

“What’s on the HORIZON?”

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Horizon event updates!

Want to keep up with all the Horizon events and you have email? Well we send out a monthly email! Not getting yours, moved recently or you're at school and your newsletter goes to your parent's house. Please email Terry Smith at tsmith@cboe.com. As always don't forget to check out our website at www.associationofhorizon.org.

Thanks, Terry

In 1995 my mother, who is a Respiratory Therapist, was asked to attend camp to care for two of her patients that were using a ventilator or they would be unable to attend camp that year. She asked me if I would like to volunteer for the week so I agreed. I was told that we had to go through an orientation and training session to learn how to use Hoyer lifts and other equipment for the campers. I was kind of scared and didn't know what to expect from this experience. **I gathered my courage and enthusiasm and we all went to Camp Horizon.**

It was an interesting ordeal, I'd never had the pleasure of being around people with disabilities and I realized that they were just like anyone else. Some people need just a little more help than others but we are all the same. Time literally stood still for me. The campsite was beautiful and the people were just absolutely wonderful. Never in my life have I experienced a feeling of community and friendship. For those of you who don't know it, in order for Camp Horizon to function it takes a lot of teamwork and effort from ALL participants, campers and volunteer attendants, to make camp run smoothly. I fell in love. Horizon became my family.

In 1998 I was involved in a motor vehicle accident that has rendered me disabled. I asked if I could come to camp as a camper instead of volunteer. It was awesome having somewhere that I fit in. I have the unique opportunity to have experienced Horizon from both points of view. Camp has allowed me to: make friends, go to workshops, learn about different programs that affect the disabled community, learn to scuba dive, play in skits, play pranks on other campers, hangout and do absolutely NOTHING if that was my wish. Camp offers so many opportunities for people with me. I was bedridden for months. I had to be carried in and out of my house and only to go to the hospital because I could not walk. I had no recreation and felt like a prisoner in my own home. You can only imagine how beautiful it felt to have freedom and a sense of independence. **You can only imagine what it feels like to have your dignity handed back to you because Horizon campers and attendants treat you like a person and not as an invalid.** Who wouldn't fall in love with people who could give you all of the things I've mentioned.

I have such a heavy heart now. The YMCA camp Hastings where camp has been held for years and years is in danger. **The Board of Trustees has agreed to put the site up for sale. If a deal goes through, we could lose our campsite for 2003.** As of yet, Camp Horizon has found no alternate campsite to hold camp this summer. Camp Horizon made my dreams come true as it does for all of us campers. For one week of the year time stands still, friends come together for one common goal. To make sure that able-bodied and disabled persons overcome barriers. We unite and become one family. I have yet to meet one person that camp has not impacted. We are all in a frenzy looking for a new campsite. YOUR help is needed now more than ever to help make dreams come true for people who otherwise would not get an opportunity. It takes approximately \$45,000 dollars each year to have camp and \$60,000 to operate year-round. Through fundraisers, grants, donations and determination Camp Horizon thrives. I look forward to another Camp opening. We are all working as hard as we can.

Thank You Horizon for EVERYTHING.

Sincerely,
Ms. Earlene Barnes



Fall Weekend...

Hey Everyone, Congratulations for another successful Fall Weekend -Vegas Night! We had a Full House with about 60 in attendance and a lot of visitors. The weather was just right for a fall weekend, pleasant. Saturday was Vegas Night, a smash hit, with games of poker, blackjack, roulette and even off track betting horse racing! After all our 'money' was spent and we danced the night away to the great music of our great DJ, who showed us some terrific dance moves. Many thanks to The Fall Weekend Committee who worked hard to set up this great weekend: Marcy, Ernestine, Lea, Mary, Terry, Jean, Mark, Sim and Sheila. Also a big thanks to all our wonderful donors that helped with the finishing touches to the weekend: Food, prizes, music and decorations.

Oh, congratulations also to Alvin James, who won the Horizon Gurnee hotel package for the Horizon Shopping weekend in November. YEAH Alvin! I'm already counting the days 'til next year's Fall Weekend!

Another special thanks to all of our JUNIOR VOLUNTEERS, Sarah, Maggie, Katie, Chamise and Patti - Great job!!!!

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New Board Members Elected

In September, new Board members were elected for the 2002-2003 term. We are open to your ideas and suggestions in making our organization stronger and more entertaining. You can reach us through our office manager, Mike Trimpe at: DRAGONMT@aol.com.

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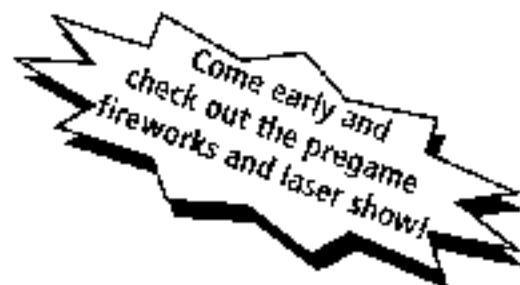
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HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE

Horizon's 2003 Holiday Recruitment Kickoff Party!!! Some of us are already working hard on Horizon's camp for the summer of 2003! We will be getting together for the Holidays and kicking off the year with our annual Recruiting Drive on Saturday, January 4th at Hackney's on Lake starting at 5:00 p.m. Call your friends and come in a group so you can catch up with old friends from camp and start encouraging your friends to become volunteers at camp or throughout the year on a committee. We'll be in the party room with FREE Appetizers and door prizes given.

