



BRADY STREET NEWS

A Newsletter Celebrating the Colorful Brady Street Neighborhood February 2011 Vol 16 Issue 2

Updates from the President

Are you dug out yet?

I love the comraderie of these tight packed neighborhoods. After all the digging out and uncovering of cars, over 15 of us North Oaklanders headed up Farwell (and I mean 'up' Farwell as we walked in the middle of the street) for lunch at Hooligan's. They benefited from having lots of employees from the area that could walk to work. We benefited from the great selection of beers! The kids played board games and the adults told stories of snow storms of old. What a way to spend a Wednesday afternoon and medicate our sore muscles.

Of course this can be a difficult time for some. Keep an eye out for neighbors that may not be able to get out or need a little help shoveling.

Go Pack Go

Even though we just got a huge dumping of snow it looks like spring around here with all the green sprouting here and gold popping up over there. That is gold 'G's and and green jerseys I mean. Cheering for the Pack sure helps get us through the winter.

Membership

Please spread the word about the BSAA, more members are always welcome. With the Chili Social coming up on February 15th we have a perfect way to introduce new people to the Association.

Newsletter Writers Needed

If you would be interested in contributing to the newsletter, please let us know. We need monthly contributors, but single submissions are welcome also. Please contact Grant Gehweiler at bradystreetnewsletter@gmail.com.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Thanks,

Grant Gehweiler

President Brady Street Area Association

CORRECTION: Annual Firehouse Chili Social is on Tuesday, February 15, 2011 @ 5:30 PM at the Engine Company No. 6 located on Brady St & Franklin Pl



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Contributions and letters are welcome. Send all contributions to: Brady Street News, 1218 E. Brady Street, Milw., WI 53202 or email to bradystreetnewsletter@gmail.com.

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The next Board Meeting will be held on **March 1st @ 6:30 PM** at **1224 (LR) E. Brady St.**

All are welcome.

For more information or to join the association call 272-3978.



PLEASE JOIN US!



**BRADY STREET
AREA ASSOCIATION
GENERAL MEETING**

**Tuesday, February 15, 2011
5:30 PM**

**Annual Firehouse
CHILI SOCIAL**

**\$5.00 BSAA Association Members,
(or a dish to pass)**

**\$15.00 Non-members
(includes one-year membership
at last year's prices!)**

**Engine Company Number 6 at
Brady Street & Franklin Place**



'BizBuz' is a **FREE** listing for BSAA business members. Have a new product, doing a demonstration, celebrating an anniversary? Having a special event or sale? Contact **Teresa at 272-0277** or email us at **bradystreetnewsletter@gmail.com**

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Association Statistics

NEW MEMBERS: Jonathan & Jennifer Hartz

MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS: Lois & John Ahlhauser, Frank & Gerry Alioto, BESTD Clinic, Bosley, Frame & Fabric, Jim Gramling/Linda Velasco, James Henderson, Don & Lisa Marie Menefee, Jim & Deb Poliak, Prochnow Natural, Jerome Schultz, Sherwin Williams Paint, James Spinella, Ron and Mary Suminski, Francesca Tenuta, Nancy Torphy, Patricia Wyzbinski / Scott Gelzer,

TOTAL MEMBERS AT THE END OF JANUARY – 299

**From State Representative
Jon Richards**

Dear Neighbor:

The **Green Bay Packers**, unique in all of professional sports and a source of Wisconsin pride for generations, are champions again and are bringing the Vince Lombardi trophy home! For the week up to the Super Bowl, the dome at the State Capitol was lit up in green and gold in response to a bipartisan request from the Democratic state senator and the Republican state representative who serve Tittletown in the legislature.

Many people have been calling and writing my office recently about the flurry of bills that have been flying through the legislature. Although our state desperately needs to do more to create jobs, and the legislature has been called into a “special session on jobs and the economy,” very little of what the legislature is passing into law has anything to do with growing our economy or creating jobs.

I am also concerned about the number of proposals that run counter to Wisconsin’s tradition of stewardship of our spectacular natural resources.

