



# Under the Oaks

Nakoma Neighborhood News

June 2008

## 31st Annual Tulip Time Progressive Dinner a Success

Saturday, May 3 started out cold and cloudy, but by 5:30 p.m. the sun was shining and the temperatures mild, as 94 neighbors arrived at the stunning home of Mary and Todd Castilow for the start of Nakoma's annual progressive dinner.



Lee Pier arranged delivery of two barrels of Capital Brewery's best brews, U.S. Pale Ale and Island Wheat, which Todd supervised on the Castilow porch overlooking the Arboretum. Julie Hostetler selected delightful red and white wines to complement the hors d'oeuvres and later courses.

Appetizer chairs Dee Kuech and Jayne Mohoney outdid themselves this year, with the assistance of Tasha Bremel, Diane Puccetti, Ann Somers, Julie Sampson, Rebecca Martin, Leslie France, Sharon Koenig, Margaret Tennessen and Rebecca Dahl Dwyer. From pesto tarts with Kalamata olives to roasted red pepper hummus on cucumber rounds to endive boats with tuna tartare, these talented neighbors provided a truly gourmet spread.

After lingering long over the feast at the Castilows, neighbors scattered to their assigned homes for Indian-spiced carrot ginger soup and naan bread. Our gracious first course hosts were Paul and Annemarie Banas, Rob and Maggie Baudhuin, Kurt and Reba Heberlein, John and Pam Hollenhorst, Terry and Judy Jones, Peter Leeds and Heidi Luebke, Dennis McGilligan and Mary Louise Griffin, Steve Ploch and Katie Arnesen, Stephen Rosenblum and Stephanie Stetson, Rick and Mary Kay Roseneck, Jim and Mary Alice Van Gemert, and Sharon Weber and Gail Campbell.

Then it was on to a dinner of pineapple-glazed salmon over sticky rice with Asian cabbage salad at the homes of Don and Marcia Gevelinger Bastian, Jon and Brenda Furlow, Stephen and Gretchen Harrell, Harry and Anne Harris, Greg and Julie Hostetler, Forbes McIntosh and Angela James, Chris and Trina McMahan, Bill and Connie Mills, Mike and Jayne Polelle, David and Ann Somers, and Jim and Nancy Zellmer.



As the festivities drew to a close, we gathered together again at the beautiful home of generous pinch-hitting dessert hosts Denny Lund and Cyndie Spencer. Jayne Polelle and Marilaine Blair-Patrick stunned us with their elegant cupcakes and macaroons. Mike Polelle composed hilarious Nakoma fortunes for the delicious homemade fortune cookies. Stephanie Key and Lauren Rosen Yeazel supervised the tea, water and Steep & Brew coffee arranged by Eric Girard.

Behind the scenes, the soup and entrée courses were created in Blessed Sacrament School's professional kitchen with the invaluable food prep assistance of Beth Kugler, Terry Jones, Rebecca Dahl Dwyer, Matthew Everts, Leslie France, Megan Senatori, Scott and Mary Timme, and Julie and Greg Hostetler. Saturday food delivery was handled by Annemarie Banas, Gretchen Brown, Tom France, Gretchen Girard, Forbes McIntosh and Angela James. As the food delivery team was making their rounds, Greg Everts and Patrick Walters were "planting" wooden tulips in yards across the neighborhood. Later that evening, Matthew Everts and Mitch Polelle made them magically disappear.

Thanks to all these wonderful neighbors for helping with this very special Nakoma event. A good time was had by all!

Kim Walters and Carla McDonald

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**Board Says Fond Farewell to Several Members**

If there is an unintended theme to this issue of the newsletter, it is certainly the importance of volunteers. Some of the hardest working volunteers in Nakoma are those who devote their time and efforts to serving on the League Board. Board members serve in varied roles, but most are area representatives and have two-year terms.

As League activity wraps up for the summer, a grateful Board is saying goodbye to these retiring board members: Cherokee reps, Julie Eichhorn and Gretchen Brown; Chippewa rep, Rebecca Dahl Dwyer; Iroquois rep, Kathy Trace; Oneida rep, Patti Glasz; Ottawa rep, Leah Sandholm; Seminole rep, Annie Isenbarger; and Secretary, Cyndie Spencer.

