



JUNE 1983

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Your comments and submitted materials are encouraged.

June Meeting:

Date: June 14, 1983

Topic: CCBA. Where are we going?
What are the costs?

Time: Cocktails at 6pm
Dinner at 7pm

Place: Pzazz's Restaurant
5401 West Good Hope Rd.
Milwaukee

Menu: Buffet

Beef, Ham, Chicken
Fresh Fruit, Relishes
Mashed Potatoes and Gravy
Green Beans Almondine
Tossed Salad, Potato Salad
Cole Slaw, Macaroni Salad
Jello, Italian Bread and Butter
Beverage

Cost: \$10.50

Prepaid reservations must be in by
June 9th. Use enclosed envelope.

Since the Board of Directors has just completed a budget for the coming fiscal year beginning July 1, it is time to provide opportunities for mutual exchange. We feel that it is urgent for all our members to understand the work of the Cream City Association Foundation, the role it is playing in the development of the Community Resource Center. Since the budget is being increased significantly, dues will increase to meet our expanding needs for personalism and leadership.

Board Action

In its April 24 meeting the CCBA Board passed the following motions:

-An ad-hoc committee be appointed to review designs for a new CCBA logo. The committee would be charged with selecting the artist for the design of the new logo, preparing a statement of the image the logo should convey, report to the full board with proposals, and finally select the actual logo.
-To begin a new member incentive program where any current member bringing in three new members will

receive a free dinner.

-Bylaw changes be presented at June membership meeting for a ratification vote.

-An ad hoc committee be appointed to examine the issue of proposed Executive Secretary paid position within CCBA. The committee will report to the full board with its recommendations on the amount of salary to be paid, level of skill required, responsibilities of the position, and the process for selecting the individual to fill the position.

Committee Reports

Special Programs: Two professionals have been recruited to facilitate a gay discussion group set for this fall.

Membership: Ten new members were

accepted in the organization.

These include three business, six individual, and one associate memberships:

Investment Club: CCIC completed one third of the National Association of Investment Club course.

Group has September targeted for its first stock investment.

Currently has \$3,000 in bank.

Public Relations: First edition of "Cream City: Special Edition" completed. Looking for quarterly issues in future.

Research and Referral: Karin Long agreed to become the committee chairperson, which has been vacant for some time.

Housing and Development: At May meeting, Committee agreed on sub-committees to organize activity around.

Foundation: Major activity is fundraising for proposed Gay and

UpComing Events

- June 5 CCBA/GAMMA Brunch, UWM Student Union/
Kenwood Inn, 12:30pm
- June 11 GAMMA Boat Cruise aboard "Iroquois"
Board ship at 6:30pm. Milwaukee River at Clybourn
Bridge. Trip to last 2 hours. \$5.50 in advance.
\$6.00 at gangway.
Mail reservations to GAMMA, 2511 North Farwell #L
Milwaukee, WI 53211
- June 12 Wine Tasters: The White Wines of Italy, 5:00pm
- June 14 Membership Dinner Meeting, Pzazz Restaurant
- June 15 Membership Committee Meeting, 6:00pm
- June 27 Board of Directors Meeting, 5:30pm
- July 11 Membership Dinner Meeting
- July 26 Board of Directors Meeting, 5:30pm
- August 5 GAMMA Boat Trip aboard Iroquois
- August 7 GAMMA/CCBA Brunch, 12:30pm
- August 13 Membership Cookout
- August 25 Board of Directors Meeting, 5:30pm

Lesbian Resource Center for Milwaukee. Noted that Center proposal will be discussed at the next meeting of the Governor's Task Force on Gay and Lesbian Issues. The Women's Coalition will be developed as a resource in the Center's development.

CCBA and Milwaukee Welcomes NABC

Although clearly 79% of Milwaukee's gay/lesbian community rate this city as good or okay place to live, members of the Board of Directors of the National Association of Business Councils found out it was a "great place" to spend time.

A random sampling of the 26 out of town visitors representing 11 of the 18 member cities found comments like, "the people here are really great," and "I thought I was going to be bored, but instead I would love to come back again!"

Without a doubt, CCBA members and friends rolled out the red carpet for the guests that we have been trying to lure here for over two years. According to one CCBA host, "I think everyone of them left with a smile on their face." Certainly the level of being impressed ran in both directions. With a minimum of six CCBA board members participating in every event, there was room for those same people to be "very impressed with the calibre of leaders involved with this organization."

In addition to the many decisions made at the May 14 Board of Directors meeting, genuinely launching NABC into a healthy future, officer elections were held. According to Bylaws, President-elect Sarah Craig assumed the Presidency at the end of the Board of Directors meeting. She received a unanimous vote of acclamation. Other officers re-elected include: Steve Desdier of San Diego and Ralph Navarro, treasurer and secretary, respectively. Elected Vice President was Anita Gherardi of Bay Area Career Women, San Francisco and chosen as President-Elect was Werner Kuhn of Albany, NY.

The NABC Convention/Board of Directors meeting will take place November 4-6, 1983 in Los Angeles.

