret brotherhood known as the Illuminati -- the most powerful underground organization in history -- he also faces a deadly threat to the existence of the secret organization's most despised enemy: the Catholic Church. When Langdon learns that the clock is ticking on an unstoppable Illuminati time bomb, he jets to Rome, where he joins forces with Vittoria Vetra, a beautiful and enigmatic Italian scientist. Embarking on a nonstop hunt through sealed crypts, dangerous catacombs, deserted cathedrals and even to the heart of the most secretive vault on earth, Langdon and Vetra will follow a 400-year-old trail of ancient symbols that mark the Vatican's only hope for survival.

Saturday, February 25th

7pm

# FEBRUARY EVENTS

## FRONTRUNNERS MILWAUKEE RUN/WALK



### SATURDAY MORNINGS

TIME: 9 am (Saturdays)  
PLACE: Start from water tower at east end of North Ave  
FM: John S  
Rain or shine, each Saturday we meet in friendship for some exercise. All are welcome to join in. Breakfast afterward.

## CRIBBAGE THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 2nd



TIME: pm  
PLACE: Milwaukee  
HOST: David  
BRING: \$1 plus beverage  
RSVP: Recommended

## MONTHLY PARTY SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 4th



TIME: 7 pm  
HOST: Ned T  
RSVP: Optional  
OTHER: Ned's house is 'shoeless'; clean slipper socks will be provided.

## BOARD MEETING TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 7th

TIME: 7pm  
PLACE: Wauwatosa  
HOST: Tom

## GAME NIGHT SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 11th



TIME: 7 pm  
PLACE: Glendale  
HOST: Tod T  
RSVP: Optional  
BRING: Games of choice, snacks and beverages.

## DINING OUT DEADLINE MONDAY, FEBRUARY 13th

## DINING OUT FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 17th



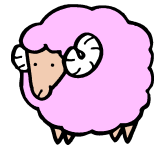
TIME: 7 pm  
PLACE: Three Brothers  
2414 S St Claire St  
Milwaukee  
EM: Ned T  
RSVP: Required by Monday 20th. Limited to 16.

**OTHER: No credit cards accepted. There is no bar for pre-dinner drinks so come prepared to be seated at 7.**

Directions: If taking the Hoan Bridge (794 South) exit at South Lincoln Memorial Drive; turn left on Car Ferry Dr., then right on S. Lincoln Memorial Drive; bear right onto E. Russell Ave; proceed 4 blocks; turn right on S. St. Clair St. 2 blocks to the restaurant on your right.

## NEWSLETTER DEADLINE MONDAY, FEBRUARY 20th

## SHEEPSHEAD TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 21st



TIME: 7:30 pm  
PLACE: Brookfield  
HOST: Joe D  
BRING: \$1 plus beverage  
RSVP: Recommended

## GAMMA HAPPY HOUR FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 24th



TIME: 6 - 8 pm  
PLACE: The Room @ BOOM  
625 S. 2nd St Milwaukee  
EM: Reed M & Timm S  
RSVP: None  
Directions: S 2nd St between Bruce and Pierce directly across from the Mobil station.

## VIDEO NIGHT "ANGELS & DEMONS" SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 25th



TIME: 7 pm  
PLACE: Glendale  
HOST: Tod T  
RSVP: Due to limited seating, required by the day of the event.  
OTHER: Soda & popcorn provided.

## **GAMMA 2012 BOARD DIRECTORY**

Gerald O	President
Andrew K	Vice Pres./Membership Coordinator
Bill M	Secretary
Tom R	Treasurer
David S	Event Coordinator
Roger K	Board Member
Richard G	Board Member

### **ADDITIONAL MEMBER SUPPORT**

John Sc	Front Runners
Dan L	Mail & Camping Coordinator
Michael H	Sheepshead Coordinator
David S	Cribbage Coordinator
Ned T	Dining Out Coordinator
Reed M	Newsletter/Website

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### **CHANGE OF ADDRESS:**

Please notify the club of changes in mailing and/or email address. Proper addresses insure prompt delivery of the newsletter. Address change notifications by the postal service increase costs.

### **LIABILITY WAIVER:**

Event participants should understand that some activities can be physically demanding and even dangerous. Neither GAMMA nor the organizers of an event assume liability for any injury which may result from participating in an activity. Participants assume all liability for their own conduct and safety.

The membership directory as well as the personal information listed in the newsletter is for the private use of our members ONLY and should not be distributed or shared.

GAMMA's membership year is from July 1 to June 30, but join any time during the year and the dues are pro-rated. Annual dues are \$36 for individuals, \$57 for two persons receiving one newsletter, or \$16 for out-of-state members. Dues are not tax deductible. Call Gerry O for membership dues information.

GAMMA also maintains a web site complete with event information as well as digital copies of the newsletter. Please visit us on-line at [www.milwaukeegamma.com](http://www.milwaukeegamma.com).



# FEBRUARY 2012

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2 CRIBBAGE 7pm 	3	4 FRONTRUNNERS Run/Walk 9 am (repeats every Saturday)  MONTHLY PARTY 7pm
5	6	7 BOARD MEETING 7pm	8	9	10	11 GAME NIGHT 7pm 
12	13 DINING OUT DEADLINE	14 	15	16	17 DINING OUT 7pm 	18
19	20 NEWSLETTER DEADLINE	21 SHEEPSHEAD 7:30pm 	22	23	24 GAMMA HAPPY HOUR 6-8pm 	25 VIDEO NIGHT 7pm 
26	27	28	29			

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