For example, last week we passed a bill that allows a developer to build on wetlands near **Lambeau Field**. The development had been opposed by the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources and several citizens.

In fact, the proposed anchor tenant of the development, **Bass Pro Shops**, was so distressed by the prospect of

building on wetlands that they withdrew their interest in the project.

The development of alternative energy is good for our planet and great for Wisconsin’s economy. Our national leadership in developing alternative energy products was witnessed by the **President Obama’s** visit to the Manitowoc factory that makes solar light systems. Our new governor, however, has scuttled a promising bio-mass fuel project in Madison and proposed new regulations that will make it much harder to develop wind energy.

The **Brady Street** neighborhood is unique in connection to both the Milwaukee River and Lake Michigan, two bodies of water that connect us to nature and provide our neighborhood with a direct stake in the debates on how best to manage our environment. I will continue pressing my colleagues, both Democrats and Republicans, to take a deep breath and stop passing laws that harm our long-standing bipartisan commitment to the environment and start passing bills like the Enterprise Zone Tax Credit, that have a successful track record in creating jobs.

If there is any way that I can help you or your family, please contact my office at **1 (888) 534-0019**. You can also reach my office via e-mail at **rep.richards@legis.wisconsin.gov**.

Jon



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Dear Neighbor:

You know it's a long, hard winter when Groundhog Day is cancelled due to inclement weather. Welcome to the Winter of 2011, Brady Street style.

The river is frozen as flat as a sheet, and is covered with a blanket of snow, as are those of us on land. The fourth-greatest 24-hour snowfall since records have been kept smothered us in the white stuff, shut down public transit, closed schools and nearly every business and brought out an enhanced spirit of community in the neighborhood.

The 17" or so of precipitation, with much greater natural drifts, and incredible man-made piles, congealed rapidly as temperatures plummeted, making its removal even more difficult. Pedestrian activity took on some of the aspects of a maze, or a Pac Man game. You could walk contentedly for blocks on such well-groomed streets as Pleasant or Lyon, only to turn a corner to discover an unshoveled location, such as the east side of Van Buren between the two aforementioned streets.

Or, you could head north on Van Buren from Pleasant, and have to make several detours into the street midway through that interminable block.

Eventually, the sidewalks got cleared, but we brought in reinforcements to get the job done.

CHANGES

Brocach, which in its old days as the 5&10, never had a view of anything beyond the giant **Gallun Tannery** across

the street, now offers an expansive vista that rivals what you'd find at a ski resort now that the last of the tannery buildings, long-neglected, are meeting their fate via the wrecking ball.

The whole works is going, after a partial demolition a number of years ago gave the Irish pub its first window across the river. The demolition was



spurred when thousands of square feet of brick, never intended to be an exterior wall, collapsed in a pile during the October wind storm, which, like our precipitation events, is another of those once-rare events that is happening with increasing frequency these days.

It's mighty hard to recycle working tannery buildings, as the Gallun property amply demonstrates, and the observer has to wonder if those buildings, left standing to deteriorate, were left in that condition on purpose.

The property is almost certainly better off gone. No credible plan ever surfaced to redevelop the property, which is not surprising during the recent development seasons. When the time comes for

building there, it will provide some significant challenges, not the least of which is the property's location some 30 feet straight down from Water Street. Until then, we can enjoy the view.

FIRE!

There was a kitchen fire in the 7-story Fenwick Condos at 1409 N. Prospect Ave. during our snow event, and the building was evacuated. Residents were allowed to return, and there were no injuries reported.

OOPS!

During the snow event there was a little mishap at the neighborhood firehouse. I had embarked for a walk in the neighborhood, in search of groceries at **Glorioso's**. When I saw it was closed, I decided to search for a beer instead, and found solace at the **Up & Under**. But as the beckoning open sign at **Hosed** on Brady led me on my next adventure, I passed by the surprisingly forlorn firehouse. That got the reporter in me going, and I posted this item a couple days later on **Milwaukee Magazine News Buzz**, where I have been doing a lot of writing lately. (As you see, I was able to get in a plug for our Chili Social.)

