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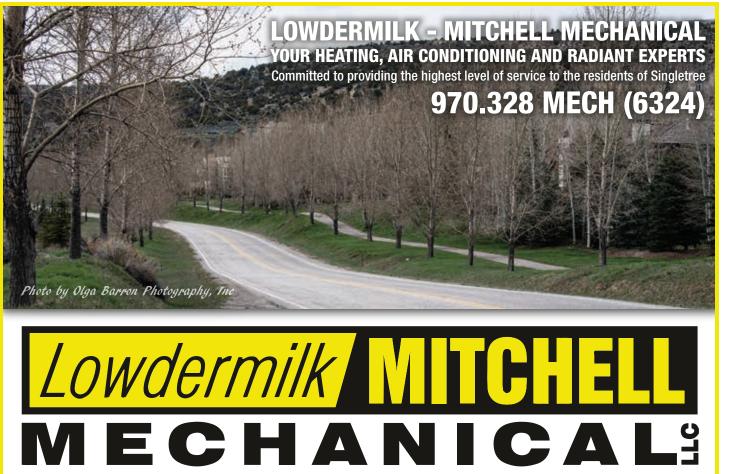
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Happy 4TH of July:

We are very excited to bring you this issue of *Inside Singletree*. In this edition, we celebrate our country, our independence and our amazing neighbors in this wonderful community we call home!

This month's articles from Singletree residents include the opportunity to meet the energetic and active Dekanich family, to share Alice Plain's personal challenge and achievement on a 5 day hut trip in Switzerland, to learn about the great things Pam Beaudin and the Rotary do at home and across the world, and to experience Raquel Walder's amazing world travel with Up With People. We also meet Bob Jamar and his 7th standard poodle, Barkley, peer into another stunning home in Singletree, and share a few words with your Board President, Melissa Nelson.

Summer is here and it's time to enjoy all the season has to offer! Join your neighbors at Music in the Park at the Singletree Pavilion on July 13. Take in the Burroughs at Riverwalk First Fridays or a performance at BRAVO! Vail. And of course, don't miss the festivities celebrating the 4th of July throughout the Vail Valley. Event

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Call it serendipity! Who would have guessed a random seat assignment and a long shot job application would lead to thriving careers, marriage, children, and a very happy life in Singletree?

Joel, a Wisconsin native, first experienced Colorado as a junior in high school when he and a few buddies took a train from Chicago to Winter Park. To this day, he can't believe his mom let him take that trip, but he fell for Colorado - hook, line and sinker. He attended the University of Wisconsin, La Crosse for undergrad and then went on to chiropractic school at Palmer College in Davenport, IA.

After a yearlong associate position at a renowned sports medicine clinic, he casually suggested (or maybe not so casually) to a fellow colleague in Denver that he would be potentially open to pursuing opportunities in Colorado, and as luck would have it, this friend was seated on a flight next to the owner of the health club at the Marriott in Vail. "I found you a job," his friend reported, "and it's in Vail!" Joel's immediate reaction: "La La Land?" Nonetheless, Joel seized the opportunity to join a start-up operation with no guarantee of a salary while still carrying the burden of student loans, the first of many leaps of faith for Joel.

Elizabeth's path to Colorado starts out in a way that is similar to many Vail Valley locals. After graduating from Wake Forest University in North Carolina in 1996 and working a stint at the Olympics in Atlanta, she and a friend happened to stop in Vail while driving cross country from her home in McLean, VA to Los Angeles. She was instantly intrigued and nonchalantly picked up a job application to be a ski instructor. Having grown up near Washington, DC, she said she was more of an "East Coast skier" at the time.

Much to her surprise, Elizabeth was invited to return to Vail in October to interview for a position with Vail Ski School in Lionshead. Not exactly what her parents envisioned for the young Wake Forest graduate, but ultimately, they blessed her 6 month sojourn in the mountains as long as she had a round trip ticket

During her first winter, Elizabeth took a second job at the health club and spa at the Marriott, where she coaxed Joel to ski with her between patients and they became close friends. "He was a professional," laughs Elizabeth. "A chiropractor! Not a ski bum kind of guy." As she approached the end of the ski season, Joel reminded her that she was actually leaving Vail at the best time of the year and after a quick visit back east, Elizabeth returned to work at Camp Vail for the summer. By the time August rolled around, she had lived up to her parent's expectations and landed a "real job" as a Teacher's Assistant at Eagle Valley Middle School.



