

## Wednesdays Called Senior Day in West

Old Colorado City merchants have begun a "Salute to Seniors" program each Wednesday which offers special services, discounts up to 20%, even free beverages to shoppers over 60. No fees or cards are involved; those eligible need only mention Salute to Seniors when dealing with a participating merchant.

A list of merchants and the privileges each extends is available at 577-4112. Participants are identified by a window sign.

Program sponsor is Old Colorado City Associates—new name for the Merchants' Association.

## Treasurer's Report

To June 1, 1988

Bal. Pikes Peak Nat'l 4/1 \$13,103.47

### Income

Memberships 235.00  
Lunches paid by check 12.00  
April Int., Pikes Peak Nat'l 54.24

### Disbursements

Chk 1058—Postmaster, box rent 14.00  
Chk 1059—Secretary's expenses 101.56  
(Details of these expenses reported in the March, April and May WestWord.)  
April bank service charge 3.49

Bal. Pikes Peak Nat'l 5/1 13,285.66

April lunch: 27 meals x \$4=\$108.  
\$100 collected. \$8 for guest donated by Rogers and Chilcott.  
\$12 cash for lunches paid by chk advanced by sec'y, included in secretary's expenses.

### Income

Memberships 45.00  
May int., Pikes Peak Nat'l 60.41

### Disbursements

May bank service charge .66  
Bal. Pikes Peak Nat'l 6/1 13,390.41

Amer. Fed. & World Sav.&Loan  
Balance 6/1 104,569.43

Grand total as of 6/1/88 117,959.84

May lunch: 27 meals x \$4=\$108.  
\$104 collected; \$4 paid for guest by treasurer; \$4 owed to treasurer.

## Secretary's Expenses

7/18 Miscellaneous postage 2.70  
7/20 500 Nbr. 10 envelopes 6.50  
Total due sec'y as of 8/1 9.20

Friday, August 12, 1988

## A Westside Welcome to NEW MEMBERS

We acknowledged Nancy Graner's membership at our May meeting, but haven't yet welcomed her in WestWord.

We are pleased to add Steve and Julie Pilant to our rolls. They were extended an invitation at the suggestion of Stan DeGeer.

A special welcome to Fred P. Bochman. He just celebrated a birthday, being born Aug. 1, 1911, near 1025 S. 25th. He attended Midland, Whittier, and Bancroft schools, half of 9th grade at West Junior, and Colorado Springs high. His mother came to Colorado City in a covered wagon in 1893. His father was born in Rosita, CO. in 1889, came here at age 4, and lived at the family property, 2516 Wheeler. Several have suggested Fred should be a member; we're glad to have him with us.

## Briefly:

Jan Knox says a meeting last July to Pro-Rodeo Hall of Fame didn't work out—that's why you didn't hear from her. She's lining up interesting programs this year.

If you don't have your 1988-89 membership card, please let Ralph Conner know he goofed.

Lyn Owen expressed thanks at our May meeting for those who phone HER for reservations. She's busy, and sometimes not at home, but cheerfully continues her time-consuming chore of phoning.

We're sorry that Bill Henderson is undergoing unpleasant medical treatment. We wish him comfort and speedy recovery.

Unfinished business: the church building at Pikes Peak and 24th is still available, although Historic Property Alliance is committed to another project and can't participate in remodeling. We still must audit 1987 financial records.

## Dr. McKay Recalls Cragmore's History

Dr. Douglas R. McKay, a faculty member at the Univ. of Colorado at Colorado Springs since 1968, will share four years of research into the history of Cragmore Sanitarium when we meet at 11 a.m. Sept. 9 at Trinity United Methodist Church.

Seventeen hospitals and sanatoriums once operated here, but Cragmore was most famous, catering to rich and famous, indigents, and Navajo Indians at times in its colorful history.

Dr. McKay's book on the subject, "Asylum of the Gilded Pill," was published in 1983 by the State Historical Society. He developed his interest when he salvaged valuable historical and genealogical records being taken to the dump. His primary field is Spanish language and literature.

## CORRESPONDENCE

We're pleased to report on another Old Towner whose heart never left, even though she lives in Oregon: Norma Roberts Hoehn. She visited in September but no longer has family here.

She was in third grade when her parents moved from Penrose. She attended Whittier through sixth, and West Junior in 7th. She was delighted to read in our newsletter about Esther Wickard, one of her teachers.

Her parents went to Delta, but returned when Norma was a sophomore. She was graduated from Colorado Springs High in 1952. The family lived at 312 N. 25th, and her father and brother helped build Camp Carson. Her brother became a Marine, and her father worked at the camp in street maintenance.

We're glad to hear from Mrs. Hoehn. May we hear from others?

