



Tri-Lakes Women's Club

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Women Enriching Our Community

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March 2023 Co-Presidents' Letter



Tri-Lakes Women's Club Celebrates 50 Years How Time Flies

Even though our club has been in existence for 50 years, the last 20 years have seen changes in many areas. Here are just a few examples:

2000 - Among others, we granted a baby changing station to the library and fireworks to the city of Monument.

2002 - Luncheon costs went from \$12 to \$15

2003 - We bought a digital camera to take photos of our members. We still used the telephone to make luncheon reservations.

2004 - We had a big Poinsettia sale in November. The newsletter was still being mailed to members.

2005 - The TLWC cookbooks were reprinted and sold at fundraisers and the July 4 parade. To celebrate the 30th anniversary of the Pine Forest Antiques Show, a successful casino night was held.

2006 - Members were horrified that meal costs had risen so much. Luncheons went from \$15 in 2003 to \$17 in 2006!

2007 - This was the first year our club had an Executive Board; also, the first year that the newsletter was sent electronically instead of being mailed.

We're always amazed at how many things change, yet how much remains the same.

Your Co-Presidents,
Pam Cutcliff and Nancy Pokorny



TLWC March Luncheon/ Business Meeting

All members/quests will need to show
their driver's license or military ID at the
USAFA gate.

Friday, March 17, 2023
The Falcon Club USAFA
3120 Academy Drive
USAFA, CO 80840

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

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Program:
***Women Who Fought in the
Civil War***
Guest Speaker: Benny Nasser

In Benny's search for his roots, he discovered that thirteen of his relatives fought in the Civil War on the Union side.

He is going to discuss with us the surprising role that women disguised as men played on both sides of the Civil War. He will feature seven of these women.

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March Meeting Menu

BUFFET MENU

Garden Salad
Ranch and Balsamic Dressing
Vegetarian Minestrone Soup with Veggies
and Barley
Beef Tips with Peppers, Onions, Celery
and Carrots
Soft Yeast Rolls
Assorted Cookies
(Chocolate Chip, Oatmeal Raisin, White
Chocolate Macadamia, Sugar, and Peanut
Butter)
Fresh Brewed Regular and Decaf Coffee
Water and Iced Tea
(Red and white wine available for \$10/glass)

***Deadline for Reservations:
Monday, March 6, at 6 p.m.***

Reservations for members and
guests can be made by
emailing: reservations@tlwc.net
or calling
Maureen Kral: 719/661-7607
Reservations and Communications

There will be **NO** Standing Reservations

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.

Volunteer Opportunity



Join Us For:

BUILD-A-BED

Saturday, March 18, 10 am-1 pm

Watch this fun 3-minute video:

"No Kid Sleeps on The Floor in Our Town"
SHP - From Build to Delivery

Every night children in our community go to sleep on couches, blankets, or the floor because their families cannot afford a bed.

We can help!

We're partnering with Sleep in Heavenly Peace for a Build-A-Bed Day. Last year 24 TLWC members had a great time assembling beds from start to finish. (Note we will not be delivering beds.)

No experience needed! Lunch afterwards for those interested.

Husbands are welcome to join us for this build.

Can't Help Build?

Beds aren't very comfortable or fun without sheets, pillows, and comforters. **Donations of twin size bedding and/or money are gratefully accepted.** Contact Maureen Morgan maureenmorgan@mindspring.com if you wish to donate.

TLWC Grant Applications Are Open Through March 15, 2023



TLWC's grant application program for 2023 is available NOW through March 15 on the club's website, www.tlwc.net. Our program focuses on smaller organizations that typically do not have the staffing or resources to pursue grants from major granting foundations. Since 1973, TLWC has provided over \$1 million in grant funds to local organizations.

Organizations eligible to apply for a grant – a maximum of \$2,000 - include nonprofits, public service organizations and public schools that serve the Tri-Lakes area.

Application instructions, forms and important information on qualifying grants are available on the website.

The 2023 Grant Committee members are: Anne Campbell, Geri Bush, Susan Klein, Maureen Kral, Jill Markworth, Pam Perry, and Julie Shook

Anne Campbell
Grant Committee Chairperson

Welcome New Members

Please give a warm welcome to our new members, who joined in February.

