



Tri-Lakes Women's Club PINE CONE

Women Enriching Our Community

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Summer Picnic Included Food, Fun and Games



Our TLWC club-wide FUN event in July was a wonderful opportunity for families to gather for food, games, and discussion. The old-fashioned picnic was held in the Pavilion of the Church at Woodmoor in Monument. We had to leave a bit early when storm clouds and rain appeared on the horizon, but we Coloradans always welcome rain.

A special thanks to the FUN committee for coordinating the picnic – Susan Congdon, Sherry Feeney, Lori Forman, Stacey Snyder, Diana Heckethorn, and Kendall Vliet.



Co-Presidents' Letter & Interesting TLWC History



Welcome September!

Ah, September- the start of cooler weather, high school football, and a brand-new year for the Tri Lakes Women's Club. Do you realize this will be the fiftieth anniversary of when TLWC, formerly known as the Woodmoor Wives' Club, sponsored their first "fundraiser" in 1972? They sold kitchen sponges and dip mixes and held a Christmas Boutique and Bake Sale. Home tours were also offered at \$2.50. The money raised went to two scholarships and the Volunteer Fire Department. Sixty-five members each paid \$1.00 in annual dues.

We've come a long way in fifty years. We currently have two hundred and sixteen members who pay \$50.00 in annual dues. We have twenty-four groups that cater to the interests of our members and have provided over a million dollars in grants to many non-profit organizations in our community. Along with the grant money, TLWC provides monthly luncheons for the working homeless, participates in our Kiwanis partner's Empty Bowl fundraiser, and runs twice yearly food drives for Tri-Lakes Cares, among many other charitable endeavors. Plus, the second annual Holiday Home Tour is currently being planned for November.

None of this progress could have happened without the dedication and service of the many women who have served on the Board, who have stepped up to chair committees, and who have volunteered to work as committee members. "Teamwork Makes The Dream Work".

This dream or mission is one aspect of TLWC that has not changed over the last fifty years. The mission is and has always been to support the Tri-Lakes community through charitable and educational endeavors. TLWC raises and distributes funds to assist qualified non-profit organizations and promotes the education of its members and the community through instructional programs.

A huge "thank you" to all the women who have contributed to the longevity and success of Tri-Lakes Women's Club!

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



Our 2022 Grant Program Provided Imaging Cameras for Three District Ambulances

Several of our Board and Grant Committee members had an opportunity to meet with Lt. John Bodinsky of the Monument Fire Protection District (FPD) (formerly Tri-Lakes Monument FPD and the Donald Wescott FPD) to see the three thermal imaging cameras that a TLWC grant has provided for the district's three ambulances.

"These thermal imaging cameras", according to Lt. Bodinsky "will help increase overall life safety for our citizens and firefighters." At the time of their grant application, the Tri-Lakes Monument Fire Protection District had only three thermal imaging cameras with each one placed on one of three fire apparatus. Lt. Bodinsky further explained, "Our ambulances had no cameras, putting them at a disadvantage when responding to fire-related calls. The personnel on our ambulances are both firefighters and EMTs and are expected to respond to a multitude of different calls (including fire and possible rescue). These thermal imaging cameras will provide those firefighters an extra advantage when searching for fire victims, identifying hazards, and assisting them if they need help exiting structures when conditions are poor."

September Luncheon/ Business Meeting

Wednesday, September 21, 2022
Falcon Club – Air Force Academy

11:00 am - Social Time
11:30 am – Lunch

All members/guests coming to the luncheon will need to show their driver's license or military ID at the USAFA gate. Due to all the construction at the North Gate, you might want to use the South Gate. We suggest you give yourselves an extra 10 minutes to get to The Falcon Club.

**Program: Trail and Open Space
Projects in the Tri-Lakes Region,
Past & Future**



**Speaker: Susan Davies,
Executive Director, Trails
and Open Space
Coalition.**

Our amazing outdoor spaces attracted many of us to this region. The first time Susan Davies stepped foot in Fox Run Park, she knew she had to live in a neighborhood nearby.

Wow, how the region has changed! Fortunately, there are more acres of open space and more miles of trails than 10 years ago.

Susan will share with us some of the recent achievements and the vision for the future of County Parks in El Paso County.

September Meeting Menu

Please note our new price of \$25!