Each of these neighbors has contributed so much to our neighborhood through their role(s) with the Nakoma League. Thanks very much to all of them for their service.

With eight vacancies, Board Co-Presidents Carla McDonald and Kim Walters are furiously seeking replacements. We have some new recruits, but we are still on the lookout for more. If you or a neighbor you know is interested in possibly serving on the Board, please let Kim at [kcwalters@sbcglobal.net](mailto:kcwalters@sbcglobal.net) or Carla at [cmmcd@charter.net](mailto:cmmcd@charter.net) know. The Board could use an infusion of male members and experience is not required. All you need is a desire to have fun serving the neighborhood.

**Volunteering in Nakoma**

Part of what makes Nakoma such a special neighborhood is the large number of social and charitable events we host, and the fact that we hold so many of them in our neighbors' homes and yards. But the Nakoma League Board needs the help of other volunteers to make all the good things happen. So when you RSVP for a neighborhood event, please indicate the area(s) in which you are able to help. Volunteering for League events is very informal, and is a great way to meet new friends and visit with old ones.

Middle and high schoolers can earn service hour credit for volunteer work. The League will provide documentation for their schools. Starting this summer, we will maintain a standing list of students who are interested in volunteering in Nakoma. If you know a teen who would like to be included on that list, please email Carla McDonald at [cmmcd@charter.net](mailto:cmmcd@charter.net) or Kim Walters at [kcwalters@sbcglobal.net](mailto:kcwalters@sbcglobal.net).

The upcoming 4th of July celebration at Nakoma Park always requires lots of volunteers, so if you are planning to attend, please sign up to help.

**New Directories**

Accompanying this newsletter you will find the new biennial Nakoma Directory. Many thanks to Mike and Jayne Polelle for their untiring efforts in producing this valuable neighborhood resource.

Every household in Nakoma receives the directory and all newsletters. These publications are paid for out of the \$20 per household voluntary annual dues, so if you haven't sent in 2008 dues yet, we encourage you to send a check to Kay Kamps, Nakoma League Treasurer, 4021 Mandan Crescent.

One correction to note: League Co-President Kim Walters' phone number is listed incorrectly. The correct number is 232-0149.

# 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](mailto: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.

## 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](mailto:lgmoore@wisc.edu).

## House Sitters

Mature, professional couple looking to house sit in Madison during part or all of July and August. We are former Madisonians. Willing to do yard work and other odds and ends that may be needed during our stay. Contact Joan or TR Sheforgen at 303-684-9855 or email: [trsheforgen@yahoo.com](mailto:trsheforgen@yahoo.com).

## 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.

## 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](http://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.

## 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.

## Mark Your Calendar

### 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, Rebecca Dahl Dwyer, 663-7690, and Stephanie Key, 467-2029.

## Annual Egg Hunt Mixed Winter and Spring



As neighborhood children scurried into Nakoma Park on Saturday, March 22, the scene was nothing short of breathtaking. A solid layer of fresh snow set the backdrop for what appeared to be jelly beans floating in the air. It didn't take the children long to figure out that those colorful jelly beans were actually helium balloons attached to goody bags scattered across the snow.

Once the official start was called, the group of eager hunters was off to grab the goody bags and snatch treat-filled eggs. With baskets (and some tummies) full, the children delighted in the arrival of the

bunny as he hopped into the park. Then, they lingered to enjoy face painting by young neighborhood volunteers, as well as an egg and spoon race complete with ribbons. Breakfast goodies and coffee provided by Eric Girard and Steep & Brew kept the adults warm and happy.

As with all League events, volunteers played a critical role in making this occasion fun and festive. Ottawa representatives Leah Sandholm and Ann Somers orchestrated every detail leading up to and during the Egg Hunt. Helping with set up were Laura, Emmett and Joshua Glazer, Gretchen Brown and Eric Girard. The clean-up crew comprised the Mengel family, and Stephanie and Taylor Key.



