



## June 2025 President's News

**Denver Mayor's with June Birthdays:** Baxter Stiles, 8<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup>, 6/26/1824, born in Vermont and Richard Sporis, 15<sup>th</sup>, 6/26/1813, born in Pennsylvania.

**TDC Denver Ladies with June Birthdays:** 2<sup>nd</sup> – Connie O'Conner, 3<sup>rd</sup> – Tanya Koneman, 5<sup>th</sup> – Jeanette Hunt, 11<sup>th</sup> – Joan Overby, 12<sup>th</sup> – Meg Blair Watts, 14<sup>th</sup> – Sarah Wise & Ramona Wuetig, 15<sup>th</sup> – Caren Bailey, 21<sup>st</sup> – Wendy Blanton, 22<sup>nd</sup> – Janice Cisneros.

**President's Musings:** How many of you remember the Urban Renewal of the 1960's? In the name of 'progress' and 'housing' many of our historic homes were demolished for office buildings and/or apartments. Denver lost a HUGE amount of our history! I feel we, once again, are entering that 'clear out & make way' movement in our metropolitan area. Affordable housing can't keep up with unprecedented growth BUT... we cannot lose our history for more newer buildings. TDC is needed now, more than ever to keep reminding those decision makers... **OUR HISTORY IS IMPORTANT!** I ask you to continue your membership with TDC, encourage our upcoming generations to get involved so we can continue our mission, and spread the word of our group to others.



On **Saturday, June 14, 2025**, we have been invited to join a DAR chapter in it's 114<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Flag Raising Ceremony. (TDC participated in the 1950 ceremony) Mark your calendars, 11 am at Genesee Mountain Summit. A bring-your-own picnic will follow the ceremony at the Genesee Park Shelter. Attached is their flyer. Let's honor Flag Day and attend this fun event!! See you there!!

**Our field trip, on May 21<sup>st</sup>**, to the Colorado Women's History Museum had unexpected events occurring. Due to an asbestos problem, the museum was closed for the day. But they graciously got us free passes to History Colorado to continue our field trip. It was a very fun day for all and seeing the 'new' History Museum was a treat!! We will try to book another time to see the Women's history museum, stay tuned!!



**2025 TDC State Membership Meeting: Will be on Saturday, June 28, 2025,**

**in Grand Junction, Colorado.** The future of TDC and its direction will be a strong topic of discussion at the meeting. Make your voice heard.... Plan on attending. Members will also tour the Union Train Depot, which TDC is participating in its restoration and The Palisade Historical Museum. Following that lunch will be at the Sauvage Spectrum Winery. Look for your state TDC newsletter for more info. Would love to

see all of you there.

**Genesee Park:** The dream started in 1912 when Denver voters approved a Mountain Parks Charter Amendment. The



following year land acquisitions resulted in approximately 2,4000 acres being set aside as Genesee Park. On 8/27/1913 Denver held an official opening ceremony for its first 2 mountain parks: Genesee and Lookout Mountain. In 1914 a mountain road opened, allowing drivers to drive up Genesee to the Game preserves located on its western side. In 1914 the bison here was established on the west side. The CCC build Chief Hosa Lodge & Campground and Genesee Mountain Camp, and picnic areas in the 1930's. Improvements have continued through out the

years; improving bison areas, building a tunnel under I-70 for them to move to other parts of the park, and adding in 2025 a 120-ft bridge & path to view the bison herd; building fitness areas, bike paths, hiking trails. It is the gem of The Denver Mountain Park system!!

**As always.....** I am so proud of this group and you ladies!! Today's apathy towards the past, preservation, traditions, and even joining a group is so mind-boggling to me! I applaud you for having the gumption to join. Please speak to your descendent generation(s) and help them see the beauty of joining our organization.

All it takes is one step.....

*Don H*

