

ROCK-TALK

The Gibraltar Neighborhood
Association, Inc. Newsletter

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Council Bluffs' 3rd Annual "First Night"

See and hear local entertainers performing at more than a dozen sites in downtown Council Bluffs at the fun-filled, no-alcohol family event – **First Night** – which celebrates the arrival of the New Year! The excitement starts **Dec. 31** at 6:00 p.m. at 13 different venues around Bayliss Park. At 9:00 p.m., there will be a children's procession, with the main finale (fireworks!) starting at the stroke of midnight in Bayliss Park. Purchasing an admission button for \$12 (children 5 and under are free) will give you admittance to all the events.

More than 30 individual and group entertainment acts will include magicians, comedy acts, dancers and music ranging from country to rock and

jazz, plus belly dancers, percussionists and fire dancers.

Free transportation will take visitors from one venue to the next to limit the time spent in the cold, and the venues are close to each other. Venues include Community Hall, the Council Bluffs Public Library, City Hall, the Pottawattamie County Courthouse, the YMCA, the Union Pacific Railroad Museum, St. John's Lutheran Church, First Baptist Church, First Congregational Church, Refuge Bible Church, the Masonic Temple, Maher-Livingston Funeral Home and Bayliss Park. For more information go to: www.FirstNightCouncilBluffs.org.



Upcoming Dates to Remember

- **January 10th, 2010**
5:00 p.m.
GNA Holiday Dinner Party
and meeting! Please
RSVP—see article for all
the details!
- **Dec. 31st**
Council Bluffs First Night
celebration, Bayliss Park
area, starting at 6:00 p.m.
- **GNA Quarterly meetings**
in April, July and Octo-
ber 2010. Watch for
upcoming information
via the newsletter as well
as email.

GNA Holiday Dinner Party!

Plan to join your neighbors at our January meeting to celebrate the New Year and enjoy dinner! We'll be meeting at the home of Gary Lopez (GNA's Vice President) and Jim Keiffer on **Sunday, January 10th** at 5:00 p.m. Their house is located at 125 3rd Street.

A delicious dinner will be provided by the Gibraltar Neighborhood Association, and we *need your R.S.V.P.* if you are going to attend so we can order the

appropriate amount of food! Please contact Paulette Brandt at 328-7399 **no later than January 7th** if you are going to join us! (If nobody's home, please leave a message!).

For some additional fun, we hope you'll participate in the **cookie exchange!** Bring 2 dozen of your favorite cookies to *exchange* for assorted cookies brought by others! ■

Get to Know Your Neighbors: Patty Hannan *by Chris Gorman*

Patti Hannan has lived in the Gibraltar Neighborhood for nearly forty years. She was born in Omaha and when very young, her parents built a house in Council Bluffs. She attended Holy Family Elementary School, Mount Loretta (an all girls Catholic school which closed its doors in the 1960s), and graduated from Saint Albert High School.

She and her husband Rich bought their current residence, 207 5th Ave, from Ray Martin in 1970 just after their first year anniversary. Their daughter, Carrie, was born in 1971 and son Jim came along in 1974. Patty spent ten years at home with the children while Rich established his Pharmacy business.

In August of 1981, Patty decided to go to work for the Girls Scouts of America. She was offered her first position by Betty Shockey-Cutler, also a longtime resident of Gibraltar Neighborhood. Patty was with the Girls Scouts until 2006. Before leaving she had earned position of CEO for the organization.

Patti is now the owner of her own business called **Old Market Sour Dough Bread**. She and her husband had always enjoyed sour dough bread but had to send to the west coast to purchase. They decided there was a need in the Omaha area and thus was the start of her business. Her product is fresh, highly nutritious and contains no preservatives. Across the Omaha and Council Bluffs metro you can find Patti's

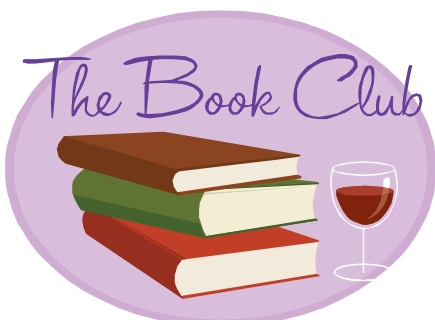
product in HyVee stores.

Do you have an interesting story about yourself or your house that you would like to share with neighbors? In each edition of Rock-Talk we'd like to feature a new neighbor to "Get to Know". Please contact any of your Rock-Talk staff if you wish to publish your story. ■



Any Interest in Starting a **BOOK CLUB**?

There has been some chatter among some of our neighborhood members about starting a **book club**! If you are interested in participating in something like this, we'd love to hear from you! Patty Hannan is spearheading this project, so please contact her at pahannan@cox.net, or phone at 323-8600.



