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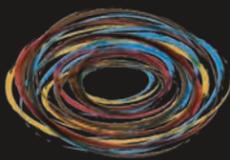
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Here comes April! While its 'showers bring May flowers', in our part of the world, April brings awesome spring skiing, crazy storms, off season, and *finally*... May flowers!

I am excited to introduce the Kelley family to you! While a resident in the Vail Valley for 25 years, the past five years have brought big changes to Elisse's life – opening her new business, Sweeping Change, moving to Singletree, and enjoying exciting adventures with her kids, Quinn and Aidan.

Let me introduce Dana Walker and her new business, Home Electric Vail LLC. Dana is eager to tackle that list of lingering 'ankle-biter' electrical projects in your home! And meet Karen, Jody, Jane and Judy! These vibrant Singletree ladies volunteer their time to fulfill the mission of The Literacy Project: to empower learners, tutors and volunteers to come together to shape brighter futures.

One of the newest additions to the neighborhood, Charlie is the epitome of puppyhood! Her days are spent chasing big sister CJ in the snow, destroying squeaker toys, and enjoying afternoon naps. We have all watched the project at 451 Singletree Road

progress from the outside, and here, Greg and Michelle Weisman give us an inside peek!

Tricia Swenson shares her European ski vacation in St. Anton this winter. We all love our Vail and Beaver Creek, but where else to you find apres ski parties on the hill - in ski boots singing "Sweet Caroline"? Tricia is convinced that we could achieve world peace in an Austrian après ski bar.

We pay tribute to Scott Prall and Jim Ruh, two Vietnam veterans from different walks of life who share the experience of having served in the Vietnam War. This month, we recognize their service and the 45th Anniversary of the end of the war on April 30, 1975.

Lots of April reading! Enjoy and see you in May!



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I have built my life and my beauty business here, working with local clients throughout the valley and destination weddings in our gorgeous resorts and mountains. My wedding work has been published in over a dozen magazines, such as *Martha Stewart Weddings*, *Town & Country Weddings*, *Brides*, *the knot*, *Elegant Bride* and many others. If you miss me in the salon in May, chances are you will find me dancing the tango in Buenos Aires!!



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After growing up in Maine and then spending four years in Newport, Rhode Island, I moved to Vail for what was to be one season. One season filled with enjoying the mountains and all the outdoors has to offer in this special Valley. That was 1995, and 25 years later, I'm still here and fortunate enough to raise a family in this beautiful spot of the world. Living in Vail has provided us with many wonderful opportunities and so much of what we all enjoy is right in my backyard. I appreciate everything the mountains has to offer and my children have followed suit and absolutely love the lifestyle that this environment provides. We are all avid skiers, hikers, love to Jeep, camp and mountain bike, as well as to travel and explore. We definitely all have a sense of adventure!

When I arrived in Vail, I spent my first season teaching skiing. I have continued teaching part-time and this season completed my 26th season working for Vail Resorts. I graduated with a degree

in Human Resources, and after my first winter, pursued my career in Human Resources working for Vail Resorts in Training and Organizational Development. I worked in the valley for 20 years as a Human Resource Director in the hospitality industry before being inspired to open my own business about 5 years ago. I launched Sweeping Change, one of the valley's premiere cleaning companies, which now serves more than 450 clients, including the Sonnenalp Club, Slifer, Smith and Frampton, Sotheby's, Keller Williams, the Gerald Ford Amphitheater and various preschools, restaurants and private residences. Today, I employ approximately 30 employees as well as seasonal help.

I was simply so excited at the prospect of starting something of my own. I've always had a very entrepreneurial nature and combined with identifying a niche for this service in the Vail Valley together with the knowledge I was armed with from my experience in HR, the timing seemed perfect. It has been the most rewarding and exciting journey of my professional life and I am thankful every day that I started out on this adventure.



Building customer and employee loyalty is extremely important to me. Managing the Sweeping Change brand both internally and externally has been a key contributor to our long-term success. HR provided me with the opportunity to manage change, facilitate service delivery and build leadership and management skills for sustained transformation. HR requires a talent for identifying and resolving problems as well as striking the careful balance between a helicopter view and an eye for detail. Through my 20 plus years of Human Resource experience, I gained a valuable command of core business issues.

My kids, however, are my absolute joy! I love the relationships we share and the dynamics that are different and special between each of us. Aidan, my 14-year-old son has a passion for skiing, skinning, mountain biking, photography, and a love for technology and adventure. He spent his last summer caddying at the Country Club of the Rockies so he can save up to purchase a Tesla as he turns 16; and I don't put it past that kid! He has an incredible work ethic. We all love our dog Jada very much but Aidan has a very special bond with her. Nothing beats a boy and his dog.

