



# Tallgrass Sierran

Sierra Club - Heart of Illinois Group - Central Illinois Region  
P. O. Box 3593 - Peoria, IL 61614

## GENERAL MEETING

The speaker for the November general meeting will be Margaret Kemper. Ms. Kemper will speak on *The 3 R's We Never Learned In School*. Join us and learn about recycling from Ms. Kemper. It's November 16 at 7 pm at Forest Park Nature. A general meeting and refreshments will follow, along with the announcement of the new 1995 Executive Board. Everyone is welcome.



## 1994 HEART OF ILLINOIS SIERRA CLUB'S ELECTION CANDIDATE'S STATEMENT



**Mary Bodell:** As a Sierra Club member since the late 70's, I view this as an organization where we get our hands dirty and our hearts clean. I've participated in Sierra's three major facets: outdoor enjoyment and adventure (hiking, camping, backpacking), work projects for conservation and education (FPNC trail maintenance, public information tables, fund raising dinners, newsletter articles and mailing), and political action (campaigning for candidates, writing letters, lobbying for conservation issues), more as a worker than a leader. We need to use our strength to fight the forces of environmental destruction and maintain other environmentalists as our allies. Areas I would like to see the club involved in this year are membership recruitment, conservation work projects, and having fun together.

**Ralph Ginn:** My first experience with the Sierra Club goes back into the mid-sixties. I'm sorry to say the relationship has been on-and-off, but that is no fault of the club. My active years with the Heart of Illinois Group were from the first meeting in 1970 through the middle seventies. Then I drifted away. Two years ago my wife Deanna and I rejoined the national organization.

My professional background includes four years as a U.S. Navy pilot and thirty four years as a school teacher. Thirty one of the latter years were at Peoria Woodruff High School teaching biology and chemistry.

This fall I got a phone call from Les Bodell and after fifteen minutes of reminiscence about the "good old days", he asked me to run for the executive committee. At first, I thought he was a little bit crazy, but he was convincing.

After consideration, I'm sure I would like very much to become active in the Heart of Illinois Group again.

**Grayce Haworth:** In 1987 I joined the Sierra Club because I believed in what this organization stood for -the preservation of nature -prairies, wetlands, woodlands, rivers, mountains, etc. Though there are differences of opinion on how to accomplish this, we must try to pull together as a group. We need a mixture of individuals - those who are activists and those who work hard behind the scenes. Not being an activist, I will do what I can behind the scenes. I feel we should devote some of our energies to letting more people know about the club and what we stand for. I am always amazed when I find people who have never heard of us.

In the club I have worked on calendar sales and presently hold the job of reminding you to bring the refreshments if you signed up for it.

**Kelly O'Leary:** I would like to become involved with the Sierra Club because of my interest in nature. I am especially interested in prairie, forest, and wetland restoration, which I believe is the most important step in maintaining species diversity.

I am an avid nature photographer and have traveled extensively to photograph and study our natural world. My formal education includes a B.S. in Math with a minor in Biology from Illinois State University and three years of Graduate School in the Zoology Department at Ohio State University.

