

*Cheyenne  
Mountain  
Newcomers Club*



*Happy Holidays*

*December 2024*

# DEC 2024

We meet the second Wednesday of each month (September through May) at 9:30 a.m. at the Broadmoor Community Church, 15 Lake Avenue.

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This club has a paid membership policy. Prospective members may attend two functions/meetings before paying their annual dues. Former members must rejoin before attending any activities or meetings. Monthly meetings are not held when D-12 schools are delayed or cancelled.



May  
this beautiful  
holiday season  
fill your hearts  
with love,  
your homes with joy,  
and your lives  
with laughter.

Warmly,  
The CMNC Board





# 'Tis the season

Guests coming for the holidays? Looking for something to do with friends? Here's just the tip of the Colorado Springs holiday iceberg to help fill your calendar.

## **Victorian Christmas at Miramont Castle**

Make reservations in advance to visit the Queen's Parlour Tea Room. Call for dates, times, prices.  
719.685.1011 | [miramontcastle.org](http://miramontcastle.org)

## **Bridge of Lights \* Royal Gorge Bridge**

Drive under thousands of twinkling lights.  
\$40/car in advance, \$45 at the gate.  
Nov 29–Dec 30

719.275.7507 | [royalgorgebridge.com/bridge-of-lights](http://royalgorgebridge.com/bridge-of-lights)

## **41st Annual Festival of Lights Parade**

Downtown Colorado Springs on Tejon Street; nearly 100 parade entries adorned with lights and holiday decorations. Free.  
Saturday, Dec. 7 at 5:50 p.m.

## **Santa Express Train • Royal Gorge Railroad**

Seating is limited; call early for tickets/pricing/times: 719.255.8181  
Dec. 2–30 (excluding Christmas Day)

## **Cheyenne Mountain Zoo's Electric Safari**

Dec. 6–23 and Dec. 25  
Free with zoo membership; advance reservations/tickets required. Non-member tickets starting at \$17.75 for age 65+. Discounts for kids, military.  
Book at [cmzoo.org](http://cmzoo.org)

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## **Madrigal Banquet at Glen Eyrie Castle**

Set in the grandeur of The Great Hall of The Castle, this banquet with musicians and performers is a classic. Reservations required. 6 p.m. – 9:30 p.m. No children under age 14. 719.265.7050 | [gleneyrie.org](http://gleneyrie.org)

## **TOSC Social Club: Twinkle Trek**

Trails and Open Space Coalition (TOSC)  
Dec. 8 at 6 p.m. starting at Vista Park in Banning Lewis Ranch. Easy walk, less than two miles. Free. <https://ticketstripe.com/events/50270381203190>

## **Holiday Market + Brunch at Kinship Landing**

10 a.m. – 2 p.m., Sunday, Dec. 15  
415 S. Nevada Ave. Free admission.  
Shop for unique gifts from local artisans, enjoy live music, and indulge in a holiday brunch.

## **Broadmoor Classic Holiday Show**

Dec. 13, 14, 20, 21, 24. Seating is limited; call early for times and reservations.  
\$155 per adult, \$90 per child 10 and under.  
[broadmoor.com/special-packages](http://broadmoor.com/special-packages) | 855.602.3343

## **Very Merry Downtown Market**

Sunday, Dec. 1 • 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.  
Free admission. Food and drink booths, artisans and craftspeople, boutique goods, and more.  
The Meanwhile Block, 108 W. Cimarron St.



# Ho, Ho, Ho!

## Easy Peasy Santa Strawberries

- 12 large, plump strawberries
- 1 cup whipped cream cheese
- 2 Tbls. powdered sugar
- 1/4 tsp. vanilla
- Red and black icing for the eyes and nose



Wash strawberries and cut off/discard stems to make a flat bottom. Then slice off the pointy portion to make Santa's hat. Restack hat and body on a decorative holiday serving plate.

In a small bowl, mix the cream cheese, powdered sugar, and vanilla. Spoon mixture into a piping bag with a large star tip.

Remove hat and gently squeeze a generous amount of mixture onto Santa's body. Make sure there's enough height to add a face. Place hat on top and add the hat's pom-pom.

Finish the face using decorative black and red icing for Santa's eyes and mouth. Keep refrigerated until served. Yum!





