



Under the Oaks

Nakoma Neighborhood News

March 2008

Twelfth Night Laughs Warmed Up a Frosty Night

Snow and sub-zero temperatures were forgotten in the glow of candlelight and comedy at this year's 84th Twelfth Night Dinner Theater.

If there is one issue Nakoma residents are familiar with, it's the challenge of home improvement projects - and over 100 neighbors found the humor in it while enjoying "My Old Nakoma Home or There's Always Rooms To Improve."



This year's musical comedy followed the quest of Dick and Jane Homeowner (KT Arnesen, Mark Consigny) and their kids (Robert Gake, Jackie Seigel) for larger living space. Their attempts to acquire a bank loan (from bankers Bud Smith,

Bruce Geiger, Dale Bjorling, Rob Lux) and work with an egotistical architectural firm (Stu Levitan, Sandy Curran), were met with warnings from ghosts (Carol Gepner, Deb Dalke, Amy Kruger). To add to their problems, the construction crew was not up their standards (but Rob Lux, Dave Dwyer, Rob Gake, Dennis McGilligan, Mike McKenna and Bud Smith can boogie!). Eventually they decided to turn this into a do-it-yourself project with the encouragement of a hardware store's helpful experts (Rebecca Dahl Dwyer, Bud Smith).



As the show's writers prefer happy endings, the finale produced satisfactory results for Dick and Jane.

Experienced in their own home improvement projects, writers Bruce Geiger, Nanci Bjorling, Stu Levitan, and Harvey Briggs developed the story line. Veteran

producer Betty Buchanan, director Nanci Bjorling, technical engineer Rob Lux, choreographers Sarah Walgenbach and Amy Kruger, musicians Bruce Geiger and Emily Wixson handled the staging and rehearsals. Many thanks to Jessup Lebaron for lighting, Ron Curran for video, Ron Binter of RB Remodeling and Tom Reed of Home Depot for prop assistance.

The play alone requires the work of over 20 neighbors who put in many hours of writing, singing and dancing, but the laughs and memories are worth it. Neighbors who have an interest in joining the 85th production in early 2009 should watch this newsletter for a casting call in the fall. No auditions or previous experience are required - just a willingness to help make a cold, snowy winter night fun for fellow neighbors, and to keep this long-time Nakoma tradition going.



Enthusiastic Audience Enjoyed Pre-Play Cocktail Parties and Dinner

While the performance was certainly the highlight of the evening, Nakomans enjoyed pre-play cocktail parties and a wonderful meal prior to the show. Oneida area reps Angela James and Patti Glasz worked for months to ensure that a good time was had by all.

The three area cocktail parties were hosted by Mike and Jayne Polelle, Kevin and Julie Eichhorn, and Peter Leeds and Heidi Luebke. Kudos to these neighbors for starting off such a fun evening with wine, hors d'oeuvres and warm hospitality. Thanks are in order for Picasso's, who provided a delicious meal, and to Westminster Presbyterian Church for the use of their facilities!

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Traffic Changes at Seminole Bridge

The Wisconsin Department of Transportation is planning some changes to the Seminole Highway intersections on the Beltline this summer. The bridge itself will not be widened, but there will be widening of the left turn lane on the westbound ramp (left onto Seminole Highway south), and widening and reconstruction of the approaches to the South Frontage Road intersection with Seminole Highway. There will be signal lights installed at the both ends of the bridge.

The UW Arboretum is considering relocating its existing parking lot at the corner of the South Frontage Road and Seminole Highway to further south near Milford Road so that vehicles can safely enter and exit the Arboretum facilities.

Construction is expected to start in June of 2008, and will last through the summer. During construction, Seminole Highway will be open to traffic with short-term lane closures. For more information contact, Jim Oeth with Earth Tech at 828-8151 or Jim.Oeth@earthtech.com.

