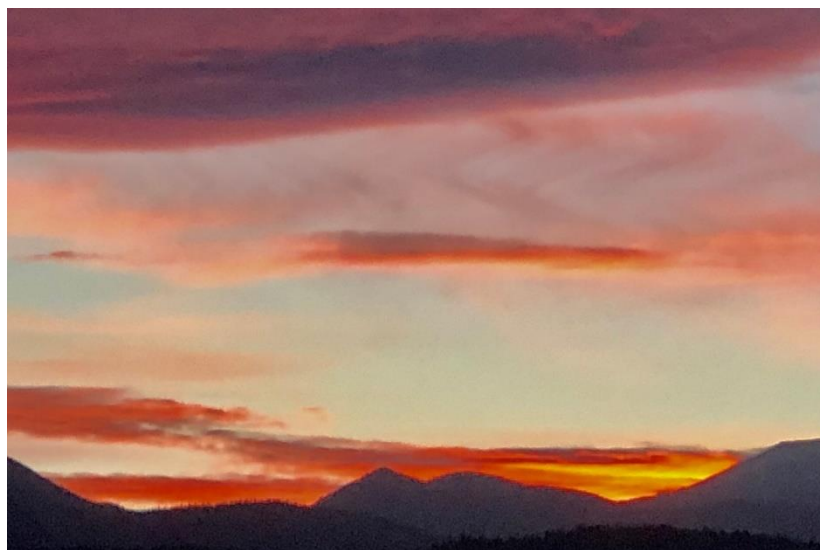


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A very colorful sunset this evening over Epaulet Mountain (13,537') with Mt Evans (14,272') to the right and Rosalie Peak (13,577') to the left. — Frank McVeigh on Oct. 30, 2021



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**Feb. 20 for Club recaps
and Jan/Feb information**

President's Message

by Riley Hanback



On behalf of your ENN Board, I want to wish everyone a Happy New Year! I hope that everyone enjoyed a wonderful and stress-free holiday season.

I know some travelled and some stayed home for peace and quiet, so however you

spent the holidays, I hope they were festive.

Others, however, were much less fortunate than us. The devastating fires in Boulder County, the largest and most destructive in Colorado history, affected thousands of people and their lives. The last count I heard was 991 families lost their homes, but fortunately the loss of life, while still tragic, was low.

It was rewarding to hear the praise given to the first responders and their efforts to minimize the danger. There are many in need of so much, and multiple sites have been created in order for people to donate and help with the recovery. We encourage anyone wishing to help to visit these sites. Our sincerest

condolences to those who lost loved ones in this fire, or who have family affected by this disaster; our thoughts and prayers are with them.

As we enter 2022, your ENN Board is working to build on our 60th anniversary year. We saw a return of our Summer Party, our Winter Party, a successful Commemorative Bench campaign, an increase in our Happy Hour attendance (55 at our November HH), a growing and informative Newsletter, and another successful EChO food drive! These are encouraging results and we continue to look forward to participating with our ENN membership this year.

We hope you continue to participate in the many activities offered by ENN, and I want to thank our Activity Leaders for their efforts and willingness to lead our groups. The ENN mission is to bring people together for fun, and we want to continue the enthusiasm and growth we have seen this last year!

Happy 2022! - RH

Editor's note:

The following article was the result of a conversation Riley Hanback, ENN president, had with a new member at our

November Happy Hour. We hope you will be as inspired by the positivity and enthusiasm shown by the author to reach for new goals and to welcome new friendships.

A Homerun!

By new ENN member, Bill Hughes

My wife, Nancy, and I moved from Austin, Texas to Evergreen in November, 2020. We fell in love with our new "forever location" at first sight.

Nancy and I were both born and raised in Kentucky, met in college at Western Kentucky University, after graduating ... we spent 12 years working in Franklin, KY (my hometown) ... starting our family there, until we decided to move to Albuquerque, NM (where most of Nancy's family lived) for the next 23. We then moved to Austin (again where several family members resided) for the next five years prior to moving here.

Our sons and their families live in Westminster and Monument ... so our new home is (strategically) right in the middle. We are blessed to have two grandchildren that are now 10 and 11 years of age and we love the sleepovers, not to mention being able to attend their extracurricular sports and related

activities/interests. This coming February, Nancy and I will be celebrating our 44th wedding anniversary and choosing to live in Evergreen has been one of our best joint decisions ever.

