



GAMMA *Rays*

JANUARY 2012



HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!

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Welcome to another new year which should be packed full of *GAMMA* events for you to enjoy. We get the party started at Jim, Lee, and Peter's out in the Falls on the 7th. After that we have dining out, Sheepshead, and Game Night at Kip & Tim's. We finish up the month with *GAMMA* Happy Hour at "The Room". There is something for everybody so come on out and have a great time with your *GAMMA* friends.

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A New Year and a New Opportunity To Party!!

As I said at our annual Banquet, a mainstay of GAMMA has been our **Monthly parties** and **Game Nights**. And once again, we need members to come forward and open your homes for all our partying needs. We have had great participation in the past. But we have also had some near misses if it wasn't for the board members coming forward and offering to host these events. We are off to good start: We have 6 monthly party dates covered: Great! Since the Annual Banquet is in November, we just need 5 more dates covered. These dates are open and in need of hosts: April 4th, May 5th, August 4th, October 6th, and December 1st (the Christmas Party). Looking at the Game Night dates, we have 5 covered. We are in need of these dates: March 17th, September 15th, October 20th, and December 15th. I am not counting June, July or August for Game Nights, since we typically have not done them during the summer, but you are always welcome to be creative and plan a naked twister party in July!! (just testing to see if you are really reading this). Hosting can be fun!! Remember, you can ask others to help and collaborate for a night. Game Nights are easy since we typically have 6 to 12 people. Do you have a kitchen table? That works! Let's have fun. Call or email me if you can do a date.

David S

MGSN Update

I recently attended a meeting of the Milwaukee Gay Sports Network, which seeks to keep a dialogue of communication going among the Milwaukee area's various recreation/sport groups. GAMMA still has a role to play in sports; besides our involvement in volleyball, we are the only LGBT group around holding camping events (that we know of!), and we work closely with the only runners group, FrontRunners.

MGSN is planning a number of sport and social events this year. For the latest info, check milwaukeeegaysports.com.

Gerry O

GAMMA
HAPPY HOUR
"Room @ Boom"

Jan 27th
6 - 8 pm





**Thanks Brian & James
for an absolutely fabulous
Holiday Party!!! U ROCK!**



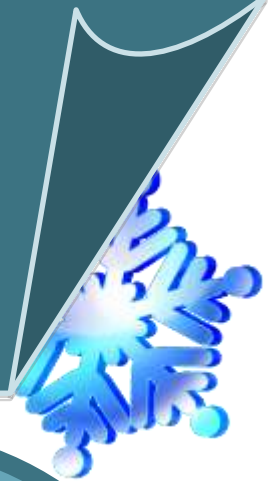
That's the Holiday Spirit!

We frequently hear about the winter holiday season being a time when many of us are vulnerable to depression or loneliness. That's all the more reason for us at GAMMA to host social events at this time. So it was gratifying to see the number of holiday-themed events held in December.

Thanks much to James and Brian for opening their home for our lively holiday party. Our dining group shifted their format for a special holiday-themed Sunday brunch. And most notably, member Timm Short was so thoughtful to offer a party at his home on Christmas Eve, providing an alternative and welcoming option at such a time. Though I have spent many a Christmas alone and not minded it, I much looked forward to being at this event. Furthermore, one of the regulars at our affiliated FrontRunners hosted a New Year's Eve party at his home.

At this time of year, social groups like GAMMA can have a really important role.

Gerry O



Many Thanks!

John S	Saturday Run/Walk
John M	Cribbage
James N & Brian S	Monthly Party
Richard G & Ken K	Game Night
Bil R	Sheepshead
Reed M & Timm S	Happy Hour Christmas Eve
Roger K	Holiday Brunch

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

January

1st	Dean R
3rd	Lee S
5th	Victor C
6th	Ken K
7th	Philip H
8th	Maryanne G
10th	Gerry O
19th	David S
	Glen T
23rd	Don T
30th	James D



Game Night



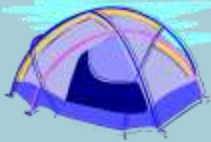
Saturday, January 21st

7pm





Good food and fun at the Holiday Party!



Camping anyone?



Anyone up for some camping for real men? How about some tents under ice, eating frozen weenies, and freezing your butt off. No sex on this trip unless you want frostbite on your own weenie. It's time for some January camping. What do you say?

I'm sure the answer is "NO WAY JOSE". However, it is time to mark your calendar and join Lee S, our event manager, for the August 2012 Devil's Lake Camping & Wollersheim Excursion. Four nights with your GAMMA buddies having fun, sitting around the fire and sharing stories. Camping starts on Wednesday the 15th thru Sunday the 19th. Length of stay can vary. See Lee for details.

On Friday, those who want to, will be touring the Wollersheim Winery and, of course, enjoying the product. For the rest of your time you will be able to hike, swim, bike, or boat (canoes, kayaks, sailboats, paddleboats etc. are available).