Quinn, my 16-year-old daughter, is avid in theatre. She loves to perform and shines on stage. She has performed with the Vail



Performing Arts Academy, local school productions and the Buell Theatre in Denver. Since birth, she has been singing and performing after starting dance at age 4 with the Vail Valley Academy of Dance. 12 years later she is still doing tap, ballet, and contemporary. In addition to her love for theatre and the arts, Quinn races for Vail Mountain School and is the captain of the ski team. She has also been named a Ski Meister which requires her to ski all disciplines: Giant Slalom, Slalom, Nordic Classic and Nordic Skate.

We all have very busy and demanding schedules however we always make time to enjoy life. We all love to travel and explore as much as possible. Some of our favorite recent memories include scuba diving off each of the Florida Keys and swimming with the dolphins. I have to admit my kids were both certified prior to myself and I was definitely taking my cues from them. With Quinn's passion for theater, we took a special trip to New York City and amid the myriad of quintessential New York must's, we also saw a multitude of Broadway shows.

Our favorite recent adventure was a trip to Germany. We covered 13 cities during Thanksgiving break to see the Christmas Mar-



kets and Castles of Germany. From start to finish, it was an epic adventure and I feel so blessed to enjoy these incredible experiences with my kids. I love creating memories. We all appreciate seeing what the world has to offer but one thing always reigns true... Coming home to a place like Singletree is pretty special!



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Sheila and Jerry Katz



Jerry and Sheila Katz generously hosted a winter soiree to welcome our newest residents to the neighborhood – including two newborns! There were a few long time ‘ambassadors’ present as well to meet and greet the new members of the community. We look forward to seeing these fresh faces around Singletree!!



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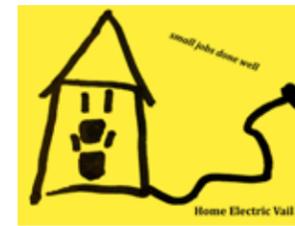
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If I was given a dollar for every time I handed my dad tools to help fix a household electrical item, machinery or equipment on our farm, I would now be following my adult dream of being a scratch golfer. Playing pond hockey, riding bicycles with my sister, and sledding with our cousins was really how I preferred to spend my childhood. I feel pretty lucky because my dad taught me a lot that you cannot get out of a book. What a gift. I never imagined as a child was that all this experience would bring me into his same profession.

My dad is very proud of the fact that I am an electrician and that I choose to solely help homeowners. Interacting directly with people is what I enjoy, not the mass productive commercial jobs I used to do. It's the look on the homeowners' faces when they turn on their new entry way chandelier I just replaced, when their TV is no longer sitting on their bedroom floor because I installed an outlet hidden behind the screen or I replaced a light switch with a programmable timer to the entry outdoor lights, there to greet them when they come home at night.

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Singletree Volunteers Change Lives with The Literacy Project

who's making a difference

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The Literacy Project believes everyone deserves to read well, speak well and live well. Through volunteerism and generous financial support of donors, we provide all levels of English language tutoring to adults and children completely FREE. Our mission is to empower learners, tutors and volunteers to come together to shape brighter futures.

The welcoming environments of tutoring sessions equip learners to dream, believe and grow so they have endless opportunity to live fuller, more enriched lives. Through adaptable programs and collaboration with schools, partners, donors and volunteers, including four Singletree residents, Judy Carson, Jane Linstroth, Jody Talbot and Karen Zavis, The Literacy Project commits to serving everyone in our community that wants or needs help acquiring literacy skills. Our goals are

improved graduation rates, increased test scores, decreased poverty and ensuring that books are in the hands of every child in our county.

Why did you choose The Literacy Project to devote your time to volunteer?

Jane: I had volunteered as an English as a Second Language assistant in a middle school in Madison, WI for a number of years. When I moved to Edwards in 2003 I looked for a similar opportunity. A girlfriend, tennis partner and Singletree neighbor, Carrie Benway, told me about The Literacy Project. I contacted Sloan Munter and learned about the program at Berry Creek Middle School, where two sixth graders needed extra help with their studies; I have been volunteering ever since.

Karen: I chose The Literacy Project because I was looking for an oppor-

tunity to volunteer as a tutor for struggling students. I had worked as a volunteer in the classroom previously, had volunteered for Junior Achievement as well as BFF Buddies Program over the course of many years. Middle school tutoring was of interest because it is a very formative time for students; if they can master fundamentals (like math), develop good organizational skills (locker, planner, homework, etc.) and build some self-confidence, they are more assured of a successful high school experience.

Jody: It is my strong and obvious belief that a good education gives a person the tools to have a successful life. It provides one with curiosity, self-esteem, and choices. I wanted to act on my beliefs; I knew that the opportunity would be fulfilling and challenging for me and I hope the same for my student(s).

How does your background apply to your work as a volunteer?

