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OAK LEAVES

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NEW THIS MONTH:

NEW NAME! Our appreciation goes to Tom Sinnott for naming our Newsletter. Tom's choice, Oak Leaves, was unanimously accepted by the Newsletter Committee. Thanks, Tom for really branching out and getting to the root of the matter. The name you suggested was not the least bit sappy.

NEW DIRECTORY! Your new River Oaks Directory is attached to this Newsletter. We plan to update the directory periodically, with new names and phone numbers, by issuing stickers that you can place over the outdated information. These stickers will be distributed with the Newsletter.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS



October 14

By-Laws Committee Meeting
7:30 P.M. at the Soelkes'
2S 451 River Oaks Dr.

October 15

Monthly Meeting,
Board of Directors
7:30 P.M. at the Christiansens'
2S 600 River Oaks Dr.

October 31

All Hallow's Eve

NO PARKING ZONE



Ordinance No. 982 of the City of Warrenville states that there shall be no parking

"On Ridge Drive on weekdays between the hours of 6:00 A.M. and 5:00 P.M."

If cars are parked there, it makes it difficult for the school buses to maneuver on Ridge, thereby jeopardizing the agreement with the bus company to come into the subdivision. The bus company was only willing to use the Ridge and River Oaks corner as a bus stop if they could be assured that their buses would have enough room to maneuver. Please help us by not parking along Ridge during these hours, and informing your guests and employees also not to park there.



WELCOME NEW NEIGHBORS

Welcome to our new neighbors in Lot 14. Bob and Rosana Ladik moved here from Pennsylvania with their children, five-year old Ian and three-year-old Natalie. Bob, a software consultant, is originally from Milwaukee, while Natalie is a native Californian.

Tom Simak and Linda Harig have recently moved into Lot 44. Tom and Linda are both Chicagoland natives, with Tom coming from Westchester and Linda from Barrington. Tom works as an electrical engineer and Linda as a customer service representative. They plan a spring wedding. Welcome to River Oaks, Tom and Linda.



RODENTS: OUT !

Ground squirrels, gophers, pocket gophers, gophlies or beasties. Whatever you call them, these small rodents have made their presence felt throughout River Oaks. The little critters create small holes and burrows, eat bulbs (they're especially fond of tulips), and have been known to chew through plastic 5 gallon buckets, garbage cans and garage door gaskets in order to gain access to food and garbage. What to do? After several less-than-successful attempts with water, gas and poison pellets, Lot #53 has found an answer. Rat traps baited with peanut butter are very attractive to these pests. In the case of hard-to-please rodents, the bait can be enhanced with bird seed. Place the trap in an area frequented by the little pests, and wait for satisfaction.

IS IT TIME FOR THE GARBAGE TRUCKS ?



Exactly how early can the garbage crews from Fox Valley Disposal come around on Thursday mornings? The answer is 6 A.M., which is written into their contract with the City of Warrenville. There have been numerous times recently when the garbage trucks roared through River Oaks earlier than 6 A.M., waking up babies, children, and adults. The Board of Directors is writing to the City making these facts known to them, in hopes that the garbage crews can be restrained until the proper hour and that we can all sleep a little better.

PARKWAY TREE ROUNDUP



This is the fourth installment in the Newsletter's woodland ramble through the many varieties of trees planted in our parkway in the River Oaks Parkway Tree Program.

GINKGO

The Ginkgo is an extremely ancient tree, dating back at least 150 million years; Ginkgos must have seen the dinosaurs in their prime and witnessed (and survived) their extinction. The Ginkgo is extremely pest- and disease-free, apparently having outlived all of its tormentors! Although it was imported here from China, at one time it was native to North America. Interesting fan-shaped leaves, which turn a beautiful clear yellow in Fall, gives the Ginkgo its other name: "Maidenhair Tree". Ginkgos are either male or female.