Here is that report:

<http://www.milwaukeebuzz.com/>

MYSTERY OF THE EMPTY FIREHOUSE

The firehouse at 1693 N. Franklin Pl., Engine Company Number 6, is the civic centerpiece of Brady Street, but it stood

empty Wednesday, its crew and vehicle relocated to a nearby station after a vehicle struck and damaged its garage door – from the inside.

“The door was struck by a vehicle from the inside,” Deputy Chief Michael T. Romas confirmed, adding rather unnecessarily that the event was not typical.

As a result, the station was abandoned on Wednesday. The garage door was hobbled together with a “Road Closed” sign linking two panels together, rendering the door inoperable. The trim on the north end of the door was cracked and bulged outward.

So what exactly happened?

A firefighter from Engine 6, who declined to be named, said that Tuesday evening, during the great snow storm, a couple of firefighters decided to park their personal vehicles at the rear of the firehouse, supposedly to accommodate the plowing of its small courtyard parking lot.

This required a fair amount of jostling while the fire truck waited in the driveway to be backed into its space. At some point, one of the firefighters put his car in the wrong gear and crashed into the door frame, he said.

Another fire official, reached on duty Wednesday and speaking on condition of anonymity while the station was closed, said, “We are waiting for (J. F.) Cook Door Company to come and fix it.

“I really don’t want to talk about this. Everything is relocated to Engine 1 (on North Broadway Downtown) and Brady Street residents will receive their usual service.”

“We couldn’t get the door repaired immediately because of the storm,” Deputy Chief Romas said on Thursday, “but they should be back in there now. Yeah, they’re back.”

As for the fireman who drove his auto into the garage door, “He feels real bad about it,” said one of his fellow firemen. “He will probably be written up.”

And he’ll be hearing about it from the boys for some time to come.

ANNUAL CHILI SOCIAL AT ENGINE NUMBER. 6

Care to take a look at the inside of **Engine House 6** for yourself?

You have an opportunity Tuesday, Feb. 15 from 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at the annual Brady Street Area Association Chili Social. Admission is \$5 (or a dish to pass) for association members. Non-members pay \$15, which includes a year’s membership to the organization.

SCENE ON THE STREET

The **Hamilton** has opened on its eponymous street, just uphill from **Trocadero** and the ruins of the **Gallun Tannery**. The bar styles itself as akin to what you’d find in a hotel lobby atmosphere, which means there will be plenty of champagne available.

Hybrid is getting close to its first year anniversary. The bar at the southeast corner of Brady and Van Buren now features three beers from **Lakefront Brewery**, which is an enviable total, and a sufficient number to include it on the roster of post-tour free-beer spots from

our neighborhood brewery.

Lakefront Brewery has also its tour facility, with a new gathering room and a new staircase down to the brewery. This should help avert collisions between incoming and outgoing tours.

There is a delightful new facade on the **Emperor of China**. The work includes certain classic Chinese motifs, yet still respects the ‘60’s supper club design elements from its original service as **Glorioso’s** restaurant.

MY UPCOMING SPEECH AT UNITARIAN SOCIETY

*“E. D. Holton and the
Underground Railroad”*

Our neighbor **Christian Becker** was kind enough to invite me to give a speech at the Sunday Forum at 10a.m. on February 13th at the **First Unitarian Society**, 1342 N. Astor St.

Edward Dwight Holton (1815-1892) gave his name to our neighborhood viaduct, and I have been interested in him for almost 10 years now, devoting a little time here and there to an awful lot of research.

He truly was a founder of the Underground Railroad, and his farm was located where Miller Brewing Co. is now. It was the route through which Caroline Quarles and many other slaves were spirited to freedom. Holton was a remarkable man with many accomplishments -- our first sheriff, first to ship wheat from Milwaukee, a banker, merchant, speculator, benefactor of schools, and perhaps the most travelled
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Brady Street Neighborhood



CLASSES

The Conservatory offers lessons and classes for people at any age and any level. To view our classes for our winter/spring semester go to: www.wcmusic.org

CONSERVATORY SUNDAY CONCERTS

Songs from the Heart

Sunday, February 13, 3 PM

Artist Faculty will sing songs, arias and ensembles chosen to celebrate the Season of the Heart. You will delight in music selected from highlights of the repertoire including Classical, Broadway and Popular styles. This concert has become a seasonal favorite!