Roommate Wanted

Large 3 bedroom house near UWM. \$230 mo.+1/3 utilities. Call 964-9105 Ray or Jerry.

McCrea Speaks to NABC

The following are excerpts from Ron McCrea's speech to the joint NABC/CCBA luncheon on May 14. McCrea is Governor Earl's press chief, and is openly gay.

"I do feel a sense of stigma from time to time when I am dealing with strangers. You'll meet people and say you're the governor's press secretary, and they'll say 'Oh, you're the one!'"

"Lest we become too confident and too complacent about what has been achieved in Wisconsin, I thought I would read you a little of the governor's mail. 'Dear Tony, You are not a stupid man, but you have just made a stupid appointment (McCrea) which will assure you of being a one term governor. It is going to be your achilles heel because it goes in direct opposition to the teachings of the Bible.'"

"I guess the message is that the battle out there certainly is not won. That is is still right here at home. I think that you all in the private sector and in your profession. . . you are going to be at the cutting edge of the destruction and the explosion of this very damaging stigma. And I think that you all should take that to heart. Take it as a compliment. And know that its going to be a part of your role as you go forward in your business lives."

From GayLife, May 19, 1983

GAMMA/CCBA Sponsors Brunch

CCBA has joined GAMMA in sponsoring a new social event, namely a Sunday Brunch at the Kenwood Inn of UWM's Student Union. The first brunch will be held Sunday, June 5 at 12:30pm. The second is set for August 7.

Wine Tasters to Meet

The Wine Tasting Club of CCBA announces that its June meeting will feature a lecture and tasting of Italian white wines.

This session will be held on Sunday, June 12 at Dick's home. Dick lived in Italy for a number of years and had many opportunities to travel and study the wines of the region.

All CCBA members are invited to join the club. No previous wine experience is necessary. Expenses are shared. Meetings are generally followed by a dinner at a local restaurant. Call Dick at 873-6021 or Stan at 277-1464 for reservations or information.

CCBA on the Run

A CCBA contingent is now forming to run in the "Proud to Run '83" event scheduled for Sunday, June 26. The 10K (6.2 miles) or 1 mile 'fun run' is being hosted in Chicago by Frontrunners as part of that city's Gay and Lesbian Pride Week. The event has a \$7.00 entry fee and registration forms are in the May 19 issue of "GayLife" newspaper. Anyone interested in joining the CCBA contingent can contact Stan at 277-1464.

Milwaukeean Appointed GRNL Director

The Gay Rights National Lobby announced May 15 that Kathy Patrick, a five year Milwaukee resident, has been appointed to head its new Midwest office in Chicago. The office is scheduled to open sometime this summer. Ms. Patrick has a background in community organizing and political activity. Patrick has been a member of Wisconsin NOW's Lesbian Rights Task Force and helped coordinate the successful fight for AB 70 and a Lesbian and Gay civil rights ordinance in Milwaukee.

New Book for Gay Catholics Emerges

Homosexuality and the Catholic Church, just published by the Thomas More Press is, according to Professor Dan Maguire of Marquette University a "Landmark volume which signals a maturation of Catholic conscience on a subject long and cruelly closed by ignorance and fear."

The book is a collection of talks given the the First National Symposium on Homosexuality and the Catholic Church. Chapters include works by gay and lesbian Catholics as well as well-known Church theologians and scholars.

The book is available at bookstores in paperback.

Briefs

-Recently, all members were sent two very important surveys. PLEASE fill them out completely and return them in the pre-addressed enclosed envelope! We desire to know not only your interests within the organization, but we wish to know your talents and special interests to insure that your talents are known by those of us in the membership, who, from time to time, may need input from your special area.

Thoughts about... CCBA

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A fundamental unwritten law of every civilization, especially those built on some form of democracy, is that the more you band together for some common good, the greater will be your respect in the larger society.

Ever so slowly, gay people are coming further out of their closets and their little paranoid "safe" worlds and coming together. Not only is it good to be meeting others so very much like you, but to be able to begin working together for some larger good beyond gonadal needs is truly refreshing.

We, CCBA, desire to raise the level of professionalism within the lesbian/gay community of Milwaukee. We wish to claim that which is correctly ours from the larger Milwaukee community. We wish to nurture our own businesses and to help those grow and become successful, because the more they are a success because of us, the more they will give back to us, or we can turn and stop their attempts at selfishness.

Because of the fact that we at CCBA are primarily white and male, we haven't come to grips with the reality of being a minority that is oppressed. To many of us run for the "safe" closets and our white secure power base when waters get rough. We haven't learned to call trash for what it is. We haven't yet walked to the tune of blatant homophobia because we can be invisible.

While we cannot change the fact of our race, nor our mostly maleness, we can and must come to understand what it means to be minority. We must learn from women and people of color and handicap. We must learn if we are to truly become free and successful.

Our crazy world is heaving between traditional fears like racism and homophobia and launching into an entirely new order of decisions based on interest, desire and ability.

Gay people, because many of us do live in both worlds, have the opportunity to help lead the way from fear into genuine interdependence, which is the only thing that will allow us to survive into the 21st Century.