When we moved here, being fully retired, I had time on my hands. If you remember, we had some big snows the first of this year ... coupled with the Covid-19 restrictions ... I was getting some "cabin fever." I went to our local Chamber office and researched several options there and on the internet looking for volunteer opportunities in this great community. I came across the Evergreen Parks and Rec website and noticed that they were rolling out some baseball clinics specifically for children ages 4 to 7, both T-Ball and Coach-Pitch. I inquired to see if they could use a **volunteer ASSISTANT** coach, they said "no" ... they needed someone to run the program and I had the job.

I have over 50 years of coaching, umpiring, and playing experience and have



run one-day clinics specific to these age groups in the past. (I actually still played baseball until we made our move in a 60-plus age league ... and I was certainly in the "plus" category.) I just LOVE the game!

In 2020, EPRD rolled out a pilot program and had eight players participate ... not enough to even field a full team of nine.

This past summer, when I began, we had 32 players participate ... with more on the waiting list. This past fall, the number grew to 64 ... with a waiting list, too. Unlike the summer ... due to the size of the fall turnout ... we were able to have individual clinics specific to their ages ... the 4-year olds had their own and 5, 6, and 7 respectively. This allowed the training to be tailored to their age-banded skill levels and it was truly fun to see their growth as well as their love for the game. With this number, it COULD NOT have happened without the support of the parents who volunteered and (truth be told ... if asked) they had fun doing it as well.

The clinics for each group were once per week ... one hour each ... for six weeks. The time however spent researching,

planning, field preparation, setting up and taking down the training stations was easily 10 X the time spent during the actual clinic, but **I am not complaining one bit.**

As a funny note just prior to one of the last clinics ... I arrived at the Stagecoach baseball field earlier than normal ... and SO glad I did. A herd of Elk must have been camped there the prior weekend. In my life, I have never seen SO many "droppings" in one small space. I thought I scooped up at least 50 gallons of the "gifted chips" that were left behind ... and that was just in the "infield." When the kids arrived, no one wanted to go into the "outfield" if the ball went there ... so, I had to change the training station "locations" on the fly that day.

One of the really neat things we did for each group, at their last clinic ... we actually tried to simulate a **REAL** baseball game. Parents were all in the stands this time on purpose (not on the field), so they could enjoy the fruits of their own labors. Purposely, I had some volunteer Evergreen High School baseball players in full uniform that helped me with the game. The children were introduced one by one with "music" blaring, we did



the national anthem while facing the flag in front of their parents (great photo-op), and after the game ... they received medals ... given to them by the high school players.



It was really awesome ... seeing them apply the **FUN**-damentals they had learned the previous five weeks. Even after it is also SO neat to be in the grocery store, a restaurant, or event ... and I hear **"Hi COACH!"** (That will never get old.)



Nancy now works part-time during the weekends at the "Evergreen Crafters" store where she has met SO many nice local people, not to mention the tourists that say time and time again ... how envious they are that we live here, along with Evergreen Crafters being one of their favorite stores. Coupled with attending the various ENN events and the people we have met while doing so, we are extremely happy here ... just like the baseball clinics ... a **"HOMERUN" on EVERY LEVEL.**

P.S. If there is anyone reading this article that LOVES the game of baseball, too, and would like to help I would love to hear from you! We would also benefit from any "gently" used baseball equipment (helmets, bats, gloves, etc.) that your children or grandchildren have outgrown ... that's taking up valuable storage space in your attic or garage. Please contact me and we can chat about either or both.

Thank you for asking me to write this first chapter of our Evergreen story. We can't wait to experience what more lies ahead. - BH



Evergreen Newcomers and Neighbors | Groups | Facebook

If you'd like to connect online with ENN take a close look at our private Facebook group's name above. It is Evergreen Newcomers and Neighbors. There are other Facebook groups with the word "Colorado" in it. **This is not our group.** Your ENN board will use this online site to periodically educate and inform our members.

Welcome New Members! ~

Harry and Judy Gaylor

Lesley Hurs

Doug & Beth Wolters

Lisa Coen

Stephanie Flocks

Debra & Patrick Becker

Introduce yourself when you see any of our newest members at an upcoming ENN activity.

And join all of us at our next

ENN Happy Hour

Wednesday, Jan. 15
4:00-6:00pm

The Wild Game
1204 Bergen Parkway,
Evergreen

2021 Annual ENN EChO Food Drive Results

We collected \$100 in cash, \$315 in checks and 538 items for a total of 714 pounds during ENN's annual December EChO food drive.

