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Time to Join or Renew your CCNNA Membership for 2015-16

(Annual Membership Year is October 1, 2015 to September 30, 2016)

You can now either pay your annual membership dues using the form below or use the credit card payment system on the CCNNA website (www.ccneighbors.com). CCNNA encourages you to use the credit card system which will allow you the opportunity for optional automatic renewal.

Name: _____

Street Address: _____

Email Address: _____ Home Phone: _____

Is this information new? Yes No *Your email address is important, as it is the primary method of communicating to our membership. Your email address is private information and will not be shared. If it has changed in the last year, please note.*

BENEFITS OF CCNNA MEMBERSHIP:

- CCNNA email keeps you informed on the latest Cherry Creek neighborhood developments and news.
- CCNNA represents your interests with the City and the Cherry Creek business community.
- CCNNA Membership means participation in our Social Groups, and invitations to Member Only Events.

Please support our neighborhood and join CCNNA. Please use this form, enclose a check for \$40 (per household), and send to: CCNNA, PO Box 6010, Denver, CO 80206.



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Next General Resident Meeting

Tuesday, March 22, 7:00 PM

- Renee Albiston, Kirkland Museum
- Tim O'Brien, Denver City Auditor
- Bill Yeoman, Denver Cherry Creek Rotary Club

CHERRY CREEK NORTH NEIGHBORHOOD Newsletter

March 2016

CHERRY CREEK NORTH NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION MISSION: To promote, protect, preserve and enhance the character of the CCN neighborhood, the quality of life of its residents, and the feeling of community; and to inform and represent its members.

NEXT NEIGHBORHOOD MEETING

TUESDAY, MARCH 22, 2016 AT 7:00 PM

Daniels Fund Building

(Corner of 1st and Monroe – No Street Parking. Please Use Free Parking Lot on West Side of Building)

MEETING TOPICS AND SPEAKERS



RENEE ALBISTON, KIRKLAND MUSEUM: The Kirkland, featured on Antiques Roadshow, has one of the most important international collections of decorative art in North America. More than 3,500 works from about 1875-1990 from most major art movements are on display. Renee Albiston graduated magna cum laude from the University of Colorado with a BA in Art History/History, and is currently pursuing a graduate degree there in the Master of Humanities program, studying Art Law and Business. She joined the Kirkland in 2011 and is currently the Marketing & Community Relations Manager. Renée will share updates on the 2017 move of the Museum to its new home in Golden Triangle Museum District, and will be giving away two free passes to visit the museum.



TIMOTHY M. O'BRIEN, DENVER CITY AUDITOR: Timothy M. O'Brien is a CPA with over 40 years of experience, including 11 years as Colorado's State Auditor. During that time he produced over 750 audit reports which improved government operations involving education, transportation, economic development, the environment and virtually all major aspects of government. These audits identified savings in excess of \$200,000,000. In 2015 he ran a successful campaign based on accountability, transparency, experience and independence and is now our Denver City Auditor. He will share with us the responsibilities of the Auditor's position and explain the changes he is making to create a more effective and efficient Auditor's Office.



BILL YEOMAN, ROTARY CLUB OF CHERRY CREEK: Rotary is the world's largest social and business networking service organization. Founded in 1987, The Denver Cherry Creek Rotary (DCCR) is a dynamic and convivial group of business men, women and active retirees. Bill will discuss DCCR's many area and international causes and membership in this local chapter.

BLOCKBUILDERS NEEDS YOU!

Be The Captain On Your Block

The popular BB program is so beneficial: it builds a sense of community between neighbors (we'll help fund your block parties!); it communicates key issues vital to our neighborhood and your block; and it provides additional security and vigilance. Several blocks, representing almost every street, are without captains. If you have not been contacted by a captain, chances are your block needs you! Our goal is to have every block involved and represented. If you are interested please contact Kristin@pawsoptions.org.

CHERRY CREEK THEATRE ADDS THURSDAY NIGHT PERFORMANCE

Cherry Creek Theatre co-founder and board chair Mark Rossman recently announced that **due to popular demand, one Thursday night performance will be added to each of the March, June and October productions.** By the time you are reading this article, there will be three weekends remaining in March for you to see *The Glass Menagerie*, the American classic by Tennessee Williams. The Thursday, March 24 and all Friday and Saturday performances will begin at 7:30. As usual, the Sunday performances will begin at 6:30. Doors open 30 minutes prior to the performance. The June production is *4000 Miles* by award winning playwright Amy Herzog. The season will end in October with the heart-warming comedy, *The Last Romance* by Joe Dipietro. The theatre is housed in the beautiful Shaver-Ramsey Gallery, 2314 E. 3rd Avenue, in the heart of Cherry Creek North. You can still purchase season tickets. Visit www.cherrycreektheatre.org or call Susie, CCT box office (303-800-6975).





