

NEWSLETTER

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CIRCUMAMBULATION: A Brief Conversation with Duane Boes

The circuit to which this particular use of the word “circumambulation” refers is the circumference of the planet Earth at its equator. That’s the distance Duane Boes [pronounced “bays”] has walked since 2000 when he consciously decided to walk that 24000 miles. It has taken him twenty [20] years, walking one hundred miles a month. Before that he had been a distance runner for many years but arthritis made half-marathons a thing of the past for him. I’ve been seeing Duane jauntily making his way along what he calls “the Eaton Ditch” on early mornings for years now, always dressed for the weather. I had no idea that he was “shooting for the Equator.”

Duane’s life has always been one of physical exertion [or exercise, as he calls it]. He was born in 1934 on a farm in Iowa. The second of eight children, he was held responsible for a lot of the farm work as a youth. He smiles almost shyly as he tells me, “I learned to eat slow. Meals were the only times when I didn’t have to work.” The house didn’t have running water, indoor plumbing, or electricity. In fact, Duane says, “I used to get out to the barn way earlier than dawn to start cleaning the horses’ stalls with my oil lantern every morning. My grandfather decided to put in electricity because he was afraid I’d burn down the barn.”

Duane gave me a brief sketch of his life—elementary and secondary education at a parochial school where he got a good preparation for his studies at Purdue

University in Statistics. He and his wife Joan (deceased, 2006) moved to Fort Collins in 1964 when he took a position teaching in the Mathematics Department. His family background includes the fact that his great grandfather went AWOL from the Prussian Army in 1878 and took up farming for a living. Among Duane’s siblings he is proud to say three have earned Ph.D.s. He says all of his siblings have saints’ names, though he adds with a twinkle in his eye that “all of us failed at being saints.” A great deal of his busy life—he has published reams of scientific articles—has been collaborations with the Hydrology colleagues at CSU. The fact that Duane has helped the “Water Committee” advising the Adriel Hills’ Board of Directors came clear to me because of his interest in Hydrology and water issues in general. I asked him, since he seems to know all things to do with water, why Long Pond has been nearly emptied this winter. His answer is that there are problems with the out-flow from it to the Larimer/Weld Canal, so there will be construction coming.

In June of 2019, Duane reached his goal of having walked approximately the entire circumference of the Earth in the presence of three of his daughters, each of whom have two children. Not only that, but he began the first mile of his new goal, circling the Equator of the Moon, which he calculates as approximately 6784 miles. On that day of celebration one of his sisters, Myrna Mae Snyder, read a commemorative poem in July, 2019, some of which I’ll reproduce here:

We have a brother named Duane

Who decided to do something inane!

*I'll walk 'round the Earth
He said with great mirth ...*

*So off he did go with his hammer-toe woe
He walked in the sleet
He walked in heat
He walked every mile with swagger and
style ...*

*Now that he's done
Let's all share in the fun
Let's hear a great cheer
for behold he is here
drinking his beer!*

Duane tells me he's 85 years young in part because he's always been physically active and that has paid off in longevity and the crystal clarity of his mind and the geniality of his spirit.

Manager's Review FEBRUARY 2020

The way our winter started, 17" on November 25th, I for one thought, "Here we go." But it is Colorado weather and we hardly know what we are going to get day to day, but we will take it!

Crew: Right now the crew continues to get outdoor projects done. At least to this point, weather wise, the tennis court retaining wall is a perfect winter project. When conditions do not permit, including cold early mornings, the crew is working on equipment and maintenance needs. I don't know if Bonita likes being referred to as crew or not, possibly administrative-bookkeeper Wonder Woman. Either way it is a busy time for Bonita with year-end responsibilities, from tax forms to resident record forms, community directory and various other projects; and always with a smile ☺!

Mail & Packages: Someone else who is extremely busy and recently completed her umpteenth holiday crunch is Rosie, our beloved mail carrier. Rosie has asked we mention a simple and reasonable request. **Please pick up your mail and packages in a timely manner.** Due to volume of mail, small delivery boxes and limited parcel lockers, Rosie is frequently having to shuffle mail boxes and parcel lockers to accommodate daily delivery. The request is to please pick up your mail and parcels regularly, have a neighbor/family member pick it up timely or put your mail on vacation hold.

