



GAMMA RAYS

AUGUST

Summer Goes Better With GAMMA

Ok so the weather so far this summer hasn't exactly been the best.

First we had all that rain and cold and then more recently, all that heat.

Fortunately for us, GAMMA has been there with a bevy of events to keep us warm, cool and dry.

The Fourth of July BBQ held at the home of the ever so gracious BIM Florek was a huge hit and over 40 of us showed up to celebrate the USA's Birthday.

But that was just the start of a great GAMMA month. Sheepshead and Cribbage players enjoyed their evenings. The Happy Hour at the Boom Room attracted around 20 members. The Botano's patio was abuzz with activity as 22 members enjoyed the weather, good food and great conversation.

That's not even mentioning the Cooking Group and the Front Runners.

It goes without saying (but we'll say it anyway) that Summer is a great time to be a GAMMA member.

So how do we top a great July? With a great August of course.

Our monthly Cribbage and Sheepshead nights are on the schedule. So is a very fabulous dining experience at trendy Café Central. There's the monthly party, The

Happy Hour at Boom is expanding and the GAMMA Cooking Group will be preparing some delectable food.

And if all this isn't enough, wait until you see what we have in mind for September.

We hope you enjoyed July with us, but the fun doesn't stop here.

If you're sensing a trend you are correct. The point is that no matter what the season, it's always a great time to be a GAMMA member.

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A large crowd of GAMMA members enjoyed our July Dining Out on the patio of Botano's, on July 19th

Cooking Up a Great Meal With GAMMA

Reserve Your Spot by July 29th

This recipe, a big hit at the Fourth of July Party, is so easy to make, if you can stir with a spoon, you can whip it up!

Easy Appetizer Cups

Maple Mascarpone and Berries

You'll need:

8 ounces mascarpone cheese
1/4 cup of a good maple syrup
(must not be watery)
1/2 teaspoon vanilla extract
2 dozen frozen phyllo cups
24 LARGE blackberries,
raspberries or strawberries.

Directions

Rinse Berries and dry between 2 paper towels.

In a bowl gently stir (do not beat) the cheese, syrup, and vanilla together.

Place in a piping bag and fill each cup level to the brim. (If you don't have a piping bag, cut the corner off of a sandwich bag and use that.)

Top with berries or sliced Strawberries.

Refrigerate until needed.

Makes 24 cups 6-8 servings

Provided by Lee S.

Here's a riddle for you: What's green, purple, yellow and orange? Give up? Well we have no idea either ,but if such a thing exists, you can bet the GAMMA Cooking group would do serve up with style in a delectable dish that would leave you wanting more.

No matter how skilled or unskilled you are, the GAMMA Cooking Group is for everyone who enjoys great food.

Each month the group selects a different cuisine. Every participant decides what to bring to fit in with that cuisine. "It could be a bottle of wine, a salad, a loaf of bread or an entrée or dessert," said Ned Turner one of the Cooking Group founders.

Ned and others say that the food is a cut above restaurant quality. The group doesn't cook on the spot. Participants bring their contributions and their receipts for any expenses. The receipts are totaled and the total cost is divided by the number of people in attendance. The cost varies from month to month but is generally between \$15 and \$20.

That's very reasonable given the quality of the entrée's, side dishes and wines that are served.

Among the cuisines the group has indulged in are South American, French, Southern French, Mexican, Chinese and even Hungarian. The August meeting on Saturday, August 10th, will feature Barbeque fare. (And who doesn't like a good BBQ?)

Regular attendees will tell you that the menu exceeds expectations with quality dishes you'd expect to find at better restaurants. Don't let that deter you. Even if you have trouble boiling water, there's a place for you at the table.

Ned and his co-founder Andrew Klein are available for consultations and suggestions on how you can contribute to the meal. They can suggest recipes and techniques geared to your skill level or you could show up with the perfect wine, bread or some other accompaniment to a great evening.

If all this makes your mouth water then don't let another month go by without joining in this activity. We have a spot at the table reserved just for you!

Forget Something Did We?

If you haven't already done so, it's not too late to renew your GAMMA membership for the next year. By renewing your membership you'll be supporting a 35 year old LGBT tradition. You get admission to scores of events throughout the year at a cost of just about \$3.00 a month. That's less than a Big Mac meal at your neighborhood McDonalds would cost you (and by far healthier too!)

Your membership also supports GAMMA's sponsorship and participation in important community events like PrideFest and the Big Gay 5 K. It helps GAMMA to put on dozens of events and allows it to continue as Southeast Wisconsin's leading alternative to the LGBT bar scene.

It also allows you to continue to receive the GAMMA Rays newsletter. We know how much you look forward to that every month. Speaking of that, if you haven't renewed this will be the last newsletter we'll be sending to you.



If circumstances have made it difficult for you to pay your dues for this year, please contact our Membership

Chairman. The Board has given Andrew the authority to renew memberships for those who can't pay the full amount no questions asked. **When it comes down to it, you are more important to us than your money.**

Don't let this be your last GAMMA newsletter. If you haven't already renewed, do it today!



You Never Know Who Will Be at Our August 3rd Membership Party!

Hosted by Lee S.

