



HUMMER



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Things ... They are a 'changin'

Managers and WorkKampers Resign

(Editor's Note: Please read the *Prez's Corner* to gain more info regarding this article)
Both Managers Don and Linda Simonson and WorkKampers Bill and Patricia Wade have resigned from their positions at CORA.

I doubt that we'll know all the details, but Don and Linda loaded a rental truck on July 2 and Bill and Patricia's last work day was July 6.

We wish the four of them well.

For approximately the next 2 months, Paul and Marge Pierce will be acting as the managers. Please give them as much cooperation and support as you can to help ease the transition.

See page 3 for the ad for the management position.

Prez's Corner

Who likes a good story? Well, I think we all do. Ask any member of my family, and no one can beat my animal stories. It must derive from all those Golden Books my two older sisters bought for me years ago at the drug store back in Wamego, Kansas.

But what happens when that interesting story turns malicious, and harmless embellishments become facts on the third or fourth telling? It becomes destructive at the expense of all.

Recently, events at CORA escalated into one of these stories where no longer are fact and fiction delineated by a clear dividing line.

Fact: Never have Don and Linda Simonson been requested by this Board member to terminate their manager positions. In fact, this Board member recognizes and supports their accomplishments for the Campground.

Fact: Work orders are the best way to repair and improve our beautiful Campground. This measure was proposed to earlier Boards and adopted last Fall as a logical tool to track both repairs and expenses.

Fact: No Board member is above our rules. This means I am one of our seven guardians. Each Board member is responsible for our Campground and the member community. And

that includes addressing issues and not personalities.

Fact: We all share the responsibility to stop cancerous misrepresentation and to promote the good which is so prevalent within our community. In other words, sometimes it's hard to step up or step away when the maliciousness begins. It's also tough to put personal agendas aside, but I strongly believe this Board must show leadership when issues arise which affect us all.

Fact: The Board voted and accepted the new office hours. If this needs reassessment, it is the Board's responsibility to shoulder the criticism and make the necessary adjustments.

Fact: I have issued multiple work orders, and they have been executed, or are in the process of being completed. These work orders have been issued to improve the communication among our managers, assistant managers, association members and the gate. Two cell phones have been added to our operation with call forwarding, identification, and waiting. A two-way radio has been purchased so the managers and assistant managers can stay in touch while working on the Campground.

Fact: I have asked our Facilities Board member, Phil Lobb, to consider forming a

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Roundhouse Diner
 Breakfast Served 7-9 AM
 July 10, 17, 24

\$\$\$ Cheap \$\$\$
 a la carte = pay for what you order

juice, eggs, bacon, sausage, hash browns
Special each week = French toast or pancakes

If our cafe is successful, we'll continue through
 the season
 Volunteers appreciated

Search for New Managers

With the departure of Don and Linda Simonson, the Board is searching for a new couple to manage the Campground operations. The position requires a broad background of maintenance, public relations, and office skills. In the past, the position has been filled by a couple, due to the time and skills required to fulfill the responsibilities. The job can be very varied, requiring a bit of creativity mixed with perseverance.

If you know folks who might be qualified for the job, and interested in working in the environment we experience at CORA, please have them contact a Board member at the Campground. The telephone number is 719-836-2533. As mentioned in a previous article, Marge and Paul Pierce will be filling the position until some date in September.

Senior Activities

Were you aware that there is an organization in Park County that is dedicated to serving seniors?

The Park County Senior Coalition has been in existence for over 20 years, with the mission to serve all citizens sixty (60) years and older who live in the County, in ways that enable them to live in their desired locale for as long as possible.

The Coalition is geographically organized into 4 areas: Platte Canyon, South Park, Lake George, and Guffey. Each area is staffed by a coordinator who is the local contact for the local seniors.

As is typical of the large rural counties of Colorado, the 4 areas, their populations and the motivations of the inhabitants are very different. The key service that threads through them is transportation.

The Coalition operates primarily from grants, with the largest 2 dedicated to transportation (70 % of all funds expended). These provide transportation for medical, shopping and social purposes.

There is also a homemaker grant to provide housekeeping services to those physically unable to provide them for themselves. If there is someone residing in the home who can do these tasks, the physically disabled person does not qualify.

Another grant is designed to provide services to low-income seniors in support of Federal objectives. The areas of service are selected anew annually.

The wellness grant is targeted to enhance senior wellness and fitness.

And a handyman program enables the Coalition to help seniors repair and modify their homes so as to make them safer and more functional. This one, as well as several of the other grants, utilizes volunteers to some extent to accomplish the mission.

The Coalition currently owns 4 vans and 1 car. These include a 1996, 14-passenger Diamond with wheelchair lift in Fairplay. As is typical of all rural operations, transportation is one of the greatest needs of the seniors in the County.

There is also a senior center in Fairplay where lunch is served for a nominal fee on Wednesdays. The thrift shop at the Center recycles used items of almost any nature, and the local trips typically leave from this location. If you're interested in more information regarding the Center, call 836-1455 (local).