The fruits of the female Ginkgo, which do not appear until the trees are around 20 years old, are no asset - they have been described by one garden catalog as having an "Extremely! Unpleasant! Odor!". As a result, male trees are preferred for landscape purposes. (Yes, the two Ginkgos in our parkway have both been certified as males.) Ginkgos grow moderately slowly (about 1 foot / year) to a maximum of 50 to 80 feet.

GREEN ASH

Green Ash, also known as Red Ash, is native in moist bottomlands and along streams throughout the eastern U.S. It has compound leaves with five to nine lance-shaped leaflets, which turn yellow in Fall. Green Ash is a fast grower (2 to 3 feet per year), to a height of 50 to 60 feet. Its vigor and toughness has made it a very popular urban tree; it is highly tolerant of both wet soils and drought. There are four Green Ashes in our parkway.

KENTUCKY COFFEETREE

The Kentucky Coffeetree is a hardy and unusual tree which is becoming increasingly popular as a lawn and street tree. The most unusual characteristic of the Coffeetree is its enormous (up to 3 feet long) leaves, which are composed of dozens of 1-1/2 to 3 inch leaflets. They leaf out late, and have yellow Fall color. The Coffeetree also has beautiful ridged gray and brown bark. Early (desperate) Kentucky settlers made a bitter brew from the Coffeetree's large, bean-like seeds, giving the tree its common name. Coffeetrees grow to a height of 60 to 75 feet at a moderate rate (1 to 1-1/2 feet per year). Although some of our Coffeetrees planted in April ended up in the percolator, we presently have three healthy specimens in our parkway.



HERE'S THE SCOOP on the TASTE OF RIVER OAKS

Eighty-eight people attended our annual picnic this year, with each family bringing delectable and savory dishes for all to enjoy in our upper Common Area. The Entertainment Committee would like to thank the chefs for sharing the fruits (and vegetables) of their labor. The food was generous and delicious, and provided energy for the games that followed.

The children's games included the balloon relay and the dress-up relay. There was also a water balloon toss, lots of volleyball, the anticipated running around, and a magical fishing pond whose fish turned to candy when caught. Decorations included bright balloons and freshly painted faces, which added some color and an artistic touch to the festivities. Our report about the game for the older kids, the football mayhem in the mud, can be found in our first sports column to follow this article.

Thank you to the members of the Entertainment Committee who planned the picnic, set up the tables and canopies with the help of their spouses, and cleaned up after the festivities.

A special thank you to Paul Koenig for supplying the ice and the tables and who, along with his son Nick, carried them up and down the hill. Paul also was kind enough to haul away the garbage with the exception of two cans, which were disposed of by the Moores.

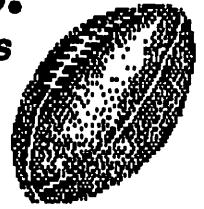
To Cheryl Soelke and husband Mike, thank you for doing a terrific job on the children's activities.

We loved the colorful balloons (donated jointly by Ruth Scola, the owner of Corner Gifts, and Chris Noffsinger) and wish they hadn't taken off in a gust of wind.

To all neighbors who donated playing nets, balls, the keg of beer, the wine coolers, and helping hands, thank you for making the picnic a success.

THE GAMES OF RIVER OAKS:

*Muscles, Men and Mess
Mark the
First Annual Mud Bowl*



What happens when you put a group of men together at a picnic, well - fed, a football in their midst, and a nice spot of mud to fall in? A football game, of course! The signs were clear as one of the wives looked over at the gathering group of (mostly) over-aged kids and, with a look of horror on her face, whispered, "Oh no! They're organizing!"

Bearing down for a gritty game of football were some of River Oaks' finest. Displaying their virility on Team 1 were Peter Boivin, guard; John Christiansen, tight end; Dennis Hill, tackle; Mark Moore, tight end; Tom Sinnott, tackle and wide receiver; Mike Soelke, quarterback; and Steve Roberts, wingback. Flexing their muscles and strutting their stuff on Team 2 were Karl Berland, center; Terry Costlow, guard; John Highland, quarterback and wingback; Joe English, tackle; Nick Koenig, tight end; Scot Moore, guard; Jimmy Stanley, tackle; and Tom Saxton, quarterback and wingback.

