

Co-Presidents' Letter

It is almost time for us to pass the gavel over to Anne Campbell and Kathy Budney who are your incoming Presidents on June 1. We have enjoyed leading the club, but are also ready to relax a bit. But first we must thank Kendell Vliet and her hard-working committee for a very successful Trash to Treasure. The hectic, but profitable event raised over \$3,000 for our granting program. Very well-done ladies!

Julie Shook led our granting team this year that awarded almost \$30,000 to 17 different non-profits and District 38 schools. We are often told what a difference our grants make to these mostly small non-profits and classrooms that receive our funding.

The impact we make in our community is not just with money. This past year we had 12 service projects with our ladies volunteering their time and money to help other non-profits further their missions. Over 900 hours were volunteered! Thank you for serving your community and making a lasting impact!

Now we look forward to joining the Past Presidents club!

Keep on SMILEing!

Your TLWC Co-Presidents,
Pam Perry & Shelley Pruet



Pam Perry and Shelley Pruet



MAY BUSINESS MEETING/LUNCHEON

Friday, May 17, 2024

The Falcon Club USAFA
3120 Academy Drive
11:00 am - Social Time 11:30 am -
Lunch

*Everyone must show their driver's license
or military ID at the USAFA gate*



Theme: Tropical/Beach

Dress in your favorite beach/summer wear

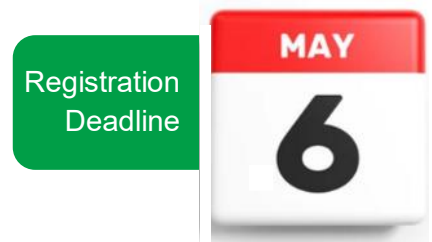
Asian Pacific Buffet

Tossed Garden Salad
Orange Chicken
Mongolian Beef and Broccoli
Fried Pork Gyoza
Vegetarian Egg Rolls with Mae Ploy
Egg Fried Rice
Stir Fried Vegetables
Carrot Cake
Fresh Brewed Coffee
Water and Iced Tea
Red and White Wine available for \$10 per glass



Deadline for Registration:

Monday, May 6th, 6:00 pm



Reservations for Members and Guests:

Email: reservations@tlwc.net
Or by calling: Maureen Kral 719-661-7607

Luncheon Reservation Payment Options:

Cash or Check (ONLY) made out to TLWC at the luncheon - \$30

Cancellations:

Members must pay for reservations made & not canceled by the deadline. If you made a luncheon reservation & must cancel at the last minute, please call the reservations chair. Occasionally there will be a wait list & someone could take your place.



Reminder to Bring to the Luncheon, if applicable:

Membership payment • **Progressive Dinner payment** • **Parade Candy**
(no chocolate)

NOMINATIONS FOR OFFICERS

Nominations for Officers 2024-2025

The following slate of officers nominated for the Executive Board 2024-2025 will be voted on at the May 17th annual business meeting:

President(s)-Elect:	Pam Acuff and Julie Shook
1 st VP(s) – Programs:	Sabrina Carriero and Debbie Hinnen
2 nd VP(s) – Fundraising:	Marsha Cook and Donna Muench
Treasurer/Operations:	Andrea Keough
Treasurer/Charitable Events:	Brenda Briggs
Secretary:	Kim Sullivan

President(s): Anne Campbell and Kathy Budney – previously elected. Parliamentarian - Diana Faust – appointed by President(s).

Thank you to the nominating committee: Chair Billie Healy, President(s) Elect Anne Campbell and Kathy Budney, Cindy Beley, Susan McGinnis, Melanie Helton, and Vicki Rhoden



KNOTTY PINES SINGERS ENTERTAIN AT STONE CREEK/FLYING HORSE

“Great Day for the Irish”

Knotty Pines Singers broke winter doldrums at Stone Creek/ Flying Horse Senior Living March 12 with a fun-filled Irish program / sing-along. Orchard Corl shared cute Irish jokes and limericks, and the traditional Irish Blessing - a good time was had by all!



