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Hepatitis B Vaccine on the Way

At the April 12 monthly meeting, Dr. Roger Gremminger, Director of the Socially Transmitted Disease Clinic here, reported that Hepatitis B is a disease occurring throughout all Wisconsin gay communities, no matter what the size of the city. According to a recent study, the disease occurs with about a 30-40% frequency across all Gay America. He did note, however, that the risk of contracting the disease went up as number of years since coming out increased. Dr. Gremminger also reported that a vaccine for Hepatitis B is in the final stages of development and should be available in October. He estimates the cost of the vaccine to be \$105. This high cost is in part due to the exceptionally long time required to develop the vaccine and the small quantities which are able to be produced at present. The vaccine is developed from human blood of carriers. He urged all those

May Meeting

"Impact of the Gay Consumer"

Speaker: Mr. Arthur Lazere, NABC President-Elect

Date: Sunday, May 16, 1982

Place: Juneau Village C Building Solarium 1129 N. Jackson (Use Buzzer)

Time: 4:00 p.m.

Menu: Hors d'oeuvres (what a spread!) and many wines

Cost: \$5.00 wines:

\$1.00/per soda: .50/per

Deadlines for

Reservations: May 12th

interested to contact him at the STD Clinic.

Board Reports

The Secretary reported for the Board of Directors that membership dues will be kept the same for the present. Charter: \$100
Business: \$50
Individual: \$35
Associate: \$25
At our April meeting the Treasurer reported a balance of \$768.49. The major expenditures included printing, postage and the monthly dinner meeting.

Contact Gene Berube at 277-1459 or Ralph at 964-9993 (leave message on machine).

As a change of pace from our usual monthly dinner meetings, May's Meeting will be a wine and hors d'oeuvres get together at one of the roof top solariums in Milwaukee's Juneau Village apartment complex. The speaker for the event will be Mr. Arthur Lazere, President-Elect of NABC. Mr. Lazere will speak on the growing power of the gay consumer in the marketplace.

Housing and Restoration Committee: Committee Chair Dan reported the planned publishing of a directory of professionals involved in housing and restoration sometime in early May.

Resource and Referral Committee: Mike Vaughn has been named Committee Chair effectively immediately. Mike fills a vacancy left by Jim M. who was recently elected to the position of Membership Chair.
Special Programs: John Kujawski has announced his resignation due to personal family demands. His replacement will be

announced as soon as a suitable individual can be found. John is a founding member of CCBA. He will continue as a Charter Member and become involved with other committee work as he has time. (We shall miss his active and full presence. Thanks for giving us your best in our first year!)

Stress Relieved at April Meeting

Speaking to the CCBA members present at the April monthly meeting, James Ennis, Executive Director of the Racine Education Association helped those in attendance to understand the big three stress relievers. First, Mr. Ennis stated, be alert to what stresses you. Secondly, experiment with various ways to deal with those stressors. Third, find a way to avoid those things which stress you. Mr. Ennis sees stress simply as fear of what we do not understand. He sees this fear of the unknown coming from a society where conformity has been drilled into our head, and anything which strays from this conformity is wrong and hence we are afraid of the consequences of this non-conformity. Mr. Ennis expressed an interest in helping Ralph Navarro put together a weekend program dealing with identity, stress management, creativity as well as dealing with personal and group fulfillment. Ralph indicated that this

program would be ready by early fall of '82.

Housing, Real Estate and Investments: A Seminar

The real estate market has been shifting drastically over the past several years. Faced with ever rising property values, increased tax assessment and an unstable lending market, both buyer and seller are dealing in contracts unheard of five years ago. The personal advantages to owning real estate and the resources available for purchasing are changing. However, there are still means and purpose for you to invest your money in real estate now!

The Housing and Restoration Committee invites you to attend a workshop/seminar on real estate Saturday, May 8 from 9 a.m. - Noon. The seminar will be held at Holy Rosary Catholic Church at 2001 N. Oakland in the basement of the church. Geared to individuals both new to real estate and those already owning property, we will cover financing, first time home purchase, contractual and legal points, investment aspects and a host of other topics of interest in this challenging field. CCBA members with brokerage, financial, investment and personal experience will speak. A \$5.00 fee will be charged to defray costs. For more

information or to confirm an opening please call Paul Massey at 332-0854 or call Ralph at 964-9993.