Historical Homes Holiday Tour, 2009, by Chris Gorman

On Sunday, December 6th, 2009 The Council Bluffs Historical Preservation Alliance hosted it's annual Historical Homes Tour from 2:00-6:00 pm. It was estimated nearly 350 people participated in the walk this year. The organization earned \$3000 toward it's continued efforts of helping fund the preservation of our historic culture in Council Bluffs. There were a total of five homes and one business on the tour.

Two of the homes were located within the Gibraltar Neighborhood Association. 528 Clark Avenue: Thomas D. Metcalf, Jr. House (c.1900) owned by Dave and Amy Adams and 203 5th Avenue: Elmer and Marie Doolittle House (1922) owned by Steve and Chris Gorman were open for visitation.

The other three homes on the tour were all located on Park Avenue. 200 Park Avenue: George and Luzerba Bebbington House (1897) is currently

owned by Sharron Babbitt. 211 Park Avenue: Jay C. Aid House (1909) is owned Melissa Head and 223 Park Avenue: Samuel S. Evans House (1862) currently belongs to Kelly Prine. All of these homes were located in the Fairmont Park/Glen Ave Neighborhood Association. All five homes were sponsored by and given a modest budget from a local florist to help assist in decorating for the Christmas season.

The sole business on the tour was the German Bier Haus (1892) located at 142 West Broadway. The owners are Frank and Cindy Hoover. The 100 block of West Broadway has been designated a National Register Historic Commercial District. After visiting the five homes, participants could turn in their completed punched ticket for a free glass of wine complements of the Bier Haus and Council Bluffs Historic Preservation Alliance. — *Paulette*

October 2009 GNA Meeting Highlights, by Paulette Brandt

Bob Jordan, reported on the Brick street project. He asked for help and a committee was formed, Patti Hannan and Marge Leaders will be assisting him. The following points were addressed:

We need a formal plan to present to the city planner

Discussion of which streets had priority

Funding- grants may need to be written

A policy will need to be drawn up showing the funding etc.

Bill Cutler also indicated that there needs to be an ordinance in place to preserve the streets should maintenance need to be done.

It was decided that we need to have a policy in place by the January meeting

DNA: Pam Bogardus was absent so Steve reported the information from the Board meeting, and asked that anyone interested attend the Candidate forum on the 29th at the Library.

DNA dues to be \$50.00 per neighborhood

A group is working on signage for the neighborhoods

As mentioned in the newsletter, the board decided there would be 4 business meetings per year, and we would try to have at least 4 "fun" events during the year.

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We welcome your input!
Please contact any of us with suggestions on content you want to see covered in future issues, or if you'd like to contribute an article! ■

RECIPE Corner! (great Super Bowl snack!)

Mock Chili Rellenos *provided by Sharon Fritz*

2 small cans of green chilis (chopped)

2 packages of shredded cheese (I find that a three cheese mix works well)

1 package of egg roll wrappers

1 egg

peanut oil for frying (you can use the oil of your choice)

Open the cans of green chilis, and rinse. Then take cheese and place into a bowl, (this makes it easier to prepare). Take a cookie sheet, place wax paper on cookie sheet, spray with PAM. Crack egg into bowl and beat, set aside.

Okay here we go. Take one egg roll wrapper, lay out on counter top. Take half teaspoon of chilis, place along the middle of wrapper, then place a teaspoon of cheese on top. Follow directions on package for wrapping up the roll.

Once you have wrappers rolled up then seal with egg (you can use a brush or your fingers). After all rolls are wrapped (about 30 in a pkg) then you can start cooking finished product by frying in oil. Cook till they are golden brown.

Place on a paper towel to drain (and soak up excess oil).

For a dipping sauce you can use the following:

Sweet and Sour Sauce, Soy Sauce, or anything of your choice .

We're in need of recipe ideas!! Please contact any of your Rock-Talk staff to share one of your favorite recipes.

Neighborhood Safety Discussion

Officer Mark Alba was scheduled to speak at our October meeting and was unable to attend due to an unforeseen conflict. We hope to have officer Alba present at a future meeting as soon as possible in 2010, as the GNA Board feels this is a topic of great importance. Please watch future newsletters (or interim flyer/postcard announcements) for information. Also, if you have been the victim of theft or vandalism within the last year, please contact one of the board members (or the newsletter team) with this information so that we can provide Officer Alba with details about the type of problems encountered within the boundaries of our association. Additionally, steps are being taken to form a neighborhood watch association and obtain appropriate signage for the Gibraltar area.

Gibraltar Neighborhood Association: Membership Registration Form

Name _____ Email _____

Address _____ Phone _____

Become a Gibraltar Neighborhood Association Member!! Yearly dues are \$25 *per household*. In order to be eligible to vote for board candidates and other issues, you must be a paid association member. Make checks payable to and mail payment to:

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