

Doctor was leader in tuberculosis treatment

By Bernard L. Minetti

Popular storyteller and historian John Stansfield portrayed Dr. Charles Fox Gardner, a leader in the early days of tuberculosis treatment in the Pikes Peak region, at the March meeting of the Palmer Lake Historical Society. Narrating Gardner's story in the first person, Stansfield talked about Gardner's early days in war-torn Europe.

As a child, Gardner saw the horribly wounded soldiers brought in from the battle lines and became inspired to begin a career in medicine.

Gardner came to Crested Butte and Colorado Springs after becoming a doctor. Stansfield briefly discussed Gardner's work in Colorado Springs with those who had come west to be healed from tuberculosis. He also elaborated on the primitive conditions in the late 1800s and early 1900s.

Stansfield is known for his storytelling talent and his work with the Chautauqua Assemblies. He was raised in Massachusetts and is now a resident of Colorado. He has been a teacher and storyteller since 1970 and has told stories professionally since 1979.

**Two presentations each month**

Palmer Lake Historical Society President Tom VanWormer noted that the Society is now putting on two historical

presentations each month—on the second Tuesday and the third Thursday. The additional second presentations will take place in the spring and the fall until further notice.

On April 8 at 7 p.m., there will be a presentation about the history of the Palmer Lake Star. Jack Anthony, a local historian, retired Air Force officer, and author of Jack Anthony's, the Palmer Lake Star, will be the speaker for the evening. He will talk about the history of the star and his effort to get it listed in the Colorado State Register of Historic Properties. Copies of Anthony's brochure about the star will be available free of charge to attendees.

The third Thursday presentation on April 17 will be "Restoration of Cumbres & Toltec Railroad Cars." Speaker John Eng is leading a team in rehabilitating a car once used on the railroad and still hauls passengers on the scenic narrow gauge run.

Both presentations will take place at 7 p.m. in the Palmer Lake Town Hall at 28 Valley Crescent, Palmer Lake. These events are free and refreshments will be served after each presentation.

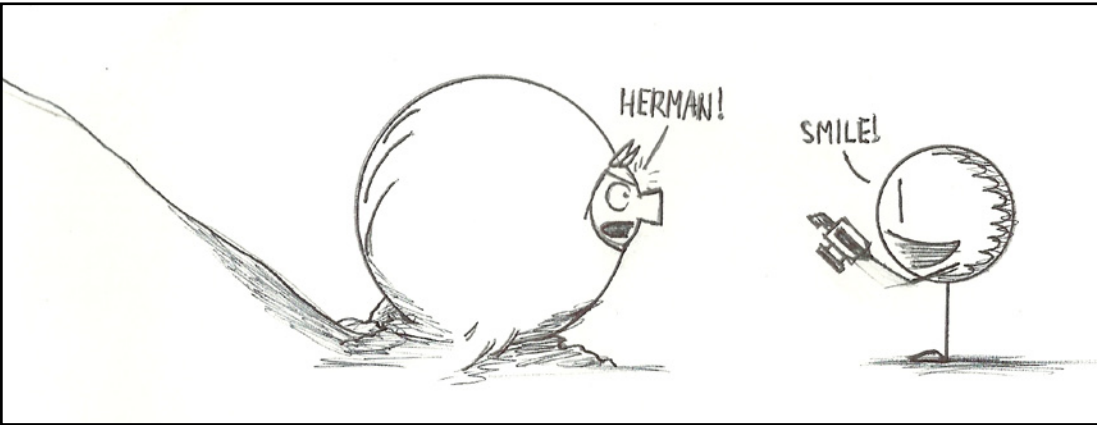
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Above: Professional storyteller John Stansfield prepares to tell the story of Dr. Charles Fox Gardner, one of the pioneers in the treatment of tuberculosis in Colorado Springs. Photo and caption by Bernard Minetti.

Gray Matter

OCN is pleased to include some of the work of budding cartoonist Levi Pennison. Levi is 12-years old and lives in Palmer Lake. Please let us know what you think at [editor@ocn.me](mailto:editor@ocn.me).



Our Community Notices

*By Judy Barnes, Events Editor*

Although we strive for accuracy in these listings, dates or times are often changed after publication. Please double-check the time and place of any event you wish to attend by calling the info number for that event.

**Wednesday Senior Lunch at Big Red**

**April 9:** Ham and scalloped potatoes, salad

**April 16:** Chicken Dijon, rice, salad

**April 23:** Brats, sauerkraut, potato salad

**April 30:** Lasagna, Caesar salad, garlic bread

Rolls and butter are served with each meal except sandwiches. Dessert is also provided.

An activity of Tri-Lakes Health Advocacy Partnership. Meals are provided by Pinecrest Catering, Palmer Lake; Nikki McDonald, executive chef, 481-3307.

**2014 Mountain View Electric Association (MVEA) board nominations now open**

At MVEA's annual meeting on **June 5** at Calhan High School, a director will be elected to MVEA's board of directors from District 7: Monument, Woodmoor, and a portion of the surrounding areas (incumbent Donna Andersen-Van Ness). The procedure for director elections and member voting is available on MVEA's website, [www.mvea.coop](http://www.mvea.coop). If you are interested in being a candidate, please phone Edward "Kelly" McGuire, 481-9377. A candidate must be a MVEA member and reside in District 7. Candidate applications must be received by the nominating committee by **April 7, 5:30 p.m.** If you

are petitioning for nomination, your candidate application must be submitted to either association office with your petition by April 21, 5:30 p.m. For more information, call 719-775-2861 or 719-495-2283 or visit [www.mvea.coop](http://www.mvea.coop).

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