MEDITERRANEAN BUFFET

Tossed Garden Salad, Rosemary and Lemon
Chicken with Italian Sausage and Peppers
Pomodoro Sauce, Penne Pasta in Herbs and
Olive Oil, Sautéed French Green Beans

Garlic Knots and Butter

Crème Brulee for Dessert

Water and Iced Tea Service

(Red and white wine available for \$10/glass)

*Deadline for Reservations:
Tuesday, September 13th, at 6:00 pm*

**Reservations for members and guests
can be made by emailing:
reservations@tlwc.net**

or calling

Maureen Kral: 719/661-7607
Reservations and Communication

**Luncheon Reservation Payment Options:
Cash or check (ONLY) made out to TLWC
at the luncheon - \$25**

Walk-ins:

Walk-ins will not be seated for lunch. TLWC must commit to a given number of attendees. Therefore, we cannot accommodate unexpected people for lunch. Please do not show up without a reservation and expect to eat lunch.

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.

An Important Message From Our Programs Committee



The Programs Committee has been busy this summer planning for our upcoming membership luncheon programs.

The ladies on this dedicated committee are Cathy Howard, Kammy Hood, Kathi Park, and Pam Sherfese. The committee's goals are to find a comfortable meeting venue, lower the cost of the luncheon buffet, include dessert, and have informative/fun programs.

It is exciting, and we will be meeting at new venues for our 2022-2023 membership luncheons.

Our first luncheon will be on Wednesday, September 21st, at The Falcon Club at the Air Force Academy. Our speaker will be Susan Davies, Executive Director, Trails & Open Space Coalition.

The October luncheon will be held on Wednesday, October 12th, at the Eisenhower Golf Club at the Air Force Academy. Our speaker will be Betty Roush, member of TLWC and Team Leader for HealingStrong.org.

Be sure to stay tuned as the Communications Committee is working closely with the Programs Committee to ensure the information to you is specific so you always know when and where our luncheons are occurring.

Please Mark Your Calendars!

Below are the days, dates, and venues for the luncheon/business meetings for the upcoming year. Please take note of the days and dates for the luncheon as they do change from month to month.

The venues are all on the USAFA but at two different locations.

2022/2023 TLWC Luncheon/Business Meeting Schedule

2022

September 21 (Wednesday)
USAFA Falcon Club

October 12 (Wednesday)
USAFA Eisenhower Golf Club

November 9 (Wednesday)
USAFA Eisenhower Golf Club

December 16 (Friday)
USAFA Falcon Club

2023

January 20 (Friday)
USAFA Falcon Club

February 17 (Friday)
USAFA Falcon Club

March 17 (Friday)
USAFA Falcon Club

April 14 (Friday)
USAFA Falcon Club

May 17 (Wednesday)
USAFA Falcon Club

September Fun Event



Our FUN Committee has planned a **Wine and Cheese Meet Up** for September. This lively event will be held on Wednesday, September 14, from 1:30 to 4:00 pm at the Woodmoor Barn, 1691 Woodmoor Dr, in Monument.

We are asking participants to please bring your favorite cheese and a bottle of wine to share with others.

Crackers, water, and a lite dessert will be provided.

We've been off for the summer so this will be a time for us to join together, catch up with friends we missed during the past few months, and meet some of our new members.

Please sign up on our website so we know you'll be joining us for a lovely afternoon with friends, yummy cheeses, nice wines, and good laughs.



Another Year of Caring

Last year CIA (Caring in Action) and SOS (Serving our Sisters) joined forces. It made sense to do this because both CIA and SOS have an outreach focus - to our own members and to the larger community. In doing this we expanded the scope of SOS and gave the entire membership an opportunity to join in CIA activities. We participated in many community events and helped each other.

WHAT DID WE DO?

- * Prepared and delivered *Lunches for the Working Homeless* to The Springs Rescue Mission every month.
- * Sent electronic birthday cards to members who updated their profile with their birthday info
- * Assisted Kiwanis with the Empty Bowls Dinner
- * Helped with Tri-Lakes Cares Cookie Walk during Kiwanis North Pole Craft Show
- * Prepared meals for members in need
- * Sent Sympathy, Get Well and Thinking of You Cards to members
- * Organized a volunteer day for the "Build a Bed with Sleep in Heavenly Peace" organization
- * Organized a "Thank you card project" for Tri Lakes First Responders
- * Participated in Holiday Bell Ringing for the Salvation Army with Kiwanis

WHAT CAN YOU DO?