Peter and the Wolf

March 13, 2011 3PM

Bring the entire family to hear the story of Sergei Prokofiev's "Peter And The Wolf" and other childhood stories. Marlee Sabo's narration and the performances of our piano faculty Philomusica Sunday, February 7, 2011 7:30. Shostakovich: String Quartet No. 8 in C minor, Op. 110, Górecki: String Quartet No. 1, Op. 62 Already It Is Dusk, Beethoven: String Quartet in C minor, Op. 59 No.3 "Razumovsky"
Conservatory Sunday attendees also enjoy complimentary Alterra coffee and cookies provide by Metro Market

PROMETHEUS TRIO

Monday, February 14 7:30pm

Tuesday, February 15 11:00am

with guest violinist Robert Levine, Berwald: Piano Trio No. 4 in C Major, Schnittke: Piano Trio, Dvo ák: Piano Quartet in E-flat Major, Op. 87

CONSERVATORY NIGHTS -

Joe 2.0 with Xeno

Thursday, February 24 7:30pm

Joseph Ketchum, violin; Tatiana Migliaccio, violin; Olga Tuzhilkov, viola; Scott Cook, cello; Kevin Kosmeder, drums & vocals; Xeno, vocals. The Conservatory will Rock & Roll with Joe 2.0 & Xeno; an evening of music with a one of a kind rock sextet. Joe 2.0 is composed of an electrified string quartet plus drums accompanying former "Cheap Trick" frontman Xeno. The performance will feature covers of songs by The Who, Led Zeppelin, David Bowie, Elvis, and others, as well as some brand new originals.

For tickets and more information on Wisconsin Conservatory of Music events call – 276-5760 or www.wcmusic.org



VILLA TERRACE
Decorative Arts Museum

CAFÉ SOPRA MARE:

Sunday, February 6

Open 10:00 – 12:30

Live Music 12:30 – 1:00 PM

Maynard Jazz Quartet. Programs are subject to change. Continues on first Sunday of each month
Programs are subject to change

FEATURED EXHIBITION

Formed, February 16 - May 15, 2011

Karen Gunderman and Linda Wervey-Vitamvas, both of Milwaukee, are ceramics artists whose work evokes anatomical and biological forms. Gunderman draws on the early history of botany and a sense of wonderment in exploring the mysteries of life. Wervey-Vitamvas combines peculiar anatomical shapes with medical and surgical tools to investigate an uneasy relationship between the body's internal spaces and the examination and viewing of these hidden places.

AN EVENING OF ROMANTIC STANDARDS

Saturday, Feb 12 6:30 - 9:00 PM

featuring tenor Tim Rebers and pianist Maggie Rebers

Admission to the Museum: \$5 Adults

\$3 Seniors, Military and Students / FREE Members.

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MONTHLY MEETINGS

The public is welcome to attend our monthly meetings on the 4th Tuesday of the month from 3:30 - 5:00 PM at the Conservatory of Music 1584 N. Prospect Avenue.

For more information please call Daniel Petry at 414-276-5760 x103



CHARLES ALLIS
Art Museum

CLASSIC MOVIES IN A CLASSIC MANSION NOTORIOUS

Wednesday, February 23

1946, 101 min., with Ingrid Bergman, Cary Grant, Claude Rains, Louis Calhern.

IVY Wednesday, March 9

1947, 99 min. Joan Fontaine, Herbert Marshall, Patricia Knowles, Richard Ney & Cedric Hardwicke.

Movies begin at 7:30 PM

FREE with General Admission to the Museum: Adults \$5 / Seniors, Military & Students \$3.