We asked the players for comments on the game, whose final score was reported (by the winners) as 105 to 98 in favor of Team 1. Said Tom, "the Viking" Sinnott, "Well, it was highlighted by spectacular skill for Team 1 and incredible luck for Team 2." Sharing the victory was John "Appleseed" Christiansen, who reported that he tried to slow things down by flooding the field with his sump pump before the game.

Newly recruited from the Cowboys for Team 2, Terry "Oilman" Costlow bemoaned the loss of the game, his shoes in the mud, and the alleged fact that the "old" guys took advantage of a substantial handicap that had been given to them by the "young" guys. Sharing the sore muscles was Mark "Ice Pack" Moore who insisted that he was as limber as could be (an "undercover" source reported this was not the case) and played 18 holes the next day. Rumor has it that he lost his elbow in Costlow's chest.

Karl "Mad Dog" Berland reported that he was sore for the next two days, but did think the game was a lot of fun. Peter "Maple Leaf" Boivan echoed the same sentiments and stated that the game was a good experience for the muscles he had forgotten he had.

When asked for his comments, Dennis "Flintstone" Hill said, "I'm sore." He also said that he's fifteen years older than most of the players and therefore would prefer to coach next year. His teammate, Steve "Sportsmanship" Roberts commented that it was a good way for the guys to get together and play what they defined as a "sporting event."

Steve's opponent, John "Mr. Clean" Highland (of Team 2), was not too sore but admitted that he hadn't played half as long as the rest. John added that Tom Saxton should have been penalized for illegal use of hands and feet because he used his karate during the game. When asked what the score was, Highland stated that he thought it was a tie: 86 to 86.

Highland's teammate "Big Joe" English said that it was an easy game and that "we beat 'em real bad." Also on Team 2, Scot "Fearless" Moore stated that the game was pretty cool and, although young Moore didn't slip or fall, he thought the mud was awesome.

Team 1's quarterback, Mike "Down and Dirty" Soelke, was sore but also recovering. He said the game was a lot of fun - enough fun to last five years !

Jimmy "Lightfoot" Stanley, Team 2's tackle, said that when he came to the Common Area and saw that football, he just knew there was a game in the making. Jimmy's thoughts were strongly echoed by his teammate, Nick "the Invincible" Koenig. Nick thought it was a great way to get the men together.

Quarterback Tom "Kung Fu" Saxton commented that he hasn't taken a beating like that since he forgot Linda's birthday. He added that John Highland begged him to play quarterback so he wouldn't have to get his pants dirty. Unfortunately, Tom had to cut the interview short because he had Ditka on hold.

These Oakers are ready for the pros! NOT !

It was obvious that a good time was had by all, including those of us who watched from the sidelines.

NOTICES

FIREWOOD :

If you need firewood, contact Terry Costlow, 393-9431. He is negotiating a deal on mixed hardwood, which will be less than \$62.50 per face cord, delivered and tax included. The more people who go in with this deal, the lower the cost for everyone. If you are interested, contact Terry before Friday, October 16.

BABYSITTING :

If you need a babysitter, contact Hilweh Masoud, 393-6716. Experienced.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY, SEPTEMBER KIDS !

