



# THE NEWSLETTER

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## CCBA CLOTHING DRIVE ANNOUNCED

CCBA wants to clean out your closet once and for all! The holiday season for giving may be behind us, but there will always be those in our community that are trying to survive doing without, be they in emergency temporary facilities or on their own in private accommodations. They represent yet another social minority: the jobless, the homeless, the less fortunate. With their numbers constantly on the rise, inner city facilities are all too quickly depleted of the items needed by them to maintain proper comfort in Wisconsin's winters.

We certainly know that as a gay and lesbian community we sometimes have a hard time housing and caring for our own. But what we can offer as a concerned and caring organization is to at least help properly clothe these people. This may not address the questions of who, why, or how these individuals and families got to be in this position; but it does address an ongoing need of personal comfort against the elements. We are looking for items of clothing, including but certainly not limited to seasonal items such as adult coats, hats, scarves, long pants, shirts, and sweaters; also needed are infants and childrens clothing, and blankets. This is certainly an easy way to be rid of those items that have accumulated over the years and put them to their best use: immediate distribution to those who need it now.

All you need to do is to gather your items, no matter how many or how few, and call us at 344-7278 to request a pickup. Pickups will be made during the day on February 7th and 8th, and week nights February 9th through 13th. There will also be a van at the Boulevard Inn on Thursday the 12th, from 6:00 to 8:00 P.M. before the dinner meeting. Clothing should be clean and in good repair.

The clothing received will be distributed to one or more of the following facilities: Christ Clothing Center, 36th and Lisbon; St. Gall Church, 2610 N. Dr. King Drive; and Casa Maria Hospitality House, 1131 N. 21st Street. If you are aware of other organizations we should be including in our list, please let us know at 344-7278.

We have asked a lot of the Greater Milwaukee community; we can certainly help those that are less fortunate than we have been.

## DAVID SCHULZ TO BE SPEAKER FOR FEBRUARY DINNER MEETING

David Francis Schulz will be the featured speaker at CCBA's February 12th dinner meeting, speaking on the topic, "Milwaukee: Its Potential for the Future". Mr. Schulz currently serves as Milwaukee County's Director of Parks, Recreation and Culture for the county department of that name; a post he has held since December 1985. Before that, he was Fiscal and Budget Administrator for the Milwaukee County Department of Administration. In his current position, Schulz is responsible for the Milwaukee County park system - generally recognized as one of the finest urban park systems in the United States - with a combined operating and capital budget currently approximately \$50 million.

Before taking up his duties with Milwaukee County, Schulz worked in Chicago, serving as that city's Budget Director during the transition period of the administration of Mayor Harold Washington. As Budget Director, he restructured the city's \$147 million Community Development Block Grant program. He also formulated and implemented a financial plan for dealing with a \$134 million revenue shortfall/expenditure overrun (in less arcane terms, that means "debt").

Schulz received his undergraduate education at Purdue University, where he earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Civil Engineering *cum laude*. He received his Masters in Management - also *cum laude* - from the Graduate School of Management of Northwestern University.

He is currently a resident of the City of Milwaukee, living on North Lake Drive.

## MEMBERSHIP'S INPUT SOUGHT

Also to be featured at the February meeting will be CCBA's first "town hall" meeting segment. Members will be invited to express their views concerning the organization's present functioning and future development.

### FEBRUARY DINNER MEETING

DATE: Thursday, February 12th, 1987

PLACE: Boulevard Inn, 4300 W. Lloyd

TIME: 6:00 PM Cocktails, 7:00 Dinner, 8:00 Program

COST: \$14 with reservations, \$16 without

Program only: free to members, \$3 for non-members

RESERVATIONS: Deadline Tuesday, Feb. 10, at noon;

by mail to P. O. Box 92614, Milwaukee 53202,

or call 273-4444.

