



# GAMMA Rays

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DINING OUT AT...

# Rustico

223 N. Water Street, Milwaukee  
[www.rusticopizzeria.com](http://www.rusticopizzeria.com)

**Don't miss Dining Out this month at the Italian ristorante 'Rustico'. Rustico offers a large selection of Italian favorites** such as pasta, seafood, salads and pizzas, along with a large selection of wines and Italian desserts. Everyone is sure to find something to enjoy at a reasonable price.

See the events listing pages for more information

Submissions for the GAMMA Rays should be sent to the editor.  
The Deadline for the May edition is April, 22–5:00 p.m.

# Our History

## Another Anniversary

By Richard Q.

Over the past several months Milwaukee GAMMA has celebrated 30 years of social and recreational activities offered to members of the Milwaukee LGTB community. 2009, however, marks the 40th anniversary of another, more globally significant event in our collective history.

It was in the early morning hours of June 28, 1969 at the Stonewall Inn in New York City's Greenwich Village that a series of spontaneous, violent demonstrations against a police raid spawned the gay rights movement that subsequently spread throughout the United States and around the world.

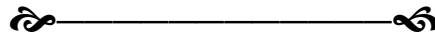
In the ensuing four decades, gay men and women have witnessed significant advances toward social equality through progressive legislation, activism, and an increased acceptance of diversity within American society. Progress, however, has been slow. Only in 1973 did the American Psychiatric Association finally remove homosexuality from its Diagnostic and Statistical Manual where it had been classified as a sociopathic personality disturbance for more than a quarter of a century. Until Wisconsin became the first state in the Union to pass laws banning discrimination based upon orientation, gay men and women could legally be denied housing and employment in an era that did not yet recognize hate as a crime.

Gay bars in Milwaukee and other cities were purposely inconspicuous in blighted neighborhoods, their entrances dimly lit or only accessible from alleys. Patrons and employees risked harassment and violence in these settings, and there were few alternatives to the bars until GAMMA and similar social organizations came into being.

In the forty years since Stonewall, gay men and women have striven to overcome ignorance and bigotry throughout the world, but despite many accomplishments, much more remains to be done. Too many gay teens are still thrown out of their homes, rejected by their families for truthfully expressing their very human need for love and companionship. Too many elderly gay men and women, without spouses or children, lead lonely lives in isolation. The HIV/AIDS virus has marked the beginning of a third decade without affordable treatment

or a cure. And too many Americans are denied the civil right to unite with the person of his or her choice in marriage.

The resolution of these and many other concerns, including the divisions within our own community, will require the sometimes conflicting qualities of commitment, courage, activism, and patience. From the legacy of the Stonewall riots, we have seen that we can create and demand fulfilling lives of equality within our larger society. Our past is indeed our prologue -- for at least the next forty years.



## WI Gay Volleyball Association GAMMA Team Members Needed New Milwaukee Division

The WGVA has announced the start of Milwaukee branch league play starting in April or May of 2009.

Full details have not been published yet but GAMMA is looking for players to form both high and low skill level teams.

Please e-mail or call GAMMA Volleyball Director Peter Schell if you are interested in joining a GAMMA team of either skill level. If enough members show interest, Peter can contact the league for more information and start forming teams.

Please contact Peter S.

## GAMMA e-Rays

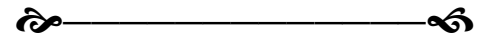
Did you know you can receive the GAMMA newsletter through email each month and receive it up to a week earlier than the mailed paper copy?

Contact Richard G. to be added to the email list to receive the high resolution PDF copy each month in your email.

## Thank you...



Many thanks to David S. for hosting the March Monthly Party!



## Do You Have an Idea? New Events!

Do you have an idea for a new event? Give it a try! Member hosted events are what makes GAMMA great. There may be others in GAMMA who might also enjoy the event that was your idea.

