

# GPU NEWS

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Re: REPORT ON YOUR SUBSCRIPTION STATUS

Thank you for your letter of 1 May.

The March subscription copy sent to you was returned to us by the Post Office with the marking:

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Pending further instructions, the subscription was suspended.

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- 1) We should send missing back-issues[MARCH through MAY],
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SUBSCRIPTION FULFILLMENTS



# Gay Peoples Union, inc.

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Dear Member:

Thanks for renewing your membership in Gay Peoples Union.

Enclosed is your new membership card, please note the new membership number.

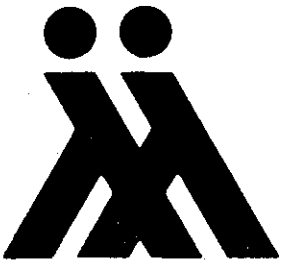
With your continued support and active participation, we shall be able to continue to make gay liberation happen and thus progress toward a better world for all human beings. Such a lofty long-range goal doesn't get accomplished by itself. If we have more working members, we will be able to proceed faster. So ask your friends to join Gay Peoples Union today. We have a lot of work ahead of us and need the help and support of as many people as possible.

Again, Thank you for renewing your membership.

Yours in liberation

Si Smits, Treasurer  
Membership Committee

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Autumn 1980

Dear Friend

The annual United Way campaign is underway again. Giving to the United Way is supposed to give every donor the feeling that he or she is helping worthy causes in the community. However, Gay Peoples Union, who provides a number of services in the Gay community, doesn't receive any funding from the United Fund.

With the help of volunteers and G. P. U. members, we now have one of the finest V.D. Clinics in Milwaukee county. Our other programs are also reaching hundreds of men and women every week. However, to maintain a high quality of service, our organization needs your support.

Therefore, I am appealing to you, on behalf of the Board of Directors of G. P. U., to support our 1981 Fund Drive. When/or if you make your pledge to the United Fund, I ask that you remember our organization with a generous donation to help us in the year ahead.

Enclosed you will find a self addressed envelope for your convenience. Any size donation, no matter how small, will be of great help. Remember, all donations to G. P. U. are tax deductible and greatly appreciated.

If you feel you would like to spread out your donation over a number of months, join our pledge club, and we'll send you a convenient reminder each month.

Please don't forget us this year.

Thank you,  
Treasurer, G.P.U.

Si Smits

GPU VD Clinic 414-347-1222  
GPU Hotline - 414-271-5273

GPU Public Education Committee—

GPU Legal Defense Fund—  
GPU Library—

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Dear Friend:

This is just a reminder that your membership in Gay Peoples Union has or will soon expire. Why not take the time now to renew your dedication to gay liberation by completing the enclosed postage paid membership and contribution envelope and mailing your check today? A new membership card will then be issued and returned to you in a few days.

The continued support of our past friends and members is needed to maintain the current level of services and programs which Gay Peoples Union provides for the community. I'm sure you'll agree that the cost of your membership is modest compared to the benefit to our community.

If you have been out of touch with the organization, why not join us at one of our Monday meetings or rap/support groups. Our Program Committee endeavors to provide provocative discussion topics and interesting guest speakers for these regular meetings. Meetings of Gay Peoples Union are always open to members and non-members alike.

We are always looking for volunteers to do the work of G.P.U. We need sincere, mature and dedicated men and women to work on the Hotline, with the V.D. Clinic, Library and Farwell Community Center. It is important that we all work together so that our combined efforts will continue to be effective. We cannot get tired and end our struggle to achieve our goal of a liberated society for all people.

Thank you for your past, and I hope your continued support of the Gay Peoples Union and Farwell Community Center.

Yours sincerely,

Corresponding Secretary  
Membership Committee



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August 11, 1983

Dear Members and Friends of GPU,

As you know, several members of our community have been hard at work, attempting to revitalize our organization. These efforts are already beginning to show results. Recently GPU led the way in setting up a press conference denouncing the light sentence given to the convicted killer of an unarmed gay man. In addition gay/lesbian leaders of other groups were called together by GPU to work out a coherent and unified strategy for further action in this crisis. G.P.U., once again, is beginning to lead the way.

But much remains to be done. At our last meeting the membership identified four issue areas for possible focus. These are:

- The Media -working for comprehensive and responsible treatment of gays and lesbians.
- Legal Issues -including police harassment, safety and discrimination issues.
- Counseling -The GPU hotline (it is currently operating) and group counseling for those in need.
- Youth Concerns -Providing support and resources for a gay youth group.

We hope to form committees in each of the above areas. These committees will work to develop ongoing projects that will benefit not only GPU, but the entire gay community. The formation of these committees and other important issues will be discussed at our net meeting to be held:

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 24, 1983

7:30 p.m.

1240 E. Brady Street  
Milwaukee, Wisconsin

GPU has a long and proud past. Please help to insure its bright future. I hope to see you on the 24th. Please note the address of our meeting place and don't forget to bring a friend.

Sincerely,

*Bill Meunier*

BILL Meunier  
Acting President  
Gay Peoples Union

*Your membership # 1063 expired July 1983. Please renew, using the enclosed envelope. Regards Bill E. Meunier for Membership Committee*



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2 May 1983

TO: GPU Board of Directors

FROM: Paul DeMarco, President

SUBJECT: Board of Directors' meeting - April 23, 1983

I left the recent Board of Directors' meeting feeling angry and frustrated over your misunderstanding of my "agenda" for GPU. I was extremely upset to have been told that a GPU meeting had taken place on April 17, 1983 without my being contacted by any of you. I understand that my motivations were one of the main points of discussion. I would have welcomed the opportunity to explain to you what my motivations are rather than have you speculate on them. I continue to welcome such an opportunity.

