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MILWAUKEE UPDATE

A Monthly Publication of Gay People's Union, Inc.

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INTRODUCING "MILWAUKEE UPDATE" the monthly newsletter of Gay Peoples Union. Keeping the gay community informed of the events and activities of Gay Peoples Union and of other happenings in Milwaukee is our purpose. Gay organizations may submit information about up-coming events to G.P.U., Milwaukee Update, P.O. Box 208, Milwaukee, WI 53201 or call the G.P.U. HOTLINE 271-5273.

G.P.U. BOARD OF DIRECTOR VACANCIES FILLED: At the December Business Meeting of Gay Peoples Union elections were held to fill two vacancies on the Board of Directors. Of the five persons nominated at the November business meeting three declined the nomination. Therefore, an acclamation vote was moved and the two positions will be filled by Bruce Davies and Pat McIlquham. Mr. Davies previously served on the Board, having been elected to complete the term of a resigning member. Ms. McIlquham has been an active member in G.P.U. since returning to Milwaukee from Florida in June of 1979. Best wishes to you both, and a big thank you to outgoing board member Donna Coleman who has been active in Gay Peoples Union since its founding.

1980 G.P.U. OFFICERS NOMINATED: The December business meeting also saw the nominations of the following people to fill officer positions for the year 1980. For President Miriam ben Shalom and Paul DeMarco; for Vice-President Miki Doxtator, Miriam ben Shalom and Paul DeMarco; for Secretary Tamara McIlquham; and, because the nominees for Treasurer were not present to accept or decline, their nominations were held over to the January business meeting. The current Treasurer, Bob Moore, has agreed to continue in that position until election of his successor. Election of officers will be held at the G.P.U. business meeting of January 7, 1980.

GAY PRIDE/GAY AWARENESS WEEK 1980: The membership of Gay Peoples Union voted to endorse and support the ad-hoc committee for a Gay Pride Week (to be held the last week of June 1980). Some ideas that the committee has for the week of events are a gay arts and crafts show, talent shows, sporting events, lakefront sunrise religious service, an awards dinner Mr. and Ms. Gay Milwaukee Pageant, block parties, drag shows, etc. The number and variety of events is limitless with major community involvement and participation. A meeting to discuss and organize for Gay Pride Week 1980 is being held at the Farwell Community Center, 1568 N. Farwell on Monday January 14, 1980 at 7:30pm. All interested individuals and representatives of local gay groups are invited and urged to attend this initial meeting.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE APPOINTED: G.P.U. President Miki Doxtator has appointed Miriam ben Shalom and Paul DeMarco to a special committee for the purpose of meeting with the management of several adult bookstores in the city to determine what steps they are taking to prevent the arrest of their patrons by the Milwaukee Vice Squad. Informed sources have reported to the officers of G.P.U. that as many as 15 arrests per night are occurring in some bookstores and peep shows. G.P.U. is operating a 24 hour legal defense helpline (276-0246) with the cooperation of the local Club Bath Chain affiliate. The purpose of the helpline is to assist the arrestee in arranging bail and offer referrals to counseling, sympathetic attorneys, and financial assistance where required. The G.P.U. Legal Defense Fund has produced a legal defense info card which also lists the helpline number. The wallet-sized card is being made available by many area bars, baths and bookstores.

CHICAGO BAR CRAWL: The Business Association of Milwaukee (BAM) is planning a bus trip to Chicago bars on February 12, 1980. Watch for details in the January issue of GPU NEWS and at your favorite BAM affiliated business.

POSITIVELY GAY! Gay Peoples Union continues its series of "open rap" discussions of creative new options for achieving a positive gay image and a satisfying gay lifestyle. Exploring new approaches in gay life to family relationships, mental health, religion, coupling, aging, job security, financial planning, political organizing, and more. The January 28th rap will be on the topic "Attitudes of Gay People Towards Aging". The 8:00pm meetings are always open to the public.

GAY SKATES: Dignity-Milwaukee has announced monthly gay roller skating parties at the St. Pius X Rink, 7500 W. Wright. The next skate party will be on Saturday January 12th at 7:30pm. The \$4.00 admission includes skate rental. Tickets available at the door. See you there!

FARWELL COMMUNITY CENTER OFFERS "GAY SPACE" Maintained entirely through donations to and memberships in Gay Peoples Union, the Farwell Community Center at 1568 N. Farwell on Milwaukee's east side offers meeting facilities for other gay groups and organizations. Your group can make arrangements to meet here by calling the G.P.U. HOTLINE 271-5273.

G.P.U. VENEREAL DISEASE CLINIC-SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY Operating Wednesday, Thursday and Friday evenings from 7:00pm until 10:00pm and Saturdays from 11:00am until 2:00pm, the G.P.U. Venereal Disease Clinic is provided by gay people for gay people. On Wednesday evenings we offer blood pressure testing and treatment of V.D. by a physician. A small donation is encouraged in order for us to continue this vital testing and control program. Complete confidentiality is guaranteed. The V.D. Clinic is located in the Farwell Community Center. For more info about V.D. call 347-1222 during clinic hours, or call the Milwaukee Social Hygiene Clinic at 278-3631.

BI-SEXUAL MEN'S GROUP: A support and consciousness raising group for bi-sexual men meets the 2nd and 4th Fridays of every month from 8-10pm at the Farwell Community Center, 1568 N. Farwell Ave.

GAY AA & AL-ANON: Support groups for recovering alcoholics (Gay AA) and for friends and relatives of alcoholics (al-Anon) meet every Sunday at 6:00pm at the Farwell Community Center. Gay people helping each other in a supportive environment which increases self respect and respect for others is the purpose of these support groups. For more info call Group 94 at 272-3081 or attend one of the Sunday evening meetings.

"RETIRE BREIER" MOVEMENT GAINS: A recently formed citizens group, the Committee for a Democratic Police (CDP), announced a petition campaign for the purpose of proving Milwaukee Police Chief Harold Breier's unpopularity in the community. The "Retire Breier" petition calls upon State and local elected officials and the Fire and Police Commission to cause the retirement, dismissal or removal of Chief Breier by any and all legal means, whether legislative, administrative or judicial. A spokesperson for CDP urged the gay community to get behind the petition effort, stating, "Gay people are one of the minorities targeted by the Milwaukee Police Department for abusive treatment, and continue to be harassed, arrested and generally terrorized by the malicious 'law enforcement' conduct of the Vice Squad--conduct which satisfies Chief Breier's prejudices." CDP is circulating the petition city-wide and asks individuals and community groups interested in collecting signatures to call CDP headquarters at 265-6632.

WHAT IS G.P.U.?? Gay Peoples Union is a responsive and responsible (federally tax-exempt) social service agency directed toward the needs of the gay community, while educating the community at large. The people of Gay Peoples Union are sincere and dedicated men and women (like you) who volunteer their time to helping others. You can help Gay Peoples Union attain its goal of liberation for all people by becoming a member of G.P.U., volunteering some time to one of our programs, or by mailing your tax-deductible donation to:

G.P.U., Inc., P.O. Box 208, Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53201

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