After three years at the Marriott, Joel was seriously considering his future in the Vail Valley. Having opened a new Vail location Lionshead, a close mentor (and Singletree resident), Rex Keep, advised Joel that the locals were moving down valley. With this in mind, Joel purchased his office space above the post office in Edwards in 1999, and opened his practice there in 2000. This location still serves as the main office for Vail Integrative Medical Group, which also has offices in Vail and Eagle Ranch.

Joel is a recognized sports chiropractor, lecturing around the country and working with clients ranging from the PGA, NFL, NHL, Team USA Track N Field at the ParaPan Am Games and at the Olympic Training Center, and of course, with many aspiring local amateur and professional skiers. He holds a master's degree in exercise science and rehabilitation from Logan University in St. Louis and recently earned his RN by completing his nursing degree at The International College of Health Sciences in Boynton Beach, FL in December.

Vail Integrative Medical Group was one of the first clinics in Colorado, and likely one of the first in the country, to offer its patients multiple disciplines under one roof, including medical and interventional pain management, physical therapy, chiropractic, massage therapy, and a multitude of additional treatments. Joel explains, "Our methodology was pretty unconventional 20 years ago. We have been working on breaking down barriers since Day 1 to work collaboratively together. Research validates our treatments and methodologies in that physical medicine combined with soft tissue work and rehabilitation actually achieves the fastest and best long term results, thereby saving the patient (and insurance company) time and money. We really provide the best

of all worlds when we can bring all of these disciplines under one umbrella." Next on the agenda for Joel: he is planning to complete his nurse practitioner degree in order to further refine and expand the scope of services he can offer his patients.

After teaching at the middle school, Elizabeth accepted a position at Eagle County Charter Academy as a third grade teacher, and continues there today as a Reading Specialist and Certified Academic Language Therapist for the past 13 years. Elizabeth is finishing her master's degree in education at Colorado College in July, with a focus in dyslexia. Working on her degree in conjunction with her role as a reading specialist allows her to apply her practical work on her students, Elizabeth exclaims, "I absolutely

Elizabeth and Joel may be the quintessential hardworking couple when it comes to education and careers; but their most outstanding achievement is raising a happy, healthy and active family. Kate, 13, Thomas, 11 and Joseph, 9, all follow in their parents' footsteps when it comes to passion and energy.

Joseph is non-stop movement, be it on a hoverboard or scooter, and is eager to share his recent experience learning to surf in Costa Rica. Thomas lives for lacrosse, skiing and fishing, and Kate participates in soccer, tennis and track; the 100 yard dash being her favorite event. Both the boys participate in tae kwon do, both striving for their black belts, and also ski in the Buddy

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Werner League at Beaver Creek. When not racing, the family loves to ski together.

During the summer, the Dekanich family enjoys biking in Singletree, Moab and Fruita, camping, golfing at the Sonnenalp Club, boating on Grand Lake and visits to Joel's family at the lake house in Wisconsin or Elizabeth's family on the Outer Banks in North Carolina. When not criss-crossing the USA, they love travelling to their happy place, in Mayakoba near Playa del Carmen, Mexico or to Nosara, in Costa Rica, which is "off the grid, beautiful and relaxing." Elizabeth expresses with a smile on her face, "We would go back tomorrow!"

Hope Sports is an organization that has become an important part of family life for the Dekanichs. Hope Sports is a non-profit organization that promotes personal growth and community among professional and Olympic athletes through short-term service trips to Mexico, Panama, Costa Rica and the Dominican Republic. Last year, Joel, Elizabeth, Kate, Thomas and Joseph travelled to Rosarito, Mexico to participate in building homes for poor families in rural areas of the country. In one weekend, a team will build a home for a family that makes \$5 per day and lives under very extreme conditions.

Coming from Vail, Colorado, this experience has been eye-opening for the entire family and as a result, all of the Dekanich's have developed a deep passion for this opportunity to make a difference. Joel stresses the importance of "getting out of dodge and giving back" and the family has eagerly adopted this philosophy. They departed again in June to build another home in Mexico.