<u>New Member</u>	<u>How Did You Hear About TLWC?</u>
<i>Karen Kiefer</i>	<i>Friend</i>
<i>Barb Christiansen</i>	<i>Nextdoor/Community events</i>
<i>Kimberly Cross</i>	<i>Antique show</i>
<i>Leanne Althouse</i>	<i>Members</i>

Interest Groups – Enjoying Our Friends & Activities

Bridge



If you've played bridge in the past and would like to reconnect for party bridge in the Monument area, we're here for you. Our bridge groups are open to members and meet monthly on Wednesdays and Thursdays. Our games are non-competitive, using party bridge procedures. Games are held monthly at a member's home, with rotating hosting responsibilities.

These group leaders would love to hear from you!

Wednesday bridge:

Joan Bookman
bookman321@aol.com 719.487.7215

Thursdays bridge:

Sandra Brown
sjebrown@gmail.com 719.375.8120

A good friend
is like a
4-leaf clover:
hard to find &
Lucky
to have!



Coffee & Chatter

The February TLWC Coffee and Chatter was a celebration of love and roses for Valentine's Day! There were 36 celebrants in the gorgeously decorated home of Linda Vernon, with great assistance from co-hosts Barb Betzler, Lori Marriner, Vivian Delano, Vicki Rhoden, and Georgene Jander.



Monday Night Bunco



In February, members of Monday Night Bunco celebrated Mardi Gras with colorful masks, beads, coins, and a King Cake. It was a festive-filled night enjoyed by all!

How many of these masked revelers do you recognize?



Single Ladies

"GIRLS JUST WANNA HAVE FU-UN!"

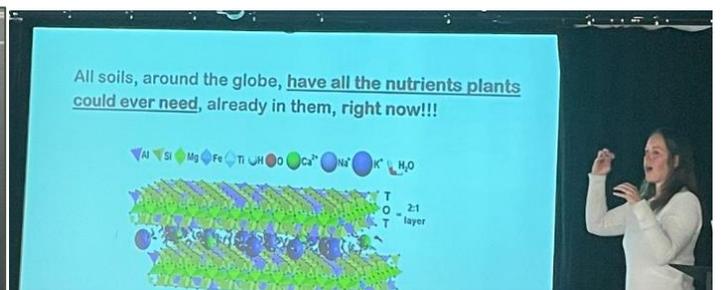
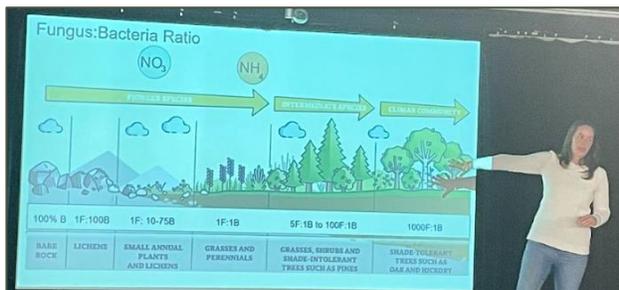


The TLWC Single Ladies interest group gathered recently at Joan Martin's home to celebrate each other. The Single Ladies get together regularly, usually on the second Wednesday of every month, and they are a social, active, supportive, and caring group of women enjoying life and fostering friendships!!

Garden Club



The Garden Club met at the Colorado Springs 21C library for a great 'Healthy Soil' class presented by Kelly Bull, a professional horticulturist. The 28 enthusiastic attendees learned about transforming any soil into a rich, nutritious life-giving source for plants. Spring can't come fast enough for this interest group, all of whom feel empowered to successfully grow outdoor plants and gardens.



Arts & Crafts

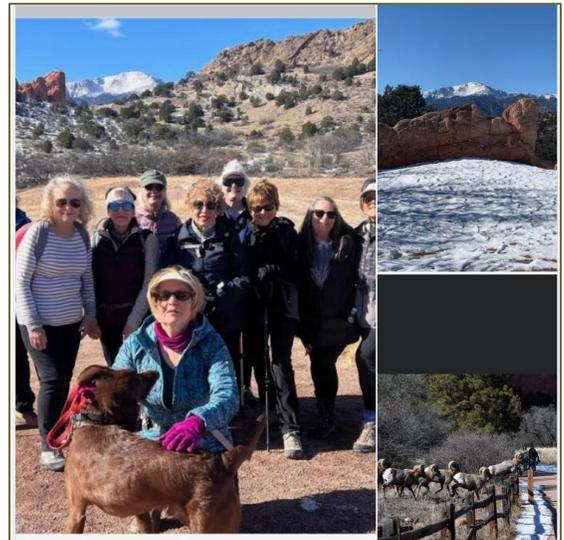
Arts and Crafts spent a cold winter afternoon creating lovely hand-crafted greeting cards at their most recent gathering. Everyone enjoyed the creativity of the four unique cards made for different occasions. They all hope the class will be on the calendar again.



