



GAMMA Rays

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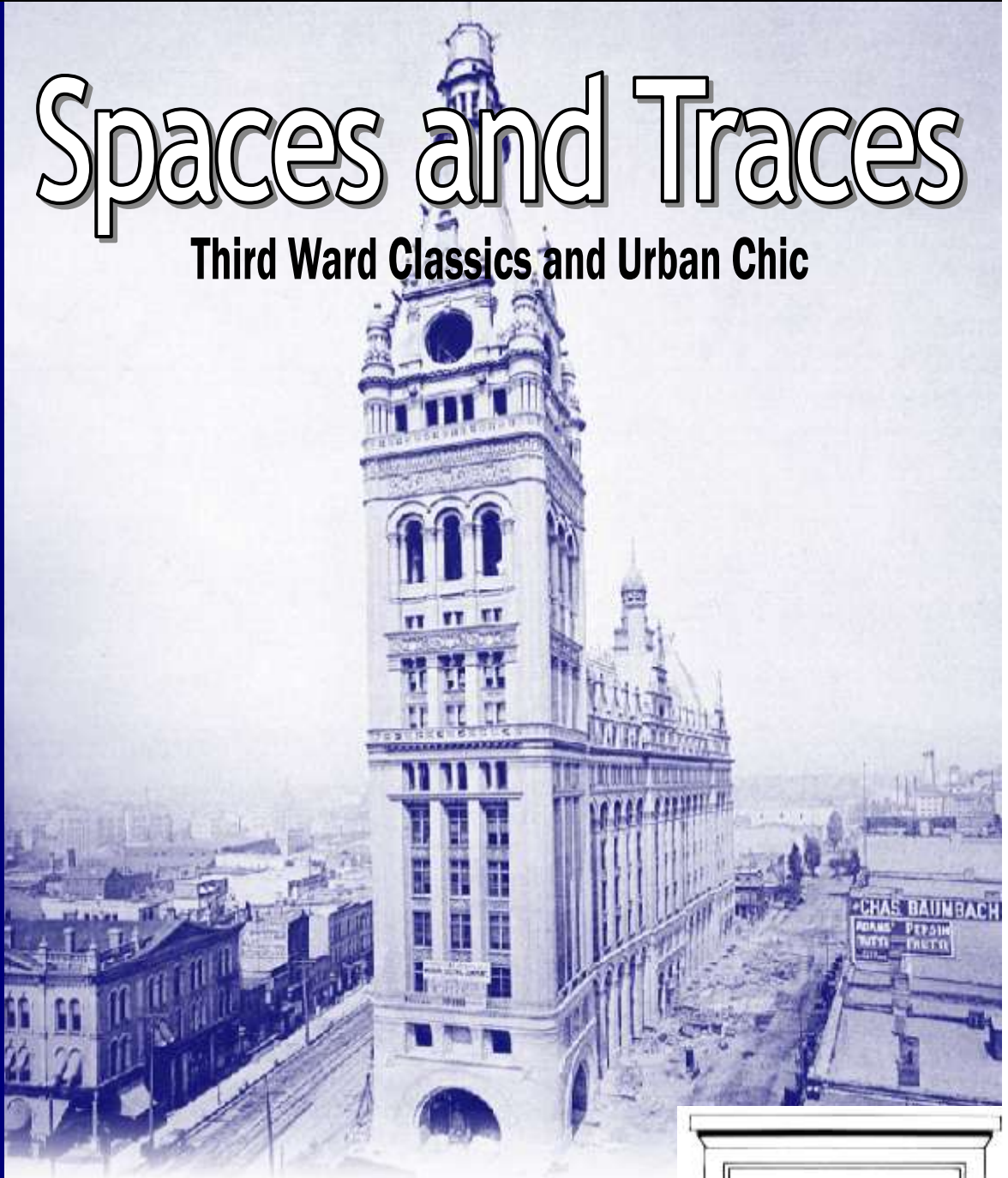
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Spaces and Traces

Third Ward Classics and Urban Chic



JOIN HMI FOR THE 28TH ANNUAL SPACES & TRACES TOUR this year held May 16, 2009, in the Historic Third Ward. Formerly a warehousing and manufacturing district, Milwaukee's Third Ward has been a hotbed of recent development. Among the buildings we will explore include the newly refurbished (1875) Pritzlaff Hardware Complex (a Third Ward Classic), as well as the recently completed (or modern) Hansen's Landing Condominiums (representing urban chic). As always John Gurda, Milwaukee's premier historian, will augment the day-long event.



Make a Promise

The Make A Promise Dinner and Auction was held on Saturday April 7th. Approximately 700 were in attendance. Once again, the event was held at the Midwest Airlines Center in downtown Milwaukee. Nine GAMMA members and three guests enjoyed the dinner at table 30 next to Cliff Heise's table. Some of you know Blaine Roberts. He made the trip from Chicago and was at the Heise table.

The evening began with the silent auction and cash bars and then proceeded to the dinner event in the next hall. After the dinner, three presentations were made as part of the awards program. Chief Justice of the Wisconsin Supreme Court, Shirley Abrahamson, spoke to the group. We were treated to some authentic Hawaiian hula dance and even some flaming torches.