# Westside Memories: *Turning Back the Clock on Local Events*

## Twenty-five Years Ago

September, 1963

Construction of E-W freeway began: three concrete bridges and grading of 2.4 miles west of 8th St. Plans drawn for 4-lane Cascade-Manitou highway.

Sno-White laundry moved to former Newton Lumber building at 110 S. 25th, from 15½ E. Kiowa—to be torn down for Neusteter's store.

Thieves blew a safe, took thousands from Miller Super, 3160 W. Colorado.

Clyde Carter and Vinson Dade, owners of Colorado Building, appointed Harold D. Smith as manager.

Charter Association urged purchase of land between Gateway Rocks and 30th to protect Garden of Gods view.

Byron Church announced plans to build "Mesa Villa", north of Kissing Camels Golf Club, beginning Jan. 1.

## Fifty Years Ago

September, 1938

Summer at Bott park ended with a tennis tournament, doll show, and a costume party. Point competition was won by Burna Brewer, Connie Spence, and Bobby Peterson.

Springs citizens voted 1893-624 for \$275,000 in bonds (with \$225,000 federal grant) for new high school. Enrollment: 1,345. 1892 building condemned, forcing extended day, classes during lunch, and classrooms in administration building and janitor's home. District owed \$500,000 for three junior highs.

Among 9 new teachers in Dist. 11: Esther Wickard, West Junior; Ruth Carter, Midland; June Common, Buena Vista; Mildred Fritchle, Washington; and Alice Hersom, Whittier.

Bethany Baptist, First Church of Brethren, Central Christian, Trinity Evangelical and Trinity Methodist held Westside union services. Rev. A. W. Luce spoke, Fred Shantz sang, Ralph Sweikhardt conducted song services.

Perpetual novena to Our Mother of Sorrows, similar to a series popular in Chicago, began Friday nights at Sacred Heart Church, 2026 W. Colorado.

Louis Unser's fourth win of the Pikes Peak Hill Climb set a new record: 15 mins. 49.9 secs., breaking his 1934 record of 16 mins. 1.8 secs.

D&RGW asked to abandon its rail service to Manitou Springs saying it had been unprofitable "for years."

Victor had 478 pupils grades 1-12; Cripple Creek had 390.



Wagons and teams on lower W's, Pikes Peak. —TESKER COLLECTION, UTE PASS HIST. SOC.

Rains shut the Corley Road and washed out approach where 8th St. crossed the Fountain. Crews jacked up bridge and poured concrete to level it.

Glass Works manager in 1890-92, C. C. McMaster of Mineral Wells, Texas, visited the almost-empty site and reminisced. He said it was the only bottle works between the Missouri and the west coast, and 103 worked there. He had resigned, but was in town when the main building burned in 1892; he responded to the three-pistol-shot "alarm" to help fight the fire. The destroyed Glassworks wasn't rebuilt.

Lee Bunnell, 10, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles R. Bunnell, 3527 W. Colorado, fell while hiking in Red Rock Canon near the old quarries. Fire Dept. resuscitation efforts failed.

Glen Eyrie was purchased by George W. Strake, Houston oil man, for \$850,000, from the Alexander Smith Cochrane estate, New York. The 8,000 acre property had been occupied only by caretakers for more than ten years.

## Seventy-five Years Ago

September, 1913

"Booze bloc" submitted a petition to force council to abolish the city attorney's job. (City Attorney J. P. Jackson was fighting Ramona.) They would hire a lawyer by the day.

The Springs' council voted not to supply water to Ramona, though homes already supplied wouldn't be affected.

Colorado City sought to annex Ramona before elections there, but courts ruled in Ramona's favor. 34 votes unanimously chose George Geiger mayor, councilmen Abbey, Geising, E. C. Thompson, M. Nickell and Emil Beck.

Ramona's council met to discuss a formal opening of the city, paving its four-block street, and street lights.

El Paso County's first sheriff, Scott Harris, returned for unveiling of a monument honoring boys killed in 1868 by Indians. Mrs. W. W. Price, president of El Paso County Pioneer Association, presided; Irving Howbert was speaker.

A coroner's jury blamed the trolley company in the death of Mrs. Thelma Arterberry, 19. Willard Arterberry sued, asking \$5,000 for his wife's death, \$20,200 for his injuries. He alleged they weren't let off at Adams Crossing, as requested, but west of there where the only outlet was the tracks. When they got off, they were hit by a trolley coming from Manitou.

Daniel Kavanagh, 21, was crushed while working on a valve of a zinc box weighing several tons at the Portland Mill. Timbers holding the box slipped.

Women's Study Group celebrated its fifth anniversary, asking each woman to dress for an age equal to the number of years she'd been a member. So, all wore clothes appropriate for a child of five or less. To avoid injured modesty, no new member was taken in.

