

The Newsletter



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AIDS PROJECT FORMING NEW CORPORATE PARENT

Several individuals working with the Milwaukee AIDS Project and other community-based responses to the AIDS crisis have formed a new corporate umbrella for MAP, called AIDS Resource Center of Wisconsin, Inc. The organization intends to draw upon resources from the community at large in order to provide for a comprehensive response to the full range of concerns surrounding AIDS.

Since its inception by the Brady East STD, Inc. Board, the Milwaukee AIDS Project was cognizant of the eventual need to create its own corporate body in order to attract the substantial resources necessary to attack AIDS and all the impacted populations. Through a working group composed of the President of BESTD, Inc., Nova Clite, MAP Director Susan Dietz, CCAF president Don Schwamb and CCBA president Marc Hauptert, the initial framework and structure was devised.

The organization's first function was to lease space from St. Anthony Hospital for use by MAP. It also applied for a \$69,200 grant from the City of Milwaukee which was recently funded to cover two full time positions, half of a secretary's position and other educational expenses.

Through many meetings with the BESTD board, the MAP Steering Committee and key supporters from the community at large (including Archbishop Rembert Weakland, Bishop Roger White, Dr. Karen Lamb and many others) the initial groundwork was laid in order to respond to all the medical, patient care, legal, religious, business, governmental and fundraising concerns which surround AIDS.

Currently, a transition plan is being drafted for further input by the MAP Steering Committee, its committee

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ANNUAL MEETING

- Place:** Nantucket Shores in the Astor Hotel
924 East Juneau
- Time:** 6-7pm cocktails. Music by Dave Wiggins.
7pm Dinner. Music by Harry Vedder & company
- Menu:** Appetizers: Soft Bread Sticks, Liver Pate,
Caviar and Cream Cheese Spread and Special
Dill Relish.
The Shores Chicken Cordon Bleu
Hawaiian Green Bean Salad
Wild Rice
Select Vegetable
Rolls and Butter
Ice Cream
- Program:** Board Elections.
Awards Ceremony honoring 1985's best!
Final Address by Marc Hauptert:
"The Age of Enlightenment"
- Cost:** Pre-Paid Reservation \$15.50
Phone Reservation: \$17.50
Walk In: \$20.00

Pre-Paid Reservations by Thursday, January 9 to P.O. Box 92614, Milw., WI 53202. Phone Reservations by Saturday, January 11 to 445-5552.

Cancellations must be by noon Saturday, January 11, 1986 to 445-5552. Reservations not kept or canceled on time will be billed.

Please use your Visa or Master Charge.



COUNSELING CENTER OF MILWAUKEE CALENDAR INFORMATION

January 7—A Support Group for Men and Women: Meeting 12 Tuesdays, 7:30-9:30 pm at The Counseling Center. For persons with previous support group experience. To discuss our beliefs about men and women, plus general issues chosen by the group. Call Steve, 964-7779, evenings, or Deborah, 347-1072, evenings.

January 8—Support Group for Men: Meeting 8 Wednesdays, 5:30-7:30 pm, to discuss such issues as values, stress management and forgiveness. Call Dennis, 442-3177, or Jim, 351-2504.

Upcoming Events

See Board Notes on Back Page

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| 7 | Business Enhancement Meeting. J. Manders 332-7060. |
| 14 | Membership Dinner Meeting. Nantucket Shores. Annual Meeting. 445-5552. |
| 19 | Wine Tasting Club. Ci Stein 278-0328. Rothchild Wine Tasting. |
| 20 | Executive Committee Meeting. 374-5599. |
| 23 | Board Meeting. 374-5599. |
| 30 | Newsletter Mailing |
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| 27 | Newsletter Mailing. |



**PRESIDENT'S COLUMN
MARC HAUPERT**

This is the second to last column I will be writing as president of CCBA. I have decided to fully serve the position to which I was recently honored to be elected, that of president of AIDS Resource Center of Wisconsin, Inc. ARCWI is the new corporate parent of the Milwaukee AIDS Project (see article).

