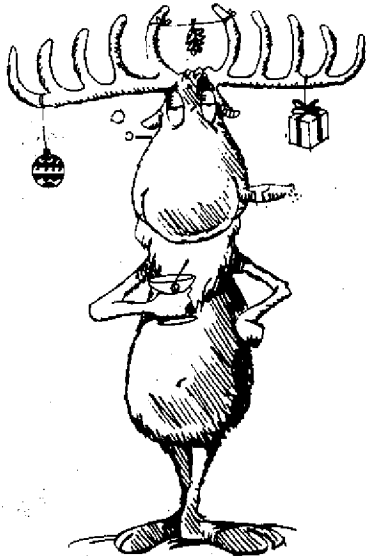


# The Newsletter



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## HOLIDAY PARTY

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 1, 1985

BUSBY'S GOOD TIMES EMPORIUM

8129 W. GREENFIELD AVENUE

3PM TO 7PM

Food by the Board of Directors

Be sure to attend this celebration of our organization and its people. The food and drink should be superb (just ask someone who was there last year!)

\$5 Members - \$7 Nonmembers



## Upcoming Events

- |          |    |                                   |           |
|----------|----|-----------------------------------|-----------|
| December | 3  | Business Enhancement Mtg.         | 332-7060. |
|          | 7  | Outing Trip to Chicago.           | 372-2773. |
|          | 11 | Membership Dinner Meeting.        |           |
|          |    | Ron McCrea/Earl Bricker.          | 445-5552. |
|          | 12 | Executive Committee Meeting.      | 374-5599. |
|          | 15 | Wine Tasting Club.                | 278-0328. |
|          | 18 | Board Meeting.                    | 374-5599. |
|          | 26 | Newsletter Mailing.               |           |
| January  | 7  | Business Enhancement Mtg.         | 332-7060. |
|          | 14 | Membership Dinner Meeting.        |           |
|          |    | Annual Meeting - Nantucket Shores |           |
|          | 20 | Executive Committee Meeting.      | 374-5599. |
|          | 23 | Board Meeting.                    | 374-5599. |
|          | 30 | Newsletter Mailing.               |           |

## DECEMBER DINNER MEETING

When: Wednesday, December 11, 1985

Where: Steak 'N' Stein  
5930 W. North Avenue (771-1990)

Time: Cocktails, 6pm; Dinner, 7 pm; Talk, 8pm

Program: Mr. Ron McCrea, Communications Director for Governor Anthony Earl, and Mr. Earl Bricker, the Governor's newly appointed liason to the gay/lesbian community of Wisconsin.  
Topic: "What is the State of Gay Rights in the Gay Rights State?"

Menu: Seven Layer Salad  
Relishes  
Braised Boneless Short Ribs  
Buttered Noodles  
Dinner rolls and butter  
Coffee, tea or milk  
Cake

Cost: \$11.50 pre-paid reservation  
\$12.50 reservation by phone or standing reservation  
\$14.00 at the door

Reservations 445-5552.



## PRESIDENT'S COLUMN MARC HAUPERT

My return from the national meetings in Palm Springs was filled with recollections of the hard work and fine people which make up the National Association of Business Councils.

It is of course the people from which so much of the positive energy comes. Old friends and new acquaintances took time out of their very busy schedules to work together to help better the condition of us all. The level of ideas and motivation of this group is truly incredible. The quality of leadership among our affiliates across the nation is indeed great, and taking time to hone those leadership skills will ensure continued development and improvement.

The only thing we all can be sure of is change. This truism was evident throughout all of the NABC's weekend of work. Changes are being effected which will improve both the networking avenues within the organization as well as the profile of a national gay/lesbian business voice. NABC continues to change (just as CCBA has here) to accommodate the full range of concern as voiced by its membership.

The dual path (of business and personal development) which we continue to tread here in Milwaukee is echoed at the national level. Visibility for the business concerns of the gay male and lesbian communities is coupled with and supported by the sharing and exchange structures we've created to run our organizations better.

No other national gay organization has the same focus, and NABC will continue to use the professional abilities of its members to advance the agenda of gay women and men across the nation.

In May, the NABC national conference will return to Milwaukee, which has been the launch pad for so many national political and social movements. As hosts, we all will be given the opportunity to participate in the reshaping of the National organization's agenda and the sharing in that tremendous pool of personal energy and expertise.

