

McBride Alumni

Bowling Party

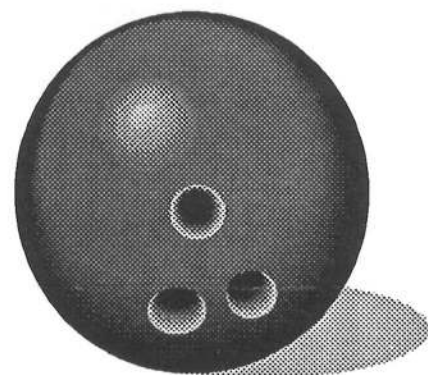
Prizes For Best & Worst Bowling Shirts

March 5, 1994

1 p.m. - ?

\$17.00 Per Person

- Bowling
- Zany Prizes
- Door Prizes
- Group Games
- JV Raffle
- Silent Auction
- Soda, Coffee
- Buffet Dinner
- ...And More



Bluemound Bowl

12935 West Bluemound Road

Support a worthy cause... And HAVE A BALL!

\$17.00 Per Person (\$11.00 If Not Bowling)

Name: _____

Address: _____

City/State/ZIP: _____

Phone: _____

____ Persons @ \$17.00..... \$ _____

____ Non-Bowlers @ \$11.00..... \$ _____

Amount Of Check..... \$ _____

1 P.M. Bowling 3 P.M. Bowling Either One

Make Check Payable To:
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Peggy Haggerty
6937 Wellauer Drive
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(414) 774-1824

Deadline:
February 24, 1994

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Bowl Away The Blahs

Let The Good Times Roll

You say you've had it with the snow and cold? Cabin fever got you down? Running out of walls to climb?

Friend, have we got good news for you!

Once again, the Alumni rides to the rescue with a sure cure for those winter blahs, the ones that reach the acute stage in late January and move into a life-threatening mode by mid-February. And reports from the National Disease Control Center in Atlanta indicate that the strain making the rounds this year is especially severe.

So what's the wonder cure?

It's — *drum roll* — The Second Annual McBride Alumni Bowling & Other Fun Gala!

Set for Saturday afternoon, March 5, at the Bluemound



Bowl, this is truly a "brought-back-by-popular-demand" event. It was such a hit last year as a last-minute replacement for the old "Game Nights" that its place as a regular event on the Alumni activities calendar seems assured.

There's an early deadline for reservations this year, however, so get that coupon on Page 4 filled out *immediately*,

and mail it, along with your check, no later than February 24. The donation — this is the Alumni Foundation's main fund-raising event — is \$17.00 per person for three lines of bowling, dinner, soda and/or coffee, door prizes plus tons of fun and games, including the big silent auction that has been so popular at past February get-togethers.

For non-bowlers (though no one should be intimidated by the level of competition — this is a far cry from Saturday afternoon TV), the fee is \$11.00 per person for dinner and the other fringes.

Alums, spouses, significant others, friends and kids are all welcome, with a special invitation to newcomers. It's a great occasion for meeting new friends and getting acquainted.

Peggy Haggerty, the Alumni Board's energetic activities chairperson, has put together a great afternoon and evening of spirited fellowship that will get underway at 1 p.m.

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**Registration Form
On Page 4**

Deadline: February 24



Then the restaurant went out of business and, when a replacement site was selected, the food wasn't as good, the price was higher and interest declined. Attendance dropped to "a precious few" and, before long, the whole idea just disappeared.

With literally hundreds of new faces having joined the Alumni ranks, and a renewed spirit of "doing something with other Alums" apparently catching on, the Board of Directors raised the question at its January meeting: Should the Sun-

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CAN SPRING BE FAR BEHIND?

If talk about winter blahs and the Bowling Gala whets your appetite for warmer pastimes, how about this? Planning has begun for the annual GMO — the Greater McBride Open golf outing!

Pat Pendergast is the chief caddie for this year's event and he's rounding up fellow duffers to help in the organizational phase for this, the seventh such trek to the links for McBride Alums. The date and course are yet to be set, but it's traditionally held in early to mid-May.



To refresh your memory, the GMO (no pun intended, of course) is staged more in the spirit of fun than golfing prowess. It's for players of all skill levels, and good times take precedence over good scores. (There are a few, of course, who somehow manage to stay below triple-digits, but we try and ignore them.) Full details will be published in the next *Moving Finger*.

'Finger' Has A Point

Every once in awhile, as new members join our fellowship, and heads are scratched in bewilderment, it's a good idea to explain what is behind the name of our quarterly newsletter, *The Moving Finger*.

There's nothing deeply profound, just a spur-of-the-moment, somewhat whimsical idea that fell out of a conversation among those who were putting the first issue together back in 1985.

At the time, the expression "moving on" was a common way of describing progress through the McBride treatment regimen. Every day, it seemed, there was reference to "moving on..." to another step, to another treatment phase, to the Recovery

House. Or back to "the outside world."

To those familiar with *The Rubaiyat of Omar Kyayyam*, that mystical poem dating back several centuries, the newsletter title should ring a bell. Omar, the Persian tentmaker-poet, was engrossed in his addiction to wine and abstract philosophy and included the verse that is the source of our masthead:

The moving finger writes, and having writ... Moves on.

Nor all your piety nor wit shall lure it back to cancel half a line of it; Nor all thy tears wash out a word of it.

