

WHAT'S ON THE HORIZON



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10TH ANNUAL NIGHT AT THE RACES

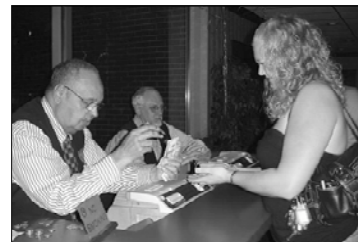


The Night at the Races committee is planning to celebrate our 10th anniversary in grand style. We are very busy gathering some awesome prizes and planning some beautiful decorations. We have set a goal to fill the entire dining room with Horizon supporters. So grab your Lady Luck and come on down!

If you would like to join us for this milestone year, mark your calendar now! The date is October 6th and the place is Balmoral Park in Crete, Illinois. The ticket price of \$50 per person or \$90 per couple includes admission to the track, a race program and a three hour buffet that includes beer, wine & pop.

Every year we have grown bigger and better, and we expect this year to be no exception! Would you like to attend but the price doesn't fit your budget? If you sell \$250 worth of raffle tickets you will earn a free ticket to the event.

For more information visit the Night at the Races link on our website at www.associationofhorizon.org or send an e-mail to natr@associationofhorizon.org.



GOLF OUTING 2007

On Friday, June 22, Horizon held its annual golf outing & banquet. The weather was beautiful and cooperated throughout the day. Nearly 150 people were in attendance, whether they golfed, only came to the banquet or were part of both, everyone had a great time. This year's golf format was a shotgun start which enabled all the golfers to start and finish around the same time.

During the dinner banquet, we had a full course buffet, several silent auction prizes & popper prizes. Everybody danced the night away to the music of the live band, the Brill Babies. Thanks to all the support of this year's sponsors, donors & participants, Horizon was able to raise nearly \$7,000.

We look forward to everyone's support for the 2008 Horizon Golf Event, so please check the web site along with upcoming newsletters for additional information. If anyone is interested in joining the committee please drop us an e-mail at golf@associationofhorizon.org. The committee is always looking for new ideas & contacts to help make next year's event bigger and better.



FALL CAMP WEEKEND



With summer coming to a close, it is time to start preparing for Horizon's fall weekend. This year's weekend trip will be held September 28-30 at Timber Pointe Outdoor Center. Horizon will be renting two cabins ONLY, so space will be limited. Download your application from our web site, if you are interested in attending.

Applications must be returned by August 30, along with a \$25 check made payable to Association of Horizon. Receipt of your check will reserve your spot and no refunds will be given after September 9. For more information about fall weekend, please contact Terry Smith at Horizon@associationofhorizon.org.

INTRODUCING HORIZON'S HOPE!

Would anyone be interested in receiving \$1000? Well this may be the opportunity for you! The Association of Horizon, Inc. is proud to announce that we are beginning our first grant program.

We are looking to award one individual who fits in one of the following three categories: 1.) Is attending a college or university and is studying in a field that will allow them to work with individuals with disabilities, i.e. special education teacher, occupational therapist, physical therapist, etc.; 2.) Is doing research in an area involving significantly enhancing the life of people with disabilities, i.e. researching about a new communication device, looking into new medications that can benefit people with physical disabilities, etc.; 3.) Someone who has a physical disability and would like financial support with equipment that will make life easier, i.e. purchasing a new wheelchair, buying a new augmentative communication device, etc.

Please look for all applications and information by January 1, 2008. Information will be posted on our website at www.associationofhorizon.org. You can also contact Rachel Youngberg at ryoungberg@naperville203.org for details and questions. Thank you for your support and good luck!

CAMP HORIZON '07



On Sunday July 15th 130 camp participants made their way down to Lake Bloomington for a great week of camp. They came by plane, car and bus to spend time with old friends and to make new friendships. Ten campers attended their first camp week with Horizon this summer, along with many new attendants.



The theme for the week of "Horizon Goes Wild- Animal Safari" was full of activities like the ever popular arts and crafts, where people made passports to record their week of events and camp memories. Other activities included the "Meet and Greet" (Horizon's own version of speed dating, where people got to learn things about their fellow campers), Bill Hoffman's Animal Show, paintball, a safari themed scavenger hunt and an exercise workshop by NCPAD, to name a few.



This was an exciting year at camp, as this year the new dinning hall lodge was finally ready for our use. The new two storey dinning lodge is centrally located on the camp site. There is dinning on the main floor along with a beautiful deck that offers a view of the lake. On the lower level are the new health center and a large room where we had several evening activities including Casino Night and Creaoke.

We had a few rainy mornings that gave some an excuse to sleep in while others may have gotten a slightly rained on breakfast delivered to their cabin by their ever faithful attendant. The weather did work with us most of the week and allowed us for the first time in three years to have our boat night. Boat night is a true treat. One evening during the week, the generous lake neighbors of TPOC bring their own pontoon boats to the docks at the campsite and load everyone (that wants to go) onto the boats for a lovely sunset cruise.



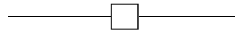
This year our Friday night dance was hosted by Horizon's very own DJ Eric Brandt. The dance was a perfect end to a perfect week.