ALLIS AFTER HOURS

Featuring the Kevin Hayden Band

Thursday, February 17 5:30 - 8:30 PM

\$5/adult, \$3/student & senior, FREE/museum member

Siempre Flamenco

Thursday, February 24 7-9:00 PM

Sample all things Spanish this evening with a performance and demonstration by Siempre Flamenco, traditional tapas (wonderful little bites of Spanish cuisine) and a tasting of Spanish wine. *\$30/member, \$40/non-member.*

FEATURED EXHIBITION

The Charles Allis: 100 Years

February 4 - November 13, 2011

In celebration of the Centennial of the Charles Allis Mansion, six Wisconsin artists were invited to create an installation in a historic room of the mansion. Each artist was asked to create an installation which interprets the collection, the building, or the history of the Museum. The installations raise provocative questions about changes in meaning, place and reception of the space and collection over the last 100 years.

Artists: Reggie Baylor, Carol Emmons, Gary Gresl, Martha Glowacki, Ashley Morgan

FREE with General Admission to the Museum:

\$5 Adults

\$3 Seniors, Military and Students

FREE Members

For more information on Charles Allis Events call – 278-8295 or www.cavtmuseums.org.

FEBRUARY 2011 CALENDAR



Local Farmer Open House Saturday, March 12, 11 am - 4 PM (Extended hours!)

Explore how you can eat more healthful, local and sustainably-produced food! Meet local farmers and learn about Community Supported Agriculture (CSA), how you can subscribe to a farm and how you can buy sustainably-produced meat, cheese, eggs and more, directly from the farmers. Workshops, kids activities and more!

For everyone

Free - donations appreciated

Intro to X-C Skiing

Tuesday, February 20, 1 - 3:30 PM

Trying to find a way to enjoy cold winter days? Learn how to cross country ski! Bring an adventurous spirit; we'll provide the skis and hot chocolate. We will begin on the athletic fields and then head into the woods or down the bike trail. Make sure to dress in layers.

For adults & accompanied children ages 12 and older.

Adults: \$8 (Nonmembers - \$12) Children: \$8 (Nonmembers - \$8)

Discovery Hike: Winter Animal Tracking

Saturday, February 26 10:30 am - noon

We're going to head out in search of evidence of critters who are active in these cold months. Dress for the weather. Warm up with some hot cocoa and a story afterwards.

For kids ages 4 and older accompanied by an adult

\$5 or \$15 for families of 4 or more (Nonmembers - \$8 or \$24 for families of 4 or more)
Call to register, 964-8505

Young Scientists Club

Every Monday, 4 - 6 PM

Got cabin fever? Then come outside and join our educators for fun science, research and stewardship projects out in the park. *For everyone.*

\$5 annual fee

Burdock Brigade

1st and 3rd Saturday of the month, 9 - 11 am

The Burdock Brigade engages in hands on restoration activities: removing exotic invasive plants and propagating and planting native species in order to preserve and restore native vegetation and wildlife habitat.

For adults and accompanied children

Free - donations appreciated

For more events please visit our website at: www.urbanecologycenter.org/

Tamarack Waldorf School

Now enrolling for PreK through Grade 8 for the 2011-2012 school year. Tamarack Waldorf School is a private, non-profit school, accredited by the Association of Waldorf Schools of North America. There are hundreds of Waldorf schools worldwide using time-tested methods to enhance the students' learning experiences. We participate in the Milwaukee Parental Choice Program for low-income Milwaukee students, and we also welcome many students from throughout the area including the suburbs. Please visit our website for more information!

Tuesday February 15, 7 pm Information Evening

Prospective parents are invited to learn more about Waldorf education at Tamarack. A teacher will discuss the Waldorf curriculum and philosophy, followed by a tour of the classrooms. Please call to pre-register.

Thursday February 17, 9-11 am Classroom Observation

Visitors can observe the Waldorf classrooms in action during the school day, followed by a discussion about the curriculum. Please call to pre-register.

Now enrolling for Fall 2011!