# *Eggnog Latte*

## **Ingredients**

- 3/4 cup eggnog
- 1/4 cup whole milk
- 2 tsp. vanilla syrup
- 1/4 tsp. nutmeg
- 2 oz. espresso (or 8 oz. brewed coffee)

## **Directions**

Combine eggnog, milk, vanilla syrup, and nutmeg in a small sauce pan and stir.

Heat over medium heat until mixture starts to bubble on the edges. Remove from heat.

Froth the eggnog mixture until foamy, and set aside.

Brew your espresso (or coffee) and pour into a coffee mug.

Top with the frothed eggnog mixture. Sprinkle with nutmeg or top with whipped cream, or both!



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# *Holiday Lunch & Celebration*

Join us on Wednesday, December 11, at the Broadmoor Community Church for the annual CMNC Holiday Luncheon and program.

This year, we'll be enchanted by The Forté Handbell 8 Bell Duo in the sanctuary starting at 9:40 a.m. A catered lunch will follow in our regular meeting room.

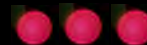
The cost is \$25 per member (same as last year). You may pay using Zelle or send a check to CMNC, PO Box 60001, Colorado Springs, CO 80960 (not 06!). Checks must be received by December 3.

## *Hats N' Mitts for community kids*

This year, CMNC is collecting knit beanies and warm mittens for Colorado Springs children who otherwise may go without. Please open your heart and add a much-needed hat-and-mitten set (or two or three!) to your holiday shopping list.

At the December meeting, we'll hang your unwrapped donations on a Christmas tree as you enter the sanctuary for the bells concert.

This effort is part of our Adopt A Family activity, which is supporting the Community Partnership for Child Development (CPCD) and Head Start program.



*Pssst...volunteers are needed to decorate the holiday luncheon tables. Please contact Kathy Perkins, activity director, if you can design and decorate one using your own centerpieces, tablecloths, and other decor.*



# The 12 Days of Newcomers

(sung to "The 12 Days of Christmas")

On the first day of New-comers, a member said to me,  
"Sign up for our fun ac-tiv-i-ties."

On the second day of New-comers, the Pres, she cornered me,  
"Bring snacks for meetings,  
And sign up for our fun ac-tiv-i-ties."

On the third day of New-comers, a new friend said to me,  
"Join us for Mah Jongg,  
Bring snacks for meetings,  
And sign up for our fun ac-tiv-i-ties."

On the fourth day of New-comers, she said 'RSVP,'  
"For Wine and Friends,  
Join us for Mah Jongg,  
Bring snacks for meetings,  
And sign up for our fun ac-tiv-i-ties."

On the fifth day of New-comers, the premise came to me,  
"Give—us—all—your—days!  
Fo-or Wine and Friends,  
Join us for Mah Johngg,  
Bring snacks for meetings,  
And sign up for our fun ac-tiv-i-ties."

On the sixth day of New-comers, my weary eyes did see,  
"Hand 'n Foot Canasta,  
Give—us—all—your—days!  
Fo-or Wine and Friends,  
Join us for Mah Jongg,  
Bring snacks for meetings,  
And sign up for our fun ac-tiv-i-ties."

On the seventh day of New-comers, there was no rest for me,  
"Po-ke-e-no,  
Hand 'n Foot Canasta,  
Give—us—all—your—days!  
Fo-or Wine and Friends,  
Join us for Mah Jongg,  
Bring snacks for meetings,  
And sign up for our fun ac-tiv-i-ties."

On the eighth day of New-comers, I saw I was hungry,  
"Laa-dies Gourmet,  
Po-ke-e-no,  
Hand 'n Foot Canasta,  
Give—us—all—your—days!  
Fo-or Wine and Friends,  
Join us for Mah Jongg,  
Bring snacks for meetings,  
And sign up for our fun ac-tiv-i-ties."

On the ninth day of New-comers, I put on my tennies,  
"Play Pickleball,  
Laa-dies Gourmet,  
Po-ke-e-no,  
Hand 'n Foot Canasta,  
Give—us—all—your—days!  
Fo-or Wine and Friends,  
Join us for Mah Jongg,  
Bring snacks for meetings,  
And sign up for our fun ac-tiv-i-ties."