You can steep yourself in pioneer culture and learn all about the Indian mounds. You can tour the Ringling Bros. Circus Museum or stroll through one of Wisconsin's most beautiful opera houses in Baraboo. There is also go-karting, miniature golf and making side trips to places like Partfrey's Glen where you can experience first-hand being "between a rock and a hard place".

Join us for a good time, make new friends, break your routine and do something new and adventurous. If you are alone, carpooling and sharing equipment is possible.

For more information don't wait. Call Lee NOW.

Visit devilstakewisconsin.com to explore all the possibilities.

JANUARY EVENTS



DINING OUT DEADLINE MONDAY, JANUARY 9th



BOARD MEETING TUESDAY, JANUARY 10th

TIME: 6 pm dinner,
7 pm meeting
PLACE: Riverfront Pizzeria
509 E Erie St
Milwaukee

EM: Gerry O
RSVP: Requested.

OTHER: Due to transition from old board to new this meeting will begin with optional dining at 6pm.

Directions: Take I-94 east to I794 east exiting on Lincoln Memorial Drive. Go north 1/2 block to E Michigan St. Turn right (east) 1/2 block to Harbor Drive. Turn right (south) on Harbor Drive which ends on E Polk St. Turn right on Polk to E Erie St.



DINING OUT FRIDAY, JANUARY 13th

TIME: 7 pm drinks,
7:30 dinner
PLACE: Milwaukee Sail Loft
649 E Erie St
Milwaukee

EM: Todd S

RSVP: .Required by Mon.the 9th

Directions: Take I-94 east to I794 east exiting on Lincoln Memorial Drive. Go north 1/2 block to E Michigan St. Turn right (east) 1/2 block to Harbor Drive. Turn right (south) on Harbor Drive which ends on E Polk St. Turn right on Polk to E Erie St. Turn left on Erie to south end of condo complex and restaurant. Parking is across the street from the restaurant.



SHEEPSHEAD TUESDAY, JANUARY 17th

TIME: 7:30pm
PLACE: Brookfield
HOST: Tom W
BRING: \$1 plus beverage
RSVP: Recommended



GAME NIGHT SATURDAY, JANUARY 21st

TIME: 7 pm
PLACE: Milwaukee
HOST: Kip S & Tim L
RSVP: Optional
BRING: Games of choice, snacks
and beverages.



GAMMA HAPPY HOUR FRIDAY, JANUARY 27th

TIME: 6-8 pm
PLACE: The Room @ Boom
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

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.

NO JANUARY CRIBBAGE

MONTHLY PARTY SATURDAY, JANUARY 7th

TIME: 7 pm
PLACE: Menomonee Falls
HOST: Jim, Lee, and Peter
BRING: Dish to pass and your favorite beverage.
RSVP: Optional



GAMMA OUTGOING BOARD DIRECTORY

Richard G	President
Ned T	Vice President/Membership/Dining Out Coord.
Gerald O	Secretary/Outdoor & Sporting
Tom R	Treasurer
Reed M	Newsletter & Calendar
David S	Recreational & Monthly Parties
Kip Spiering	Membership Recruitment & Marketing

ADDITIONAL MEMBER SUPPORT

John S	Front Runners
Michael H	Sheepshead Coordinator
Dan L	Mail & Camping Coordinator
David S	Cribbage Coordinator
Tony S	Volleyball Coordinator

GAMMA INCOMING BOARD DIRECTORY

*New board positions/functions including president determined at January board meeting.

Richard G	*Board Member
Gerald O	*Board Member
Tom R	*Board Member
David S	*Board Member
Bill M	*Board Member
Andrew K	*Board Member
Roger K	*Board Member

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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.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 A HAPPY NEWYEAR	2	3	4	5	6	7 FRONTRUNNERS Run/Walk 9 am (repeats every Saturday) MONTHLY PARTY 7pm 
8	9 DINING OUT DEADLINE 	10 BOARD MEETING 7pm 	11	12	13 DINING OUT 7pm 	14
15	16	17 SHEEPSHEAD 7:30pm 	18	19	20 NEWSLETTER DEADLINE 	21 GAME NIGHT 7pm 
22	23	24	25	26	27 GAMMA HAPPY HOUR 6-8pm 	28
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January Dining Out

Milwaukee Sail Loft

Come on out and enjoy a new harbor front destination. With offerings like Seafood Diablo, a seafood combination plate, Pecan Crusted Scallops, Stuffed Pork Loin, Turkey Meatloaf, Caprese Grilled Cheese, or a variety of burgers and sandwiches, their menu is a nice blend of seafood and non-seafood options at affordable prices. As noted on their website, they have an "atmosphere of old maritime industrial blended with modern metropolitan luxury". This should make for a wonderful dining experience. See January Events for more information.

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Friday, January 13th, 7pm