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## HMCAI Annual Spring Celebration

**What?** Easter Egg Hunt

**Who?** Montclair families with children aged 2 to 10

**When?** Saturday, March 26th, 9:30 to 11:00 am

**Where?** Montclair Park

**What to bring?** A basket to gather eggs for each child



Please join us for this annual event. Every year the Easter Bunny makes a special stop at Montclair Park to hide lots of eggs just for HMCAI.

We will start the Easter egg hunt at promptly at 9:30 am with the smaller children first. They will hunt for eggs in the tennis court. The bigger children will begin a few minutes later and hunt for the eggs hidden throughout the park. Tell your children that there will be three golden eggs hidden somewhere in the park. If they find one of these eggs, they can turn it in for a special prize.

Donuts, juice, coffee, and tea will be served.

## HMCAI General Meeting - March 16, 2005

Our next general meeting will be held March 16th at the Molkenery at 7:00 pm. On the agenda is a presentation of the Prosser study (essentially a blueprint for redevelopment along the Colfax corridor) by a representative from the East Denver Colfax Partnership. Also, we will have a discussion regarding crime within and around our neighborhood.

All Montclair residents are invited to attend this interesting and informative meeting.

## HMCAI Donates \$1,000 to Montclair Elementary School

Montclair Elementary School, led by Principal Shannon Hagerman, is in the process of revitalization (see article on page 2). HMCAI is excited by, and supportive of, the plans.

One project that the school is working on is raising money for a marquee to be installed at Newport and Richtofen. This marquee will allow the school to better communicate with the neighborhood by being able to notify the community of upcoming events at school.

HMCAI is proud to donate \$1,000 to this effort.

## Montclair On The Move!

by Shannon Hagerman, Montclair Elementary Principal

In early December, members of the Revitalization Committee and community attended the DPS Board meeting to present our innovative revitalization plan. I am pleased to report that we received formal board approval on January 27th. Through the implementation of this plan, the *Early High Strides* program for academic achievement and enrichment will be offered. Students accepted to the *Early High Strides* program will engage in curriculum at an accelerated pace and work on integrated, interest-based enrichment projects. Additionally, the school's library and technology lab will be renovated and an enhanced character education program will improve safety and discipline. We are truly taking the formative steps toward becoming one of Denver's finest elementary schools. Please join us for *Montclair on the Move: A Community Kick-Off* to celebrate our revitalization efforts and to inform the commu-

nity of the plan's specific details:

**Wednesday, March 2, 2005**

**6:00 - 7:30 p.m.**

**1151 Newport Street**

**Refreshments provided**

**Contact 303.333.5497 for more information**

**All community members are encouraged to attend**

**Children are welcome!**

I am also excited to share that construction of the school marquee is set to begin in the very near future. Thanks to the generous support of the community, the HMCAI, and through school fundraisers, we are ready to break ground! A detailed sketch of the marquee will be available for viewing at the Community Kick-Off on March 2nd. We look forward to being able to communicate with neighbors in a new way.

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## The Molkery

by Gail Barry

Inquiries about Molkery use continue. Joan Wilson of Hands on Denver, the tenants in the Molkery, has been trying to respond to those who have already expressed interest. Some of the outstanding issues have been resolved. The budget and permit office has come out with "pilot" forms, fees and policies for facility rentals. These are standard for use of all city facilities so some of the amenities and fees do not apply to Molkery use but everyone uses the same form regardless. Non-profits and special groups can apply for a reduced use fee. One must apply at least two weeks ahead of time. There appears to be a reservation fee



*Photo courtesy of Mark Upshaw*

and then an hourly rate for rental. The Molkery is not generally staffed at night so evening users need to pay for someone to be present. The minimum cost would be the overseer's salary. You may call Joan Wilson for more information at 303 331-4040. On February 2nd, Denver Parks and Recreation, in cooperation with others including HMCAI, was honored for receiving the Stephen Hart award from the State Historical Society in "recognition of outstanding achievement in preserving Colorado's cultural heritage" through its fine restoration of the Molkery.

## Interested in Serving on the HMCAI Board?

At our May general meeting the neighborhood will elect a new HMCAI Board. If you are a dues-paying HMCAI member in good standing and are interested in serving on the board please email us at [info@historicmontclair.org](mailto:info@historicmontclair.org).

## Chairs for the Molkery

by Gail Barry



A previous inquiry about chair purchases for the Molkery met with only one response. When discussed at a meeting several neighbors expressed an interest but did not respond to my plea. So...if you would be interested in purchasing a chair for the Molkery, in the name of a family member, friend, group or whatever please contact me: Gail Barry, at 1027 Pontiac Street, 303 355-8486, [gail@landmarkdesigninc.com](mailto:gail@landmarkdesigninc.com) and, if I get enough interest, I will contact you when the details are in place. The approximate cost would be \$200 per chair (see photo). There are also a number of historic photographs that need framing or reframing as well in order to place them in the Molkery if anyone is interested in that effort.

## Breakfast with Santa Lots of Fun

The HMCAI annual Breakfast with Santa was held this year on Saturday, December 18th from 9:00 to 11:00 am at the Molkery in Montclair Park. Crafts were available for parents and children to make together. Kids were able to visit with Santa in a fun, relaxed environment. Santa gave each child a small gift, and they all had their photos taken with Santa as well. Donuts, muffins, juice, and coffee were served.