### MENU

Tossed Salads

Short Rib and Cabbage Soup

Roast Beef Sirloin

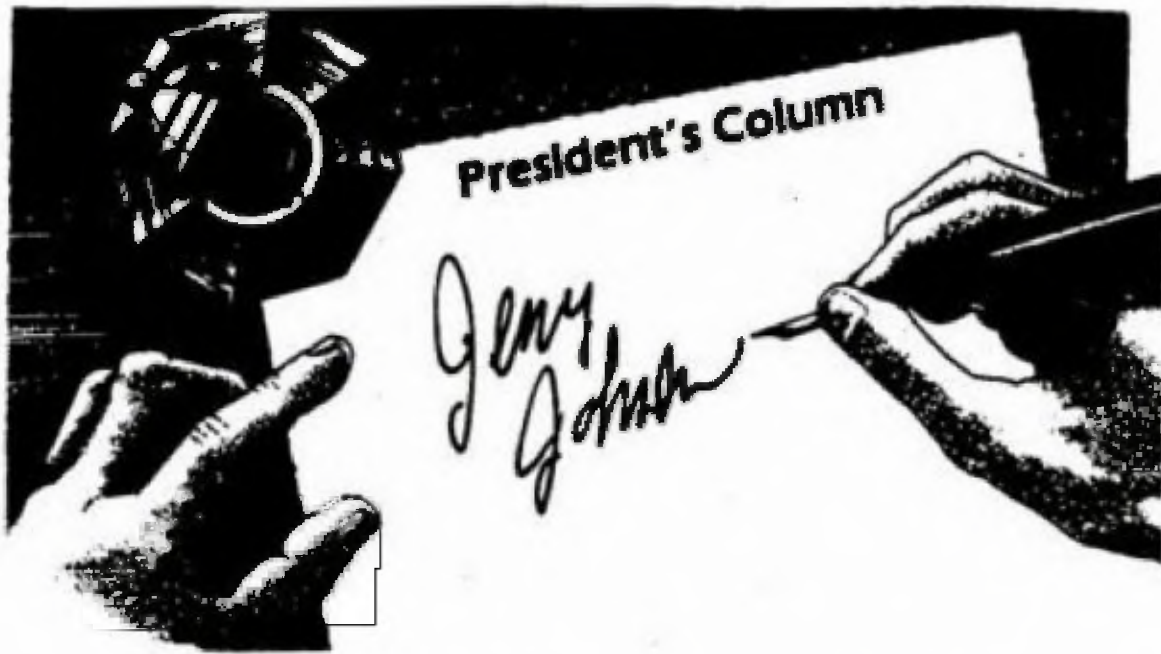
Potatoes Carrots

Carrot Cake

Coffee, Tea, or Milk

(NOTE: for vegetarians, a vegetable plate or Fettucini Alfredo is available by prior reservation only.)

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On Sunday, January 17, Milwaukee commemorated the birthday of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. with a march down King Drive, followed by a program at the Performing Arts Center. Karen Gotzler (CCBA's incoming president) and I, along with our lovers, attended to represent our organization, as one of the 133 co-sponsors of the event.

Over 100 people, black and white, participated in the march: a joyous celebration of freedom, which the media covered as a major event. Uhlein Hall, where the program took place, was packed: standing room only. It was a wonderful time: one of those electric moments when with magic, dance and words the black community remembered its past, celebrated its present, and looked with hope to the future. I was honored to be there. However, for me as a gay man and Karen as a lesbian, the whole thing had a deeper meaning than I thought that I would. As the program went on, I couldn't help thinking how much we gay/lesbian people have in common with and can learn from the black experience. Like them, we are a minority (the world's largest, if the statistics are correct). Like them, we have been persecuted for who we are. In fact, as it suddenly hit me, we are the last minority in this country that it is acceptable to persecute. They were "niggers"; we are "queers" and "dykes". They were beaten and lynched for asserting their rights; we are damned as carriers of deadly disease, while being derided and bashed for being "too public".

At the end of the program we rose to sing the stirring anthem, "We Shall Overcome". As I stood there beside my lover, I couldn't help imagining the possibility of an audience like this, both here in Milwaukee and across the nation, of both gay men and women and straights, celebrating our struggle for freedom; the straights one with us in their support, and unconcerned and unafraid that their support would be taken for membership.

A dream? Perhaps. But it is one that we, like the blacks and others have done, must struggle to accomplish, understanding (as they do) that freedom is not given: it most often must be fought for.

As the singing went on, my lover would not join in. It is not our song, he would tell me later. I'm not sure I agree with him. But if it isn't our song, then we must make it ours through our actions. Has it been nearly ten years since there has been a Gay Pride march in Milwaukee?