Jane: My background is not in education, but as a mom of four, I was always helping in their classrooms. At the time, the Madison Elementary and Middle Schools had a program called Junior Great Books and I would lead these discussions with the students bi-weekly. I am an avid reader and enjoy helping kids learn to read.

Judy: I love the English language and majored in it in college. Later, I earned an M.A. in English education while teaching in the Boston area. In many interactions with immigrants in various settings, it was clear that to live and thrive in this country, it is necessary to be literate in our language. In other countries, I am acutely aware of the limitations in understanding local cultures without knowing their languages. And so, in our heavily immigrant community, tutoring both adults and students was a no-brainer for me.

Karen: I am an accountant by background. That really does not provide any direct application to tutoring middle school students, but accounting

has a great deal of logic and organization integrated into its methodology. As a former CPA/Auditor, I also know and teach the value of documentation, especially as it relates to math.

Jody: A multitude of years ago, I was a student teacher in a small school in rural Michigan. One of my classes was teaching reading to about 10 wild high school boys. These young men believed very little of value happens in the classroom. The first few days were terrifying and without any progress. This experience demanded that I be inventive and passionate with my approach. I found out what each of their interests were and then found a magazine about their likes. By the end of the semester, my students had improved their reading skills and found that reading has its benefits. To this day, this experience has helped with my tutoring.

What is your biggest challenge as a volunteer?

Jane: Whew, the “new” math is not my strong suit! The Literacy Project provides math tutorials for their volunteers and that helped, yet I would prefer to help my student with language arts, social studies and science. Jackie, the school librarian, is a lifeline; she is always able to assist me and get me the materials I might need to help my student.

Judy: The adults I have helped have been motivated to learn English to become integrated either in employment or in everyday interactions,

sometimes with a goal of citizenship. On the other hand, tutoring at the middle school level requires competing and/or coordinating with curriculum demands, non-English speaking families who are not able to support a student's studies, and the distractions of adolescent life among generally fluent young people.

Karen: I find the biggest challenge as a volunteer is making sure that the student's parent(s) are an integral component to the success of the tutoring program. Middle school is a difficult time for kids... there is a lot of peer pressure and a lot of independence from parental control being expressed. But, they are still kids. Parent(s) must encourage accountability and responsibility for academic results... this cannot be left to teachers and tutors.

Jody: MATH!!! This has never been my forte but fortunately I have recruited a variety of math whizzes to assist me and therefore my students.

What has been your most rewarding experience as a volunteer for The Literacy Project?

Judy: A Chinese business owner came to The Literacy Project with virtually no English. Over several months, using her English/Chinese digital dictionary during our sessions, she became better able to communicate with customers and help her grade school children, who, of course, were also helping her to



Jody and her student enjoying a tutoring session



Singletree residents on the Bee-Fuddled spelling bee team

learn English.

Karen: My greatest satisfaction has been seeing my students graduate from middle school to high school (continuation), and in several cases, graduation from high school. To see the progress the students have made over time, as reflected in their grades, as well as their personal maturation and self-confidence is gratifying. That said, it is also rewarding to crack through a tough exterior of middle school boys, and to get them to talk to you and make eye contact.

Jody: I have a student who told me that she wanted to learn to knit. I brought a pair of needles and some yarn to our session and we now knit for about 10 minutes and the rest of the time is spent studying. This has made our relationship more rewarding for both of us; she is learning something that she chose to do and that always provides value to an experience.

What would you like to tell new volunteers?

Jane: Really, if I can do it, you can do it! Sloan Munter is very welcoming and encouraging. She meets with you and the student before you begin your sessions and provides you tools to understand your student's strengths and weaknesses.

Karen: Tutoring can be challenging; perseverance and commitment are integral to the success of the tutoring experience and relationship. The students often have challenging home situations; it is always my goal to let my students know that I believe in them and will not give up. Yes, that means I will continue to show up for each and every session, even if they fail to perform, their grades are poor, or they still don't understand the material.

Jody: DO IT! You will learn new things and remember some old. The rewards will be many for you and the student.



Jody and Karen with fellow volunteer, Jill, at the Annual Spelling Bee



Judy gets ready for her tutoring session at Berry Creek Middle School

What have your students taught you?

Jane: They really educated me on being much more efficient on the computer! These sixth graders are more advanced than I and I enjoy learning from them. It's a treat to work with them one-on-one.

Karen: One person (like a tutor) can make a difference in the life of a child. A tutoring relationship can be an extremely important part of building a child's self-esteem and self-confidence.

Jody: All of my students have reminded me of the importance of listening. I search for different and hopefully more successful ways to help them with their studies and their being. I also get to know someone I would not know without this experience. I think that keeps me young-at-heart. I urge any and all of you to contact The Literacy Project and offer your time. Our young students will benefit from your involvement as will you.