This very special week would not have been possible without our volunteers during the week of camp and those who work on the pre-camp planning. Horizon would also like to send a special thank you to our two volunteer camp nurses - Larry Meneghini and Margaret Sutton. We would also like to thank all of our sponsors for their continued support and the many businesses who donate money and products to camp.

For those of you who missed camp this year or just did not make it to visitor's day, watch the website for the announcement of our 2008 dates, where the theme will be "Horizon goes to Las Vegas".

HORIZON ANNUAL HOLIDAY FAMILY PARTY



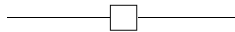
Please mark your calendars for our annual Holiday Family Party which will be held on December 8th at the Avalon Banquets in Elk Grove. I would like very much to have the biggest turnout yet so if you would like to get an early start you can either call me at 847-437-9472 or e-mail at marcy-robert@comcast.net. I will be more than glad to hear from you.

For those of you who have never attended, it's a great time to visit with your friends and family. We have a wonderful buffet (including great desserts), a surprise guest for the children and of course prizes for the adults. Everything is provided by Horizon as a thank you for all of your help and friendship during the year.

Hope to hear from you soon and I will be looking forward to seeing my old friends and meeting new ones.

Marcy Davis

THE 2ND ANNUAL SPRING FOR HORIZON



In its inaugural year, Spring for Horizon proved to be very successful & entertaining. Now the event is back for a second year and it should be even bigger and better than before!

Spring for Horizon features an open bar and a four course meal, with both hors d'oeuvres and dessert included. There will be a silent auction with a variety of prizes to bid on. Spring for Horizon also offers a live auction as well as a fundraising rally which allows guests an opportunity to directly donate to our summer camp program. These unique experiences help to make for an entertaining and interactive evening.

Lastly, Spring for Horizon presents attendees with the opportunity to enjoy a variety of live entertainment with the Dennis Keith Band headlining the event. We also have a surprise performance group to entertain throughout the evening. This benefit gives everyone the opportunity to come out and enjoy good food, good music, and good company. We look forward to seeing you at this exceptional event!

Date: Saturday, March 29, 2008
Time: Six o'clock in the evening
Place: Rosewood Restaurant Banquets
9421 W. Higgins Rd.
Rosemont, IL 60018
RSVP: www.associationofhorizon.org
(Click on the "Spring for Horizon" link)
Questions?: Contact Jen Bernover
jbernover@sbcglobal.net

ANNUAL MEETING



Saturday, October 13th is the date for the Association of Horizon annual meeting. All are welcome to attend. If you are interested in joining the board of directors you must do so at this meeting. This is also when we will be electing our officers for 2007/2008. Watch the website for details on time and place or contact Lori Moore at lori_moore21404@hotmail.com for more information.

EXCITING NEW WEBSITE TO LAUNCH THIS FALL



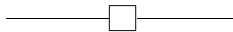
Scheduled to launch in Autumn 2007, Disaboom.com will be the first online resource to offer comprehensive medical information and education, classifieds, social networking and commerce together in one area targeted to meet the needs of hundreds of millions of people currently living with a disability or functional limitation as well as family members, friends, caregivers, recreation and rehabilitation providers and employers.



From forums and blogs to online support groups, career information and daily living resources, Disaboom.com will provide an opportunity for limitless expansion of one's community, tailored to meet individual wants and needs.

This website can possibly be a wealth of knowledge for our population. Association of Horizon is not affiliated with Disaboom.com in any way. We just want to inform you of their potential source of information.

**** CLASSIFIED AD ****



Wanted: Full-Time roommate/part-time caregiver for 31 year-old male with muscular dystrophy. Two bedroom/two bathroom ground floor condo located in Skokie, IL. Looking for a single male who has some background working with individuals with disabilities. Full time roommate means the individual will have his own bedroom and use of one bathroom. Looking for someone for evenings/overnights and weekends. Individual can have their own source of employment from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday through Friday (or just day hours during the week). A caregiver is already scheduled during these hours. Care required to provide is as follows: feeding, clothing, transferring, grooming and toileting. Medical background not necessary, no substantial medical attention is required.

Rent and utilities: negotiable (very reasonable)

Contact info: likableperson@gmail.com



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2007 HOLIDAY SHOP WITH A FRIEND



Join us Saturday, November 17th for our 2007 Holiday Shop with a Friend at Gurnee Mills. This fun filled day will include a continental breakfast in the conference room of the Hampton Inn in Gurnee, IL, coupons for shopping, meeting to have lunch together at the Rainforest Café and unlimited fun at the Gift wrapping/Pizza Party back at the Hampton Inn conference room.

If you would like to stay at the Hampton Inn on Friday, November 16th or Saturday, November 17th, we have reserved a block of rooms. Just call the Hampton Inn at the number below and ask for the Association of Horizon discounted room rate of \$79.00 per night. We have requested as many handicapped rooms as possible!

You will need to book your room by October 26th to get the Horizon Rate!

Hampton Inn Gurnee, IL
5550 Grand Avenue Gurnee, IL 60031
Phone: (847) 662-1100

For more information contact Brenda:
Phone: (773) 715-9631 or
Email: brendabo11@wowway.com

Hope to see you there!