Hiking



The hiking group had a glorious morning hiking in Garden of the Gods Park several weeks ago. What an awesome day - and place - for a hike. It looks like the sheep agreed!



Over The Cup Tea Group

On the last day of February, the Over the Cup Tea Group had a delightful tea at Miramont Castle's Queen's Parlour Tearoom in Manitou Springs. The tearoom features the original brick of the castle, period décor and wonderful views of the foothills, and an optional tour of the castle.



It was a lovely morning sharing delightful teas, scones, savories and sweet with everyone!

Adventures in Dining

The Adventures in Dining interest group enjoyed the aromas and spices of the ancient spice route while sampling fabulous middle eastern cuisine and culture at the *Heart of Jerusalem Cafe*.



Our Adventures in Dining members explore foods from other countries and new food trends. They sometimes go to lunch, happy hour, or dinner.

Meet and Greet



The Membership Committee hosted a Meet and Greet for new members at Becky Siegel's home on February 16. Nine new members and ten board and committee members attended. We enjoyed wine, appetizers, and plenty of fun conversation.

The committee received lots of positive feedback about how much women enjoyed the evening. They were a fun, talkative, and dynamic group of ladies and we look forward to the energy they will infuse into the club.

February Luncheon Valentine's Mixer



The Membership Committee hosted a "Valentine's Mixer" at the February 17 luncheon. With 25 new members and 4 former members joining since June 1, the committee wanted to help new members meet others and to feel welcome, as well as give current members a chance to meet members they didn't know. Getting away from our routine of sitting with friends we know; the mixer was a great way to mingle with new women.

An overwhelming majority of members loved their experience and have asked us to do this again. Thank you all for your willingness to adapt and for being so gracious!

A Recap: February Luncheon UVEGES: Katie and Joe



We thoroughly enjoyed a wonderfully entertaining and upbeat program by Katie and Joe, a father-daughter singer/songwriter duo based in Colorado Springs. Katie and Joe played a variety of songs, including a few 'sing alongs', and made us laugh with their funny and heartfelt stories.



First Responders “Thank You” Project

SOS/CIA created this marvelous project last year, and we hope to have the same amazing response from our members in 2023. Last year TLWC generously donated over \$1,200 in gift cards, plus personalized notes and dozens of cookies for our tireless first responders. In addition, each department was given a large ‘thank you’ card, signed by our members.

If you are donating a gift card, please indicate you are from TLWC on it. You may bring personalized notes, gift cards and/or baked cookies to the luncheon on Friday, March 17 or Judy Sawyer and Sandra Sciadini will collect them at Serrano’s Coffee Shop from 10 am to noon on Saturday, March 18.

We’ll also have a large card for everyone to sign at the luncheon and at Serrano’s.

HAPPY ST PATRICK'S DAY



TLWC is proud to help promote the upcoming Stars of Tomorrow Talent Show hosted by our friends at the Monument Hill Kiwanis. Get your tickets at <http://mhkc.booktix.com/>

Kiwanis
Monument Hill Club

The Monument Hill Kiwanis Club
presents
The 1st Annual

**Stars of Tomorrow
Talent Show**

Come Celebrate our D38 Performing Arts Students

Sunday March 19, 2023
Palmer Ridge High School
2:00 - 5:00 pm

Tickets only \$10 for adults and \$5.00 for students
Hosted by famed Colorado Springs radio celebrity Captain Dan
For tickets, go to: mhkc.booktix.com or scan this QR

Mission Statement
**The mission of the Tri-Lakes
Women’s Club**
**is to support our community through
volunteer service and promote the
education of members.
and the community through
programs and events.**