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From the Social Committee

Our St. Patrick's dinner/party was successful with over 40 people in attendance. The Social Committee made \$56, which will be used to fund other events. We thank all the committee members and several others who volunteered. Committee members are **Caryl and I, Kathy Southern, Sherry Brienzi, Dot Smeybe, Rosanne Beers, and Ron Carlson**. Volunteers who assisted were **Louise Carlson, Sandy Egelston, Dorothy and Bob Evans, and Joelle Cullum**. Several dinner guests stayed to help us clean up.

A book signing and ice cream social was also held on Saturday, March 20th. Author **Les Southern** sold and signed copies of his fiction work, Ride The Night Wind. The event was fun and everyone learned of Les' next project, Memoirs: Misadventures in Paradise.

We regret cancelling the Easter Egg Hunt for lack of interest. It was to be held from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. on Saturday April 3rd. We may try again another year.

Please email or call the office if you are interested in participating in a garage sale in June. We are trying to get an idea of how many people are interested. Thanks.

— Paul Morrell

From The Board

Our March 17th Board meeting has been rescheduled for April 7th at 7:00 p.m. Hope to see you there.

Kent and two board members have completed a walk through of the south side of the property and will be obtaining bids on needed cement repairs and some drainage issues. They will be doing a walk through on the north side of the property in the near future. If you know of any cement repairs that are a trip hazard, call them in on the Work Order line at Westwind Management **303-283-0061**.

Since the last newsletter, five trees have been removed from the grounds and many others have been pruned.

Volunteer News

Thank you **Bev Watson, Drea Shatzer, and Dorothy Evans** for answering my call for volunteers. Bev has volunteered to help with gardening; Drea has volunteered for Honker delivery; and Dorothy has volunteered to be on the Architectural Change Committee (ACC). What valuable services you are offering!

I still need another ACC volunteer, some people who are willing to serve as alternate Honker delivery volunteers when my regulars aren't available, and people interested in helping Bev maintain the garden at the clubhouse entrance.

Speaking of gardening, I recently learned that **Julie Spooner, Marge Wedman, Joan Vokurka, and sisters Shawn, Judy and Jane** have been maintaining flower beds at various locations on the property around mail boxes and trees. I also understand that they have spent their own money to do this.

These are marvelous examples of people doing things they enjoy doing for the betterment of the community. I always tell you to thank people for all they do when you see them, because our volunteers defray many of the costs of running the association and making it such a beautiful place to live. If you know

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April Calendar

Activity	Date	Time(s)
Ladies Bridge	1st Tuesday	10 a.m. – 2 p.m.
Pinochle	2nd Tuesday	10 a.m. – 2 p.m.
Bunco	2nd Friday	1 p.m. – 3 p.m.
Bridge	4th Tuesday	1 p.m. – 4 p.m.
Bingo	Last Friday	7 p.m.
Aerobic Swim Group	Tue-Sat	8 a.m. – 9 a.m. and 9:15 a.m. – 10:15 a.m.
Office Hours		
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RTD Senior Ride

I want to thank both **Joan Spjeldet and Donna Jennings** for all their assistance in the past 2 years. Now we are fortunate enough to have **Pat Zeller** on the phone.

ON APRIL 17 AT 7:00 P.M., Glenn Miller Orchestra is at the Paramount Theater. Pat saw this production when traveling and says it is excellent. Cost is \$34 plus \$2 bus fare. **Reservations and checks are due by April 3rd.** Call **Dot** at **303-674-5831** or **Pat Zeller** at **303-797-8649**.

