



GAMMA Rays

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4th of July Party!

Don't miss the annual 4th of July Party!
See the events listing pages for more information...



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

July

- 1 Richard G.
- 1 Jeffrey S.
- 1 Tom B.
- 3 John G.
- 9 Andrew L.
- 10 John P.
- 12 Reed M.
- 12 Peter S.
- 12 Joseph D.
- 13 Michael P.
- 13 Ken W.
- 19 Jack B.
- 20 Scott P.
- 21 Don S.
- 24 Leonard S.
- 28 John H.
- 29 Todd S.

THANK YOU

PRIDEFEST VOLUNTEERS!

from Peter S.

The weather was gorgeous and fest attendance was higher than ever. Our booth had dozens of visitors each day and dozens more on the volleyball court.

All GAMMA volunteers did a fantastic job telling others all about our great organization. A special thank you goes out to Tony S. who helped immensely before and during the entire weekend.

Volunteers:

- Dan L.
- Tim A.
- Gerry O.
- Mark O.
- Brad R.
- John M.
- Mark D.
- David S.
- Rob C.
- Gary S.
- Mike H.
- Yan L.



Tony Swain, Mark O'Brien, and Peter Schell at Pridefest 09

Thank you...



Many thanks to Brad R. for hosting the June 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!

2010 Camping Hosts Needed

You may have noticed that the 2009 GAMMA camping calendar only has one event on it. In order for these events to happen each year, we need members to step forward and coordinate these camping events.

It doesn't take much time but in order to secure camping sites at Wisconsin State Parks – reservations need to be secured a year in advance. Assistance and advise on hosting a camping event can be provided.

To volunteer, please contact Christopher R.



Devils Lake State Park Camping

August 20–23, 2009

By Dan L.

NOW is the time to get your reservation in for the **2009 camping trip to Devil's Lake**. We will enjoy three nights and four days at the park beginning on Thursday, August 20th and staying until Sunday afternoon August 23rd.

A mile long clean lake is there for us to enjoy along with the quartzite Baraboo hills. Great swimming and hiking plus other attractions are nearby. Or, just relax in the sunshine. Saturday the guys will be at Mazo Beach so you may take this in if you wish. This is a relaxed event.

There is space for fifteen campers so send your reservation check of \$18 made out to Milwaukee GAMMA and mail to your event manager, Dan L.

Don't wait too long to reserve. Members have been asking about this event for months.

For additional info give Dan a call.



Devils Lake State Park

Vehicle State Park entry sicker required.

Star Spangled Banner

Some American History and Trivia

Throughout the Fourth of July holiday weekend, you are likely to hear the Star Spangled Banner played or sung many times. It is a melody that is recognizable around the world.

But one little known fact about the song is when it actually became our official **National Anthem**. **If you don't know the answer, it may surprise you.**

The text of the song was written by Francis Scott Key of Georgetown MD, during the bombardment of Fort McHenry, Baltimore, September 13-14, 1814.

It was originally written on the back of an envelope and later written out on paper. Key later made three copies, one is in the Library of Congress, another is in the Pennsylvania Historical Society, and the final is

in the Maryland Historical Society.

The original flag that waved throughout the battle at Fort McHenry and helped to inspire Key as he wrote the text is on display at the Smithsonian Museum of American History.



It has recently been through a restoration process and has a new display at the museum of American History. The flag itself measures 30 by 42 feet with 15 alternating red and white stripes and had 15 stars for the original 13 states plus Kentucky and Vermont.

The melody, suggested by Francis Scott Key himself, was the melody of a popular drinking song called **"To Anacreon in Heaven"**, which was attributed to British composer John Stafford Smith (1750-1836).

So, when did the U.S. Congress actually make the Star Spangled Banner the official U.S. National Anthem? Many might guess it **to be during the 1800's**. **The answer is March 3, 1931.**

for more information...

www.history.com

<http://americanhistory.si.edu/starspangledbanner/>

July Events

FRONTRUNNERS MILWAUKEE RUN/WALK JULY 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 wel-
come to join in. Breakfast afterwards.

4TH OF JULY PARTY JULY 4

Time: 4:00–11:00 p.m.
5:30 p.m., dinner will be served
Host: Dan A. and Patrick O.
Place: Milwaukee
RSVP: Recommended
Cost: \$5.00 per person
Other: Please bring a dish to pass, your
lawn chair for outdoor seating, and your
beverage. Grilled items and buns will be
provided

BLUE PLATE SPECIAL RSVP DEADLINE JULY 6

Place: Miss Katie's Diner
EM: Richard G.
Other: Please call or email so you won't
be left out on July 8

BLUE PLATE SPECIAL LUNCH DINING OUT JULY 8

Time: Noon
Place: Miss Katie's Diner
1900 W. Clybourn St.
Milwaukee
EM: Richard G.
Cost: "not much"
RSVP: REQUIRED BY JULY 6
Other: Please visit Miss Katie's Web site
for more information—
www.miss-katies-diner.com
Directions:



GAME NIGHT JULY 11

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

VOLLEYBALL JULY 12

Time: 1:00-3:00 p.m.
Place: Bradford Beach
Milwaukee
EM: Ken K. and Tony S.
RSVP: Highly Recommended
Bring: Sunscreen
Other: Refreshments will be provided
This is a Weather & Interest Per-
mitting Event. In the event that
there is a threat of rain, please
contact Tony on the 12th to make
sure that volleyball is not can-
celled.