As I look back on my two years as CCBA president and two years as PR chair before that, I see many successes as well as some failures.

We have moved forward on many fronts, particularly among major institutions in our city such as the Police Department, City Hall, Milwaukee Journal, religious groups, television stations and the Governor's office. As an organization, we are hitting our stride, positioning ourselves for significant expansion in the future. We have become a respected force on the gay Milwaukee scene, with surprisingly little internal politics and infighting which plagues so many groups. We have to a great extent begun to become the vehicle for the high level of personal and community nurturing and growth of which we are capable. In some respects we're too active for our own good, providing so many activities for so many of our members' interests that those who try to attend all events burn out.

Our failures continue to provide us challenges for future growth. Although our level of involvement with groups like BWMT (Black and White Men Together) is relatively high and our respect for their goals and their membership is very high, we have not accomplished the difficult task of reaching out to People of Color to even an adequate degree. Similarly, we have not attracted a large number of women to our organization. We must create programming which draws upon the important resources in those communities and serves to present programs which they deem worthwhile.

The most important aspect of CCBA has been and will continue to be the mutual respect and support which is apparent at the board, committee and membership levels. We provide the crucible, if you will, in which the important work of tempering leadership skills takes place. We are as outwardly directed (i.e. reaching out and being visible in the community) as we are inwardly oriented (i.e. serving the business needs of our members).

We are increasingly looked to for information about the gay community at large. This is a very important and potentially dangerous role to play, since we don't "represent" the gay community. We represent only ourselves, and must make sure that when outside forces look to us for information, it is the most accurate and broad-based information available.

Looking to 1986, I see a great opportunity for the growth of our organization. A new leadership team will, I'm sure, emerge and the level of carefully planned and executed activities will keep pace with membership needs and desires. Further cooperation with other groups is essential, as we work to continue to form "community" within our population.

On behalf of our Board of Directors and myself, I hope you're having the best of holidays, and wish you the spirit of love and community in liberation throughout the new year.

MR SAFE SEX'S BOOK TO BE PUBLISHED BY NEW AMERICAN LIBRARY

Jack Campbell, president of the Association of Club Body Centers, a chain of health clubs catering to gay men, announced recently that former Marine Sgt. Glenn Swann's book, which eroticizes safe sex, will be published this winter by New American Library. Swann and noted gay author John Preston have collaborated on this 7 vignette novel about Swann's sexual activities.

Men interested in learning about safe sex should contact Swann in Miami—(305) 444-2576 or by writing to Glenn Swann at 3025 Coral Way, Miami, FL 33145.

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To Be Rich or Not To Be Rich: That Is The Question

By Ralph F. Navarro
Registered Representative

Anybody you know not want more money? Especially now that we have all relatively survived the Christmas/Holiday Season, when the output of cash is very high, what can we do to increase our cash base once again? Aside from finding Alladdin's Lamp, robbing a bank or murdering a rich relative, your best course of action is to have a real financial plan of operation.

Gay people owe it to themselves to sit down with a gay/lesbian financial planner to outline their future options and implement significant plans.

During the past month the stock market has sky-rocketed. Did you ride it up or did you watch it pass you by? Did you know that a majority of people now in the stock market are in it as part of a Mutual Fund, which helps relieve the risk factors of an individual investor? How do you choose among the 1800-plus Mutual Funds? This article only suggests that you sit down with reputable gay/lesbian planners to walk through the myriad of funds to find those that most reflect your personal investment philosophy and personal needs regarding risk orientation.

Looking for more money is often difficult, especially if you do not want to take on a part time job. However, many employees of larger firms fail to understand the retirement programs that exists for them and that if they are contributing to them, a simple move of funds from one place to another may achieve the release of pressure needed.

Sadly, most salaried and hourly employees do not understand benefits packages. They simply wait until a disaster takes place and then hope that something else is there for them. Often there is nothing there and then, no income. Your gay/lesbian financial planner will help you read your benefits booklet so that you know the road map for your future needs.

