



# Tri-Lakes Women's Club

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*Women Enriching Our Community*

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### January 2023 Co-Presidents' Letter



#### Whatever Happened To...

So often, as happens in any organization, we in TLWC come up with new ideas for programs, fundraisers, and innovations. We sometimes actually gather information, form committees, and prepare to implement those ideas. Then, for a variety of reasons, that brilliant flash of innovative genius mysteriously disappears into our archives.

One such idea was a TLWC scholarship to be awarded to help women return to school for a college education. It was first mentioned in the spring of 2009. A committee was formed, meetings were held, and a name for the program was even chosen. Eventually, a detailed proposal was written that included suggested scholarship amounts, with assurances that no money would be taken from our granting funds. Ultimately, it was determined that this scholarship did not meet Tri-Lakes Women's Club purpose of providing grants to non-profit organizations within District 38.

This story, among others, reveals that reinventing the wheel isn't always a bad thing. Sometimes, examining the documents in our history reveals ideas that are still relevant and workable today.



### **SPECIAL NOTICE REGARDING OUR MEMBERSHIP LUNCHEONS STARTING JANUARY 2023**

Thank you for your support of our TLWC membership luncheons. Your satisfaction means a lot to us, and we hope we've been successful in providing interesting programs along with delicious buffets.

We are writing to let you know that The Falcon Club has informed us our luncheon costs will increase due to their rising food costs.

Consequently, we need to make adjustments so we must raise our luncheon prices starting January 2023 to \$30 per person. This price will allow us to continue to provide the full luncheon buffet, dessert, ice water, iced tea and now we will have coffee service.

Please let us know when you have any questions. Again, thank you for your support.

Your 2022-2023 Board of Directors

## TLWC January Luncheon/ Business Meeting

Friday, January 20, 2023  
The Falcon Club  
3120 Academy Drive  
USAFA, CO 80840

11:00 a.m. - Social Time  
11:30 a.m. – Lunch

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**Guest Speaker: Mary Kelly,  
PhD, CSP, CDR, US Navy (ret.)**

### **Program:**

**“How To Be Graceful and Grateful During  
Times of Crisis, Challenge or Change”**

We have a prestigious program to start our new year.

Mary Kelly is a speaker, author, consultant, and professor. Most importantly, she is a friend and a neighbor.

Mary lives in Monument but travels worldwide the majority of each year teaching and presenting leadership and business concepts.

She is fun, witty and a true leader. To bring it home for us, Mary will accentuate inspiration and kindness plus a few hilarious stories.

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*Reminder: All members/guests coming to the luncheon will need to show their driver's license or military ID at the USAFA gate.*

*We suggest you give yourselves an extra 10 minutes to get to the venue.*

## January Meeting Menu

**Luncheons are now \$30.**

*Cash or check made out to TLWC at the luncheon. We are not able to accept credit cards.*

### **ASIAN PACIFIC BUFFET**

Tossed Green Salad  
Orange Chicken  
Mongolian Beef and Broccoli  
Fried Pork Gyoza  
Vegetarian Egg Rolls with May Ploy  
Egg Fried Rice  
Stir Fried Vegetables  
Fortune Cookies for dessert  
Water and Iced tea  
Coffee Service – Regular and Decaf  
(Red and white wine will be available for \$10 per glass)

***Deadline for Reservations:  
Saturday, January 14, at 6 p.m.***

Reservations for members and guests can be made by emailing: [reservations@tlwc.net](mailto:reservations@tlwc.net) or calling

Maureen Kral: 719/661-7607  
Reservations and Communications

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### **Cancellations:**

Members must pay for reservations made and not cancelled by the deadline. If you made a luncheon reservation and must cancel at the last minute, please call the Reservations Chair. Occasionally there will be a wait list, and someone could take your place if you contact the Reservations Chair.

### **Walk-ins:**

Walk-ins will not be seated for lunch. TLWC must commit to a given number of attendees with the venue. Therefore, we cannot accommodate unexpected attendees. Please do not attend without a reservation and expect to be seated.

## Stories from Our Holiday Home Tour Raffle Winners

*Susan McGinnis, Raffle Coordinator*

Wondering who the lucky winners of our Holiday Home Tour Artwork Raffle were, and their plans for the artwork? Read on:



Sandy Fenton with  
"Quiet Winter" by Joe Bohler

When I entered Sandy Fenton's home, she immediately took me to the room she planned to hang it in and showed me framed artwork that she was replacing with "Quiet Winter". The frame was the perfect color and size and the print fit in with the décor.

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Karen Hadfield with  
"Colorado Columbines" by Matt Hays

Karen said she was gifting the photo to her son for Christmas, who I believe is an avid hiker (don't quote me on that). She wanted to know where the photo was taken. I reached out to Matt Hays, and he gave me very specific information which I passed on to Karen. She wanted to be able to share the location with her son.

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Judy Ching with  
"Lessons in Freedom" by Joe Bohler

Judy showed me where she planned to hang the print and it was near a trunk. She said, "do you see why I wanted this print?" She then explained she has been refinishing trunks for years and that this print touched her heart.