CCBA is taking the leadership in this movement here in Milwaukee. Truly, we have only just begun, but the road is charted and we are helping to blaze the way. We are being acknowledged because of our unflagging strength and courage.

However we cannot do this without each of our members accepting responsibility to move us ahead. We need each of you helping concretely. Join us at our June meeting to learn where we are going, how you can specifically help and how much it will cost us as we grow in leadership. The price of leadership is never cheap, its costs are high, but the reward is success! See you June 14 at Pzazz.
Ralph Navarro
President

Business Highlights: Behavior Management Consultants

Behavior Management Consultants is an eleven year old, certified out-patient clinic offering a variety of services. Mike Roller, a master's level psychologist on the staff, points out that since it serves gays and straights, gay people can use its services and have the services paid for with an employee insurance program without loss of privacy.

25% of Mike's clients are gay, most of them managing to attend a series of counseling services funded largely or entirely through insurance. Few clients pay directly.

The clinic offers several services gays might want, including psychotherapy and hypnotherapy, the latter for reducing stress, cutting out smoking, or reducing weight.

"Hypnosis is to weight loss what Novocaine is to dentistry," Mike explains; hypnosis makes it easier to stay on a diet and lose weight.

Mike also counsels gay couples. He is interested in developing group sessions for gays who would like to work with others on a common goal.

He has worked with younger gays struggling with the trauma of coming out and with older gays who are heterosexually married and coping with double lives.

Drug and alcohol abuse counseling are also available at the clinic in a program coordinated with DePaul Rehabilitation Hospital and Alcoholics Anonymous.

People who need any form of psychological test for employment reasons can also call on the clinic staff.

Located in the Continental Bank Building at 7th and Wisconsin, the clinic is convenient for gays who would like an evening appointment, when parking downtown is no problem. The phone number is 272-6868. Regular hours are

9:30am to 5:00pm with evening appointments available.

The staff includes a psychiatrist, licensed psychologists and a psychiatric social worker.

Briefs

- You may have wondered how we choose our meeting dates. It is the same formula that has been used since day one. First of all, our meetings take place during the second full week of every month. The days are chosen to rotate to insure that everyone has a chance to attend at least one meeting every three months.

-Gay Rights National Lobby needs your help. As you know, they are the only group acting as a full time lobby for OUR needs. The heart of any type of representative government is the pressure of the lobby. To make that system work, there is a need for many people to become part of a phone tree. Some of our most important issues at the moment include AIDS funding, not to mention a national gay rights law. For further information on how you can help contact either David Brandon in Racine at 1-632-0502 or Ralph at 445-5552.

-The Board of Directors wishes to urge all members to attend the June 14 meeting at Pzazz's Restaurant. Organization by-law changes have been approved by the Board and must be approved by the membership.

-The CCBA Board has voted to continue its policy of pre-payment for its monthly membership dinner meetings. This is necessary to expedite the registration process at these monthly events, more necessary as the organization grows. This policy of no refunding unless registration is cancelled before the deadline date will continue also.

Newsletter Loses Art Director

With this issue, we sadly announce the resignation of Bob Stocki, who has art directed the CCBA newsletter for over a year.

Bob has donated countless hours typesetting, laying out and pasting up the newsletter each month, taking away precious time from his freelance design business.

We wish to thank Bob for his enormous contribution to CCBA in the past.

Bob will continue his participation in CCBA by storing the mailing list on his office computer.

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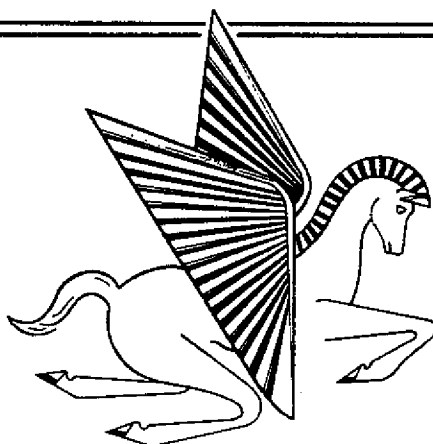
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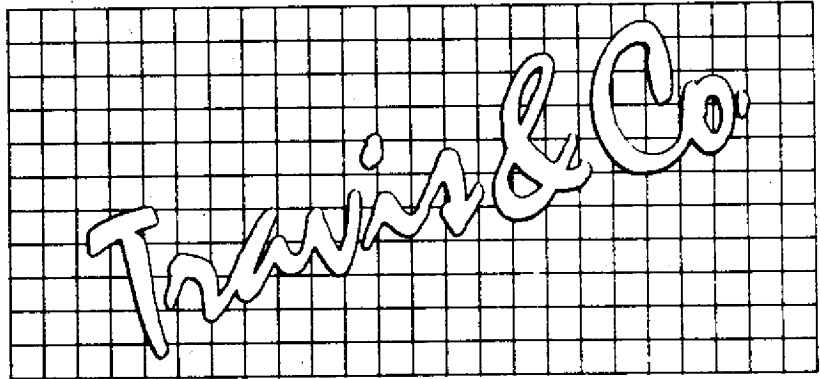
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