It's difficult to not overschedule, but both Joel and Elizabeth seek ways to stay grounded. Joel is a runner and mountain biker and can be seen 4 or 5 days a week on the Singletree trails with their dog, Jazz. He has completed both an Ironman and the Leadville 100 run. Elizabeth looks to hiking, Pure Barre and meditation. Joel praises her for her mindfulness, always reminding them all to "enjoy the ride." Chill time is important to this family and it is clear they make spending time together a high priority.

Singletree is the perfect community for this active family. Joel and Elizabeth bought their first home in Singletree on June Creek about 15 years ago. That house felt a little small after the arrival of their third child, so they moved to their current home on Palomino about 9 years ago. Ten minute commutes or less, open space, trails for running and mountain biking, a great community and The Sonnenalp Club. Singletree offers everything they want in lifestyle. As Elizabeth remarks, "It is such an awesome place to raise kids," and she and Joel agree they can't imagine being anywhere else. Serendipity indeed.















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Alice Plain

Conquers MS From The Vail Valley To The Swiss Alps

Contributed by **Alice Plain**, Singletree Resident (Since 1989)



Third day on the tour. We were skinning up this beautiful valley after skiing some fresh powder.

Alice Plain believes in taking on personal challenges and one year ago she decided on a significant one - signing up for a ski mountaineering hut trip tour in Europe. This challenge came with several looming concerns: the glaciers, the exposure and the steep grades of the Alps would be both mentally and physically challenging. There was also a daily ongoing concern that had to be factored in - living with MS.

On April 5, 2016, Alice and her friend, Ulrica Johannson from Eagle-Vail, set out on a five-day ski adventure called the Imperial Haute Route. This ski tour began in Zermatt, Switzerland and ended in the Swiss mountain village of Zinal. Alice shares the following chronicle of her amazing experience.

A Lifelong Dream

When I first started planning the trip I didn't realize that it would take place almost 10 years to the day following my diagnosis. I trained hard all winter by skinning up the local mountains in the Vail Valley, but I knew what I was taking on would be a delicate balance between being prepared and overexerting. Over doing it and/or stress could tip the MS scale against me. Right up to the start I wasn't sure how it would go, but this was a lifelong dream and I was determined to try.

Our group consisted of six skiers and two guides. I decided not to tell anyone I had MS, because I did not want to compromise our tour and possibly be given any "special treatment." I did worry about not being able to feel my legs if I got too tired as well as dealing with bladder issues caused by my MS. In the end, it worked out and I achieved something I wasn't sure I could do. The group of six became quite close during this difficult, challenging adventure and we all supported each other throughout the five days.



Second day on the ski tour from Schonbiel Hut - Matterhorn in the background. Beautiful blue sky day all day and spectacular views!



Amazing view from Cab Du Mountet Hut, our second hut. I stayed outside all day after we arrived and enjoyed the views. I admired the glaciers we navigated through on our ski down. A special place!

We began our hut trip in Zermatt, walking up the Bahnhofstrasse, backpacks filled with minimal clothing, crampons, shovel, probe, chocolate bars, ski crampons, avalanche beacon and harness. We rode the gondola up to the Scwartzee restaurant on the mountain, where we put on our skis and ventured off-piste to start our adventure.

Out of the Comfort Zone

We spent the first night at The Schonbiel Hut, located directly across from the Matterhorn. One



The terrain is steep and exciting throughout the Swiss Alps and this trip included.



Andrea (our guide from Cortina, Ulrica, Me, and Tilly) This was our group of four who roped together to hike up a couloir and then cross the knife edge of the ridge. I enjoyed the amazing views—when I was not looking at my feet making sure I would not trip myself with the crampons strapped to my ski boots.