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## TLWC GRANT APPLICATIONS OPEN JANUARY 15 TO MARCH 15, 2023



Our TLWC members have done a great job fundraising this past year, and now it's time to put that money to good use in our Tri-Lakes community.

All members are encouraged to spread the word that the grant application process will be open for grant applications from January 15 to March 15, 2023. Non-profits, public service agencies (such as fire, police, and parks departments) and schools are eligible to apply for grants of up to \$2000.

Application directions and forms will be available on the TLWC website the first week of January 2023.

Anne Campbell  
Grant Committee Chairperson



## December Luncheon Entertainment By The Free Time Quartet

We were very entertained by the *lively Free Time Quartet* at the December luncheon. These very fun ladies are happily retired and entertain audiences with their songs, jokes, and good humor. We gave them a standing ovation!



## Volunteering It's What We Do

### Palmer Lake Arts Council

Getting into the Christmas spirit calls for holiday shows, plays, and movies. In mid-December, several members of TLWC helped to "usher" in the holiday at the Palmer Lake Arts Council's presentation of three family-friendly performances of Dickens "A Christmas Carol" in partnership with Funky Little Theater. We provided two Greeters for each performance - Friday night, Saturday afternoon and Saturday night



## TLWC Members– Having Fun Together

### Cancelling Interest Group Reservations

If you've signed up for an Interest Group event, please remember to cancel your reservation if you are unable to attend – preferably 48 hours in advance.

Our hostesses plan for a certain number of attendees, particularly when preparing food or procuring items for a gathering. It's discouraging when members make a reservation and subsequently don't attend - or don't pay for the event if there was a charge. Remember, there could be a waiting list so someone may be able to fill your spot.

Here are three different ways you can cancel a reservation:

**From your computer.** On the TLWC website, click on *Calendar* on the top black bar and then click on the event. Scroll down and click on *"Already Registered"* and a screen pops up with the event details. Scroll down and click *"Cancel Reservation"*. It will then ask you to confirm your cancellation.

**Cell phone cancellation.** Click on "My Tickets" at bottom of screen. Click on the event you want to cancel; scroll down to "RSVP" and click on the "Cancel" button.

**Contact the hostess or hostesses** by phone or text so they know you won't be able to attend. Please don't contact by email – our hostesses are often busy preparing for an event and may not have the opportunity to check their emails.

### Garden Group



The garden group made its annual visit to Phelan Gardens in early December to assemble their own fabulous wreaths. As you can tell by the huge smiles - they obviously had a grand time!

### Learn to Play Mah Jongg National Card



If you enjoy games, you'll love Mah Jongg! This is a Chinese game played with tiles. TLWC has several Mah Jongg interest groups - I enjoy teaching National League Mah Jongg.

If you are interested in learning this fun game, I'll be teaching a new group the middle two weeks of January 2023. After four 2-hour sessions, you'll be playing with our Interest Group by the end of the month.

Please send me an email if you are interested in learning this fun game. I look forward to hearing from you.

Billie Healy: [famhealy@comcast.net](mailto:famhealy@comcast.net)

## Wine, Sip and Share



Members of our Wine Sip and Share group enjoyed a festive gathering focused on several different ports and holiday food pairings. From white, to tawny, and ruby - the ports were sampled, compared and favorites were selected. It was an enjoyable way to learn about these offerings from Portugal!



## Coffee and Chatter

On a very cold morning in mid-December, twenty members braved the frigid temperatures for a wonderful brunch with lots of interesting conversations. The festive food and beverage selection were more than abundant, and no one left hungry.



## A Holiday Cookie Exchange



The TLWC Fun Group organized a sweet event for the Holidays – a cookie exchange. The event included hot cocoa, wine punch and, of course, decorated cookies. It was the perfect way to begin Holiday festivities.



## A Monument Hill Kiwanis Club “Thank You” to TLWC

Nancy and Pam,

Please relay our sincere appreciation to all of the Tri Lakes Woman's Club members that participated in the 2022 Salvation Army Bell Ringing Campaign. We were able to garner \$33,509.75 in donations that allowed Salvation Army to exceed their goal of raising \$500,000. Without our combined efforts they would have fallen significantly short of their goal. Thank you all for your continued support to this endeavor.

Also, I will be giving my Project Close out briefing at our next Kiwanis meeting on 7 January and will be presenting the official check to Captain Doug Hanson at that time and would like to invite the two of you to attend and be recognized for your support. Our meeting starts at 8 a.m. (gathering from 7:30) in the District 38 Administration building (Big Red) so please let me know if you will be able to attend.

Sincerely,  
Ron Mangiarelli  
Monument Hill Kiwanis Club  
Bell Ringing Project Manager



**Wishing all our valued members  
a very happy 2023.**

*The mission of Tri-Lakes Women's Club is to support the Tri-Lakes community charitable and educational endeavors. TLWC raises and distributes funds to assist qualified organizations and promote the education of its members and the community through instructional programs.*

*Our club is a non-profit 501(C)3 organization and that designation makes us all about charity and education. However, we like to accomplish our mission by having fun and making new friends. Please volunteer for one of our many positions and find out how this works.*