Remic Ensweiler

Laura Jayne Naas

Sebastian White

JJ Highland

Christina Hulse



Julie Berland

Brandon Carlson

Russell Christiansen

Candace Lanute

Angela Vainisi

TREASURER'S REPORT

ROIA CHECKING RECONCILIATION SUMMARY 8/15/92

BANK STATEMENT - CLEARED TRANSACTIONS:

Previous Balance:	<u>\$1,927.19</u>
Checks and Payments: 2 Items*	-33.18
Deposits and Other Credits: 5 Items**	<u>3,262.13</u>
Ending Balance of Bank Statement:	5,156.14

UNCLEARED TRANSACTIONS:

Cleared Balance:	<u>5,156.14</u>
Checks and Payments: Postage	-12.77
Deposits and Other Credits: 5 Items (Dues)	<u>861.10</u>
Register Ending Balance:	6,004.47

* Items include:	
Landscaping	-20.00
Service Charge	-13.18

** Items include:	
Dues	1095.90
Money Market Transfer	2,163.22
Interest	3.01

TREASURER'S REPORT

RECONCILIATION SUMMARY ROIA CHECKING 9/17/92

BANK STATEMENT - CLEARED TRANSACTIONS:

Previous Balance:	<u>\$1,927.19</u>
Checks and Payments: 2 Items*	-33.18
Deposits and Other Credits: 5 Items**	<u>3,262.13</u>
Ending Balance of Bank Statement:	5,156.14

UNCLEARED TRANSACTIONS:

Cleared Balance:	<u>5,156.14</u>
Checks and Payments: Postage	-12.77
Deposits and Other Credits: 5 Items (Dues)	<u>861.10</u>
Register Ending Balance:	6,004.47

* Includes	
ROIA Postage	-12.77
Newsletter	-28.88
Davey (Maintenance)	-903.37
Entertainment	-90.58
Service Charge	-12.30



MINUTES BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

August 20, 1992

Meeting was called to order at 7:35 P.M.

PRESENT: Joe Lanute, Paul Koenig, Tom Sinnott, Chris Noffsinger, Mark Moore, Kathryn Costlow, Becky Christiansen

The minutes from the July 20th meeting were amended to include Nominating Committee under duties for Board member Paul Koenig.

MOTION: To approve the minutes, as amended. Motion made by Paul, seconded by Chris. Motion passed unanimously.

Point of Order: The motions passed unanimously will be recorded as such. All other motions will be recorded as "passed" or "defeated", with no record of how each member voted, unless a roll call vote is called.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Joe reported that the Money Market account has been closed and the funds transferred to the Checking account. Joe reported that a few people were late with their last dues payments, and that he would contact them. He reported the payment in full of the past due account of one of the houses on which the Board had a lien. There is still a lien on Lot 63, now vacant, and there will be a further attempt to trace any title transfer that may occur with this lot, in order to get the new owner(s) to pay the dues. The \$95.00 that was owed by the previous owners of Lot 44, for dues prior to April 1992, will be classified as a bad debt. The lot had been over-mortgaged and liened with prior claims that exceeded the value of the house; hence, no ROIA lien would have been successful. Joe also presented a budget update, listing expenditures to date for each budget category. Out of a total budget of \$14,010.00 for this year, a total of \$7,391.14 had been spent as of 8/15/92. The Board members complimented Joe on his excellent record keeping and work to date as the Treasurer of ROIA. His computerized billing and record keeping should simplify considerably the work entailed in providing the end of the year fiscal report.

DISCUSSION: Whether a separate budget category for photo copying is needed. Most of the Photo Copying expenses recorded this year should actually be recorded as Newsletter expenses.

MOTION: To combine the Photo Copying budget category with the Newsletter budget category. Motion made by Paul, seconded by Kathryn. Motion passed unanimously.

MOTION: To accept the Treasurer's report, and commend Joe on his excellent work this year. Motion made by Mark, seconded by Paul. Motion passed unanimously.

ENTERTAINMENT: Chris reported that 96 adults and children will be attending the annual River Oaks picnic on August 29. Tarps will be set up in the morning of the day, with the rest of the set-up to begin at 1 P.M.

DISCUSSION: To consider adding the cost of advertising for the annual River Oaks Garage Sale, held every spring, to the ROIA budget next year.

