

## Kids Around The World - Golf Outing July 18th, 2008

Over the past several years Kids Around The World has hosted a golf outing to benefit their program. Last year was the first year that the event was held at the Aldeen Golf Club in Rockford, IL. The golf course was in great shape, and the staff at Aldeen provided an excellent day of golf and food.

What is Kids Around The World? Kids Around The World was founded in 1994 through the combined efforts of local businessmen in Northern Illinois under the leadership of Dennis Johnson. Their goal was to provide safe play equipment for children that found themselves in situations where it was difficult to be a "kid".

Kids Around the World is a Christian Organization that believes that churches around the world want to embrace the children of their community with the love of God. Through their efforts over the last 14 years they have built 101 playgrounds in 24 different countries, including the United States. Their efforts are changing the world for the better by helping kids be kids and teaching them the love of God.

If you would like to be a part of this great program, come and play golf at this year's annual golf outing. This year's event will be held on Friday, July 18<sup>th</sup> at Aldeen Golf Course with a shotgun start at 1 pm.

Activities before the 1pm shotgun start include use of the driving range, putting contest and of course lunch. After golf, dinner and drinks will be served, and prizes will be awarded. The cost for the event is \$125.00 per person. If your company would like to be a hole sponsor the cost is \$650.00, which includes golf and dinner for 4 people.

For more information go to

[www.kidsaroundtheworld.com](http://www.kidsaroundtheworld.com) or give them a call at 815-229-8731. Their office is located at 2424 Charles St., Rockford, Il, next to Stockholm Inn.

Of all the golf outings that I have played in over the last 30 years, this is truly one of the finest. Hope to see you there,

Mark Anderson, President LPOA

## Operation Geese Peace

It' early on an April morning. The general, Mark Anderson and his platoon of soldiers, Rich Weber, Chuck Christiansen, Dave Donahue, Dave Tackes, Gary Neu, Mike Ilseman, Gary Acaley, Frank Weiss, George Hamblin and Reid Anderson have assembled at the Ledges maintenance shed. With coffee in hand, they are ready for the battle. A few are AWOL, but a half dozen of these warriors are dressed for combat, some wearing wading boots and rain gear, and others dressed for "hit and run" skirmishes. Instead of tanks and humvees, they mount super stocked golf carts, and

in place of AK-47's they wield telescopic ball retrievers, oversized umbrellas, a gallon of corn oil and a bucket of water. The enemy is not Al Queda nor the Taliban, but an insurgency of vicious, golf course menacing geese. The platoon's mission is analogous to that of a militarized Planned Parenthood—to enforce family planning (or social engineering, if you prefer). These men are egg-polishers, a calling which is not as easy as one might think. Here's the scenario: while part of the platoon seeks to dislodge the "mother goose" who is sitting on the nest occupied by a half-dozen eggs, another group fends off her enraged gander who strategically seeks to out-flank the invaders and attack from the rear. While the goose levitates over her habitat, kept in abeyance by the flapping umbrellas and the extended ball-retrievers, and while the gander does his best Red Baron imitation (occasionally he scores) our General must secure the eggs, place them in a bucket of water to determine their viability (if they float, they must be returned to the nest) and then submerge the legitimate candidates in corn oil, which prevents further gestation while seducing the parents into believing the goslings are hatchable, thereby tricking them into refraining from laying more eggs.

Of course, one can still "win the battle but lose the war" so it is necessary to return several times to the same nest and repeat the same search and destroy mission. But the general and his men have been up to the challenge. During the five years that this war has been raged, (sanctioned, I might add, by the Department of Natural Resources which has deputized all participants), our heroes have discovered 75 nests, most containing 5 or more eggs. At first mathematical glance, one might conclude that the Ledges Golf course has been spared the aesthetic (geese often act really "ugly") and scatological (each goose excretes at least one pound of waste per day) nuisance of at least 375 additional golf-course nemeses. However, geese do not just multiply arithmetically, but exponentially. One needs be an expert in algorithms to extrapolate exact demographics, but it has to be extremely large.

