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Meet the Madigans

Sandy and Bud Madigan have been well known in the nonprofit community in Evergreen for the 36 years they've lived in the area. Helping others is something that comes naturally to them.

When Evergreen Christian Outreach started in 1987, Sandy was one of its first volunteers, helping to sort clothes and hand out food to a handful of needy folks in the area. Sometime in the 1990s, Sandy would become its Executive Director, reporting to a board that represented all of the 20+ churches in Evergreen.

Located on the campus of the Church of the Transfiguration, the organization still operated on a shoestring with just a couple of paid employees and a heavy dependence on volunteers. Sandy would interview prospective clients and determine how EChO could provide assistance.

By 1995 EChO was serving about 250 families. With tremendous growth over the years, it has taken on helping folks to find jobs, providing mental health counseling, securing energy assistance, offering financial assistance, and even providing emergency overnight shelter for the homeless people on winter nights when the temps fall below 32 degrees.

After Sandy's retirement from the job in 2003, Bud served on the Board of Directors for the organization, representing Christ the King Catholic Church. The shelter program, which started in more recent years, was dependent on area churches to host nights within their respective facilities on a rotating basis. Bud took charge of that operation whenever it was time for the Catholic church to step up on a cold night. Now EChO has a permanent facility of its own with comfortable overnight lodging and even a shower!

With the pandemic, numbers of people needing as-

sistance skyrocketed. Approximately 1250 households were served in 2020.

For about 10 years, Bud also volunteered at Winter Park Ski Area with the National Sports Center for the Disabled, teaching skiing. Being born with a "congenital anomaly" that required a prosthetic device for his right hand made him a natural role model and never seemed to get in the way of helping others.

Sandy would cross-country ski when Bud was with

the down-hillers. He was especially proud that some of his developmentally disabled students progressed into competition in the Special Olympics.

Sandy and Bud both grew up in Rochester, New York, meeting on a blind date after high school. She'd attended a school in a convent, the daughter of Italian immigrants. She continued her studies at Manhattanville College near New York City.

Bud, the son of an Irish dad and a mother of German heritage, also attended parochial school as a youngster and recalls studying German under the tutelage of a nun, earning an award in

the language. He graduated from Princeton. It wasn't until they settled in Littleton, Colorado in the 1960s that he pursued a degree in law, commuting to downtown Denver at night to take courses.

Activities during their formative years centered around parish activities and scouting.

The two raised five children. Bud's jobs - working with Kinder-Morgan, one of the largest energy infrastructure companies in North America, and General Dynamics, a global aerospace and defense company - took the family to San Diego and Omaha. Sandy, too, worked for General Dynamics for awhile - in a department called activation analysis - "irradiating things like cosmetics to



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"We fall, We break, We fail. But then, We rise, We heal, We overcome."

- Author Unknown

Memo from the Manager

Thank you to Maureen McDevitt for helping folks navigate the online form to register for getting a COVID vaccination.

The votes were tallied and the results were as follows: Pat Eskew received 58 votes and will serve a 3-year term, and Pete MacKay received 56 votes, earning him a 2-year term.

The 2021 Board is as follows:

Walt Weiss, President
Pat Eskew, Vice President
Linda Kirkpatrick, Secretary
Donna Frantz, Treasurer
Pete MacKay, Member-at-Large

Jacque and Brac are to be commended for their extra cleaning and disinfecting efforts to help keep everyone safe from COVID for almost a YEAR! I know you are looking forward to getting back to the activities you enjoy, and we are almost there as folks get their vaccinations. Just a little farther to go down this road and then it will be spring where hope is most in evidence. We will be looking to open up the common areas and guest suites April 1.

You are strong and I admire you. Thank you

-- Kathy

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analyze for things like mercury or to look at the sodium content, which was easier than doing it chemically," Sandy explained.

Scouting had been a prominent part of each of their lives growing up, and it played a significant role in the lives of their children. "I learned enough to train the parents when my kids and their friends wanted to go camping," Sandy laughed.

The couple moved into Genesee House in July of 2020 after downsizing from a large home in Evergreen. Sandy had been here many times for bridge games. COVID restrictions have kept them from getting as well acquainted with others as they'd hoped but are looking forward to more interaction as things begin to open up.

Profile and photo by Linda Kirkpatrick

Parkside Wednesdays

Parkside Café will continue to offer takeout dinner deliveries to Rocky Mountain Village on Wednesday evenings until further notice. The portions are generous enough to often allow for 2 meals, according to many who have placed orders in the past. Parkside accepts phone orders (303-674-3226) from residents the day of between 10:00 am and 3:00 pm for deliveries between 4:30 and 5:30.