*please note the change in venue for
volleyball this month.*

Directions: Drive east on I94 toward Milwaukee's lake-
front. Exit at Lincoln Memorial Drive. Turn left (north).
Pass the Art Museum, Veterans Park, McKinley Marina
before arriving at Bradford B. Park in one of two park-
ing lots on either side of Lincoln Memorial Drive. There
is a food stand attached to a walking bridge over LMD.
Meet at the bicycle rack near the tables in front of the
food stand.

DINING OUT
RSVP DEADLINE
JULY 13

Place: Botanas
EM: Rob C.
Other: **Please call or email so you won't be left out on July 17.**

SHEEPSHEAD
JULY 21

Time: 7:30 p.m.
Place: Brookfield
Host: Tom W.
Bring: \$1.00 and Beverage
RSVP: Recommended

August Events...

MONTHLY PARTY
AUGUST 1

Time: 7:00 p.m.
Host: Reed M.
Bring: A dish to pass and your beverage
RSVP: Optional

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE
JULY 17

Time: 5:00 p.m.
Submit event listings and articles to the editor.

BRUNCH
RSVP DEADLINE
JULY 22

Place: Chez Jacques
EM: Rob C.
Other: **Please call or email so you won't be left out on July 26.**

CRIBBAGE
AUGUST 6

Time: 7:00 p.m.
Place: North Lake
Host: Art S. & Kyle P.
Bring: \$1.00 and your beverage
RSVP: Optional
Other: All abilities welcome!

DINING OUT
JULY 17

Time: 7:00 p.m. cocktails
7:30 p.m. dinner
Place: Botanas
816 S. 5th St.
Milwaukee
EM: Rob C.
RSVP: MANDATORY BY JULY 13
Cost: \$7.95—\$16.95
Other: www.botanasrestaurant.com
This is our annual patio dining at Botanas. We will be on the patio unless there is inclement weather. Please join us for what is always a fun dining experience.

BRUNCH
JULY 26

Time: Noon
Place: Chez Jacques
1022 S. 1st. St.
Milwaukee
EM: Rob C.
RSVP: MANDATORY BY JULY 22

Additional events will be added to the month of August. Please refer to the August Newsletter for a complete list of August events when it is published.

NOTE ON DIRECTIONS:

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

Directions: From the Marquette interchange take I-43 / 94 south to National Avenue. Exit east on National to 5th St. Botanas will be on your left on 5th Street. There is a parking lot on the south side of the restaurant as well as street parking available.



Accolades

JUNE EVENTS

Richard Q.—Rome Movie Night
Brad R.—Monthly Party
Bob H. & Gene B.—Sheepshead
Richard G. & Ken K.—Ice Cream Social
Rob C.—Dining Out
Peter S.—Coordinating PrideFest Volunteers

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 |

Additional member support:

| | |
|------------|----------------------|
| 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 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



July 2009

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| | | | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 FRONTRUNNERS Run/Walk 9:00 a.m. JULY 4TH PARTY 4:00 p.m. |
| 5 | 6 BLUE PLATE SPECIAL RSVP DEADLINE | 7 | 8 BLUE PLATE SPECIAL Noon  | 9 | 10 | 11 FRONTRUNNERS Run/Walk 9:00 a.m. GAME NIGHT 7:00 p.m. |
| 12 VOLLEYBALL 1:00-3:00 p.m. Bradford Beach | 13 DINING OUT RSVP DEADLINE | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 NEWSLETTER SUBMISSION DEADLINE 5:00 p.m. DINING OUT 7:00 p.m. Botanas | 18 FRONTRUNNERS Run/Walk 9:00 a.m. |
| 19 | 20 | 21 SHEEPSHEAD 7:30 p.m.  | 22 BRUNCH RSVP DEADLINE | 23 | 24 | 25 FRONTRUNNERS Run/Walk 9:00 a.m. |
| 26 BRUNCH Noon Chez Jacques | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 | Aug 1 FRONTRUNNERS Run/Walk 9:00 a.m. MONTHLY PARTY 7:00 p.m. |

Submissions for the GAMMA Rays should be sent to the editor
anytime up to the deadline of July 17, 5:00 p.m.



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Future Events

| DATE & TIME | EVENT |
|-----------------------|----------------------|
| August 1—7:00 p.m. | Monthly Party |
| August 6—7:00 p.m. | Cribbage |
| August 12—7:00 p.m. | Board Meeting |
| August 14—7:00 p.m. | Dining Out |
| August 18—7:30 p.m. | Sheepshead |
| August 20-23, 2009 | Devil's Lake Camping |
| <i>PLAN AHEAD...</i> | |
| September 5—7:00 p.m. | Monthly Party |
| September 13—Noon | Corn Roast |
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MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

If you have not yet renewed your membership, this will be your final newsletter. Check the address label to verify your renewal status. If the renewal date still says June 2009, your membership has expired.

You may still renew online by going to:
www.milwaukeegamma.com