The evening closed with music from Swing Nouveau. Everyone had a good time. Mark your calendars for next year's event to be held on Saturday April 17th.



Make-A-Promise Dinner 2009



Thank you...

Many thanks to Bruce L. and Jerry G. for hosting the April Monthly Party!

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.

PrideFest 2009

Volunteers Wanted

Why not spend a summer's day talking to new people and telling them about all the **good times and great friends you've made** through a fun little group of folks that we like to call GAMMA?

GAMMA is proud to again sponsor free open volleyball and a booth at the Diverse and Resilient Wellness Area during PrideFest 2009 on Friday, June 13 and Saturday, June 14

PrideFest in Milwaukee is still one of the biggest and best gatherings of the LGBT community in the US. GAMMA needs volunteers to make the event a success. Last year, our members showed phenomenal support despite the inclement weather. Dozens of festival goers stopped by to chat and find out more about our exceptional organization.

We need at least two people at the booth at all times to greet visitors and to make sure that everyone playing volleyball has signed a waiver. The Wellness area runs from 11 am to 6pm. We also need help for set up and put away before and after hours of operation. If you can sign up as a backup volunteer for some of the time slots, that is also greatly appreciated.

GAMMA will have brochures and a PrideFest issue of the newsletter available for you and visitors to learn more about GAMMA.

We are offering free passes for anyone who volunteers 4 or more hours but most members volunteer for one or two hour-long slots on either or both of the two days.

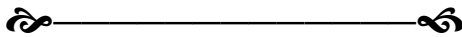
The Wellness Area directors ask three things of GAMMA and the booth volunteers:

- 1) Our booth is part of the Wellness Area so no alcohol or tobacco usage is allowed at the booth.
- 2) GAMMA supplies the names, addresses and phone numbers of all volunteers to PrideFest for security purposes only, not for promotions or sales lists.
- 3) Booth volunteers need to be outgoing and dynamic as they can. Ask visitors if they are looking for a fun alternative to the bars and share some stories if you can.

Please contact Peter Schell or any other board member and let us know what time or day you can help out. We will book slots on a first come, first served basis.

Your can reach Peter.

Have a good time with your fellow members at the fest and show your support for the **community while you're at it. Thank you very much for your help.**



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

May

- 4 Roger T.
- 5 Angela B.
- 5 Jeff K.
- 7 Bill W.
- 11 Patrick B.
- 14 Richard F.
- 20 John C.
- 22 Jack L.
- 23 Gene B.
- 24 Bil R.
- 26 Ned T.
- 27 Thomas B.
- 27 Jerry G.
- 27 Larry W.
- 28 James G.
- 31 Patrick O.

May Events

FRONTRUNNERS MILWAUKEE RUN/WALK MAY 2, 9, 16, 23, 30

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 wel-
come to join in. Breakfast afterwards.

MONTHLY PARTY MAY 2

Time: 7:00 p.m.
Place: Glendale
Host: Jim H.
Bring: A dish to pass and your beverage
RSVP: Optional

ROME MOVIE NIGHT MAY 3

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

BOARD MEETING MAY 6

Time: 7:00 p.m.
Place: Port Washington
Host: Bill W.
RSVP: Recommended

CRIBBAGE MAY 7

Time: 7:00 p.m.
Place: Racine
Host: Ed H.
Bring: \$1.00 and your beverage
RSVP: Optional
Other: All abilities welcome!

BOWLING MAY 8

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 MAY 9

Time: 7:00 p.m.
Place: Jack L. & John S.
Bring: Your favorite board game
RSVP: Not required but would be nice
Other: Snacks and beverages will be
provided. Our home is fragrance
free because of severe allergies.
Please do not wear any fragrances,
colognes, aftershave etc.

ADVENTURE DINING RSVP DEADLINE MAY 11

Place: Three Brothers
EM: Rob C.
Other: **Please call or email so you won't
be left out on May 14**

ADVENTURE DINING MAY 14

Time: 7:00 p.m.
Place: Three Brothers
2414 S. St. Claire St.
EM: Rob C.
RSVP: MANDATORY BY APRIL 20
Cost: \$12.50–\$17.50
Other: Three Brothers does NOT take
credit cards! Cash or check only.

Directions: From the Marquette Interchange take I-
794 east. Cross over the Hoan Bridge and exit at the
Port of Milwaukee Exit. At the bottom of the ramp turn
left, on to Carferry Rd. At the next stop sign turn Right
and pass the Coast Guard Station. As the road turns
you will be on Russell Drive., follow this approximately
4 blocks to St. Claire St. Turn right and the restaurant
will be on your right.

VOLLEYBALL
RSVP DEADLINE
MAY 14

Place: Beulah Brinton
EM: Tony S.

SPACES AND TRACES
MAY 16

Time: 11:00 a.m.
Place: Italian Community Center
EM: Bill B.
Cost: \$25.00 payable at the lecture

Includes...

