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NEWSLETTER

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ENN is open to all residents of the Evergreen area, regardless of length of residency. ENN's mission is to provide opportunities for its members to meet others through social events and activity groups.



WINTER WONDERLAND

The ENN membership list is only for the personal use of ENN members and may not be used for commercial or non-ENN purposes.

WELCOME 😊 NEW 😊 MEMBERS

Ken & Marilyn Frick Kathy Kramer

HOW TO CONTACT ACTIVITY LEADERS

from the Board

Because of an earlier security breach resulting in several activity leaders receiving emails from inappropriate sources, the ENN Board decided not to publish the personal emails for activity leaders or board members in the newsletter. You may contact any activity leader by using the ENN email Activities@EvergreenNewcomers.com. Activity leaders may continue to communicate with their group members internally using personal contacts. That is their choice. Should members wish to communicate by phone with activity leaders they can refer to the ENN directory.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

John Dunlop



I hope each of you enjoyed the holidays and were able to get together with family and friends!

2020. WOW! Who would believe it? Remember the Y2K scare? All the computers around the world would possibly shut down because none of the code was written to account for the year

2000. Thankfully, the world did not come to a screeching halt and technology has continued to advance at an ever increasing rate!

The ENN **Holiday Dinner Party on December 3rd** was a wonderful event with 50 plus of our members enjoying delicious food and drink at **The Bistro at Marshdale**. Thank you to Sylvia Stafford and Riley Hanback for arranging this fun evening! See photos at the end of this newsletter.

Our three new activity groups, **Serendipity 2.0**, **Day Time Mahjong** and the **International ENN** have been overwhelmingly successful, with many folks participating in these groups.

If you have served on the board in the past, please accept my thanks and deep appreciation for the contributions you made to ENN. If you haven't served on the board, I would ask you to please consider volunteering for one of our open positions. They are not overly time consuming and it will give you an opportunity to meet even more wonderful people.



SEEKING VOLUNTEERS TO JOIN OUR TEAM

ENN relies on the strong leadership that our Board provides to manage our organization and support our many activities. There will be a changing of the guard in June, when the following positions will become vacant.

- * **Vice President**
- * **Community Outreach**
- * **Membership**
- * **Nominating**
- * **Programs and Socials**
- * **Publicity**

Please consider filling one of these vacancies. We encourage newer members to come forward and join the team. Individuals or pairs may contact the current chair of any position to confirm the parameters of that position and ask questions. Alternately, you may contact Maureen Taillon, current Nominating Chair, at nominating@evergreennewcomers.com.



ACTIVITIES

INTERNATIONAL ENN: Meetings TBD

Leaders: Wes & Kate Brooks

The purpose of the Club is to gather ENN members who have either lived abroad or who have a high appetite for travel and who therefore bring global interest and experiences to share. The first gathering was held at our house in Marshdale on November 14th and we're enthusiastic about our future!



left to right:
Marguerite & Udo Hartung
Kate Brooks
Matthew & Simone Simpson
George & Anna Marie Nelson
Carol Hanback
Georgia & Hugh Dickey
Elaine Morse
Myrna Goldberg

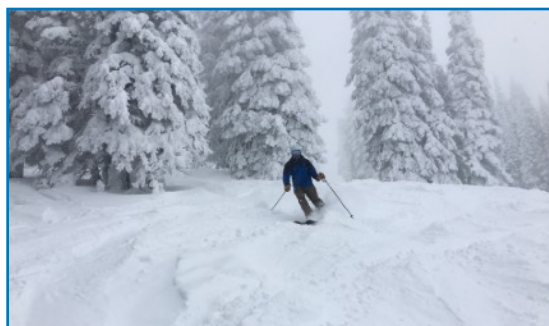
*Missing from photo -
Caroline & Ron Larson
Wes Brooks (photographer)*

*Other members who were
unable to attend:
Laura & Wayne Ackerman
Riley Hanback
Linda & Roland Schroeder
Maureen Taillon
Gloria Van Durme*

BLACK DIAMOND SKIING

John Illich

Our next planned event is a day trip after the holiday crowds, on **Monday, Jan 6th**, to an IKON location. Contact John for details and carpool information. I got my Twelve Days of Christmas in before the holiday crowds! The resorts are gradually opening up and expanding trails and there is good cover on all but the steepest trails. Let's get some sun!