The theme of November's national meeting was "empowerment." It occurred to me that the only kind of power which is relevant is that which is taken. It can be taken with palms turned upward in a gesture of appreciation, or it can be seized with arms outstretched and palms down. Either way the power must be taken, and used. The time has long passed when we can afford to sit back and take it rather than standing up and taking the power which is ours.

As speaker Harry Britt told us, we are the teachers, we are the ones with the knowledge about who and what we are (which even the most educated bigot cannot comprehend). Knowledge is power. It's time to teach, to take control of the power that exists in all of us to change our own world and thereby the world around us.

Empowerment. It happens when we take power and use it. It's time!

## OUTINGS GROUP TO VIEW 150 YEARS OF CHICAGO ARCHITECTURE

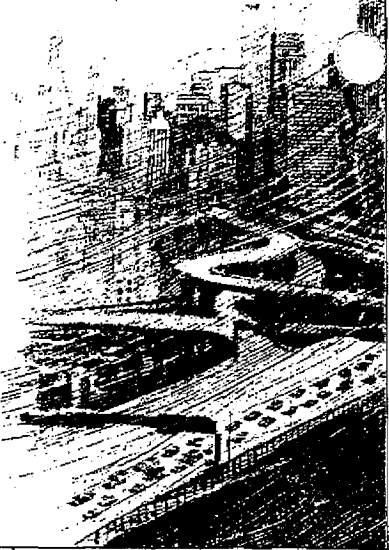
The Outings Committee is offering a trip to Chicago on Saturday, December 7 to see the exhibit '150 Years of Chicago Architecture' in an exclusive United States showing at the Museum of Science and Industry. This huge show which drew rave reviews and delighted throngs in Paris will cover more than 30,000 square feet and is exhibited on three floors. CCBA members and their guests are invited to see this architectural expo—with more than 6,000 pictures, drawings and photographs, 100 architectural models, live demonstrations, architectural materials and special exhibits about architects, their work and their influence on Chicago citizens. This exhibit which begins in the year 1833 promises to reveal the city of Chicago that you have missed no matter where you live or how often you visit the Windy City.

Following this exhibit we will meet for lunch at Chicago's famous Bergh-

offs restaurant on Adams Street. From there you may go on your own or in small groups. Interested persons might visit Venetian splendor in the 'Treasury of San Marcos' exhibit at the Art Institute. Some 47 pieces are on view, dating back to the ninth century. Christmas shopping and viewing the city's Christmas decorations will be high on many people's lists.

In the evening, those who wish to can join for dinner as a group. Beyond that, you are on your own to bar-hop, attend the theatre, opera, etc.

It is our desire to car-pool and to drive to Chicago as a group. We plan to leave Milwaukee at 7 am, arriving for the museum's 9:30 opening. If you need further information, have extra car space, need a ride, etc., please call Jerry at 372-2773 no later than December 6. We will car-pool from a yet to be determined location.



## WE NEED TALENT

And you are the answer to the need. Every year the Board of Directors is in search of qualified candidates to run for various positions during the annual January meeting.

If chatting on the phone is something you enjoy, you might consider making yourself available for the position of AT LARGE REP. In addition to talking to those people placed in your charge (you are the vital link of contact between the Board and the membership), you will be expected to attend both Board of Director meetings and CCBA sponsored events. We need good people. Contact a current officer or your at large rep if you're interested.

### OFFICER ELECTIONS

Members may recall that officers of CCBA are elected at the first Board meeting after the Annual Meeting. If you have interest in being available for the positions of President, Vice President (2 spots open), Secretary or Treasurer, please call one of the present officers ASAP. Feel free to nominate your own candidates.

## AWARDS SEARCHING FOR RECIPIENTS

In the grand tradition of CCBA, we are once again open to receive nominations for awards to be presented at our January Annual meeting.

We need your answer to these important questions:

Which lesbian or gay person has done the most for the Milwaukee area community?

Which non-lesbian/gay person has most contributed to the understanding of the gay/lesbian community in recent years?

In 1985, which arm of the media has most helped to expand understanding of lesbian/gay concerns? Briefly, why?

Is there another person (gay or non-gay/lesbian) or group that has made significant contributions to the understanding and awareness of our concerns? Briefly, why?

We need your nominations by January 1, 1986.

## CCBA NEWS

THE NEW CCBA BUSINESS DIRECTORY: USE IT!

