



Tri-Lakes Women's Club PINE CONE

Women Enriching Our Community

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TLWC Celebrates July 4th!



Our July 4th parade float decorated to “Honor our Educators” was a major success. Koko Pavich and Erin Contreras carried our banner into the cheering crowds. We had 14 members who handed out candy and 4 who rode on the float refilling candy bags. Gail Wittman, Mille Town and Ann Cook were in charge of the “Lost Children” booth in downtown Monument.

We want to extend a HUGE thank you to our generous members who donated bags of candy. We used it all!

Thousands of people enjoyed this amazing hometown parade, and we are so proud to have been part of this Monument tradition. **Many thanks to Linda Vernon, Charlie Ann Hayes, and Carol Gaskill for the hours they spent coordinating logistics and to Lori Forman for navigating our float safely through the parade. A big shout out to Randy Vernon, Fred Bjork and Donald Congdon whose assistance with our float was invaluable.**

July 2022 Co-Presidents Letter



Summer is in full swing. The kids and grandkids are out of school and enjoying their free time. Adults are planting flowers, mowing lawns and planning vacations. Meanwhile, members of TLWC are continuing with interest groups and also planning activities and fund raisers that will help serve our community. The club is humming with excitement as plans for the fall begin to take shape.

While everyone is enjoying summer, there have been some exciting opportunities being created for TLWC members. First, Pam Sherfese, our new 1st Vice President of Programs, has been working on finalizing plans for a new luncheon/business venue with more attractive prices, along with exciting menu choices which include desserts. While talking about food, a new interest group is being formed by Rosemary Hughes with an emphasis on tasting international foods at local restaurants. Chinese, Indian anyone?

Our SOS and CIA (Caring in Action) chairs, Charlie Ann Hayes and Ann Cook are looking for new volunteer opportunities for our members to serve the community. They request that members contact them with any ideas so that they may make sure to publicize them appropriately.

Your Co-Presidents, Nancy Pokorny and Pam Cutcliff, plan to establish a focus on teamwork with the club: what it is, what it takes to establish it, and how it helps us function smoothly and efficiently.

Stay tuned for more information about these and more fun and productive activities coming to TLWC in September.

**Your Co-Presidents,
Pam Cutcliff and Nancy Pokorny**

New Fund Established to Help Our Community



The Board approved a new Policy at our May meeting. We established a way to provide funds to the community outside of the granting process by establishing what we named a "Community Support Budget" (CSB) as a line item in each current years Operating budget. If we have surplus operating funds from member dues in any given year, we may use that money to fund community needs. Requests from the community must be approved by at least 2/3 of the Board. You may read the entire policy on the tlwc.net website. Sign in, go to: About, Board of Directors, General Policies and Procedures to find this new policy

Goodbye to the Pine Forest Spring Show

As we all know the Pine Forest Show has been an integral part of TLWC's fundraisers for years. With COVID concerns, however, it was cancelled for two years, and a decision needed to be made about its future.

The 2022-2023 Board discussed whether to continue the Pine Forest event focusing on the amount of time required by the members, the desire of the community for such an event, the show's history of steadily declining attendance, and a comparison of the end results versus the effort expended. After much discussion and a look at the finances, the Board decided to discontinue the Pine Forest Show.

We're looking for new and innovative ideas for raising funds to help our community! Do you have one of those ideas? If so, share that idea with Nancy Pfohl who is the 2nd VP in charge of fund raising.

Our Interest Groups Keep Rockin' and Rollin'

HIKING



Members of *Hikers with Altitude* are having an eventful summer hiking a variety of mountain trails, including Bald Mountain Loop, Lincoln Mountain Open Space, the White Ghost Trail, and Emerald Valley Pipeline Trail – to name a few of their many adventures into our Rocky Mountains.



ARTS & CRAFTS



It's ba-aack! Our Arts and Crafts interest group will start meeting again in September after a two-year hiatus. Woo-hoo! Billie Healy and Jan McKinley will coordinate the monthly meetings.

They are looking for members who are interested in sharing their crafting skills by volunteering to teach one monthly class. This should give the group a variety of projects to offer members. Please sign up on your profile to join the group.

Contact Billie famhealy@comcast.net or Jan jan_mckinley@msn.com if you have any questions or suggestions. They'd love to hear from you.

LADIES LUNCH OUT



Our Ladies Lunch Out in May was an adventure celebrated at Colorado Wines in Cascade.

On the 4th Tuesday of each month the group members pick a restaurant to visit, and many of the restaurants chosen have won awards for their cuisine and ambiance. Based on their smiles, it looks like this was a good one!

STITCH N CHAT



Stitch 'n' Chat recently donated this lovely quilt to Jackson Creek Senior Living Center.

The Center was so appreciative of the women in this interest group for all the hours and love that went into making the quilt.



GARDEN CLUB

The Garden Club had a nice turn out and beautiful weather for a garden tour on the Old North End of Colorado Springs. Our hostess and master gardener, Maria, described her amazing city garden as "truly a living breathing thing with its quirks, personality, modes, weaknesses and strengths." Attendees were delighted at the enormous variety of flowers, plants, and vegetables in her lovely yard. The tour was followed by lunch at an eatery located near downtown Colorado Springs.