ON MAY 2 AT 2:00 P.M., The Rainmaker is at The Aurora Fox Theater. Sounds like a melodrama about 2 brothers trying to marry off their spinster sister when the hustler shows up selling rain showers for \$100. Cost is \$18 plus bus fare of \$2. **Reservations and checks are due by May 1st.**

ON MAY 22 AT 12:00 P.M., Murder on Pirate Island is at Adams Mystery Dinner Theater. The show price of \$39 includes lunch, tax, coffee and lemonade. Alcohol, gratuity, and palm reader extra. The good ship, Rusty Bucket, sails to Pirate Island. We get to solve a mystery. Eats and show were very good last time we went. We are on a wait list for this. Call Pat or I, if you are interested.

ON JUNE 5 AT 12:00 P.M., Peter Pan is at Boulder Dinner Playhouse. Cost is \$36 for dinner and show and \$4.50 bus fare. **Reservations and checks are due by May 15.**

ON JUNE 16 is the Hammond's Chocolate Factory tour. Founded by Carl Hammond, Sr. in 1920, this was voted by the Travel Channel as one of the top ten fun food factories in the world. Tours are free and take about 30 minutes. After the tour, we visit the Golden Corral for an all-you-can-eat lunch. Cost is \$6.99 plus tax and tip. Bus fare is \$2. **Reservations are due by May 25th. No checks necessary.**

— Dot Smeybe

Next HOA Meeting
April 7th • Everyone is Welcome

Volunteer News, continued from front page

of others who are doing some unrecognized volunteer work, please let me know, so I can recognize them too. Thank you Julie, Marge, Joan, Shawn, Judy and Jane. Your efforts are truly appreciated.

— Rosanne Beers

Miscellaneous Information

1. The old Albertson's on Bowles will turn into a new grocery store called SmartCo Foods sometime this summer. It will be a cross between a regular grocery store and a warehouse outlet offering large and small quantities of things, and you will not have to buy a membership to shop there.

2. There are two more places to drop off recycled materials. The first is John F. Kennedy High School at 2855 South Lamar St., which is a 24 hour drop off location. They accept #1, #2 clear and colored plastics, aluminum cans, blue, green, brown and clear glass, brown paper bags, cardboard, catalogs, computer paper, greeting cards, magazines, mixed paper, newspaper, phonebooks, tin or steel cans, white office paper. Their phone number is **303-399-6351**. The other location is 5280 Recycling located off Santa Fe Dr. and Union Blvd. This is different than the other location listed in a previous newsletter, although it's in the same general vicinity. It is open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday and Saturday and Sunday by appointments only. They take #'s 1-7 plastics, cell phones, compact discs, computer monitors, computer recycling, electronics, ferrous metals, game consoles, NiCad Batteries, Nonferrous metal, office machines, rechargeable batteries, single-use batteries and others, telephones, unwanted or expired medications, and video tapes. Their phone number is **303-725-1018**.

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Sad News

Kent Kuhlman's mother lost her husband, which is why our March Board meeting was rescheduled. Kent, our sympathy goes out to you and your whole family from all of us at Columbine Lakes.

Long time resident, **Jerome Keller**, died the first part of March; his funeral reception was held here. He will be missed. Our sympathy goes out to his family.



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**On the Wild Side 4-10:
Listen and then Look to the Skies**

Spring is here and with it comes the migration of the wondrous sandhill crane. It's the greater sandhill crane that migrates through our state in fall and spring. Numbering in the 10's of thousands, these graceful birds make their way from Mexico, New Mexico and Arizona to go up to the northwestern U.S. to nest. The lesser sandhill cranes, like those seen in Nebraska this time of year, are on their way up to Alaska, northern Canada and Siberia!

Standing up to 4 feet tall with wingspans up to 7 feet, sandhill cranes are a beautiful blue gray with long legs and necks and a distinctive area of bare red skin on their foreheads. Although I doubt that they would approve of this comparison, from behind, they have a definite ostrich look.

Cranes are known for their exotic courtship rituals that include a bowing of the head, followed by leaps that are 5-6 feet up into the air. Even more exotic is their call that, although impossible to describe, could be likened to sonorous, trumpet like sounds mixed with staccatos that sound utterly xtraterrestrial.