From my vantage point, living on the 7<sup>th</sup> fairway overlooking the pond where the geese often congregate for their annoying honking sessions and their mating rendezvous, I have been able to observe a remarkable reduction in their population. Literally, the Ledges has been rescued by the Geese Patrol comprised of General Mark and his indefatigable foot soldiers. For more information go to [www.geesepeace.org](http://www.geesepeace.org). Respectfully - Dr. Arvid Adell

# Directories are ready!

The 2008 directories are printed and will be delivered soon. On page 5 where it reads District 1, which should be District 3. Let us know if we skip you for any reason.

*With warmer weather, we caution all drivers to be very watchful.*



#1 -Just a few weeks ago the Hononegah Music Department presented Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dream Coat. If you attended I'm sure you agree it was truly was amazing! Congratulations to all the cast and crew, and to Ledges young adults Samantha Owen, Steve Zelten, Lauren Anderson, Eric August, Amanda August, Brittany Kassel, and Dave Hickman for a great performance.

#2 - The Hononegah Varsity Dance Team recently finished 5th in the State of Illinois competition. Congratulations to everyone and to Ledges young ladies Katie Kemp and Tara Hamblin. Katie Kemp also received the team MVP award, congratulations Katie!

#3 - Congratulations to the Dancing Dads of the Hononegah Varsity Dance Team for their great performance at a recent dance competition. Ledges dads included Brad Kemp and George Hamblin. If you haven't seen their routine you can see their performance on **YouTube.com**, then type in **Hononegah Dancing Dads** in the video search box. Great job guys!

#4 - Congratulations to the Hononegah Varsity Boys Basketball team for a great season. They were co Nic-10 champions, Regional champions, and finished the season with **23 W and 3 L** record this season. Look for them to have another great season next year. Both the sophomore and freshman teams were un-defeated this past season. Congratulation guys!

#5 - Our new County Board representative in District 3 is Kyle Logan, a Hononegah and U of Illinois graduate. We are planning to have a meeting with Kyle where he will reveal his "hot button issues" and answer our questions. Give him a call if you have concerns that should be brought to his immediate attention. Look for information on that meeting from your neighbors, in the mail, on the web site and via email.

#6 - Earl Kelling, Phyluss Shea, and Genese Bolender have passed away. The LPOA board extends our sympathies to the families!

#7 - A 6<sup>th</sup> grader at Roscoe Middle school has taken on a special project to collect food items for the Rock River Valley Food Pantry. We have sent a bulk email with the critical information and you can also find the

information on the website ([www.ledges.org](http://www.ledges.org)). We applaud Emily and ask you to support her efforts on collection day (May 4th) with your donated food items.

#8 - Did you know that Don Shoevlin, our new fire chief, is a Ledges resident. Word on the street is that the last dinner was a wonderful event!

#9 - At our latest board meeting it was decided that our annual meeting will be in mid October. There were frequently weather issues with the January meetings and quiet a few people are gone that time of the year. Look for more information in upcoming issues of the newsletter and via email.

#10 Don't forget that we do have three 20' x 20' tents that we rent for \$25.00 per tent. Contact 623-6391 for the date you need a tent (or three).

#11 - The new food provider at the Ledges Clubhouse is Chiles Catering.

#12 - Larry and Mary Lou Fitzpatrick recently celebrated their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary. *Congratulations to you both!*

## Featured Business - ACK ACK

Ack Ack Nursery was created in 1993 by John and Betty Akerlund, who have lived in the Roscoe area since 1980. Talk about a family affair, John and Betty, their son Eric, John's brother Dave and John's sister Karen Adell have all taken an active roll in helping create a fun, community minded business. The retail store is located at 5704 East Riverside Boulevard in Loves Park. They specialize in a great selection of trees, shrubs, and perennials. The store opens in March and usually closes around Thanksgiving.

Much of the nursery stock is grown on their farm in Boone County (at Springcreek and Riverside) and also at Brown's Farm at Belvidere Road and Highway #173

Ack Ack's knowledgeable staff gives great customer service, and the design team can personalize your landscape needs. Their design package includes a landscape plan drawing and full color computer generated photos of your home and landscape.

Ack Ack also has mountains of mulch! They carry 7 varieties of mulch and have become the largest supplier in the area. Call 815.282.8733 today to set up a delivery. Mulch gives your landscape that fresh look of spring and helps maintain the moisture during the rest of the season.

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