Then you can thank our long time sponsor Hackney's for those great burgers at camp by having one of their famous hamburgers in the main restaurant. For your convenience make a reservation. (It gets very crowded.) **Hackney's on Lake - 1514 East Lake Avenue in Glenview at 847-724-7171.**

Please let the Recruitment Committee know your planning to attend by calling the Horizon line (773) 477-5170 or email - tsmith@cboe.com.

You could be the first to complete this year's camp application! **Without volunteers it would be impossible to be the organization we are today!** You can help the Recruitment Committee by doing a presentation at your school or giving us a contact and we'll do the presentation. Or, you can even help by just putting up or passing out posters. We have a great video this year! Please contact us!

Hope to see you soon - the Recruitment Committee: Terry Smith, Shelia Bartnicke, Brenda Bokowski, Sim Bustos, Jean O'Connor, Donna Palkowski, Mark Gray, Megan O'Halloran, Jen Kowalewski, Tom Daly, Kristen Smith and Rachel Fox.

It was all Treats and no Tricks for those attending the 11th Annual Horizon Halloween Benefit on Friday, October 18th. A full house of characters helped celebrate Horizon and raise funds for next year's summer camp. Two Elvis', Woody Woodpecker, a giant hot dog and a Mariachi band helped almost double the attendance of last year's benefit. While raising **over \$31,000**, partygoers enjoyed the Steve Edwards Orchestra, the Kids Costume Parade, Raffle drawings, and a silent auction.

The silent auction drew quite a crowd. Bidders were drawn to the great prizes including Lyric Opera tickets, a wine tasting party, a gourmet dinner for four prepared in your own home and a Chicago River basket including a rafting trip and a gift certificate to Rivers restaurant.

The committee would like to thank everyone who attended the party and everyone who purchased raffle tickets! Also a special thank you goes out to all those who donated items and services to our raffle and silent auction. The winner of the \$500 prize in the Grand Raffle was Mark Radcliff.

Next year Diane Moncher will chair the benefit committee. Many possible changes are under consideration as the planning begins for 2003. If you are interested in being on the committee, please leave a message via the horizon hotline. New volunteers are needed and welcome. Please join the committee for a ghoulish good time! For more photos and highlights of the party visit the Horizon Website www.associationofhorizon.org.

Thank you,
The Halloween Committee





Stop! Don't buy a new 2003 calendar yet...

We will be selling Horizon calendars at the Holiday Party, Dec. 7th and at Hackney's, Jan. 11th. Pick yours up there or contact Lori Youngberg to order your exclusive Horizon calendar! What better way to remind you of your friends at Horizon all year long?

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Dear friends, old and new. We need your help. We

are calling on you for any input and ideas you may have. For the first time since our inception we are faced with the reality that our Annual Summer Camp Program, as we know it now, is in danger. Many people work very hard year-round to raise money, plan events, and recruit new campers and volunteers. However, if we have no campsite, we are in trouble. We are currently searching for a new campsite, but we are facing some difficulty. We need a completely accessible site to accommodate approx. 180 people. Most campsites cannot hold that number. We need to be able to move in a substantial amount of medical equipment, including hospital beds. Most campsites are weary of so much work. This newsletter reaches approximately 1300 people.

Some of you helped found this organization. We are calling on you now. We need your help. We need your ideas. How can we make this work if we do not have the YMCA Lake Villa Camp Hastings for 2003? Our Board Members and Camp Committee are searching for a new location. We greatly appreciate their effort and endurance. If you think you can help in any way, please contact a current Board Member with your ideas or call 773-477-5170 and leave us your message. You can also e-mail Mark Rozdolsky directly at mrozdolsky@aol.com. **We look forward to hearing from YOU!**



Lisa LaMantia

A fun filled evening was had by all at the **5th Annual Night at the Races** on Saturday, September 7th. Guests dined on a fabulous four-hour buffet catered by Balmoral, while they donated lots of money to the various raffles and visited among our record breaking party of 250 guests. While people were trying their hand at the races the big winner was The Association of Horizon leaving the night with a profit of nearly \$11,000!!

The Night at the Races committee would like to take this opportunity to thank all those who were involved in the preparation of this event. A special thanks to Sharon Podgorny, Pat Podgorny and Patti Adams for the outstanding job they did on the centerpieces. And an additional special thank-you goes out to the groups, companies and individuals who donated items for our raffles, popper prizes and door prizes. Because of all of these contributors almost everyone left with some kind of prize.

Geri Skudney