HIKING GROUP

Sue Daley & Linda Bolinger

The ENN "Summer Hiking Group" has changed to the "ENN Hiking Group." That means that they will be hiking **year-round**. The Winter hike organizers are Sue Daley & Linda Bolinger, and Don Rosenthal & Craig Gardner remain as Summer coordinators for the group. The winter hiking is going week-to-week because of weather concerns, so there will not be an itinerary of hikes for the months to come. An email will be sent out each week.

Right: November hike in Reynolds Park.
Gene and Sue Daley, Mark and Linda Bolinger,
Randy Labac and Gary Sloan



Left: December hike in Staunton State Park
Don Rosenthal, Gene Daley, Trisha Rosenthal, Sue
Daley, Gerry Volgenau, Linda Bolinger and Gary Sloan.

If you would like to be added to the Hiking email list for notification of scheduled hikes year round, please contact the leaders at Activities@EvergreenNewcomers.com. They will also be happy to answer your questions about the new and improved format.

SPORTING CLAYS GROUP

Alan Palestine



Six really tough and dedicated shooters braved a very cold, near freezing December day to shoot sporting clays. Fun Fact: Shotshell pellets travel slower in colder temperatures because the air is denser.

(L to R) Bob Ogden, Robin Knox, John Farnsworth, Tony Oliver, Lee Johnson and photo by Tim Limbert.

Depending on the weather, the next sporting clay shoot will be January 21, 2020 at 10:30 at Kiowa Creek Sporting Clays.

Contact Alan Palestine for additional details.

LEND A BOOK

Marion Dries

We lend books that we recommend to the group with no date of return. After the member gives a brief synopsis of a book, anyone may "borrow" it and return when finished. All this give-and-take is recorded by your Lend-a-Book coordinator. If you would like to join us, we meet on the 3rd Monday of the month at 9:30 AM.

Our annual Holiday Brunch was generously hosted, once again, by **Connie Bierkan**, a local author and hostess extraordinaire. The gift exchange included much joking, stealing and camaraderie.

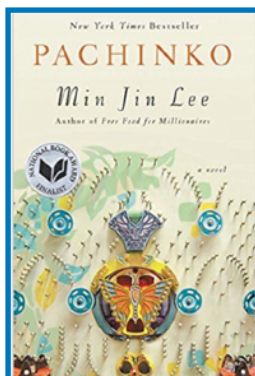


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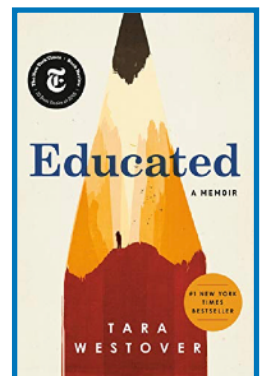
In November, Colorado author **Roger Howell** joined us to discuss his novel "**The Reclamation**". Kit Brown-Hoekstra invited the author and was our hostess.

On December 19th at our annual holiday lunch we exchanged favorite books in a card-draw format that brought together a wonderful mix of genres and topics that we will continue to share in 2020.



Our January 16 book selection is **Pachinko by Min Jin Lee**, a National Book Award finalist in 2017. Set in Japan, it is a complex and passionate saga of love, sacrifice, ambition and loyalty.

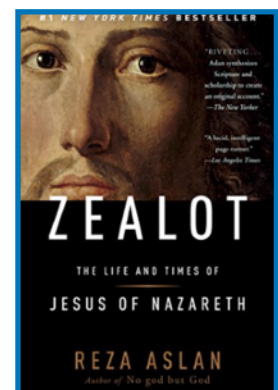
Our February 20 book selection will be **Educated by Tara Westover**. It received numerous book awards in 2018. An autobiography of an Idaho-raised and home-schooled woman who graduated with honors from BYU, Trinity College, Cambridge and was a fellow at Harvard University.



