



Tri-Lakes Women's Club PINE CONE

Women Enriching Our Community

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May 2022 Co-Presidents Letter

It's Been a Great Year!

What an amazing year we've had as your Co-Presidents! We started our Presidency just as Covid restrictions were lifting. Our goals for the year were to **Reconnect**, **Reenergize**, and **Recommit**. With your help and the wonderful guidance of the Board, we feel we reached and even surpassed those goals.

Reconnecting with friends through interest groups, monthly luncheons, and club-wide activities has been so much fun.

Reenergizing with a new fundraising event (the Holiday Home Tour), Caring-In-Action volunteer opportunities and welcoming over 40 new members has been exciting.

Recommitting our dedication to the TLWC mission by supporting our fundraising efforts for our granting program and continuing our support in the community through Empty Bowls and Bell Ringing with Kiwanis, as well as Food Drives and Holiday Gifts for Tri-Lakes Cares has been rewarding.

This could only have happened with our members' enthusiastic support, and we want to thank you for making this an amazing experience and an unforgettable year.



Read on for all the wonderful things TLWC is doing. And look for your NEW Co-Presidents' letter in the June Pine Cone.

It's not goodbye, it's see you later!

**Your Co-Presidents,
Cindy Beley and Billie Healy**

PS – We used our TLWC profile pictures this month to stress that if you don't have your photo on your profile yet, just snap a selfie on your phone and send it to Cindy at admin@tlwc.net She'll upload it to the website for you.



**TLWC May Luncheon/Business Meeting
Wednesday, May 18, 2022**

11:00 - Social Time

11:30 - Lunch

Wedgewood Black Forest
12375 Black Forest Rd, Colorado Springs, CO

You won't want to miss the May luncheon! Our next one isn't until September!

Along with voting on the nominated slate of officers for the 2022-2023 Executive Board and voting on grant recipients for 2022, we will be celebrating the many wonderful things TLWC members have accomplished this past year.

We will recognize our new members and tell you about new interest groups forming for a September kickoff. We will discuss the very successful Holiday Home Tour of 2021 and the Committee's plans for 2022. AND we'll applaud the many memorable activities our members have enjoyed this year.

Menu

*Chicken Cordon Bleu with Chardonnay Sauce
Assorted Salads and Veggies*

*Gluten free and vegetarian options available.
(Please contact Maureen Kral if you need this option)*

Hot Coffee/Tea Beverage Station (Self Serving)

Deadline for Reservations:

Sunday, May 8, 2022 at 6pm

Reservations for members and guests can be made on our website OR by emailing: reservations@tlwc.net

**Maureen Kral: 719/ 661-7607
Reservations and Communications**

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Luncheon Reservation Payment Options:

- 1. Cash or check made out to TLWC at the luncheon - \$35**
- 2. Credit card at the luncheon - \$37**



You are Invited to TLWC's Club-Wide Monthly Fun Event

Join us for a lovely evening at a Cinco de Mayo inspired celebration. We'll gather at the Palmer Lake Town Hall on Saturday, May 7th for our club-wide fun event.

Our evening will include a potluck dinner, drinks, a Margarita station, chips & salsa, a dessert bar and, best of all, dining alongside friends and loved ones. Be ready for an exciting group competitive event – you won't want to miss it.

Please bring a Cinco de Mayo inspired dish or a hearty appetizer to share. Everyone is welcome. You can invite a spouse or guest! And feel free to wear your Cinco de Mayo outfits!

The cost is \$5 per person and includes the drinks station, chips & salsa, and a dessert bar.

You can register for the event by contacting Lori Forman at lori.forman56@gmail.com or log onto our website by clicking [here](#)

When: Saturday May 7, 2022

Time: 5pm to 9pm

Where:

Palmer Lake Town Hall
42 Valley Crescent
Palmer Lake, CO

The Single Ladies Tea



On April 14th, the Single Ladies visited Glen Eyrie Castle. The High Tea was a very elegant affair, and we were able to tour General Palmer's office, walk the hallway upstairs to peek in some of the rooms and admire the Grand Ballroom.

We ordered our own individual tea, served in a small tea pot. We enjoyed corn chowder soup and a green salad before being served a 3-tiered platter of individual small sandwiches, scones with clotted cream, and incredible petit fours desserts. All of the food was to die for! To top it off, on the way out of the Castle grounds there was a herd of Big Horned Sheep grazing in the meadow.