Judy and Jane with a group of students from the Literacy Project

2020 marks the 30th year that The Literacy Project of Eagle County has been serving Eagle County. In celebration of this achievement, they are launching their 30 / 30 / 30 Campaign to run the duration of the year. Leaders and volunteers will come together to recruit 1,000 new donors to give \$30 to raise \$30,000 in celebration of the 30th year of the Literacy Project. Funds from this campaign will fund new programs including purchasing Chrome Books for tutoring sessions, expanding Adult Pre-GED and seeing Raise-a-Reader bags in the hands of every pre-schooler in the community.

Help fund these important literacy programs! Visit literacyprojecteaglecounty.com to make a donation. For additional information regarding our programs or to volunteer, call (970) 949-5026 or visit literacy@evld.org.



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Meet Charlie!

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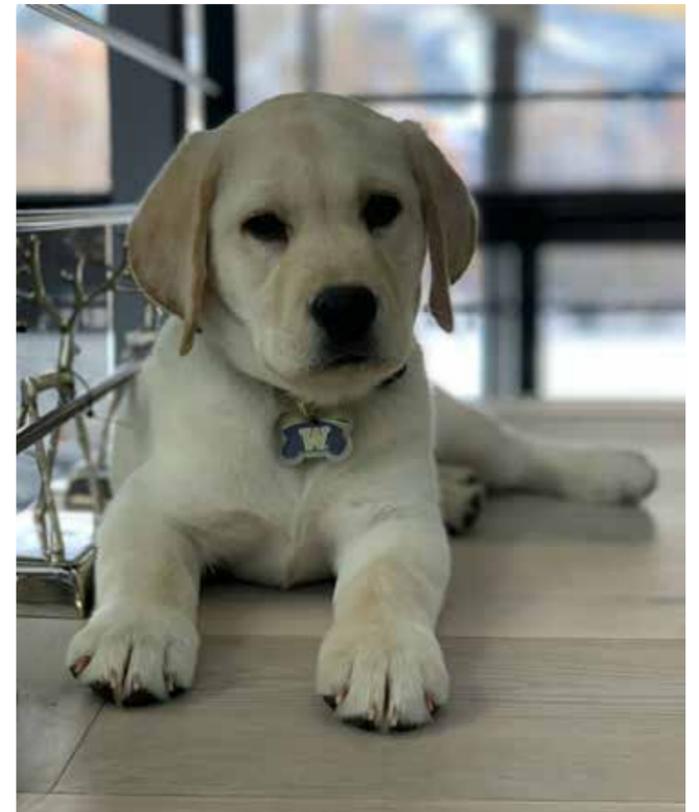
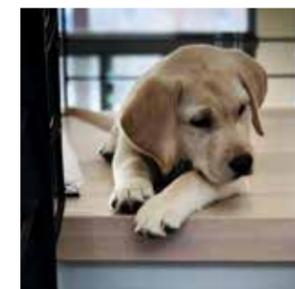
Hello neighbors... I am Charlie (short for Charlotte), one of the newest puppies on the Singletree block. I was born on October 14, 2019, and I made my grand entrance to the neighborhood on December 11 - just in time to celebrate the holidays with my dads, Brad Korell and Justin McNulty, and my new big sister, Cayman Junior (more commonly known as CJ). I came by way of the Front Range, and I am loving my new mountain home in Singletree.

My hobbies include chasing CJ in the snow, destroying toys whenever possible (I especially like the ones with squeakers), annoying Bella Nelson (she barks at me a lot), and eating anything I can find (whether it's intended to be eaten or not). I have also enjoyed making new friends who often pass by along Hole 4 of the Sonnenalp Club. I am still trying to figure out why those large deer end up in my backyard. I want to play, but they want no part of it and run away as soon as they see me. Fortunately, I have my best pal CJ to keep me company and to show me the ropes. I also love field trips to the Ritz-Carlton at Bachelor Gulch. There are so many people there and they all want to hold me. I had no idea a Labrador puppy like me would be so popular!

I am told that I need to sleep an hour or two longer in the mornings, but I have so much to do during the day that I want to get an early start. Besides, aren't afternoons really designed for napping? I am quite good at those.

While the snow is really great so far, I cannot wait for my first summer in Singletree. CJ tells me that the hiking trails in and around the neighborhood are awesome. She also tells me that I can't run on the golf course in the summer and that if I see a golf ball, I have to leave it. That's a lot of rules!

By the way, I have an Instagram page (@ruppycharlie), so please give me a follow and watch me grow up!



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home of the month

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Mountains and Sky Abound at 451 Singletree Road



it's just a quick walk. Additionally, being from "flat" Florida, we appreciate that we're not too high in elevation and it's an easy drive to all the amenities in Edwards. Not to mention, the roads are easy to drive in the winter!

