



CCBA Newsletter is published monthly by the Cream City Business Association, Box 92396, Milwaukee, WI 53202  
Your comments and submitted materials are encouraged.

*Happy  
New  
Year!*



## Upcoming Events

- January 4 CCBA Board Meeting
- January 12 CCBA Annual Meeting
- January 16 Housing and Restoration Committee  
Tour of Grand Milwaukee Homes  
Call 933-7998
- January 20 Membership Committee Meeting  
Meeting will be held at 6:00pm  
Phone 277-1459 for location
- February 2 CCBA Board Meeting
- February 13 CCBA Valentine's Brunch
- February 22 Membership Committee Meeting  
Meeting will be held at 6:00pm  
Phone 277-1459 for location
- February 27 CCBA Board Meeting
- March 14 CCBA March Meeting
- March 23 Membership Committee Meeting  
Meeting will be held at 6:00pm  
Phone 277-1459 for location.

## January Meeting

Topic: Annual Meeting  
with Election of Officers  
and Address by President  
Date: Wednesday, January  
12, 1983  
Place: Noodles Restaurant  
1010 E. Brady  
Milwaukee  
Time: Cocktails at 6:00pm  
Dinner at 7pm  
Menu: Italian Buffet  
Chicken Parmagiana  
Italian Sausage  
with Green Peppers  
Rigatoni Carbonara

Green Beans  
Almondine  
Tossed Salad  
Relish Tray  
Italian Bread and  
Butter  
Spumoni  
Coffee/Tea/Milk

Cost: \$9.75 for members  
Reservations: Phone  
277-1459 or 964-9993  
before 6:00pm on Sunday,  
January 9.

The Second Annual  
Meeting of the Cream City

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Business Association is being held this year with an Italian feast to whet your appetite. At this important meeting, CCBA President Ralph Navarro will give his annual address, which he titles this year, "Potties, Pedestals, and Peanut Butter." Also scheduled is the election of three new At-Large Board Members. Brief statements from each candidate are included in this Newsletter.

## The Editor Speaks

At the last CCBA membership meeting, the topic of labels came up. In particular, the subject was the usage of the terms 'Lesbian' versus 'gay female' or 'gay people' when speaking of both gay male and female groups. The strong consensus of the women at the meeting was a preference for the term 'gay' over 'lesbian'. Because of our desire to use the terminology preferred by the group being referred to, the terms 'gay female' and 'gay people' will be used in this publication in the future. Reader reaction is always welcomed.

## Treasurer's Report

December, 1982

Old Balance	\$1,437.93
Receipts	645.59
Disbursements	768.07
Outstanding	
Debts	312.12
<b>New Balance</b>	<b>\$1,319.96</b>

## WCLU Against Wisconsin ERA

In a recent letter to CCBA President Ralph Navarro, Eunice Edgar, Executive Director of the Wisconsin Civil Liberties Union announced that her organization would not support the proposed Wisconsin state ERA. This decision is based on several clauses contained in the proposed law which make it unacceptable to the WCLU. These clauses are anti-abortion, anti-gay, and a ridiculous section which recognized the right to privacy in bathroom facilities. The latter appears in response to ERA opponents at the national level which argued that the recently defeated ERA amendment would mean separation of women and men's bathrooms and would be illegal.

## Focus on: Thompson Associates

Dan Thompson of Thompson Associates in architecture, planning and construction, is a man with dreams and the energy to make them happen.

Dan's dream for his firm of five architects is breadth-work in a variety of structures. Right now they have two renovation projects for research and development companies and some restoration work and are building a new food store and remodeling a

restaurant. He would like to work on home restoration as the market permits. His firm can take the customer from an idea, through a plan, to the contracting stage, and then the finished building.