Melanie Gillis



Daytime Bunco Returns



Daytime Bunco is starting after a long hiatus. We will be playing the 3rd Monday of each month from 12:30 pm to 3:30 pm, beginning Monday, May 16th. We'll have the same format as evening Bunco, which is \$5, payable at the event. Light snacks will be served.

Come Join us! Just go to your member profile at the TLWC.net, click on "Edit Profile" and add Daytime Bunco to your interest groups. You will then begin receiving our monthly meeting reminders.

We're looking forward to getting this group together again!!

Donna Muench and Cathy Wedo

A Message for Members of ALL Interest Groups

When you sign up for an event through the website, please **don't** uncheck the box labeled "Include name in list of event registrations". If you do, you will show up as "Anonymous User" and no one will know that you are attending.

Also, if an event is full, you cannot put your name on the waitlist through the App on your phone. You must go to the TLWC.net website to register and place yourself on the waitlist.

Cindy Beley, Web Admin

TLWC Supports District 38 Safe Splash Swim School



TLWC co-presidents Billie Healy and Cindy Beley, as well as Granting Chair Shelley Pruet, attended the final swimming lesson of students in the Adaptive Physical Education Program for School District 38.



The program, for students with special needs, is held at Safe Splash Swim School and has been funded by TLWC grants for the past several years.

We are proud to be a supporter of this important program that helps special needs students and their families by teaching water safety and aqua fun. The smiles on the faces of the students in these photos are very heartwarming.

Another Successful Collection for Tri Lakes Cares

A huge shout out for all the members who participated in our annual spring food collection for Tri Lakes Cares. Once again, our members opened their hearts to donate 315 pounds of food and personal products. In addition to these gifts, we also collected \$470 in monetary donations for those in need in our community.

All of our efforts are greatly appreciated by Tri Lakes Cares.

Pam Cutcliff and Nancy Pokorny



TLWC will again participate in Monument's July 4th parade. This is such a fun filled event for everyone, and our float won two awards last year. The theme this year is "Honoring Our Educators".

If you're interested in decorating the float or walking in the parade, please contact Linda Vernon at randall_ernon@comcast.net. Decorating will be done the day before the parade.

Our float committee members are Linda Vernon, Carol Gaskill, Charlie Ann Hayes, and Lori Foreman.

We'll have more details to share at the May Luncheon and in an eblast that will be sent to all members in a few weeks.

Annual Membership Meeting/Luncheon and Executive Board Vote

We will be voting on the Executive Board for 2022-2023 at the May Business Meeting & Luncheon on May 18. The term for these Executive Board members will be June 1, 2022 - May 31, 2023.

Pam Cutcliff and Nancy Pokorny were elected in May of 2021 to serve as Co-Presidents Elect, so they will be serving as Co-Presidents for the upcoming year.

The Nominating Committee announced last month that the following had been nominated as Executive Board members.

Co-Presidents Elect

Pam Perry
Shelley Pruett

1st VP Programs & Luncheons

Pam Sherfesee

2nd VP Charitable Events

Nancy Pfohl

Secretary

Billie Healy

Treasurers:

Charitable Events: Geri Bush
Operating: Pam Acuff



A Message for Our Interest Group Leaders

TLWC will no longer have an Evite account as of the end of May since our website has a system for creating events that is free to use. To help you become proficient with the website system, I've created a document that will guide you along the process of creating and managing your simple and advanced events and emailing your interest group members. The document is named "Guide to Creating and Managing Events and Emailing Interest Group Members updated 4_25_22". It is now on the website page "Website How-To" which is under the "Members" tab. I've also attached it [here](#).

I think I've covered everything you will need to know to be successful in creating an event and emailing your members, but if you find any steps that aren't clear, please let me know and I'll be happy to sit down with you to create your first event.

Cindy Beley, Web Admin

Win a \$25 Gift Card to Chili's/On the Border/Maggiano's

Read this issue of the Pine Cone and find the answer.

Q. What TLWC event is happening on May 7th?

Email your answers to:

jan_mckinley@msn.com

and you'll be entered into the drawing. The winner need not be present when her name is drawn at our May 18th lunch.

Membership Dues Renewal Begins June 1



The renewal period for dues will begin June 1st. We ask that, if possible, you renew your membership before July 1st so our Membership Committee and Treasurers can process the renewals in the most efficient way possible.