Many events that we think of as traditional GAMMA events, were once a members brainstorm. Whether your event turns out to be a small gathering of GAMMA friends, or group, it is sure to be enjoyed by all who attend.



Contact any Board Member to find a suitable date and then complete an event sheet for publication in a future newsletter. The Board Member directory can be found on page six of this newsletter.

The success of GAMMA depends on members willing to create and host new events each month!



# HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

APRIL

- 4 Richard Q.
- 12 Dan L.
- 14 Jeff G.
- 18 Bob Z.
- 18 Kip S.
- 18 Doug J.
- 21 Bruce L.
- 22 Michael E.
- 25 Victor L.
- 27 Jim K.
- 30 Wayne K.

## Donations

Dear GAMMA Members:

The Board of Directors recently received a check in the amount of \$125.00 from the G/L Community Trust Fund. These funds came from fundraising benefits and the direct mailing campaign the Trust Fund held during the second half of 2008. We were not informed of the donors but we are confident that our members gave to the Trust Fund on our behalf and for that we are grateful. The monies will be used to supplement funding of our community programming, including social volleyball and our presence at Pridefest.

The G/L Community Center & Trust Fund based in Milwaukee is a tax exempt 501c (3) organization and contributions made to this organization are tax deductible to the full extent of the law. Checks should be made to the G/L Community Center Trust Fund and sent to PO BOX 1686 Milwaukee, WI 53201. In addition, you need to indicate with your correspondence that your donation is for Milwaukee GAMMA and specify the purpose. The funds will then be turned over to GAMMA with the timing based on the amount(s) received.

The GAMMA Board of Directors is thankful for this donation as well as the work of the G/L Community Trust Fund.

## Calling All Aspiring Authors! *And Everyone In Between*

You may have noticed that the content of our monthly newsletters has been a bit light in the past few months. As your newsletter editor, it is often difficult to **"make-up" content each month due to** the overall production schedule so we are hoping our fellow GAMMA friends can assist.

One of the easiest ways to generate more content would be to have more events each month other than the regularly occurring events such as Cribbage, Sheepshhead, Bowling, and Dining Out. Why not step forward and put together a new event for your GAMMA friends and get it advertised in the newsletter.

Another idea we would like to do is **feature more member driven 'general interest' articles. An example of these articles** are a short series of articles written by David Hammond last year on different types of card games such as Cribbage and Euchre.

There are many general interest topics for articles such as book reviews, CD/DVD reviews, movie/theatre reviews or other similar articles. We would like to include one or two member articles each month depending on the number of events or board mandated content in any given issue.

**So here's your chance to get published and share your knowledge. There are only a few guidelines to follow...**

- ❖ Please keep the article length to 450 words or less. Articles beyond this length may need to be edited
- ❖ The article needs to be your own original work.
- ❖ Please proof your work for any possible spelling and grammatical errors.
- ❖ Please submit the article to the newsletter editor by the designated newsletter deadline.

If you have any questions, please contact **the newsletter editor at...**



## Rome Movie Night

Please roam on down to Richard Q.'s place on the lower east side to spend an evening watching "Rome".

The miniseries is an intimate drama of love and betrayal, masters and slaves, and husbands and wives, 'Rome' chronicles the epic times that saw the fall of a Republic and the creation of an empire.

The series is shot throughout Italy and boasts the largest standing film set in the world, comprising five acres of backlot and six soundstages at the world-famous Cinecittà Studios. To learn more about 'Rome', visit the website... [www.hbo.com/rome/](http://www.hbo.com/rome/)

A light supper will be provided along with soft drinks.

(This will be a recurring event every month during the winter and early spring.)

# April Events

## FRONTRUNNERS MILWAUKEE RUN/WALK APRIL 4, 11, 18, 25

Time: 9:00 a.m. (Saturdays)  
Place: Start from Water Tower  
at East end of North Ave.  
FMI: John S.