Gay people have added burdens (if they care about discrimination of gay people) when they invest or buy any form of insurance—does the company they are purchasing from discriminate against lesbian and gay people? You should not buy unless you know that upfront. Gay people don't need Uncle Toms to take their money and then use it against their own special interests. Make sure your financial planner can answer that question.

The economic clout of the gay/lesbian community is legend, but if it is not used, then it is meaningless.

IMPORTANT NOTICE:

All CCBA members are reminded that there will be elections at the Annual Meeting on January 14 for At Large board members. Four positions will be filled by vote of the membership, three of which will be two year terms and one of which will be a one year term. Any member having an interest in being on the Board should contact an officer immediately, to facilitate the information dissemination at the meeting. Qualifications include a desire to serve the organization to the best of one's abilities, and an interest in making life better for the gay community in this area.

ALSO, the elections for officer will be held at the Board meeting on January 23. All five officers are elected each year, and they need not be previous board members. Any member wishing to serve the organization as an officer should contact Marc Haupert at 374-5599 as soon as possible.



EXCERPTS FROM THE NATIONAL CONFERENCE OF OPENLY LESBIAN AND GAY ELECTED AND APPOINTED OFFICIALS' PRESS STATEMENT

As elected officials, we have a unique opportunity and responsibility to serve as teachers within the institutions of government. We intend to give our perspectives on what is needed by all the people who live in our country, and to demonstrate to our own community that we will always obtain more by reaching for what we need rather than settling for what we can get.

We stand here today to appeal to the American people to reject personal prejudice as public policy. Instead we ask them to embrace a vision of America whose rich history we share, and which includes as equal partners, people of color, women, those who hold differing religious views, and people from many lands. We ask not only to be seen and heard, but also to be acknowledged for the work we are doing to provide fair and effective government, and to be supported in our demand that gay and lesbian people be given the respect and justice we deserve.

We support and seek to place at the head of our national agenda a vision of human rights which embraces those material and non-material resources which are necessary for each individual to grow into a self-fulfilled, confident and secure person.

To that end, we support local, state and national legislation outlawing discrimination based on sexual orientation, race, religion, sex, marital status, disability status, national or ethnic origin and age. We support legislative and legal efforts to overturn laws that prohibit consensual sexual activity between adults.

We are committed to go as a body of officials to Washington to lobby for increased funding for AIDS research and education and to ensure compassionate and informed care for people with AIDS.

Our families and our relationships are an important part of our lives. As part of our commitment to full equality for gay and lesbian people, we support Domestic Partners legislation and other steps to the legal recognition of our families.

We demand equitable treatment in child custody, foster care and adoption. We support efforts to ensure that children are placed with lov-

ing and caring people and recognize that the ability to provide a loving and nurturing environment is the only appropriate test of a home.

We are also deeply concerned that children develop a positive and healthy attitude toward sex and their sexual identity.

A New Year's Wish For '86

All gay people are homosexuals; not all homosexuals are gay.

A homosexual is one who is sexually attracted to others of the same sex. Gays are similarly stimulated. At this point the distinctions begin.

Gays have come to terms with themselves, know that they are homosexuals and accept their homosexuality.

Gays are not ashamed of their sexual orientation and believe that they are as God or nature intended.

Gays reject straight society's homophobia and root out internal homophobia as it is recognized.

Gays do not see themselves as any less masculine or feminine because they are homosexuals.

Gays come to understand the twists and turns in their sexual desires that are the psychological result of being raised to hate their own kind.

Gays see their relationships as right and proper and in the natural order of things.

Gays make an effort to be honest about themselves with themselves, their families, their friends (straight and gay), their employers and with people in general.

Gays read gay publications, belong to gay groups and organizations, and give part of their time, talent and money to the Gay community.

Gays are a credit to gay society and to the larger society made up of all people.

