

CCBA Newsletter

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Valentine's Brunch

Topic: "How can we BEST Serve You?"

Speaker: Roger Gremminger, MD
Medical Director
Brady East STD Clinic

Date: Sunday, February 13, 1983

Place: Marc Plaza Hotel
509 W. Wisconsin Ave.
Milwaukee, WI.

Time: Eye-Openers at Noon
Brunch at 1:00pm

Menu: Tomato Juice
Spanish Style Scrambled
Eggs
Hash Browned Potatoes
Assorted Pastries
Coffee/Tea

Cost: \$7.75 per person

Reservations: Call 277-1459 or
964-9993 before noon Friday,
February 11, 1983.

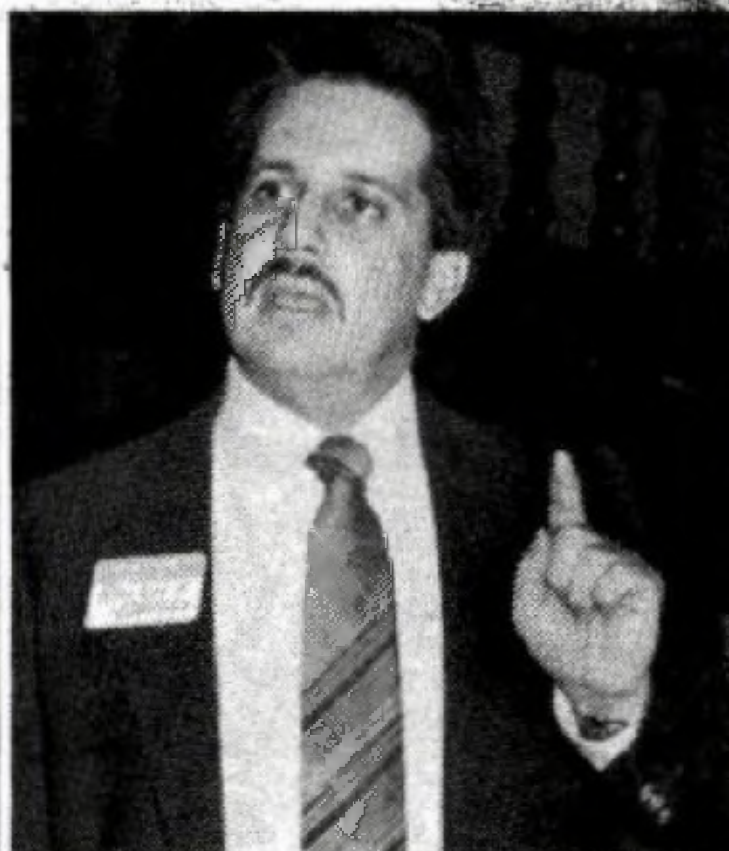
Board Members Elected

With a new high of over 70 in attendance, the 2nd Annual Meeting held January 11-12 saw the election of three new At-Large Represent-

atives to the CCBA Board of Directors. Out of a field of five candidates, Tim McCoy, Warren Strus, and John Kujawski were elected to two year terms on the CCBA Board.

The Meeting also contained two performances by the dance team of Wardall and Anthony, which was an excellent change of pace in the Meeting's format.

The Meeting concluded with an address by CCBA President Ralph Navarro which received much applause, and a unanimous positive critique from those present that evening.



CCBA president Ralph Navarro makes a point, during his address at the January meeting.

Whitewater Rafting '83

Despite the winter chill spring is around the corner. Celebrate the arrival of the warm weather on the 3rd annual Cream City Whitewater Rafting Trip.

May 7 is the date and all 50 places have been reserved for this afternoon adventure. It's a three hour guided trip down the Peshtigo River, near Crivitz, WI. You'll experience fast and frothy rapids and great thrills. Some rapids can be rerun and the chance to go body surfing is provided for the hearty souls. You don't have to be experienced at rafting; in fact non-swimmers did the trip last year.

The \$20 fee included raft rental, wet suit, helmet, and life jacket. We travel in 4-6 person rafts. The trip ends at a rustic resort that serves up great sandwiches and nerve calming drinks.

Housing will be arranged in Green Bay for Saturday night and

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2 people can check out the night life if desired. A Green Bay group will be part of the trip.

Because of the high demand for early spring trips, we have to reserve early. A \$10/person deposit is due to the outfitter by early February.

Last year we had 25 places, had a waiting list and turned people away. So think spring, psych up for adventure, and be part of the spring event. Send a \$10 check for deposit to Cliff, c/o CCBA post office box.