Cranes have been documented flying 13,000 feet in the air as they migrate. Because their call carries for very long distances, it's not uncommon to hear them but only see dots up in the sky. I heard them here on March 19th as they passed overhead. When this article was written, up to 24,000 cranes were stopping over to feed at the Monte Vista Wildlife area. This last fall, they were seen eating in a field near South Platte Park. So they're here, you just have to listen and then look to the skies.

Call me for any questions or unusual sightings. You can find me in our directory or contact me through the clubhouse at **303-795-8222**. Thanks. — **Deb Carstensen**

Telephone And Mail Fraud

Phone and mail cons typically involve a large number of victims by making use of mass marketing techniques. They clone legitimate enterprises, and tend to target the victims in the system until their money is exhausted. The variety of telemarketing cons is endless. The most common, and therefore most dangerous, of these schemes are summarized below:

PRIZE SOLICITATIONS

Victims are informed by postcard or phone that they have won one of three or four prizes as some sort of promotional offering. The caller will not specify the prize, but it will be represented as something of extraordinary value such as a car, cash, or jewelry. Victims are told that to collect their prize they have to send money for handling, taxes, shipping, and accounting fees. If any prize is eventually received, it is always worth less than the processing money.

PRIZE RECOVERY

This is a reload scheme in which victims are told that the prize they won the past was never delivered because the firm that awarded it to them has gone out of business. The good news is that they did win a prize and this has been seized by the new company. It can now be delivered if the new firm is reimbursed for the shipping and handling costs incurred when the prize was transferred. No prize ever existed or will exist.

SWEEPSTAKES AND CONTEST SCAMS

Victims are enticed to enter a contest with the promise they can easily win a new car or other valuable prize. All they have to do is complete a puzzle or fill in blanks answering a few questions and send in a sum of money. If they answer correctly, they are told they will advance to a higher level. In reality there is no contest and no

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worthwhile prize. Victims are simply tricked into completing an endless series of puzzles; most of them require some sort of entry fee to advance to the next level. Victims can invest thousands of dollars per year in this manner. Investigate sweepstakes and contests carefully to make sure that it is legitimate and not a diversion to sway you into unknowingly signing of to a scam.

CHARITY AND AFFINITY SCAMS

These usually involve calls from strangers asking for donations for causes that relate to the potential victims race, age, national origin or religion. Some may be legitimate, but all should be carefully investigated before contributing anything. If you are not sure, do not feel guilty about saying no.

INVESTMENTS SUCH AS LAND, OIL/GAS, AND BUSINESS OPPORTUNITIES

Prospective victims are contacted with all types of offers, all of them promising immediate returns and big profits for investments.

MAIL FRAUD

Common characteristics of mail fraud scams to be on the watch for:

- Chain letters – Send money now.
- Mail order correspondence courses.
- Unordered merchandise, Recurring frauds such as Canadian gemstones.
- Foreign lotteries.
- Debt consolidation, credit card repairs and loans.
- Health club memberships.
- Miracle medical cures. Weight-loss and body enhancing products.

Your best protection in any questionable situation is to investigate the details carefully. The Better Business bureau and the Attorney General's Office can provide you with the necessary information. Always beware of unsolicited offers. Avoid hasty decisions. Take the time to thoroughly read, discuss and understand any paperwork you sign. Criminal fraud is often hard to detect so caution should always be exercised. Also, if you notice or are approached by someone promoting any of these "opportunities," immediately report them to the Arapahoe County Sheriff's Office.

To report a crime, call the Arapahoe County Sheriff's Office at **303-795-4711** or 911 for emergencies.

If you are an owner and would like to be listed in the next Directory, please fill out this form and mail it to the clubhouse at:
 Columbine Lakes Clubhouse
 4192 W. Pondview Dr., Littleton, CO 80123
 Or drop it off at the office during office hours. If you do not fill out this form and return it, your name will be omitted from the Directory.

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