**PreK through Grade 8
1150 East Brady Street, 414-277-0009
www.tamarackwaldorf.org**



ST. JOSEPH'S TABLE or LA TAVOLATA DI SAN GIUSEPPE Sunday March 13, 2011 12 - 3 pm

St. Rita Scalabrini Hall (Corner of Cass & Pleasant). The tradition of honoring and thanking St. Joseph for rains to end drought during Middle Ages in Sicily continues. The women of Three Holy Women Parish prepare meatless dishes and desserts which are sold to the public. These items are arranged on an elaborately decorated table; the proceeds are used to fund parish's charities. *All are welcome!*

For more information on Three Holy Women Parish call - 271-6577 or go to www.threeholymen.com.

Danceworks

JOHN BAILEY & DANCEWORKS ART GALLERY Secret Gardens

**January 21-March 19; Gallery Night and Day
Opening: January 21, 6-9 PM reception & gallery tour**
Interior and exterior landscapes by John Bailey are executed as paintings, intaglio and relief prints. John has exhibited his work in England, France and Switzerland and the USA in solo and group shows. Opening Night Reception starts at 5:00 p.m. and includes a demonstration by the 2010-11 DPC2 dancers at 7:15 p.m. in the Danceworks Studio Theatre and Art Gallery
Free and open to the Public.

DANCEWORKS PERFORMANCE COMPANY Vaudeville

**February 18-27; February 18, 19, 25, 26 at 7:30 PM
February 20, 27 at 2:30 PM, February 24 at 8:30 PM**
Resident choreographer Kelly Anderson will put a contemporary twist on a variety of entertainment in an evening length work that celebrates the diversity and entertainment of historic Vaudeville. Kelly Anderson will be featured in a solo by guest choreographer Ed Burgess, and the rest of DPC's dancers, acrobats, comediennes, magicians and more will take to the stage in a spectacle that will delight and entrance. Danceworks Studio Theatre

CLASSES

Danceworks Winter Session:

November 29 - March 5 (adults)

January 3 - May 21 (children)

Classes for children through adults, ages 3 and up, including a 50+ Initiative Program and Beginner through Professional levels. Danceworks offers classes in Ballet, Contemporary, Jazz, Tap, Hip Hop, African, Ballroom, Yoga, Pilates and more!

Danceworks, Inc., enhances the joy, health and creativity of our community through performances, classes and outreach activities integrating dance and other art forms.

**To register, call Danceworks at (414) 277-8480 or online at www.danceworksmke.org.
1661 N. Water Street, Milwaukee, WI 53202.**

Danceworks is a member of the United Performing Arts Fund (UPAF).

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calendar event updates**



a brief history lesson

Happy Valentine's Day!

By Frank Alioto

I've never done a Valentine issue before, but before I get into the origins of Valentine's Day, here are some true local love stories sure to warm your hearts.

It was June of 1980, and 21 year old Karen Ozga and her parents Stan and La Verne left their home in Lyons, Illinois, to visit some relatives in Arizona. On the way home they stopped in Las Vegas to "try their luck" (as the phrase goes). While at the Castaways Casino Karen was actually faring pretty well at the slots when she ventured off from her parents to find the bathroom. She proceeded to weave her way through the congested rows of clanging, ringing, and flashing machines... meanwhile, 29 year old Ken Caskinette, who grew up at 1235 Brady Street and attended Cass Street grade school, and Lincoln High School, was playing a five way progressive quarter slot machine, which steadily relieved him of his load of quarters. Ken was now living in Palm Springs California near his Uncle Elwood and Aunt Wilma. The trio took the three hour drive to Vegas for a little weekend gambling and landed at the Castaways Casino.

Getting closer to the restroom, Karen came upon Ken amidst the chaotic din and politely said, "Excuse me." At that moment Ken looked up and, stricken by "her beauty and bright smile" said coyly, "I'll move under

one condition...that you come back this way." Karen, apparently just as stricken, said, "I already planned on it", and continued on to the bathroom. She did in fact return, and after engaging in a bit of small talk, Ken encouraged Karen to pull the handle on his machine for a "change of luck". Sure enough, over \$250 in quarters noisily spilled into the tray below. He packed a few quarters back into the machine and dared her to repeat that



performance—which she did with identical results. "Try again, and if you hit the 7-7-7 (the progressive jackpot) I'll marry you!" Ken exclaimed. Well, this pull failed to win, but Karen, now thoroughly enjoying herself and equally smitten said, "You know, I'd marry you any way." "Sounds good to me," replied Ken. All this time, an oblivious Aunt Wilma was repeatedly showing up and grabbing handfuls of quarters.

