



Association of Horizon, Inc
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What's on the Horizon?

NOVEMBER 2007

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- Hoilday Party
- Hackney's Recruitment Kickoff
- Spring for Horizon
- Golf Outing & Banquet

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2007 NIGHT AT THE RACES - A PERFECT TEN

Saturday, October 6th was an incredible evening. Everything was wonderful as we celebrated the 10th anniversary of the Night at the Races fundraiser.

We had a great crowd of nearly 400 and everyone really seemed to have a great night. There was a suite full of popper prizes as well as 25 raffle prizes — not to mention thrilling horse races! People were winning items ranging from a beautifully scented candle to an exciting travel package worth over \$700!



*Clockwise from top left:
Jen Hemmeler,
Lori Youngberg,
Jen Katsenios, and
Jackie Kane enjoying the
annual Night at the Race
fundraiser*

In recognition of our 10 years at this event we decided to have 10 silent auction items. That was a great hit as people bid on items such as a one night stay at the Park Hyatt or diamond earrings!

Congratulations go to Mike & Rachel Youngberg, the first prize winners of our cash raffle. For a complete list of cash raffle winners click on the Night at the Races link on our web-site.

Ea\$y Way\$ to Rai\$e

Do you know that you can donate to Horizon through your United Way payroll deduction? All you need to do is designate Association of Horizon, Inc. (5829965) as your charity of choice on the donation form. Forms should be available from your Payroll or Human Resources Department.

OR

You can also support Horizon simply by using GoodSearch to search the Internet!

GoodSearch.com is powered by Yahoo!, so you get the same great search results. All you have to do is enter Association of Horizon, Inc as your chosen charity and start searching. They donate for each Internet search and more if you shop, it's that easy!



2007-2008 President
Lori Moore

Letter from the President

I would like start by thanking the 2006/2007 board members for their commitment to Horizon this past year. I know we all have busy lives and it is not always easy to find the time needed to run this wonderful organization; yet year after year we manage to do it and do it well. This past year we set goals and were able to meet most of them. Our biggest accomplishment this year was to establish the Horizon's Hope grant program. I believe this really shows that we are more than a summer camp program and that we are continuing to work toward our mission and vision. Unfortunately the one goal we did fall a little short on was fundraising. I can't express enough how important fundraising is to keeping our programs alive. We need fresh faces with fresh ideas to keep us moving forward. With that said, I'm excited to announce that we had five new members join the 2007/2008 board. Welcome Jen Bernover, Patrick Brice, Tom Daly, Donnie Flynn and Michael Meyer. I'm looking forward to working with all of you.

In closing I'd like to say, just because you're not on the board that doesn't mean we're not interested in what you have to say. If you have an idea for raising money or an outing you'd like to see us do, contact us at (773) 477-5170 or e-mail info@associationofhorizon.org.

Wishing you all much happiness during the holidays,

Lori Moore
President

***Got an idea for a
Horizon event?***

Email us at:

info@associationofhorizon.org

Keep in touch with your Horizon friends on MySpace.

Horizon now has a page on MySpace. This is a great place to chat with Horizon folks, keep up to date on Horizon news, or share camp photos. There are currently 19 friends on the Horizon page that you can visit with, but we would love to see more, so search us out now.

You can find the Horizon page if you do a search under "find a friend" searching under the display name of association of horizon, or you can just go to www.myspace.com/associationofhorizon.

Hope to see you there soon, post a comment.



Horizon's Hope Now Accepting Applications

The Association of Horizon, Inc. is proud to announce that we are ready to begin the application process for our first grant program.

We are looking to award a \$1000 grant to 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.

Applications and information are posted on our website at www.associationofhorizon.org or you can contact Rachel Youngberg at

ryoungberg@naperville203.org for details and questions.

The recipient will be awarded their grant at the 2nd Annual Spring for Horizon Benefit on March 29, 2008.

*** Classified Ad ***

Looking for a live-in companion.
Rent free in exchange for some light help.
Call Lea Svihla at (847) 364-1946 evenings

Horizon Volunteers Go Above & Beyond...

Two of our volunteers from last summer were honored with the Cook County Sheriff's Youth Service Medal of Honor. Derrell Miller and Laraya Parnell will be receiving their medals this month at a ceremony at McCormick Place. Both are members of the Rich South High School Key Club

and are being recognized for going above and beyond in their community. Laraya has 160 community service hours this past year and Derrell has 846. Way to go!



Poetry Corner

LISTEN TO YOUR HEART

By Larry Meneghini

Listen to your heart

A pleasant way to start

Thoughtful of those blind

Open up your mind

Of passion and desire

Your reflecting eyes are on fire

It's laid-back and nice

Like smooth relaxing Italian ice

Listen to your heart

Be surely and smart

Your heart is imaginative and great

Don't blow away your fate



2008 Camp Planning Has Begun!

The camp committee and recruitment committee have started planning camp 2008. Our camp theme this year is Las

Vegas. We know we will have some high rollers and showgirls at camp, but we have some other roles that need to be filled. We are looking for people to fill the following roles at camp: team leaders, logistics and activities. If you are interested in taking on any of these

roles please check out the application that is posted on the Horizon website. There are two different applications, one for Team Leaders and one for Logistics and Activities, so please be sure to download the right form.