On the tenth day of New-comers, exhausted though I be,  
"Come to Happy Hour,  
Play Pickleball,  
Laa-dies Gourmet,  
Po-ke-e-no,  
Hand 'n Foot Canasta,  
Give—us—all—your—days!  
Fo-or Wine and Friends,  
Join us for Mah Jongg,  
Bring snacks for meetings,  
And sign up for our fun ac-tiv-i-ties."

On the eleventh day of New-comers, my art side came to be,  
"Decorating Divas,  
Come to Happy Hour,  
Play Pickleball,  
Laa-dies Gourmet,  
Po-ke-e-no,  
Hand 'n Foot Canasta,  
Give—us—all—your—days!  
Fo-or Wine and Friends,  
Join us for Mah Jongg,  
Bring snacks for meetings,  
And sign up for our fun ac-tiv-i-ties."

On the twelfth day of New-comers, I'm overcome with glee,  
"All these lovely ladies,  
Decorating Divas,  
Come to Happy Hour,  
Play Pickleball,  
Laa-dies Gourmet,  
Po-ke-e-no,  
Hand 'n Foot Canasta,  
Give—us—all—your—days!  
Fo-or Wine and Friends,  
Join us for Mah Jongg,  
Bring snacks for meetings,  
And sign up for our fun ac-tiv-i-ties."



# December Activities

## Ladies Gourmet

3rd Wednesday  
of each month  
11:30 a.m.

We will be meeting on **Wednesday, December 18** to celebrate the holidays with cookies and other yummy treats. Details to follow soon in an email. If you're not on our email list, contact one of the coordinators for future events.

### Coordinators:

Kim Kacewicz

281.687.2012

Mary Kervick

719.649.3658

## Walkie Talkies

Saturdays  
10 a.m.

Join us **Saturday mornings** (weather permitting!) at Bear Creek Regional Park East for a moderate walk/adventure that can range from 40 minutes up to an hour.

### Coordinator:

Cheryl Eaton

719.331.5554

## Wine & Friends

New Year's  
Eve Party on  
Dec. 31

For December, we're holding a special event on New Year's Eve instead of on the usual third Friday of the month. Sharon and Doug Cotter will host a festive New Year's Eve party from **6:30 p.m. until 10 p.m.** when the ball drops in Times Square in New York. Instead of wine, the hostess has asked that guests bring champagnes or Proseccos, and New Year's-worthy hors d'oeuvres. Guests are also encouraged to dress up for this occasion, if desired. An email invitation will be sent to members in a few weeks, and will be preceded by a "Save the Date" notice. This event will not have a limit on the number of members and their spouses who want to attend together.

### Coordinators

Karen Cacy

503.246.4286

Marie Poyzer

719.659.3075

## Because We Care

Member care  
when needed

Ladies, please remember to contact me when you know of or hear about one of our members who is experiencing a health problem, facing hospitalization or surgery, dealing with a death in the family, or going through a life-changing situation of any kind. I will send out the appropriate card on behalf of all of our members. In some cases, I will follow up with a phone call to see how things are going and if any help is needed. Thank you for your support.

### Coordinator

Lynda DeAngelis

710.440.4643



# December Activities, cont'd

## Canasta Hand & Foot

2nd and 4th  
Thursdays

10:30 – 2:30

Enjoy this lively, strategic game **twice a month** at The Country Club of Colorado, 125 E. Clubhouse Drive. We play downstairs next to the Gates Grille in the back room. No RSVP needed; however, if you're new or need a refresher, please call Karen Vlasak to arrange a lesson prior to the next group date.

**Coordinators:**

Karen Vlasak	719.375.4692
Lu McCoy	719.540.8681

## Mah Jongg

— *Please note: This activity has been officially cancelled.* —

## Pokeno

2nd Monday  
of the month

1 p.m.

Pokeno is an easy card game like poker. We play at members' homes and each month's hostess determines the number of players she can comfortably accommodate. Participants should bring a gift valued at \$8 or more concealed within a paper bag, plus \$2 in cash for the blackout round.

**Coordinators:**

Tami Dickinson	623.670.8298
Sharon Wallace	719.482.6298

## Pickleball

Every Friday

10 a.m.–12 p.m.

Pickleball is the fastest-growing sport in America! Join this new group to see what all the fuss is about...and to have a ton of fun! We play indoors (out of the hot sun, cold air, and wind) on brand-new courts at Springs Pickleball, 780 Vondelpark Dr. Try it once and you'll be hooked for sure! A paddle, a whiffle-ball thingamajig, and some good, sturdy court shoes, and you're on your way.