Ken and Karen, perhaps calling each other's bluff, proceeded to tell their

families of their sudden engagement. Uncle Elwood, having just slept one off in the car, responded by blurting, "You've got to be #!% &!* Kidding me...you're getting married over a *!@#* slot machine?"--Or something to that effect.

Karen's mom La Verne implored, "Karen, what about your job, your car, and your boyfriend Ray?" "I don't care, I don't care, and I don't know!" was her reply. Karen's father was actually the most understanding, but he did take Ken aside and say, "I'm not sure what you're up to, but if you hurt my daughter I will kill you!" Uncle Elwood concurred. They went as a group to buy the license and within six hours of their first encounter, at 3:00 am on June 15th, Ken and Karen were wed at the Candlelight Wedding Chapel.

Thirty one years later I am taking in their story at Glorioso's, where they have worked for many years just a few steps apart. You've no doubt seen them both--Ken stocking shelves and Karen at the register. "She's a hot lookin' woman with a beautiful smile" states Ken as Karen stands alongside beaming. He pulls out a picture of her when she was 21, which he has kept in his wallet all those years. "A lot of so called experts told us we were doomed to fail, but most of them are divorced now," Ken chuckles. "I went to Vegas and I won!" he added. It was clear that Ken wasn't talking about slot machines.

I often think of the amazing alignment of events that must occur for these types of serendipitous life changing



encounters. What if Karen didn't have to go to the bathroom, or had taken another of the many possible routes? Or what if Ken had never been in her way or did not have the courage to quickly try a line that could have just as easily gotten a slap on the cheek?

Speaking of pickup lines blended with good fortune, I am reminded of a story that came out of an interview with the now deceased Ed Suminski a few

like you?" It just so happens that Catherine had an identical twin named Evelyn. Ed and Evelyn courted and eventually married. They lived on Brady Street for over 50 years of marriage, which produced seven children—two more sets of twins among them.

Of course few relationships start out as spontaneously as Ken and Karen Caskinette. Cupid certainly pierced

him in the shin! Eventually, she was more likely to kick at his potential girl friends. They will celebrate 50 years of marriage next September, but have thankfully found more constructive ways to show affection.

Enough of this lovey-dovey stuff—just who is Cupid anyway, and why do we celebrate Valentine's Day. Cupid was the Roman god of love and desire. Valentine's Day is actually rooted in the Roman feast of Lupercalia, where goats would be sacrificed and boys would run through the villages waving flaps of their bloody hides. Any creature, or woman, slapped with the hide would be said to become more fertile for the spring mating season. (Sort of like a kick in the shin!)

Early Christians tried to do away with pagan customs and superstitions by substituting Saints days for them. Saint Valentine, who was executed on the eve of Lupercalia, February 14th, became the new symbol of the mating season. St. Valentine was honored because he secretly married couples, despite the Roman Emperor of the time forbidding marriage because he felt married soldiers made poor warriors.

By the fifteenth century, a custom developed where young people would draw names from a box and give sweet gifts or poems to whomever they picked. By Victorian times, the Valentine card that we know today became custom. There is no record of a slot machine being used to find true love until 1980.



Karen and Ken Caskinette in familiar surroundings at Glorio-so's nearly 31 years after their amazing night in Las Vegas.

years back. While at a New Years dance in 1947 in the basement of Peoples Building and Loan, (now Cempazucci) Ed noticed a pretty young lady named Catherine. He was disappointed to find out that she was spoken for. He decided to drum up the courage to try a line anyway, asking coyly, "Are there any more at home

their hearts with love arrows the moment they met. It was a swift kick that foreshadowed my own parent's long marriage. They met in 1947. My mother (then 5 years old) and her parents moved upstairs from my then 10 year old father's family on Humboldt Avenue. Upon their introduction she hauled off and booted

b-street scene continued

Milwaukeean of his age. He was a remarkable writer and a much-in-demand orator. His address at the opening of the Chamber of Commerce has been much reprinted, and he gave the dedicatory address for the statue of Solomon Juneau in Juneau Park.