Questions--details--call Cliff at 355-8776 or leave at message at 964-9993.

Feminists Address December Meeting

The prospects and problems of mutual support between the feminist movement and the gay rights movement were explored at a presentation by two feminist leaders, D'Ann Prior and Sue Lueke at the December CCBA Meeting.

Prior, chairperson of the National N.O.W. Lesbian Rights Committee, began the talk by asking audience members to identify themselves as if to an alien being with no knowledge of humanity. The responses varied, but D'Ann noted that only when a woman responded did anyone indicate their gender first among the descriptive terms. This she said was an indication that a sensitizing process has developed among the women's community more quickly than among other groups such as gay men.

Lesbians have been oppressed as



D'Ann Prior and Sue Lueke were guest speakers at the December meeting.

women before being oppressed as gay, and consequently the bonds to the wider support group of activist women have been forged early on, overlapping with bonds to other lesbians, developed later. This sometimes makes lesbians impatient with their gay brothers, said Prior, who are often less visible to the oppressive forces. White gay men are exposed to less discrimination on a daily basis and consequently feel less inclined to develop supportive alliances with women's groups and others working against discrimination. The expansion of this perception into a stereotype sometimes obscures the vision of lesbian activists to the offers or expressions of support from gay male activists, said Prior.

Forming alliances was indicated as the only way to continue the progress gays have made fighting discrimination and oppression. "There is a common thread of oppression," said Prior; anti-gay, anti-women, anti-racial minority, anti-poor, anti-union: all these movements carry some common elements and common spokesmen. It will be in identifying these commonalities that the rights struggle for gays will succeed.

Gay men must see themselves as oppressed and must actively work to counter the oppression. Supporting politicians who support civil rights is very important, as is "putting money where your mouth is." Responding to a gay male audience member, D'Ann indicated that acting as a positive role model or example to straights is important, but can never affect the number of people necessary to reverse the problem.

Treasurer's Report

For January, 1983

Old Balance	\$1,319.96
Receipts	1,716.10
Disbursements	1,668.21
Debts	312.12
New Balance	\$1,372.23

- Copies of the CCBA Budget (Midyear Report) are available by calling 964-9993.



The dance team of Wardall and Anthony provided entertainment at the January CCBA meeting.

Upcoming Events

February 2	Board of Directors Meeting
February 12	Dignity/Milwaukee 8th Anniversary 7:00pm, St. Pius X, 7500 W. Wright
February 13	Dignity Anniversary Liturgy 6:00pm, St. Pius X Valentine's Brunch/Marc Plaza
February 22	Membership Committee Meeting
February 27	Board of Directors Meeting
March 6	Wine Tasters Meeting/5:00pm
March 14	March CCBA Meeting/Pabst Brewery
March 23	Membership Committee Meeting
March 29	Board of Directors Meeting
April 13	April CCBA Meeting
April 21	Membership Committee Meeting
April 24	Board of Directors Meeting

Focus on: Ci Stein

"Real estate," says Ci Stein of Wauwatosa Realty, "is the 'tortoise' in the story of the tortoise and the hare."

"Traditionally it plods along well," says Ci, "real estate is a tangible investment; you can hold what you own even when you actually own only 10%."

These, for Ci, are some of the advantages of real estate investment in a slow economy. Duplexes are a great investment for beginners, whether they live in them or not. "And singles should not overlook the tax advantages of home ownership," he adds.

Ci likes to counsel investors to show them ways of creatively stretching down payments. He sees himself as a specialist in financing property who is now mainly in residential sales because of the market, but prefers advising clients on investments in real estate.

CCBA membership has been good for Ci professionally, but he's more interested in the organization as a social outlet. He hopes it can grow as each member reaches out to his friends in the gay community. He feels that it has a good image in the gay community, but is too little known.

Ci would like to work with others in CCBA on a gay restoration project but wonders how to equate financial equity with "sweat equity."

For what it has accomplished in improving the image of the gay businessman and for what it has done to bring gays together socially, Ci is an enthusiastic supporter of CCBA.

Briefs

- CCBA member Ralph Navarro will be seen on "My View", February 13th at 9:00pm on Channel 18 discussing concerns of the Milwaukee Gay Community.

- Hosts are needed for NABC conventioners gathering here May 12-15. Both male and female hosts are needed. If willing to show guests our Milwaukee hospitality, call 964-9993.

- Thanks to efforts of Gay Rights National Lobby, Congress voted \$2 million for AIDS research through September 1983. In 1982, only \$500,000 for AIDS was provided.

