



GAMMA Rays

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Welcome new board of directors

Richard G.

The 2010 Board of Directors had its first meeting on January 13th to begin the work of planning another spectacular year of GAMMA events and activities. The officers for GAMMA were elected as follows: President—Richard G, Vice President—Ned T., Secretary—Gerry O., and Treasurer—Brad R..

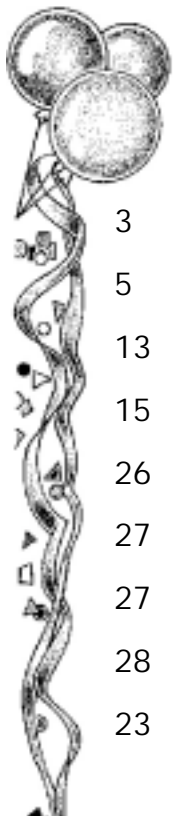
Kip S. will be heading up Membership Recruitment & Marketing, and Reed M. will be coordinating our calendar and taking charge of our newsletter. David S. will handle GAMMA's recreational activities including Game Night and Monthly Parties. As part of his duties, David will also be the board liaison for the Cribbage and Sheepshead coordinators.

Gerry O. will also be helping coordinate our sporting and outdoor activities such as biking, hiking, and outdoor sports. Ned T. will be working with our Dining Out hosts as well as the event managers for the Banquet, Annual Meeting, and Corn Roast.

I am also pleased to say that we've had a tremendous amount of support from non-board members. In fact, there are too many names to list here. Please see the complete listing on page 6 of this newsletter, and be sure to say 'thanks' to all the members who have stepped up to help GAMMA as board members and in so many other capacities.

Valentine's Day Brunch
February 14th—Noon
Ginger

Ginger offers a variety of small-plate dishes sure to please every taste in a fun and casual environment .
235 South 2nd Street, Milwaukee
(See page 5 for details)



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

February

- 3 James Rutherford
- 5 Rob Carlson
- 13 Phil S
- 15 Si Smith
- 26 Roger Kocher
- 27 Christopher Roper
- 27 Jim Heidt
- 28 Joe Cincera
- 23 Don Tanner

We welcome
new member
Phil S.

Social Volleyball

Social volleyball is once again being held on a weekly basis. We have a core group that participates in the open play at the Beulah Brinton Center in Bay View every Friday night. Play is open to the public, but rest assured that in addition to the core group from GAMMA you will find plenty of players from the newly-formed Milwaukee Gay Volleyball league joining in.

Come on out and check out the fun. All skill levels are welcome, and you can play for one or both hours. Play starts at 8 pm and continues until 10:15pm. The cost is only \$1.50 per hour of play, payable at the front desk when you arrive.

Contact Tony S. for more information. Please note that on occasion play is pre-empted due to scheduling conflicts at the center or due to holidays, so check with Tony or the center for the following week's schedule to be sure of court availability.



Newsletter Editor

Richard G.

Many thanks to Todd for his dedication and hard work in putting our newsletter out for the past few years. The task of putting out such a quality newsletter is huge, and Todd's creativity and hard work resulted in a spectacular newsletter than we can all be proud of.

I will be handling the newsletter as we transition to our new editor, Reed Mittelsteadt, and I know that you'll join me as I look forward to seeing the creativity and artistic flair that Reed will bring to our already wonderful newsletter.

Thank you..