At the time, it seemed appropriate, different, symbolic and, yes — there's a message there.

Mark Your Calendars

Bowling Party	March 5
Board Meeting*	March 8
Board Meeting	April 12
GMO Golf Outing	Mid-May
Spring Retreat	May 27-29
Annual Meeting and Picnic	September

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

Retreat Schedule Set For 2 Years

For those who like to plan ahead, calendar-marking for the next two years is in order. Dates have been set for the Spring '94, Winter '95 and Spring '95 McBride Alumni Retreats.

Demand for space at our excellent facility — the Perpetual Help Retreat Center near Oconomowoc — has been intensifying every year and, rather than risk a future disappointment, the Board of Directors secured a guarantee of availability by making deposits for each of the following dates:

Spring, 1994 — May 27-29

Winter, 1995 — January 13-15

Spring, 1995 — May 26-28

As an indication of the popularity of Perpetual Help as a retreat site, these were the only dates available that were anywhere close to the McBride schedule. And, as might be expected, the price is also going up.

Though the Board is seeking to negotiate, it appears that an increase in the neighborhood of \$15.00 to \$20.00 will be imposed. (Alums paid \$85.00 for the Friday-Sunday retreat in January, which attracted the largest turnout in our history.)

Brunch, Anyone?

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day Brunch flag be run up the flag pole to see who salutes?

Why not? Give it some thought. Would you be interested in a return of this social activity? Many Milwaukee restaurants offer this popular local custom and a convenient, economical location ought to be easy to find. Under the old format, it was at 10:30 a.m. the first Sunday of each month, with hopes that space for everyone to sit together would be available (attendance usually averaged anywhere from 15 to 25).

If you have any suggestions or comments, pass them along to a Board member. A committee is being formed to explore interest and potential locations. And watch for more information in future newsletters.

Bowling Party

3 Strikes and You're In

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with the first set of kegling (for the uninitiated, that's sports-page lingo for rolling the big ball at the little pins). The buffet dinner will be served at about 5:30.

Because of the anticipated crowd, bowling is divided into two sections, with half taking to the lanes at 1:00 and another group at about 3:00-3:30. Times will be assigned in advance, so if you have a preference, check the appropriate box on your registration. Requests will be filled on a first-come, first-serve basis (another incentive for early sign-ups).

Never fear, though; there will be no "down time." The party room will feature a wide array of board games, cards and other group activities and, of course, the bargain-filled silent auction display will be open for bids throughout the afternoon. And the door prizes will be flowing freely.

In the special prizes category, there will be recognition and rewards for achievements such as highest and lowest scores, best and worst bowling shirts and whatever else comes to Peggy's resourceful mind.

Lastly, don't miss the annual TV set raffle that, for the past nine years, has served to spur contributions to the Alumni Foundation as well as to publicize the winter events. Donation tickets (\$1.00 each; six for \$5.00) are already available, and the drawing and giveaway will highlight the day's ac-

tivities. This year's prize is a 13-inch color TV, the kind that fits so well in the kitchen, bedroom or den. (It should be noted that raffle chances are premiums awarded to donors, and should not be seen as a form of gambling.)

To sum it up, time is already running short — the deadline is February 24 to reserve a spot for this fun-filled opportunity for socializing and having a good time with a great bunch of fellow McBride Alumni, their spouses and friends. See Page 4 for additional information, sign up, then either come as a group or simply join the gang, but... *be there!*

Calling All Angels!

Like most charity fund-raising events, the Bowling Gala Silent Auction relies upon generosity and sponsorship to make it a true success. And it's the Alumni who are looked to first in this regard.

Do you have access to corporate or company products that can be donated to charitable organizations and events? Or, in the spirit of gratitude or other warm feelings, would you, personally, like to be an "angel" to the Alumni Foundation? Perhaps you have a Christmas present that has gone untouched, lying there seeking a good excuse to be given away. Past auctions have featured, for example, kitchen appliances, board games, sporting and recreational equipment, gift certificates and restaurant dinners, to name a few of the possibilities.

Donated articles should be new and can also include services, such as car washes, health club visits, etc. Tickets to sports and other events are also appropriate.

In addition to merchandise for the silent auction, there is also a need for items suitable for the free door prize drawings (open to all who attend). These have often included premiums used by companies for advertising or

McBride Alums Selected By Tuesday AA Group

Two McBride Alums will be chairing the Tuesday night AA meetings at Milwaukee Psych for the next six months. And two others will be in the key service positions.

Karen R. was elected secretary and Anna J. as treasurer when the group picked its "officers" for the February-July terms at the January 25 meeting. George R. is the new librarian and Dave N. was picked for the two-year GSR spot, replacing Jeff N., whose performance in that demanding role should get him some kind of award.

promotional purposes, like tee shirts, playing cards and golf balls. The more for sale, the better the auction and, naturally, the more door prizes, the more fun for everyone.



Whatever the gift, here's a great opportunity for a tax-deductible expression of good will for a worthy cause (receipts given on request). The Bowling Gala will be all the more gala with your help.

To be a much appreciated sponsor, give Peggy Haggerty a call at (414) 774-1824. Or simply get in touch with any McBride Alumni Board member. (Most of them can generally be found at the Tuesday night AA meetings at Milwaukee Psych.)

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