2007 Team Leaders
meet on the deck
outside the mess hall

2008 Recruitment Kickoff Party

Some of us are already working hard on Horizon's camp for the summer of 2008! If you haven't already heard this year's theme is Las Vegas. We will kick off the year with our annual Recruitment Drive on **Saturday, January 5th at Hackney's on the Lake starting at 5:30 p.m.** Catch up with old friends from camp. Encourage your friends to come find out more about Horizon so they can become part of the Horizon family. This is

one way we continue to get new people interested in camp! This is also a good time to sign up for a committee. We'll be in the Wassail room with free appetizers and door prizes will be awarded. Then you can thank our long time sponsor **Hackney's** for those great burgers at camp by having one in the main restaurant. For your convenience make a reservation.

Come to be the first to complete this year's

camp application! Without volunteers it would be impossible to be the organization we are today! The recruitment committee needs your help by doing a presentation at your school, church or give us a contact and we will do the presentation. Please contact us! Please let the Recruitment committee know you are planning to attend by calling the Horizon hot line (773) 477-5170 or email Terry @ terry-horizon@yahoo.com.

Hackney's on the Lake - 1514 East Lake Avenue in Glenview at 847-724-7171.



Fall Weekend 2007



Getting away for a weekend with amazing friends, random conversations, and awesome food, now that's what I call a good time. Fall weekend is just that! This year fall weekend was held September 28-30. We had wonderful weather, no rain

and it wasn't too cold! We ate some incredible food, thanks to Mark and Lea's hard work. It tasted great! The weekend consisted of playing a variety of games from Sudoku to crossword puzzles, board games, card games and everybody's favorite bingo! Sitting around the campfire roasting marshmallows and telling old camp stories are also big hits at camp. This year horizon welcomed a few new members to fall weekend; they did great and we're so happy

they came. Patty and I started as junior volunteers and attended summer camp this year. This weekend Horizon welcomed a few new junior volunteers as well, Brian, Danny, Chris, Hannah and Tommy; we hope to see them at summer camp in years to come. Thanks to everyone who came, hope you had a great time and hope to see you again.

– Katy Flynn



Family Holiday Party

Just a reminder to get your reservations in for the end of the year Horizon Family Holiday Party by calling Marcy Davis at 847-437-9472 or e-mailing

marcy-robert@comcast.net.

Just in case you missed the last newsletter here is the info:

December 8th
Avalon Banquets
1905 E Higgins Road
Elk Grove Village, IL
847-439-5740

What's New on the Horizon?

Sheila Caplis received her Juris Doctorate from Chicago-Kent College of Law this past May and passed the Illinois Bar Exam in July.

Horizon would like to congratulate *Matthew Schreiner* and his beautiful bride Dawn (Kolaski) on their wedding nuptials held on Sunday, October 7. The newlyweds are living in Joliet, Illinois and we

wish them the best.

Mitch Kowalewski and *Jess (Schroeder)* are doing well as newlyweds. They have moved into their townhouse in Naperville with lots of ideas for redecoration. They recently brought home the newest member of the family, Smuckers, a beagle lab mix.

Chris (Lopez) got married to Eddie Gieck on 7/7/07 in Chicago. She is now happily living in Lake Ronkonkoma, NY, on Long Island.

Congratulations to *Jessica Janes-Crowley* & her husband Joe on their newest bundle of joy. Alexis Lynn Crowley was born on August 10. Her big sister Alyssa & big brother Joey were thrilled.



Save the Date!

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Help plant the seeds to  grow great programming!

Spring for Horizon
Association of Horizon, Inc.

2nd Annual



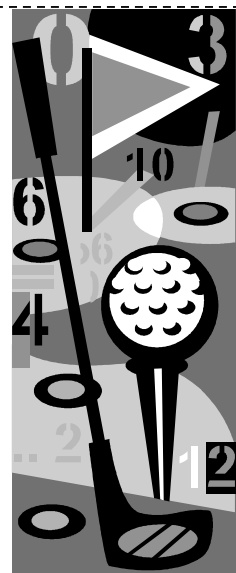
**Saturday,
March 29,
2008
6 PM**

Live & Silent Auctions

Rosewood Restaurant Banquets

The 6th Annual Golf Outing

The date is set and the planning has begun for the 6th Annual Golf Outing and Banquet. Mark your calendar for Saturday, June 14, 2008. We will be teeing off at 2 o'clock in a shotgun format at a new course, The Links at Carillon in Plainfield, IL.



Editor's Remarks-

We hope you enjoyed this issue of *What's on the Horizon?*. As you can see we have tried a couple new features; Poetry Corner & What's New on the Horizon?. If you have any thing to contribute to these sections please drop us a line at our address on the front page or e-mail to info@associationofhorizon.org with "Newsletter" in the subject. We'd love to hear from you.



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