Chipita, now 82, was among Utes in the Garden of the Gods for Shan Kive.

Empress Theater in Springs said if patronage didn't improve, "we will be compelled to discontinue vaudeville and revert to moving pictures."

## One Hundred Years Ago

September, 1888

The signal station on Pikes Peak was closed; it would now be operated only from June thru September.

Three men were arrested for operating an opium den. Pipes and opium were found, so conviction was certain.

City Council extended West St. [25th] over the Fountain to Midland yards and Bott addition. A 50-foot bridge, 20 feet wide, was built.

Opening of school was delayed for completion of lower portion of new school. Old school on Washington would still be used, and Hickman building would serve the Bott addition.

A.Z. Sheldon's home was completed—11 rooms and bath. White stone, the first from recently-opened Bott quarry, was trimmed in Manitou red sandstone.

Residence of Mrs. Bell [sic] McDaniels was being completed. It had ten rooms, finished in native pine.

Rates set by county commissioners for the Pikes Peak toll road from Cascade to boundary of the military reservation (one way/round trip):

One animal+vehicle+driver	1.50	3.00
One span+vehicle+driver	2.75	5.00
Each add'l span	1.25	2.25
Each occupant besides driver	1.00	2.00
Saddle horse and rider	1.25	2.00
Each pack animal	.50	
Each head of loose stock	.10	
Each bicycle or tricycle+rider	1.00	1.75
Each footman	.50	.75



# Keeping the Image Alive—Historic Colorado Avenue Preserved

## Presentation of Colorado Avenue Awards Recognizes Efforts To Maintain Tradition

Important feature of our June 10th meeting was recognition of property owners who revitalized houses on Colorado Avenue while preserving their historic styles.

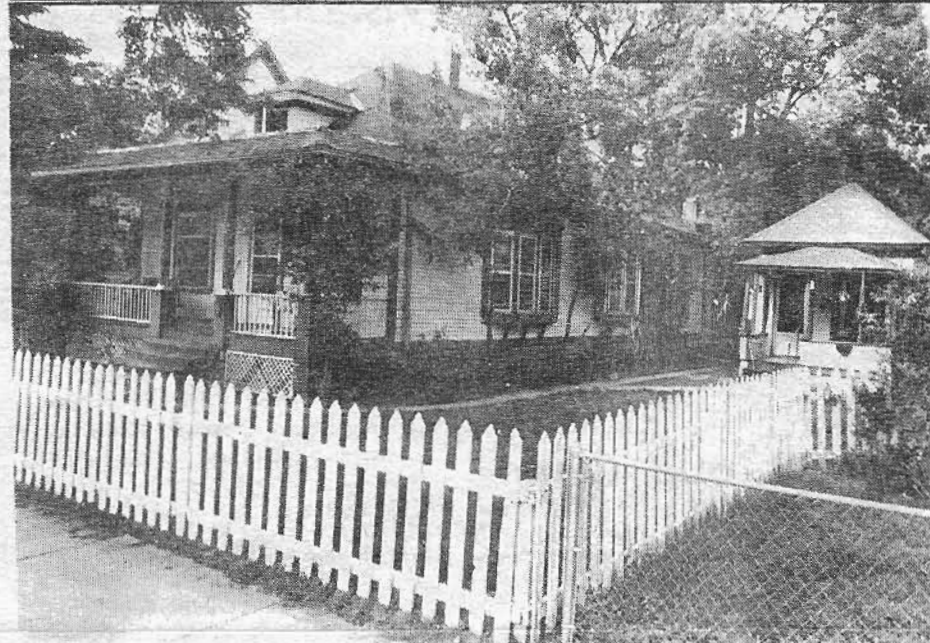
**John Keller** presented plaques on behalf of O.C.C.H.S. and the city of Colorado Springs before members and cameras of channels 5/30 and 13. Representing the city were Vice-mayor **Leon Young** and Redevelopment Program Director **Bob Patoni**.

The selection committee: **Virginia Cox**, **Agnes Johnson**, **John Keller** and **Aldine Lipe**.

**Maude McClure** represented the longest term of ownership with her house and apartment at 2915 W. Colorado.

**Bonnie Willinger** teaches in Johnson, Kansas, during the winter, but spends the summer looking after a motel and this year's winner at 3314 W. Colorado.

**Philip Foster** told the Pikes Peak Journal the house and cottage at 1414-16 W. Colorado had been "trashed out" by a motorcycle gang, but he's pleased by his restoration. Cottage represents an era when visitors sought help from the dry Colorado climate for the cure of illness.



*Photos courtesy of the Pikes Peak Journal*

(Top) Bonnie Willinger's goal in maintaining her rental property at 3314 W. Colorado has been to make it "something that someone would be proud to live in."

