

**Pitkin Historical and Community
Association
P.O. Box 218, Pitkin, Colorado 81241**

**Winter Newsletter
January 2010**



Photo taken by C.J. Roubique

**President's Message
Cyndi Wick**

Hello and happy winter and new decade from this beautiful sunshine-filled mountain town. Like your hometowns, we are experiencing very cold temperatures.

*I want to thank our out-going board members, Lois Sharpton and Charles McDaniel, for doing a great job the past three years. I would like to welcome our newest board member Eleanor Roubique. Officers for 2010 are: Karen Blue, Secretary; Natalie Zook, Vice-President for Community Activities; Eleanor Roubique, Vice-President for Historical Activities. Ken Stewart and Karen Blackwelder are our other two board members. **We are still in need of a Treasurer. If you are interested, please contact me at 970-641-6807.***

I'd like to thank Shannon and Dave Sams for serving as our Building Managers and for keeping the Newcomb Community Center clean. They did a fantastic job and we will miss them. If you care to contact them in their new town, their address is P.O. Box 164, Rantoul, Kansas 66079.

Last year the Newcomb Community Center again hosted many events, activities and classes, including Bunco, Stampin' Up, University of Texas, Dallas astronomers, potlucks, movies, breakfast, supper, morning church services and evening singing, guest speakers, games, family reunions, Friday morning coffee fellowship, scrapbooking, December Quartz Creek Improvement Christmas party and of course, Pitkin Day. I'm sure I missed some, but nonetheless, what a wonderful building we have to enjoy these events. In 2009 our profit from all the fundraising events was over \$5,700.00. Wonderful! I would like to thank each and every one of you who year-after-year continue to donate your energy, talents and financial gifts to make these activities successful for the Pitkin community and the PHCA.

The Pitkin Museum held an open house, which was well attended. If you haven't visited your museum lately, please try to do so next summer. You will enjoy the history, photos and information found there.

Have you looked at the websites containing Pitkin information lately? www.pitkincolorado.com offers Pitkin Historical and Community Association information, current local news and other offerings in Pitkin. Join the group at www.facebook.com "I love Pitkin" and add your comments. Another recent addition that I have learned about is at www.Marmotpress.org, for even more interesting stories and tours around the area. Check them out!

Please look over the 2010 Calendar of Events and mark your calendars so you won't miss out on the fun. It's not too late to start your homemade projects to donate to the Pitkin Day fundraiser or to plan your Fourth of July entry in the PHCA

sponsored parade. Call your friends and family and invite them. Nancy Mitchell is planning a Melodrama this summer for Pitkin Day. Read more about the Melodrama later in this newsletter.

Newcomb Community Center

If you would like to reserve the NCC for your reunion, workshop or party, please call Cyndi Wick at 970-641-6807.

Museum Notes

Vice-President for Historical Activities

Eleanor Roubique

We have been fortunate to have wonderful friends and helpers to care for our museum property. I have asked Kris Haglund, the Archivist for the Denver Museum of Nature and Science, to aid us in determining how best to proceed with window coverings for the museum and ways to protect our artifacts from damage due to ultra-violet exposure. She has graciously agreed to visit us early in the season.

We would like to ask those who have been our museum volunteers in the past to consider helping us again this coming season. We seek new volunteers who are interested in the story of Pitkin, especially the schoolhouse and museum. It is hoped that we will be able to open the museum during the early part of June; With regular hours of operation, we should be able to draw many visitors.

I am in the process of making a guide book for volunteers, describing the artifacts and some of the interesting stories about the characters that have lived and worked in our little town.

*Dr. Myron Dillow's book about the history of our school will once again be available for purchase at \$14.95. We will also have our PHCA sweatshirts, T-shirts, hats, cards, etc., for sale and maybe some new items. **Please stop by and enjoy your museum.***

Vice-President for Community Activities

Natalie Zook

In the midst of snow and deep temperatures of winter, it is difficult to realize that Pitkin's summer will be here before we know it. The PHCA Board of Trustees did the advance planning for next summer's Pitkin activities. If you can, keep a copy of the list and you will be able to swing into whatever activities you want for your summer vacation when you are in our favorite town in the mountains. Otherwise, I'm certain there will be additional copies available.

If you have ideas for and about the Pitkin happenings, please let me know. We have a beautiful, awesome setting, we have friendly folks and we have the time to enjoy what our hearts desire to maintain a healthy and happy life. May your winter's days and dreams be full of delight, laughter, joy, etc., etc.!

From the Secretary's Desk

Karen Blue

Greetings to everyone from our cabin above Pitkin, where it is beautiful, as usual, and the temperature is warmer than at our home in Kansas. We enjoy our time in Pitkin during the summer but also enjoy being able to come here during the winter to soak up the tranquility of our surroundings.

There is another busy summer ahead of us, consisting of Pancake Breakfasts, Bunco Family Night, "Movies in the Mountains", the Fireman's Day Parade, and of course, Pitkin Day and the Melodrama. Volunteers are always needed and appreciated.

You are welcome to attend any of the PHCA Board meetings and if there is something that you would like to discuss with the board, let me know and I will put your item on the agenda. If

you would like to read any of the old or new minutes, I can supply those at any time.

Melodrama News
By Nancy Mitchell

It's time to start thinking about the 2010 summer Melodrama. I am researching possible scripts that would work for us. When I know who is willing to get involved, it will help me decide on the right script. Just let me know. Also, we will need volunteers to go into the building in June to reconstruct the set, as the renovators took EVERYTHING completely apart. So, please, everyone think about how you would like to be involved.

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Treasurer's Report
By Ron Blue – PHCA Member

After reviewing the figures from the past summer, we had a profit for this year and our bank accounts look good.

The dues for membership to PHCA are \$10.00 for an individual, \$15.00 for a family or \$150.00 for a Lifetime Membership. Your dues help maintain the Newcomb Community Center and help support our activities.

Mail your 2010 dues, using the form below to: PHCA, P.O. Box 218, Pitkin, CO 81241. Thank you.

PHCA Dues

My check for \$_____ is enclosed for my 2010 membership.

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