NON-FICTION BOOK GROUP

Elaine Morse

Our next meeting will be January 14th at Hugh Dickey's house where we will discuss **Zealot: The Life and Times of Jesus of Nazareth, by Reza Aslan**. Sifting through centuries of mythmaking, Reza Aslan sheds new light on one of history's most enigmatic figures by examining Jesus through the lens of the tumultuous era in which he lived. Balancing the Jesus of the Gospels against the historical sources, Aslan describes a man full of conviction and passion, yet rife with contradiction. He explores the reasons the early Christian church preferred to promulgate an image of Jesus as a peaceful spiritual teacher rather than a politically conscious revolutionary. And he grapples with the riddle of how Jesus understood himself, the mystery that is at the heart of all subsequent claims about his divinity.



SERENDIPITY 2.0

Carol Hanback

This enthusiastic group of “GO-ers & DO-ers” attends various performances/exhibits/activities in our Metro area via CARPOOLS, taking advantage of special DISCOUNTED TICKET RATES arranged for us. Dates & times of our monthly get-togethers vary according to venue schedules. We enjoy experiencing these new activities together. Come and see for yourself! All ENN MEMBERS are welcome to join our activities with a reservation. To RSVP or obtain further details about our activities contact Carol Hanback at the phone number listed in the ENN Directory.

A large group of ENN members attended the **Monet Exhibit** of 120 paintings a week after it opened at the **Denver Art Museum** in November. This exhibit is exclusive to Denver. It's been 20 years since the great Impressionist artist Monet was last exhibited in the Mile High City.



On December 12th, our group enjoyed a beautiful, mild winter day to take a **Holiday Tour** of the breathtakingly beautiful **Boettcher Governor's Mansion** on 8th Avenue in downtown Denver. Dressed in its Christmas best, we were dazzled by the opulent beauty of the mansion, and the solarium addition, with views that once took in the expanse from Pike's Peak to Long's Peak.



A trip to an Escape Room is upcoming. Consider joining us for this and more adventures in 2020. We'd love to have you!

EVENING BRIDGE

Pat Haines

Our annual holiday buffet was held December 13th at the home of **Pat & Ralph Haines**. We had 25 people and lots of good cheer. **Linda Kirkpatrick** had the high score of the night.



Our January gathering will be courtesy of **Diane & Fred Kinat-Jaynes**. Details will be sent early January. Looking forward to another good year of fine friends and camaraderie!

GALS' BREAKFAST

Louise Whiteside

New (and older) members are invited to join us once a month for some fun gal chatter and a great breakfast! We will meet in the Evergreen area during January and February because of "questionable" weather conditions. Examples of restaurants we may visit during the winter months include DW's 285 Diner (Conifer); The Bread Lounge; Wildflower Cafe; Lakeshore Cafe (new) and Country Road Cafe (Kittridge).



GUYS' BREAKFAST

John Dunlop

The ENN Guys' Breakfast is the second Tuesday or Wednesday of each month. We gather at 8:30 AM at the designated location for a good meal and lots of "guy" talk. Usually, by 9:45 we are done and ready to take on the day.

December found 20 plus guys gathering at **DW's 285 Diner in Conifer**. Everyone had a hearty breakfast and interesting conversation to start off the day.

Now that the **Parkside Café** is open in Bergen Park, I hope to have our breakfast there in either January or February.

For more information or to get on the Guys' Breakfast email list, please contact me at activities@EvergreenNewcomers.com



SWAG (Savvy Women and Gals)

Carol Goss & Harriet Sear



Our November program was delayed until Dec 2nd due to inclement weather. SWAG met at the home of Simone Simpson for a presentation about **The Evergreen Shelter Program (ESP)**, coordinated by EChO and started in 2016. Michelle O'Laughlin (Church of the Transfiguration) and Linda Kissel (Christ the King Catholic

Church) spoke and SWAG members donated useful items for the homeless served by ESP. Here is a photo of an unexpected guest that showed up in Simone's yard. (photo by Fran Nelson)



On January 27th **Dr. Mike Traxler** will make a presentation about **bioenergetic wellness**, the innate healing potential of our own bodies. This often means freeing the nervous system so the body can heal itself. Dr. Traxler has studied diet, nutrition, energy and kinesiology and his practice is in North Evergreen. Our hostess will be Fran Nelson.