We'll have fun even if these guys don't show up

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Thank You

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

July 4th BBQ - BIM Florek
Board Meeting - Andrew Klein
Cribbage - David Schmidt
Dining Out - Bill Meunier
Cooking Group - Ned Turner
Front Runners - John Schoenknecht
Happy Hour - Bim Florek, Tom Radtke
Sheepshead - Kip and Tim

GAMMA wouldn't be GAMMA without the help of members like these

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A Belgian Dining Out August 23rd



Our August Dining Out will be in honor of the new King of Belgium! Ok so that's not really true, but there are plenty of other reasons to join the crowd at the trendy Café Central.

Located at 2306 S. Kinnickinnic Ave in the heart of Bay View, Café Central offers a diverse menu of great food prepared with a Belgian flair.

Hosted by Roger Kocher and Todd Siefert, our August Dining Out will Transport you to the Low countries

drink and good fun.

Café Central has it all including a patio. Who knew? Roger and Todd that's who. "We had dinner there and it was very nice," said Todd.

You can find more info this wonderful place at cafecentral.com

Space is limited so don't wait until the last minute to RSVP.

Membership Directory Update



If you want any changes in your Membership Directory listing let us know by August 15th

Like a few other things, Cher for instance, that periodically need a face lift, the GAMMA Membership Directory is ready for an update.

It's been a few years since anyone has undertaken this task so it's long overdue.

Please check your current listing and make sure everything is correct. Make sure we have your current

address and phone number. Also check to be sure that your name is listed the way you want it to be listed.

If you need any changes please let Andrew

The deadline for changes is August 15th

Happy August Birthday

Guess who's going to be eating some birthday cake during the month of August.

Michael Holz - August 6

Aniruddh Chawda Aug 8

Danielle Graham Aug 13

Tom Radtke Aug 14

Dan Haworth Aug 16

Ian Musson Aug 21

Michael Laliberte Aug 21

Allen Hyde Aug 23

Andrew Wojdyla Aug 25

Mark O'Brien Aug 28

Barack Obama
Neil Armstrong
Mother Teresa
Michael Jackson and
More importantly 11 GAMMA members were born in August!



GAMMA'S Happy Hour Is Going Bi! Weekly

It's a wonder no one thought of it before now. Starting in August our popular Happy Hour get togethers will be held on a bi-weekly basis

Wanting to give our members an additional opportunity to get together, relax and start off the weekend right, the GAMMA Board approved the change at its July Meeting. With two for one drinks, two Fridays a month, and a great atmosphere, a bi-weekly Happy Hour is an idea whose time has come.

Join us at the Room on August 9th and August 23rd. The Room is located next to Club Boom at 625 S. 2nd Street.

The patio, the show tunes and your friends in GAMMA will be there waiting.

Get Happy With Us

August 9

AND

August 23rd

Join us at 6:00 at the Room

625 S. 2nd Street

Always Drink Responsibly

Celebrating the 4th GAMMA Style!

(Photos courtesy of Paul Masterson)



August Events

Monthly Party

Saturday August 3rd

When: 7 pm to ?

Front Runners

When: Every Saturday 9 am

Where: Start from the Water Tower at the east end of North Ave

Cribbage

Tuesday August 6th

When: 7:00 pm

Board Meeting

Wednesday, August 7th

When: 7:00

GAMMA Happy Hour

Friday, August 9th

When: 6:00 to 9:00

Where: The Room, 625 S. 2nd Street

Directions; S. 2nd Street between Pierce and Bruce Directly across from the Mobile station.

GAMMA Cooking Group

Saturday, August 10th

When: 4:00 pm

Devil's Lake Camping Trip

When: August 14th—18th

Where: Devil's Lake

Contact Lee (414)541-6469

Sheepshead

Tuesday, August 20th

Dining Out (see page 4)

Friday, August 23rd

When: 6:30 pm

Where: Café Centraal

2306 S. Kinnickinnic

GAMMA Happy Hour

Friday, August 23rd

When: 6:00 to 9:00

Where: The Room, 625 S. 2nd Street

Directions; S. 2nd Street between Pierce and Bruce Directly across the street from the Mobile Station.

To Get the full version of the GAMMA Rays (Including membership event details) Join GAMMA

August Events

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3 Monthly Party Front Runners
4	5	6 Cribbage	7 Board Meeting	8	9 Happy Hour	10 Cooking Group Front Runners
11	12	13	14 Devil's Lake Camping	15 Devil's Lake Camping	16 Devil's Lake Camping	17 Front Runners Camping
18 Devil's Lake Camping	19 Dining Out RSVP Due	20 Sheepshead	21	22	23 Dining Out Happy Hour	24 Front Runners
25	26	27	28	29	30	



Here's a peak at what's coming in September

- September 5th - **Cribbage**
- September 6th **GAMMA Happy Hour**
- September 8th **Annual GAMMA Picnic**
- September 9th—**GAMMA Bowling Begins**
- September 10th - **GAMMA Board Meeting**
- September 14th - **Cooking Group**
- September 17th **Sheepshead**
- September 20th **Happy Hour**
- September 21st **Game Night**
- September 27th – **Dining Out**

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 Directors.

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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