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All the news fit for Nakoma, the neighborhood set aside for play

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Madison to host Winter Olympics!

On February 13, 2010, for the 86th time, Nakoma presented the Twelfth Night Dinner Theatre.

The evening began with neighbors gathering to share pre-dinner cocktails and hors d'oeuvres. This year's gracious cocktail party hosts were Patti Glasz, Jim and Julie Sampson, and Rosita Gonzalez and Jonathan Sleeman.

Thank you so much for welcoming us into your homes; your hospitality was wonderful! An additional thank you to our fellow neighbors who treated us to many delicious appetizers.

Guests at Jim and Julie Sampson's house were lucky to meet Jane McGinn and Jean Berndt who regaled our group with many stories of Nakoma over the years. What a treat to meet these long-time residents!

Neighbors made their way from the cocktail parties to Westminster Presbyterian Church where they enjoyed a delicious dinner of Chicken Oscar and Roasted Vegetable Strudel catered by Picasso's. After dessert and coffee, Beth Rogers, Co-President of the Nakoma League welcomed our new Nakoma neighbors, and we all settled back to enjoy the show.

Entitled "Nakomalympics," this year's play, written by our own Nanci Bjorling, centered around the premise of five Nakoma husbands (with too much free time on their hands) applying to the International Olympic Committee to host the next Winter Olympics.

One of their wives discovers the plan and decides to play a prank on them by recruiting her book club to pretend to be demanding IOC dignitaries here to evaluate Nakoma's Olympic worthiness.

Shenanigans, dancing and singing commence. The crowd was wowed by the creativity, spirit and humor of both our neighborhood performers and the behind the scenes production crew.

It was easy to leave feeling that it really would be great to invite the world in to see how special things are here in our neighborhood. Please join us next year to see these folks in action! Or better yet, join us on the stage – we are always looking for new talent.

Nakomalympic actors included Katie Arnesen, Nanci Bjorling, Dale Bjorling, Mark Consigny,

Sandy Curran, Deb Dahlke, Rebecca Dahl Dwyer, Dave Dwyer, Phil Freye, Robert Gake, Bruce Geiger, Danielle Kamps, Stu Levitan, Rob Lux, Mike McKenna & Bob Phillips.

Betty Buchanan produced the show (She has been involved with Twelfth Night since 1964!), Amy Kruger and Sarah Walgenbach choreographed, and Bruce Geiger and Emily Wixson provided the music.

A **huge** thank you to Nakoma League Board members Robin Gray and Cynthia McKenna for working on this event for the past couple months. Thank you so much for your hard work.

Again, a heartfelt thank you goes out to all those who made it a successful evening full of laughter, tradition and camaraderie.

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