



Under the Oaks

Nakoma Neighborhood News

December 2008

A Warm But Spooky Nakoma Halloween

It was a balmy autumn evening outdoors, but inside was the scariest Haunted Basement in Nakoma. Costumed ghosts, goblins, fairies, princesses and cowboys waited patiently in line for a chance to be frightened in the dark recesses by a towering Grim Reaper, a ghoulish feasting table, glowing bats and spiders, a ready guillotine, an exploding coffin and other macabre delights. Those too young for the peak fright experience made their way instead up the ladder to the tamer Haunted Treehouse. Afterwards, all who still had appetites ate their fill of pizza, cider and lemonade, veggies and a vast array of Halloween treats



generously provided by Nakoma neighbors before heading off for the traditional door-knocking and sack-filling.

Special thanks to basement hosts RuthEllen Saul and Robert Schwarz for the loan of their home and yard on Hiawatha and to the League reps in charge, Annemarie Banas and Mary Timme, along with their incredibly supportive spouses Paul and Scott. Set up and take down crews were large and included the key team of Birgit Bach and Gil O'Brien and the O'Brien children Jackie and Jake (Gil is a former Nakoman who remains critical to our Halloween). Other handy helpers were Angela James and Forbes McIntosh, Julie Eichorn, Jill McNaughton, Nancy Zellmer, Kristin Churchill and Jaal Ghandhi, Jeanne Grist, Megan Senatori, Eric Girard, Kim Walters, Beth Rogers, Mike Polelle, Rosanna, Adam and Christina Ellmann, Tenley Schwarz, Julie Sampson, Carla McDonald and Clare Everts.

Suppliers included Liz King and Stephanie Stender who donated tables, Julie Sampson who provided drinks coolers, Stephanie Key her red shoes and Rose Silviera who supplied lighting. Vermont Valley CSA contributed pumpkins and gourds, RB Remodeling lumber and Dale and Nanci Bjorling electricity. Cyndie Spencer and Beth Rogers supplied that most precious of Nakoma commodities, storage space.



Mike and Jayne Polelle checked revelers in at the door while Gretchen Girard, Gina Hodgson, Kayte Cunningham, Karen Leyler, Stephanie Stetson and Carla McDonald manned the pizza tent and kept the hot cheese and pepperoni slices coming. Yummy vegetable trays and desserts were donated by the Ryan, Hodgson, McGuire, Coad, Kiley, Olenec, Du Varney, Robinson, Chandler and Pankoke, Yeazel, Zutter, Consigny and Bhattacharyya, Gray, Sharon and Brad Nelson, Kugler, Monica and Pete Johnson and Dean families.



Haunting was provided by Birgit, Annika and Alex Bach, Ted Osthelder, Clare Everts, AJ and Chander Brown, Sam Peaslee, Robby Phillips, James Welch and his friend Evan, Tierney Grist, Simon Rosenblum, Isaac Herlitzka, Nora and Alex Ghandhi, and Tobin McGilligan.

Many thanks to all who contributed to this popular annual event. It was another great Nakoma Halloween attended by approximately 300 delighted children and parents.

Fall Gathering

As Indian summer finally turned toward Old Man Winter, neighbors gathered for warmth, cocktails, and great conversation at the Annual Fall Gathering on Saturday, November 8, 2008. Our gracious



hosts, Brenda & Jon Furlow, opened their lovely home

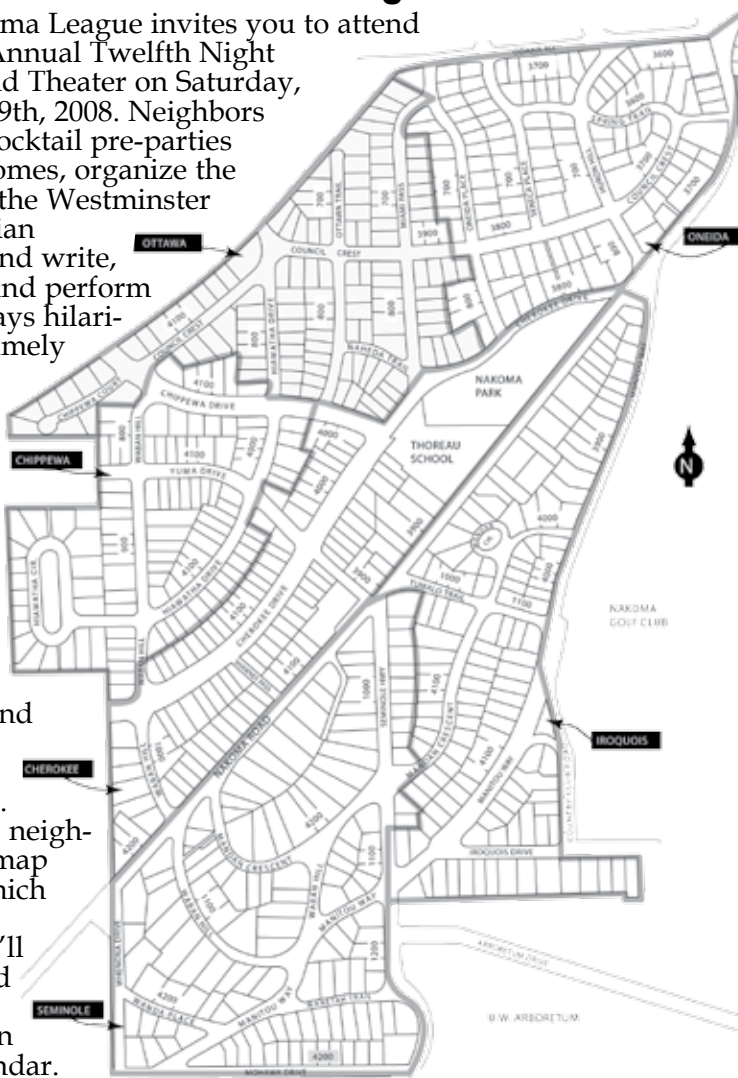
at 717 Oneida Place to approximately 85 neighbors, including six new Nakomans. The night would not have been complete without our fabulous bartenders (Forbes McIntosh, Ted Osthelder, Doug Nelson, Greg Hostetler, and Dean Yeazel), delicious hors d'oeuvres (too many neighbors to individually name you all), and earnest conversation (Most talked about? The election!).