What's black and white, read all over and lists some of the finest business services in all of Milwaukee? The CCBA Business Directory of course. Sort of like having your own Milwaukee gay/lesbian yellow pages. So when you need a carpenter or a check-up, catering or fresh flowers, look to your Business Directory. Our members and supporters are here to meet your needs.

The membership campaign is now on. Remember that for each new paid member who lists your name as sponsor, you receive \$10 off your next renewal fee.

The membership committee under the direction of Dave Koetz has assembled a how-to packet of information which is most useful in inviting guests to join you at an event and/or as members.

Contact Dave Koetz at 264-1195 for your packet. Now is the time to invite your friends to join you.

## GOT A HOME COMPUTER?

If you have a personal computer or data terminal, then you should check out the latest form of electronic communications in the gay community.

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## NEWSBRIEFS

Latest information out of the House Committee working on deficit reduction and the budget indicates that most things that impact the average payer will not change dramatically.

In the November issue of FORBES magazine there is a superb article that discusses the phenomenon of using the newest forms of life insurance as a growth and savings vehicle. If you have not seriously looked at Variable, Universal or Variable-Universal, you are missing a prize winning opportunity.

The essence of the article is the fact that there are not many investments the average person can use which allow for small monthly deposits that realize better than market returns and are guaranteed or are tied to the investment experience of some of the best companies in the nation. See your Financial Planner/Insurance Agent just to take a look.

IRA/KEOGH and Private Pension Time is at Hand.

Although it is better to get money into the annual IRA, KEOGH and private pension fund early in the year, it's time now to invest before the end of 1985.

Don't be fooled into thinking that your current pension fund is the best if it doesn't offer at least 5 different investment vehicles and many opportunities to move that money around to your best return. Watch out for loads (front or back), annual charges and penalties. At least one company charges a penalty of the first year's deposit plus all interest if you pull out of its plan before the 8th

Northwestern Mutual Life strikes again. George Hardy of NML seems to be revelling in victory with the change of state law to eventually allow insurers to get information regarding AIDS testing. An internal company publication indicates that within a month there would be some agreement between the state insurance commissioner and NML on the test that could be used. Unfortunately there is no other AIDS test. So, it will be interesting to watch what happens—especially if they are allowed to use the faulty HTLV-III test which, as we all know, does not test for AIDS but only exposure to the virus and is not conclusive.

(via GNIC)

New York—According to a spokesperson for Rivendell Marketing, Remy Martin Amerique, the United States distributor for Remy Martin cognacs, will become the first national liquor distributor to advertise widely in gay publications and to make a concerted effort to capture the gay and lesbian market.

The company has been advertising in *The Advocate*, *In Style*, and *Christopher Street* for the past few years, and recently announced a salute to Gay Pride Week celebrations in several cities. It also underwrote part of the recent black-tie gala dinner for the Human Rights Campaign Fund at the Waldorf Astoria Hotel.

Rivendell, which was largely responsible for the new campaign, said that the company will now be using local publications, because it has been found that more readers in major cities are reached by local press than by national publications.

# NABC

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF BUSINESS COUNCILS

## LESBIAN/GAY NATIONAL BUSINESS COUNCIL OPPOSES AIDS-RELATED CIVIL RIGHTS INFRINGEMENTS

Strong opposition to the infringement of civil rights of gay and lesbian-owned and oriented businesses and individuals by government bodies and private businesses was restated by the NABC, meeting in Palm Springs on November 15, 1985.

NABC President Anita Gherardi emphasized, "businesses in the gay and lesbian community must be free to operate as they see fit within reasonable confines of the law." The recently adopted Centers for Disease Control guidelines and ever increasing discrimination in both claims and policy availability being practiced by the nation's major insurance companies are also major concerns of the NABC.

The current focus on bathhouse closure is a "red herring" issue which only serves to emphasize the stereotypes of gay lifestyles. Anyone gay, lesbian, bisexual or non-gay who has different multiple sexual encounters where the exchange of bodily fluids occurs is at high risk of acquiring AIDS. Where that contact occurs is not of consequence.

Many bathhouse owners have been responsible for supporting successful education efforts across the country. The NABC encourages the continuation of quality outreach and education for all people.

NABC opposes discrimination in the issuance of insurance policies and claims practices on the basis of ethnicity, sex, sexual orientation, or marital status. In particular, NABC opposes the efforts to use the test for AIDS antibodies as a basis for issuing policies.