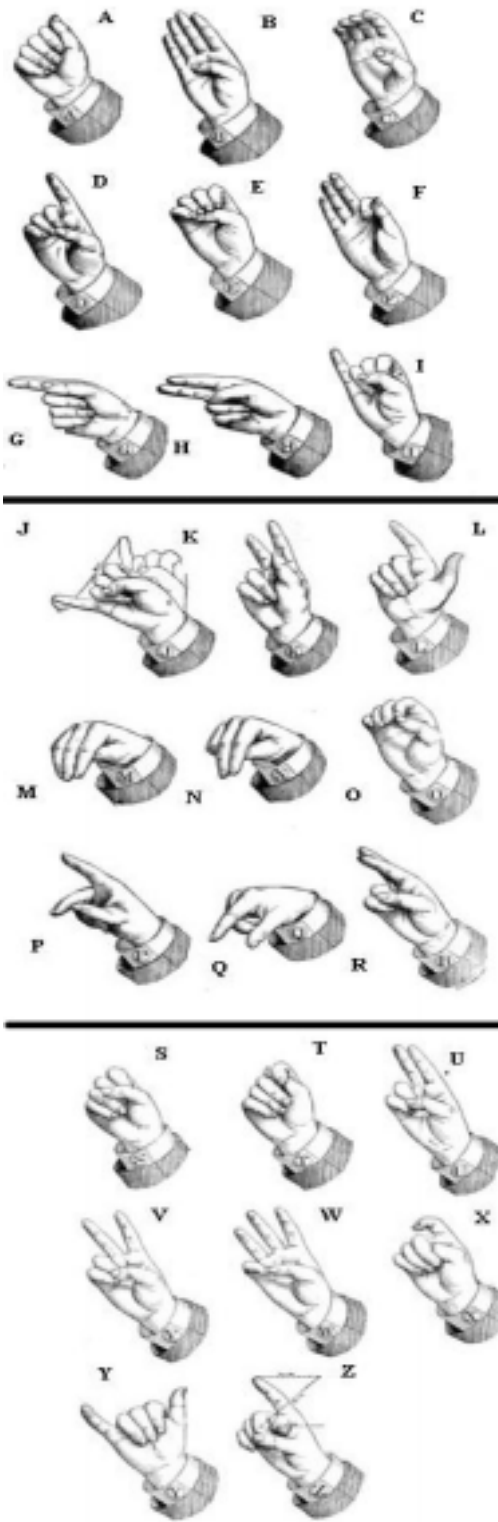
Many thanks to Joe and Tom for opening their lovely home and hosting the January Monthly Party.



If you have any information to submit for future editions of the GAMMA Rays, please send it to us via email.

We are always looking for content for the newsletter. Be creative and write a short article about an interest or current event. Share some poetry or writing with other members. GAMMA Rays is YOUR newsletter, and we would love to have more members involved in developing content for it each month.

Finger spell this...



Milwaukee Gay Volleyball League



Tony S., Ken K. and Peter S. would like to invite everyone to come watch them play volleyball at the Beulah Brinton Community Center in Bay View (2555 S Bay Street) as part of the newly established Milwaukee Gay Volleyball League. All three are part of Boom Boom Pow (BBP), one of about 10 teams in the league. The Brinton Center is a gymnasium with two courts and bleachers. There are four more dates scheduled for the second half of the season.

Here is the schedule for the games to be played by Boom Boom Pow:

- Sun 01/17 7:25 pm BBP vs Team Icon
- Sun 01/24 7:25 pm BBP vs Sets in the City
- Sun 01/31 7:25 pm BBP vs Size Doesn't Matter
- Sun 02/14 6:35 pm BBP vs M's
- Sun 02/21 TBA BBP vs ? Gay Volleyball Tournament / Details to be announced

More information can be found on the league website www.milwaukeegayvolleyball.com

There is NO cost to come by and watch the games. Teams play two matches to 21 points and one match to 15 points.

Already there is discussion about starting another league to play during the spring/summer. How about joining a team with all Gamma members?. It would be great if we could get 8 or 9 members to come forward and be a part of the team when the new league gets underway.

FMI: Contact Tony for more information.

Directions: Take I-94 south toward Chicago. Take the exit for Becher Street. Turn left (east) on Becher. Pass underneath a railroad bridge. Continue straight, cross through the big intersection at Kinnickinnic and continue east onto E. Bay Street. Stay in the left lane. Follow E Bay Street as it proceeds east and then curves to the right (south). The Brinton Center is on the right. Park in the parking lot or on the street.

2010 Camping Season

It's just around the corner...

Get your tents aired out and your sleeping bags fluffed – the camping season will be here before you know it. Danny has another great trip planned for GAMMA this summer August 19-22 and will have more information available soon. We would love to add additional camping trips to the calendar.



If you are planning to go camping this year and will have room for others to join you, please let us know and we'll get it in the newsletter. Camping trips can be done with just a small group of 4-6 members or with as many as you'd like. In the past we have had members reserve group sites so a large group could attend. Please contact Danny L. if you'd like more information about planning a camping trip.

For more information about American Sign Language or communicating with a hearing-impaired person you may visit <http://www.nidcd.nih.gov/health/hearing/asl.asp> online. There are many great resources available to help everyone communicate. It's not that difficult to 'talk' to a hearing-impaired person if you want.