I would like to thank everyone for their time and generosity to this cause. Special thanks to Carol Goss and Frank McVeigh for being out in the cold with me to collect all of the items.

Thank you all,

Riley Hanback, ENN
President



Strategic packing with the many items collected during ENN's annual food drive.



Barb Conway and Carol Goss delivering donations to Meg Kendal, the Mountain Community Pathways Manager

SWAG, Carol Goss and Harriet Sear, Co-leaders

SWAG members annually vote on area nonprofits in order to collect donations for the chosen charities.

In November, Barb Conroy and Carol Goss delivered the SWAG donations to Mountain Community Pathways and EChO Shelter Program.

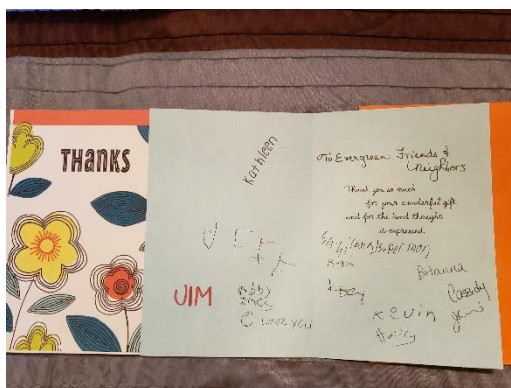
The photo in the column to the left is the Thank You Card signed by the residents of Mountain Community Pathways.

"On behalf of Mountain Community Pathways, I wanted to thank you for donating paper goods and cleaning products! We use the supplies daily to maintain a healthy environment for our fragile folks. This supply will get us through the winter in good shape. It is very generous of your group, and we appreciate it very much."

Joan Wilson & Cindy Reynolds, Mountain Community Pathways



Frank McVeigh, Carol Goss and Riley Hanback manning the collection site for ENN's annual EChO food drive.



Congratulations to Pat Haines. She was the only person to correctly identify the location of the ghostly image in our Oct/Nov 2021 newsletter. The location was in Heritage Park at Hiwan Museum. Pat won a \$25 gift certificate to Keys on the Green.

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SWAG Donations (con't.)

The EChO Shelter Program (ESP) was very thankful too. Tim Clancy, the Shelter Director, said the shelter guests would be very grateful.

On November 16th, we met at



SWAG's November meeting and holiday party at Jan Cryns' home. Pictured above are the members present and their donations.

the home of Jan Cryns for socialization and holiday craft activities that Jan had prepared for the group. What fun we had! It was a wonderful afternoon. At that time, we gathered all the donations from the group for our holiday project.

Our Savvy Women and Gals is an amazing group of women! Their donations went above and beyond expectations. Our yearly holiday community support project brought many generous donations from our

Activities

To join any activity, send an email to the group leader at:

activities@evergreennewcomers.com

. You will be contacted by the leader.

Go to evergreennewcomers.com and click the link "Get Involved" and then "Activities" to access details on each activity.

group for Mountain Community Pathways and the EChO Shelter Program. Mountain Community Pathways is dedicated to the success of people with developmental disabilities and the mission of the Evergreen Shelter Program is to provide shelter, a hot meal, and compassionate interaction to individuals and families experiencing homelessness on cold weather nights.



Barb Conway and Carol Goss delivering donations to Meg Kendal, Mountain Community-Pathways Manager.

We extend a huge thank you to Barb Conroy for coordinating this holiday project; she did an awesome job!

SWAG did not meet in December; we encouraged all members to enjoy the ENN Holiday Party.

Swag will meet again on January 18th from 1:00-3:00pm in the home of Fran Nelson. She has arranged for a speaker, Kent Huff, to talk about Cryptocurrency. This meeting may also be accessible on Zoom. We are still looking for a host and topic for our February meeting.

Savvy Women and Gals (SWAG) is a group of women interested in learning about and/or presenting topics that are of interest to our group. We are a casual and amiable group who enjoy broadening our knowledge base and who have generated many close relationships during the quest. We invite all ENN Women to join our group to expand their horizons and to make new friends.

Solo Wine Group, Donna Lomax, Leader

We had our Solo Wine Group "debut" on Saturday, Nov. 6,

with four solo's in attendance. This was a "meet and greet" although we did drink our fair share of wine as we discussed a few possibilities for future club get togethers, increasing membership, and possible changes to the group meetup time.

