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Meet Judi Quackenboss

Back in the day when women were steered toward nursing, teaching or being a secretary, Judi Quackenboss was not afraid to pursue degrees in architecture and engineering. She describes her area of expertise as “light-duty structural.” There weren’t a lot of jobs in those areas when she moved to Colorado (many decades ago) with a young child, so she worked for a construction supply company designing systems for concrete construction.

After being transferred to LA, her engineering job led to sales, which she found “a lot more lucrative.” She missed Denver and ended up returning to work for the same company — managing it — until it began phasing out the Denver office. She’d spent 25 years with them.

“While job hunting, I found the company I bought – Cabinets of Denver,” she says. She’s been doing kitchen and bath design and sales ever since, utilizing her talents to draw things to scale and plan convenience, efficiency, and traffic flow on paper. That’s been the last 15 years of her life, and she’s still doing it. She finds she remains friends with a number of her former customers.

Having grown up in the suburbs of Detroit, her family had skied the upper part of the lower peninsula — Boyne Mountain, to be exact. With an elevation of just 500 feet from the base to the top — “we called them bumps” — she said of the ski areas in Michigan. (By comparison, the elevation difference of most ski areas in Colorado is

about 3,000 feet.) But that early exposure to what would become a favorite sport heightened her interest in Colorado when the time came to relocate in 1980.

The weather in Michigan is similar, she says, “but Colorado is a lot sunnier.” Growing up, her family had a cottage in Pinckney, Michigan where she and her brothers spent time in the summers. Her memories include ski boats and swimming off rafts. “Someone was always having a get-together for the kids — about 20 kids in

their early teens – it was lots of fun. She recalls being part of a ski show one year when they made a pyramid and she was on top!

Aside from skiing in Colorado, Judi has enjoyed community service here in Evergreen. In 2005 she and her horse were pictured on the cover of Serenity magazine when it featured an article on volunteers who patrolled the parks on horseback. In addition to keeping an eye out for park visitors who might be doing something inappropriate, volunteers were trained to look for people who were lost. Enforcing the right of way and explaining the rules were the extent of her weekend duties, never being called upon to participate in a search for a missing hiker.

She’s also been a long-time member of Mountain Foothills Rotary, the smaller of Evergreen’s two Rotary groups, the one that meets in the evening. She participated in interviewing high school and middle school applicants for the two Youth Leadership camps sponsored by the organization. Collecting mobility devices to ship to Africa for areas hit hard by polio, collecting food

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“Gratitude turns what we have into enough, and more. It turns denial into acceptance, chaos into order, confusion into clarity ... it makes sense of our past, brings peace for today, and creates a vision for tomorrow.”

- Melody Beattie

Memo from the Manager

Due to Jefferson County being elevated to Level Red COVID status, the guest suites and the common rooms are off limits until further notice.

The Annual Budget Approval meeting will be held via ZOOM on December 10th at 5 pm. If you are on the ZOOM list, you will receive an invitation. All owners have been delivered a copy of the budget either in the mail, in their cubby or via email. If you are not on the ZOOM invitation list and would like to be, please send me a request to rmve2@comcast.net no later than December 6th. I will be sending out the meeting invitation on December 7th.

The Annual Owners meeting will be held via ZOOM on Friday, January 15th at 2 pm. You should expect your annual meeting packet to arrive in the mail no later than January 5th and your ZOOM invitation between January 11th and 13th.

-- Kathy

Judi Quackenboss continued

for Evergreen Christian Outreach, and helping to serve food at the annual Seniors Thanksgiving Luncheon are other ways she's volunteered within her Rotary club. In 2006 she served as president. "It was like herding cats," she recalls with a chuckle.

Judi founded the initial dog park in Evergreen, working with the manager to install a fence around the first two acres in memory of her 28-year-old son who'd died in the crash of an experimental aircraft. The popular dog park would later expand to 107 acres and become the subject of controversy from overuse before being closed by Jefferson County in 2017.

Judi moved into Rocky Mountain Village — Genesee House — earlier this year with her support dog, Katie Bar the Door. Her mom had lived here when the building was first built twenty-some years ago, so she'd been familiar with the complex from the start. "The more I was over here, the more I liked it," she says, adding that she had other friends who resided at RMVE. "I just love it here!"

Profile and photo by Linda Kirkpatrick.

WELCOME!

Pat and Don Young - 201 • Bergen

Linda and Vernon Rider - 404 • Genesee

Parkside Wednesdays

With approval from RMVE management, Parkside Café will offer takeout dinner deliveries to Rocky Mountain Village on Wednesdays only starting December 9th and continuing weekly until further notice. The plan is to accept phone orders from residents the day of between 9:00 am and 1:00 pm for deliveries between 4:30 and 5:00.

To avoid having too many people gather at one time, callers will be assigned a time slot for picking up their dinners in the Evergreen Room or the Mountaineer Room. Linda Kirkpatrick and Judi Quackenboss have volunteered to help with distribution and the collection of money in their respective buildings. (Cash or checks accepted.)

The restaurant opened in early 2020, less than two months before the pandemic hit, causing closure until loosening of regulations and warmer weather would permit outdoor seating. Parkside had intended only to serve breakfast and lunch, but the inability to seat people indoors in recent weeks would have forced their permanent closure without adding takeout dinners as an option. "We think we can make it if the community supports our dinner takeouts," says Craig, the owner, who will offer all-inclusive pricing without a delivery charge. "We want this to be a win:win situation."

Menu selections number about 10, billed as "comfort food." "From meatloaf and mac n' cheese to Asian noodles and pork tenderloin, there's something for everyone," says one person who's enjoyed their takeout on numerous occasions. "Portions are likely to feed a single person for two meals."

Watch for details and a menu in your cubby later this week, and place your orders directly starting December 9th.

Best wishes for the happiest of holidays

(considering the circumstances!)