

NEWSLETTER

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Spotlight On...

By Cheryl Beckett

Cynthia Ann Crooks Tremblay was born in Ware, MA. This caused odd moments when office-workers would ask, "Where were you born?" She would answer, "Ware." "No, where?" "Ware." It would be like the Abbott and Costello gag of "Who's On First." Finally Cynthia would spell it out, "Ware, Massachusetts." Cynthia was raised in North Brookfield, MA, a shoe manufacturing town of 4,000; Bill was born William Andrew Tremblay in Southbridge, MA, a mill town of about 25,000 in its heyday. These two towns are 20 miles apart so Bill and Cynthia speculate they might have been at the same basketball game in North Brookfield's Town Hall. But they weren't destined to meet until late January, 1960, at Clark University, in Worcester, MA. Bill had gone to Columbia University his freshman year on a football scholarship, but dropped out due to injuries. He worked in a dye-house for 18 months, saving money to transfer to Clark. Cynthia wondered who that guy in the back row of the American Lit class was, the one who had such outrageous things to say about Ralph Waldo Emerson. Finally, Bill and Cynthia were introduced after class, they went to the Student Union, had a cup of coffee, and basically have been together ever since. They were married September, 1962. Bill earned his first paycheck from his home town high school teaching English, Social Studies, Algebra,

and General Science. It was a crazy schedule but Bill got his teaching certificate and moved from job to job, including coaching football. In 1969 he received his M.A. in American Literature from Clark and had been teaching at Leicester Junior College since 1967. Their sons, William Crooks and Benjamin Philip, were born in the 1960s. In 1970 Bill and Cynthia took their two boys to Amherst, MA, where Bill entered Graduate School at the University of Massachusetts and worked on the maintenance crew for the Amherst Public Schools. Those were fun years with little money but lots of young married friends with children. On Saturdays the men would get together to fix their beat-up cars, and Cynthia would join other wives in whipping up a pot-luck feast while the kids played on the lawn. Bill's first book, *Crying in the Cheap Seats*, was published by the University of Massachusetts Press. Bill was Graduate Teaching Assistant of the Year in 1972. He and Cynthia stayed in the Amherst area while he taught for a year at Springfield College.

Then Bill was hired to teach Creative Writing at CSU. The day they arrived in Fort Collins, August 8, 1973, there was a sun-shower and a beautiful double rainbow. And indeed it was a good omen. By then their third son, John [called Jack] had been born. They rented a house on LeMay Avenue—a house that was "scraped" and turned into a Pizza Hut—and in 1975 they bought a house in Village East. Bill continued to publish books.

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Cynthia published a book entitled *Morning News*, a collection of lyric poems about what it's like to move 2,000 miles away from New England and start a new life among a lot of uncertainties. They shared an interest in community arts and became members of the High Plains Arts Center, which produced a number of ensemble performances integrating music, poetry and dance. Their sons Bill and Ben did sound engineering and provided lighting ["light shows"]. Bill began the *Colorado Review*, CSU's nationally recognized literary magazine, and spoke before the State Board of Agriculture in favor of instituting an M.F.A. Creative Writing degree, approved in 1985. There were many awards and honors including teaching American Lit in Lisbon, Portugal, on a Fulbright Visiting Professorship, a National Endowment for the Arts Fellowship, sabbaticals on Cape Cod, a Stern Distinguished Professorship, and publication of several more books of poetry as well as a novel called *The June Rise* about Joseph Antoine Janis, the "mountain man" who settled La Porte, CO, which was favorably reviewed on NPR's "All Things Considered." Cynthia taught writing skills at Lincoln Junior High School. All three sons grew up in Fort Collins. Son Bill is in marketing at Pega Systems in Cambridge, MA, Ben is an engineer for Virtusa in Boston, and Jack is a tenured professor of Psychology at the University of South Alabama and Director of Undergraduate Research. Bill and Cynthia moved to Adriel Hills in the spring, 2006, when they retired together. Bill travels to Boulder every Monday evening to study *t'ai chi*, and Cynthia continues to meet often with friends for coffee and a poetry workshop in Old Town Fort Collins. Bill is often seen on the golf course, laughing and cursing and throwing his putter into the lake. He misses the plastic alligator who ate his golf balls. 🌸

Manager's Review...

Some of Mother Nature's moisture is a welcome relief to the excessively dry conditions. This will buy us some time to work on the many other projects at hand versus time consuming tank and hose watering. The increased snow pack is also pertinent to Adriel Hills' likelihood of renting irrigation water for this coming summer season.

Irrigation Water - We are still awaiting the Larimer Weld Ditch Company draft agreement for Adriel Hills to again use water from their ditch. We have recently had some other progress regarding irrigation water that the committee is pursuing.

