



Give the People Light and they will find their own way.

The Wisconsin Light

Pride Committee To Hold Annual Meeting Sept. 10

[Milwaukee]- The Milwaukee Lesbian/Gay Pride Committee (MLGPC) welcomes everyone to its Annual Meeting on Monday, September 10, at 7:00 p.m. at M&M, 124 Water St. in Milwaukee. A report of Pride Week '90, including a financial report of this year's activities will be presented. In addition, those present at the meeting will elect the members of the MLGPC Steering Committee representatives.

There are many positions open for new Committee members. MLGPC by-laws state that the MLGPC Steering Committee shall be composed of 7 men, 7 women and 1 member at large. The newly elected Steering Committee will elect its own officers at a subsequent Committee meeting.

Given the importance of this being a representative body of the entire Lesbian and Gay community, every effort will be made to fill as many of the positions as possible so that the Committee can achieve the widest possible cross-section of our community.

Committee members terms will be designated with 5 members serving a one year term; 5 members serving two year terms and 5 members serving three year terms as is provided by the by-laws.

Anyone interested in running for the MLGPC Pride Committee is encouraged to submit a letter of intent by September 5 to the Pride Committee. However, nominations will be accepted until the time of voting on the date of the Annual Meeting.

Those who want to make the Pride Week 1991 celebration the best yet are encouraged to run as one of the Steering Committee members and play an active role in planning next year's events.

Letters of intent should be mailed to: MLGPC, P.O. Box 93852, Milwaukee, WI 53203. For more information, please call the Pride Line at 32-PRIDE (327-7433).

H.I.T. and M.A.P. To Hold Joint Fundraiser

[Milwaukee]- The Holiday Invitational Tournament (H.I.T.), in cooperation with the Milwaukee AIDS Project (MAP), is hosting a bowling fundraiser on October 20, 1990 at 1:00 p.m. at Red Carpet Regency (76th & Florist). As the sole sponsor of this event, H.I.T. has designated that fifty percent of all proceeds will be donated to MAP.

H.I.T. is challenging bars and businesses to "fill the house" and obtain pledges for the benefit of MAP and H.I.T.

Participation in the event is easy. Just stop by your favorite bar or business and sign up to bowl or make a pledge for your favorite bowler. The bowler rolls three games, the highest game to be used as the basis for your donation. The bowler or sponsor obtaining the most pledges per pin will receive a special award!

Questions? Call Dean at 482-1700 or Cindy at 871-4735 for information and pledge sheets!

Thank you for your support!

Poll Shows Gantt and Helms Are Evenly Split With Voters in N.C.

[Raleigh, NC]- A recent poll in the News and Observer here revealed that voters are evenly split at 43% each for Republican Sen. Jesse Helms and his opponent, Democrat Harvey Gantt, in North Carolina's US Senate race. Among the 14% "undecided" voters, Helms had a small edge in those "leaning toward" him.

Gay groups and organizers are putting lots of money and energy into the Gantt campaign in the hope of unseating the arch-conservative and homophobic Sen. Helms.

M.A.P. Seeks Massive Turnout For September 30 AIDS Walk



Men and women bodybuilders competed in the recently completed Gay Games III in Vancouver, Canada. (See story on page 12).

Peggy Morsch

By Terry Boughner

[Milwaukee]- The Milwaukee AIDS Project (MAP) has issued an extraordinary call for a massive turnout by the Gay and Lesbian community to support the Wisconsin AIDS Walk scheduled for September 30, 1990 on Milwaukee's Lake Front.

MAP's Executive Director, Doug Nelson, described the Walk as the "most important fundraising event for AIDS ever held in Wisconsin" and said "its success is crucial for the financial well-being of MAP and other AIDS service organizations in Wisconsin."

"If you do anything for AIDS this year," Nelson said, "come to the Wisconsin AIDS Walk. It is the most effective way for you to make a huge contribution in the fight against the AIDS epidemic."

The Wisconsin AIDS Walk is being produced by MAP as a pledge walk and it has a goal of raising \$175,000 to be disbursed to MAP and to other AIDS service organizations in Wisconsin. Although other cities around the country have conducted AIDS walks, the Wisconsin AIDS Walk is the first such event to be held in Milwaukee and Wisconsin.

Nelson said, "I urge all of our friends and supporters and everyone who cares about the AIDS epidemic to make two commitments. First, to participate in the Walk and second to set a personal goal of obtaining \$100-in-pledges from friends, family, co-workers and neighbors."