UNIVERSITY OF DENVER PANEL MAKES RECOMMENDATIONS FOR ACHIEVING LEGISLATIVE ACCOUNTABILITY AND PUBLIC TRUST

Each year, **The University of Denver's Strategic Issues Program** assembles a panel of distinguished, experienced individuals from various backgrounds to tackle key issues of public concern. In the past, the panels have addressed such issues as the future of Colorado's Constitution, the State's water supply, immigration reform, and campaign finance practices. The goal is to understand the complexities of each topic and to formally present recommendations going forward.

In 2015 DU's panel included one of our own CCNNA residents, Gary Christy, and confronted one of the biggest problems in our country today: **Legislative Accountability**; how to insure it and thereby **restore the public confidence** in our elected representatives. The panel was aided in this year-long project by three former Colorado governors, former state and national senators and representatives, and members of the media, academia and business.

In this 2015 report, the panel reminds us that our Founding Fathers predicted a powerful legislative branch, representing the people and balancing executive power. In recent years, however, our legislative bodies have seemed more reactive to executive branches of government and less pro-active on important issues. 2014 had the lowest midterm election turnout in 70 years! The public trust has been eroded.

The panel determined that a principal reason for this loss of trust is that we have very few means to **hold the legislature as a whole accountable** for its performance. We can hold individuals responsible for failures (by not re-electing them) but not the institution. Elected legislators can then play the "blame the other side" game without compunction.

So how can we correct this rampant partisanship and perpetual gridlock? The panel decided that a methodology must be developed that puts the **responsibility on the entire legislative body** to accomplish what the voters need. Its recommendations will require leadership and communication with the public. The proposal is composed of two segments:

1. Before each session begins, the leadership composed of **both** political parties must agree to a list of the **most significant issues** facing the legislature. The list cannot be unreasonably long – probably a maximum of ten top issues. Acting on these problems should, in effect, become the plan for a major portion of that year's session. **Agreement from both parties is essential.** Then, this list of issues must be widely publicized through mainstream print and electronic media, social media, schools and community organizations prior to the session's commencement.
2. The second segment of the panel's proposal is a full report at the end of the legislative session on the **results achieved** in dealing with the selected issues – which laws were passed, and which were not and why not. Again, the contents of this report would be agreed to by the leadership of both parties and it would be distributed to the same population as the original plan.

The panel believes this proposal should be enacted into legislation. It further believes that failure to act on this proposal would be an indication of poor leadership. No organization can operate effectively without a plan and this is what is proposed – a plan of action that is communicated to the voters.

Elected representatives will have opportunities to exhibit bipartisan cooperation, assume leadership roles, demonstrate political capability, and educate the public on the current issues and the processes of legislating. Those who assume leadership in accomplishing the plan, will receive credit and recognition for their work. The final report will provide a thoughtful basis for citizens to assess the performance of their legislature and will hopefully begin to restore the public trust and confidence in our government.

Gary Christy holds a B.A. from CU and a MBA from Harvard. As a former Chief Executive of several successful businesses, he continues to share his experience in the public and private sectors. He will be a guest at our May General Resident Meeting to discuss this report with our members. Mark your calendars for May 24.

IMPROVING BUDGET DIALOGUE BETWEEN RNO'S AND THE CITY

In the campaign and in office, Councilman Wayne New repeatedly hears constituents' desires for a better dialogue with the City on our improvement needs. The Cherry Creek North community contributes a significant portion of sales and property tax revenue, and yet many of us feel that we are not being considered in annual and long term budgetary planning. New presented at the Cherry Creek Steering Committee his work with Brendan Hanlon, past City Budget Director and new Chief Financial Officer, on improving that budget discussion. Last month, New held a meeting with Hanlon and RNO (Registered Neighborhood Organization) Presidents where Hanlon explained how the budget process works and how businesses and neighborhoods can participate proactively. Hanlon has agreed to the submission of short and long term capital improvement and maintenance needs directly into the budget process, and is also most willing to meet and discuss major capital expense requests, ensuring that such requests are well documented and understood. Procedural details and forms are being developed now for distribution. Of course, funding of requests depends on City resources and priorities, but most importantly, our needs will be heard and directly included for consideration in the 2017 City budget process.



