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## Board Members Elected at March Meeting

On March 10 the Cream City Business Association held its first Annual Meeting at Leonardo's Restaurant here in Milwaukee. President Ralph Navarro briefly surveyed the history of CCBA since its formation in August 1980. Leon Rouse, local gay political organizer, was honored with an associate membership for his role in the successful campaign to pass the gay rights bill (AB70) through the Wisconsin Legislature.

The major business of the evening however was the election of new at-large board members for CCBA. With three seats available, six members offered themselves as candidates. After the secretary counted the ballots, Paul DeMarco, Leonard S., and Gary S. were the winners. Also during the course of the evening, Gene Berube retired from his position as membership chairman and James Maurer took his place. The final change in officers was

the slot of Investment Club chairman, which went from Bill D., to Gino Hamman.

## April Meeting

Stress and the Gay Lifestyle

Speaker: Dr. James Ennis

Date: Monday April 12

Place: Shadows/Diplomat Restaurant

Time: 6:30pm, Cocktails  
7:00, Dinner

Cost: \$9.00/person

Gay people often find themselves leading a double life, one consisting of their business and professional career and the other their private social life. This often is a major source of stress for gays, straining to make sure that the one does not find out about the other. Is this healthy? Can we bring the two closer together? Dr. James Ennis is the Executive Director of the Racine Education Association and a psychologist by profession. A leader of many training institutes across the country, his expertise lies in the area of groups and their facilitation. Dr. Ennis

will speak to this topic, and assist us in coming to terms with it.

Reservations can be made by calling Gene at 277-1459 or Ralph at 964-9993 by Friday, April 19. All reservations require the cost of the evening be paid, unless a cancellation is made by April 9.

## NABC Schedules Meeting

The National Association of Business Councils, of which CCBA is a member, will hold its semi-annual board of directors meeting this May 22 in Minneapolis. This semi-annual meeting which is open to any CCBA member is primarily a business meeting and acts as a prelude to the NABC National Convention in Washington D.C. this November. CCBA is sending a contingent of representatives to Minneapolis to voice the interests of Milwaukee and Wisconsin gays. If you are interested in joining them, contact Ralph Navarro at 964-9993.

## Committee Meetings

The very heart of CCBA is the committee structure. By participating in the work of committees we get to know on a more personal basis who the members of our organization are. We get to relax and enjoy and learn from each other. It is vital that members pursue committee work to the best of their ability. Most committees of CCBA have now begun to work. Meetings have been set.

April 4 - Housing and Restoration, 3pm,  
Gene Berube's at  
1910 N. Oakland

April 7 - Special Programs  
7:30pm at John Kujawski's  
925 N. 29th Street

### Officers Elected

March 21, the first day of spring and snow flurries in Milwaukee produced some great results for CCBA. At a Board of Directors meeting in Racine, the following people were elected for the next year as officers:

Treasurer--Gary S.;  
Secretary--Cliff H.; Vice  
President--Paul DeMarco;  
President--Ralph Navarro.  
A special thanks to John Kujawski who served as Vice President last year, Stan who served as Treasurer, Gene Berube serving as Membership Chairman, and Bill D. who served as our first Investment Club director.

### Arrangement Coordinator Named

Gene Berube, charter member of CCBA and former Membership chairman to the organization has accepted the position of Arrangement Coordinator for CCBA events. He is looking for someone to work with him. We thank him for accepting this challenging job.

### Treasurer's Report

Outgoing Treasurer, Stan, reports that as of March 21, 1982, CCBA has a total of \$768.49 in its checking account.

### Lambda Political Caucus

Political Action Committees have been named as part of the success of the conservatives. Slowly people of a more liberal bent have begun to realize how valuable this type of program is for vital communication with political candidates at every level.

The Lambda Political Caucus has been formed by lesbians and gay men to build credibility within the Milwaukee communities. The group has already made Gay/Lesbian her/history in Milwaukee by hosting the primary candidates running for the 5th Congressional District at a question and answer session at UWM.

Lambda Political Caucus is hosting an open house on April 4, from 2-4pm at 2511 N. Farwell, Apt. L. Many members of CCBA are already members of this

organization. We encourage your attendance.

## Experience the Whitewater

CCBA is co-sponsoring a whitewater canoe trip on the Peshtigo River near Crivitz, Wisconsin this May 15. The entire trip covers about three hours worth of whitewater, with two small sets of falls during the course of the trip. Experienced canoeists who have taken this trip term it a truly "exhilarating" experience. A small number of slots are left, with the reservation deadline being April 12. For more information or to reserve yourself a spot to join us call 355-8776. The cost of the trip is \$18.00.

## Gay Day Set for May 7th

The UWM Gay Community is sponsoring several events this May 7 to celebrate their annual Gay Day. Five films will be shown, ranging from "Coming to Know" to "A Gay View/Male" in the Union. Professor of Law Joshua Dressler will speak on the proposed Family Protection Act at noon in Room E240 of the Union. Highlighting this year's events is a fundraiser titled "Queen of the Day" in the Fireside Lounge at the Union. A trophy will go to the favorite queen.

## Now's the Time to Act!

If you know business or professional people who should be members of CCBA, but somehow have never gotten around to joining, now is the time to act...New members must join soon to enjoy our upcoming events in the spring and summer such as a day at one of our member's lake home. Milwaukee Mayor, Henry Maier and Archbishop Rembert Weakland have also been invited to address monthly membership meetings. For more information about the advantages of CCBA membership, call 964-9993. Do it today: there is strength in numbers.

