

# HOY NATURE CLUB

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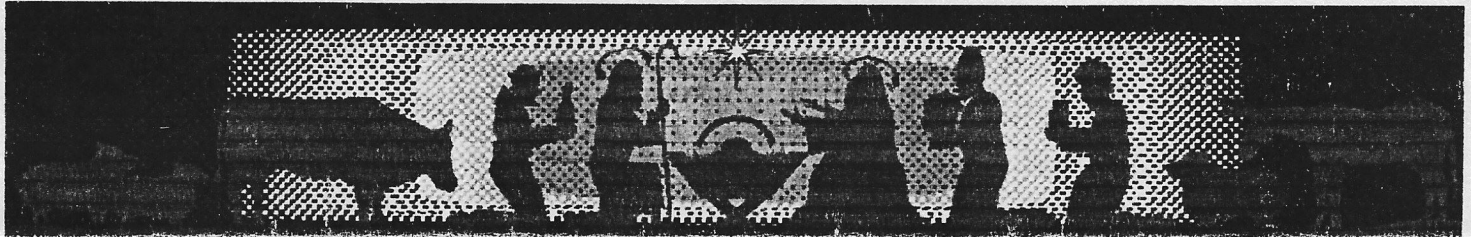
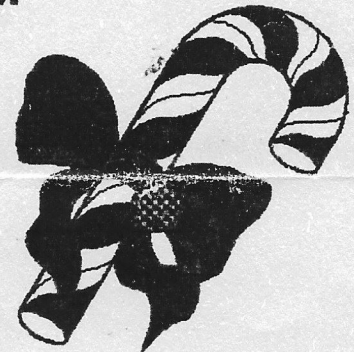
### ANNUAL CHRISTMAS POTLUCK DINNER- DEC. 4. 5:30 PM

LOCATION: RIVERBEND NATURE CENTER, 3600 N. GREEN BAY RD. RACINE. CARPOOLING RECOMMENDED.

5:30 P.M. - ARRIVE, SET-UP FOOD AND SILENT AUCTION ITEMS. BRING A NATURE ITEM (WITH SUGGESTED PRICE) FOR SILENT AUCTION, AND CASH TO BID ON ITEMS. A GOOD OPPORTUNITY TO DO YOUR HOLIDAY SHOPPING AND RAISE FUNDS FOR YOUR CLUB!

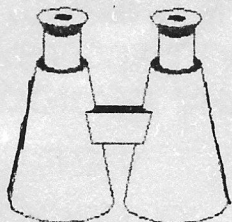
6:00 P.M. - POTLUCK DINNER. BRING A FOOD ITEM TO SHARE (CALL ELDA AT 639-3715 IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS.) ALSO BRING DISHES AND SILVERWARE. WE WILL PROVIDE JUICE AND COFFEE.

7:00 P.M. - PROGRAM INCLUDING SIGNUPS FOR BIRD COUNT AND HOLIDAY CAROLS LED BY HELEN NORMAN. DAVE WHITE, DIRECTOR OF RIVER BEND. WILL DESCRIBE THE MANY PROGRAMS DONE WITH ADULTS AND SCHOOL CHILDREN THIS YEAR. DON'T MISS THIS FESTIVE ANNUAL EVENT!



### ANNUAL WINTER BIRD COUNT: RACINE COUNTY. JANUARY 3, 1998. SATURDAY.

ALL MEMBERS ARE NEEDED TO GO OUT IN SMALL GROUPS FOR THE MORNING, AFTERNOON, OR ALL DAY. WE WILL DRIVE AND WALK AROUND ASSIGNED AREAS TO "IDENTIFY" AND COUNT AS MANY BIRDS AS POSSIBLE. THESE YEARLY BIRD COUNTS ARE VERY IMPORTANT TO TRACK POPULATION TRENDS. LET'S ALL PARTICIPATE! BACKYARD FEEDERS NEED TO BE WATCHED AND COUNTED TOO. TO SIGN UP, CALL THE COUNT CHAIRMAN, JERRY DEBOER AT 835 4642 (9:30 AM-TO 1:30 PM).



**HOY MEMBER NEWS:** LONG TIME HOY MEMBER ANNIE LAURIE NIELSEN IS NOW RESIDING AT LINCOLN LUTHERAN HOME, 2015 PROSPECT, RACINE AND DONNA PETERSON IS HAVING HIP REPLACEMENT SURGERY AT ST. LUKE'S IN MILWAUKEE ON DEC. 1. WE WISH BOTH OF THEM WELL AND WILL KEEP IN TOUCH.

## RESULTS OF AUDUBON VOTE.....

THE VOTE WAS 49-YES AND 13-NO TO APPLY TO THE NATIONAL AUDUBON FOR CHAPTER STATUS. THE NEW YEAR WILL USHER IN A NEW ERA FOR HOY NATURE CLUB!!! OUR NEXT STEP WILL BE PAYING DUES TO AUBUBON, AS THE HOY FISCAL YEAR ENDS DEC. 31. MEMBERSHIP MATERIALS AND INFORMATION WILL BE MADE AVAILABLE AS SOON AS THEY ARE RECEIVED. REMEMBER THAT A PORTION OF YOUR DUES WILL BE RETURNED TO OUR CLUB FOR OPERATING EXPENSES.

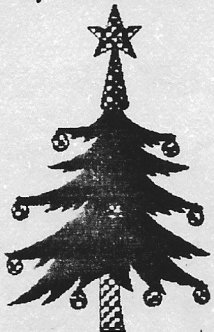
**LOOKING AHEAD:** PROGRAM CHAIR JACK LESUER HAS THE FOLLOWING FABULOUS IDEAS FOR 1998. ROCKS & GEOLOGIC TIDBITS OF RACINE COUNTY; ATTRACTING BLUEBIRDS, INCLUDING BIRDHOUSE WORKSHOP; GARDENING FOR BIRDS; WETLAND APPRECIATION; BIRD POPULATION TRENDS. HE IS ALSO PLANNING FOR 10 OR 15 MINUTES OF BIRD IDENTIFICATION INSTRUCTION AT EACH MEETING TO IMPROVE OUR SKILLS. SUGGESTIONS ARE WELCOME.

**NEXT BOARD MEETING: THURSDAY, DEC. 11 AT 7PM AT GATEWAY COLLEGE'S SUPERIOR ROOM, RACINE. ALL CLUB MEMBERS WELCOME.**

**BIRD FEEDING TIDBIT:** IT HAS BEEN SUGGESTED THAT THERE HAVE BEEN INSTANCES OF BIRDS CHOKING ON PEANUT BUTTER STUFFED INTO PINE CONES. A WAY AROUND THIS PROBLEM IS TO MIX PEANUT BUTTER WITH CORNMEAL AND SUET. (SEE FOLLOWING:)

**RECIPE:** 1 CUP CRUNCHY PEANUT BUTTER, 1 CUP LARD, 2 CUPS QUICK OATS, 2 CUPS CORNMEAL, 1 CUP FLOUR, 1/3 CUP SUGAR: MELT PEANUT BUTTER AND LARD TOGETHER. STIR IN REMAINING INGREDIENTS. POUR INTO SQUARE FREEZER CONTAINERS SO MIXTURE IS ABOUT 1-1/2" THICK. COOL AND CUT INTO SQUARES. STORE EXTRA SQUARES IN FREEZER.

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