Trips range from shopping in Denver or Silverthorne (to name a few of these destinations), to a visit to the Garden of the Gods in Colorado Springs or Hudson Gardens in Denver. Cripple Creek is also a popular destination.

Volunteers are always welcome in any not-for-profit organization (eg., the ones at our fine CORA community). If you interested in the services, such as the fun trips or shopping or medical, or would like more volunteer info, call the Coalition at 836-4295.

Summer Schedule

For July & August

- 7/10 -- Roundhouse Diner **Breakfast**
- 7/17 -- **Board Meeting @ CORA - 1 PM**
-- Roundhouse Diner **Breakfast**
- 7/24 -- Roundhouse Diner **Breakfast**
- 8/21 -- **Board Meeting @ CORA - 1 PM**

Burro Days

Way back in the old days, the miners in South Park challenged those in Leadville to a burro race to see who was the toughest. The miner could get the burro over Mosquito Pass in any way possible, other than in a vehicle.

Most knowledgeable locals led their animals, but some tried other, more innovative, modes.

Over the years, the Fairplay event became the premier race. Coupled with others beginning in Leadville and Buena Vista, it is the keystone to the Burro Racing Triple Crown.

If you are interested in a fun time on the weekend of July 24 & 25, get into Fairplay for the food, races, crafts and goodies, and an honest-to-God Rendezvous camp.

Managers' Mail Box

"AND THEY ARE OFF!!!"

As the announcer yells above the roar of the crowd and the horses burst from the gates, leaving only a cloud of dust and a deafening roar of pounding hooves, the crowd streams onto the field in ever-growing numbers. And so it seems here at CORA as the weather turns nice.

The quiet tranquility of the Winter months is very different from the hustle and bustle of the primary season. People are sprucing up the golf course between their own rounds of golf, new as well as veteran owners are busy with their landscaping, rigs are being moved to make way for an upgraded model or just being jockeyed to obtain a better view from the lot, grills are being re-tuned, and the recipes for SMORES are practiced before the grandchildren come to visit. There is a lot of activity here in South Park.

Memorial Day weekend marked the start of the race into the Summer Season, and now in July, we're well into our busiest time.

Are you ready for the Summer Season here at CORA? If you wonder why the question, it is intended to help you change gears when you pass through the gate leading into this Home-Away-From-Home or Summer Home or Weekend Retreat. Changing gears out here will help you slow down and really enjoy your stay. Shifting down will help you realize that things don't happen here as swiftly as they do in downtown Colorado Springs or Denver. Relax and talk to your neighbor, share a joke or two, or just take in the splendor we call *Home*. Remember that the speed limit changes from 65 mph on Hwy. 285 down to 10 or less on the Campground. Also, when you climb to 10,000 feet from 2, 5 or even 7000 feet in altitude, it puts a strain on your bodily systems that need to be considered. Your heart, lungs and even blood need to acclimate before you can do all you may want to. So don't ruin your time here (or anyone else's) by racing around from dawn 'til dusk packing in a year's worth of vacation into a one- or two-night stay. Slow down and come see us more often instead.

Just few reminders of rules that will help everyone have a good time here this Summer. Do not let your young children or grandchildren run around the Campground unattended. They are your responsibility and the property that may have to be replaced due to damage is ultimately your responsibility. Because we have no lifeguard at the pool, please be sure that a 'swimming adult' accompanies ALL non-swimmers or

swimmers under the age of 14 years. Come with the kids and plan to take a dip in the pool (wear a swimsuit) if you are designated 'swimming adult'. Also, please take pride in the cleanliness of the restrooms and help us keep them clean for everyone's enjoyment.

Just remember, we all want to have a safe, happy and enjoyable summer here at CORA. Whether you come to spend the entire summer or just a few weekends, remember: Have fun, Be safe, Follow the rules (that you yourself set up for the benefit of all owners).

Happy summer of '99!!!

"AND THEY'RE OFF!!!"

Don & Linda Simonson

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3-member team to cover the grounds, and assist the managers in Phil's absence. I suggested the committee be composed of non-Board members.

Fact: I have issued a work order installing new locks on the office with a limited number of keys. I believe it is in the best interest of our community to limit access to the office when it is closed. Our new communication systems provide many alternatives to gain access when required.

Fact: I issued a work order to repair a small gas leak in the Clubhouse kitchen. This has been completed.

Work orders work. Will you get everything you want done? That depends. Sometimes a request will be covered when a much larger project is completed, which may not be expedient enough, in the opinion of some folks. If this is the case for you, just ask the managers or a Board member to look into it for you.

Fact: The fourth draft of the changes to the bylaws, articles and covenants are not set in stone. They have been posted in the Clubhouse. How do you feel about ATVs and golf carts? What is your opinion about electrical cords? Do you like or dislike the proposed changes? Attending the Board meetings every third Saturday of the month is your forum to express your opinions.

Am I preaching from the pulpit? Maybe. I love our Campground and community. I respect it for its diversity and uniqueness. Let's continue to work together. Let's demonstrate support for our managers and each other. Instead of telling destructive stories, let's share stories of joy and success; ones that make us laugh, ones that bring a tear to our eye due to someone's compassion.

Terry Bahner