SECRETARY: Becky requested several copies of the By-Laws and Covenants to distribute to new residents. Tom will make the necessary copies. The monthly Board meeting locations for the rest of the year are as follows:

September 17 at 7:30 P.M. at the Koenigs'
October 15 at 7:30 P.M. at the Christiansens'
November 19 at 8:00 P.M. at the Noffsingers'
December 17 at 7:30 P.M. at the Costlows'
January 21 at 7:30 P.M. at the Sinnotts'.

Budget discussions begin next month.

NEWSLETTER: Becky announced that the July/August Newsletter came out today.

DISCUSSION: "Oak Leaves" will be presented to the Newsletter Committee, as a suggestion for the new name of the Newsletter.

ACTION ITEM: The next directory for River Oaks will come out next month. After that, the directory will come out in March or April, with the new Board listed in it. It would be a similar design to the earlier directories.

ACTION ITEM: Mark suggested that as new homeowners move into the subdivision during the year, labels should be distributed to all of the homeowners with the new directory information to paste into their old directories for an update.

NOMINATING: No report

LANDSCAPING: Mark reported that the Committee met last week. The following were discussed:

ACTION ITEM: The Committee will feed the Parkway Trees within the next 60 days.

ACTION ITEM (STATUS): The traffic restriction to be placed in the easement between Lots 51 and 52 has been approved by the police and fire departments of the City of Warrenville. Letters confirming these approvals will be sent to the departments.

ACTION ITEM (STATUS): The City of Warrenville has approved of the ROIA cementing in the corner parkway square at Lot 66.

ACTION ITEM (STATUS): There are 18 to 20 dead parkway trees that need replacement. All of the dead trees will be returned to the nurseries on September 26, and replacements will be obtained, if available. Some replacement trees may not be available until spring.

ACTION ITEM: September 26 will be designated as a work day for landscaping concerns. Mark will organize crews to dig, return and transplant parkway trees, to pour the concrete at Lot 66, and to set the restraining post between Lots 51 and 52.

DISCUSSION: Mark reported that John Christiansen asked that the Board establish a small tree nursery in the Lower Common Area, with an initial cost estimate of \$100. This cost would cover the rental of a rototiller and the cost of some landscape timbers and a small wire fence. The initial trees would be donated by John, Mark, and Tom. The purpose of the nursery would be to supply the Board with trees to use for River Oaks, e.g. parkway tree replacements, common area plantings, or possible donations (e.g., Plainfield or the City).

MOTION: To authorize the Landscaping Committee to build and establish a tree nursery for the River Oaks Improvement Association, with an approved expense of \$100.00 and the understanding that the initial trees will be donations from River Oaks residents. Motion made by Mark, seconded by Joe. Motion passed unanimously.

MOTION: To approve planting trees in the Common Area, with specific Board approval for each planting. Motion made by Paul, seconded by Kathryn. Motion carried unanimously.

MOTION: To allow John Christiansen to plant a small group of moisture-loving trees, which John will donate, at the run-off point of his sump pump line in the Upper Common Area, in order to dry up this perpetually-wet area. Motion made by Mark, seconded by Paul. Motion carried unanimously.

BY-LAWS: Next meeting of this Committee will be September 1 at the Christiansens'. Tom will circulate an informational sheet prior to the meeting to all committee members.

ANDEN: Board went into executive session for this discussion.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

GARBAGE PICK-UP: Joe suggested that the Board check with the City to see what time of day the garbage pick-ups are allowed to begin, according to their contract with Fox Valley Disposal. The trucks are coming earlier since recycling began and are waking people, including young children.

LIGHT BRIGADE: Chris reported on her contact with the manager of the Country Ridge Apartments concerning the placement of lights that shine in the windows of River Oaks' homes on the southern boundary. The manager has agreed to a meeting between herself and her maintenance man, and those River Oaks residents who want a change, to redirect lights if possible. Chris put a notice in the July/August Newsletter and will inform anyone who calls her of

the time and place of this meeting. The meeting will take place in the late afternoon, before 5:30 P.M., on a date still to be decided.