NABC endorses the Concerned Insurance Professionals for Human Rights (CIPHR) in its efforts to prohibit discrimination in the insurance industry.

The NABC applauds the CDC guidelines regarding Health and Food Service Workers, which are now in line with previously adopted NABC recommendations. It is their intent to continue to monitor business and corporate policy.

The gay community also was challenged to be responsible and responsive to these issues through education, prevention and unity.

## REACHING BEYOND

During the November 13-17 meeting of the National Association of Business Councils in Palm Springs, one of the key points of discussion was the subject of outreach. Or how we make our presence known beyond some of the things we do by internal networking.

Decided unanimously by the study group were the following:

1. NABC should immediately hire an administrative assistant to carry out the work that often overwhelms the highly dedicated Executive Committee. That person's job would be to do all the follow-through necessary for the organization, including sending out regular news releases on behalf of the organization.

2. Immediate appointment of a public relations person for NABC to write regular media releases to expand NABC's presence nationwide, which would also get NABC's name to our own members regularly.

3. Expand the levels of membership to include the following: Affiliates, Corporate/Resort, Individual Associate and Associations.

The ultimate recommendation is that we, NABC, work with other lesbian/gay groups wherever possible to avoid all forms of overlap and that we look to hire, when economically possible, an executive director to provide continuity and linkage in all NABC programs. A group from the Board of NABC is working on preparing grant proposals to achieve as much of this agenda as possible.

## FUND ELECTS NEW BOARD, OFFICERS

Catherine Maiorisi of New York, New York and Dr. Bruce Voeller of Sherman Oaks, California were elected Co-Chairs of the Board of Directors of the NGTF Fund for Human Dignity at the Board's annual meeting on November 10, 1985. John Dietrich of New York was elected Secretary-Treasurer of the Fund Board, which has been expanded in accordance with recent by-law amendments.

Maiorisi has served as Co-Chair of the Fund Board continuously since 1979. Voeller, who played a key role in the founding of the Fund and is an Honorary Director with vote, succeeds Jeffrey Carples of New York, who had served continuously as Chair or Co-Chair of the Board since 1978. Carples declined to run again for Co-Chair, but was re-

elected to the Board.

Also re-elected to the Board were Susan Forbes and Marilyn Lamkay, both of New York, and Norman Singer of South Sandisfield, Massachusetts. Newly elected to the Board, in addition to Dietrich, were Ron English and Jerry Herman, both of New York; Ellen Ratner of Carlisle, Massachusetts; Dr. Brad Traux of San Diego, California; and Ann Wilson of Lyndhurst, New Jersey.

The Fund for Human Dignity, founded in 1974, is a nationwide, tax-exempt foundation with the stated purpose of educating the public about the lives of lesbian and gay Americans. The Fund is affiliated with the National Gay Task Force, with which it shares offices in New York City.

# Clavis

T H E A T R E

Clavis Theatre has announced the extension of its current run of the acclaimed play *Execution of Justice* by Emily Mann. The play traces the trial of Dan White, convicted killer of San Francisco Supervisor Harvey Milk and Mayor George Moscone.

Clavis will present the play at its theatre at 900 S. 5th St. in Walkers Point through the 22nd of December. Performances will be held Wednesday through Saturday at 8pm and Sundays at 7:30 (except for a matinee performance on Sunday the 22nd). Contact Clavis Theatre at 383-4160 for information and reservations.

## "TIMES OF HARVEY MILK" FUNDRAISER A HIT

On November 12, CCBA hosted a showing of the Academy Award winning film, *The Times of Harvey Milk*. Accompanying this moving documentary was its producer, Mr. Richard Schmiechen, special guest of CCBA.

Schmiechen met CCBA members at a special "Members Only" reception prior to the film (catered by member business The Glass Menagerie). He spoke briefly before the film to express his thanks for being able to attend, then allowed the audience to experience this exceptional film. Following the showing, Schmiechen shared

some of his experiences in creating and producing the film. He presented the glistening gold Oscar to the assembled audience, saying that it was because of them that the film was made. It is the acceptance of the dreams of Harvey Milk and the living of those dreams which make the recognition possible.

Schmiechen challenged the audience to continue to work to live Harvey Milk's dreams. *The film event was a fundraiser to create a "Milwaukee Gay Media" fund within the CCAF. Results were not available as of this writing, but will be reported in the next newsletter.*



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