

NEWSLETTER

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SPOT LIGHT ON:

They have lived here since 1998, but they have a wealth of knowledge and experience of other places in the US and the world. Esther and Dick Johnsen love to travel and spend time with people who live in the places they visit.

Esther Johnsen grew up on a farm in the Des Moines, IA, area. Her ancestors came from Norway. Her maternal great-great grandfather arrived from Norway to Lisbon, IL. He then found land in Iowa for the family to settle on. Their house was built in 1865 and the barn in 1875. This September for the 3rd time the farm will be on the Iowa State Barn Tour. This tour features pictures of the generations who have lived there. We also show a video narrated by Tom Brokow featuring rural Iowa. Esther and her three siblings attend the event to greet guests from around the state. Old barns are prized and featured around our country as a part of a great American heritage.

After Esther and Dick Johnsen were married, their three children were born in '61, '63 and '67. In 1976-77 Dick had a sabbatical from CSU and did research at the Veterinary College of Norway in the Department of Pharmacology & Toxicology in Oslo, Norway. This gave their three children the opportunity to attend a Norwegian school in Sandvika, Norway. Before and after Norway their adventure was traveling and staying in youth hostels on the continent. Currently the three children live coast to coast. Kathy O'Donnell and her husband live in Ft Collins with their two boys who are involved in baseball. Becky and her husband live in Rutland, VT, with their 2 boys and Chris their son is unmarried and lives in San Diego as he continues his search for a wife. Esther has an education degree from the University of Northern Iowa and a M. ED. from Colorado State. She has a wide variety of teaching experience

including Ames, IA; Clark Air Force Base in the Philippines; Tachikawa AFB in Japan and 18 years at Eyestone in Wellington.

Dick grew up in Brooklyn, NY, and his parents were both Scandinavian. He went to Brooklyn Technical High and Brooklyn Polytechnic Institute. He graduated from St. Olaf with a BS in Biology, then earned his MS and PHD from Iowa State University in Entomology and Toxicology in 1962. Following graduation he fulfilled an ROTC commitment by serving at Tachikawa Air Force Base in Japan as well as Clark Air Force Base in the Philippines during the Viet Nam build up.

In 1985 the Johnsens joined Friendship Force International (www.thefriendshipforce.org). Friendship Force has approximately 350 groups around the world. It is a group where members go as ambassadors to stay with members in other countries. Our groups reciprocate by hosting ambassadors from other countries. This gives members a chance to see the world through the eyes of people who are residents of a country. Since 9/11 they have also done many domestic exchanges. The Johnsens love this type of personal interactions and would be very happy to talk to anyone about their experiences.

The Johnsens model their lives after "Faith, Family & Friends," as members of Redeemer Lutheran Church. Esther is passionate about showing kindness and compassion. She reads, enjoys antique malls, loves cooking and entertaining as well as, of course, travel. Dick is an avid coin collector and has been a member of the Ft Collins Coin Club for over 50 years. He does coin shows and estate appraisals as well as has a booth at A & J's Antiques three times a week, if you can't find him, He might be playing full-court basketball at the CSU gym. Not bad for a 79 year-old!

Ralph's Review

Exterior Building Painting

The painters have completed two of the five buildings to be painted. We still have a ways to go on this seasonal priority project with completion later this month.

Landscaping

Our newer seasonal priority project landscaping continues to move forward between golf course maintenance, irrigation repairs, and pruning. With our help getting up to speed, the landscape projects are taking shape. Clubhouse landscaping should begin approximately mid-month.

Irrigation

We have been advised that there is adequate irrigation water to get through August with the possibility of one more run in September. This is the typical ditch water season end. Adriel Hills will begin reducing irrigation and utilizing our wells. We are holding our breath that any day we will see the revised agreement from the Larimer-Weld Irrigation Company regarding future water delivery from their ditch.

Board of Directors

Our Treasurer, Kay Reynolds, with hours of work and numerous meetings has guided us through the transition of our treasurer's and auditor's positions, refined and simplified reporting and finalized reserve-fund tracking—all in really just a few months. Kay has my sincere personal gratitude and appreciation.

We look forward to working with our newest Board member, Craig Culver. He has done it before so he knows what he's getting into.

To go easy on our new Newsletter Editor, I am just going to say it's great for Bill to take the Newsletter on. I'll end my report by making a brief reference to the following:

Gossip/Rumors

It may be expected to some degree, but I know most community members and the entire Adriel Hills staff do not participate in rumors, gossip or misinformation. Undercurrents of such are unproductive and do nothing positive for this extraordinary community. Having worked very closely with many of you, you know you will get the straight story and accurate information from management. I consider anything less to be unacceptable. We may not always have the answer you want or the answer we want to give you, but we will do our best to provide accurate information and reasonable solutions.

Meet New Neighbors

Jon and Sharon Siman moved into 1904 Adriel Court a few months ago, but they feel as though they are getting organized after downsizing and moving from Eveleth, MN. Eveleth is in north Minnesota; that's iron ore country. Jon was involved in education there before he retired. It was their four children moving to places in Colorado that helped them decide to relocate. I would think the weather here might have been a factor as well! They are looking forward to exploring the community.

Pam Ores and her two sons moved here from Florida just last month. Cole, who is a senior in high school, wanted to finish school with friends he had when they lived in Loveland several years ago. They live at 1643 Adriel Drive. Her older son has gone back to his last semester at Virginia Tech where he was a swimming scholarship. Patti works at Cozy Cottage in Front Range Village. Cole would be happy to help people needing a strong arm; he is also technologically savvy. Call him at 952-913-5987.