COLORADO LIVING LUNCH

The *Colorado Living Lunch 1* met in May before taking a summer break. The Living Lunch Ladies share a love of cooking, and every month after their meal the recipes are critiqued, with any failures always the fault of the recipe, never the cook.

They'll reconvene in September for more delightful lunches, filled with interesting conversations and delicious food.



DAYTIME BUNCO



Our new afternoon *Bunco* group started rolling the dice in mid-May. The group leaders are Donna Muench and Cathy Wedo who hosted the inaugural event at Donna's home. Donna's son joined in the fun and sat in as their 12th person.

Daytime Bunco meets the third Monday of every month. No skill or experience is required, only the expectation of a lot of fun and friendship.



WINE, SIP & SHARE



Wine Sip & Share met twice in June due to May's snowstorm. One gathering was a jaunt to Greece! According to leader, Kelly Trop, not only does Greece have a deep wine making tradition from which to draw, there's a vibrant scene currently brewing. This is an era of evolution for Greece and a period of enthusiasm, reinvention, and experimentation in wine. It appears the members enjoyed the trip!



Another special event in June took us on a wine tasting adventure to the Aluve' vineyards in Walla Walla, WA - literally!! Well, not all of us, but our leader, Kelly Trop was there and joined us via Zoom.



Aluve' is an awarding winning winery, and the owners / winemakers are retired Air Force pilots who graduated from the Air Force Academy. Kelly worked with the owners when she lived in Walla Walla. Together, Kelly and the owners led members in a tasting of 3 of their incredible wines.



TLWC'S 2nd Holiday Home Tour Planning Underway

We'll be celebrating the winter holidays instead of the summer solstice in less than five months! Planning for our 2nd Holiday Home Tour is picking up speed to ensure another standout event:

- ❖ Our Sponsorship Appeal is underway. You can help make it a success by referring businesses you frequent or know. We have sponsorship opportunities starting at \$100. Details can be found on the home tour website or contact Brenda or Maureen.
- ❖ Our five tour homes along with our decorators have been confirmed: one in Woodmoor, two in Red Rocks Ranch and two in Flying Horse. The homes will again reflect a variety of styles, with a theme of treasured Christmas stories, and are sure to impress!
- ❖ The Woodmoor Barn will again be the location for our Hospitality House, where guests begin the home tour picking up their tickets and goodie bag and enjoying complimentary cookies and beverages before heading out to the tour homes
- ❖ We will be featuring two new additions at the Hospitality House:
 - A Holiday Raffle featuring 3 special items (a Joe Bohler print, a photograph by Matt Hayes and a Holiday Entertaining gift basket).
 - A Holiday Gift Shop featuring 3 stocking stuffers (lighted glass holiday gnomes handcrafted by members, The 4 Seasons of Pikes Peak limited edition notecards and MatchBox Candle Company candles).
- ❖ Volunteers will again be central to the home tour, and signups will begin in September. As those who volunteered last year know, it's a fun way to be involved!
- ❖ Publicity for the Home Tour will begin with some pre-promotion in September, followed by our major advertising in October and November. Members will be key in getting the word out about the event!

Our Inaugural Holiday Home Tour last year raised over \$18,500 in net proceeds, with almost 650 guests, so we have a wonderful starting point. The feedback from last year was overwhelmingly positive, so we're excited for even greater success in 2022!

We'll have lots more information after Labor Day, but now is a GREAT time to get involved. We have an amazing committee of 24 talented, enthusiastic women, and would love to have you join us implementing our plans. It's a minimal time commitment that's very flexible; we work mostly on our own schedules, with very few meetings. Please contact us to join our team, as well as ask any questions you may have!

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TLWC Club Wide Fun Event for July

This month our Club Wide Fun Event will be an old fashion Family Picnic on July 23rd from Noon to 4 pm at The Church at Woodmoor Picnic Pavilion, 18125 Furrow Rd. This event is open to all TLWC members and their families, so feel free to bring your kids and/or grandkids.

Please pack a basket filled with lunch for you and your family along with a side dish to share. Our old fashion picnic will include games for all ages.

TLWC will be providing desserts, plates, eating and drinking utensils plus soft drinks, water, lemonade, and tea. Since this event is being held at the Church at Woodmoor, the only spirits allowed will be the Holy Spirit.

While the Church at Woodmoor has graciously offered to be our host, we are suggesting that donations be made in the amount of \$5/couple and up to \$10/family for allowing us to use their facilities.

Look for the invitation in your email box and RSVP for this fun-filled event.

Celebrating New Members



We were thrilled to welcome 15 energetic and enthusiastic women to TLWC at a recent “Meet and Greet”. They are joining our interest groups, inquiring about volunteer opportunities, and suggesting positive ways to impact our community.

It was a fun way to develop new friendships, and we’re so happy you joined us.

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.

Past President’s Lunch

In June, outgoing Co-Presidents Cindy Beley and Billie Healy hosted a Past Presidents Lunch attended by 17 of the women who served in the position over the years. They renewed and formed friendships while enjoying many conversations about the positive impact TLWC has in our community.



Tri-Lakes Cares Awards TLWC for Partnering in our Community



“We’re happy to give a shout out to another one of our fabulous community partners, the Tri-Lakes Women’s Club. In addition to holding food drives for our pantry, the Tri-Lakes Women’s Club has helped with some special need requests that allow us to better serve our clients.

Thank you for being so wonderful, Tri-Lakes Women’s Club!”