There are now several options for paying your annual membership dues. Starting June 1st, you'll receive renewal reminders via email with a link for you to renew your annual membership dues of \$50.00 online by credit card. If you use this easy option, there will be a \$1.75 added fee (total charge of \$51.75) to cover our cost for credit card processing.

Alternatively, you can choose to mail your check for \$50.00 (to TLWC, PO Box 669, Monument, CO 80132, Attn: Membership Renewal) or hand it to the Membership Committee at the luncheon on Wednesday May 18th.

We hope you plan to continue as a valued member of TLWC for many years to come. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact us at membership@tlwc.net

Raising Funds for TLWC's Grants Program Is Easy!

Here's an easy way to help TLWC generate funds for our grants program. Every time you shop on Amazon, log onto:

www.smile.amazon.com

and designate Tri-Lakes Women's Club as your charitable organization. It's seamless, and you won't notice anything different about your order or how you pay for it.

Training for 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 (National Card and Wright-Patterson). I enjoy teaching National Mah Jongg. Both groups welcome new players and the transition from National to Wright-Pat is not difficult.



If you are interested in learning this fun game, I'll be starting a new training group the **last two weeks of June 2022**. You'll be able to start playing with our Interest Group in July. If you are interested in this fun game, please send me an email (even if you've already mentioned it to me).

I look forward to hearing from you.
Billie Healy

famhealy@comcast.net

THANK YOU to the 2021-2022 Board of Directors

This year we were privileged to work with 24 amazing, talented, and dedicated members who served on your Board of Directors. Much of the work they provided was done behind the scenes but felt by every member. Keeping an organization of over 200 members running smoothly doesn't happen without the Board's contributions.

Your Executive Board officers planned our Tri-Lakes Cares donations, organized our informative and fun monthly luncheon/business meetings, developed and executed our new fundraiser - the "Joys of the Season" Holiday Home Tour, organized our 4th of July parade float, kept our finances in order, and kept track and made available to members all of our meeting information.

Your Standing and Special Committee chairs kept the community at large informed about our numerous TLWC activities through articles in newspapers and on our social media platform, welcomed new members, coordinated interest group leaders, kept members informed about upcoming luncheon/business meetings and other happenings throughout the year, provided you an informative newsletter every month, provided our helpful Website, reviewed and made recommendations on grant requests, organized TLWC archives and property, organized fun activities for all members to enjoy, coordinated volunteer opportunities in the community, connected with club members on a personal level to help with needs and celebrate birthdays, and talked with members to recommend nominees for next year's board.

Every one of these ladies took full responsibility for their job and made it a smooth and fun year for us.

Thank you all,
Billie and Cindy



Missing from group photo are Judy Crusius, Marina Nelson, Brenda James, Sue Leggiero, Carol Gaskill, and Cindi Monahan.

2022-2023 Co-President Nancy Pokorny



Nancy Pokorny
(No Stranger to Danger)

One night in May, near the end of World War II, Nancy was born during a blackout on an Army base in Newfoundland. No one told her mother, till after it was over, that an enemy German submarine was lurking in the nearby harbor. Nine months later the plane that was to take the family home to the states was unable to land in thick fog and was later shot down. Unknown by relatives, Nancy and her parents had taken an inter-island ferry home instead. Imagine their surprise when three supposedly dead people showed up at their door!

After this perilous beginning, Nancy spent a relatively calm youth in Midland, Michigan, where her dad was medical director for Dow Chemical Company. Being addicted to risky sports, her family took up skiing and Nancy began racing when she was six years old. After that, ski racing became an important part of her life and she skied competitively around the world.

Nancy graduated from the University of Michigan and embarked on a teaching career. She met her husband, Jerry, while teaching in Laramie, Wyoming. Jerry was, and still is an avid motorcyclist and Nancy joined him in this hazardous sport. Shortly thereafter they moved to the Denver area where she became a middle school principal of several high poverty schools. During that period, she earned her masters at Denver University and her doctorate at the University of Colorado, Boulder.