Once we settled on our location and our house, we knew we wanted to take things in a contemporary direction. And for anyone who knew the house before, this was no easy feat. When we found Brian Judge, we felt he immediately understood our vision, and we knew right away we wanted him to be our architect. Being from Florida, it was always about the views, so we designed the home to take advantage of our last-on-the-road lot and all its openness.

The result is spectacular, with mountains and sky from nearly every window – the views literally follow you around as you move through the house, even while soaking in the tub! The outside is inside in all the right ways. Honorable Mention goes to Sarah Siegel of Sarlyn Builders, who completed the home with a great understanding of the high level of finishes and details we wanted to accomplish.

It seemed like a long road to the finish line, but it was worth the wait, and we couldn't be happier with the end result! We love having a new house in our favorite neighborhood, capturing the glorious Colorado views every day. Life is Good!

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The best thing about Singletree is the beautiful mountain views without the congestion of Vail. The homes are sprinkled about and not on top of each other, and the golf course winding through the neighborhood will keep it that way forever! Also, there's no doubt Singletree has a great community feel. Over the years, our family has immensely enjoyed our local park, the Singletree Community Center, and especially having the Sonnenalp Club nearby. We also love that Singletree is a part of Edwards which has so much to offer, and it's just a hop, skip and a jump over to the slopes and great fishing.

We chose our location on Singletree Road after looking at many homes in the area – our lot offered unparalleled views of the mountains and no neighbors on 3 sides. Since we spend a lot of time at the Sonnenalp Club, we liked the proximity to the club;



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SKIING IN ST. ANTON

Tricia Swenson Goes Off-piste in Austria



Tricia poses in Lech, Beaver Creek's sister city, and part of the Arlberg ski region

travel tales

Contributed by **Tricia Swenson**, Singletree Resident

Even though I feel extremely lucky to live near two world-class ski resorts, I love the experience you get while skiing in Europe. This past January, I had the opportunity to go to St. Anton and the surrounding villages in the Arlberg region in Austria. Vail and Beaver Creek are great, but there is just something about skiing in a place where it's not just a sport, it's a part of Austria's history and culture.

The Arlberg region consists of St. Anton, St. Christof, Stuben, Zurs, Lech and Warth-Schrocken. Much of the terrain is situated in wide-open bowls. I have skied in Chamonix, France, so I was familiar with piste markers indicating the trails. The color blue means the beginner runs, red means advanced and black means expert. Even if you have seen ski runs in Europe before, it still takes your breath away.

The villages are accessed by 88 lifts and there are over 300 kilometers (about 186 miles) of marked ski runs and over 200 kilometers (about 124 miles) of off-piste terrain to ski between the towns in the Arlberg region. Lift tickets are 65 euros, but some hotels work with the Epic Pass if you stay there, so inquire about that if you are planning a trip to the Arlberg.

The altitude is lower as well. The valley floor is at 1,304 meters, which is about 4,200 feet above sea level and the peak altitude at Valluga is 2,811 meters, or approximately 9,200 feet above sea level. Just for comparison, Vail's village base elevation is 8,150 and the peak at Blue Sky Basin is over 11,500 feet at the top of Pete's Express lift.



Piste markers guide skiers throughout the Arlberg



A view of St. Anton from Dorfstrasser Street; the Schneiderhof Hotel-Garni is on the right

To illustrate how vast this place is, when we were in Warth, which is a few towns away, we started thinking that we'd better head back to make sure we caught each lift before it closed. The lifts close between 4 and 4:30 p.m. We were on the Jägeralp Express at 1:50 p.m. and didn't get to the base of St. Anton until 5 p.m. So, if you do go, keep an eye on the time!

When we were there, we had three days of warmer-than-normal temperatures and blue skies each day. The level of snowfall averages out to around nine meters (about 350 inches) during a classic Arlberg winter.

The skiing is amazing, but learning more about the culture and the sport's history in Austria was also a wonderful part of the trip. This area is known as the "cradle of skiing" with its Ski Club Arlberg formed in 1901. (There is an exchange that goes on between the athletes at Ski and Snowboard Club Vail and the athletes at Ski Club Arlberg each year). The first ski race in the Alps was hosted in the Arlberg in 1904; the founding of the first ski school was in 1921.



Even at only 5-feet-one-inch, Tricia felt tall on the slopes of St. Anton

Speaking of history, the hotel we stayed at was a pretty historical spot. In St. Anton, we stayed at the Schneider Hof Hotel-Garni, which was the home to Austrian ski pioneer and the founder of the Austrian Method style of skiing, Hannes Schneider.

Hitler wanted Schneider to teach his troops to ski and he refused. He was an opponent of the Nazi regime and immigrated to North Conway, New Hampshire in 1939. It's a fascinating story of how Schneider was able to come to the United States and was also able to keep the property throughout World War II.