~Cheryl Beckett

The Conversation Project

Dr. Janet Seeley will present and guide discussion on "The Conversation Project" on Tuesday, October 13, 2015. The presentation will take place in the Clubhouse and will be held from 6:30 to 8:00 PM. This Project is a grassroots campaign dedicated to helping people talk about what matters to them and about their wishes for end-of-life care. Many of us know what we would like and have discussed it with others. There may be important issues we are forgetting. Whether we are 25 or 90, we should have directives. Invite a relative or friend and spend an interesting evening. Snacks will be served. Please RSVP today to Sandy Brooks at 303-808-3633. If you want to learn more about this or want to prepare for the meeting, you can go to TheConversationProject.org.

~Sandy Brooks

Landscape News

Work is progressing on our wait-listed projects. We will be looking forward to next year when we will have a new budget

to replant where appropriate in the places where stumps, trees, and bushes were removed and in barren areas. Kathy Batterson arranged a tour for us at the Bellvue Emporium, designed and maintained by Herb Schaal, a master gardener. It is a fantastic place on County Road 54E, if you ever would like to take advantage of one of their tour days. We were able to see many ideas for new and exciting landscape plans for Adriel Hills.

~Isabel Garity

September Blurbs/Reminders

INSURANCE: Payment for the annual renewal insurance premium is due by the end of August. Please remit payment to the office or the drop boxes. Reminder for those of you signed up on the Electronic Funds Transfer [EFT]: this payment is not electronically funded. If you have questions, please contact the office.

ASSESSMENT DUE DATE: A notice was recently posted on the Bulletin Board at all three mail huts regarding the due-date for Adriel Hills assessments. **To help assure timely payment of monthly dues and minimize the confusion as to which month's dues you are paying, the Board of Directors voted to change the due-date for all assessment to the 25th of each month. This will be effective October, 2015.** Any assessment not paid by October 25th will be subject to a \$50 late-fee charge.

Adriel Hills also offers an electronic funds transfer for dues (dues only). Your payment would automatically be withdrawn from your account on the 5th business day of each month. Contact the office if interested.

Office Hours:

Bonita's office hours are **Monday through Friday, 8:30 AM to 12:00 PM**. Bonita will be available only during those hours. Bonita may be in her office past noon; however, this is for focused work-time. If there is a "Do Not Disturb" sign on her door, then please do not disturb her unless it is an emergency. **If you have something that needs to be addressed outside of office hours, please talk to Ralph or call the office number and leave a voice mail.** Voice mails are checked regularly.

Volunteers

Thank you Laurie and Alan Sneider for offering and helping with distributing community information. This frees up Bonita's time so she can focus on her other projects.

Indoor Pool Anticipated Reopening

The indoor and outdoor pool will be closed Thursday, September 24th to winterize the outdoor pool. Typically, the indoor pool would re-open 8:00 AM the following day; however, we have some minor tile repair to do and it may require a 48-hour or so closure. Indoor pool reopening anticipated Saturday, September 26, 8:00 AM.

Neighbors Night Out

Neighbors Night Out was an enjoyable summer's evening event thanks to all of you who came to renew friendships & meet new neighbors. In the small neighborhood gatherings there were about 120 people who attended and in the event at the Clubhouse there were about 100 people. (Again sorry we ran out of ice cream!!) People enjoyed Cecelia's music & I will place here contact information

below since there were inquiries for her harp playing as well as doing other events. I once again want to thank the hosts & hostesses for the evening- Ursala Ehmann, Audie Hertz, Dave Felder, Kathy Batterton & Rose Marie, Beth & Bob Webb, Sherry & Floyd Wernimont, June & Ski Cismoski, Dick & Esther Johnsen & Deborah & Mike Kohler. Cecelia Burrough's email is ctbmusica@yahoo.com & phone 690-1106. Let me know what will make next year better. Finally, a big "thank you" to the Adriel Hills staff for the help they provided in getting us the names we needed and for the delivery of tables and chair to the small neighborhood events.

Bridge Club Notes

Adriel Hills Bridge Group will meet the 2nd Wednesday of each month from September, 2015, to May, 2016,. We take the summer off. Anyone interested in joining the group, please come on Wednesday, September 9, 2015, at 1:00 PM in the Clubhouse.

~Shirley Stallings

New Newsletter Editor

Bill Tremblay will edit the Adriel Hills NEWSLETTER. If you have news items, his email is: bill.tremblay@gmail.com. He would like to try some new categories, e.g. brief essays on travel that might be of interest to many Adriel Hills residents. Deadline for those who contribute by-lines to the Newsletter is on or by the 25th of each month.

September Calendar

Operations Committee Meeting	Sept. 3	10:00 AM	Clubhouse
Labor Day Office CLOSED	Sept. 7		
Board of Directors Meeting	Sept. 15 th	6:00 PM	Clubhouse
Indoor/Outdoor Pool Closure	Sept. 24 th		
Indoor Pool Reopening Anticipated	Sept. 26 th	8:00 AM	
Water Aerobics	MWF	8:30 AM	Clubhouse
Tennis	M,F	AM	Tennis Courts
Pickleball-New Members Welcome	W, Sat	8:00 AM	Tennis Courts
Book Club-New Members Welcome	Last Tuesdays of the month	12:30 PM	Clubhouse