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EASTER EGG HUNT



The 2011 CMPOA Easter Egg Hunt will take place on Saturday April 16th at 1:00 PM. The hunt will be held at Mo and Gary Redmond's house, 7386 South Platte Canyon Drive. There will be plenty of eggs to find for all ages.

Please mark April 16 on your calendars for the kids. A coloring contest also will be included. Prizes will be awarded. Drinks and cookies will be served. Everyone in the neighborhood is invited to come watch the kids and visit with your neighbors.

ANNUAL MEETING AND WINTER SOCIAL

The Annual Meeting and Winter Social was held on Saturday, February 12th at Columbine United Church. A good turnout enjoyed the spaghetti dinner and desserts brought by everyone. Several Columbine Manor business items were completed before dinner. There was a State of the Manor report from President, Joe Wuest. Darrel Del Duca (Treasurer) presented a review of last year's expenses and the 2011 – 2012 CMPOA budget. The budget was approved by the membership. The second order of business was to vote in new board members. Luann McGuire has finished her term and is leaving the board. Many thanks to all the hard work put in by Luann. Hiroo Shiba and Joe Steinbach are returning to the board. They were approved by the CMPOA membership. There were no new board member nominees. We are always looking for new board members. Please consider becoming a board member!

After the business meeting concluded, dinner and socializing among neighbors began. A drawing also was held for several gift cards (Home Depot, Barnes & Noble, Red Robin, etc.). The kids had their own drawing in which Baskin Robbins gift certificates were handed out.



PROTECT YOUR IDENTITY WHILE DONATING USED ELECTRONICS

(from Arapahoe County Sheriff's Office)

Spring is just around the corner. As we prepare to clean out our unused and unwanted items around our home, it is important to protect our personal information while doing so. Many households have computers and electronics that hold personal information that is very valuable to scam artists. Here are some tips to use when donating your personal computer:

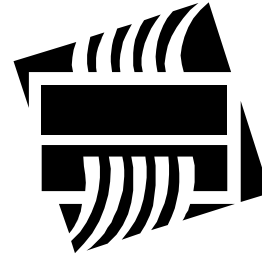
Before donating or recycling your personal computer, you can avoid identity theft by erasing personal data and removing your files. Windows and Mac OS do not completely remove files you delete, but third-party software can.

Here are some other things to keep in mind:

- Recycle old and broken hardware
- Contact the recycler or refurbisher before recycling as some offer free system erasing. Just download the program from <http://eraser.heidi.ie/> and follow the instructions on the Web site.
- Alternatively, you can take many PC's back to their factory fresh condition by using the restore CD that may have come with the machine.
- Remember to include the accessories.
- To ensure that the software transfer is legal, pass along the original disks, media, Certificate of Authority Sticker (usually on the computer), user manual, and other documentation that came with the equipment.

If you find this process too cumbersome, contact a professional in your area to erase your computer or electronics. You may also find door-to-door pick up and recycling in your area by visiting earth911.com.

Protect Your Identity!



ARAPAHOE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE SHRED-A-THON

On Saturday, May 14, 2011, from 7:00AM to 12:00PM Metro Crime Stoppers and local law enforcement will be hosting its annual Shred-A-Thon fundraising event.

Crime Stoppers is a nonprofit organization that relies on community support in order to continue giving law enforcement agencies award money to catch and in turn prosecute those committing crimes in the metro area. Volunteers with Crime Stoppers and local law enforcement agencies will take donations at all five locations. Documents will be shredded on scene, with law enforcement officers present.

This year's locations are:

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500 Speer Blvd., Denver

6am-Noon

Arapahoe County Sheriff

13101 E. Broncos Parkway, Centennial

7am-Noon

Aurora Municipal Courthouse

14999 E. Alameda, Aurora

7am-Noon

Jefferson County Sheriff

Jefferson County Parkway, Golden

Westminster PD

9110 Yates St., Westminster

7am-Noon

The Shred-it Company will shred up to three legal-sized paper boxes of documents (the equivalent of three garbage bags.)

Reaching out as a Community – Columbine Manor Japan Relief Fund

We all enjoy our wonderful, close-knit neighborhood. As we all know, "tis a privilege to live in Columbine Manor." It truly is! Many of you may be wondering what you can do to send help to Japan, as the story of mass destruction and suffering unfolds daily. Just imagine if our entire neighborhood was flattened, completely destroyed, in a few short hours. It is unimaginable! My name is Doreen Smith. I am one of your neighbors, at 5192 W. Fremont Dr. I have partnered with Hiroo Shiba to collect relief funds throughout our neighborhood. I believe that any amount at all that we can send to Japan will help. The need is so desperate for basic supplies - namely, food, water, warm clothing, blankets, medical supplies, and fuel. This monumental disaster is unfolding rapidly. The need for different types of supplies will become clearer in the near future. But now it is the critical time to reach out in a humanitarian effort to simply help save lives. We have selected two charities to choose from that we believe can deliver these basic supplies to survivors.



