

Our Community News, Inc. Annual Meeting, Jan. 22



Above: The 2017 OCN Annual Meeting of the volunteers was held January 22. The back row from the left, Chris Pollard, Helen Walklett, Jackie Burhans, Mark Aggers, Harriet Halbig, James Howald, Natalie Barszcz, John Howe, Ronald Henrikson, Brian Volk, Jeff Morris, Bev Zimmermann, and Allen Alchian.

The front row from the left, Lisa Hatfield, Jennifer Kaylor, Sharon Williams, Lauren Jones, and Jason Gross. Over 20 other OCN volunteers are not pictured.

If you are interested in helping with this unique and well-respected publication, contact Lisa Hatfield at editor@ocn.me or call 339-7831. *Photo by Lisa Hatfield.*

Our Community Notices

By Judy Barnes, Events Editor

Although we strive for accuracy in these listings, dates or times are often changed after publication. Please double-check the time and place of any event you wish to attend by calling the information number for that event.

MVEA warns members about recent scamming attempts

Scammers are pretending to work for or represent area utilities. In one case, a scammer requested that an MVEA member pay their bill using a pre-paid Visa card. When the member said they felt like the call was a scam, the caller threatened to shut off their power. MVEA will never request a pre-paid payment card over the phone for an account balance. If a member wants to pay their balance with a payment card over the phone, the member will be transferred to an automated-pay-by-phone system so the payment and information remain secure.

In a second incident, an MVEA member reported that two men came to his door and stated they were contracted through MVEA and needed to check his electrical panel inside the home. MVEA does not require access to electrical panels inside members' homes. Any MVEA employee who would require access to a members' outside property would have an MVEA identification badge, MVEA clothing, and an MVEA vehicle. If you are ever in doubt, call MVEA immediately at 1-800-388-9881.

Scammers can be very convincing, and MVEA wants their members to protect themselves with the following tips:

- Do not assume the name and number on your caller ID are legitimate. Caller IDs can be spoofed.
- Never share your personal information if someone is threatening to disconnect your service, including date of birth, Social Security number or banking account information.
- Never wire money to someone you do not know.
- Do not click links or call numbers in unexpected emails or texts, especially those asking for your account information.
- MVEA accepts many forms of payment, but will NOT require a specific type of payment for account balances.
- If you receive a call, or in-person visit, that you believe is a scam, call the police and also report the incident to MVEA at 1-800-388-9881.

D-38 Community Open House: Long-Term Planning, Feb. 13

The Lewis-Palmer School District has contracted with RTA Architects for long-range facilities planning and consultation services. RTA Architects will hold a meet-

ing Monday, **Feb. 13**, 5:30-7:30 p.m., at Bear Creek Elementary School, 1330 Creekside Dr. in Monument to provide a first opportunity for the public to hear the initial findings and provide feedback. Info: 481-9546, www.lewispalmer.org.

Tri-Lakes Y Youth Spring Sports, register now

Practices begin **March 27** for outdoor soccer, volleyball, and flag football; **April 8** for indoor soccer. Financial assistance is available. Register at www.pymca.org or at the Y, 17250 Jackson Creek Parkway, Monument. *See ad on page 6.*

Ranger Lacrosse, register now

Boys K-8th grade, the season begins March 1. Register online at www.rangerlacrosse.org. *See ad on page 31.*

Tri-Lakes Little League, register now

Boys and girls ages 4-14 can sign up for baseball and softball. Register online, www.trilakeslittleleague.com. *See ad on page 4.*

Mountain View Electric Association board nominations now open

If you are interested in being a candidate, find application details at www.mvea.coop. *See ad on page 17.*

ACT II thrift shop now open

ACT II is a unique community thrift shop that will benefit Tri-Lakes area nonprofits. The shop is located at 245 Jefferson St., next to Tri-Lakes Cares and across the street from Northland Community Church. Act II is now open for donations and sales Tue.-Fri., 10 a.m.-5 p.m., and Sat., 10 a.m.-2 p.m. The grand opening and ribbon cutting is Feb. 11, 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Volunteers and donations of gently used articles and money are needed. For more information, visit the website, www.mynorthlandchurch.org/act-ii, or contact Executive Director Cara Vanderkolk, cara@mynorthlandchurch.org or 487-3268.

Tri-Lakes Women's Club announces 2017 grant process, apply by March 15

Tri-Lakes Women's Club's (TLWC) grant application for 2017 will be available through **March 15** on the TLWC website, www.tlwc.net. Eligible organizations include nonprofit and public service organizations and public schools that serve the Tri-Lakes area. Special program and project requests are welcomed. The application package includes the instructions as well as other important qualifying information. Completed applications can be mailed to Tri-Lakes Women's Club, Attn: Grant Committee, P.O. Box 669, Monument, 80132 with a postmark no later than **March 15**. For more information, contact the committee chair, Barbara Betzler, at

bbetz@me.com.

Save the date: 41st Annual Pine Forest Spring Show & Sale, May 6-7

The Tri-Lakes Women's Club presents its annual spring show and sale **May 6-7**, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday and 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Sunday, at Lewis-Palmer High School, 1300 Higby Rd., Monument. This popular fundraiser features antiques, home decor, garden exhibits, gourmet food trucks, "The Bakery," raffle, glass repair, and MOPS Kid's Corner. Admission is \$6. Bring in ad or a can of food for Tri-Lakes Cares for \$1 off admission. All proceeds benefit nonprofit service organizations and public schools in the Tri-Lakes community. For more information visit www.tlwc.net.

Free income tax help

Through its Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program, Pikes Peak United Way, in partnership with the Internal Revenue Service (IRS), provides free income tax preparation assistance to individuals and families with a household income of \$52,000 a year or less. To find out if you qualify or to schedule an appointment, call 2-1-1 Monday through Friday, 8 a.m.-5 p.m.; or visit www.ppunitedway.org/vitaetc.html.

Tri-Lakes Silver Alliance Thrift Store needs volunteers


Volunteers are needed to work a three-hour shift once a week in the store, to move items from storage into the

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