

# THE VILLAGE VOICE

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## Meet Terri Tucker

Have you ever met someone who frequently punctuates a conversation with a common four-letter word for emphasis? Well, that's what I encountered with Terri Tucker. But the word was not what you might have guessed; it was "LOVE."

Exuding enthusiasm for her life and surroundings, Terri started by saying, "I've been blown away with how much I love it here – I love everything!" She's been part of the Rocky Mountain Village community for exactly a year.

Transplanting herself from The Ridge — just a few miles away — she reflected on having been able to sit outside in her pajamas and not having to worry about being seen prior to the move. "But I have no regrets," she said. "It was the right time." Her husband of 43 years passed away just 3 years ago.

With one of the more spacious units on the fourth floor of Genesee, Terri gestures around to the many furnishings and decorative items in her unit, explaining that everything in it is really special to her or her life together with her husband, was made by her sons, or is something from her parents.

"It's restful, peaceful here."

"I haven't met anyone I don't want to know better," she says of the people who live at Rocky Mountain Village. "I love the easiness of living here," with the easy walk to King Soopers being one of her favorite things. "There's more to do than I have the time or energy for."

The Tuckers had lived in Evergreen for more than 30 years, relocating from California where they'd lived for 2 years in San Diego and nearly 7 in the Bay Area. "I adore Evergreen! I love the feel of the town – the friendliness, the small-town feel. Everywhere you go, you can visit."

Growing up, Terri had moved a lot — but not nearly

as much as most people in the Air Force — she pointed out. She was born in Japan and spent parts of her youth in Kansas and Texas; she also lived in Boston, New York City, and Florida as her dad's assignments with the military changed. She and her husband moved to Indiana when he was getting his college degree. She worked to put her husband through school, but it was never a career path, she noted.

Her husband's job as a designer of geothermal power plants (harnessing the power of hot water from under the ground) caused him to travel a lot, requiring her to be a full-time mom (and dad too). His travels gave her an opportunity to see a lot of different countries as well — Japan, England, Wales, Scotland, Australia, New Zealand, Italy, Switzerland, Germany, and France.

While living in Evergreen and after her sons were in college, she was among a group interviewed about what they were doing with their lives, helping her to identify that she'd enjoy working for the church. As a result, she became an

adjunct staff member at Bergen Park Church as Director of Community Life — a person having a finger on the pulse of the people. It was not a paid position, she points out, but she loved being in touch with the people.

Her many responsibilities involved welcoming newcomers to the church, connecting them with others and giving them opportunities to serve both inside and outside the church. She helped with coordinating Vacation Bible School and the women's ministry. In addition, she coordinated volunteers and directed small groups, recruiting members and leaders to head them. She also was deeply involved in facilitating the move to the new building over a two-year period.

"I can see the beauty in people," she says. She retired after 14 years shortly before her husband died.



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**"Attract what you expect, reflect what you desire, become what you respect, and mirror what you admire.**

*--Deb Sofield*

## Memo from the Manager

Since there are many new residents I thought a few reminders might be helpful....

Quiet hours are 10 p.m. to 8 a.m.

Feeding bird seed is not allowed as it draws rodents to the buildings. Putting out nectar for the hummingbirds is ok and putting out water for the rest of the birds is helpful and welcomed.

Visiting dogs are not allowed at RMVE.

Please do not place trash in the recycle bins.

Living in a community is not the same as living in your own single-family home, so please be respectful and aware of your actions and how they might impact your neighbors and the Association as a whole.

There will be a Regular Board meeting on Wednesday, May 18th at 2 p.m. at the Bergen Park Church with a special presentation on the Fire Wise program.

-- Kathy

**WELCOME!**

Helena Roberts • 209 G

## Special District elections May 3rd

If you're a registered voter in Colorado, you can cast votes in the May 3rd elections for Evergreen Fire District, Evergreen Park and Recreation District, and the Evergreen Metro District (water). It requires going to three polling places: the Fire station in Bergen Park, Buchanan Rec Center, and the Evergreen Metro District office on Stagecoach Blvd.

## Terri Tucker continued

Working with horses is another love of Terri's life, providing her the opportunity to be outside. She's had her 23-year-old horse since he was 2; she'd had 2 others before him. She also enjoys reading and puttering in the yard. "I love raking." And she has a routine for visiting the six grandchildren near Chicago and Pasadena.

"I'm excited about this stage of life," Terri says with the exuberance that dominated the full interview. A mentor through the church recommended that she go on a two-month retreat – a sabbatical she recently completed to help her stay focused on her energy and time. "It was really life changing," helping her to not fill her days quite so full. "The goal of the sabbatical was to pray, play, rest, and do nothing." She's now feeling relaxed.

If ever RMVE needs an official greeter for welcoming new residents, Terri would be the perfect pick! And I bet she'd LOVE it!

*Profile and photo by Linda Kirkpatrick.*

## Birthday lists ....

Anyone interested in making the monthly postings of birthdays in both buildings? Residents enjoy knowing about their neighbors' birthdays in order to wish them a happy day.

It just means retrieving the info from the website, putting it in order and printing out two copies. Janice Wright did such a beautiful job for several years but had to give up the task several months ago. None of us can replicate her lovely work, but a simple list will suffice.

If interested, contact Linda Kirkpatrick at 303-674-6269.