MOTION: To adjourn. Motion made by Paul, seconded by Chris. Motion carried unanimously.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:50 P.M. Next meeting will be Thursday, September 17, at the Koenigs' house.

Respectfully submitted by Becky Christiansen



September 17, 1992

PRESENT: Chris Noffsinger, Joe Lanute, Tom Sinnott, Mark Moore, Kathryn Costlow, Becky Christiansen.

ABSENT: Paul Koenig

GUESTS: John Christiansen, Marnee Sinnott

Meeting was called to order by Tom at 7:36 P.M.

MOTION: To accept the minutes of the August meeting. Motion made by Chris, seconded by Mark. Motion passed unanimously.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Joe reported a balance of \$4,977.97 in the checking account. He will talk to the bank regarding minimizing the service charge on the account. Next month he will have an updated committee spending report.

MOTION: To accept the treasurer's report, and to pay the latest Davey bill for grass cutting in the Common Areas. Motion made by Mark, seconded by Kathryn. Motion carried unanimously.

ENTERTAINMENT: The Committee was congratulated on the success of the annual River Oaks picnic. It was remarked that the football players are still feeling their age. Next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, October 7, at Kathryn's house at 7:30 P.M.

NEWSLETTER: Becky reported that the September newsletter is late in coming out, as they are still working on the directory.

ACTION ITEM: Tom would like to include a note about ground squirrel control.

NOMINATING: The next annual meeting is scheduled for the first Thursday in February, at 8 P.M.

DISCUSSION: The annual meeting date should be slightly flexible to see if City Hall can be used free of charge for the meeting, rather than pay a fee to Johnson School, which was done last year.

ACTION ITEM: Becky or Tom will contact City Hall about the possibility of using the City Council chambers for the meeting.

LANDSCAPING: Mark reported that he has already sent around a notice of the work party scheduled for September 26. He hopes that several landscaping projects can be done on that date.

DISCUSSION: John and Tom hauled out 18 tree corpses from the parkway, in preparation for their return to the various nurseries for replacement or reimbursement.

DISCUSSION: John brought pictures of the proposed location of the River Oaks tree nursery in the Lower Common Area. The area will be rototilled, and fenced.

MOTION: To approve the location of the tree nursery. Motion made by Joe, seconded by Mark. Motion passed unanimously.

ACTION ITEM: Becky will call J.U.L.I.E. regarding the tree nursery location.

DISCUSSION: John wants to donate 4 landscape-sized trees to ROIA for planting in the Common Area.

BY-LAWS: Tom reported on the September 14 meeting. Next meeting is scheduled for September 26 at the Soelke's. At present, the nature of the changes is not substantive, but rather clarifications of the current By-Laws and corrections of errors. **DISCUSSION** Chris suggested that the proposed changes be brought to the Board to be discussed. She pointed out that the Board is indemnified against mistakes in judgement.

ANDEN: To discuss the current round of negotiations between the City of Warrenville and Anden, in their attempt to settle their lawsuit without going to litigation, the Board went into Executive Session.

OLD BUSINESS:

GARBAGE PICK-UP: Marnee reported that she has checked with City Hall and found that the earliest time for garbage pick-up is stated as 6 A.M. in the franchise agreement with Fox Valley Disposal.

ACTION ITEM: Tom will send a letter to the city that states that garbage pick-up has been earlier, on a regular basis, than 6 A.M. here in River Oaks, and that we would like their time limits followed. He will also include a comment on the noise of the trucks, which may be in violation of a City noise ordinance.

LIGHT BRIGADE: Due to the lateness of the Newslet-

ter, and the late light, Chris is arranging a new date for a walk-through of the lighted areas near Country Ridge Apartment with the apartment manager. She will try to set up something on Wednesday, October 28.

