



GAMMA *Rays*

JULY 2011

Have A Bangin July!

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July 4th Party

Our July 4th/Monthly Party is moving to Brookfield this year. James and Brian will be hosting the event and promise a fun time for everybody. They are generously providing select beverages along with the "grillin" entrees. The fun starts at 1pm. So don't miss out. See the event listing for more details and directions.



July 4th, 1 pm





COMING IN AUGUST

Luna Lake

Nicolet National Forest Camping

This campground is located between Luna and White Deer lakes and has two unnamed loops. The larger loop offers lakefront sites under a canopy of mixed woods, including maple, birch and pine providing ample shade and excellent privacy. The smaller loop is compact but has excellent privacy between sites with no views of the lakes. The lakes are small and no motors are permitted, adding to the tranquil feel of the campground. Loons and other wildlife provide viewing opportunities. White Deer Lake is 62 acres with a sandy swimming beach. Luna Lake is 67 acres. Hiking: Luna-White Deer Trail (loop) - 4 miles. The elevation is 1,480 ft. Possible day trips to Eagle River and Vilas County Fair (open that weekend). Cost is \$15/day (shared).

Contact Bryan D for more information or to book your spot. Reservation deadline is August 7th.

<http://www.forestcamping.com/dow/eastern/niccmp.htm>

(Scroll down to Luna Lake Information)

August 11th-14th

GAMMA is “Member-Driven” ... and Your Help Is Needed

As a member of the Board of Directors, I feel inspired to write and, unsurprisingly, ask you for help! I know you've heard that before, but it certainly bears repeating.

I've heard GAMMA described so many times as a “member-driven” organization. Our activities are determined by our members.

You likely have appreciated the good times you've had socializing at GAMMA events, meeting people who've become friends, in a gay-friendly environment that isn't found just anywhere. Those events happened because members stepped forward and offered to host, manage, or assist with the event. If no member had done so, the event would not have happened.

Since I joined more than seven years ago, I've noticed that, without fail, there has always been a Monthly Party. But I also know that there have been some “close calls” when it almost didn't happen until a volunteer host was found just in time. We managed to always find someone to host. But there is never a guarantee that will happen.

GAMMA itself continues to exist because it has a working Board of Directors. If it weren't for members willing to serve in that capacity, it wouldn't be here today. Though we have a full roster of officers, there is room on the Board for more members, and we anticipate further vacancies this fall. That means that ... unless you, or someone like you, or someone you nominate, steps forward, the future is insecure.

We also have several events looming for which we need help:

- We have reserved a great location for the fall picnic, but we need members to assist or co-manage;
- We have a venue for our Hallowe'en party but will need assistance with setup;
- We have a reservation for our annual banquet, but can use help with the preparations;
- We have the opportunity to join a bowling league, but we need someone to step up to help organize a GAMMA team.

Remember, these activities will only happen if members come forth to volunteer, so I hope that you will consider helping out with whatever it is that most interests you, and/or getting your friends involved too.

Gerry O. - GAMMA Board of Directors



Thanks Jim for being the host with the most for the May Monthly Party.

Many Thanks!

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| John S. | Saturday Run/Walk |
| Jim H. | Cribbage & Monthly Party |
| Kip S. | PrideFest promo booth |
| PrideFest Volunteers | PrideFest promo booth & volleyball |
| Tony S. | PrideFest Volleyball Tournament |
| Richard G. | PrideFest Volleyball Tournament |
| Gene B. & Bob H. | Sheepshead |
| Gerry O. | Milwaukee Brewers Baseball |
| Ric F. | Dining Out |

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

JULY

- 1st Robert P.
Richard G.
- 10th John P.
- 12th Peter S.
Joe D.
Reed M.
- 18th Timm S.
- 19th Jack B.
- 20th Scott P.
- 24th Leonard S.
- 28th John H.
- 29th Todd S.



Thanks Kip for your hard work with the GAMMA promo booth at PrideFest.




Video Night "Permanent Residence"

Permanent Residence explores the life story of a young Chinese gay man who pursues an impossible love with his straight boyfriend and contemplates on the mortality of his loved ones. Permanent Residence exudes a deep understanding and sensibility towards the important issues involved in loving, living and dying. Filmed in Honk Kong. Portions subtitled.

Saturday, July 2nd, 7pm
A Tod T. Production





Day At the Lake

Michael M. is inviting all GAMMA members to a fun day at his lake cottage. Part of the day's events include a Martini cruise with Martini's compliments of our generous host. If you have your own boat you are welcome to bring it along. A good number of fun floatie devices will be available, but you're welcome to bring your own floatation device such as inner-tube, inflatable raft, noodle, or inflatable date. Please use discretion when inflating your date. See the events listing for other details and directions. See you there!