Fun times on the ski tour, exciting, challenging, and beautiful! I was out of my comfort zone and having



Our final destination was the spectacular Tracuit Hut, perched on the edge of the mountain. Nick Parks (our guide-from Mountain Tracks) Tilly, Celeste, me (in back) Ulrica, John, and Andrea (our guide from Cortina, Italy). Great finale to our trip!

luxury of the Swiss hut system is the caretakers who cook homemade meals at the huts as well as serve beer and wine. Our guide mentioned this first day was an "easy day". Turns out, the distance we traveled was not too far, but the difficulty of the skin was harder than I imagined. We were cutting across a slope with a steep drop to our right for a good couple of miles. At this moment, I realized this was going to be the type of trip I was looking for; I would be out of my comfort zone, challenged to a degree I had never before experienced.

During the five day tour we traveled several kilometers on skis, experiencing breathtaking views of the Swiss Alps, skiing on glaciers, with crevasses present throughout the journey. In addition to steep, difficult, skinning throughout the trip, I was challenged by my first winter mountaineering experience on the third day. With crampons strapped to my ski boots, roped together with two others and our guide, we hiked up a steep couloir and traversed 300-yards across a magnificent knife-edge ridge. It was exhilarating and quite a personal accomplishment.

The last night I told everyone I had MS and they were all was shocked! This was a difficult, challenging experience for everyone in our group and their jaws dropped when I shared the

news. Lots of tears were flowing and we celebrated our last night together at the Tracuit Hut. We were thankful for accomplishing this as a group and we all developed a strong relationship through this experience.

Words To Live By

Since I was diagnosed with MS, each and every day I think about "what I can do today," which is the philosophy I live by. When I was first diagnosed 10 years ago, I was having trouble with my legs, and my goal was simply to be able to walk around the block. When asked if she has advice for others, Alice says, "Set goals higher than you think you can achieve and don't let MS rule your life. Simply live life in a positive manner."

By the time this article goes to print, Alice will have participated in her eighth Bike MS Colorado ride, which is slated for June 25 - 26, 2016. The two-day, 150-mile+ ride is the Society's third largest Bike MS ride in the nation and annually raises \$4 million for programs and research that benefits 100,000 people affected by MS in Colorado and Wyoming.



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Sally Corcoran, Linda Hill, Julia Pinho, Exchange Student, as the Duck and friend, Linda Lomax and Bobbie Ruh (Singletree Resident) at the Annual Vail Rotary Duck Race

Edwards Rotary

Reaches from Colorado

 $TO\ Kosovo$ Article Contributed by **Pam Beaudin**, Singletree Resident Photos Contributed by **Linda Hill**, Singletree Resident

I am always excited when given an opportunity to talk about Rotary. Especially so when sharing about the Edwards Rotary Club, where I meet with my fellow Rotarians during our regular meetings Thursday mornings, 7:45 a.m., at Cafe Milano.

While living in California, I joined Rotary in 2002 to "make a difference." I thought I had a fair amount of knowledge about Rotary in general, so I immediately jumped in and participated in a variety of ways and enjoyed every part of the commitments I made.

After moving to Edwards, I was fortunate to join the Edwards Rotary Club as a charter member in 2004. Even after 14 years as a member, I continue to be amazed with much to learn, and how things quickly grow through Rotary. How it impacts so many people, on so many different levels, for so many reasons, is truly what keeps me involved.

Within our community, the Edwards Rotary Club has had the honor and pleasure of contributing to a number of local financial and participatory requests. As an example, we have met many and developed relationships with: COPA Soccer, High School Scholarships, Red Ribbon Week, Healthy Aging, Family



Vail Valley Rotary Clubs and the Rotary International Youth Exchange Program – Valentina Molina, student from Chile; Julia Pinho, student from Brazil who was hosted by the Burnett Family (Lauren, Greg and Ainsley), Singletree Residents

Learning Center, Street Survival, Foresight Skiing, 3rd Grade Dictionaries, Starting Hearts for AED placement, and many more.

Without the community contributing to our efforts, we would not have the ability to participate in Rotary's phenomenal opportunity to make dollars grow with the help of the Foundation. With certain criteria being met, local Clubs can apply for match-



Supporting COPA Soccer, Reggie O'Brien and Pam Beaudin (Singletree Resident)

ing grants. For example, if The Edwards Rotary Club donates \$1,000, there is a potential for that money to be matched by 3.5 times between the District and Rotary International. Bottom line is that, if approved, the end result is turning \$1,000 into \$3,500! That gives each club incentive to work with each other donating to the others' Club causes so matches can be made throughout the world!

