



# Have YOU Heard?



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"The sights, sounds, and smells of summer are here! It's green everywhere, birds wake you up with their chirping, and there's a sweet floral fragrance in the air. Blacktie's "Have You Heard" is a community-conscious newsletter committed to helping our readers stay connected. We hope it can add something positive to your day and encourage you to stay involved with the nonprofit world in Colorado and thank you for the great comments you have been sending us."

**June is:** National Safety Month, Fireworks Safety Month, Child Vision Awareness Month, Vision Research Month, Adopt a Shelter Cat Month, & National Aphasia Month.

## *Awards & Appointments*

George Bogdewiecz is the new Interim CEO for Goodwill Industries of Denver after the retirement of Tim Welker, who was the CEO with Goodwill Denver for 37 years.

This year's honorees for the "Women Who've Changed the Heart of the City Tea" are: Have You Mets - Arlene Hirschfeld and LaFawn Biddle; Linda Alvarado, and Lily Nie. The award ceremony sponsored by the Rescue Mission will take place at The Brown Palace Hotel, on Thursday, September 16<sup>th</sup>, from 2:30 pm - 5:00 pm.

The "2010 Jane Craft Washington Park Good Neighbor Award" will be presented to Jim Jones and David Matthews on June 3<sup>rd</sup> at the Washington Street Community Center. For more information call 303-733-4643.

Karmen Carter was named chairwoman of the board of "Reach Out and Read Colorado." Reach Out and Read (ROR) trains doctors and nurses to advise parents about the importance of reading aloud and to give books to children at pediatric checkups from 6 months to 5 years of age - with a special focus on children growing up in poverty. By building on the unique relationship between parents and medical providers, ROR helps families and communities encourage early literacy skills so children enter school prepared for success in reading. For more information go to [www.reachoutandreadco.org](http://www.reachoutandreadco.org)

As of June 1<sup>st</sup>, Shannon McNicholas will take over all of the scheduling, sales, event planning and design duties for Continental "Divine" Catering here in Denver. Shannon is the daughter of Have You Met - Mary McNicholas and Kevin McNicholas - and the sister of young professional super star - Sean McNicholas.

## *Children's Hospital News*

You are invited to bid on a chance to have dinner with Lee Ann Womack and Support The Children's Hospital! Bid online to win dinner for two with Lee Ann Womack at the "Giddy-Up Gala" on Saturday, June 26<sup>th</sup> at Crooked Willow Farms. Lee Ann's two special guests will enjoy lip smackin' delights while getting to know the evening's star performer. Before dinner, be sure to take some time to have your boots shined so you can tap 'em to Lee Ann's country songs - all while

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## People News



Big smiles from Hazel Miller and Blacktie co-founder and CEO Kenton Kuhn

We promised we'd give you some upcoming dates to see **Have You Met - chanteuse Hazel Miller** perform. Check out all of Hazel's free concerts: Sunday, June 6<sup>th</sup> at **Civic Center Greek Stage** at 4:35 pm; Thursday, June 10<sup>th</sup> at **Boardwalk Park in Windsor, CO** at 6:30 pm; Friday, June 11<sup>th</sup> at **Rock Bottom Brewery** at 7 pm; Saturday, June 12<sup>th</sup> at **Stapleton Founder's Green** at 6 pm; and Sunday, June 20<sup>th</sup> (Father's Day) at **City Park Jazz Pavilion** at 6 pm. For more information, go to [www.hazelmiller.com](http://www.hazelmiller.com)

**Have You Met - Veteran Denver restaurateur Leo Goto** has opened a new restaurant in Littleton. **Leo Goto's Riverfront Restaurant**, located at 2852 West Bowles Avenue on the Platte River, is now open for lunch and dinner. Leo formerly owned two legendary restaurants: **Leo's Place** in downtown Denver and the **Wellshire Inn** off of Colorado Blvd. and Hampden. For more information call 303-865-8500 or go to [www.leogoto-riverfront.com](http://www.leogoto-riverfront.com).