*11:00 a.m. lecture by historian
*John Gurda on the swamp land
that became the 3rd ward.*

*1:00 p.m. lecture by author
*Frank Alioto on the 3rd ward
after the great fire*

*Self paced tour of 12 homes of
*distinction plus six other places
of interest. Stay with the group
or follow your own schedule.*

RSVP: REQUESTED BY MAY 15

Other: Meet at the Italian Community
Center for 11:00 a.m. lecture.
Suggested place for lunch, The
Public Market.

VOLLEYBALL
MAY 17

Time: 1:00-3:00 p.m.
Place: Beulah Brinton Center
2555 S. Bay St.
Milwaukee

EM: Tony S.

Cost: \$6.00

RSVP: REQUIRED BY MAY 14

Other: Indoor hard court in Bay View.

Juice, water, and snacks provided

Directions: Take the Lake Parkway south to East
Russell 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
MAY 18

Place: Rock Bottom Brewery

EM: Rob C.

Other: **Please call or email so you won't
be left out on May 22.**

SHEEPSHEAD
MAY 19

Time: 7:30 p.m.

Place: Menomonee Falls

Host: Joe C.

Bring: \$1.00 and your beverage

RSVP: Recommended

Directions: Take I-94 (West) to Highway 45 (North).
Take Highway 45 (North) to Pilgrim Rd. (South) exit
(#51B). Proceed South on Pilgrim Rd. to Roosevelt Dr.
Turn right (West) onto Roosevelt Dr. and proceed to
Charles Dr. Turn Left (South) onto Charles Dr. and
proceed to address.

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE
MAY 20

Time: 5:00 p.m.

Submit event listings and articles to the
editor.

DINING OUT
MAY 22

Time: 7:00 p.m. cocktails

7:30 p.m. dinner

Place: Rock Bottom Brewery
740 N. Plankinton Ave.

EM: Rob C.

RSVP: MANDATORY BY MAY 18

Cost: \$7.00-\$20.00

Directions: From the Marquette Interchange get
downtown to Wisconsin Ave. Take Wisconsin east to
Plankinton (just before the river) and turn left
(north). The restaurant will be on your right, and
there is a parking lot just past the restaurant on your
right.

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.

Calling All
Aspiring Authors!
And Everyone In Between

We would like to feature more member
driven **'general interest' articles**. There
are many general interest topics for arti-
cles such as book reviews, CD/DVD re-
views, movie/theatre reviews or other
similar articles. We would like to include
a member article each month.

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 pos-
sible spelling and grammatical er-
rors.
- ❖ Please submit the article to the
newsletter editor by the designated
newsletter deadline.

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

Accolades

APRIL EVENTS

Richard Q.—Rome Movie Night and Cribbage
Richard G.—Art Museum Tour
Bruce L. & Jerry G.—Monthly Party
Dan L.—Make A Promise Dinner
Tony S. & Yan L. Bowling
Peter S.—Game Night and Volleyball
Kip S.—Sheepshead
Rob C.—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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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 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



May 2009

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2 FRONTRUNNERS Run/Walk 9:00 a.m. MONTHLY PARTY 7:00 p.m.
3 ROME MOVIE NIGHT 6:30-9:00 p.m. 	4	5	6 BOARD MEETING 7:00 p.m.	7 CRIBBAGE 7:00 p.m. 	8 BOWLING 7:00 p.m.	9 FRONTRUNNERS Run/Walk 9:00 a.m. GAME NIGHT 7:00 p.m.
10 MOTHERS DAY	11 ADVENTURE DINING RSVP DEADLINE	12	13	14 ADVENTURE DINING 7:00 p.m. Three Brothers VOLLEYBALL RSVP DEADLINE	15	16 FRONTRUNNERS Run/Walk 9:00 a.m. 3RD WARD TOUR 11:00 a.m.
17 VOLLEYBALL 1:00-3:00 p.m.	18 DINING OUT RSVP DEADLINE	19 SHEEPSHEAD 7:30 p.m. 	20 NEWSLETTER DEADLINE	21	22 DINING OUT 7:00 p.m. cocktails 7:30 p.m. dinner Rock Bottom Brewery 	23 FRONTRUNNERS Run/Walk 9:00 a.m.
24 31	25 MEMORIAL DAY	26	27	28	29	30 FRONTRUNNERS Run/Walk 9:00 a.m.

Submissions for the GAMMA Rays should be sent to the editor
anytime up to the deadline of May 20, 5:00 p.m.



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Future Events

DATE & TIME	EVENT
June 6—7:00 p.m.	Monthly Party
June 7—6:30 p.m.	Rome Movie Night
June 10—7:00 p.m.	Board Meeting
June 12, 13, & 14, 2009	Milwaukee PrideFest
June 16—7:30 p.m.	Sheepshead
June 26—7:00 p.m.	Dining Out
June 28—2:00 p.m.	Ice Cream Social
July 4—4:00 p.m.	4th of July Party
July 21—7:30 p.m.	Sheepshead
<i>PLAN AHEAD...</i>	
August 20-23, 2009	Devil's Lake Camping