But first and foremost, he was an abolitionist -- when such an overt political stance was a rarity, and in the words of contemporary historian James Buck, "cost a man something."

I'll be talking for about 45 minutes on the subject of pre-Civil War Milwaukee, and the remarkable mass rally in this city that led to hundreds of immigrants to settle in Kansas, where they named the new town in Holton's honor in 1856.

But our story with Holton, and his crusade

against slavery, dates to his arrival in this city as the 1840's dawned. Come join me, if you would like.

FINAL PLUG

It's Horne's 57th, and I've decided to hold my birthday party in the neighborhood Friday, February 25th from 6p.m. until who-knows-when at the **Y-NOT II**, 706 E. Lyon St. I think I'll be able to commandeer the downstairs bar, but promise to surface to meet any challenges at the pool table as they arise.

Until then,

I'll B-Scene you!

Michael Horne

Brady Street Announces Special Events for 2011

CHILI SOCIAL

Tuesday, February 15th at 5:30
Engine Company Number 6 at
Brady Street & Franklin Place

Enjoy some fantastic chili at Brady's Street very own Engine Company Number 6 at Brady Street & Franklin Place

SPRING FORUM

Topic and location to be announced!
March, February 19th

ICE CREAM SOCIAL

Tuesday, August 16th at 6:30

Enjoy a fine summer day with some ice cream, conversation and friendly neighbors.

BRADY STREET DOG PARADE

Sunday, October 2nd

Feathers and fur take to the streets for this dog walk, canine-costume contest and pet blessing. All pets are welcome!

FALL FORUM

Topic and location to be announced!
Tuesday, October 18th

CHRISTMAS PARTY

Tuesday, December 20th at 6:30

Winter Fitness Tips

When its nice and sunny outside its really a joy to get on the old running shoes and to go for a run. Staying in shape during summer is really quite enjoyable and with so many outside activities you can do you are really spoiled for choice. During the winter its a different story though. It can keep us huddled up inside and afraid to even stick our noses out of the front door. Getting any amount of exercise can be a real challenge and the fact that we feel less active means that we are more inclined to gain weight. To add insult to injury we tend to add a couple more pounds during the winter anyway.

Its really important that you follow some sort of workout routine to not just stay active but to keep to your fitness and weight loss goals. Here are 4 great ways to help you stay fit and healthy during the cold months.

JOIN A GYM

So, I know some people hate gyms but its really something that grows on you. Find a gym that feels good. The right gym with the right vibe can be a great motivator and a lot of fun. During the winter months there's usually quite a buzz and is something that will only help to motivate you. A place in the neighborhood is **Snap Fitness** or **Anytime Fitness** on Farwell Ave.

INDOOR SPORTS

There are a number of indoor sports that is not only fun but will help to keep you in great shape. There are quite a few ball sports that you can get involved in and sports like racket ball and squash are fast, furious and great for burning calories. You could even head down to play table tennis down in the Third Ward at **Spin** on Chicago Street!

OUTDOOR SPORTS

Don't let the cold weather stop your outdoor enjoyment! Stop by **Cory the Bike Fixer** or **Crankdaddy's** so they can tell you how to winterize yourself and you bike. Or head down to **Laacke and Joy** to rent some skis to hit the slopes or the trails. The people at the **Urban Ecology Center** even offer classes for Cross Country Skiing!

YOGA AND PILATES

This winter can be the perfect time to try out some alternative exercises. You've probably heard a lot about Yoga and Pilates but maybe you always passed up on it. Why not give it a try this winter. Its incredible exercises that will leave you looking and feeling fantastic. Brady Street now has **Core Essence Yoga** on the east end of the street.

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The Brady Street Area Association is open to any person/business sharing an interest in the betterment of Brady Street and the neighborhood that surrounds it.

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