

Tri-Lakes Women's Club Holiday Joy fundraiser, Nov. 17-18



Above: The Tri-Lakes Women’s Club held its annual Holiday Joy home tour on Nov. 17-18. Participants bought tickets for the fundraiser and enjoyed five homes to visit, with a key home designer at each property. It was a fun way to raise funds for local nonprofits and showcase the holiday

décor. Much of the décor is available through the designers’ studios or local shops. Co-chairs of the annual event were Jill Markworth and Gail Wittman, with many members volunteering at the homes and behind the scenes to make the event a delightful start for the holiday season. It is the main

fundraiser of the year for the club, which raised over \$24,000 in 2022 for their grants to local nonprofits in the Tri-Lakes area. **Right:** One venue even had Santa riding to the home. *Photos by Janet Sellers.*



Chamber Non-Profit Night, Nov. 21



Above: The Tri-Lakes Chamber of Commerce hosted the Business After Hours/Non-Profit Night at the Tri-Lakes YMCA on Nov. 21. Local nonprofit organizations set up displays to inform guests of their missions and how volunteers might contribute. Exhibitors included Tri-Lakes Kiwanis, Bearbotics, Palmer Lake Historical Society, Tri-Lakes Cares, the Gleneagle Sertoma Club, Silver Key, and others. If you are interested in contributing to these or other local organizations as a volunteer, they would be happy to hear from you. You may contact the Tri-Lakes Chamber website for a list of exhibitors at the event: <https://www.trilakeschamber.com/contact.html>. *Photo by Steve Pate.*

Flags retired, Nov. 11

On Veteran’s Day, Nov. 11, U. S. Flags were properly “retired” by Scout Troop 17 at Jackson Creek Senior Living (JCSL). The ceremony for worn flags was requested by Laura Hale, Sales director for JCSL who worked with Mike Saber, Scout leader, to organize the event. The ceremony involves properly handling flags and preparing them for burning. Prior to the ceremony, Scouts built a fire pit on the south lawn of JCSL and will cover the area for future ceremonies. Scott Mitchell took over Scoutmaster duties from Frank DeLalla this year and said that Scouts also placed flags on veteran’s gravestones at the Monument cemetery earlier the morning of Nov. 11 and will remove them Nov. 12. Mike Saber, led a preliminary ceremony inside JCSL and explained to the residents and others in attendance how the process works. He began by quoting a speech by President Harry S Truman and was followed by Scouts Charlie Bucheit and Colin Saber and Cub Scout Luke Stoctenberg. Several residents at JCSL are veterans. Many flags were collected from sites in the Tri-Lakes area, including the Monument Police Department, Fire Station No. 1, and the Palmer Lake library. If you have a worn flag and wish to have it properly retired, you may drop it off at these and other area locations. Representatives of the Monument Police and Fire Departments were present.



Local authors sign books, Nov. 25



Above and below: Local authors Diane Sawatzki (above) and Lisa Hatfield (below) were at Covered Treasures Bookstore in Monument on Nov. 25 to sign copies of their latest publications. Hatfield just released her second novel, *To Melt a Snowdrift*, which addresses preparation for surviving when stranded in blizzard conditions along with family stresses in such a situation. She also wrote *To Starve an Ember* that deals with wildfire mitigation and preparation. Sawatzki signed her latest book in the *Once Upon Another Time* trilogy, *The Land of Now*. Her previous novels are *Once Upon Another Time* and *Manyhorses Traveling*. The three novels involve time travel that goes back as far as 1863. All these books are available at Covered Treasures. *Photos by Steve Pate.*



Left: Scouts introduced the US flag retirement process to residents of JCSL. They are pictured with one of the flags to be retired. **Above:** Scouts from Troop 17 conduct proper US flag retirement ceremony. *Photos by Steve Pate.*