A special thanks to all the neighbors who helped clean up following the event, including: Katie Arnesen, Scott Timme, Rick & Heidi Vierstra, David & Ann Somers, Gretchen & Eric Girard, and Taylor Key. And, of course, a great big Nakoma thank you to our hosts, The Furlows, and to the great ladies of the Nakoma League who planned the event, Angela James & Audra McGuire, as well as their spouses, Forbes McIntosh & Doug Nelson, who enthusiastically jumped in to help. Next up, Nakoma? The Twelfth Night Dinner and Theatre on February 7, 2009 – when we need all the warmth we can get.

Our 85th Annual Twelfth Night Dinner and Theater

The Nakoma League invites you to attend the 85th Annual Twelfth Night Dinner and Theater on Saturday, February 9th, 2008. Neighbors host the cocktail pre-parties in their homes, organize the dinner at the Westminster Presbyterian Church, and write, produce and perform in an always hilarious and timely musical show. It's entertaining; it's memorable; it's Nakoma!

So fill out the form in this newsletter and send in your reservations now. Check the neighborhood map to find which cocktail party you'll attend and note the address on your calendar.



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Nakoma League Dues

Nakomans are asked to support their League through voluntary dues of \$20 per household per year. This funding allows the League to print this newsletter four times a year, to maintain the MyNakoma.org website and to publish the biennial directory. The newsletters and directory are hand-delivered to every Nakoma household. Knowing early in the year how many households opt to pay dues makes it easier for the League to serve the needs of the neighborhood.

The dues form will also be used to update the spring 2010 Nakoma Directory, so please fill out your directory information and send the form to our treasurer, Kay Kamps, who will pass it on to the directory editors, Jayne and Mike Polelle. The directory is meant to help Nakomans communicate with each other, so we are now asking for land line, cell phone numbers and email addresses. The League does not share or sell the directory or any contact information we have for our neighbors.

Please send \$20 dues for 2009 and/or the form to Kay Kamps, 4021 Mandan Crescent, Madison, WI 53711 in the envelope you will find in this newsletter.

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.

Fall Gathering Lost&Found

Did you leave a serving platter or bowl behind at Fall Gathering? Please contact Angela James at 232-5129, or, angela.a.james@gmail.com.

Call for Players

Neighbors write, direct and perform the original Nakoma-themed musical comedy for the evening. New talent is always welcome and no experience is necessary. The first organizational meeting for players is held in December. Please call Betty Buchanan at 233-5476 and let her know that you're interested.

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 1/2 car garage. Call 238-2587 or email: lgmoore@wisc.edu.

Nakoma Playgroup

Nakoma mom looking to start a weekly playgroup. My daughter's b-day is July 2007; looking to meet up with kids close in age, but would be happy to get groups for infants, older kids, and weekend groups for working moms coordinated and started as well if there's a demand. Contact me at bridget.mccullough@gmail.com if interested. Please include your child's age and if there are any days/times of the week that do not work for your schedule.

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.

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.

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

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

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. Miles reimbursed 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).

North Atlantic Beach 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..

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.

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 for four, three 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.

Mark Your Calendar

Twelfth Night

Saturday, February 7, 2009
5-6 pm pre-parties at neighborhood homes
6:30 pm dinner and show at Westminster Presbyterian Church

An annual dinner theatre for neighborhood adults.

Spring Egg Roll

Saturday, April 11, 2009
10 AM at Nakoma Park

An egg hunt at the park for kids.

Tulip Progressive Dinner

Saturday, May 2, 2009
5:30-10 pm at various homes

An adult progressive dinner hosted by many neighbors.

Nakoma Garage Sale

Saturday, May 16, 2009
8 am-1 pm

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

Fourth of July Celebration

Saturday, July 4, 2009
11 AM meet at Thoreau School parking lot.

A parade, picnic, and games with prizes for the whole family.