CCNNA WELCOMES NEW BOARD MEMBER—KRISTIN DES MARAIS

Last fall, Kristin Des Marais was appointed Coordinator of our CCNNA Block Builders Program and spoke at our September meeting. Now she has joined the CCNNA Board to better integrate the Block Builders Program directly with CCNNA on many fronts such as neighborhood safety, membership, social groups and events. A natural collaborator, Kristin is bringing a fresh perspective, and further demonstrating her commitment to our community.



NEWCOMERS CLUB

New Addition To CCNNA Social Groups

The Newcomers Club is open to all CCNNA members, new and long-time residents, and facilitates neighbors meeting and socializing. Organized by new residents Laurie and Claude Pupkin, the first meeting, a November cocktail party in their home, attracted 22 attendees. A second Happy Hour meeting in January at the Lowdown Brewery drew 26. Altogether, about 50 people have expressed interest in joining. The next event (date/time/location to be announced) will take place in late March. Sarah Jo Fisher, former chair of the O'Keeffe Education Committee in Santa Fe and an art curator for 35 years, will give a presentation. Anyone interested in this or future events and planning, please contact the Pupkins at lnpupkin@gmail.com. Check the CCNNA Website for more information on all events.

CCNNA SOCIAL GROUPS

CCNNA offers the following social activities so residents can meet other residents and just have fun!

One of the easiest ways to get to know your neighbors and have fun is to participate in one of CCNNA'S many social activities. CCNNA offers the following groups so residents can meet other residents and just have fun!

Block Builders: Kristin Des Marais, madagascar5@msn.com ■ **Book Groups:** Contact Judy Albers, judyalbers23@aol.com for availability in all book groups ■ **Books, Etc. Social Group (Books, Movies, TV Shows, etc.):** Contact Linda Miller, lmiller840@comcast.net ■ **Bridge:** Contact Marcel Dorsey at marceld1217@aol.com ■ **Bunco Group for Ladies:** Group Leader needed; Contact Dick Cohen at richardmcohen@hotmail.com ■ **CCNNA Dines Out:** Contact Kate Taucher, ktaucher@mac.com; and Ingrid Glancy, ingrid@denverfineproperties.com ■ **Cherry Creek Theatre:** Contact Mark Rossman, info@cherrycreektheatre.org or 303-800-6578 ■ **Cinema Club:** Waiting List for New Group – Contact Terri Cohen, tpcohen@netscape.net ■ **Conversational Spanish Group:** Contact Chris Thompson, chrishthompson@comcast.net ■ **Cycling:** Contact Mary Bryars, MaryBryars@Comcast.net ■ **Dog Walking Group:** Group Leader needed; Contact Dick Cohen at richardmcohen@hotmail.com ■ **Golf Group (men and women):** Contact Denny McDougal at denmcdg@aol.com ■ **Hiking and Skiing:** Group Leader needed Please contact Dick Cohen richardmcohen@hotmail.com ■ **Jam Group:** Interested in playing musical instruments? Contact Anne Sandler, annesandler6@gmail.com ■ **Ladies Golf:** Contact Kim Bartlett at normkimbartlett@gmail.com or Roz Newman at newman1329@yahoo.com ■ **Lecture Series:** Contact Bob Vogel at rvogelmd@gmail.com ■ **Mac/Ipad Group:** Contact Maria Arapakis, maria@Mac-Mentor.com ■ **Mahjong Group:** Contact Karen Lowenstein at atkarenwoof@gmail.com or 513-460-6725 ■ **Newcomers Group:** Contact Laurie and Claude Pupkin at lnpupkin@gmail.com ■ **Photography Club:** Contact Ron Brady, rbradyconsult@msn.com ■ **Pickle Ball:** contact Dick Baumbusch at dickbaumbusch@gmail.com ■ **Tapas Parties:** Held every two months; Contact Maria Arapakis, Maria@Mac-Mentor.com ■ **Walking Group:** Contact Karen Dodge at ksdodge01@gmail.com ■ **Wine Tastings:** To assist with arrangements contact Kate Taucher, kataucher@mac.com and Ingrid Glancy, Ingrid@DenverFineProperties.com ■ **Yoga** (Mon. & Fri. at 7:30 AM— all levels welcome), **Dance Groups** (Mon – Ballroom, Tue – Tango, Wed – Salsa — all at 6-7:00 PM) Contact Marilyn Olen for all of these, castleolen@yahoo.com

If anyone is interested in starting a group, please contact Dick Cohen at richardmcohen@hotmail.com. See CCNNA website www.ccneighbors.com for additional information on membership and groups.