Bids for Kids Fundraiser Just Around the Corner

On Saturday, March 29, the Nakoma Golf Club will once again be buzzing with supporters of Nakoma's two public schools—Thoreau and Cherokee. Not to be missed, this event takes place every other year, and last time drew over 200 neighbors for an evening of fine food, drinks, dancing and socializing.

Proceeds from the event fund endowment accounts for both schools. Past proceeds have been used to acquire new technology and to fund creative learning opportunities. Please refer to the invitation included in this newsletter for more information and to submit your reservation. If you have questions, please contact Tom or Birgit Bach at 273-9742 or tombach@charter.net.

Mark Your Calendar

Spring Egg Roll

Saturday, March 22, 2008

10 AM at Nakoma Park

An egg hunt for kids, including breakfast snacks and beverages.

Contacts: Leah Sandholm, 231-3492, and Ann Somers, 238-1290

Tulip Progressive Dinner

Saturday, May 3, 2008

5:30-11 PM

An adult dinner hosted by many neighbors.

Contacts: Carla McDonald, 274-9009, and Kim Walters, 232-0149

Nakoma Garage Sale

Saturday, May 17, 2008

8 AM-1 PM

A good day to sell old treasures and acquire new ones.

Contact: Gretchen Brown, 278-2787

Fourth of July Celebration

Friday, July 4, 2008

11 AM meet at Thoreau School parking lot.

An event for the whole family, featuring a parade, a picnic and games with prizes.

Contacts: Annemarie Banas, 231-3014, and Rebecca Dahl Dwyer, 663-7690

2008 Tulip Dinner Promises Great Fun

The 31st annual Nakoma League Tulip Time Progressive Dinner is scheduled for Saturday, May 3. After a long, snowy winter, the Tulip dinner will be a great opportunity to get out and meet or reacquaint yourself with friends and neighbors, and enjoy the atmosphere of some of Nakoma's most beautiful homes.

Here's how the progressive dinner works: At 5:30 pm, we all meet for hors d'oeuvres and drinks at the home of Mary and Todd Castilow, 4125 Iroquois Drive. There we are randomly assigned to one home for the salad course and another home for the entrée. The hosts of these courses volunteer ahead of time for as many seats as they have at their dinner table. Prepared food and wine is delivered to them earlier in the day and their homes are marked with large painted wooden tulips in the yards. Finally, at 10:00 pm, we all gather at the home of Suzy and Mark Hamilton at 4121 Nakoma Road for coffee and dessert.

Tulip Dinner is very popular and requires a lot of planning and preparation, so please submit your reservation as soon as possible (see the insert). **The invitation enclosed with this newsletter is the only one you will receive.**

Helping out before the big night is also great way to meet your neighbors, so if you can join in food prep or delivery, please contact Carla McDonald, 274-9009 or cmmcd@charter.net, or Kim Walters, 232-0149 or kcwalters@sbcglobal.net. If you would like to be part of the appetizer or dessert committees, please let us know that, too. Finally, let us know if you still have a wooden tulip marker left from a previous year. We would be happy to collect it from you.

Bulletin Board

Nakoma residents are encouraged to use this section as a way to communicate with their neighbors. To post information, we ask that you are current on your dues. You are welcome to advertise goods and services, offer homes for sale or rent, and post information about volunteer opportunities. It is not meant as a sounding board for neighbor disputes. Publication dates are centered around neighborhood events; consequently, the exact dates of publication cannot be predicted. To place a notice, please e-mail editor@MyNakoma.org or send your materials to Gretchen Girard. Please include your full name as well as your address. Additionally, please advise Gretchen if your information is no longer current.

Lost Cat

Council Crest area. Male, neutered, black with white bikini markings, micro chipped. Missing since November 29. If you have taken him in, or know someone who has, please call 233-6556.

Home for Sale

Home for Sale at 721 Oneida Place: Traditional Nakoma. 4 bedrm/2 bath, hardwood floors, keystone hearth, spacious kitchen. 2 decks, custom 4-season sunroom & finished attic. Full basement with recreation room. 1 ½ car garage. Call 238-2587 or email: lgmoore@wisc.edu.

