

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

News from AARP

BY JOHN MARRACK

It is great to be in a community which has the courage to create a complete mini-Park for our senior members at 22nd and Broadway. We look forward to its early completion.

The next time Chapter 995 meets will be the first time this year of the a.m. on Friday (change of time) March 14 at 3921 Broadway Street (change of venue). We shall be setting out our plans for 2008 and will be deciding where we should spend our surplus funds. Yes, we have raised funds as a result of the hard efforts of many of our members in 2007.

From then we are still around anyone wanting help or information particularly in regard to plans or even taxation for seniors should call Georgina Williams at 303-333-5737, Willie Carter at 303-377-3553, Williams at 303-393-0043 last resort, me at 303-377-

Congratulations, Rosemary Marshall!

2008 is the year of the 75th annual Jefferson Jackson and marks 100 years since he hosted the Democratic National Convention.

Colorado Democratic announced the names of the year's Colorado Democratic Party Awards winners to be presented at the dinner at 5:00 p.m. on Friday, February 29 in the Ballroom at the Colorado Convention Center. The Awards are part of the program that will feature a keynote address by Senator Jim Webb.

Each year the Colorado Democratic Party recognizes outstanding achievements by party members and party leaders. The Democratic Party Chair Pat Williams has an outstanding year that deserves our

The 2008 Democrat of the Year is State Representative Rosemary Marshall. ♦

Denver Botanic Gardens

Free Days

Thanks to funding from the Scientific and Cultural Facilities District (SCFD), Denver Botanic Gardens (DBG) and Denver Botanic Gardens at Chatfield both have free days in March. Free Days occur during regular Gardens hours only, and do not include ticketed events. On March 17 DBG will have a free day with thematic activities based on the Equinox Bash. Denver Botanic Gardens at Chatfield will host a free day on March 7.

Camps For Kids

Denver Botanic Gardens offers fun-filled camps for kids. Be sure to sign up for the March session being held for children ages 6-12. Spring Break KidCamp will take place March 24-28, from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Kids will have the opportunity to discover a new aspect of the plant world each day with lots of fun activities.

2008 Art Exhibits At The Gardens

The "Fruits & Flowers of Asia" exhibit will run through March 30.

The Gardens' Botanical Illustration program presents original works on paper featuring plants of Asian origin, including fruits, vegetables, waterlilies and more. This exhibit complements the "A Plantsman in Asia" photography exhibit.

The "A Plantsman in Asia" exhibit will be on display through March 31.

Thirty-two compelling color photographs tell vivid stories about the importance of plants and plant products in the lives of Asian peoples. The photos were taken over a period of 20 years of plant exploration in the Far East by Paul W. Meyer, director of the

Morris Arboretum of the University of Pennsylvania.

Gardening Help

We have answers to all of your gardening questions! Colorado Master Gardeners are available to answer questions every Tuesday, Saturday and Free Day from March through Sept. 30 from 12:00 through 4:00 p.m. (In May and June, the program is also staffed on Thursdays). Access our experts the following ways: In-person at the Gardens' Helen Fowler Library. By phone: 720-865-3575, and via e-mail: gardeninghelp@botanicgardens.org. Gardening Help is a joint program of Colorado State University Cooperative Extension Master Gardeners and Denver Botanic Gardens.

Denver Botanic Gardens is located at 1005 York Street in Denver, Colorado. Visit www.botanicgardens.org or call 720-865-3500 for more information. ♦

Summer Camps at Bluff Lake

Bluff Lake Nature Center is planning for an exciting season of Junior Naturalist camps. Bluff Lake camps offer a variety of themes to choose from, including Bug Camp, Wonderful Winged Things, and Water Week. The camps are designed for ages six to ten, and nurture your child's adventurous spirit. There is hiking through the refuge, wading in the creek, reading books and making crafts. Get your child unplugged and outside to enjoy all of the wonderful experiences that nature has to offer.

All Junior Naturalist Camps are 9:00 a.m. to noon. The cost is \$105 per week for members and \$125/week for non-members. General registration begins after February 22.

In 2008, Bluff Lake is proud to offer a Junior Naturalist Scholarship Program. Families that qualify for any level of free and reduced lunch in schools are eligible for free tuition. For more information on scholarships, call Susan Beckett at 303-468-3244.

Bluff Lake is a 123 acre wildlife refuge on the eastern edge of Stapleton. For more information on the camps and Bluff Lake membership, visit <http://www.blufflakenaturecenter.org>. Bluff Lake also offers a great array of family-friendly summer fireside chats and serves as a peaceful place to take a walk in the middle of the city. ♦



Seniors at Park Hill Residence Pie Day (left to right) Ethel Ray, Mary Tinnes (activities director), Susan Warner and Lendora

To listen to live and archived House floor proceedings, please visit www.coloradochannel.net, and to contact Rep. Marshall write to rosemary.marshall.house@state.co.us. ♦

Election Judges Wanted

Denver's Election Division is actively recruiting election Judges for the August and November elections. Election judges are compensated \$100+ per day. Please consider this opportunity to assist Denver in conducting successful elections.

Applications should be returned to the Election Division. Address information is listed in the following application link: www.denvergov.org/elections. Questions? Please phone the Elections Division at 720-913-VOTE(8683). ♦

Appreciating Water

The lack of clean and accessible drinking water is the second largest worldwide killer of children under five. To address this situation, a nationwide effort called the Tap Project celebrates the clean and accessible tap water available as an every day privilege to millions, while helping UNICEF provide safe drinking water to children around the world.

Beginning Sunday, March 16 through Saturday, March 22, World Water Week, participating restaurants will invite their customers to donate a minimum of \$1 for the tap water they would normally get for free. For every dollar raised, a child will have clean drinking water for 40 days.

to help maintain our political and security interests.

DIS is located at 1958 Elm Street. Teachers, staff and current DIS families will be available to answer questions and provide tours of the facilities. Snacks and children's activities also will be available.

Denver International School is an independent school that fulfills the highest educational standards of the United States, China, France, Spain and other countries by offering early immersion bilingual international education, accredited by participating governments, in order to prepare its students to thrive in a diverse and competitive global society. For more information, call 303-756-0381 or visit www.dischool.org. ♦

Park Hill Residence Celebrates Pie Day

On January 23 the residents at Park Hill Residence made pecan, apple and banana cream pies. They were helped by the resident chef. While working with favorite recipes they also shared pie stories from their past. Discussion of baking pies in an old kitchen on a wood stove, pumpkin pies on Thanksgiving and banana cream pies baked by mom were among the memories shared while commemorating International Pie Day.

To learn more about Park Hill Residence and other Senior Housing Options see www.seniorhousingoptions.org or call 303-595-9225. ♦

From the Desk of Greg Rasheed