UpComing Events

May 8 - Housing and Restoration Seminar

May 15 - Whitewater Rafting Trip on Peshtigo River

May 16 - CCBA Monthly Meeting, Speaker: Arthur Lazere, NABC
PRESIDENT-ELECT

June 1 - CCBA Board of Directors Meeting

June 16 - CCBA Monthly Meeting

June 18 -27 -Chicago Gay Pride Week

July 15 - CCBA Monthly Meeting

NOTICE!

Do you remember what happened when you were tardy for school? Yes, the whips and chains were brought out (oops, this may encourage some in our group!).

We are having a problem that we wish you to please help us with. According to our Social Activities Director Gene Berube, too many people are making later reservations. We ran out of food last month and had to substitute. As a first step we ask that you please make your reservations on time! Notice the deadline date. Those making late reservations will be put on a late list and served what is available. (What

happens at your house if you buy food for 6 and 10 show up?)

Please remember that unless your reservation is cancelled 48 hours prior to the event, you will be responsible for the cost of your meal. The Board greatly appreciates your help in this matter!

Thoughts about ... Sticking Together

A Column of Personal Opinion

A noted historical fact is that those who stick together have a greater probability of surviving. All we have to do is to look to a time earlier in our U.S. history to see that as the Irish, Germans, Chinese, Poles, Czechs stood together they were able to solidly impact the ruling powers.

We note the diligence of their work and the common sight of a world view, "making it!" In our more recent history we note that our black brothers and sisters began to pull together in some very significant ways--even within their own they had to (and still work at) overcome mediocrity and worse, the greatest evil to succumb to, FEAR! But a small percentage of them did stand. They did go to jail, they did sit in and their focus on business was one of the major accomplishments of that time and even today.

While the Latinos and

Indians have also begun to sue some of these strategies, those in our time with the clearest focus is the Women's movement. Although a majority of women support the Equal Rights Amendment, it seems clear that this few word amendment will not find enough states to ratify. However, the women have not given up. At a time when most would just throw in the towel, the ERA and NOW leaders have given all the more. Although the loss of ERA will hurt the gay/lesbian reality, it is questionable how many gay men have even passively supported this program with financial contributions. More important than anything else, however, is that the women have vowed not to give up. If it is turned down, once again they will pitch in from step one. Women in many states have worked feverishly to have each state adopt an ERA amendment to their state constitutions. Wisconsin is moving toward that same reality--it needs the support of each person to succeed. NOW and ERA backers supported A.B. 70, it is time for us to go to work with all those who are genuinely concerned about justice for all.

-Ralph F. Navarro
CCBA President

Note: Applications are presently being taken by the board for the position of chairperson of the Special Programs Committee. Contact Ralph at 964-9993.

Briefs

With this issue of the CCBA Newsletter, we begin using computer-generated mailing labels.

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For those of who who have missed one of our monthly meetings, or would like to review the words of a guest speaker, transcripts are available by contacting the newsletter staff. The transcripts are on audio cassettes.

A recent writer to "Dear Abby" asked for advice on the proper way to address an invitation being sent to a gay couple.

Abby responded that proper etiquette requires one to find out the name of each person and address the invitation to both parties, i.e., "Mr. John Doe and Mr. Paul Friendly."

Also, added Abby, when introducing a gay couple to a stranger, it is not necessary to explain the relationship by labeling anyone as "lover" or "partner". Simply introduce each person by name.

The FDA has approved an anti-viral drug capable of treating genital herpes.

The drug, acyclovir, will not prevent recurrent episodes of the disease, but will make outbreaks shorter and, hopefully, less painful. It will be available by prescription.

Genital herpes is reaching epidemic proportions in this country.

In Concert: **Charlie Murphy**

Nationally known folk singer, with current album entitled, "*Catch the Fire*", with Jess Percival

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