Arboretum's Native Plant Sale

Saturday, May 10, 9-2, 1207 Seminole Highway. Over 100 native species of woodland flowers, ferns, prairie plants, and native shrubs and trees will be for sale under tents near the Visitor Center. All plants are native to the area and propagated, not dug from the wild. Experts will be available to answer your questions. Proceeds from the sale benefit Arboretum projects.

Office Space Available

Large office in suite of occupied offices. Rent includes large desk, heat, electric, and high-speed internet. Free parking, easy access. Move your practice out of the house! 5944 at Seminole Centre Ct. Call Steve Smith, 278-1474 or taxless@mailbag.com.

Custom Tailoring

Our tailor from Hong Kong will be coming to Madison on his spring U.S. tour. Let me know if you are interested and I will contact you when his schedule is set. I can also show you samples. Please call Beth Onosko at 238-6226.

Bat Removal and Advice

Bats in your belfry? Before calling an exterminator, please call a neighbor who understands these critters and speaks their language. Bruce Moore, 238-2587.

Editor/English Tutor

Career English teacher will edit general copy and/or help to improve English skills and writing performance. Call Barb Leuthner at 238-7483 or leuthner@charter.net.

North Atlantic Beach-Front Summer Home

Prince Edward Island, Canada, next to Nova Scotia and Maine is a fisherman, golfer, and beachcomber's delight. Rent a beach-front summer home by the week at a bargain price. Call Margo and Dan Redmond at 233-0215.

Hilton Head Golf/Tennis Condo

2-bd/2-bth luxury cond (Westin property) on HH Island, SC. Pool outside your door, pristine sand beach 5-min walk. Includes greens fees - 4 people/day, 3 on-site courses, 16 tennis courts, all surfaces; pro shop and lessons available. \$1100/wk. Contact Linda Briggs at 271-7356 or email linda_briggs@mononagrove.org.

Volunteer Opportunity

RSVP seeks to improve the quality of life for all Dane County citizens through volunteer service. We have many different volunteer opportunities including driving older adults to medical appointments. Flexible schedule. Mileage reimbursement and excess insurance provided. You can also help by donating leftover craft supplies to RSVP volunteers who make handmade items for those in need. To volunteer or donate, please call Margie Zutter at 663-7536 (w) or 233-0856 (h).

The Hurling Club

The Hurling Club of Madison is seeking people interested in participating in this unique and skillful sport. All levels, ages, men, and women are welcome. Contact Tom Isenbarger at 442-1254 or tom@isenbarger.us.

Photography

Kate Huntington Photography specializes in real life portraiture and is devoted to documenting the lives of children, families, and relationships. Kate's style is a blend of photojournalism, lifestyle, and fine art photography resulting in images that are modern yet timeless. Sessions take place in natural surroundings. Please contact Kate to schedule a session: www.katehuntingtonphotography.com or 238-7706.

Dog Sitting Coop

Neighbors taking care of each other's pets on a reciprocal basis can provide a better solution than hiring a pet sitter or paying a kennel. Margo Redmond on Miami Pass is trying to organize the network. Call her at 233-0215.

Quit Smoking

Licensed acupuncturist offers drug free way to quit smoking. Also offering treatments to lower blood pressure w/out medication. Contact Debra Friedman at 236-4500 or info@bioenergyclinic.com.

Bridge Players Arise

Nakoma Neighborhood bridge group needs more couples. We began playing in October, so act now. This group has been functional for 30 years; we play for fun and to get to know our Nakoma neighbors. Subs are also needed. Call Jo Sparks at 273-9904 if you are interested.

NAKOMA LEAGUE BOARD

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*If you are interested in joining or providing services for the Nakoma League, please feel free to contact an area representative.