Saturday, July 23rd, 2pm



GAMMA
HAPPY HOUR
"The Room"
Friday, July 15th
6-8pm



DINING OUT JULY 29th

The Painted Parrot



July's Dining Out is a Caribbean experience. The Painted Parrot is considered one of the best Caribbean restaurants in the area. Reasonably priced and conveniently located it's the perfect place for a summertime meal.

Located at 8028 W. National Avenue, The Painted Parrot is sure to please.

See Events for contact information and to reserve your spot.

<http://www.allmenus.com/wi/west-allis/9733-painted-parrot/menu/>

JULY EVENTS

FRONTRUNNERS MILWAUKEE RUN/WALK SATURDAY MORNINGS

TIME: 9 am (Saturdays)
PLACE: Start from water tower at
east end of North Ave
FM: John S.

Rain or shine, each Saturday we meet in
friendship for some exercise. All are
welcome to join in. Breakfast afterward.



VIDEO NIGHT "PERMANENT RESIDENCE" SATURDAY, JULY 2nd

TIME: 7 pm

HOST: Tod T.

RSVP: Due to limited seating
RSVP by July 2nd (phone

or email).

OTHER: Soda & popcorn provided.



JULY 4TH PARTY MONDAY, JULY 4TH

TIME: 1 pm
PLACE: Brookfield
HOST: James N.
& Brian S.

RSVP: Optional
Sodas, limenade, Mojitos & meats (brats,
hamburger, chicken breast) provided by
James and Brian. They have seating for
40+, but if preferred, you are welcome to
bring your own chair. Side dishes are
welcome/encouraged. Bring your own
beverage if preferred



NO BOARD MEETING FOR JULY

NO CRIBBAGE FOR JULY



GAMMA HAPPY HOUR FRIDAY, JULY 15th

TIME: 6-8 pm
PLACE: The Room (on patio
weather permitting)
625 S. 2nd St Milwaukee
EM: Reed M.
& Timm S.

RSVP: None
Directions: S 2nd St between Bruce and Pierce
directly across from the Mobil station.

SHEEPSHEAD TUESDAY, JULY 19th

TIME: 7:30 pm
PLACE:
HOST: Wauwatosa
Mark O.

BRING: \$1 and beverage
RSVP: Recommended

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE WEDNESDAY, JULY 20th



DAY AT THE LAKE SATURDAY, JULY 23RD

TIME: 2 pm
PLACE: Okauchee
HOST: Michael M.
BRING: Dish to pass and your
beverage of choice. Bring meat to
grill. Grills provided. Martinis
provided for cruise.
RSVP: Optional
OTHER: Parking is on the outer
lawn or on the street, not in the
driveway except for loading,
unloading and handicapped. The
property has 2 cottages; one on the
top of the hill next to the driveway
(booked for other event), and
another cottage at the end of the
driveway at bottom on the hill literally
against the lake where our event will
take place.

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**DINING OUT DEADLINE
TUESDAY, JULY 26th**



**DINING OUT
FRIDAY, JULY 29th**

TIME: 7 pm drinks, 7:30 dinner

PLACE: The Painted Parrot
8028 W National Ave
West Allis

EM: Bill M.

& Craig T.

RSVP: Required by the 26th.

Directions: I94 east or west to 84th Street exit
south. Go south on 84th St to National Ave.

Turn left (east) at National approx. 3.5 blocks
to restaurant.



GAMMA BOARD DIRECTORY

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Tony S.	Volleyball Coordinator
Bill M.	Dining Out
Todd S.	Dining Out

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LIABILITY WAIVER:

Event participants should understand that some activities can be physically demanding and even dangerous. Neither GAMMA nor the organizers of an event assume liability for any injury which may result from participating in an activity. Participants assume all liability for their own conduct and safety.

The membership directory as well as the personal information listed in the newsletter is for the private use of our members ONLY and should not be distributed or shared.

GAMMA's membership year is from July 1 to June 30, but join any time during the year and the dues are pro-rated. Annual dues are \$36 for individuals, \$57 for two persons receiving one newsletter, or \$16 for out-of-state members. Dues are not tax deductible. Call Richard G. at (414) 530-1886 for membership dues information.








GAMMA also maintains a web site complete with event information as well as digital copies of the newsletter. Please visit us on-line at www.milwaukeegamma.com.

Future Events...

August Monthly Party
Luna Lake Camping
Devils Lake Camping
Fall Picnic

August 6th
August 11th-14th
August 18th-21st
September 11th

JULY 2011

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2 FRONTRUNNERS Run/Walk 9 am (repeats every Saturday) VIDEO NIGHT "PERMANENT RESIDENCE" 7pm
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ATTENTION CAMPERS!

Devils Lake Camping



Don't forget to sign up for camping in August. The cost is \$14. Interested parties should send their check made out to GAMMA to Dan ASAP. We have only TWO sites this year so space is quite limited. Deadline is August 8th.

August 18th to 21st