Peace On Earth!

Your LPOA board senses this has been a good year and hope you feel the same. We hope that you will garner the true feelings that Thanksgiving and Christmas provide by sharing with family and attending special events. There is a reason for the season and the joy and happiness it can provide. Our wish is that you will experience the blessings of Thanksgiving and Christmas.

All members of the LPOA board

LPOA CHRISTMAS PARTIES

Your family is encouraged to attend one or both of the two Christmas parties held at the Ledges ClubHouse. The adult party will be an open house with a wide range of hors d'overes, and entertainment for your enjoyment from 6-10 PM on Saturday Dec. 10, 2005. The kid's party (lunch with Santa) will be from 11:30 A.M. to 1 P.M. on Sunday Dec. 18, 2005.

The music for the adult evening party will feature Allison Margaret Hooper a former Ledges resident who has become an accomplished jazz singer/musician. She will be accompanied by a small jazz ensemble. Check out (**ledgescommunity.org)** for any updates or additional information and the registration form that is included in this newsletter.

New LPOA Enhanced Web Site

We've recently launched a new web site (www.ledgescommunity.org) with a lot of new features that we hope will benefit members. The new site features a new look and feel that will change with the seasons and an expanded photo gallery. We've posted quite a few photographs from the 50th anniversary party to bring back some of those summer memories. We're also collecting a wealth of web site resources for the Roscoe area that will help you find local information on the web quickly and easily.

Many new features are available to paid LPOA members only. Members can participate in community forums on topics ranging from local issues, schools, wildlife and local amenities. You can also list items for sale if you are a member. The Ledges Directory is also available online, but this area is only accessible to members of the LPOA. More features are planned for the future.

If you are a member and we have your email address, you should have received a personalized login and password via email recently. If not, contact us using the form on the web site to request a login and password. ***We do not share our email list with anyone*** and only pass along pertinent Ledges area information.

Your ideas are welcomed on how to make the Ledges Community web site better and serve your needs.

Local Grad – Jazz Musician

Miss Alison Margaret Hooper, former Ledges resident, has become a professional jazz musician. She is the daughter of Al & Pat Hooper. Alison established her singing career in the heart of Chicago's music scene. In recent years she performed at venues such as: The Hot House, Green Mill, Jazz Showcase, Park West, Sears Tower, Navy Pier, The Elmhurst Jazz Festival, IAJE Festival in Toronto (Canada)...

After graduating from Hononegah, she received her B.A. in vocal jazz performance at Columbia College Chicago and has worked on a master's degree at Roosevelt University. While at Columbia and Roosevelt, she studied and performed with numerous notable Jazz performers and Ensembles.

Alison Margaret is excited to announce that she is in the process of co-producing and recording her first album with Laurence Hobgood (renowned pianist/ composer). Her debut album, "Come Sunday", will be released early in 2005 on the jazz record label ***VIOLET RECORDS*** which was formed recently by Alison. The record will consist of compositions by John Coltrane, Wayne Shorter, the late-great William Russo, and Alison Margaret. On-line information is available on the Internet at www.PoeticElements.com

Seldom are there opportunities to attend concerts in a small berg like Roscoe. Alison will be the featured artist for a two-hour performance on December 5th at the Roscoe United Methodist Church from 6-8 P.M. Come and enjoy an evening of coffee, sweets, and fabulous jazz. All proceeds from the free-will offering will go toward the making of her first album.

The first half of the performance will be Christmas music with a vocal performance by Allison. The second half is a jazz trio and the final vocals will be some old time jazz standards that were done by Frank Sinatra, Ella Fitzgerald and Anita Day.

You can register to minimize telemarketer calls on your home line and cell phone. If you are on line you can log on to the government web site at www.donotcall.gov, or you can call 1-888-382-1222. Soon a directory of cell phone numbers will be available which will evolve into a new rash of solicitations, so be aware! Act now!

SENIORS & RETIRED– On the second Thursday of December, the Roscoe United Methodist Church is hosting a meet & eat. Bring a dish to pass and your own table service at 12 noon on December 9th and enjoy fellowship, food and the musical performance of the "**Joy Singers**" of Freeport.

LEDGES CONCERN

Dogs - Chapter Two

Unfortunately, we have had another incident in the Ledges area of a pair of dogs allowed to run loose. The meandering dogs attacked another family's dog that was in his own yard. The pet was dragged across the yard and severely bitten. These are not the same dogs mentioned in the September newsletter.

Please remember that dogs residing in a residential area anywhere in Winnebago County must be within their own property lines unless on a leash and controlled. Pet owners are legally and financially responsible for their pet's actions. Winnebago County Animal Services (877-3073) has assured the LPOA that they will respond to reports of animals running loose. A person from Animal Services will come out, take your report and take appropriate action that can be anything from talking to the owners or taking the matter to court. Records are kept of all complaints received. The name of the person making the complaint will not be disclosed unless a court appearance is necessary.

Since none of us wants to have problems with our neighbors, the best solution is to have a friendly discussion with your neighbor about what is upsetting you. However, there will be times when outside intervention will be required.

DIRECTORY ASSISTANCE

Each year it is a large task to create the new directory as accurate as possible. You can help by contacting us with corrections. Send a note to our P.O. box - or E-mail us at ledgescommunity.org – or Call Chuck at 623-2813. As a paid member of the LPOA you can make corrections yourself on the web site, but you must have your log in information and password!

LPOA ANNUAL MEETING

Our annual meeting is scheduled for January 18th, 2005. We are hoping to conduct the meeting at the Ledges Clubhouse beginning at 7 PM. We will have a few recently elected public officials at the meeting. Please join us! There are a few board terms that will expire this year and one board member is seeking replacement. If you would like to serve on the board contact us in some manner and plan on attending the annual meeting.

Featured Business

The Melodi Broege American Family Insurance Agency is our featured business. Melodi is a life long Roscoe resident. She worked 20 years for Bank One prior to taking over Charlie Arenson's American Family Agency. Charlie owned the agency for 13 years and contacted her about purchasing the business. Now in her third year of owing the business, Melodi purchased and remodeled "The Old Oscar's Barber Shop". The building was gutted and completely remodeled in about seven months. They moved into the new location in April of this year. You are welcome to come for a free tour of the renovation.

The Broege Agency offers insurance for home, auto, life, health and business. There are two employees, one full time and one part time. They pride themselves in customer service by offering flexible after hours and weekend appointments and often meet clients in their homes or offices. Many people don't deal with insurance daily and struggle with understanding their coverage. The staff tries to make the process easy and understandable. Office hours are Monday through Friday from 8:30 to 5:00 and Saturdays from 8:30 to Noon. The LPOA encourages you to have Melodi review your insurance and make recommendations for coverage.

In Sympathy . The LPOA extends their deepest sympathy to Bob Gregg,, Jim Black, and Boris Benkovich whose wives passed away in recent months.

Virginia Benkovich, 88, of the Ledges, died Thursday Nov. 13, at St. Anthony Hospital in Rockford. Virginia, a lifelong Rockton-Roscoe and Ledges resident since 1964, was born July 11, 1916 to Henrietta (Vermuellen) and Louis Goss in Beloit, Wisconsin.

She was predeceased by her parents, 2 brothers and a sister. Virginia is survived by her loving husband Boris, daughter Mary Benkovich of Chicago, son Jim (Mavis) of the Ledges, daughters Jeanne (Marcus) Carlson of Kalispell, Mont., Julie Benkovich of Puyallup, Wash. and Alice (Jay) Shilhanek of Bellingham, Wash., nine grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.