These large matching opportunities recently happened, and continue to happen, within our own Edwards Club. It was with many volunteer hours, facilitated by our own Club member and Singletree Resident, Richard Dangler, along with multiple clubs across the country and world, where I was given the opportunity to join the Voluntary Training Team in Gjakova, Kosovo.

In January this year, I was invited to assist in implementing a telemedicine project, which took Rotarian's dedication and persistence to put into place. Rotary purchased telemedicine kits providing live interactive telemedicine to rural areas where desperately needed; in our case the rural areas of Gjakova, Kosovo, where there is limited healthcare access and few people leave their communities to seek medical help.

Medical staff are now equipped when traveling to the rural communities and have the ability to perform tests such as EKGs, ultrasounds and hearing tests by way of telecommunications to the hospital in Kosovo's capital, Pristina, then on to Arizona for immediate reading. This project was 100% organized, with funds raised, matched, and contributed by Rotary Clubs working together.

It was an eye opening and educational experience to meet Kosovars and fellow Rotarians who were not only appreciative, but warm and welcoming to us.

Our current project, also in Gjakova, Kosovo, started by donating a much needed mammography machine. That project has raised enough funds (mostly through the power of Rotary's internal network) to allow us to renovate a war torn building turning it into a breast cancer detection center. Excitedly, the ribbon cutting is scheduled for July 4, 2016.

The Edwards Rotary Club is only one of three Clubs in the Valley offering great availability if one is interested in Rotary. Clubs and meeting times are available for all types of individual's work schedules and lifestyles. The other clubs are located in Vail and Eagle, and meet Wednesdays and Fridays, respectively. Although all Clubs tend to have different dynamics, it is great to have the ability to work together and tap into the variety of talented resources throughout the world.

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Telemedicine kits perform tests such as EKG's, ultrasounds and hearing tests by way



Vail Valley Rotary Clubs helping Habitat for Humanity (Gregg Cohen, Jill Lammers and Linda Hill,



Vail Valley Rotary Clubs joining the Highway Clean Up effort (Linda Hill and Chip Howard, Singletree Residents)



Richard Dangler (Singletree Resident) conveys ownership of the telemedicine kit to the hospital in Kosovo



Vail Valley Rotary Clubs delivering dictionaries to every 3rd grader in Eagle County; here shown at St. Clare of Assisi with teacher Karen Werner and Rotarians Amy Gosha and Linda Hill





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home of the month

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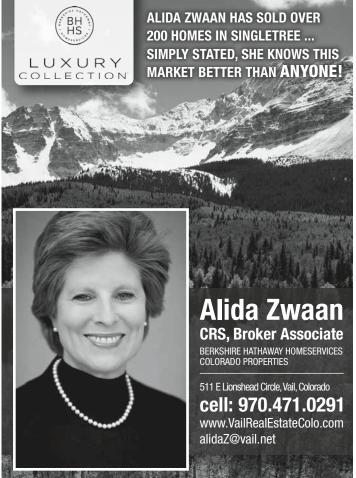
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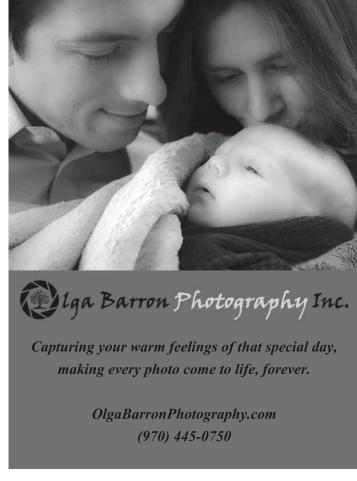


