

# Winter Wonderland

Hope you all had a super holiday season and made it thru January in good shape. Surely Old Man Winter is about to move on. My new friend Chirp, a wild and crazy robin, has visited the last three afternoons. First he lands in the butterfly bushes, then he scoots over to the windowbox and then begins tapping on the window just to the side of my computer screen....He's here with the snowflakes so I'm sure he's telling me "this too shall pass! And on to the month of romance, we go!"

So Chirp is certifiably crazy and I'm committed....committed to doing this social media thing in 2010.... Check out the Facebook offer below and our Facebook Fan page....We invite you to become a Fan of Inn at Harbour Ridge B & B-Lake of the Ozarks.



We'll post last minute specials and let you know what's going on at the Lake, too!

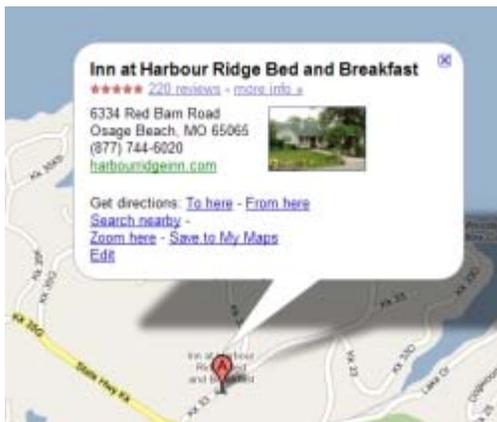
## **"BECOME A FAN" GIFT CERTIFICATE GIVE-AWAY**

**500th Fan will receive a \$50 IHR Gift Certificate**  
**and**  
**5 Random Fan's will receive a \$10 IHR Gift Certificate**

*Offer to receive your gift certificate expires February 14th, 2010.*

In order to receive your gift certificate, please "Become a Fan" on our Facebook Page and then reply to this email with your Name, City, State and include: "I'm a fan of Inn at Harbour Ridge!"

Our blog, Innkeeper Insights, can be reached from our home page or [click here in](#). Check out the white chicken chili recipe I posted on there...complete with Tequila shooters...!



## **Do you have a Favorite Place?**

Google maps chose us!!! So many folks have googled us that Google sent us an official looking bright yellow envelope with a door decal and official designation letter inside! Please, share your Favorite Place (US, I hope!) with friends looking for golfing getaways, gazebo weddings or elopements, and the three Rs! That third R is for Romance! With Google maps they'll find out just how close we are to golf courses, restaurants, parks, and the Osage Beach Premium Outlets. With 100+ Trip Advisor and BedandBreakfast.com reviews on-line I think they will realize just how seriously Ron and I take innkeeping!

You, our favorite guests, will be able to add a love note on your Feets in Sheets card once your friends make their reservation with us and we become their new Favorite Place! If you haven't yet received your new Inn at Harbour Ridge frequent guest card, better make a reservation and get on down here. We'll be tracking return visits AND referrals on this card. With 6 love notes on the back of your Feets in Sheets card you'll receive a \$125 Inn at Harbour Ridge gift certificate. If you have a Missouri FUN card, we'll transfer our stamps from that card onto our new program card, as well.

## **PLAN A GETAWAY TO INNCLUDE THESE FUN DATES!**

**POLAR BEAR PLUNGE** ~ February 27th. The Osage Beach Police Department is dispatching a call from hibernation for all Polar Bears. Come be a visiting polar bear and strut your stuff in the 5K run or take the big plunge! Actually it's a fun time just watching 'brave' men and women don costumes and swimwear and take their "dips" in the Lake of the Ozarks. 600 plungers are expected to raise \$170,000 this year for Missouri Special Olympics. The Polar Bear Plunge will take place at Lake of the Ozarks State Park Grand Glaize Beach, AKA PB2, just a few miles from the Bed and Breakfast. Plunge registration opens at Noon and the Plunge starts promptly at 2:30. Participants of the most original costume will be presented with the "golden plunger award" in four categories: team, law enforcement, individual and school. I guarantee you'll love watching the antics. . .and enjoy slipping into your hot steamy private hot tub once you get back to the Inn....We'll have the hot chocolate waiting!!!

**LIVERPOOL LEGENDS IN CONCERT** ~ March 5th & 6th. Let us entertain you! Book the guestroom of your choice, tell us you want to see the Beatles tribute band and we'll reserve two tickets for you at Friday or Saturday night's performances. (Tickets are \$20 each or premium seating tickets for \$30 each.) She'll love you, ya ya ya! George Harrison's sister, Louise, hand picked these lads to play the golden oldies we love. Last year's concerts were sold out so the Lake has invited the boys back...Hurry and call Sue now at 877-744-6020 or add Liverpool Legends in the comment section of your on-line reservation.

**Lake of the Ozarks Wedding Association presents another bi-annual Bridal Stroll on Sunday, March 21st, 2010 from 11AM to 5PM.**

The Bridal Stroll will give each future bride the opportunity to experience the Lake's BEST wedding and reception venues and to meet the top professional vendors. Brides and 2 guests will spend the day being chauffeured around the Lake, sampling fabulous food and wine. Tour buses will depart at 11AM. Space is limited to the Bride and 2 guests. Ask about the Inn's special Bridal Stroll rates. Guys, we can turn you on to amazing golf rates that day if you'd sooner be out on the fairways. Advance registration is required for the Bridal Stroll: [click here.](#)

## **Looking Ahead. . .**

- 2nd Annual Lake Taste Challenge ~ April 11th
- 22nd Annual Magic Dragon Street Meet Nationals ~ April 30th-May 2nd

We're now taking reservations for spring and summer elopements and small weddings. If you're planning to tie the knot or know of someone who is....let them know about us. Our gazebo makes the perfect backdrop for an intimate ceremony with memories to last a lifetime. Details can be found on line at <http://www.harbourridgeinn.com/weddings.htm>. We have a romantic tale we'd like to share with you. A couple years ago Alison and James visited the Inn –incognito...We didn't know they were checking us out as their wedding destination site until they checked out. Then they said, very simply, 'We'd like to get married

here."

All four guestrooms and the guest cottage were booked and in a few months they said 'I do' in the Inn's gazebo. Time passes. January 1st, 2010 we had the honor of having Alison and James at our breakfast table once again with their newest addition, baby Lola. Innkeeper Sue insisted Lola accompany them to breakfast in the solarium so we could ALL show her off (and not keep those big brown eyes hidden at the Barn!) Ron and I think this is the finest example of what the Harbour Ridge Happy Hearts club is all about! Thank you for sharing with us.

Our 10th Innkeeping Anniversary is on Valentine's Day. What a time we've had in the last ten years....went from aspiring innkeepers to perspiring innkeepers...from nerves and black coffee to award winning signature dishes for breakfast. From one hot tub to three, from a yard to grounds and gardens with a wedding gazebo and 150 beautiful weddings to our credit. Innkeeper Sue has died and gone to heaven with a happy heart. Thanks for making my dream come true.

## Happy Hearts!

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