December 2019 and January 2020

DECEMBER LADIES LUNCHEON

Date: Thursday, **December 12, 2019**
Place: Corner Pocket
301 DeWitt Street, Portage

Time: 11:30 A.M. Social
12:15 P.M. Lunch

Cost: $15.00 Includes
dessert & beverage (coffee or hot tea),
tax & tip.

Menu:
1) Chicken Pecan Cranberry Salad
2) Hot Ham & Cheese on Rye w/ Side Salad
3) Hot Beef Sandwich w/ Fries or Chips

Call hostesses with your reservation and menu choice by December 8.

Mari Guckenberger  507-202-8459
phone or text

Dixie Roe  608-617-7601
phone or text

**NO LADIES LUNCHEON IN JANUARY**

In the early 1800’s, the first gingerbread houses were reportedly inspired by what fairy tale?

Association Meeting News

**SRA:** There will be NO SRA board meeting in December. The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, January 20, 2020, 6:30 P.M., at Bethlehem Lutheran Church. Website: [http://www.saddleridgeassociationltd.com](http://www.saddleridgeassociationltd.com).


From all of us to all of you – Happy Holidays!

**SREA:** No board meetings scheduled for December, January, February.

The next meeting will be March 9, 2020, 6:00 P.M., at Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Hwy 33, Portage.

Should anyone have any issues or questions, please contact our email or voice mail found on our website.

Website: [www.saddleridgeestates.net](http://www.saddleridgeestates.net).

**The Forest:** Check our website for meeting news: [www.theforestassociation.com](http://www.theforestassociation.com).

What well-known Christmas Carol became the first song ever broadcast from space in 1965?

When was the first time that January 1st was celebrated as the beginning of the new year?
SADDLE RIDGE GOLF COURSE

To All Saddle Ridge Owners:

As many of you know, David and I have tried private, conventional and personal loans. We have already spent every dime (close to $1 million dollars) that we have to bring the golf course back to its intended great shape. In fact, the Wisconsin State Golf Association is holding a Junior Tour Tournament right here at Saddle Ridge Golf Course on July 10, 2020. That indeed makes this a championship course.

Because of the conditions of the old clubhouse, as most of you have seen, we made the decision to tear it down. Leaking pipes, outdated mechanical issues and foundation deterioration made the building not only unfit for public use but incapable of passing the annual inspections. We’ve been trying to sell our mortgage to individuals at 5% interest on a 3-year note. Only 9 have been secured so far.

So our only alternative is to ask you, as individual homeowners, to donate. If every home could donate $1,000, or $90 per month for 1 year, we could have the funds to build the new clubhouse and would be able to open by Spring. At a cost of $700,000, all owners need to help. If that doesn’t happen, then there will not be a clubhouse. The golf course will not survive without a clubhouse and that ultimately will affect the value of everyone’s property.

We must know that the money will come in or the builders are moving on to a different project. As you can see, the footings are poured. But, we need commitment from you in order for us to commit to the builder that the funds will be available to complete the project.

We just don’t have any more to give and we need your help.

PLEASE open your hearts to help keep Saddle Ridge not only the wonderful community that we know and love, but the place we call home. We thank you in advance for your support.

Call David & Margie @ 608-617-9418.

Saddle Ridge Directory Updates

Add: SR 917 Cell phones:
Dan Brandt 608-320-1618
Linda Brandt 608-977-1321

If you have recently moved into Saddle Ridge or have had a change of address or phone number and would like people to be able to reach you, please contact the directory editor, Connie Steeger, at 912 Saddle Ridge, or email her at gocdjb@yahoo.com.

Community Events

Nov 30 until first week of January 2020 - Take an evening drive through Chandler Park in Pardeeville and enjoy the holiday light displays.

Dec 4, Wed – Holiday Train Stops, 1:15–2:00. Watch the performance from Averbeck Street, across the tracks from Portage Depot. Please bring a donation for local food pantry.

Dec 5, Thur – Tivoli, Love Lights Celebration and Tree Lighting, 6:00.

Dec 7, Sat - Cookie Walk, 9:00-12:00, downtown Portage, $5 per box.

Dec. 8, Sun - Gale Singers Winter Concert, 4:00-6:00, Portage Center for the Arts, tickets $6.

Dec. 14, Sat - Historic Living Windows, 4:00-6:00, stroll downtown Portage and enjoy vignettes of the past in storefront windows.

Jan 18, 2020, Sat –American pianist Thomas Pandolfi performs at Portage Center for the Arts, 7:30 P.M., tickets $15.

* Merry Christmas! * Happy Holidays! * Happy Hanukkah! * Kwanzaa Greetings! * Happy New Year! *

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