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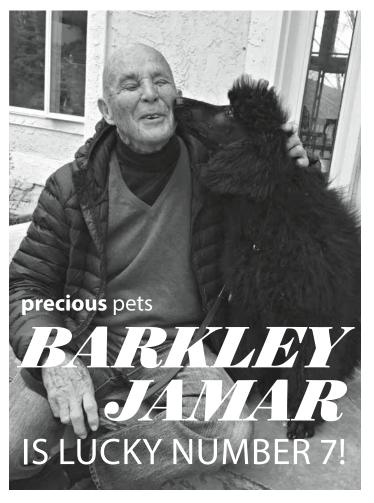
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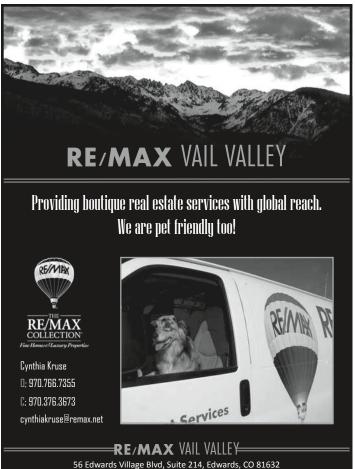
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As an endearing and energetic 5-month-old standard poodle, Barkley is the 7th in a history of standard poodles to be raised by Bob Jamar. When asked why Bob has always chosen standard poodles as his household companion, Bob explains, "They are very smart, they have a very good temperament and seem to understand your moods. Poodles love to hike and swim and camp and they don't shed. They are just wonderful companions and simply become part of the family."

Over the course of his 85 years, Bob has raised seven poodles, often owning two at a time. The name Barkley follows in the tradition of "B"... Barney, Bailey, Bentley, and now Barkley.

Bob's very close friend, Annie Whalen, was the driving force behind finding Barkley. After 2 years of researching breeders, Annie found Barkley in Palm Beach – finally the right breeder, the right color and sex, and the perfect time of year! Bob journeyed to Florida to bring Barkley back to Singletree and remarked that Barkley surprisingly never once barked or whined during his 3 hour flight or 2 hour drive home.



Bob chuckles when sharing the fact that raising a puppy at this time in life is a bit more stringent than he had recalled. In the past, Bob has typically always had an older dog to teach a puppy a few things, but nonetheless, Barclay has mastered "sit," "stay," "down," "shake" and "come" – well, most of the time. Next on the training agenda is learning the names of his toys. Research has shown that dogs can learn up to 1,023 words; Barkley is starting with Chew and Bear and soon will move on to Monkey.

Of course, every puppy has its share of bad habits and Barkley is no exception. As Bob describes it, "Barkley will run around like a Madhatter because he wants to." He occasionally barks when he knows he should not. Barkley is now attending socializing classes at Walkin' the Dog that has helped him overcome his fear of other dogs in just three sessions. Barkley also looks forward to his



trips to Happy Tails, where Master Groomer Chad grooms and pampers Barkley much to his delight.

Bob and Barkley have settled in to a comfortable routine of having a chat on the couch or the outdoors swing for about 15-20 minutes after breakfast before their walk. The day goes on with lots of naps as young dogs require lots of sleep; otherwise it

shows up in their poor behavior when they are worn out from too much activity or excitement.

Next on the agenda is learning to swim. Barclay loves splashing in the stream and trying to eat the bubbles. As soon as it is warm enough, Bob and Barclay will enjoy visits to Sylvan Lake where Barclay will learn to swim, a natural skill for poodles.

Barkley is indeed living a lucky life as Number 7. If all goes as planned, Bob will bring home another puppy next year as a new companion for both Barkley and Bob... keep your eye open for the arrival of Bradley!



Do you have a pet and would like to share his/her story? Please email holly.proctor@n2pub.com to feature your precious pet in the next available issue! Dogs, cats, horses, fish and any other type of animals are welcome!



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Rocks Up With People

Contributed by Raquel Walder, Singletree Resident



Throughout high school, I knew I was passionate about music, connecting with others, learning about cultures, travelling, and helping those who needed it most. Because of this, I decided to take a path that some people may think of as crazy. I decided that instead of going to senior prom and walking down an aisle to take my diploma with my graduating class, I would take extra classes so that I would be able to graduate 6 months early.

After months of hard work, filling out 15 college applications, and taking far too many standardized tests, I was able to acquire what I needed to finish high school a semester early. This process, though quite difficult, was 100% worth it. I decided to graduate early in order to travel with a non-profit organization called Up with People. Up with People is an international service, educational, and performance non-profit organization.