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members, the BESTD board and interested parties. The transition plan will be the blueprint for further actions, and all meetings will be announced and open to the public. The transition is anticipated to be completed concurrent with ARCW's receipt of its federal tax exemption as a charitable and educational organization.

Current board members of ARCW, Inc. are: Marc Hauptert, Don Schwamb, Shauna Dunn, Dave Wiggins, Don Boychuk, Warren Braun, Susan Dietz, Michael Stolpman and Dr. Paul Turner. A Board of Trustees, composed of key community leaders, is also being formed to act as an informational and support resource.

Gays know that they belong to a despised minority, and develop feelings of concern for their own kind and for persons in other minority groups.

Gays have moral standards regarding their own sexual conduct, and while they do not reject those whose standards are different, gays, in their own minds, can and do determine right from wrong in sexual matters.

Gays are good American citizens, respecting the ideals, if not the actual practice, of freedom and individual significance.

Gays are registered voters who take their franchise seriously.

Gays desire for themselves only those rights and prerogatives seen as the birthright of all free people.

Gays have no need to demonstrate their homosexuality but feel a commitment to stand tall, a commitment to defend gay people, a commitment to teach others the beauty of being out and a commitment to the education of those straights who simply do not know us.

Gays stand firm when facing a homophobe.

Gays practice 'safe sex.' Gays have no sense of sin or shame when they are pleasurablely excited by the sight of same sex beauty

—Anonymous

CCBA AGAIN COSPONSOR OF MARTIN LUTHER KING BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION

CCBA will again be a sponsor of the Martin Luther King celebration in Milwaukee on January 20. CCBA was one of the founding organizations for this important event, even before the event became an official national holiday. This year's event will be sponsored by over 100 community, ethnic and minority groups.

This year, with the inauguration of the national holiday, the event promises to be a major celebration of the thoughts and dreams of Dr. King. The major event will be held at Uihlein Hall of the Performing Arts Center, and a capacity crowd is expected.

Several programs will be part of the holiday celebration and the preceding week. Of perhaps most importance is the signing of pledge cards, on which signers pledge "to do everything I can do to make America and the world a place where equality and justice, freedom and peace will grow and flourish." This is certainly a most appropriate pledge for every gay woman and man. Contact Marc Hauptert for pledge cards to distribute to your friends and acquaintances (how about clubs, activities, social gatherings, etc. you attend?).

Let us all remember Dr. King's Dream during this holiday and throughout the coming year. CCBA is again at the forefront of human rights celebration, and all members are urged to attend the event at 7:00pm at the PAC.

Besides tributes to Dr. King, a theme of the program will be the abolishment of apartheid in South Africa. The Milwaukee Rep will present a dramatic reading, and there will be a salute to local civil rights leaders who have passed away. The Commission on Community Relations will present its Human Relations Awards, and the winners of a local art contest will be honored.

The keynote speech of the evening will be delivered by Julian Bond, an eloquent spokesman in testament to the life of Dr. King.

A moving slide show will end this exceptional program. Don't miss this first official celebration of the greatness of a great man and a momentous concept.

BOARD NOTES:

The Board is requesting member input on a recommendation from the PR Committee that the Newsletter be sent out as a self-mailer, rather than in an envelope. It is thought that this will save a bit of money and time, but also cuts down on privacy somewhat. The proposal was referred back to PR for further study, but members with a preference should contact PR Chair Steve Rade-man at 332-1966.

The Board accepted the offer of soon-to-be-ex-president Marc Hauptert that he chair the upcoming National Association of Business Councils meeting in Milwaukee in May. Marc is requesting that any member who is interested in assisting in this event contact him at 374-5599.

The Awards committee is still considering nominations for the Outstanding Service Awards to be presented at the Annual Meeting. Members are asked that if they know a deserving nominee, they should contact Ralph Navarro at 445-5552.

The new member drive is still on. Any member bringing in a new paid member will receive a \$10 discount on their renewal. The committee is also hinting at a "Mystery Grand Prize", so go out and solicit those new members!



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