Rosie thanks the many of you that are typically on it and appreciates the help picking up your mail and parcels on a timely basis.

The Poopy Stuff: Large or small dogs, summer or winter season, the rules are the same; **PICK UP AFTER YOUR DOG AND KEEP YOUR DOG ON A LEASH WHEN OUTSIDE IN THE COMMUNITY.** When we have specific information of those not picking up dog poop or dog off leash, we will send Rules & Regulations violation letters and possible fines.

Board of Directors: The 2020 Board of Directors with a couple of meetings under their belt, are off and running. The board and staff will be working on the operating budget, prioritization and reserve plan for adoption early spring. At this rate spring may not be too far away!

Ralph

2020 FEBRUARY BLURBS

Winter Watering Reminder:

Don't forget to give woody trees, and shrubs water over the winter. This is especially important for new plantings. Wait until the temperature is at least 40 degrees, and water thoroughly, preferably earlier in the day. Depending on how much moisture we receive, every 2-4 weeks should be sufficient.

Sue Glasscock- Morning Glory Gardening

FOR SALE OR LOOKING TO BUY

POTENTIAL ADRIEL HILLS BUYERS: Hi neighbors! Our long-time college friends Bob and Lorrie are ready to sell their home in Denver and would love to join us at "the Resort" (as they call Adriel Hills). They would prefer to buy one of the detached homes. They're not in a terrific hurry, but hope to move up this spring. If you're thinking of moving and/or selling your home and would be interested in talking with them, I am happy to put you in contact with them.

Thank You,
Mark Kenning
970-8895226

FOR SALE: 1929 Kedron Circle - Spacious 3 BR, 2½ bath, end unit with great views! Rare opportunity for this multi-level floorplan. 1 car garage, 1 carport, 3 outdoor living spaces including deck and patio overlooking mature trees, greenbelt and a fantastic view of the foothills



& Rocky Mountains. Granite counter tops, wood floors, stainless steel appliances, open living room/kitchen with large wood burning fireplace, master suite and loft on upper level, a loft that makes great study/sitting area or use the floor to ceiling bookshelves on the landing as a home office, updated travertine tile master bath and shower and 2 large bedrooms on lower level each with a walk out to a large patio ... Views! Views! Views! Located across from the clubhouse/pool and short walk to the private golf course. \$384,000

FOR RENT: 1841 Kedron Circle Please contact Johnson & Johnson Property Management 970-484-3467 ask for Jill.

THEFT: Recently an Adriel Hills resident notified Management that his spare tire was stolen off his truck within the last 2 ½ weeks. He had not been able to drive due to surgery. Now he is able to drive and that is when he noticed it was gone.

If you have your spare tire attached to the outside of your vehicle, Management strongly suggests you put a lock on it. Also please keep an eye out for our community; if you see something or someone that looks suspicious please contact the Larimer County Sheriff's Office 970-416-1985.

FEBRUARY 2020 ADRIEL HILLS CALENDAR**Administrative and Management Office Hours**

Administrative Office Hours	M-F	8:30-12:00	Clubhouse
Management Office Hours	M-F	8:00- 4:00 Approximately 11:30-12:30	Clubhouse Lower Floor Closed for Lunch
ST. VALENTINE'S DAY		Friday, February 14 th	
Adriel Hills Offices Closed		Monday, February 17 th for Presidents' Day	

Community Activities/Events

Water Aerobics	M T W Th F 8:00 a.m.	Clubhouse
Book Club	4 th Mon. of each Month at 12:15	Clubhouse
Wine, Unwind & No Whining	Tuesday	4:00-6:00

Maintenance Projects

Building – 38 Exterior Building Maintenance & Repairs; Owners/Residents will be notified of schedule

Various landscape work will continue as conditions permit

Staff & Contractors throughout the community evaluating upcoming projects

Homeowners' Town Hall Meetings

(see cover page for reminder)

February 11th @ Adriel Hills Clubhouse from **10-11 a.m. AND 7-8 p.m.**

Board of Directors' Meeting

Board of Directors Meeting	Tuesday, February 18 th 6:00 p.m.	Clubhouse
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This information is intended for the benefit and education of our community members.