- * Keep your eye out for volunteer opportunities. Let us know when a member might need help or support.
- * Please share any ideas you have.

We are excited about the continued possibilities and opportunities we will discover together!

Charlie Ann Hayes & Ann Cook



Coming soon – TLWC’s 2nd Annual Holiday Home Tour (Benefitting local nonprofits, public service agencies and schools through our community grants)

Our 1st ever Holiday Home Tour last fall was very enthusiastically received by the community and generated a great deal of excitement. Thanks to 650 attendees and our fabulous TLWC volunteers, we raised over \$18,000 in net proceed for our grant program.

What can you expect?

***5 Lovely Homes Decorated by Local Experts** that will reflect a variety of styles, with a theme of treasured Christmas stories.

***Holiday Raffle** featuring photography by Matt Hayes and watercolors by Joseph Bohler.

***Holiday Gift Shoppe** featuring “4 Seasons of Pikes Peak” notecards, candles from Monument’s own MatchBox Candles and a selection of adorable lighted holiday gnomes made by our talented TLWC members.

***Complimentary Refreshments**, music & a festive holiday atmosphere to start the season!

How can you get involved?

***Volunteer!** We rely on our membership to staff the tour homes, gift shoppe, tickets, raffle, and hospitality. Volunteer signups will begin mid-September online and at the September luncheon. Enjoy the holiday spirit and support a great effort at the same time!

***Ask or Refer Someone to Be a Sponsor!** Sponsors help cover event expenses so that all or the majority of revenue can be used for community grants. Ask a business you frequent to be a sponsor (we have levels from \$100 up) or refer them to us to contact. Details can be found on the Holiday Home Tour website (www.JoysoftheSeason.org).

Want to know more?

*You’ll be hearing a lot about the home tour the next two months, but we’d love for you to get in touch if you have questions, ideas or want to get involved right away!

Your Holiday Home Tour Co-Chairs

Maureen Morgan (maureenmorgan@mindspring.com 719-641-5305)

Brenda James (clsbjj@aol.com 937-405-1493)

GARDEN CLUB ACTIVITIES

Vail – Betty Ford Alpine Garden

In late July, the Garden Club headed for the high country to visit the Betty Ford Alpine Gardens in Vail. The beautiful gardens are the world's highest botanical garden and sit at an altitude of 8,200 feet. The group also enjoyed beautiful flowers and shopping while strolling in the town center.



Monument – TLWC Member Gardens

Members were treated to a 'two-fer' garden tour and participated in a salad potluck at the homes of Nancy Lennick and Pam Sherfese in August. Everyone was encouraged to bring their extra plants for a plant exchange.



Wine, Sip & Share

Our recent Wine Sip & Share was extra interesting because we had a special wine expert to lead us through a Tuscany wine experience - Dirk Stamp, owner of The Wine Seller in Monument.



August's wine tasting included one white sparkling and three red wines. The red wines were from across Tuscany with their own distinct personalities.

We want to give a big shout out to Kelly Trop, whose vision started this group. Her expertise and fun personality were instrumental in the success of Wine, Sip and Share. We wish her the best in her new full-time job. Diana Faust has graciously stepped up to lead the group, and the monthly co-hosts will lead the sessions.



Adventures in Dining

Our newest interest group will truly be an adventure for those who enjoy trying new restaurants and foods. 'Adventures in Dining' is led by Rosemarie Hughes, and the group will explore dishes from other countries and new food trends. The meeting times will vary – some meals may be at lunch, or happy hour, or maybe dinner.

So, clear your calendar the first Wednesday of each month and explore new restaurants and foods with your friends – and make some new friends while doing so! You'll be glad you joined the adventure.

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.

TLWC Board Members Attend Tri-Lakes Chamber of Commerce Business After Hours

On Tuesday August 16, nine members of the TLWC Board attended the Tri-Lakes Chamber of Commerce Business After Hours, held at the beautiful special event venue: Spruce Mountain Ranch.

Approximately 100 Chamber members participated in the evening's festivities, which was hosted by Tom and Tara Ames, the owners of Spruce Mountain Ranch.

We appreciated the opportunity to meet so many local business leaders from the Tri-Lakes area.