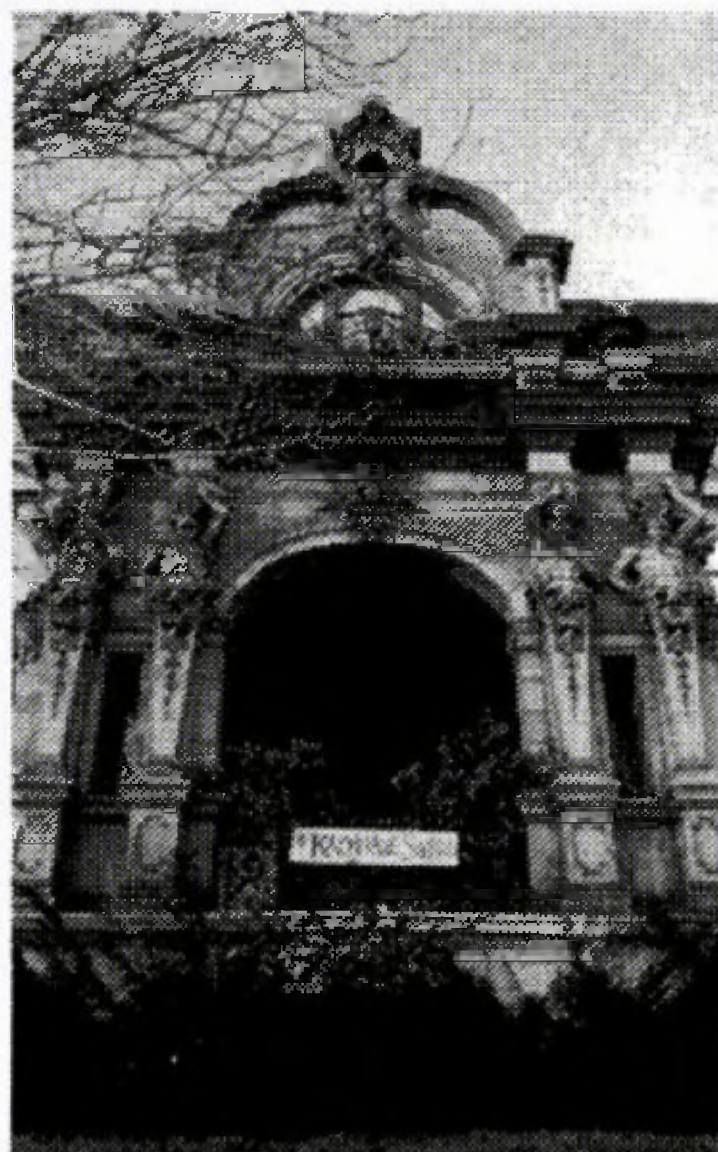
- CCBA T-Shirts will be available at February 13 meeting for \$8.00.

- Don Schwamb has been elected as president of GAMMA. Along with Don will be Brian Duchinsky serving as Vice President and Bob Moore as Treasurer. All three are also members of CCBA. We look forward to working with them for the good of our entire community.

- Larry Fleege, owner of 1st Street and a business member of CCBA has been elected as Vice

President of B.A.M. Del Slowik of Club 219 has been elected President. We look forward to cooperation which will assist us all.

- Special THANKS are in order to Dan Thompson, Cliff Heise, and Stan Pekarsky for their unselfish giving which helped to bring CCBA to where it is today. They have retired from service directly on the Board of Directors but are involved with many other aspects of our growth.



A tour of historic Kalvelage Schloss completed the Home Tour, sponsored by the Housing and Restoration Committee on January 16. Owner Greg Filardo shared his experiences of restoring this important landmark and its furnishings.

Home Tour a Success

The Home Tour held January 16 and sponsored by the Housing and Restoration Committee was termed a "fantastic success" by past committee chairman Dan Thompson. Thirty-two people toured four homes, all examples of successful and tasteful restoration efforts by their owners. Along the way, refreshments were served by the hosts, making for an enjoyable and informative afternoon.



Thoughts about... Honor

Ralph Navarro
CCBA President

As a group of people whose legal existence is denied and prosecutable, whose churches have cast us into the pits of hell, it is difficult to gain any recognition by one's community or even oneself.

Without pride in the very core of one's own being, HONOR is not possible. Until recently, most of us have at best accepted our "condition". Now, we are slowly beginning to come together as a people. We are beginning to recognize that we have a history as long as time itself. We are finding out that we are as successful and have as many failures as any other group. The difference is that now we are hearing about our successes, despite Chief Breier!