# Heart of Illinois Sierra Club **HARVEST DINNER**



✧ A dinner of homemade soups, breads and desserts

**6:00 PM, Saturday, November 5**

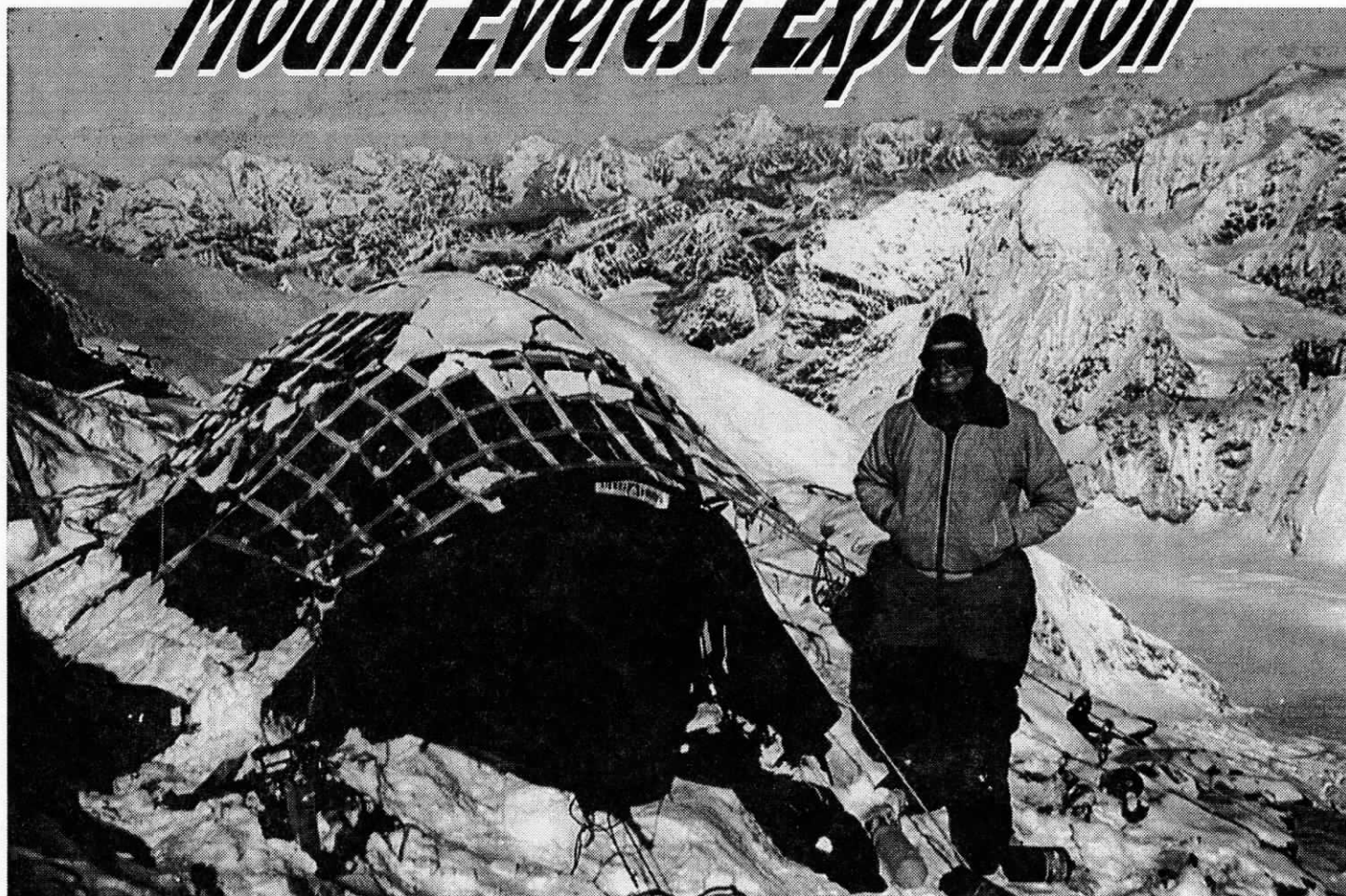
✧ **GRACE and PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH, 7611 N. Knoxville Ave.**

**\$6 for adults, \$3 for children**

✧ **Reservations - Contact Joyce, 688-0950 or Chris, 682-0549**

✧ **Guest Speaker BARB GURTLE**

## ***Mount Everest Expedition***



Barb Gurtler of Peoria will give a slide presentation of her recent climbing expedition to Mt. Everest. Join us to hear about her experiences in one of the world's most forbidding and beautiful environments.

## HEART OF ILLINOIS GROUP CALENDAR

### NOVEMBER

5 Saturday

HOI Harvest Dinner, 6 pm

Call 688-0950 or 682-0549 for reservation.