Today, Hannes Schneider's grandson, Christoph, and wife, Hannah, run the hotel. Hannah explained the history of the hotel and how they ended up in Austria. She grew up with Christoph in New Hampshire and they run the hotel during the winter months and in the summer they go back to North Conway with their Jack Russell terrier.

It wouldn't be a European ski trip without après ski and everything you've heard about après-ski over there is true! The French may have coined the term, but Austria does it best.





There are plenty of photo ops in the Arlberg; Will you stop skiing long enough to take one?



Beanbags welcome guests on the deck of the Seekopf restaurant, one of many on-mountain restaurants throughout the Arlberg



Charcuterie is a popular dish at après ski

Although there are plenty of bars in the villages, it's tradition to stop at an après ski hotspot up on the hill. From vast decks with great views to two-story dance floors with everyone dancing in their ski boots, it's a sight to behold. The music plays into the early part of the evening and the skiers still need to find their way back to the base with just the lights of the town to guide them.

Après ski is as much a part of the day as skiing itself. We met people from Sweden, France, Austria, Germany, Russia and the Netherlands. There is nothing quite like having the entire bar, still in their ski boots, singing along, on pitch or off-key, to "Sweet Caroline" halfway around the world.

I think world peace could be solved in an Austrian après ski bar.



Tricia and ski companions Kim Miller and Rhonda Swenson are silhouetted against the bright blue sky in the Arlberg

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Vietnam Warriors Scott Prall (L) and Jim Ruh (R)

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A TALE OF TWO WARRIORS

A GUNG-HO VOLUNTEER AND A RELUCTANT DRAFTEE

Scott Prall and Jim Ruh are two Singletree residents who are Vietnam veterans. In honor of the end of the Vietnam War on April 30, 1975, they agreed to share their experiences with respect to the war that ended with the fall of Saigon 45 years ago. Although they came from different backgrounds, Scott, a California “service brat” who served in 1966-67 and Jim, a Michigan scientist’s son who served in 1969-70, they found that they had much in common. Both were “grunts” who saw substantial combat. Both spent their military combat leaves, known as “R & R” for “rest and relaxation”, in Hong Kong. Both experienced the monsoons in the jungles and fields and remembered, not fondly, being constantly wet and covered with leeches. Most importantly, both lived to tell about it.

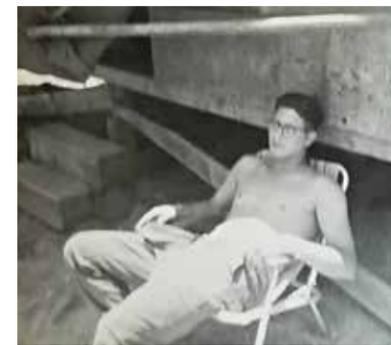
How did you come to be a warrior in Vietnam?

Scott: Since early childhood, it had always been my desire to attend college. After college, I planned to enter the Marine Corps with the intention of making it my career by serving my country voluntarily and honorably. Two months after high school graduation, due to the growing conflict in Vietnam, I altered my career path by enlisting in the Marine Corps *before* entering college. I then intended to use the GI Bill for college, and later seek a commission with the USMC.

Jim: During my sophomore year in college, I became a strong opponent of our involvement in Vietnam and never dreamed that



Jim Ruh



Scott Prall

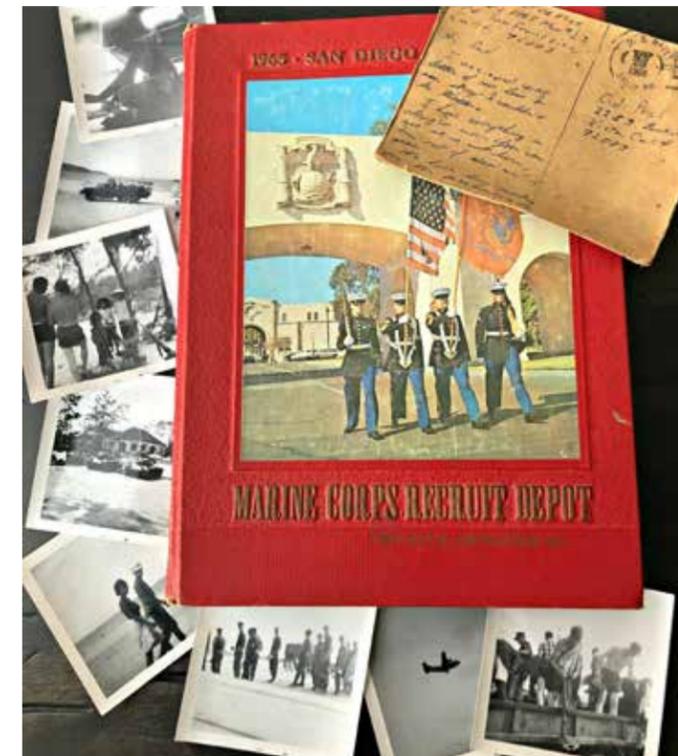
I’d end up as a soldier there. My plan in 1965 was to marry my high school sweetheart upon graduation and immediately start law school, both of which would provide me with an exemption from military service. However, by my senior year in 1968, I had long since broken up with my high school girlfriend and President Johnson had ended graduate deferments. Thus, thousands of other college graduates and I were drafted. I assumed that with a business and finance degree, I’d get a job in finance and would serve out my two years behind a desk. Wrong. The Army put 99% of college graduates into the infantry. I was one of them.