All of us felt that due to our age and traveling to Wine Group during the dark winter months, we would like to change the meet time to about 4 PM on our designated Saturdays. We are confident we will grow our group with time.



Solo Wine Group's First Gathering members from L to R: Carol Goss, Harriet Sear, Donna Lomax and Susan Keil.

Serendipity 2.0 Group, Carol Hanback, Leader

We have been waiting three years to attend the annual charity event **Tables Extraordinaire** at St. Catherine's Greek Church in Greenwood Village. Three of us attended this beautiful event on Friday, December 3rd.

Tables Extraordinaire is a 30 year, annual charity event hosted by the church featuring an incredible display of 25 - 30 lavishly decorated, themed holiday tables with a bake sale, featuring delicious Greek pastries.

Following are a few tables which caught the eye of group member and attendee Lee Anne Powers.



Time for a selfie! Pictured L to R: Lee Anne Powers, Carol Hanback and Diane Graboski.

Gals' Breakfast Group, Louise Whiteside, Leader

Our November Gals' Breakfast was held on Friday, November 26 (the day after "Turkey Day") at the Parkside Café in Evergreen. Five ladies were in attendance. Our December breakfast was on Friday, December 31 at the Blackbird Café and Tavern in Kittridge and on January 28th we will meet at 9:30am at the Conifer Café. New members are invited to join our group for food and fun!

Book Club #3 Non-fiction, Elaine Morse, Leader

The Non-fiction book group met virtually by Zoom for all of our meetings except two. We met once at Hugh Dickey's and once at Elaine Morse's.



These are some of the books that we read:

Humans: A Brief History of how we f****d it all up, by Tom Phillips

A Promised Land, by Barack Obama

Madam Curie, by Eve Curi

Ruth Bader Ginsburg, By June Sherron de Hart

Wright Brothers, by David McCullough

Salt Path: A Memoir, by Raynor Winn

Caste: The Origins of our Discontents, by Isabel Wilkerson

A Good Provider is one who leaves, Jason De Parle

Meritocracy, by Daniel Markovits

Book Club #2 Fiction, Jan Cryns, Leader

What a wonderful year! We were able to meet via Zoom the first half of the year and began to meet in person again the second half.

At our November meeting we discussed "A Piece of the World" by Christina Baker Kline, a fictional work based on the woman who inspired Andrew Wyeth's painting "Christina's World." In December, we skipped the discussion and just had snacks and a book exchange.

With the rise in COVID cases, we are looking to try a hybrid Zoom and in person meeting starting in January. The book for discussion is "This Time Next Year, We'll be Laughing" by Jacqueline Winspear, a memoir of growing up in England during WWII, by the author of the engaging Maisie Dobbs books.

February will be "The Soul of a Woman" by an autobiography of Isabelle Allende. We loved the book "Daughter of Fortune" and decided to learn more about this amazing author.

Piecemakers Quilting, Sandy Illich, Leader

The Evergreen Piecemakers started off the quarter with a fun and productive three-day quilt retreat in Blackhawk where we sewed, and ate, and laughed, then did it again. We also just enjoyed our annual holiday party luncheon where we shared good food, Christmas cookies and a gift swap. We've been very productive as you can see below; some pictures of our handiwork.



Cheri's beautiful quilt.



A group photo from our retreat.

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Piecemakers (con't.)



Tricia hiding behind one of her People Comforter quilts.



Rachael's Holiday Centerpiece..

Lend-a-book, Kris Sitarski, Leader



This fun group asks members to bring a favorite book with a summary to present and trade.

All welcome!

Evacuation Considerations

The recent devastating fires in Boulder County reminded all of us that it can happen to us.

Evergreen Fire Rescue has outstanding information on their website to aid you in knowing how to prepare for eminent disaster and evacuation.

www.evergreenfirerescue.com

For complete information and downloadable documents to help you organize and get prepared for disaster here go here:

[Emergency-Preparedness-Guide-PDF \(jeffco.us\)](http://jeffco.us)

If you see a hazard that will potentially affect and harm the public your first step is to **call 9-1-1**.

At the above website you will find comprehensive lists on how to prepare for in home and in business evacuations, a "preparedness checklist," and what to do with domestic pets and livestock.

There is also comprehensive information on sheltering in place along with food, water and safety precautions.

Who To Call When Wildlife is Injured or Troublesome?