But, do I yet really believe that I am an honorable person? Do our sisters and brothers have honor?

Let us briefly examine the word: "Honor, honesty, integrity, sincerity refer to one who is characterized by possession of the highest moral principles and the absence of deceit or fraud."

First, it is my belief that a person can only begin to be seen as truly honorable when they have fully accepted and integrated themselves.

Second, to be a person on honor does not require one to wear a hair shirt. Rather, it requires a person to be fully loving and vulnerable and concerned about all about her/him.

A person of honor stands without question for what is right and will not rest in complacency. This person will be a beacon of hope and will see people not in their weaknesses, but in their strengths. S/he does not focus on failure, but moves to solidly encourage life.

Is it possible for us to be people of honor? Is it possible for us to honor each other?

It is my belief that the bickering, negativism, and nay saying that continues to go on in the gay community reflects not only our lack of honor, but reflects the fact that we allow ourselves to be controlled by the beliefs of the "moral majority" types who see us as loathsome at best. The question I continue to ask is; "Why do we try to destroy

ourselves on behalf of others?"

It is truly fascinating to me of the parallel that exists between the black community and gays. One of the biggest cries of black leaders is "stop killing our own!" What is so sad is that we haven't yet begun to realize that, as the immortal Pogo has said, "We have seen the enemy and they is us!"

We do have people of honor in our family. We must now begin to ask ourselves to become a people of honor. To understand more concretely what a person of honor is, I urge you to see "Ghandi". Let us, like Ghandi, support our leaders and our people!



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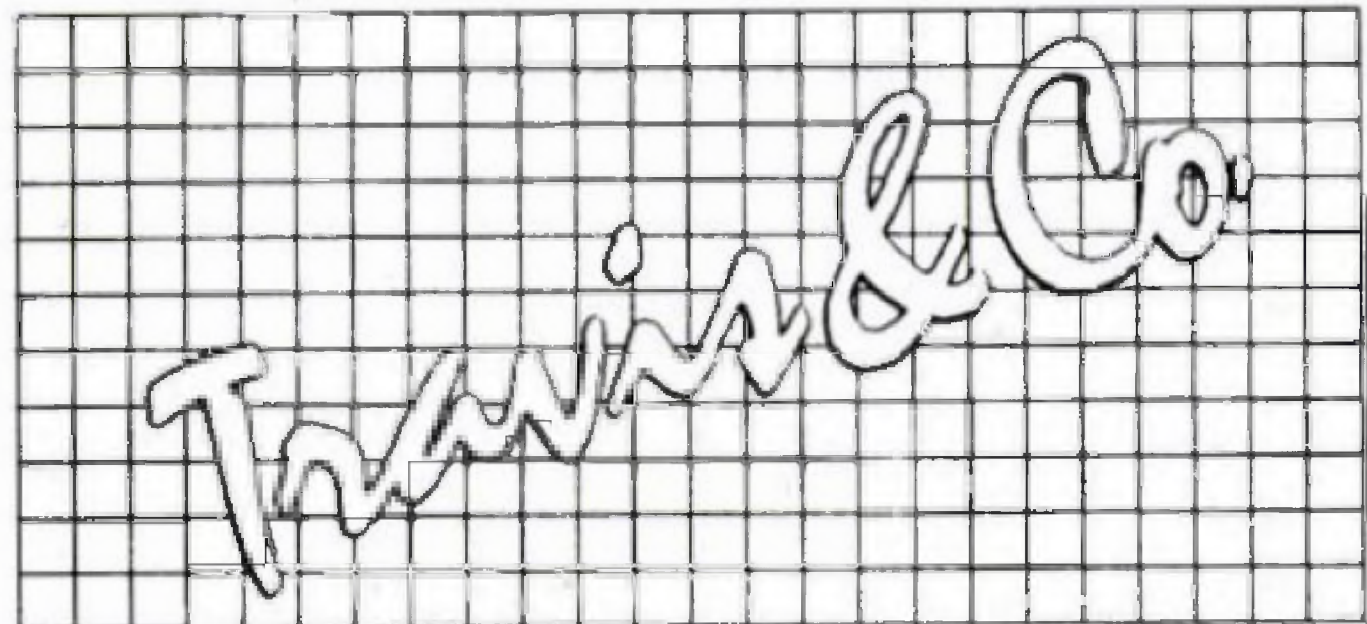
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