As a former city planner and neighborhood developer who lived and worked previously in Key West and San Francisco, he knows the significant role gays have played in urban restoration and would like the Restoration Committee he heads and perhaps the Foundation, as well as realtors in CCBA, to work together on neighborhood restoration in Milwaukee that would enhance the neighborhood and the life of gay residents in a financially feasible way. He also wants CCBA to work toward developing a center for the gay community.

Twelve years ago Dan returned to this area, because it was his home; actually, he comes from a Chicago family and grew up in the Lake Geneva area. He studied architecture at Iowa State and received a Master of Architecture Degree with a minor in City Planning. He has five years experience as a city planner before coming here.

He is excited about CCBA, what it has done and could do. Though at present its creative contribution is stymied by the need for so many of its members to operate with a closed door still only slightly ajar, he

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## Thoughts about... Money

Ralph Navarro  
President

Certainly the primary use of money is as a means of exchange. We exchange money for sex, toys, drinks, for. . .

Yet, money is a symbol of our value system in operation. A professor whom I had many years ago said, "Americans talk a lot and say many things, but don't mean much of what they say. If you want to see what they really mean, watch how they spend their money!"

And so the question is raised, how do I spend my money? Have you ever sat down to really keep track of your money to determine what kind of pattern is ultimately

woven? What might that garment look like? Let's see, 20% entertainment, 40% shelter and travel, etc.

Now, let's do something a little nasty. Let's ask the question, what is there about America that you value the most? In most surveys people generally answer the word, "freedom." Well, if "freedom" or something like it is the most important part of your citizenship, it is only fair to ask how much you spend guaranteeing true freedom.

Sure, you can point to your taxes paying for bombs and the military. If you are proud of that, I guess it is all right, even though any rational person knows that bombs have never helped to build freedom. Yes, you can point to the fact

that legislators are paid with your money. True, they are paid, what value exists to pay someone and not help to guide them? If you are paying for a service, like government, you have not only a right, but a responsibility to make it responsive to your direction.

So, the bottom line question must be asked, "how much money are you spending to guarantee your freedom as a gay man or lesbian?" The Moral Majority is wealthy because people give lots of money to those things that they feel are vital to their lives.

I wonder when WE will begin to get the message?

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*A full report on the December CCBA meeting will be in the next issue.*

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CREAM CITY BUSINESS ASSOCIATION  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS - AT-LARGE REPRESENTATIVE ELECTION  
January 12, 1983

**Editor's note:** The following five questions were asked of each candidate. Each answer reflects the words of the candidate. Three positions are available. Your vote is very important. Voting will take place at the January 12th Annual Meeting. Additional nominations will be accepted from the floor.