## Web Site to Come Back to Life

There is a solution for every challenge. Maintaining the Nakoma League's website, [www.mynakoma.org](http://www.mynakoma.org), has been a challenge because it requires both technical expertise and a serious time commitment.

The League Board recently voted to hire an experienced webmaster, using a portion of annual dues monies, to bring the website content up to date and keep it current. Volunteer League newsletter editor and former Oneida rep Gretchen Girard has agreed to add paid webmaster to her volunteer duties. We are fortunate to find a person with the necessary technical skills who is also very familiar with the workings of the Board and the neighborhood. Next year we will evaluate whether paying a webmaster has been the right solution.

Many, many thanks to neighbor Joey Stocklein who designed the current aesthetically pleasing and user-friendly site. In the future we expect that [mynakoma.org](http://mynakoma.org) will provide access to information about all Nakoma League events, activities and contacts, archived newsletters and even links to information that may be of interest to those living in Nakoma or considering moving here.

## Gift of Reading Keeps Giving

Word has it that the recent Gift of Reading donation to the Juvenile Detention Center (JDC) has been "a HUGE hit." The JDC is one of five worthy organizations to receive books or funds for books from the neighborhood this year.

Angela James, a board member for both the Nakoma League and the JDC, reports that Nakoma's generosity is allowing young people to take books with them when they leave the center - for the first time ever. The MMSD teacher assigned to the center said that the recipients "treasure" the books they receive. Often, these young people are apprehensive about returning to their homes and/or schools, and the books seem to give them a tangible connection to the progress they made while at the center.

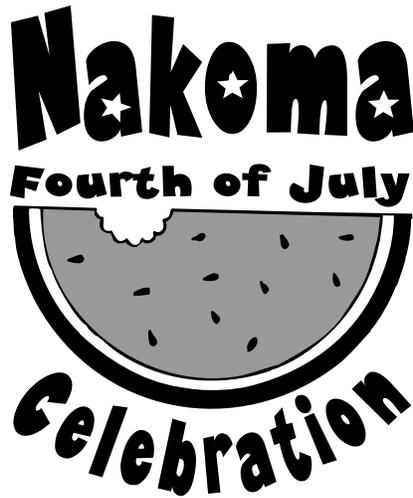
It should make us all feel good to know that a young woman recently left the JDC armed with a self-help book, and a teenage boy opted to take a book about Martin Luther King, Jr. in order to learn more about this important role model. Thank you again to all who contributed to the Gift of Reading this winter.

## Garage Sale Provided Shopping Fun

The neighborhood was a very busy place on the morning of Saturday, May 17 as bargain hunters from far and wide took advantage of the Nakoma League's annual Garage Sale. With a total of 52 participating households, there was no shortage of good shopping.

The weather couldn't have been better as cars crept along the streets, kids hopped on and off bikes and scooters, and adults dug through boxes, racks and piles. Hosts reported strong traffic and it was rare to spot a person without a bag in hand.

Singlehandedly and carefully planned by Nakoma League Board Member Gretchen Brown, this event also benefited the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, which sent a truck out to pick up all of the unsold goods.



**Friday, July 4th from 11 am to 1 pm**

Neighbors of all ages celebrate Independence Day with games, food and beverages.

(Bring some cash for tickets -- No rain date)

**Kick off Bike Parade at 11 am**

**From Thoreau School up Cherokee Drive and back**

Decorate your bikes, trikes, strollers, wagons or other transport and join the parade. Meet in the Thoreau School parking lot on Cherokee Drive at 10:45 am to line up.

**For more information contact:**

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**Please volunteer!**

The success of this event depends upon all of our neighbors pitching in. We especially need kids and families to run games and distribute prizes, and adults to prepare food.

Please return this form to or email or call:

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231-3014

I'd like to help by. . .

- Monitoring traffic during the parade
- Running a game
- Baking for the Cake Walk
- Loaning a long table or a card table

- Grilling brats
- Distributing tickets/prizes
- Handing out food and drink
- Clean up

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

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