After a prolonged period of burnout during which none of you offered any support or encouragement, I was confronted on April 23 with a profound distrust over my motives. I have never wanted to destroy GPU; in fact, my dedication to GPU as president nearly caused my own destruction.

The issues that I brought before the Board were born of my continued concern for our community. I still believe we must face these issues if we are to effect any "revitalization" of GPU. I raised the issues in order to create an honest dialogue and was met with a hidden agenda that appeared vindictive.

It was my hope that we could agree to a clear sense of purpose and direction with which to approach the membership. It appears that we are operating out of fear, mistrust and lack of information. We, the Board, cannot choose to ignore these issues. The Board can choose whatever course of action it desires--the majority shall rule. But this must be done in an atmosphere of openness and honesty, not in a secret meeting.

Word has it that I will be forced out or asked to resign as president. While you may choose to complete any potential hidden agenda of ill-feelings towards me and others, you cannot eliminate the questions I raise, only delay facing them. Until I am reasonably certain that action is taken either by the Board or the membership towards resolving the serious issues confronting GPU, I will not resign as president.

I am willing and available to meet with any of you to prepare the agenda for the planned membership meeting. As I will preside over the membership meeting (in accordance with Article V. Section 4 of the by-laws) it is essential that I know what items and proposals will be put forth. There will be an agenda that will be followed.

If we do not allow ourselves the freedom to communicate honestly I fear that we are heading toward a confrontation before the general membership. This will neither help us nor the gay community of Milwaukee. Please help to allay my fear by communicating your honest concerns for the future of GPU and our community. My phone number is 342-9955.

Sincerely,



PAUL DE MARCO

cc: Ralph Navarro  
Louis Stimac  
Eldon Murray  
Don Schwamb  
Jim Jacobsen  
Michael Lisowski  
Donna Coleman



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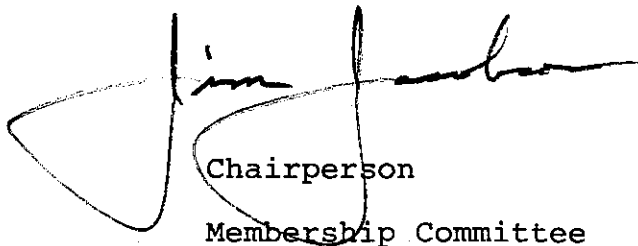
Dear Friend:

Keeping the community informed, working to change the "public's attitude" about gay people, providing counseling services, educational programs, rap and support groups, and a "gay space" - all for the benefit of the gay community in Milwaukee. These things and more are what you can proudly say you support by your membership in Gay Peoples Union. On behalf of the officers and board of directors of G.P.U., thank you!

Enclosed is your membership card. It expires on the last day of the month and year noted in the upper right corner. Please have your card with you when attending business meetings of Gay Peoples Union so that the presiding officer may verify the presence of a quorum to conduct the official business of the organization.

Once again, thank you for your contribution and membership in Gay Peoples Union.

Yours in liberation,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jim Jackson', is written over a large, stylized graphic element that resembles a signature or a large letter 'J'.

Chairperson  
Membership Committee





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March 1982

1. Meeting Dates Sunday afternoon, March 28th and April 25th.

The next membership meetings will begin at 2:00 p.m. at the Village Church, 1108 N. Jackson St. At these meetings we will be taking nominations, and election for the officers and board of directors for the organization.

2. Benefit Partys are planed for the community center building fund.

On Thursday April 1st. a benefit will be held at Club 219, 219 S. Second st. from 9:00 p.m. till closing.

Also on Thursday April 8th the Beer Garden, 3743 W. Vilet st. will be sponsoring a benefit form 8:00 p.m. till closing. Both places will be having live entertainment on those nights.

Other benefits are in the planning, and information can be obtained by calling the gay line at 562-7010 between 9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

If you would be interested in working on the Community Center Building Fund we would appreciate hearing from you.

3. New Years Day has gone, and we are now well into the 80's.

A decade in which further development must take place in the Gay community. To accomplish this we will need your support and involvement in the month and years to come. To start, we hope that you will take a membership with our organization today.

For your convenience I have enclosed a postage paid envelope for your membership, or for your support in one of our programs.

27 February 1981

TO: Each person who cares about our community  
FROM: John D. and Ralph N.  
RE: General Survey for G.P.U.

Recently you received a letter from Paul DeMarco and Miriam Ben Shalom, the president and chairperson of the Board of Milwaukee's Gay People's Union. Their out-reached hand seeking unity and total professional support moved us to grasp their hand to offer our professional services.

The purpose of this Survey is to begin to assess the environment in the Milwaukee area to obtain a broad support base that will impact both the Gay Community and therefore also the total community.

Based upon our initial research we are of the opinion that every facet of this area must be explored if we are to truly begin to build an organization of vital service.

Please take the few minutes necessary to carefully complete this survey. Without your input we will not be able to obtain a genuine understanding of the community and its perceptions.

You need not sign your survey. However, if you wish to receive a copy of the results, please indicate on the survey some type of address that we may send this information which you certainly should have access to.

We are counting on private businesses as well as fellow male and female gay professionals. Return your survey IMMEDIATELY in the enclosed self addressed, stamped envelope to:  
P.O. Box 92396, c/o Cream City Business Association, Mil. Wi. 53202

Your present investment of time will benefit us all!