Nelson stressed that the Walk is truly the most important event of the year for MAP. It will allow MAP to build community support and to fund the expansion of services to the rapidly increasing numbers of people living with HIV disease in Wisconsin.

Nelson said, "the Walk is clearly the most effective way for someone to contribute much needed funds, to support people living with AIDS, and to remember our friends. It will be a spirited celebration of life and Wisconsin's most important response yet to the AIDS epidemic."

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MAP has already achieved unexpected success in planning the Wisconsin AIDS Walk by having secured eight major corporate and media sponsors and the active participation of Milwaukee Mayor John O. Norquist and his wife Susan Mudd as honorary co-chairpersons of the Walk.

Major corporate funding and support have come from Miller Brewing Co., Bank One, Time Insurance Co., First Wisconsin Bank of Mayfair, Thelen Engineering and Assocs., WTMJ-TV and WBZN-FM.

"The corporate and political support," Nelson said, "that has come for the walk exceeds our expectations and is a promising message that the entire community is prepared to join with the historic commitment of the Gay and Lesbian community in supporting essential AIDS services."

The Wisconsin AIDS Walk is the vehicle that MAP looks to for financial security in the future. MAP has already been informed that its Federal funding in 1991 will be cut by 20% and it expects that with the financial constraints at all levels of government that its historic government funding is in jeopardy.

"We have learned," Nelson said,

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Military Veterans Are Willing To Serve U.S. During Middle East Crisis

TO THE EDITOR:

Editor's Note: The following letter was sent to Richard E. Chaney, Secretary of Defense.

In this time of crisis in the Middle East, the members of the Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual Veterans of America wish to lend the United States our moral support. Perhaps because many of us have felt oppression personally, we understand the threat to freedom presented by Saddam Hussein more acutely than most.

Certainly, the United States needs every willing and able person serving in the military to assist in every way possible. As you are aware, Lesbians, Gay men and bisexual persons, when identified, are currently excluded from military service. We ask that you consider suspending Department of Defense Directive 1332.14 and allow military personnel currently under investigation where no onus of misconduct exists to continue serving in their positions. We further request that individuals recently discharged under Department of Defense Directive 1332.14 be allowed to re-enlist if they wish so that their skills can be put to good use by America in her time of need.

Although homosexuality is such a sensitive issue, we ask that we be allowed to protect and defend our country the same as any other citizen. Can America stand the loss of trained, able soldiers at this time?

For myself, I stand ready to return to the U.S. Army immediately. Although I was discharged this past February, I was my unit's Nuclear, Biological and Chemical Defense Noncommissioned Officer, was school trained less than a year ago, and, as a drill sergeant, possess skills which certainly could be utilized in the Middle East. I also lived in the Middle East from 1968 to 1971 and can speak Hebrew. I have firsthand experience with Arabic people which cannot be replicated in any school. I stand ready to return to military service and volunteer for Middle

East duty.

Please allow us this chance to serve America.

—Miriam Ben-Shalom
National Chairperson, GLBVA
Milwaukee

Robertson Attacks National Arts Grants With Ads

[Washington, D.C.]- Televangelist and one-time contender for the nomination for president, Pat Robertson seems to have found a hero in Clint Eastwood. This, according to Task Force Report, the most recent newsletter of the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force (NGLTF).

Robertson, president of the Christian Coalition, took out a full page ad directed at members of Congress in the Washington Post and other major papers warning lawmakers not to reauthorize the NEA. The ad said:

"You may find that the working folks in your district want to use their money to teach their sons how to sodomize one another. But maybe not. There is one way to find out. Vote for the NEA appropriation just like the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force want."

"And Make My Day."

Fort Atkinson Admits M.A.S.N. To United Way

[Madison]- According to the latest issue of MASN News, the newsletter of the Madison AIDS Support Network (MASN), the United Way logo stands for more than just the United Way of Dane County, now, as MASN was recently admitted as a participating agency of the Fort Atkinson Area United Way.

MASN serves a total of 13 counties in South Central Wisconsin, including Jefferson, and is committed to seeking such support in other counties in their service region.

MASN is pleased to be a part of the United Way, a mutually beneficial relationship. The annual Giving Campaign is coming up — give generously to the United Way through your employee check-off or make an individual donation.