



## Raffles To Continue As Fund-Raisers

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include other addictions, such as eating disorders and compulsive gambling. It was the latter that, in 1988, prompted hospital representatives to request the Alumni to abandon the "Casino Night" events that had been held every February.

About a year ago, when the new complaint was raised, the Board began a review of its twice-a-year sale of raffle tickets to benefit the Alumni Endowment Fund. Finally, at the July meeting, a decision was made to continue the practice.

This is not inconsistent with the halting of Casino Nights. Simulated gambling is not a part of the raffles, and there is no pretense of wagering or gaming. Instead, there is a solicitation of contributions, with all donors having an opportunity to be rewarded. There is no "thrill of the game" or other emotional involvement.

The Board acknowledged that some may construe this activity as resembling games of chance, but, at the same time, it recognized that the "real world" is far more threatening in this respect; the "sweepstakes" sponsored by magazine subscription houses and other commercial ventures flood the mail on a daily basis and radio stations regularly reward "the 13th caller" with everything from concert tickets to vacation trips. And, of course, invitations to participate in the state lottery can be seen in grocery stores and service stations everywhere.

### Mark Your Calendars

Board Meeting*	September 8
Golf Outing	September 19
Annual Meeting	September 20
Renewal Program	September 20
PICNIC	September 20
Board Meeting	October 13
Awareness Program	November 17

\* Second Tuesday Each Month; 6 p.m. at McBride

## 1993 Retreat Dates Set; Plan Ahead

Retreats are probably the most talked-about and most enthusiastically received of the Alumni activities, and you can mark your calendars now for the 1993 schedule.

As is customary, the Winter Retreat will be held the weekend following New Year's, January 8-10. A scheduling conflict forced the

Spring event up a week, however, and, instead of the week after Memorial day, it will be held the three days prior to the holiday, May 28-30.

This will, however, still leave Sunday afternoon, plus Memorial Day, May 31, free for other holiday activities.

Perpetual Help Retreat Center near Oconomowoc, where the McBride events are held, is still uncertain as to the availability of space to permit the "early-bird" program that has been discussed. (Many participants have expressed a desire to arrive on Thursday evenings instead of 6 p.m. Friday, thus permitting a day of unstructured reflection and meditation prior to the traditional Friday evening opening of the regular retreats.)

As attendance at these popular get-togethers continues to grow, it has been suggested that a limit be set to preserve the close fellowship that has made them so popular. With this in mind, Alums are urged to register early to assure a spot.

More information will be provided in future issues of *The Moving Finger*.

**January**  
8-10  
**May**  
28-30  
**1993**

## Board Election; Reports Set For Annual Meeting

At least once every year there's a chance for all Alums to talk about how the Association is doing.

That's the function of the Annual Meeting that will precede the Renewal Program September 20. There's a bit of housekeeping that is required by our constitution, such

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cost of the picnic, which features hamburgers, brats, hot dogs, an array of side dishes and unlimited soda. Small children are free, but let your conscience be your guide. (If you starve the kids for a week as preparation, an added donation would be appreciated.)

Game equipment will be provided, but everyone is welcome to bring along a favorite of their own. Lawn chairs are also a good idea.

It should be noted that, like all Alumni activities, this is not a hospital or ADMC-sponsored event. It's put together by and for those of us who happened to begin our recoveries at McBride and who see the value in maintaining those ties that brought us together in the first place.

Make the most of it. Renew old friendships. Be part of the group and "let the good times roll!"

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as committee reports, but the main thing is the opportunity it provides for interaction.

This is also election day for the Alumni Board of Directors. Board members serve two-year terms, with four of the nine spots to be filled this year. A nominating committee has prepared a slate to be submitted to a vote by those in attendance, and nominations can also be made from the floor.

Directors whose terms expire this year (who may seek re-election) are Kris Giese, Beth Formoe, Phil Atinsky and John Hopkins. Holdovers are David Franczyk, Beth Dancy, Marian Catania, Dick Barta and Jeff Newburg, who is completing the term of Tom Boliaris. Ken Zimmerman, as a former president, continues as an ex-officio director.

The Board meets monthly (all Alums are welcome) but to carry out the wishes of the entire group, it has to hear from you.

Those who cannot attend can always express their views by contacting a Board member directly or by writing the editor of this newsletter.

## Golfers To Make 'Day' A Weekend

Following through on the record turnout for the annual Greater McBride Open (GMO) in June, golf is being added as an adjunct to McBride Day this year.

Beth Dancy is putting the Saturday, September 19, event together and, though arrangements were incomplete at press time, it looks like a late morning tee-off will be in place at one of the area's premier public courses.

All Alums, spouses and friends who can swing a club are welcome. Sign-up information and other details will be available at the Tuesday Night AA meetings at McBride, or you can call Beth at 251-7237.

Much of the success of the June 14 outing, Beth said, "was due to the tremendous assistance of Jerry S. (the Alumni's 'resident golf pro'). He not only hits a straight ball, he's a great organizer."

## Speakers Have Joyful Theme For Renewal

Two Alums, plus a spouse to represent "the other side of the picture," will headline this year's Renewal Program September 20.

With "Joy" as a central theme, Beth D., Jeff N. and Marlene D. will focus our attention on recovery, serenity and, finally, "letting go and moving on."

The program, which gets underway at 10 a.m. in the McBride Auditorium, is the continuation of a tradition begun in 1986, when the Alumni Association sought to provide an opportunity to reflect more seriously on recovery as a meaningful addition to the annual picnics established a year earlier.

Dr. Roland Herrington also spoke at that first Renewal, and the custom of including a "McBride viewpoint" remains a part of the program. Dr. Charles Engel of the ADMC staff has that role this year.

Coffee, juice and pastry is again being contributed by Milwaukee Psych, and Renewal Chairman John Hopkins has urged everyone planning to attend to mail in the registration, though not required, so that quantity estimates can be made.