Pool Lift - Thanks to Ryan, Kali, Steve Ayers and Ed from SpaCo, the installation of the pool lift is complete. **This project was only made possible due to the very generous cost sharing anonymously provided by one of our beloved residents. I personally appreciate our donor and the opportunity to help this project to fruition. Thanks to all who have been involved.**

The Operations Committee did considerable amount of research to determine the best lift for our application. The enhanced access to the pool is a great long term asset for our community. Individuals unable to negotiate the stairs into the pool can now utilize the lift. The lift will also work well for those with a recent surgery including knee and hip replacement.

The pool lift is for use only by those requiring assistance to access the pool. The lift is not a toy or water feature. An individual's or family's pool use privileges will be revoked if inappropriate use of lift occurs. **Parents and grandparents, please do not allow kids to play on or around the lift.**

Manager's Review cont...

Stop Sign - It sounds like we need to reiterate that everyone is required to stop at the stop signs. A resident living near the new three-way stop recently indicated to the Board of Directors that some people regularly run the stop signs. For the safety of all, please also mind our posted speed limit of 20 mph. At the direction of the Board of Directors, management will issue violation letters and possible fines for speeding and/or not stopping as posted.

Roadway Crack Fill - The annual asphalt crack fill of all roads and drive areas will occur as soon as weather conditions permit. Crack fill schedule will be posted on the entry drive but is anticipated to occur in the first or second week of March.

Summer Projects - Some of our contract service providers and I will be around reviewing our building repair and repaint needs over the next couple of weeks. Please don't shoot or call the sheriff as we are harmless.

Thanks - to those that helped with shoveling snow, especially shoveling driveways, etc. for those who can't.

Ralph



2015 Directory - Our 2015 directories are here and have been distributed to the pigeon holes. My apologies to Alan Sneider whose name was not listed on the Operations Committee in the directory. Please add Alan Sneider to the member list on page three.

Tidbits...



Rule/Reminder of the month - If you are considering any spring improvements to the exterior of your home, e.g. new windows, doors, air conditioner, etc., you must submit in advance a Homeowner's Request Form which is available in the office or on our website. These forms are also required for the installation or replacement of satellite dishes. We are on the lookout for unused TV dishes that have not been removed when services changed or upgraded. Please remove any unused TV dishes.



Parking Stickers -

Parking stickers will be available the beginning of March. A memo will be distributed to pigeon holes giving instructions as to when residents can obtain their individual parking stickers.

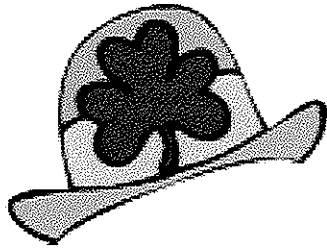
NEWSLETTER CORRECTION - Margie and Jim Weitz first moved to Adriel Hills in 1998 and into their second home here in 2006.

Litter in Adriel Hills - At the Operations Meeting it came to my attention that several residents have seen litter on our property. Since we all want to live in a pristine environment, I would like to request that we all pick up any litter we see.

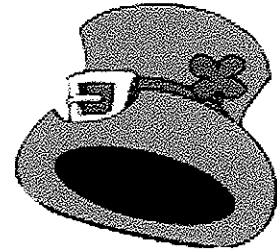
Thank you.

Laurie Sneider





March Calendar



Water Aerobics	MWF	8:00 a.m.	Clubhouse
Water Babes	T,Th	8:30 a.m.	Clubhouse
Tennis	T, F	1:00 p.m.	Tennis Courts
Pickleball	Saturday	11:00 a.m.	Tennis Courts
Operations Meeting	Th March 5	10:00 a.m.	Clubhouse
Parking Sticker Distribution	Memo to be	distributed.	Clubhouse
Ladies Bridge	W March 11	1:00 p.m.	Clubhouse
St. Patrick's Day Party	S March 15	5:30 p.m.	Clubhouse
Board of Directors Meeting	Tues March 17	6:00 p.m.	Clubhouse

AHCA Office Hours M-F 8:30 am - 12:30 pm



New Neighbors



CONNIE CARR moved into 1916 Kedron Drive early last fall. Shortly after moving in, she left for Arizona for the winter. Connie moved to Adriel Hills after living at Linden Lake. She and her husband Jerry helped develop the last phase of Linden Lake and built a house that was suitable for the area. It had approximately 6,000 sq. feet and was on Lindenmeier Lake. When her husband passed away about a year ago, she decided to downsize and move here. She has friends who live in Adriel Hills and she loves the amenities. She and Jerry had two children. Stuart, who is now married to Rhonda, lives in Parker. He is an attorney and they have one child. Amy, who married David Howells, also lives in Parker. David is the Captain of a 747 and flies United. They have two children. Connie plans to return to Colorado around May 1.

JIM LORD moved into 1541 Adriel Court with his two kids (both have four feet and fur). He is a mechanic at the Eaton School District and does miscellaneous other jobs for them like driving the bus when needed. He is a volunteer at The Fort Collins Rescue Mission and Catholic Charity. When he was looking for a place to live, Jim's realtor had four places for him to look at. Adriel Hills was second on the list. In his words, "I fell in love with Adriel Hills at first sight". He loves the amenities and attends most of the HOA meetings.