Knotty Pines will sing with two local choruses **May 6** at New Life Prayer Center for a Celebration of Life memorial service for Kay Boyle. Kay had been a long time member of TLWC and local choral groups.

Sing with us ! **Tuesday May 14 & 28**
1:00-2:15 Church at Woodmoor

No rehearsals June, July or August
We return Tuesday Sept 10 1:00-2:15
Sign up on your TLWC profile or call or text Kathy Russo 317-370-5682





For the third year in a row, we're taking to the saws, drills, sanders, and hammers to

BUILD-A-BED

SATURDAY, JUNE 1, 10:00AM

(WE'LL END AROUND 12:30/1:00PM)

SHP Warehouse

2176 Victor Place, Colorado Springs, CO 80915

WHY BUILD BEDS? Because hundreds of children in our community go to sleep on couches, blankets or even the floor because their families cannot afford to purchase a bed.

SLEEP IN HEAVENLY PEACE (SHP) is a volunteer organization dedicated to building, assembling, and delivering quality beds for families in our community, organizes the Build-A-Bed Days.

**** Check out this great video: [SHP - From Build to Delivery \(youtube.com\)](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=...) ****

NO EXPERIENCE NEEDED: Many of our past participants learned on the job and had fun doing so. Let's face it – how often do you get to practice your hot-iron branding skills? (Yes, really.)

Build A Bed Signup

CAN'T HELP BUILD? Beds aren't very comfortable or fun without sheets, pillows and comforters. You can donate new twin size sheets, pillows, and bedding items – or even sponsor an entire bed:

SHP Donation Form OR **Amazon Wishlist** ([Ship to Denny Butts](#))

DELIVERING BEDS: If you're interested in volunteering individually for bed delivery, I can provide contact information.

Maureen Morgan, Community & Member Outreach Cochair



WOMEN'S SAFETY CLASS

Wow! We had a terrific turnout for our Women's Safety Class on April 30th. More than 60 members attended the event, facilitated by Lori Forman. She provided safety tips about being mindful of our surroundings, how to safeguard our homes, encouraged those who hike alone to stay alert, and what to do if a stranger comes to our front door. Lori also discussed various ways to respond when approached by a person with criminal intentions. Ultimately, awareness of our surroundings at all times is the most important key to staying safe.

Lori would like to thank the attendees for generously donating food items for people and pets, plus \$75 in cash, for Tri-Lakes Cares and the Humane Society.

**THINK
SAFETY**

TLWC

2024 Monument Kiwanis 4th of July Parade

PARTICIPATE with TLWC in the 4th of July Parade!

The theme is "Our Nation's Founders and the Constitution". TLWC will be representing the Woman Suffrage Procession and its impact on the 19th Amendment.



VOTES FOR WOMEN



WHAT WE NEED

- * **CANDY** (no chocolate): Bring to the May Luncheon, contact Jan McKinley, or drop sites will be announced.
- * **WAGONS & ADULT TRICYCLES:** A few of each
- * **PARTICIPANTS** (*it's so much fun!*)

REPRESENT TLWC AT PARADE :

- SUFFRAGETTE/WALKER:** Wear all white. A Dress -or- Shirt with a below-the-knee Skirt • Hat (any style)
 - CANDY THROWER WALKER:** Wear all white. A Dress -or- Shirt with Skirt, Pants or Shorts • Hat (any style)
 - WAGON PULLER:** Wear all white. A Dress -or- Shirt with Skirt, Pants or Shorts • Hat (any style)
 - ADULT-TRICYCLE RIDER** – *if we have tricycles:* Wear white. A safe cycling outfit aligned with our theme.
 - CROWD PARTICIPANT:** Stand in the crowd and cheer for TLWC. We'd love if you dress in our theme.
- Provided:** sash, purple accessory, Walkers: a sign / Throwers: candy-filled bags, etc.