Monday, February 24 1:00-2:30PM
Using Gentle Yoga to Relax and Restore
A group participatory session at
Sweet Side Yoga, 29793 Ruby Ranch Road,
North Evergreen (near El Rancho)
followed by tea and treats
Mats and props provided
limit 14 participants
Sponsor: Diana Smith Hostess: Amy Rose Stabley



WINE CLUB – IN VINO VERITAS

John Dunlop

December 2019 gathering

All of the members of the ENN wine club, In Vino Veritas, met on December 21st at **The Evergreen Cooking School** in the Bergen Village Shopping Center. Each couple brought a bottle or two of their favorite wine to enjoy and share while we dined on several of Chef Mark's party trays. Chef Mark demonstrated his culinary skills by preparing his famous Whiskey Shrimp!

A fun time was had by all!



The following list of ENN activities appears on our website. There you can click on the name of any activity on the list and you will be taken to a sub-page with an expanded description of that specific activity. We welcome your ideas for new activities and new leaders!

**ENN Activity Groups: Chairman Frank McVeigh, 303-670-1919,
Activities@EvergreenNewcomers.com**

Current ENN membership is required for participation in any activity.		
Activity	Leaders	Schedule
4 X 4	Bob Ogden Collette Lambert	Various Saturdays (Seasonal)
Black Diamond Skiing	John Illich	Tuesdays (seasonal)
Book Group #2	Jan Cryns	Third Thursday, 1 PM
Book Group #3 (non-fiction / co-ed)	Elaine Morse	Dates Vary
Bowling	Laurie & Tim Limbert	2nd Monday, 7 PM
Bridge Daytime	Sue Greenwell	2nd & 4th Thursday
Bridge Evening	Pat Haines	3rd Friday
Canasta	Jae Lucas Kelly Yousem	Wednesday 1-3:30 PM
Gals' Breakfast	Louise Whiteside	Dates/Times vary
Guys' Breakfast	John Dunlop	2nd Tuesday, 8:30 AM
Hiking Group	Craig Gardner (summer) Don Rosenthal (summer) Sue Daley (winter) Linda Bolinger (winter)	Every Friday, weather permitting
International ENN	Wes & Kate Brooks	Dates/Times vary
Ladies Golf	Katy Lynch	Wednesday (seasonal)
Lend a Book	Marion Dries	3rd Monday, 9:30 AM
Mah Jongg (daytime)	Mindy Nitkin	Wednesdays, 10 AM
Mah Jongg (evening)	Simone Simpson	Mondays, 6:30 PM
Motorcycles	John Griggs	Various Saturdays (seasonal)
Needlework	Sheri Matz	1st Monday, 10 AM
Poker Night	Rose Warren	Dates/Times vary
Quilting	Sue Daley Sandy Illich	2nd Monday, 10 AM
Serendipity 2.0	Carol Hanback	Monthly - dates/times vary
SWAG (Savvy Women and Gals)	Harriet Sear Carol Goss	4th Monday, 10 AM
Sporting Clays	Alan Palestine	3rd or 4th Tuesday
The Wine Tasters	Pat Williamson	1st Saturday evening, Alternate Months
Wine Tasting	Frank McVeigh	Multiple Social Groups - 3rd Saturday evening

PROGRAMS AND SOCIAL EVENTS

Sylvia Stafford & Riley Hanback programsandsocials@evergreennewcomers.com

ENN HOLIDAY PARTY

ENN members ushered in the holiday season at the Annual Holiday Party, held this year on **December 3rd at the Bistro at Marshdale**. The festive evening started with a happy hour with passed hors d'oeuvres and mingling. Before a delicious sit-down dinner featuring, steak, flounder or chicken, John Dunlop welcomed everyone and acknowledged those who contributed to the success of the evening. First **Carol and Riley Hanback** were thanked for contributing their collection of Liberty Falls Village buildings that were used to create the individualized place settings designed by **Judy McCaffrey**, with assistance from her cousin and guest Shary Stevens. John also thanked **Dore Huss of STEMS - A Flower Shop** located in Evergreen, for her generous offer to match ENN's budget for the check-in table arrangement which was later won by **Joe Glasmire** as the evening's door prize. At the end of the evening, Alison and the Bistro staff were thanked for excellent food, outstanding service and a fabulous time. If you missed this year's festivities, we hope to see you at an upcoming Happy Hour or the annual Summer Party.