9 Wednesday

Executive Meeting, 7 pm

Corps of Engineers building, foot of Grant St. Everyone welcome.

16 Wednesday

General Meeting, 7 pm  
Forest Park Nature Center

28 Monday

Newsletter Deadline

Please note the newsletter for December and January will be combined. Send articles to C. Pauli, RR 1 Box 168 A, Brimfield, IL 61517.

### DECEMBER

6 Tuesday

Newsletter Mailing, 7 pm

Peoria Pizza Works. Good food, good conversation and great people. Everyone welcome.

14 Wednesday

Special Notice! Due to the holidays the annual Holiday Potluck will be held on the second Wednesday at 6:30 pm instead of the third Wednesday.



**Voting Procedure:** Vote for not more than 4 candidates for a 2-year term to the HOI Sierra Club Executive Board. Fold ballot. Return ballot to Sec. Joyce Blumenshine, 120 W. Arcadia Ave., Peoria, IL 61603. Write the name of voting member(s) on the outside of the envelope containing the ballot. Joint membership may use Ballot 1 and 2. Ballots must be received by November 16 or may be hand delivered to the Nov. meeting. Ballots will be counted at the Nov. 16 meeting.

#### 1994 HOI SIERRA CLUB ELECTION BALLOT #1

\_\_\_\_ Mary Bodell  
\_\_\_\_ Ralph Ginn  
\_\_\_\_ Grayce Haworth  
\_\_\_\_ Kelly O'Leary

#### 1994 HOI SIERRA CLUB ELECTION BALLOT #2

\_\_\_\_ Mary Bodell  
\_\_\_\_ Ralph Ginn  
\_\_\_\_ Grayce Haworth  
\_\_\_\_ Kelly O'Leary

### ACTION ALERT!

#### GLENN KILLS ARSENAL BILL IN SENATE

It took an extraordinary bipartisan effort of state and local officials and citizens working together this year to craft a compromise plan for the future of the 23,500 acre Joliet Arsenal. Environmental groups, including the Sierra Club, did not get everything they wanted, but still strongly support the plan which includes: 425 acres for a landfill for will county, 1,000 acres for a national veterans cemetery, 3,000 acres for industrial development, and the centerpiece, over 19,000 acres under the protection of the U.S. Forest Service, to create the only national grassland east of the Mississippi.

Presented as a bill to Congress, the plan easily passed the House on October 7 under the sponsorship of retiring U.S. Rep. George Sangmeister (Kankakee). However, the next day it was killed in the Senate by John Glenn (Ohio) who refused to release the bill from the Committee on Governmental Affairs, which he chairs. Glenn opposed the transfer of the 425 acres to Will County for the landfill, believing other Federal agencies did not get a fair crack at the land.

**ACTION NEEDED:** Call or write Senator John Glenn and ask him to release the Joliet Arsenal bill out of the Committee on Governmental Affairs during the post-election session of Congress, and to support the bill on the Senate floor. Write: Senator John Glenn, Senate Office Building, Washington, DC 20510 Call: (202) 224-3353. (Information Source: John Wosik)

#### OTHER EVENTS

Friends of the Rock Island Trail Workdays, 9 AM  
Sunday, Nov.13, Dec. 4, Jan.8

Meet at the Alta end maintenance building. Leaving Alta on Rt. 91, go about 1 mile, turn right on Radnor Rd. Follow road around curves, maintenance building is on your right just before the railroad tracks. Call Chris at 682-0549 or 691-2246.

Annual Halloween Cookout and Campout  
Saturday, October 24, 4 pm

B.Y.O.E. Bring your own everything! Meet at the new shelter at the Kickapoo picnic area between miles 2 and 3 or meet at the maintenance building for a shorter walk in. See directions in Workday section. Call Chris at 682-0549 or George at 266-5085 for more information.

[Note: The HOI Grp. provides this information as a public service. OTHER EVENTS are not sponsored by the Sierra Club.]

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