After reading a disturbing social media post by an Evergreen neighbor who spotted a severely injured cow elk, the poster asked "Who do I call for help?" Call our nearest CPW (Colorado Parks & Wildlife) office in Littleton:

Monday – Friday, 8:00am-5:00pm **303-791-1954**

After hours call Colorado State Patrol **303-239-4501**

Other places to call for wildlife & domestic animal help:

Division of Wildlife - 303-297-1192

Evergreen Animal Protective League – 303-674-6442

Intermountain Humane Society - 303-838-2668

ENN Annual Holiday Party 2021, a photo essay



Wayne and Laura Ackerman, ENN
Programs & Socials Co-chairs...



Richard Powers with Lucille Razzano, ENN's
Hospitality Chair.



Seth and Carol
Miller



Fran and Frank
McVeigh –
Activities Chair,
Marko and Annie
Ginsberg, ENN
Publicity Chair.



Joe and Sandy Glasmire, Carol Hanback, ENN Secretary and
Gloria Van Dorne.



Brendan and Jan Cryns, ENN
Membership Chair.



Frank and Kathleen Rimlinger..



Evergreen High School Chorale directed by Sara Garza.



Mike and Jean
Wells.



Judy and Harry Gaylor.



Randy and Carolyn LaBac.



Sandy Glasmire and Gail Gardner.



Kris and Dave Sitarski.



Linda Bolinger, Gary and Robin Sloan..



Fran McVeigh drawing a Christmas tree on top of her head!



Fred and Carol Espenship.



Deb Butler, Wendy Meister, Ros and John Warren, Frank and Fran McVeigh.



Nancy and Bill Hughes.



Carol Hanback drawing a Christmas tree on top of her head -a very fun game.



Simone and Mat Simpson.



Bill Hughes won at his table for drawing the best Christmas tree.



Julie and Tim Hause.



Randy LaBac won at his table for drawing the best Christmas tree.



Beth Walters.



Deb Butler won at her table for drawing the best Christmas tree.

Not pictured – Katheen Rimlinger and yours truly, Lee Anne Powers, won at their tables!!

ENN Activity Groups: Chairman Frank McVeigh**Activities@EvergreenNewcomers.com**

Current ENN membership is required for participation in any activity.		
Activity	Leaders	Schedule
4 X 4	Bob Ogden Tony Oliver	Various Saturdays (Seasonal)
Book Group #2	Jan Cryns	Third Thursday, 1 PM
Book Group #3 (non-fiction / co-ed)	Elaine Morse	1st Wednesday, 7 PM
Bowling	Lisa Morton	1st Tuesday, 6:30 PM
Bridge Daytime	Sue Greenwell	2nd & 4th Thursday
Bridge Evening	Pat Haines	3rd Friday
Canasta	Donna Lomax	2nd & 4th Wednesday, 1-3:30 PM
Gals' Breakfast	Louise Whiteside	Last Friday, 9:30 AM
Guys' Breakfast	John Dunlop	2nd Tuesday, 8:30 AM
International ENN	Wes & Kate Brooks	Dates/Times vary
Ladies Golf	Katy Lynch	Wednesday (seasonal)
Lend-A-Book	Kris Sitarski	3rd Monday, 9:30 AM
Mah Jongg (daytime)	Mindy Nitkin	Tuesdays, 10 AM
Mah Jongg (evening)	Simone Simpson	Mondays, 6:30 PM
Motorcycles	John Griggs	Various Saturdays (seasonal)
Nature Hikes - Summer	Rachel Hutchison	Third Wednesday (May-August)
Needlework	Sheri Matz	1st Monday, 10 AM
Paper Tigers	Carolyn Labac	Dates/Times vary
Piecemakers Quilting	Sandy Illich	2nd Monday, 10 AM
Poker Night	Rose Warren	Dates/Times vary
SWAG (Savvy Women and Gals)	Harriet Sear	3rd Tuesday, 1 PM - 3 PM
Serendipity 2.0	Carol Hanback	Monthly - dates/times vary
Sporting Clays	Alan Palestine	3rd or 4th Tuesday
SOLO Wine Tasting	Donna Lomax	Monthly - dates/times vary
The Wine Tasters	Pat Williamson	1st Saturday evening, Alternate Months
Wine Tasting	Frank McVeigh	Multiple Social Groups - 3rd Saturday evening
Yappy Hour	John Flocks	Dates/Times vary