After retiring (the first time), Nancy and Jerry decided to embark on another adventure. They opened a mountain biking tour business in the U S Virgin Islands and spent their days leading cruise ship passengers around the island. After a year of watching bikers tumble into the bushes and not wishing to be sued, they decided that leading tours was too dangerous an occupation. They sold the business and moved back to Colorado. Nancy went back to work and spent the next 10 years working as a government contractor helping schools around the U. S. and other countries to improve their performance. In this capacity she traveled to Germany, Puerto Rico, Kwajalein Atoll, and others.

Still, living on the edge has always been a temptation. World travel, scuba diving, and even riding with Jerry in Italy as motorcycle competitors in the Motogiro de Italia still hold their allure.

Retiring once again, Nancy and Jerry moved to Monument where Nancy joined TLWC in 2008. She has served as 1st Vice President of Programs and is looking forward to working with Pam Cutcliff to help maximize TLWC's potential when they become Co-Presidents in May. How dangerous can it be?



2022-2023 Co-President Pam Cutcliff



Pam Cutcliff

Remember the scene in “Hitch” where Wil Smith (not from the Oscar presentation) goes to a speed dating event? Have you ever known someone who has venture into such an event? Well, you do now—Pam Cutcliff actually met her second husband, Bill, at such an event while living in Indianapolis. They had both attended a singles’ mingling where the sponsor of the event spoke. Pam thought it sounded like a fun way to meet people; Bill was more reticent, but it turned out well in the end.

Pam was raised in Cincinnati, Ohio where she remained until attending DePauw University in Indiana. While at DePauw, Pam played intercollegiate field hockey and was a member of the Union Board which was responsible for the college’s entertainment. Two favorite memories of those days were beating Purdue’s field hockey team and being instrumental in arranging for the Tina Turner Review to perform at DePauw.

After graduating with a BA and MS in English and Secondary Education, Pam spent a quick stint in Westfield, New Jersey and Denver, but returned to Indiana to marry and accept her first teaching position. She would eventually move from Northern Indiana to West Lafayette, Indiana, and finally to Indianapolis. It was in West Lafayette where her daughter, Anne, was born.

After teaching 34 years at the junior high level, Pam decided to retire and pursue her hobbies. She was blessed to have similar-minded teacher friends who loved to backpack and travel. For many summers, Pam and these ladies would backpack sections of the Appalachian Trail. Pam has also hiked a section of the Camino in Northern Spain, Patagonia, Portugal, and Croatia. She still travels and hikes with many of these Indiana friends.

Two days after Pam’s husband retired, they moved to the Black Forest area, having purchased their house the year before. They chose Colorado because of their love for the outdoors being avid hikers, kayakers, and campers. Plus, Bill had a son and his family in Denver. Pam’s only requirement for buying a house was that there be a convenient airport so that she could visit her grandchildren, Addie and Miles, in Brooklyn.

Pam was introduced to TLWC by Nancy Pokorny who quickly asked her to help with Programs. Along with serving as co-chair of Programs, Pam is a member of the Hiking club, Sip and Share, Bunco, and Coffee and Chatter. She will soon be serving as Co-President with Nancy. TLWC has provided Pam with opportunities to meet many wonderful and talented women and to contribute to the community.

We Celebrate the Lives of Members We Lost in 2021 and 2022



Sally Stephenson – During her many years with TLWC, Sally served as Co-President, VP Programs, VP Charitable Events, and Membership Chair. She also enjoyed Knotty Pines, Mah Jongg, book group and volunteering for numerous activities. Everyone who knew Sally enjoyed her wonderful laugh and lively personality. Sally passed away February 26, 2021.



Sally Gettleman – Sally was a long-time member of TLWC and active in the Tea Group, Ladies Lunch Out, Single Ladies, and volunteering at Pine Forest Spring Show. Sally passed away on September 5, 2021, at the age of 90.



Lynn Severson – Lynn was active in Single Ladies, Bunco, TGIF, Coffee and Chatter and loved singing during her few years with TLWC. Lynn passed away November 16, 2021.



Mary Mills – During her 20 years as an active member of TLWC, Mary served on Co-President, VP Charitable Events, and Parliamentarian. She chaired various committees and loved singing with Knotty Pines. She passed away on February 11, 2022.



Celia Reed – As a previous member of TLWC Celia was instrumental in initiating Coffee and Chatter. She moved to Arizona a few years ago. Celia passed away on December 2, 2021.



Donna Maguire – Donna was a long-time member, wonderful supporter, and very active in TLWC until her health would no longer allow it. Donna passed away in December 2021.