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

## CRIBBAGE APRIL 2

Time: 7:00 p.m.  
Place: Milwaukee  
Host: Richard Q.  
Bring: \$1.00 and your beverage  
RSVP: Optional  
Other: All abilities welcome!

## ART MUSEUM TOUR APRIL 4

Time: 11:00 a.m.—Noon  
Place: Milwaukee Art Museum  
EM: Richard G.  
Other: For more information, please contact the E.M.

## MONTHLY PARTY APRIL 4

Time: 7:00 p.m.  
Place: West Milwaukee  
Host: Bruce L. & Jerry G.  
Bring: A dish to pass and your beverage  
RSVP: Optional

## MAKE A PROMISE DINNER APRIL 4

Place: Midwest Airlines Center  
EM: Dan L.  
Other: Please contact Dan for a last minute add on.

## ROME MOVIE NIGHT APRIL 5

Time: 6:30—9:00 p.m.  
Place: Milwaukee  
EM: Richard Q.  
RSVP: Highly Suggested

## BOWLING APRIL 10

Time: 7:00-9:30 p.m.  
Place: AMF-West Allis  
EM: Tony S. and Yan L.  
Bring: Bowling shoes & ball or rent them  
Cost: Shoe Rental \$2.00  
\$4.00 per game  
(We usually play three games)  
RSVP: Recommended  
Other: Participants are encouraged to bring AMF/Entertainment Book coupons to help reduce their bowling costs.

Directions: Take I-94 (West) to the Highway 100 (South) exit (#304A). Proceed South on Highway 100 to Lapham St. Turn right (West) onto Lapham St. and proceed to address on left (South) side of the street.

## GAME NIGHT RSVP DEADLINE APRIL 10

Place: Board Game Barrister  
EM: Peter S.  
Other: **Please call or email so you won't be left out on April 18.**

## BOARD MEETING APRIL 15

Time: 7:00 p.m.  
Place: Menomonee Falls  
Host: Peter S.  
RSVP: Recommended



## GAME NIGHT APRIL 18

Time: 7:00 p.m.  
Place: Board Game Barrister  
Bayshore Town Center  
5738 North Bayshore Drive  
Suite D-100, Glendale  
EM: Peter S.  
Bring: Games are provided. OK to bring  
snacks & non-alcoholic beverages  
to the rotunda.  
RSVP: REQUIRED BY APRIL 10

Directions: North on I-43 to Silver Spring Drive East,  
Exit 78. Turn left onto Port Washington Road. Store is  
located in the rotunda, below the iPic and Bar Louie,  
across from Alterra Coffee, near Boston Store and  
Forever 21.

## VOLLEYBALL APRIL 19

Time: 1:00-3:00 p.m.  
Place: Beulah Brinton Center  
2555 S. Bay St.  
Milwaukee  
EM: Peter S.  
Cost: \$6.00  
RSVP: Recommended  
Other: Indoor hard court in Bay View.  
Juice, water, and snacks provided

Directions: Take the Lake Parkway south to East Rus-  
sell Ave. Go right (west) on Russell one block to South  
Bay Street. Go right on Bay Street (north) about 500  
feet the Brinton Center on the left (west side).

## DINING OUT RSVP DEADLINE APRIL 20

Place: Rustico  
EM: Rob C.  
Other: **Please call or email so you won't**  
be left out on April 24.

## SHEEPSHEAD APRIL 21

Time: 7:30 p.m.  
Place: Milwaukee  
Host: Kip S.  
Bring: \$1.00 and Beverage  
RSVP: Recommended

## NEWSLETTER DEADLINE APRIL 22

Time: 5:00 p.m.

Submit event listings and articles to the  
editor.

## DINING OUT APRIL 24

Time: 7:00 p.m. cocktails  
7:30 p.m. dinner  
Place: Rustico  
223 N. Water St.  
Milwaukee  
EM: Rob C.  
RSVP: MANDATORY BY APRIL 20  
Cost: \$7.95–\$18.95  
Other: [www.rusticopizzeria.com](http://www.rusticopizzeria.com)  
Please join us for a great Italian  
meal and a glass of wine. Rustico  
serves pasta, pizza, and other  
Italian specialties.  
Please note: If street parking is  
not available there is parking  
available for a fee in the Chicago  
St. parking ramp.