This year we had a very nice turnout - around 25 to 30

children and their parents. The Molkery is a great place to hold this event. Thank you to Joan Wilson of Hands on Denver for the use of the facility. A very special thanks to Dr. Thomas Bonbright and Dr. Wei-Ling Chang of Lowry Advanced Dentistry at 8th and Quebec for donating the funds for the event. We also want to thank our volunteers John Frank, Pat Rozack and family, Scott Hamling, and Joe and Kathy Lamos for all the work they did to put it all together.



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## HMCAI Pays Tribute to Dan Oredson *by Veronica Dolan*

We're both happy and sad as we extend happy 90th birthday greetings to Dan Oredson with one breath, and bid him a fond farewell with the next. He's leaving us to relocate in Longmont, to be near his son and his family.

We hate to see him go. Dan's been a Montclair resident for more than a quarter of a century, a considerate neighbor, an HMCAI board member for a couple of decades, a past co-president (with his late wife, Virginia) of HMCAI, and one of our hardest working, most dedicated volunteers. Among his association duties: revamping our by-laws, taking attendance at meetings, delivering the October newsletter, helping to sign up members at the July 4th picnic (even supplying the table and chairs) and hosting board meetings for years at his home when the Molkery was unavailable. He even willingly volunteered for the unglamorous job of setting up and putting back chairs and tables when we held meetings at St. Luke's.

Dan Oredson is a member of what Tom Brokaw calls "The Greatest Generation." He was born on February 17, 1915 in North Dakota and grew up in Wahkon and Minneapolis, Minnesota. He says it seems like all his life he had some sort of job. During high school he delivered newspapers and cad-died, then studied credit management at the University of Minnesota. He was credit manager for a steel products company in December 1941 when the Japanese bombed Pearl Harbor and he enlisted in the Air Force. He was sent to navigation school.

Dan was navigator on B-17s in the 301st Bomb Group, 53rd Squadron, the 12th Air Force in North Africa. He flew 50 missions from there, all but ten or twelve over Europe. The 301st was awarded two Presidential Unit Citations, among other honors.

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## HMCAI Pays Tribute to Dan Oredson *(continued from previous page)*

After completing his 50 combat missions, Dan taught aspects of navigation to the Free French, in Oran, Algeria, and later, when transferred to Pueblo, Colorado, he taught on the flight line where they were flying B-24s and there taught the Free Chinese. He was later transferred to Guam, where he flew another five missions, and after returning to the States he ran the navigation school at Pueblo.

After the war he married Virginia Beverly of Denver and began his career in sales, from which he retired in 1991. He was in the Air Force Reserve and was appointed Liaison Officer for the Air Force Academy, a job he held for eleven years. He also served as secretary for the 301st Bomb Group/Wings Association and has been an active volunteer for Wings Over the Rockies Museum at Lowry, where his story is available for sale at the gift shop.

The HMCAI board wishes Dan a happy life in Longmont and thanks him for his many contributions over the years to our neighborhood.

## Milestones

The neighborhood recently lost two longtime residents, Carmen Anderson and James Giardini, and HMCAI board member Katy Saunders lost her dad, Bob Sweeney of Phoenix, AZ. We extend our condolences to their families.

**Carmen Anderson** lived for more than 50 years in the home she and her late husband built on Olive Street. She was active at St. James where she founded The Third Age Club for seniors. She led that organization from 1986 through 2002, organizing social and recreational activities for those 50 and over. She also launched an exercise program for seniors and founded the Share Program to provide groceries at wholesale prices for parishioners with limited incomes.

**James Giardini**, 80, died January 11th. He spent his life competing in and teaching roller figure skating, which he loved dearly. He is survived by his wife of 53 years, Doris, a son and two grandchildren. Memorials may be made in his name to World Roller Figure Skating Team Fund, 4730 S. St., Lincoln, NE 68506.

**Bob Sweeney** died last December 23rd in Phoenix. He is survived by his wife and three daughters, Katy, Ann Marie and Meaghan, his parents, longtime residents of Evergreen, CO, and three brothers and a sister who live in the Denver area. A regional sales manager for Weathershield Windows, he loved flying, fishing and hunting.

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## Montclair on the Move! *(continued from Page 3)*

Several weeks ago, two community volunteers, Casey Nikoloric and Pat Rozack, and our Gifted & Talented teacher, Rae Harris, organized a Destination Imagination Team comprised of 5 first grade students. Destination Imagination is an extra-curricular activity where teams of students work together to prepare for a city-wide competition. The activities are extremely challenging and require a high level of cooperation and rigorous, creative thinking. They are off to a great start and we look forward to seeing the team flourish.

Finally, mark your calendars for the following upcoming events:

**March 24th** - Family Math Game Night - a great way to learn math concepts while having fun with the family

**May 14th** - 1st Annual Montclair Mile and Spring Plant Sale

**May 19th** - Read & Feed Family Spaghetti Dinner - help us celebrate the end of the school year and welcome new families enrolled for Fall 2005

## Have You Visited our Website?

Do you want to learn more about the neighborhood, find out when the next general meeting is, request an electronic copy of our newsletter, sign up for membership, create a new discussion group, or find links to your local elected officials? You can do these things, and much more, simply by logging on to the HMCAI website.

Our web address is [www.historicmontclair.org](http://www.historicmontclair.org).

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## HMCAI Board Officers

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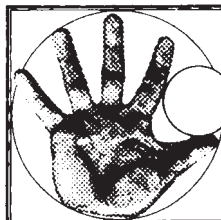
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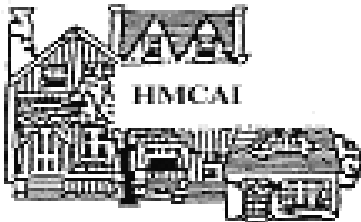
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