We are a group of 100 motivated young people from 20 different countries who travel the world with the hopes of one day making it a better place. We travel to new cities every week doing community service work and at the end of each week we perform a show about cultural acceptance and global unity. We aim to share our cultures and viewpoints while also learning about others.

This past 6 months has taught me so much about myself and the world around me. I have learned to connect with people who



Raquel and friends at Teotihuacán in Mexico



Fun garage door art in South Dakota



Raquel and Up With People troupe entertaining in Helsingborg, Sweden

appear to be completely different than me, I have learned to take leadership and responsibility, and I have made amazing friends from all around the world. Though I came to Up with People because of my love for performance and service, I have discovered new passions that I hope to explore in college in the fall.

This next semester, I will be attending the University of Southern California to study theatre and hopefully communications and journalism as well. I have learned that there are so many opportunities available if you are passionate enough to work for what you want. I do not know exactly what I will be doing in 5 or 10 years but I find that extremely exciting. I hope to use my passions and talents to one day make the world a little better and hopefully inspire others to do the same.



Do you know a young adult who excels in athletics, academics, performing arts, creative arts, community involvement or any other area of personal interest? Please send an email to holly.proctor@n2pub.com to nominate a super star to share their story.



Your SPOA Board: Jennie Longville-May, Ralph Merritt, Melissa Nelson and Ralph Dockery



community news

Melissa Nelson adventuring in the Grand Canvor

Meet Your Board President **GETTING TO KNOW MELISSA NELSON**

Contributed by Melissa Nelson, Singletree Resident

The Singletree Property Owners Association is fortunate to enjoy great leadership at the hands of Melissa Nelson. Here Melissa takes a few moments to share her background, her perspective on her role with SPOA as well as a bit of her personal side.

Where are you from originally and how long have you lived in Colorado? I grew up in Shaker Heights, Ohio. Went to college in Connecticut, France and Illinois. Lived and worked in Chicago, Denver and France. Bought my first home in Eagle Country at the Vail Racquet Club in 1981 and spent time there when not travelling on business.

Please tell us about the members of your family (husband, children and pets). I married my husband Kurt Nelson in August of 2013 in our backyard in Singletree. His daughter, Kerri, was my maid of honor and his son, Matt, was best man. I also have a 103-year-old mother waiting to move to the new Castle Peak Senior Care Community in Eagle from Grand Junction this fall. We have two rescue dogs, Fred and Georgie.

How long have you lived in Singletree and what drove your decision to move to the neighborhood? I moved to Singletree in 2007 when I was hired as Executive Director of the Eagle River Watershed Council headquartered then in Avon. I liked the friendliness and openness of Singletree with the green space provided by the golf course and the magnificent views provided by the sunny south facing exposure. I bought half of a duplex on Filly Drive.

What do you enjoy most about living here now? Our new home on Winslow Road backs to USFS land. We walk out the back door in the mornings with our dogs and head up into beautiful terrain with incredible vistas. Singletree is a small community in many ways and we always see friends outdoors enjoying this beautiful place as well.

When did you join the Board of SPOA and what inspired you to get involved in your community at the Board level?

I joined SPOA in 2012 to fill a vacancy for one year. The following year I ran for a position on the then nine person Board. I have always believed that we all owe community service on some level. I also believe that you can't complain about something unless you are willing to participate in the creation of a solution. Being on the SPOA Board was a huge education for me as well as an opportunity to participate in some constructive changes.

How do you view your role as President? A lot of work! As the backup or the sounding board to the Community Manager in many things, I hear about everything from business to residents' intrapersonal issues. This year we hired a new community manager, a difficult but ultimately rewarding process. All Board members also head committees which require additional time. I am responsible for all the communications to residents, trail restoration and development and the design review committee. Luckily these committees have strong leaders which leaves me with oversight - and gratitude. Ralph Merritt and Ralph Dockery share the thankless tasks of the Legal and Compliance Committee and Jennie Longville-May heads our new and expanding Social Committee. Mike Budd, newly elected to SPOA for the second time, provides community memory and is heading an effort to develop and expand our committees.