More information to come. Questions / Donations: please contact a committee member:
Pam Acuff, Diana Faust, Sue Leggiero, Jan McKinley, Geni Rackey, Lisa Ramsey, Kelly Trop

COMMUNITY SERVICE

TLWC Members Participate in Family Connections Community Service Project

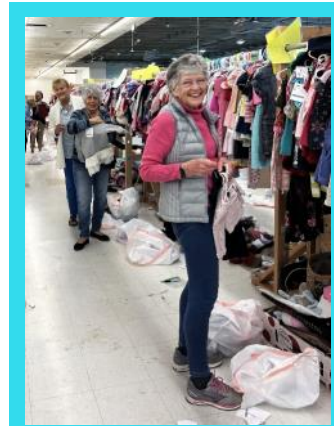
Rather than crunching numbers, TLWC members spent the morning of April 15 (aka Tax Day) participating in a service project benefiting **Family Connections**, which as part of Catholic Charities offers a myriad of programs to help families not only survive but thrive. Whether families are experiencing poverty, crisis, homelessness or other challenges, Family Connections helps meet the needs of everyone in the family.

TLWC volunteers spent three hours processing a very large donation of children's clothing from the *Just Between Friends Consignment Sale*, deftly removing safety pins, hangers and tags and sorting the clothes by size and gender to get them ready for the Children's Closet. Donations such as these enable Family Connections to offer high quality clothing in current styles to kids whose families would not be able to afford them. Kudos on a job well done!

Note: Donations of quality children's clothing (especially boys), new shoes and any baby products are always greatly appreciated. For details visit [Wishlist | A Way to Help |](#).

Thanks to all who participated,

Pam Cutcliff & Maureen Morgan
Community & Member Outreach Chairs



NEW MEMBERS

Hello to our new

TLWC members!

**Brenda Hardesty
&
Jeannie Prejean**



PROGRESSIVE DINNER



“Welcome Summer” Progressive Dinner Saturday, June 8th, 2024

Join us for our 1st Progressive Dinner since 2016!

Most of us have participated in a neighborhood Progressive Dinner with friends. Usually, there will be three courses, Appetizer at one home, Entrée at a second home and Dessert at the third. TLWC does a Progressive Dinner on steroids! When we did the dinners in the past, we had about **80 people** attend the event.

Everyone gathered at the Appetizer home for some tasty tidbits. While there, each couple or pair of friends picked an envelope which told them where they would be having their entrée. So, we had no idea before then where we would have our main course. Even the host and hostess did not know until everyone arrived who they are having dinner with – that’s the fun part! After a delicious dinner, everyone then moved on to the Dessert home to end the evening with some sweet dessert treats.

To make this fun event happen again, we need members to host 8 people (including themselves) at the Entrée homes. We also need 2 homes (1 Appetizer and 1 Dessert) that can manage a large group of people. The number of people that can attend the event will depend on how many members offer their home for the entrée.

We have made hosting as easy as possible. All the menu items are purchased by the committee and put together so all the hosts have to do is the last-minute preparations (recipes included), set a lovely table and await your guests. If you would like to host, contact Gail Wittman at the contact information below.

**All of this for just \$50 per person including wine.
Imagine a 3-course meal with wine at a restaurant for that amount!**



If this sounds like a great way to spend your Saturday night, we’d love to have you join us. And, don’t forget, this is not just for couples. So, feel free to invite a friend or family member - anyone who is a special person in your life to join you for an enjoyable evening. If you want to make a reservation for you and a guest, contact Jan McKinley at the contact information below.

RSVP Deadline is May 18th

If signing up to host or to make a reservation, you will get a confirmation email. If you **DO NOT** receive a confirmation email, please contact Gail or Jan.

For Hosting: Gail Wittman gdwittman@sbcglobal.net
For Reservations: Jan McKinley jan_mckinley@msn.com



BEAUTIFUL APRIL SHOWERS!

A big THANK YOU to our generous members! At our April luncheon you donated **\$1600** of supplies and **\$262** in cash to help those in need!

Tri-Lakes Cares was ecstatic to receive all of the personal hygiene, cleaning, and clothing items. Due to logistical issues, and after approval of members at the luncheon, the supplies were donated to Tri-Lakes Cares when we were unable to reach TESSA to make a delivery. TESSA did finally reach out to us and understood why we donated to Tri Lakes Cares. They are appreciative of our efforts and were happy to receive the cash donations. Many families will be blessed by your generosity!

