

MILWAUKEE CLASSIC



MAY 24-25, 1997

PROGRAM

THE WHITE HOUSE

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April 14, 1997

Greetings to the participants, coaches, and spectators gathered for the annual Milwaukee Classic Invitational Tournament, sponsored by the Saturday Softball League.

Athletic competition can bring out the best in all of us. As we practice and strive to develop our skills, we find untapped energy and talent, and we discover the true potential within us. When we finally put our training to the test, we join with dedicated individuals who share our enthusiasm for the spirit of friendly competition. Contests like yours provide an exciting opportunity to strengthen our faith in ourselves and our understanding of the value of teamwork.

I salute each of you for your energy and enthusiasm, and I extend best wishes to all for a most exciting competition.

Bill Clinton



The State of Wisconsin

CERTIFICATE OF COMMENDATION

HONORING

SATURDAY SOFTBALL LEAGUE



ON BEHALF OF THE PEOPLE OF WISCONSIN, I AM
ESPECIALLY PLEASED TO SALUTE

SATURDAY SOFTBALL LEAGUE

IN RECOGNITION OF THEIR 20TH ANNIVERSARY.

I EXTEND MY PERSONAL CONGRATULATIONS TO EVERYONE
INVOLVED IN MAKING THIS EVENT POSSIBLE.

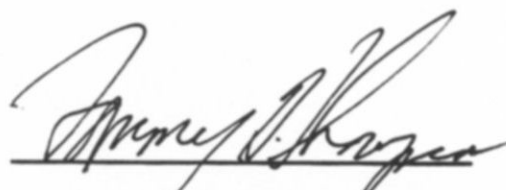
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AND ALL GENDER PARTICIPATION.

I SALUTE THE SATURDAY SOFTBALL LEAGUE FOR IMPROVING
THE QUALITY OF LIFE IN THE STATE OF WISCONSIN.

PRESENTED WITH MY BEST WISHES.



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OF MADISON THIS FIFTEENTH DAY
OF MARCH IN THE YEAR ONE
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SEVEN.



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John O. Norquist
Mayor

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May 24th-26th, 1997

20th Anniversary of the Saturday Softball League

GREETINGS!

On behalf of the City of Milwaukee, I am happy to extend a warm welcome to all those attending the tournaments commemorating the 20th Anniversary of the Saturday Softball League. Our city is proud to host these exciting and fun events.

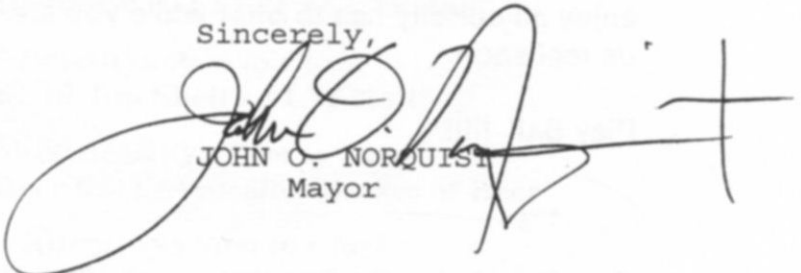
The Saturday Softball League was one of the first three Gay and Lesbian Softball Leagues in the country and the first in the Midwest. They have been a pioneer in Human Rights welcoming diverse, multi-ethnic, multi-racial, and all gender participation.

I urge our visitors to take some time to explore our city, which offers cosmopolitan vitality with Midwest convenience and friendliness.

Downtown, you'll find music and the arts, a riverwalk, shopping and historic architecture, and a variety of restaurants offering hometown hospitality. Visit the Milwaukee Public Museum, where the new Humphrey IMAX Dome Theater will dazzle you with "sense-surround" entertainment.

I wish you the best during your stay here and hope you return home with fond memories. Have an enjoyable visit, and good luck to all of the participating teams!

Sincerely,


JOHN O. NORQUIST
Mayor

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20 TH. ANNIVERSARY



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Welcome to the 17th annual Milwaukee Classic Softball Tournament. Whether you are here for the first time, or are visiting us again, we're delighted that you have chosen to spend your Memorial Day weekend with us in Milwaukee.

In this, the 20th anniversary season of our league, and our 17th Memorial Day Tournament, we would like to dedicate this Classic to the memory of two people who have had a major impact on our league and tournament, Wayne Bernhagen and Tom Theis. Wayne, former owner of the Wreck Room, was a founding financial organizer and major sponsor of the first six softball tournaments, known as the Wreck Room Classic. His generous support of gay softball and his appearances at numerous softball tournaments throughout the country have provided the financial and moral support for teams representing Milwaukee, both on and off the softball fields. Tom was one of the original founders of our league, and it was his idea for Milwaukee to host our first Memorial Day Classic in 1978. We are extremely thankful for their many contributions to gay softball in Milwaukee.

We invite all of you back over the Labor Day weekend, as Milwaukee will host its first Midwest Invitational Softball Tournament (M. I. S. T.).

We thank our league sponsors, our fans, and all the volunteers who have made this Classic possible.

Good luck to all the teams, and we hope you play well, play safe, and enjoy all our city has to offer while you are here. Come back and see us real soon.

Play Ball !!!!!

Tom Salzsieder, Co-Director

Dan Nelson, Co-Director



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National Anthems

THE STAR-SPANGLED BANNER

Oh say can you see by the dawn's early light
What so proudly we hailed at the twilight's
last gleaming?
Whose broad stripes and bright stars thru the perilous
flight,
O'er the ramparts we watched were so
gallantly streaming?
And the rocket's red glare, the bombs bursting in air,
Gave proof through the night that our flag
was still there.
Oh say does that star-spangled banner yet wave
O'er the land of the free and the home of
the brave?

O' CANADA

O' Canadal
Our home and native land true patriot love
in all thy sons command.
With glowing hearts we see thee rise.
The True North strong and free!
From far and wide, O' Canada we stand on guard for
thee.
God keep our land glorious and free!
O' Canada, we stand on guard for thee.
O' Canada, we stand on guard for thee.

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