What are the greatest challenges you face in the role of **president?** Our current challenge is the communication of our rules and regulations to residents who might not be in compliance. This underlies the primary challenge of protecting and enhancing all of our property values and making Singletree one of the premier places to live in Eagle County.

What provides the greatest satisfaction in the role? I am

proud of the many improvements our Board has made! We have



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reduced the Board to five members, allowing for quicker action – and shorter Board meetings. We have hired a new Community Manager and refreshed the DRC which had several members with nearly 20 years each in tenure. We have supported the development of new trails and the maintenance of existing ones. We have commenced joint meetings with our Metro District which allows for more coordinated action, such as the expansion of the Community Center. We have completed a community survey, expanded our social events and are about to provide Singletree's first (opt in) directory of residents.

What would you like to achieve during your term as **President of SPOA?** Still greater connection among residents and neighbors. Getting to know each other helps everyone solve problems and enhances enjoyment of life in Singletree.

Beyond SPOA, what other non-profit organizations have you been involved in and in what capacity? I am presently Secretary of our newly created Vail Valley Art Guild. We have nearly 180 photographers and artists as members, run the Art of the Valley Gallery in Avon's Chapel Square and have a Summer Art Institute we are sponsoring with other art venues in the valley. I serve on the capital committee for the nearly completed Castle Peak Senior Care Community in Eagle and am a member of the County's EcoTrails Committee.

When you are not participating in these organizations, what other interests and activities do you enjoy? Like just about everyone else I am a skier (former Beaver Creek instructor), biker, hiker, snowshoer, (horse) rider, and general outdoors person. I have recently started to paint and am loving my painting group as well as showing in our gallery – and even selling a few pieces!

What has been your favorite vacation? All of them! Just back from hiking and camping in Havasu and leaving to hike around Mt. Blanc in July with an apres stop in Paris and Normandy.

What is your favorite book? Loved Cutting for Stone (Abraham Verghese) and Ivan Doig's The Whistling Season

What would you like to be doing 10 years from now? Everything I'm doing now and then some!

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SINGLETREE'S SUMMER PARTY
Saturday, August 27











Friday, July 1, 2016

Riverwalk First Fridays: The Burroughs

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Riverwalk at Edwards

When: Gates will open at 5:00 p.m. and music starts at 6:00 p.m.

For more information: www.riverwalkfirstfridays.com

Sunday, July 3, 2016

Salute to the USA

Where: Nottingham Park, Avon

When: 5:00 p.m.

For more information: www.avon.org

Monday, July 4, 2016

Vail America Days: 4th of July Celebration

Where: Vail

When: Parade at 10:00 a.m., Patriotic Concert at 2:00 p.m., and Fire-

works at dusk

For more information: www.vailamericadays.com

Friday, July 8 – Saturday, July 16, 2016

The Philadelphia Orchestra at Bravo! Vail

Where: Gerald R. Ford Amphitheater

When: Check Bravo! Vail Schedule for specific performances

For more information: 877.812.5700 or www.bravovail.org

Wednesday, July 13, 2016

Turntable Revue Duo at Music in the Park

Where: Singletree Pavilion **When:** 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

For more information: Contact the Community Manager

at 970-926-2611

Friday, July 22 - Friday, July 29, 2016

New York Philharmonic at Bravo! Vail

Where: Gerald R. Ford Amphitheater

When: Check Bravo! Vail Schedule for specific performances **For more information:** 877.812.5700 or www.bravovail.org

Weekly Events

Every Saturday in July

Vail Family Fun Fest

Where: Lionshead

When: 11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

For more information: 970-328-5855 or www.vailfamilyfunfest.com

Every Tuesday in July

Crazy Mountain Brewery's Hot Summer Nights Concert Series

Where: Gerald R. Ford Amphitheater

When: 5:30 p.m.

For more information: 970-777-2015 or www.vvf.org

Every Saturday in July

Edwards Corner Farmers Market

Where: Edwards Corner (across from Riverwalk), 56 Edwards Village

Blvd, Edwards, CO

When: 9:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

For more information: 970-926-6226

or www.edwardsfarmersmarket.com



If you are aware of any events that may be of interest to your Singletree neighbors, please e-mail the details to me at **holly.proctor@n2pub.com** to include in future Local Events.

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