Kathy Budney & Anne Campbell
Co-Presidents Elect



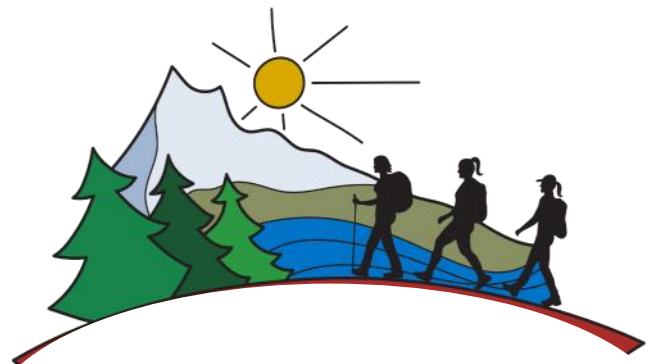
HIKING GROUP

The Hiking group is a wonderful way to explore the beauty and trails of Colorado. Hikes are often split into beginner and intermediate levels, but occasionally led as a single group, depending on length and difficulty of the hikes.

- Beginner hikes are approximately 3-5 miles on generally easier terrain
- Intermediate hikes are usually 5 or more miles on varied terrain

8 Hikes are held every Thursday, year round, weather permitting. Whenever possible, hikes are coordinated so that both groups can meet for lunch afterward. Hikers can choose which group suits them best each week. Proper hiking equipment is required, including suitable footwear, walking poles, water bottles and appropriate weather clothing. We carpool from a central location in Monument. Location and details of each hike are sent by EVITE, not through the website event system announcements. After signing up for the group, if you don't receive an EVITE with information on the weekly hike then please contact one of the interest group leaders."

Eva Littlewood 719-352-7517
Debbie Heredia 719-237-6506
Lori Booth 928-310-6022



DATE CHANGE

Date change for September Membership Luncheon

We hope everyone enjoyed the luncheons this year at the Falcon Club and are looking forward to having them at the AFA next year. Due to unforeseen circumstances, we have to change the September luncheon to **Thursday, September 12th**. Please mark your calendars. We wanted to let everyone know early since this is such a departure from our usual date. We apologize for any inconvenience and appreciate your understanding.

Hope everyone has a good summer and we look forward to seeing you in the fall!



GARDEN CLUB

The Garden Club had our annual plant exchange this morning at Nancy Baumgardner's house. What a great turnout and such a good time! It's so much fun to spend a morning with plant loving ladies...not to mention walking away with a bunch of fun gardening gifts!



LEARN TO PLAY MAH JONGG - NATIONAL

If you enjoy games, you'll love Mah Jongg! This is a Chinese game played with tiles. TLWC has several Mah Jongg interest groups - I enjoy teaching National League Mah Jongg.



If you are interested in learning this fun game, I'll be teaching a new group during the last couple weeks of May. All I need is three 3-hour sessions, and you'll be ready to play with our interest group by the end of the month.

We'll meet at my home: 16072 St Lawrence Way (Promontory Pointe). I like morning lessons (since so many of the interest groups meet in the afternoon), but I can do afternoons too. Once I have a list of interested players, we'll find the most convenient days and times for everyone.

Please send me an email if you are interested in learning this fun game. If you've mentioned your interest before, please email me again so I can compile a fresh list for May.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Billie Healy, famhealy@comcast.net



INTEREST GROUPS

Sign up for all the Interest Groups that interest you!

To join an interest group, go to your Member Profile page and to the Membership tab. Then click Edit. Add the group(s) you wish to join by checking the box then clicking Save.

Hiking Group: contact a leader to be added to Evite list.

- Adventures in Dining
- Arts & Crafts
- Bakers with Altitude
- Book Discussion
- Bridge
- Bunco - Day or Evening
- Coffee & Chatter
- Colorado Living Lunch 1 & 2
- Garden Club
- Hiking Group
- Knotty Pines
- Ladies' Lunch Out
- Mah Jongg
- Over the Cup Tea Group
- Single Ladies
- Stitch 'n' Chat
- TGIF
- Wine Sip & Share