Questions:	Tom Rollo	Tim McCoy	Warren Ostrus	James Kutcheid
Why have you decided to run for the Board of Directors of CCBA?	I have decided to run for CCBA Board of Directors because the position will provide an opportunity for me to contribute my talents toward the development of CCBA. If elected, this position will be a learning experience, bettering myself for future positions in this and other organizations.	I would like to offer my assistance to a stable gay organization which has a vested interest in the gay community as well as this local community.	... help is needed and I have the energy and desire to do so. My attitude is prompted by a gut level feeling of needing to do more in aiding and developing the emerging gay consciousness of Milwaukee. All too long has this community sat in its self-depreciating shell of conservatism. I like being able to look at today knowing that I did what was necessary yesterday.	I wish to participate more directly in CCBA activities and offer my unique experiences and abilities to the organization.
What groups or activities have you been part of?	Central Electric Railfans Association Antique Telephone Collectors Assn. Lionel Railroad Club of Milwaukee Washington Island Taxpayers Alliance Minnesota Transportation Museum	GPU Board of Directors Milwaukee Council on Alcoholism, board member Milwaukee Council on Drug Abuse, board member	Member GAMMA/Milwaukee Affiliate member American Society of Interior Designers Member Artist Equity/ New York (a national artists' union) Executive director of the "Fifth Annual Capitol Hill People's Fair" Denver, CO, 1976	Management Resources Association Job Service Employer Advisory Committee CCBA membership committee
What is your vision for the gay community of Milwaukee?	My vision for the gay community is total compatibility within Milwaukee area society.	The creation of an environment where our contributions can be fully utilized. I would like also to see an environment where the uniqueness of the gay contribution can be coordinated with the efforts of the larger community in order to guarantee the mutual respect and dignity of all participants.	... better communication between gay women and men. Better cooperation between the existing gay organizations and associations of the city. Appointment or election of open and qualified gays to public office and commissions of the city/county/state.	I would like to see a unified community of professionals seeking to make an impact on the general community. This must be accomplished: not be radical, haphazard, noise-making, but through a professional, conservative, united program. One which the local communities would respect. I would see eventually a community center in Milwaukee to house offices for gay groups.
What programs or ideas would you like to see accomplished by CCBA in the next two years?	a) Increase in membership. b) Create a better understanding of CCBA's purpose in Milwaukee gay community. c) Develop further relationship with similar organizations in other cities.	a) Broader social and professional recognition within the local community. b) Greater outreach to the gay community via the variety of services and businesses which make up the CCBA membership. c) The use of our organizational skills to help create greater gay identity in this community, especially in the political sector.	(see answer to #3)... plus create an organization so dynamic and exciting that the gay professionals in this city that have personally told me, "I don't need to get involved"; "it doesn't affect me"; "Your group is not sophisticated enough for me"; "I don't believe in joining groups." will have to change their attitude and join us.	First priority should still be to increase and keep membership; to reach out to gay persons still unaware of CCBA or too closeted to come forward. There is strength in numbers. Secondly, to increase benefits of membership. We must show members a reason to belong to CCBA. Third, to continue to establish ties with the straight community.
What does CCBA mean to you personally?	CCBA for me has been, and will continue to be, an organization that has given me a feeling of purpose as a gay person.	CCBA is a multi-talented yet solid social institution with which I can identify in a manner that positively endorses my self-worth as a gay professional.	... an opportunity to make a viable and visible statement to my peers in the gay and straight communities that there is more to life than dinner parties and decorating the walls of a bar. It means I have an opportunity to express my dignity and worth as a human in the total community of people and effect the changes necessary to allow all gay people to come out of their closets. It means a chance to give significant value to my existence as a person.	I have been made to feel welcome in a network of professional persons like myself. It has given me a bit more dignity at being gay, and a professional. I now hope that I can in some way return this help by actively working to promote the CCBA purpose as described.

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sees CCBA "making progress politically", getting important speakers, and being recognized by the media.

Dan likes the friends he has found in CCBA with whom he can share more than with his professional associates and likes what has been accomplished, but Dan will not be satisfied until its members and CCBA have done everything he dreams for them.

## Briefs

"I'm not a homo and neither was John," says comedian actor, Dan Ackroyd, in an interview for Esquire magazine. "...but when I saw him come into a room, I got the jump you get when you see a beautiful girl. Being with him was electric, really electric."

Ackroyd was referring to his relationship with late comedian John Belushi.



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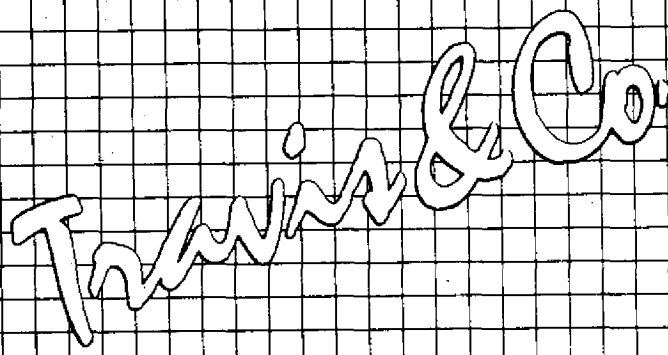
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