Directions: From the Marquette Interchange head  
downtown via Wisconsin Ave. Head east on Wiscon-  
sin to Water St. Take Water St. south to the resta-  
urant. Rustico will be on the west side of the street  
just north of the river.

## NOTE ON DIRECTIONS:

Generally, directions provided in the news-  
letter are from the Marquette Interchange  
where I-94, I-794, and I-43 intersect. If you  
need help, call the host or event manager.



# Accolades

## MARCH EVENTS

Richard Q.—Rome Movie Night  
David S.—Cribbage  
David S.—Monthly Party  
Ric F. & Wayne P.—Game Night  
Tony S. & Yan L.—Bowling  
Peter S.—Volleyball  
Joe D.—Sheepshead  
Rob C.—Adventure Dining and Dining Out

THANKS TO ALL WHO PARTICIPATED  
OR HELPED TO MAKE THESE EVENTS A SUCCESS!

## GAMMA BOARD DIRECTORY

Kyle P. (09)	President
Richard G. (10)	Vice President & Membership
Patrick O. (09)	Secretary & Historian
Brad R. (10)	Treasurer
Peter S. (09)	Volleyball & Game Night
Rob C. (09)	Social & Cultural
Chris R. (09)	Outdoor/Recreational & Events Calendar
Bill W. (09)	Special Projects
<u>Additional member support:</u>	
John S.	Front Runners
Ken K.	Webmaster
Michael H.	Sheepshead
Dan L.	Mail Coordinator
Art S.	Cribbage Coordinator
Todd S.	Newsletter Editor

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## CHANGE OF ADDRESS:

Please notify the club of changes in mailing and/or e-mail address. Proper addresses insure prompt delivery of the newsletter. Address-change notifications by the Postal Service cost the club money.

## 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 \$30.00 for individuals, \$48.00 for two persons receiving one newsletter, or \$15.00 for out-of-state members. Dues are not tax deductible. Call Richard Goldberg 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](http://www.milwaukeegamma.com)



# April 2009

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2 CRIBBAGE 7:00 p.m.  	3	4 FRONTRUNNERS Run/Walk 9:00 a.m.  MUSEUM TOUR 11:00 a.m.  MONTHLY PARTY 7:00 p.m.  MAKE A PROMISE 7:00 p.m.
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12   EASTER	13	14	15 BOARD MEETING 7:00 p.m.	16	17	18 FRONTRUNNERS Run/Walk 9:00 a.m.  GAME NIGHT 7:00 p.m. Board Game Barrister
19 VOLLEYBALL 1:00-3:00 p.m.	20 DINING OUT RSVP DEADLINE	21 SHEEPSHEAD 7:30 p.m.  	22 NEWSLETTER DEADLINE	23	24 DINING OUT 7:00 p.m. cocktails 7:30 p.m. dinner Rustico  	25 FRONTRUNNERS Run/Walk 9:00 a.m.
26	27	28	29	30		

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anytime up to the deadline of April 22, 5:00 p.m.



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## Future Events

DATE & TIME	EVENT
May 2—7:00 p.m.	Monthly Party
May 3—6:30 p.m.	Rome Movie Night
May 7—7:00 p.m.	Cribbage
May 8—7:00 p.m.	Bowling
May 9—7:00 p.m.	Game Night
May 14—7:00 p.m.	Adventure Dining
May 17—1:00-3:00 p.m.	Volleyball
May 19—7:30 p.m.	Sheepshead
May 22—7:00 p.m.	Dining Out
<i>PLAN AHEAD...</i>	
June 12, 13, & 14, 2009	Milwaukee PrideFest
August 20-23, 2009	Devil's Lake Camping