LOT 63: The Board would like to thank the Sterns in Lot 62 for mowing this vacant lot this year. It was reported that the unlocked door has been reported to the police and the Public Works Department at City Hall. In addition, the Sterns have been in contact with the City Compliance representative regarding the Lot.

ACTION ITEM: The City will be contacted to see if they have any information regarding possible new owner(s) of this property.

ACTION ITEM: The Newsletter will run a warning to parents and children about staying out of the yard and house.

NEW BUSINESS:

DRAINAGE: Tom will talk to the homeowners of a lot regarding their sump pump drainage problem.

BUDGETS: All committee budgets will be reviewed at the October Board meeting. These will be published, and comments from homeowners are invited by or at the November Board meeting.

MOTION: To adjourn the meeting. Motion made by Mark, seconded by Chris. Motion passed unanimously.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:32 P.M.

Next meeting is on Thursday, October 15, at the Christiansens'.

Respectfully submitted by Becky Christiansen.

This Newsletter is brought to you by your friendly Newsletter Committee, consisting of:

*Becky Christiansen, Chairman, 393-4946
Marnee Sinnott, 393-2808
Chris Noffsinger, 393-4388
Tom Sinnott, 393-2808*

Please let one of the committee members know of anything you might want included in the Newsletter.

**Board of Directors
River Oaks Improvement Association**

**Tom Sinnott, President, 393-2808
Mark Moore, Vice-President, 393-6473
Joe Lanute, Treasurer, 393-6872
Becky Christiansen, Secretary, 393-4946
Chris Noffsinger, 393-4388
Kathryn Costlow, 393-9431
Paul Koenig, 393-6590**

Board Meetings held third Thursday of the month; homeowners are welcome. For letters regarding dues status for sales and refinancing purposes, contact the Treasurer.

We hope everyone enjoyed the Taste of River Oaks. In an effort to fill the many requests for recipes for the various dishes, the Newsletter would like to publish several each month. Please, would you consider sharing with us your special recipe? For this first month, we used the Newsletter Committee as a source. Next month may be your turn.

*from
Marnee Sinnott*

Pepperoni, Mozzarella and Broccoli Pasta Salad

1 lb. pasta (shells or fusilli)
2/3 cup vegetable oil
1/4 cup fresh lemon juice
2 Tb. red wine vinegar
1 teas. salt, or to taste
1 teas. dried oregano
1/4 teas coarsely ground black pepper

3 cups broccoli florets blanched
1 whole pepperoni (12 oz) skinned and cut into 1/4" pieces
6 oz. mozzarella cut into 1/4" pieces
1/2 cup red onion
1/2 cup chopped carrot (about 1 med.)
1/3 cup small brine-cured black olives
1/4 cup rough chunks Parmesan, or Romano (1/4" pieces)

Cook pasta until al dente. Drain, rinse with cold water. Whisk oil, lemon juice, vinegar, salt, oregano and black pepper, and set aside. Combine pasta, broccoli, pepperoni, cheeses, onion, olives, and carrots. Add dressing; toss to blend. Adjust seasonings. Serve at room temperature.

*from
Becky Christiansen*

Chicken Casserole

3 cups diced cooked chicken
2 cups finely diced celery
1/2 cup toasted slivered almonds
2 oz. jar pimento, strained and diced
1 1/4 cup mayonnaise
3 T. lemon juice
2 T. grated onion
1 tsp. salt
1/4 tsp. pepper
1 cup crushed potato chips
1/2 cup grated sharp cheddar cheese

To diced chicken, add celery, almonds, pimento and mayonnaise which has been blended with lemon juice and grated onion. Toss with fork and add seasonings. Fill buttered flat casserole (1 or 1 1/2 qt.). Mix grated cheese and crushed potato chips and sprinkle over chicken mixture. Bake in pre-heated oven at 375o for approximately 30 minutes or until just heated through (do not overbake). Use shallow casserole for crisp topping.