Doreen Smith

1. American Red Cross
2. Save the Children

If you choose to donate to Red Cross, we will clearly specify your contributions go toward "Japan Relief". Otherwise, contributions would go to their general fund.

The Japanese Red Cross Society is working around the clock to provide food, water, blankets and portable heaters in shelters. They are airlifting survivors that need medical treatment to Ishinomaki Red Cross hospital in Miyagi prefecture, near the areas that were hardest hit. There is concern that many patients who swallowed water and fuel from the tsunami may develop pneumonia. The elderly and young are particularly vulnerable to respiratory infection. The nights are bitter cold because there is no electricity in the shelters to provide heat. According to the organization called Save the Children, children are always among the most vulnerable during emergencies. They estimate that at least 100,000 children have been affected by the disaster. Tens of thousands of them have been evacuated. This organization is focusing on children and their families' immediate needs with psychosocial support to address the trauma, fear, and uncertainty many are experiencing. Relief experts are working non-stop in the disaster zone to assess children's needs and create safe play spaces for them within shelters. The first one has already been created in Sendai. Save the Children is also looking with a watchful eye toward the immediate future – they are creating contingency plans should the situation at the nuclear plants worsen.

I have a personal connection to Japan – when I was in college I won a grant to visit Japan for six weeks, to draw landscapes. As an artist, I knew it would be a challenge, and a unique opportunity to immerse myself in the culture. I only had one year's worth of Japanese language skills. I had to be willing to make a fool of myself. I sure did when I replied, "ii desu neee!", which meant, "that's so great!", after an acquaintance told me he had just attended a funeral. (His suit and tie threw me – I thought he'd just come back from a really great party!) Luckily, my speaking and comprehension improved after that, and I was thrilled! We straightened out the funeral situation and had a good laugh.

I stayed in a small town called Kakuda, in northeastern Japan, south of Sendai and all of the coastal towns that have been devastated by the tsunami. Its population at the time, in 1989, was around 40,000. I traveled all over the place on bicycle and spent my days outdoors drawing landscapes and taking pictures of the landscape, the town, and its people. This was a very rural area. I was lucky to find ancient Shinto shrines, old bus stops and houses, along with thoroughly modern homes and shops. I was welcomed so graciously into homes, and very well fed! It was the experience of a lifetime. I am so grateful to have met such wonderful people.

I am relieved to report that the tsunami largely missed Kakuda. All of the wonderful people I met are alive. But, I had visited Sendai several times and can only imagine the devastation there.

Times have been tough economically for us in America. There have been so many recent terrible natural disasters that have required relief funds. A large contribution is not the goal here. This is simply a chance to come together as a community to reach out as humanitarians. Something we can do together and be proud of helping. Believe me, Kakuda and the coastal towns of northern Japan are essentially Littleton, Colorado. They were filled with wonderful neighborhoods, grocery stores, restaurants, coffee shops, car dealerships, etc. The spirit of those people was warm and welcoming, just as it is here. Imagine all of Littleton destroyed in one single afternoon.

Please use the attached envelope for your contribution. Inside the envelope you will find a reminder sticker for your calendar. The deadline for contributions will be April 30th.

You may drop contributions off at any board members' home, or deliver to me, or Hiroo Shiba at 5049 W. Fremont Ave. If you would prefer your donation to be picked up, or have questions, please don't hesitate to contact me at: 303-525-5710, or at doreensmith2@yahoo.com. I will promptly come to you. You may contact Hiroo at 303-903-8007, hiroo.shiba@q.com.

BOARD MEMBERS 2011/2012

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**2011
EASTER EGG HUNT
SATURDAY APRIL 16 1:00 PM**

BOARD MEETINGS

The monthly meeting of your Board of Directors for CMPOA is held on the second Wednesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. All members are welcome to attend any of the meetings. If you would like to attend any of the meetings, please call Joe Wuest at 303-904-0117

NEW BOARD

The CMPOA board held an officer election meeting shortly after the Annual Meeting.

Your new board officers are:

Joe Wuest -- President
Joe Steinbach – Vice President
Robyn Hall – Secretary
Darrel Del Duca -- Treasurer

WASTE MANAGEMENT AND MEMBERSHIP REPORT 2011

The sign-up effort for the 2010 Waste Management and Membership was completed in February. We ended up with 118 Waste management participants and 121 CMPOA members out of the 130 households in Columbine Manor. Thank you to everyone for getting your checks to us in a timely manner. This is the third year of our latest three year agreement with Waste Management. Negotiations will start with Waste Management for a new contract in the upcoming months. We continue to receive a good deal from Waste Management.

If you would like to place an article in the Manor Banner, please send your article to:
famwuest@msn.com