

## April 2025 President's News

Denver Mayors w/ April Birthdays: Hiram Brendlinger, 4<sup>th</sup> -1864-65, born 4/15/1825 in Pennsylvania; William Clayton, 7<sup>th</sup> – 1868-69, born 4/24/1837 in Pennsylvania; John Routt, 17<sup>th</sup> – 1883-85, born 4/25/1826 in Kentucky; William McNichols, Jr, 40<sup>th</sup> – born 4/11/1910 in Denver.

**Denver TDC sisters with April Birthdays:** 5<sup>th</sup> – Breann Bockstahler, 6<sup>th</sup> – Cynthe McFarland, 12<sup>th</sup> - Kristine Abeyta, 15<sup>th</sup> – Chris Bogard & Chris Reynolds-Polevoy, 20<sup>th</sup> – Gretchen Autman, 22<sup>nd</sup> – Charlene Browne, 26<sup>th</sup> – Jennifer O'Maley, 30<sup>th</sup> – Nancy Fuller.

**President's musings:** I thank all ladies who sent me their thoughts on my concerns voiced last month. If you have not sent me your thoughts on 1. Whether our organization is worth continuing on, 2. Should our mission continue as is, 3. Should our membership requirements stay the same, or change, 4. If change how so. This is not something the state board has just brought up. Since the pandemic all volunteer organizations have struggled. How can we address the general apathy and our modern problem of allotting time to participate, in one's lifestyle ? I welcome all thoughts, ideas, and suggestions! Time to think outside the box!! (I -personally – feel we can't lose our 115-year-old organization, but changing is not out of the question, just my thought.)



**Field Trip:** May 21, 2025, at 11 am we will tour the Women's Colorado History Center!! This is RIGHT UP OUR ALLEY!!! History Colorado has placed this museum in the Beyers-Evans house, next to the Art Museum. Mark your calendar now. I will ask you to rsvp in the May newsletter. Next month I will have RSVP information on this trip. This will be one fine field trip!!

**Denver's North High School:** Though not the first high school in Denver, it is the first dedicated high school building. Built in 1911, to replace where the "Northside High School" was housed in the old Ashland school, in the suburban town of Highland. That building housed elementary and high school for the town. That area was annexed into Denver, and shortly after the cornerstone was laid, in 1910 for the Beaux Arts Style building, along Speer Boulevard and 29<sup>th</sup> Avenue. The building was completed in 1911. In 2007 a 17.1-million-dollar restoration was done, primarily restoring historic features,



and updated for today's needs. In 2020-2011 a 35-million-dollar restoration and renovation was done on the original building and athletic buildings. It addressed the school's infrastructure.

Dues are now due for 2025: Have you sent in your dues [\$15 per year] for 2025? If you have not done so, please send your dues to Kathie Bartee [treasurer] at 6287 S. Coventry Lane W, Littleton, CO 80123. Questions for Kathie, call 303-795-2205 or email: <u>k.bartee@att.net</u>.

<u>Calling ALL Members</u>: Are you proud of your pioneer history? Want to share it--- <u>SURE YOU DO!!!!</u> I am in need, in late Spring, of family stories for the TDC State Newsletter. Denver Council has not been as active in sharing stories as other chapters. I know we have wonderful stories, let's share some. The story with photos [if you have a few] should not be over 1 page full. Smaller are just as encouraged. Contact me if you want more info!! -Pam-



**April Fun facts:** 1. In 1883 the Colorado Central Railroad Company completed the Denver Pacific Railway, connecting Denver Wyoming via a direct route. 2. The Colorado State Capitol building was officially opened to the public on April 18, 1894, after several years of construction. 3. In 1934 the Ford Motor company opened its first factory in Colorado, located in Denver.

Hope you and your family have a wonderful Easter holiday!