(Center) House and cottage at 1414-16 W. Colorado were ready for condemnation when Philip Foster bought them five years ago. He renewed each into "a good, solid old house."

(Bottom) Maude McClure has owned the house at 2915 W. Colorado for sixty years. She has kept it up so major renovations haven't been needed for forty years.



## Society Board and Officers Are All Re-Elected for New Terms

Members May 13th re-elected all board members of the Old Colorado City Historical Society whose terms were expiring: **Ralph Conner, Agnes Johnson, Orville Kenelly, Jan Knox, Ruth Maxwell and Leon Young.**

June 10th, in accordance with by-laws, the board met to choose officers. All officers were re-elected.

For a listing of officers and board members, please refer to column three of this page.

## ROLL CALL

Among the 33 who attended our meeting May 13 were Stan and Eloise DeGeer, loyal members from Albuquerque. Complete list of members who signed in:

Bertha Chilcott	Joyce Johns
Carl Chilcott	Agnes Johnson
Ralph Conner	John Keller
Arnold Cunningham	Orville Kenelly
Jerry Cunningham	Ruth Walsh Kruse
Martha Curry	Aldine Lipe
Eloise DeGeer	Elizabeth Mares
Stan DeGeer	Marilyn Owen
Veda Goosman	Curt Poulton
Eileen Graham	Arlene Rieger
Joe Graham	Jim Rogers
Nancy Graner	Virginia Rogers
Rosemary Hetzler	Mary Nell Trapp
Flora Belle Hull	Frances White

## Visitors and Guests

Our speaker, Bonnie Yorgason, was a welcome guest.

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Sandi Martin is a Westside business person and Chairperson of the Old Colorado City Merchants Association. She has since become a member of O.C.C.H.S.

Eleanor Kline.  
Phyllis A. M. Mitchell  
Frances E. Trapp

Thirty-eight were present at our extra program and luncheon at Medallion West June 10th. Members present included:

Sally Brawner	Orville Kenelly
Bertha Chilcott	Jan Knox
Carl Chilcott	Aldine Lipe
David Clark	Elizabeth Mares
Ralph Conner	Sandi Martin
Virginia Cox	Ruth Maxwell
Beverly Diehl	Eunice Quinn
Lucile Ellis	Jim Rogers
Betsy Evans	Madeleine Schaeffer
Scott Hogg	Mary Tracy
Flora Belle Hull	Thomas Van Camp
Joyce Johns	Barbara Walters
Agnes Johnson	Frances White
Barbara Keller	Leon Young
John Keller	

## Visitors and Guests

We were pleased to have all three winners of Colorado Avenue awards:

Philip Foster, owner of properties at 1414-1416 West Colorado Avenue.

Maude McClure, owner of the house at 2915 West Colorado, and her guest, Maxine Rapson.

Bonnie Willinger, owner of property at 3314 West Colorado, and Betty Stites.

Robert A. Patoni, Redevelopment Program Manager for the Westside, and member and Vice-Mayor Leon Young, representing the City of Colorado Springs, co-sponsor of Colorado Avenue awards.

Mary Davis and Jody Jones joined us for lunch after presenting our program on behalf of Penrose Library.

Marzelle Berry of the staff of Medallion West served double duty as hostess and as guest of Sally Brawner.

NEXT MEETING:

**SEPTEMBER 9TH**

11 A.M. TRINITY U.M.C., 1920 HENDERSON  
LUNCH RESERVATIONS: LYN OWEN, 473-18

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The Old Colorado City Historical Society was formed to maintain the memory of Colorado City (1859-1917), to encourage research, to preserve historic buildings, mementos and pictures, and to keep alive the unique culture and spirit of Westside Colorado Springs.

## MEETINGS

Meetings are held the second Friday of each month (except July and August) at 11 a.m., usually at Trinity United Methodist Church, 1920 Henderson-west of Uintah Gardens Shopping Center. The public is welcome and no reservation is needed for the program.

The meeting is followed by a luncheon, served by people of the church. Cost is \$4 per person. Reservations are required and can be made by phoning Lyn Owen, 473-1846. Deadline is normally noon the Wednesday before the meeting. Please call Lyn Owen to cancel if you find you cannot attend.

## MEMBERSHIPS

Individual membership is \$5 a year; family membership is \$10. Memberships are welcome at any time; renewal falls in April. Members receive this newsletter, and local members will usually be phoned before each meeting.

Also available is a Lifetime membership, for \$100. This amount is placed in our Perpetuity/Endowment fund, to be used for projects which have been approved by two-thirds of the members. Only the interest will be used for current expenses. We welcome gifts to this fund, which will be credited to the donor or as a memorial.

## OFFICERS AND BOARD MEMBERS

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