## UpComing Events

- April 7 - Gay Day Celebration at UWM
- April 12 - CCBA Monthly Meeting
- April 25 - Board of Directors Meeting
- May 15 - Whitewater Raft Trip
- May 16 - CCBA Monthly Meeting/Speaker; Arthur Lazere, NABC President Elect
- June 1 - Board of Directors Meeting
- June 16 - CCBA Monthly Meeting
- July 15 - CCBA Monthly Meeting

## Thoughts about ... Freedom

### A Column of Personal Opinion

What does it mean to experience freedom? What does it mean to be an American in what is referred to as a land of opportunity? And perhaps of greater importance, who is freedom for? Perhaps I am just dumb or ignorant, but I was taught from childhood that freedom was for ALL...that freedom guaranteed equal opportunity for ALL. I can still hear my father saying to me, "I don't care what you become, even if it is a garbage man (that was before the days of the correct terms), but just be the best darn garbage man that has ever been." I saw the love and trust that my mother displayed--she was even honored for her acceptance of strangers at her door once. So I grew up believing that freedom guaranteed my opportunity. Yes, I will admit that I was a child of the '60's and '70's. I saw there people fighting for the expression of freedom. I learned that everything was not as it appeared. And despite the cynicism that developed, I believed in Freedom as the precious right of Americans. Americans were those who shared a thirst for freedom and worked to keep it alive. Freedom is not kept alive

by guns and missiles. It is not kept alive by rhetoric and castigation. Freedom does not grow one iota in an atmosphere of anger and disdain. Freedom is guaranteed when each person is provided with the opportunity to be who they are and to give back to all that which God gave to them freely. Freedom is guaranteed not by mere tolerance of differences, but by fully loving even those whom you are afraid of--it demands trust and hope. Yes, you will say that this is naive. Perhaps it is, but I would rather die being whom I am and living happily and in trust than bringing down Freedom, which will be done by cynics, pessimists and opportunists. Certainly I have been burned, and gotten damn angry because I have been ripped off and turned away from those who say they have loved me. Yes, their love and desire for Freedom was pretty shallow. Shall I return their fear and anger and even at times hate with the same? Shall I live a life that is negative? Shall I become short sighted? NO! I am gay...this means to me that I am happy, that I love and trust and must grow to love and accept all, especially that which I don't understand. How well are we as gay people helping to insure FREEDOM?

-Ralph F. Navarro  
CCBA President

## Briefs

A drama dealing with the persecution of homosexuals in Nazi Germany, entitled "Bent," will be performed by The Experience Theater Company at Century Hall. The play will be presented at 8pm April 1-3, and April 8-10.

Tickets are \$4 in advance and \$5 at the door. Century Hall is located at 2340 North Farwell Ave.

The first gay financial institution has been opened in San Francisco. Atlas Savings & Loan opened with \$2 million from 2,000 stockholders -- a record in the nation.

The S&L is run by 10 gay directors, though its president, Jerry Flanagan, is straight.

Atlas serves San Francisco's Castro district, but has acquired deposits from almost every state in the U.S. plus some from England, France and Japan.

The National Gay Task Force announces that among those endorsing its campaign against the Radical Right and the Family Protection Act are: Lily Tomlin, Tony Randall and Ed Asner.

The organization's efforts are also endorsed by The Kinsey Institute for Sex Research and The American Psychological Association.

Television producer, Norman Lear, and a group called the Citizens for

Constitutional Concerns, Inc. have launched a project, "People for the American Way."

According to a pamphlet being distributed by the group, the purpose of the organization is to form an "antidote to the ominous threat to our tradition of individual freedom, diversity of opinion and religious tolerance which has arisen under the banner of the moral majoritarians."

The pamphlet states that we cannot "continue to tolerate the hate-mongering of supposed 'men of the cloth' such as the Santa Clara, California minister who equates homosexuals with murderers and proposes that they too should receive the death penalty!"

Using a massive media campaign, the group hopes to reach the public with a positive message. They have already begun with two series of television spots, and are developing a series of half-hour television shows to go with the spots. The shows are designed to be entertaining, while stimulating thought and discussion. Copies of the programs will be made available to educational, religious and civic organizations.

The group plans to set up a speakers bureau, which will send dozens of prominent people around the country to speak in schools and colleges, and to church and civic groups. An ambitious monitoring of all publications and

activities of the moral majoritarians will be performed by the group, who then plan to counter with press releases and monthly briefing packets being sent to the news media throughout the nation.

1982 is "the year of the Great Hollywood Gay-Movie Caper." So claims David Denby in the March 22nd issue of New York magazine.

In his review of several of this year's movies that contain a gay theme; *Personal Best*, *Making Love*, and *Victor/Victoria*; Denby states that "there hasn't been a gay movie yet -- a movie that expresses homosexual taste in jokes or clothes or music... we haven't seen anything of the erotic tensions and pleasures of homosexual love affairs."

Regarding the movie "Making Love"'s TV-movie boringness, Denby blames it on gay pressure groups. "Pressure groups cannot produce art; they produce nothing but pressure," claims Denby.

As for "Victor/Victoria", Denby faults the movie for a lack of historical authenticity, and an unrealistic portrayal, by Julie Andrews, of a female impersonator. Denby claims that although the movie is tolerant, if not affectionate, toward gays, it is lacking in wit and style.

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