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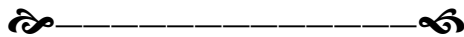
Events



FRONTRUNNERS MILWAUKEE RUN/WALK SATURDAY MORNINGS

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

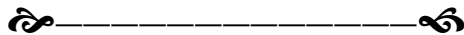
Rain or shine, each Saturday we meet in friendship for some exercise, all are welcome to join in. Breakfast afterwards.



OPEN PLAY VOLLEYBALL FRIDAY NIGHTS

Time: 8:00 p.m.—10:15 p.m.
Place: Beulah Brinton Center
2555 S. Bay St., Milwaukee
EM: Tony S.
RSVP: Recommended
Cost: \$1.50 for one hour / \$3.00 for two hours

Directions: : I-94 south to the Becher Avenue exit. Turn left (east) on Becher. Pass underneath a railroad bridge. Continue straight, cross through the big intersection at Kinnickinnic and continue east onto E. Bay St. Stay in left lane. Follow Bay street as it proceeds east and then curves to the right (south). The Brinton Center is on the right. Park in parking lot or on street.



CRIBBAGE FEBRUARY 4

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

Directions: Take I-43 (North) to the Good Hope Rd. (West) exit. Turn left (West) onto Good Hope Rd. and proceed about 3/4 mile to Green Bay Ave. (AKA Highway 57). Turn left (South) onto Green Bay Ave. and proceed about 1/2 mile to Brantwood Ave. Turn right (West) onto Brantwood Ave. and address is about 3 blocks on your left.

MONTHLY PARTY FEBRUARY 6

Time: 7:00 p.m.
Host: Ned T.
Bring: Your beverage and a dish to pass
RSVP: Optional
Other: No shoes in the house please.
Clean slipper sox will be provided.

BLUE PLATE SPECIAL LUNCH DINING OUT FEBRUARY 10

Time: Noon
Place: Miss Katie's Diner
1900 W. Clybourn St.
Milwaukee
EM: Richard G.
Cost: "Not much"
RSVP: REQUIRED BY Feb 9
Other: Please visit Miss Katie's Web site for more information—



www.miss-katies-diner.com



Frontrunners enjoying a warm and tasty breakfast after a chilly morning walk/run.

BOARD MEETING FEBRUARY 9

Time: 7:00 p.m.
Place: Kip S.
RSVP: All members are welcome. Non board members are asked to RSVP.

VALENTINE'S BRUNCH RSVP DEADLINE FEBRUARY 10

Place: Ginger, 235 South 2nd Street
Milwaukee

<http://www.gingermilwaukee.com>

EM: Todd S.

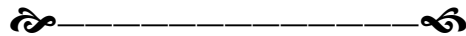
Please email (preferred) or call and leave a message so you won't be left out on February 14. There is limited seating for this brunch due to space limitations, so make your reservations early.

LIMIT OF 20 DINERS



GAME NIGHT FEBRUARY 13

Time: 7:00 p.m.
Place: Milwaukee
Host: Mike H. & Gary S.
RSVP: Not required but would be nice
Bring: Your favorite game and beverage

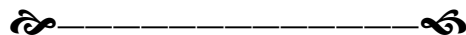


VALENTINE'S DAY BRUNCH FEBRUARY 14

Ginger, the former Barossa restaurant on South Second St., specializes in small plates and has a Sunday brunch that is sure to please.

Time: 12:00 Cocktails
12:30 Brunch
Place: Ginger
235 S. 2nd Street
Milwaukee
EM: Todd S.
Cost: \$7 and up plus tax/tip
RSVP: MANDATORY BY FEBRUARY 10

Directions: Take Plankinton Avenue south from downtown, which becomes S 2nd Street. Continue south to the restaurant.

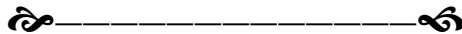


SHEEPSHEAD FEBRUARY 16

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

BRIDGE NIGHT FEBRUARY 22

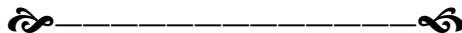
Time: 7:30 p.m.
Place: Wauwatosa
Host: Hugh S.
RSVP: Recommended by Feb. 12
Other: All levels of play are welcome. Come to learn or to play at higher level if you're able. Please call Hugh for more information about bridge if you need.



DINING OUT RSVP DEADLINE FEBRUARY 22

Time: 7:00 p.m.
Place: Phan's Garden Restaurant
EM: Ned T.
RSVP: MANDATORY BY FEBRUARY 22
Please call and leave a message so you won't be left out on February 26.

