



With the holidays upon us, it's nice to take a moment to reflect on the past months. We hope you can be thankful for, your health, your family, your friends, and new neighbors. It's a time of traditions, gatherings, sharing and spending time with those we care about! The LPOA board wishes you a season filled with all the joy your heart can hold! May the wonder of Christmas remain in your hearts every day of the year!

LUNCH WITH SANTA

We would like to remind residents that the kid's party (lunch with Santa) will be from 11:30 A.M. to 1 P.M. on Sunday Dec. 14, 2008. The event will be at the Ledges Clubhouse. Call Mark at 623-6391 to let him know how many children you will be bringing.

2008 ANNUAL MEETING

The annual meeting held October 28th at the Ledges club house was quite well attended. The Board has decided to schedule annual meetings in October to take advantage of potentially better weather when meetings are held in January. A treasurer's report was read and approved. Mark Anderson and Chuck Christiansen reported they are retiring from the board. Mark asked for nominations for three vacant positions. Nominated and elected were Chris Hankins 7777 Bond Drive, Lori Fleming 12523 Tanager Trail, and Gary Hansmeier 7291 Grosbeak Trail. There was a short discussion involving the question of including children's ages in the directory due to the difficulty of assuring accuracy, and also safety concerns regarding giving out the location of young children. A vote was taken and ages will not be included in the 2009 directory. After a short break for refreshments and chatter, Don Shoevlin, Roscoe's new Fire Chief, gave a brief talk on his background and the history of the fire department. An opportunity to ask questions followed. Don is a resident of the Ledges.



DIRECTORIES will be printed after the first of the year and we will be delivered to those who have paid their 2009 dues. **Please remember** that dues and advertising income covers the cost of printing/mailing the newsletter and directory. Dues also defray the costs of the Easter egg hunt and lunch with Santa.

NEW BOARD MEMBERS At the recent annual meeting of the Ledges Property Owner's Association 3 new board members were elected. As they prepare to begin their terms in January of 2009, we thought we

would share some information on the newest members of the LPOA board.

Gary Hansmeier has lived in the Ledges since April of 1989. He retired from Sundstrand Aerospace in 1999 then worked for Computer Sciences Corp (CSC) until Aug. 2002. Both of those positions were in purchasing. He ran his own handyman business from 2002 until 2007. Now he's lucky to get all the handyman things his wife wants done. He and his wife Carolyn have 3 boys. Two are in the area and one lives in Seabrook, NH.

Chris Hankins is a Michigan native who met his wife Ann while working in Freeport in 1996 and has never left Illinois. He is a photo editor at the Daily Herald newspaper in the Chicago suburbs where he has worked for 12 years. He and Ann recently celebrated their 10th wedding anniversary and love traveling whenever they get the chance. The Hankins moved to the Ledges in June of 2007 and love living in their neighborhood along with daughters Clare, 5 and Addie, 3.

Lori Fleming was born in Rockford, the middle child of seven and raised on the east side of town. She has been married to her husband Jerry for 12 wonderful years with two grown sons and two grandsons. She holds a bachelor's degree in psychology and an associate's degree in information technology. Currently she works in computer services at OSF Saint Anthony Medical Center in Rockford. She says it's a great career and a wonderful place to work. She enjoys traveling, sports and spending time with family and friends. Lori is grateful for the chance to participate on the board and keep our community strong.

PLEASE PAY 2009 DUES NOW

2009 LPOA Annual Dues (\$20 per household)

We would appreciate your support again in 2009. Please submit the form below along with your check to the LPOA, P.O. Box 36, Roscoe, IL 61073 New directories will be delivered in late January as we receive your paid registration.

Dues paid in 2008 will be valid Jan. 1 to Dec. 31, 2009

Names of Adult/Parents

First _____ Last _____
 Address _____ Phone _____
 Child _____
 Child _____
 Child _____
 Child _____
 E-mail _____

When you fill in the e-mail line, please check the appropriate box regarding your e-mail

- E-mail in the directory & communication
- E-mail for communication only



CONDOLENCES (Belated) It was recently brought to our attention that longtime Ledges resident, Thomas McKearn, passed away last summer and his wife Geraldine has moved to Wesley Willows.

- ✍ We need updated directory information if you have changes. Notify Fern Nelson (815-389-1632) if you know of any new neighbors so that we can visit them to obtain current information
- ✍ We had an obligation to our advertisers to have their ads in 4 issues in 2007 (only 3 were printed). This is the reason we had 5 issues of the newsletter in 2008. We will get back to 4 issues per year in 2009, with the first issue to arrive in March.
- ✍ We will not have an adult Christmas party due to the lack of participation the last couple of years.
- ✍ Mark Anderson and Chuck Christiansen are leaving the LPOA board after 9 years. We thank them for their valued service!

SMOKE & CARBON MONOXIDE DETECTION

In many home fires, where alarms were present, the alarms did not operate. An estimated 890 lives could be saved each year if all homes had working smoke alarms. Two-thirds the smoke alarms are powered solely by batteries. The rest split evenly between hardwired only and hardwired with battery backup. More than half (54%) of the smoke alarm failures were due to missing or disconnected batteries; 19% were due to dead batteries. Nuisance alarms were the leading cause of disabled alarms.

Safety Tips

1. Install smoke alarms in every bedroom, outside each separate sleeping area and on every level of the home, including the basement.
2. An ionization smoke alarm is generally more responsive to flaming fires, and a photoelectric smoke alarm is generally more responsive to smoldering fires. For the best protection, both types of alarms or a combination alarm (photoelectric and ionization) should be installed in homes.
3. Test alarms at least monthly by pushing the test button. Replace batteries in all smoke alarms at least once a year. If an alarm "chirps", warning the battery is low, replace the battery right away.
4. If cooking fumes or steam sets off nuisance alarms, replace the alarm with an alarm that has a "hush" button. A "hush" button will reduce the alarm's sensitivity for a short period of time. Smoke alarms are available for people who are deaf or hard of hearing.

What is carbon monoxide- why is it a problem? Carbon monoxide (CO) is a colorless, odorless, tasteless, poisonous gas produced by incomplete burning of carbon-based fuels, including gas, oil,

wood and coal. Carbon-based fuels are safe to use. Local regulations require homes be equipped with CO detection devices. Some of the symptoms of CO poisoning, drowsiness, headaches, giddiness, nausea, vomiting, pains in the chest, breathlessness, stomach pains, erratic behavior, and visual problems. If you experience any of these you should open some windows and get out of the house for fresh air. You probably should get to the doctor and get checked out (CO poisoning is a very serious issue). Get help from your local fire department to check the safety of your dwelling. Units that detect both CO and gas are good to install

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