**Coordinator:**

Kathy Houck	505.239.4723
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## Adopt A Family

Your help makes  
a difference

Don't forget to bring a hat-and-mittens set to the **Dec. 11 Holiday Luncheon** to donate to needy children in our area. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

**Coordinator:s**

Lynda DeAngelis	719.440.4643
Valerie Smith	719.213.8685

## UFOs

First Monday  
of each month

1 p.m.

A low-key group of members who like to chat while working on unfinished projects. Sign up to get an email with this month's location.

**Coordinator:**

Barbara Nisar	719.394.5499
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# December Activities, cont'd

## Happy Hour Get-Togethers

3rd Monday  
of the month  
3–4:30 p.m.

Join friends at different breweries and pubs for some fun each month! No advance sign-up needed; simply show up for a drink and some great conversation with your community of CMNC women. (Individuals are responsible for their own tabs.)

**December 16 @ Lumen8 Rooftop Social**, 402 S. Tejon. Park on the street (feed the meter) or get a \$5 validation from hostess toward your total if you park in the garage.

**January 15 @ The View House**, 7114 Campus Dr. east of I-25 off Woodmen Rd.

**Coordinator:**  
Peggy Dolinich                      719.964.8778

## Decorating Divas

2nd Tuesday of  
each month  
1-3 p.m.

We'll meet on **Saturday, December 7, at 11 a.m.** at Boards and Barrels for a delicious lunch before we head out for the Annual Tweeds Holiday Home Tour in Woodland Park. We'll view wonderfully decorated homes and also shops at Tweeds, which has beautiful, unique, and magical decorations. You can buy your tickets for the tour at <https://www.wphht.org/tickets>. Please RSVP to MB Shively by Nov. 20. We are limited to 20 Divas for lunch.

**Coordinators:**  
Nancy Price-Weddle                      719.332.2644  
Mary Beth (MB) Shively                      719.527.0612 or 520.631.8522

## Lunch Bunch

Following our  
monthly  
meetings

Since the December general meeting is our Holiday Luncheon, there will not be a Lunch Bunch get-together afterwards. See you next month!

**Coordinator:**  
Gini Dugan                      507.319.1700

## Gleaners

Outside before  
our monthly  
CMNC meeting

There is no Gleaners effort for December. Please check back here in January and help us help those in need in our community.

**Coordinator:**  
Barbara Coons                      719.375.3231 or 219.973.9555



# DECEMBER

## MEMBER BIRTHDAYS



Tracy Alderson	12/02
Felicia Mendygral	12/08
Carolyn Spillane	12/12
Mary E. Carley	12/15
Carolyn Wheeler	12/20
Barb Zarish	12/21
Carol Collins	12/23
Mary Kervick	12/23
Dena Rathgeber	12/23
Karen Cacy	12/25
Edna Clark	12/29

*Merry Happy Birthday*

# DECEMBER

## Calendar of Events

SUN DAY	MON DAY	TUES DAY	WEDNES DAY	THURS DAY	FRI DAY	SATUR DAY
1	2 UFOs 1 pm	3	4 Literary Ladies 10 am	5 Nurturing Yourself 2-4 pm	6 Pickleball 10 am-12 pm	7 Walkie Talkies 10 am
8	9 Pokeno 1 pm	10 Decorating Divas 1-3 pm	11 <b>CMNC General Meeting and Holiday Luncheon</b> 9:30 am  Gleaners Adopt A Family	12 Canasta Hand & Foot 10:30 am	13 Pickleball 10 am-12 pm	14 Walkie Talkies 10 am
15	16 Happy Hour Get-Together 3-4:30 pm	17	18 Ladies Gourmet 11:30 am	19 Readers Choice 10 am	20 Pickleball 10 am-12 pm	21 Walkie Talkies 10 am
22	23	24 Let's Get Lit 6:30 pm	25 <b>Christmas Day</b>  First Day of Hanukkah	26 Canasta Hand & Foot 10:30 am	27 Pickleball 10 am-12 pm	28 Walkie Talkies 10 am
29	30	31 New Year's Eve party (replaces the Dec. Wine & Friends)				

*Please forgive any errors or typos in this publication. I hope you enjoy it!*

*— Your newsletter editor, Elaine Claussen*