

TALLGRASS SIERRA

Heart of Illinois Sierra Club Group
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GENERAL MEETING by John Wosik

January's guest speaker will be Dr. John R. Marquart, Professor of Chemistry at Eastern Illinois University. Dr. Marquart will talk about the chemistry and geology of cave formation, cave ecology, preservation, and techniques for safe caving. He will also include slides of field trips into some fascinating and beautiful caves of the midwestern and southwestern United States.

The date is **January 19, 7:30 pm**, at **Forest Park Nature Center**. Refreshments will follow and everyone is welcome.



ELECTION RESULTS

The newly elected members to the Group's Executive Committee are Joyce Blumenshine, George Burrier and Dale Goodner.

And thank you to outgoing members Chuck Buchna, Larry Johnson and Shirley O'Connell. Your time is greatly appreciated.



PEORIA RIVERFRONT

Philip Klump, a member of the Heartland Riverfront Project, met with the HOI Executive Committee in December to discuss the latest conceptual plan for the Peoria Riverfront.

Much of the retail development appears to remain the same, but has been moved to higher ground. Mr.

Klump said the latest plan has taken into consideration the Flood of 1993 on the Mississippi River and these future businesses have been planned for areas at or above the 100 year flood line. This change presented a picture of more grassy areas along the river, south of Constitution Street. More tree planting in the entire development area has been added.

The day use marina, built into the riverfront, remains. But the permanent dockage marina was absent from this plan.

A new aspect of this riverfront plan is a man made peninsula, at the foot of Spring Street, south of Detwiller Marina. This peninsula would be parallel to the shoreline and allow a swimming beach to be created to the west and act as a barrier against wave wash and undertow created by barge traffic along the river.

A walking/biking trail remains in the plans. It could be extended and connected to the Rock Island Trail if strong public support for it is shown.



ROCK ISLAND TRAIL by Chris Meydam

The Friends of the Rock Island Trail wish to thank the Illinois Valley Wheelmen and Vitesse Cycle Shop for their generous and greatly appreciated donation of \$500 for the picnic shelter fund. The shelter will be built this summer by the Friends at the Kickapoo picnic area (Rutherford Tract). **THANK YOU!**

Heart of Illinois Sierra Club

MEMBER SURVEY

Happy New Year!

Heart of Illinois Sierra Club would really appreciate hearing from you so we can better plan for 1994. Tell us what you think!

1. What kinds of programs would you attend for the monthly group meetings?

-Suggestions for specific speakers (please provide name and address if possible) or topics?

2. What night of the week would you prefer for the group meetings?

3. If you do not currently attend group meetings, why not?

4. What can Heart of IL Sierra do to attract more members and others to group meetings?

5. What do you think the purpose of Heart of Illinois Sierra should be?

6. Please list the major topics in which you think Heart of IL Group should be involved:

7. What project should the club do this year?

8. Would you be willing to be on a volunteer list?

Would you help with newsletter mailings?

Would you help with outings?

Would you help with conservation projects?

Would you be in a phone chain for environmental alerts?

What would you like to help with?

Do you have expertise, talents, other skills you would share (please specify)?

Please fill in the information below to be contacted about a volunteer or talent pool list:

NAME:

ADDRESS:

PHONE:

9. Are you more interested in outings, conservation projects, politics, or some other topic (please specify)?

10. What kinds of outings do you think Heart of IL Group should have?

11. What kinds of outings would you attend?

12. Would you be more interested in attending outings if they were more family oriented?

13. Are you getting the group newsletter in time to plan to attend monthly meetings?

14. What do you like/dislike about the newsletter?

15. Do you read the newsletter?
What kinds of articles do you like to read in the TALLGRASS SIERRAN?

16. What are your least favorite things about the Heart of IL Sierra Club?

17. What do you like best about the Heart of IL Sierra Club?

18. What other suggestions or comments do you have for Heart of IL Group?

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WHY CARE ABOUT FUTURE GENERATIONS?

Do we owe anything to future generations? Are we really borrowing the Earth from our children? Should we be concerned about generations 300, 500 years from now? Dr. Peter Wenz, professor of ethics at Sangamon State University, will be discussing these and other questions surrounding environmental issues at the Illinois Ecologist Series at Forest Park Nature Center. It's **Thursday, January 13 from 7:30 to 8:30 pm**. Freewill donation of \$1.00 per person.

(Note: The HOI Grp. provides this information as a public service. This event is not sponsored by Sierra Club.)

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- You'll Be Helping The Planet
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- Worldwide Outings Program
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| LIFE | <input type="checkbox"/> \$750 | <input type="checkbox"/> \$1000 |
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ILLINOIS TRAILS

George Burrier will discuss trails and plans for trails statewide and in the local area. The date is February 10, 7:30 to 8:30 pm at Forest Park Nature Center. (Note: The HOI Grp. provides this information as a public service. This event is not sponsored by Sierra Club.)



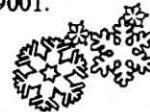
OUTINGS

Saturday, January 22 at 9 am an eagle watch outing on the Mississippi River is planned. We will meet at the Pauli/Gardner home and car pool to Sunset Park in the Quad Cities area. For more information contact Cheryl Pauli at 446-9792 by Jan. 21.

Sunday, February 13 is tentatively set for a hike or cross country ski outing at Farmdale Park in East Peoria. More details will follow in the next newsletter.

1994 HOI EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Joyce Blumenshine 688-0950; George Burrier 266-5085; Dale Goodner 682-0789; Phil Minear 694-3014; Larry Robbins 692-3930; John Wosik 682-8950; Glenn Zipp 243-9001.



GROUP CALENDAR

JAN. 12 Executive Committee, 7 pm, Corps of Engineers building, foot of Grant Street. Everyone welcome.

19 General Meeting, 7:30 pm, Forest Park Nature Center.

22 Eagle Watch Outing (see OUTINGS for details.)

24 Newsletter Deadline, send articles to C. Pauli, RR 1 Box 168A, Brimfield, IL 61517.

FEB. 1 Newsletter Mailing Party, 7 pm, Pizza Works. Come and enjoy good food, conversation and great company! Everyone welcome!

9 Executive Committee (see Jan. meeting info. for details.)

OTHER EVENTS

JAN. 8 and FEB. 5, Rock Island Trail Workdays, 9 am. Meet at the temporary trail office on Fox Rd., Alta. Go west of Alta on Rt. 91 to Radnor Rd., about one mile. Turn right on Radnor and continue around curves. House and metal barn (office) will be on your right just before the railroad tracks. Call Chris (691-2246 or 682-0549) (Note: The HOI Grp. provides this information as a public service. OTHER EVENTS are not sponsored by Sierra Club.)

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