Gift of Reading a Success Again

The Nakoma League’s Gift of Reading program has been reaching out to promote literacy and to provide books for children who might not otherwise have access to them. This year was no exception. A total of \$1857 came pouring in from Nakoma residents during December and January.

This generous outpouring will touch the lives of children who benefit from the services and programs of the Allied Wellness Center, the Cherokee Heights Middle School library, the Dane County Juvenile Detention Center, First Book – Dane County, and the Literacy Network. Each organization is being issued a check for \$371.40 or being provided with the equivalent in books.

Many thanks are due to Seminole area rep Annie Isenbarger who single-handedly orchestrated the Gift of Reading on behalf of the League. And thanks to those who contributed: The Best Family, Paul & Suzanne Buckner, Mary Ellen Carne, The Greer Family, Angela James & Forbes McIntosh, Larry & Brenda Kahan, Valerie & Andreas Kazamias, Pamela & George Keehn, John & Norma Magnuson, Caroline Mallatt, Carol Meteyer, Mel Morgenbesser, Tom & Annie Isenbarger, Jim & Mary Moser, Tami & Hamang Patel Family, Ron & Carla Reynolds, Jim & Linda Welch, Nancy Wettersten, Levi & Janet Wood, Jane Eggl & Ron Binter, Corlie & Sol Blumenfeld, Francis & Kay McGuire, Charles & Helen Read, Tripp & Nancy Widder, Jayne & Mike Polelle, Bob & Jane Pearson, Lucy Moore, Kristi & Gary Winchester, Edward & Elizabeth Daub, Greg & Julie Hostetler, Wallace & Peggy Douma, Eric Johnson & Mary Whitmer, Vic & Sue Levy, Cyndie Spencer & Denny Lund, James & Sarah Rose, Laurel Anderson, Betty & Daro Buchanan, John & Karen Waggoner, Heidi Luebke & Peter Leeds, Jan Fullenwider, The Grist Family, Patrick & Kim Walters, Marian Holm, Margie & Keith Zutter, Stephanie & Rob Robinson.

Gypsy Moth Spraying on the Horizon

City Forester Marla Eddy has notified residents about plans to fly over and spray a large portion of Nakoma to help suppress a recurrence of gypsy moths in the neighborhood. The spraying will occur from mid-May to early June. Watch the news this spring for details about exactly when the spraying over Nakoma will occur.

The planes fly very low and the spraying usually begins at dawn. The insecticide used, “Foray” or Btk, contains a bacterium that kills gypsy moth caterpillars when they eat it. The spray may give off an odor and should be rinsed off of cars as soon as possible after the spraying.

For more information, call the City of Madison Forestry Office at 266-4816 or go to www.cityofmadison.com/parks/aboutForestGypsyMoth.html.

Biennial Neighborhood Directory in the Works

This is the year for publishing the League's Nakoma Neighborhood Directory. The directory is an indispensable listing of the names, addresses and phone numbers of your fellow Nakomans and their children, and our Neighborhood Watch information. This very handy directory is paid for with your annual dues monies and is distributed to every household in Nakoma. We do not sell the directory or any information from it, and we ask our neighbors not to use the directory for commercial purposes.

We are making two changes to the directory this year. In a bow to the way technology is changing how we live, we are asking for email addresses for the first time. Please indicate if we can publish your email address in the directory. We would also like to be able to use email as a way for the League and the Neighborhood Watch program to contact Nakomans in a timely manner, so let us know if we can use your email address for League communications.

The second change, driven by concerns about identity theft, is that we are only going to publish birth years for Nakoma children, not actual birthdates. This may make it a little harder to figure out what grade a potential playmate for your child is likely to be in, but we hope that birth years will be enough.

If you didn't already send updated information in with your \$20 annual dues, please take the time to complete and mail the directory insert in this newsletter, or email your information to directory editors Mike and Jayne Polelle at mpolelle@charter.net.

Dues Update

Thanks to all Nakoma residents who promptly replied to the request for dues in the December 2007 newsletter. The return rate thus far represents approximately 35% of Nakoma households, unheard of for this early in the year.