What was it like to transition from civilian to warrior?

Scott: For me, the transition was minimal. I was raised with healthy military discipline in a military family. Dad was a career Marine officer and we moved often. I was born at a Marine Air Station in NC. Grew up living on or near a Marine air base or camps in NC, VA, HI and CA. Some might say, “I was born a Marine.” Boot camp was much as expected only more intense. I remember one of my drill instructors chewing me out for some infraction, whether imagined or real, I don’t remember. He also revealed that he had learned that my father was a retired Marine officer and suggested that I keep it to myself. And he would also, which he did. At graduation, to the surprise of all the other DI’s, he called the hall to attention when my father entered. Due to the escalation of conflict in Vietnam, our boot training was reduced by two weeks.

Jim: I declined Officers’ Candidate School since that would have obligated me to spend a third year in the Army and chose instead to go to Non-Commissioned Officers School, where I became a Staff Sergeant and eventually functioned as an Infantry Platoon Sergeant in Vietnam. I was optimistic that I’d survive the war until my first week in Vietnam proved me naive. Six other newbies and I were assigned to the 1st Platoon, Bravo Company, 5th of the 12th in the 199th Light Infantry Brigade. We were assigned to that platoon because two days earlier, seven members of that platoon, including their lieutenant, had been killed in action.

That meant starting on day one, I was the highest-ranking person in the platoon and temporarily became the platoon leader rather than the platoon sergeant. As platoon leader, I had three goals: not to be killed, not to have anyone under my command killed and not to kill anyone. The next day we left on my first mission and within



A collection of memories from Scott Prall including the 1965 Marine Corps Recruit Depot, a card to Dad in April 66 and a handful of photos from June 66

were prime targets for the enemy in their effort to break our lines of communication.

Memories of my time in combat remain vivid, while others are best lost forever. I saw a great deal of combat, but still only address the memory of my first kill which was shortly after I arrived in country. Of all the memories, some are almost funny: I remember being trampled by a water buffalo belonging to a Vietnamese farmer, friend or foe it was hard to tell the difference, but I was so blinded with anger that I shot it dead. I got into a lot of trouble for that because the Marines had to pay to replace the animal. It was like blowing up a guy’s tractor.

Other memories are not so funny. Once, our commanding lieutenant made a mistake by foolishly allowing us into a rice paddy where we were totally exposed and surrounded in what is best referred to as a box ambush. The only way out was to charge the tree line that appeared to have the least amount of hostel fire. One of my most vivid memories is when I helped our corpsman (medic) perform a field tracheotomy on a wounded fellow marine during an intense firefight on Mutters Ridge; he didn’t make it. The enemy machine gun bunker was just over the ridge and below us about 150 meters out, so artillery shells were flying in low over our heads. We had been warned to keep our heads down, but that was easy because we were receiving heavy fire from the bunker forward.

Jim: In 1969 and 1970, no one that I knew in Vietnam thought that we would actually win the war. With that mindset, the mission was all about survival, not victory. We did all that we could to survive, including turning “search and destroy” missions into “search and



the first hour we were ambushed by the Viet Cong. In the ensuing firefight, I was wounded, although not seriously. Those two events caused me to rethink my odds of surviving my tour in Vietnam. However, I was never wounded again and no one under my command was killed during my tour of duty. I had accomplished my first two goals. As for my third goal, in intense battles with automatic weapons spraying everywhere, one could never tell exactly how that turned out.

What are your most profound memories of your time in Vietnam?

Scott: Six months after enlisting on my 19th birthday in February 1966, I was given an all-expense-paid trip to Southeast Asia and flew out of MCAS El Toro on a military aircraft backwards to DaNang as a private to do a 13-month tour of duty. Upon arrival, I was assigned to Kilo Company 3rd Battalion 3rd Marines, which were holding the perimeter of Da Nang at the time. Within a couple of weeks, we were transported by truck and helicopter north to somewhere near the DMZ (the demilitarized zone that divided North Vietnam from South Vietnam). I remember being dropped off in the middle of rice paddies and working our way back south to Hue where we were transported further south to Phu Bai. We spent a couple of weeks there on perimeter duty and while there, saw Ann Margret from a great distance when she got off a chopper to do a USO show for guys in the rear with the gear. We didn't spend any time in the rear so we never saw a USO show.