It has been my honor to serve this past year as your President: a particular honor since CCBA's existence is evidence of a growing spirit of assertiveness among our people that demands, as the blacks did and are doing, what is theirs and ours by right: freedom and dignity as human beings. As I leave this office, writing to you in this column for the last time, let

me say this. We are a great people who over history have contributed much to every civilization. Now we must do more. We must take up the struggle, despite what the price for each of us may be. We must move ahead, toward the time when we can say with Jews and Blacks and others: "Not now and never again!" In this process, CCBA has a leading role to play as a symbol of gay/lesbian pride. Let it be our continuing contribution to the future, as I believe it has been in the past, to so act and lead that we and all our people shall indeed "overcome one day".

- Jerry Johnson

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## SUMMARY OF JANUARY BOARD MEETING MINUTES

The 1986 and 1987 CCBA Boards met together on January 20th. Proposals for orders of the day, and rules for Board meetings, were proposed by incoming President Karen Gotzler, and were adopted.

The Treasurer's report for the six months ending December 31, 1986 showed current balances of \$625 in CCBA's accounts; \$5,574 in accounts receivable; and \$2,844 in accounts payable.

A Board Planning Day is being held on January 31st. Treasury and other transition meetings are also being scheduled.

CCBA was one of 133 co-sponsors of the Martin Luther King, Jr. festivities at the PAC. Karen Gotzler and Jerry Johnson represented CCBA in the parade.

Jerry Johnson submitted a proposal for a celebrity fundraising auction to be held in the fall, with proceeds going to the Cream City Foundation (and possibly others).

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## GAY RIGHTS IN WISCONSIN UNDER ATTACK IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

If votes alone were the measure in Wisconsin legislative action, the "Rawhide Amendment" would have passed in the 1986 legislative session. In both the House and Senate of the General Assembly, the measure won! (For those not familiar with the issue: the "Rawhide Amendment" is a bill intended to gut the state's gay rights protection law [A.B. 70] under the guise of religious freedom. It would permit such organizations as the Rawhide Boys' Ranch, which are not operated by any particular religious faith, to discriminate against gays, unmarried people, and other undesirables, on the pretext that their prejudices are religiously sanctioned, while at the same time permitting such groups to draw on public funds to continue their operations. Many political activists suspect that it is planned to amend the bill further, in such a way as to in essence repeal A.B. 70 altogether. - The Editor)

What does this all mean to the average person? Let's take one step back to understand what this thing is that the active supporters of the Rawhide Amendment wish to obtain.

As you may know, Rawhide is a place where male adolescents are sent for basic socialization. Young men are sent there by the courts of Wisconsin as an alternative to juvenile imprisonment. It is a non-affiliated not-for-profit organization. People running the program claim that they must surround these troubled youths with healthy role models - heterosexual, Christian, married role models. They state that if such persons don't follow "fundamental Christian" principles, there won't be much difference for the boys to model themselves on.

At issue? If the proposed amendment wins again, and the legislative leadership is not able or willing to stop it, Gov.

Thompson will sign the changes in the non-discrimination laws of Wisconsin. If the proposal wins, Rawhide and every other not-for-profit organization will be raised to the privileged level of a religion. Presently, religious organizations are not required to hire persons who differ with their fundamental belief systems. While this may be acceptable in the case of an established religion, to allow not-for-profits the same status basically will "gut" the non-discrimination laws for lesbians and gay men.

A closely related issue is that Rawhide received over \$500,000 of State of Wisconsin money last year as payment for the work they do with youths.

Wisconsin would then be helping to support a discriminatory program, with tax dollars raised from all Wisconsin citizens, gay or straight, married or not.

Another contradiction is this: what happens if a truly Christian person applies for a job at Rawhide, and s/he is lesbian or gay? The problem here, of course, is: who determines who is a "real" Christian? Another issue is: the majority of children are now being raised in single-parent homes - why should Rawhide, with money taxed from the citizens of Wisconsin - seek to push an image that only married male-female couples are qualified to be role models? What about the role of good people doing a good job and living a happy life?

Politically, most observers agree that if the amendment is made through regular committee channels, it will not have much of a chance to survive to a floor vote. So why be concerned?