While envelopes will not be included in this and future newsletters (as in they have been in the past), those who haven't yet submitted dues may send their \$20, payable to Nakoma League, to: Kay Kamps, Nakoma League Treasurer, 4021 Mandan Crescent. Please note "Annual Dues" in the memo line. Thanks for your ongoing support.

Adopt a Family Brought Great Holiday Joy

Once again, the generous residents of Nakoma provided happy holidays to 18 mothers and their children at the YWCA Third Street. As YWCA rep Nancy Wrenn Bauch put it, "There was excitement in the air as we unloaded van loads of beautifully wrapped gifts. As I saw the names on each batch of gifts, I got excited thinking of how each family would be touched by the gifts."

And she was right. The mothers sent a heartfelt thank you note. "God bless you and have a Merry Christmas; we will because of you," said one mother. Another told us, "You all will never be forgotten."

All of the gifts were made possible through the financial and gift contributions of neighbors. While some Nakomans shopped for entire families, others shopped for individuals, and still others contributed cash donations with which League volunteers did the shopping. Each contribution, no matter the size, made a difference. With a total of \$3000 in cash contributions from 77 households, the League was able to make sure that all residents received gifts from their wish lists, as well as a gift bag including some essentials.

Leading the charge on Adopt a Family this year was Beth Kugler. She worked diligently and closely with Jayne Polelle to ensure that every detail was covered and that every recipient received what they wanted or needed. Their efforts were supplemented with the shopping assistance of Mike Polelle, Gretchen Brown and Patti Glasz, as well as Deborah Still's help as liaison to the YWCA.

This year's donors were: **Contributors:** Susan & John Aehl, Laurel Anderson, Anonymous (2), Stephanie Braunschweig, James & Margaret Blanchard, Betty & Daro Buchanan, Suzanne & Paul Buckner, Mary Ellen Carne, Diana Cook, Susan Blesener & Richard Champagne, Edward & Elizabeth Daub, Jill Davis, Patricia & Michael Daubs, Shirley Dieter, Wallace & Margaret Douma, Kevin & Julie Eichhorn, Judith Gaskell, Eric & Gretchen Girard, Sara & Edward Gleason, Catherine & Frank Greer, Sarah & John Helgeson, Kim & Tim Herlitzka, Marian Holm, Julie & Greg Hostetler, Forbes McIntosh & Angela James, Brenda & Larry Kahan, Valerie & Andreas Kazamias, Pamela & George Keehn, Beth & Carl Kugler, Sue & Vic Levy, Cynthia Spencer & Dennis Lund, Katharine Lyall, Norma & John Magnuson, Gillian Mclellan, Carol Meteyer, Lucy & Bruce Moore, Mel Morgenbesser, Mary & James Moser, David & Shelby O'Connor, Hamang & Tami Patel, Helen & Charles Read, Carla & Ron Reynolds, James & Sarah Rose, Dorothy Ritter, Judi & Bob Rubin, Madeline Sattler, Ellen & Paul Simenstad, David & Ann Somers, Patrick & Kimberly Walters, Linda & Jim Welch, Nancy Wettersten, Nancy & Trip Widder, Kristi & Gary Winchester, David & Jeanette Zimmerman, Virginia White, Mary Whitmer, Janet Wood. **Adopters:** Monica Anderson, Lisa Andrews, Tom & Birgit Bach, Marcia & Don Bastian, Annemarie Banas, Gretchen Brown, Julie Eichhorn, Caroline Malloy-Glaab, Ina & Alan Herlitzka, Beth & Carl Kugler, Annie Levihn, Carla McDonald & Greg Everts, Sarah & Patrick Pfau, Jayne & Mike Polelle, Joy Rice, Deborah & Tom Still, Mary Timme, Kathy Trace, Mary & Tim Tullis, Sharon Weber & Gail Campbell.