LIMIT OF 20 DINERS



DINING OUT FEBRUARY 26

Time: 7:00 p.m. seating
Place: Phan's Garden Restaurant
1923 W. National Ave., Milw.
EM: Ned T.
RSVP: MANDATORY BY FEBRUARY 22
Cost: Inexpensive -
\$10 and up plus tax and tip

Phan's Garden offers authentic family style Vietnamese cuisine (you know it's authentic by the number of Vietnamese diners). Vietnamese egg rolls, Tom Kho Nuoc Dha (shrimp and lemongrass in sweet coconut sauce), and Pho are among the extensive menu offerings which include Vietnamese beers. Attractive rose decor and ample parking in lot to the east of the building.

DINING OUT CHANGES

Rob has done a wonderful job as host of Dining Out over the past years, but his shoes are just too big to fill by one person. So, you will notice some changes in how Dining Out is being done this year. Rather than have one person do all the work of hosting Dining Out every month, we have decided to have a team of three serve as hosts on alternate months.

Ned T will be working with Ric F., Bill M., and Todd S. to coordinate each month's Dining Out. Each will add his skills and creativity to the event to be sure that there is something for everyone to enjoy.

Please be sure to check your newsletter to see who's hosting so you'll be able to RSVP to the right person. It might take a few months to work all the bugs out of our new system, so bear with us. If you have any questions please feel free to contact the host listed in the newsletter, Ned T., or Richard G.

G/L COMMUNITY TRUST FUND GIFT RECEIVED

With thanks we report that GAMMA has received a donation from the G/L Community Trust Fund again this year. These funds came from their "Your Choice Program" and will be used to continue providing the high level of programming for GAMMA members as in past years.

For more information about the G/L Community Trust Fund please visit their website at:

www.glcommunitytrustfund.com

Submissions for the GAMMA Rays should be sent to the editor.

Thanks!

JANUARY EVENTS

Jim T., Lee S., & Peter S. — 2010 Party

Mike H. & Gary S. — Cribbage

Joe L. & Tom B. — Monthly Party

Richard G. — Board Meeting

David S. — Game Night

Ric F. — Dining Out

Mark O. — Sheepshead

Hugh S. — Bridge Night

Danny L.—Newsletter photos

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

GAMMA BOARD DIRECTORY

Richard G. (10)	President
Ned T. (11)	Vice President/Membership
Gerald O. (11)	Secretary/Outdoor & Sporting
Brad R. (10)	Treasurer
Reed M. (11)	Newsletter & Calendar
David S. (11)	Recreational & Monthly Parties
Kip S. (11)	Membership Recruitment & Marketing
Kyle P. (10)	Immediate Past President
<u>Additional member support:</u>	
Jim T.	Media & Press Contact
John S.	Front Runners
Michael H.	Sheepshead Coordinator
Dan L.	Mail Coordinator Camping Coordinator
Art S.	Cribbage Coordinator
Tony S.	Volleyball Coordinator
Peter S.	PrideFest Liaison
Ric F.	Dining Out
Bill M.	Dining Out
Todd S.	Dining Out

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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



FEBRUARY 2010

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4 CRIBBAGE 7:00 p.m. 	5	6 FRONT RUNNERS Run/Walk 9:00 a.m. MONTHLY PARTY 7:00 p.m.
7	8	9 BLUE PLATE SPECIAL RSVP DEADLINE BOARD MEETING 7:00pm	10 VALENTINE'S DAY BRUNCH RSVP DEADLINE BLUE PLATE SPECIAL Noon	11	12	13 FRONT RUNNERS Run/Walk 9:00 a.m. GAME NIGHT 7:00 p.m.
14 VALENTINE'S DAY BRUNCH 11:30 a.m. cocktails Noon– Brunch 	15	16 SHEEPSHEAD 7:30 p.m.	17	18	19 GAMMA RAYS SUBMISSION RSVP DEADLINE	20 FRONT RUNNERS Run/Walk 9:00 a.m.
21	22 DINING OUT RSVP RSVP DEADLINE BRIDGE NIGHT 7:30 p.m.	23 	24	25	26 DINING OUT 7:00 p.m. seating Phan's Garden Restaurant 	27 FRONT RUNNERS Run/Walk 9:00 a.m.
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Future Events

Event	Date
Cribbage	March 4
Monthly Party	March 6
Sheepshead	March 16
Camping	August 19-22

Save the date . . .

ARCW

24th Annual

Make A Promise Gala

April 17, 2010

Join GAMMA for this annual fundraiser, dinner and silent auction along with live entertainment and dancing.