Leaders of both houses have indicated that they will consider any amendment to any other pieces of legislation germane to discussion at any time. Consequences? Rawhide supporters will undoubtedly introduce their change via this route: tagging it onto some legislation which will have to be passed, like a budget or

appropriation bill. It could then become law through the back door of politics.

Action REQUIRED?

As usual, the average voter can do much by simply calling her or his legislator on the Legislative Hot Line, 1-800-362-9696, and leaving a message that you are opposed to any attempt by the Rawhide School, or anyone else, to change in any way the non-discrimination laws of the State of Wisconsin.

A person can also write a letter. State Senators are reached at P.O. Box 7882, Madison WI 53707. The Representatives may be reached at P.O. Box 8952, Madison WI 53707.

For the truly courageous soul, call your legislator at home to tell them in person; or go see them. Experience tells us that it doesn't take hundreds of people to get a legislator to at least become neutral on an issue.

It must also be remembered that it is harder to undo a law that already exists. So, each person must act immediately to insure that, if the amendments *are* pushed into another bill, legislators will stop the bill before it becomes law. The biggest danger to our rights is that they will be taken away "accidentally" because progressive people ignored such a possibility.

-Ralph Navarro

#### MEMBER NEWS AND INPUT NEEDED

Elsewhere in this issue, as in every issue, you may read articles about other CCBA members (Business, Charter, Individual, even Associate). Those articles could be about you! Why haven't they been? Because it seems we're always the last to hear.

Have you received an honor in your field (or has your business)? Have you been written up in a business or trade publication? Have you been promoted, or appointed to a new post? The Newsletter would love to run the good news; but we can't if you don't tell us. Please, let us know.

Also: is there anything in this issue of *The Newsletter* that particularly pleases or displeases you? If so, please write us. The strength of any membership group like CCBA derives from the individuals who contribute to the group. Even if it is only a letter to the Editor, your input is vital to the improvement of this publication.

## CCBA PUBLIC RELATIONS COMMITTEE LOOKING FOR EXPERIENCED P.R. PEOPLE

Graphic artists, photographers, and other experienced P.R. people are being sought by the CCBA P.R. Committee to help launch the organization into a positive and healthy creative re-birthing of CCBA's public image. If you are such a person, or know such a person, please call Ralph at either 276-2000 (extension 218) or 445-5552.

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4 Women's Committee Pat 265-6531

10 CCAF Calendaring Meeting Don 276-2204

12 Dinner Meeting - Boulevard Inn Sally 962-  
5940

15 Women's Ski Day Diane 672-4099

15 Wine Tasting Ci 278-0328

18 Board Meeting Karen 265-6531

26 CCAF Meeting Don 276-2204

31 Board Planning Day Karen 265-6531

### March

3 Business Enhancement Steve 273-4444 or  
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10 CCAF Calendaring Meeting Don 276-2204

15 Brunch Membership Meeting Sally 962-  
5940

19 Women's AfterWork - M&M Lounge  
Diane 672-4099

22 Wine Tasting Club Ci 278-0328

23 Board Meeting Karen 265-6531

26 CCAF Meeting Don 276-2204

### April

7 Business Enhancement Steve 273-4444 or  
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10 Dinner Meeting (Fish Fry) Sally 962-5940

12 Wine Tasting Ci 278-0328

14 CCAF Calendaring Meeting Don 276-2204

15 Board Meeting Karen 265-6531

30 CCAF Meeting Don 276-2204

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## WINE TASTERS HOLD HOLIDAY PARTY

The December holiday party of the CCBA Wine Tasting Club was held on December 14 at the home of Sally Swetnam. After a champagne warm-up, participants indulged in an *hors d'oeuvres* potluck by candlelight. The first two wines were German Kabinetts, from the well-known vineyards of Egon Müller and Steinberg. The following wines were Aulselesen and Beerenaulesen: immensely sweet and rich dessert wines. These were consumed without food. The favorite wine from these was a 1976 Auslese from the von Simmern estate. These wines are among the world's greatest and most costly wines; the wine tasting club is an affordable opportunity to experience such offerings.

New participants are always welcome. The group gets together each Sunday following the CCBA dinner meeting. The hostess or host selects the wines to be presented, and the cost of the wines is divided among the participants. Contact Ci Stein at 278-0328.

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