After being in country for about a month, I was chosen to carry the squad radio and did so until asked to carry the platoon radio and eventually moved up to the company radio. Most of my tour was spent communicating for my company, platoon, or squad. That meant I relayed information and orders between my combat unit and others, as commanders rarely were on the radio without having good cover. Along with the radio, I still carried and slept with my best friend, an M14 rifle. I was quite lucky, as radiomen



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avoid" missions. Survival was partially a matter of being smart and cautious, but it was also a matter of luck. A bullet that grazed my head and drew blood would have ended my life if it had been an inch lower. Another bullet lodged in a can of peaches in my backpack, rather than in my spine. I survived a number of other equally close calls and I can only attribute that to luck.

One of my most traumatic experiences was having to fly home mid-tour as the body escort for one of my best friends since third grade. We had graduated from the University of Michigan together, been drafted together and did all our training together. While home for his funeral, I came down with malaria and was hospitalized for several weeks. I notified the Army, but someone transposed my Service Number and I was listed as being AWOL when I didn't show up back in Vietnam on time. I was able to clear that up before being arrested, but when I returned to Vietnam, I learned that in my absence I had been reassigned to finance and then, because I was listed as being AWOL, I was transferred back to the infantry where I remained for the rest of my tour.

What was your readjustment like after returning from Vietnam?

Scott: I left Vietnam as a corporal in March 1967 and returned to Southern California for a 30 day leave, and then reported for duty at Camp Pendleton, within sight of my family in Vista CA. I was instructed to report directly to the Base Sargent Major, as we attended the same church in Vista for many years, and I had dated his daughter some while in school. He gave me three choices of duty: military police, instructor of infantry training, or guard in the brig. I goofed and took the brig duty. In hindsight, I should have taken the assignment as a training instructor for troops preparing to be sent into combat. At my request, I was transferred to Marine Barracks, Mare Island, Vallejo CA, in October 1967. I was planning to re-enlist in August 1969, but earlier that year, was given maybe the most important choice of my life.

I had the opportunity to accept an early discharge or a promise of another tour in Vietnam if I was to re-enlist; I was not going back to Nam. Memories of my experience were still raw and painful and I had come to realize that we were not "in it to win it"; I did not want to fight in a war that was conducted that way. On the other hand, if I didn't re-enlist, I would have to abandon my dream of being career Marine. I was torn until my mother and wife took a stand and begged me not to return. I know this must have been hard for her given our family's military history, but my father did not oppose her and in the end, I acceded

to her wishes and left the Marines in 1969 to enter the civilian world. I spent two years in telephone installation, repair and sales followed by thirty-seven successful years in sales, auto and insurance.

Stepping back to mid-1967, when I found myself having homicidal thoughts, I sought help at the Camp Pendleton sickbay. I was told to "suck it up Marine. You know the difference between right and wrong." That I did until about 2003, when PTSD began to crack my shield of emotional protection. In 2004, I sought help from the VA but it was not until mid-2007, after I turned myself in to the Grand Junction VAMC for suicide prevention, that I was assigned a real psychologist. He quickly assessed my PTSD issues and together we created a healthy plan of therapy to combat my PTSD. Previously my therapists had been only Licensed Clinical Social Workers that left me just treading water. To this day, I continue therapy with regular visits with my psychologist and psychiatrists. My world is good!!

Jim: Many Vietnam veterans came back to their hometowns where they were often treated with hostility and where no one could relate to what they had gone through. I had a different experience.

I left Vietnam after spending three weeks in the Cambodian invasion in May of 1970; three weeks that I didn't think I'd survive and still don't like to talk about. I arrived home in Midland, Michigan about midnight on a Thursday night. I woke up at 4:00 am the next morning to drive to Ann Arbor to start law school ten days late. I sat down in my first class that morning behind an attractive young woman who offered me her notes after class to help me catch up.

I have now been married to that same woman for over 48 years. Our class at Michigan Law was unique. The law school had adopted a new policy when graduate deferments were revoked to the effect that if a student had been accepted and paid the admission fee but was then drafted, their place would be held until their military service was completed. As a result, 50% of my classmates, over 200 of us, were Vietnam veterans. We had a group to talk to who understood what we had all gone through and that helped a great deal in adjusting to our post-Vietnam world.



Scott Prall's Ribbons (from the top - L to R): Combat Action Ribbon, Presidential Unit Citation, Good Conduct, National Defense Service, Vietnam Service, Republic of Vietnam Gallantry Cross, and Republic of Vietnam Campaign

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