Leo and Linda Goto



**TAG Restaurant** is celebrating their first anniversary. **Troy Guard** and his wife, **Have You**

**Met - Leigh Sullivan Guard** opened **TAG**, at 1441 Larimer Street, one year ago, and the restaurant celebrated with an Anniversary Party on May 18<sup>th</sup>. TAG has stayed very involved with the nonprofit community during their first year and will continue to do so in the future.

**Have You Met - Layne Hunt Fleishman** will chair the **2011 Cherish the Children Gala for the Beacon Youth and Family Center**.

## Hot off the Press

**Have You Met - Gayle Novak** and her husband **Ed** are the **2010 chairs of VOA's Western Fantasy Gala** on October 23<sup>rd</sup>. Gayle announced there will be a **Kickoff Party** with the **Bronco's mascot, Thunder**, and well-known singer, **Pete Martinez**, performing on Wednesday, September 15<sup>th</sup> at **Neiman Marcus in the Cherry Creek Mall** starting at 6 pm. The theme of **Western Fantasy** is the **"Golden Garter Saloon"** - and to add to all of the excitement, the soon to be opened **"Four Seasons Denver Hotel"** will hold a **"Thank You Party"** and a grand opening on November 4<sup>th</sup> for all Western Fantasy patron level guests, the 2010 committee members and corporate table sponsors. For more information go to [www.voacolorado.org](http://www.voacolorado.org) or call Gayle Novak at 303-761-3008.

Ed Novak & Gayle Novak - 2010 Western Fantasy chairs with VOA Community Relations Manager, Jim White.



**Have You Met - Roselyn Saunders** will co-chair the **"Dancing for the Youth at Goodwill Gala"** on October 8<sup>th</sup> at the **Marriott City Center** along with **Carrie Mesch - Goodwill Denver's Board Vice-Chair**.

**Have You Mets - Dr. Reginald & Faye Washington** just returned from a fabulous vacation in Cabo.

Because of the recent ash clouds from volcanoes posing a threat to aircraft safety, **Have You Met - Lyn Schaffer** was grounded in **Barcelona, Spain** for several days. Glad you're back safely Lyn!

**First Lady of Denver, Helen Thorpe**, author of *Just Like Us: the True Story of Four Mexican Girls Coming of Age in America* – and wife of **Have You Met – Mayor John Hickenlooper** – will do a book signing at 6:30 pm on Friday, June 4<sup>th</sup>, at the **Tattered Cover in LoDo** - 1628 16th Street. The signing will benefit **Mi Casa Resource Center**. For more information contact Cheryl at 303-539-5609 or [cbalchunas@MiCasaResourceCenter.org](mailto:cbalchunas@MiCasaResourceCenter.org)

The **Denver Center Alliance** held their membership luncheon at the **John Madden "Palazzo Verde" Art Museum** on May 13<sup>th</sup>. **Have You Met – Gayle Novak** will soon complete her two-year term as **President** with many accomplishments under her leadership hat. **Jill Behr** will serve as the new DCA President for 2010-2011.

### *This and That*

Thought about learning how to speak Spanish? **The Colorado Free University Spanish Center** offers a variety of **interactive Spanish classes**, on-site Spanish classes, Medical Spanish classes and Spanish Immersion Weekends. The Spanish Center's aim is to provide a challenging but supportive environment in helping our students achieve their language goals. Prepare yourself for an exciting, in-depth study of the Spanish language and culture. You'll be amazed at how quickly you can learn! Sign up today by calling 303-399-0093 or go to [www.freeu.com](http://www.freeu.com).

The **Cherry Creek Arts Festival** celebrates its 20<sup>th</sup> year July 3<sup>rd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> in **Cherry Creek North**.

### *Let's hear it for our kids!*

**Denver Public Schools** held their 26<sup>th</sup> annual multi-stage

**Shakespeare Festival** for its students throughout the **Denver Center for the Performing Arts Complex** on May 6<sup>th</sup>. For those of us who were there, it was a sight to behold.

Congratulations to **Spencer Fronk**, **Cherry Creek High School senior**, who was awarded the **"2010 Swimmer of the Year"** at the Boys 5A state championships last weekend.

Young people of all ages and skill levels recently performed at **DU's Annual Ice Show** at the **University of Denver's Magness Arena**.

### *Go Organic*

The **Old South Pearl Street Farmers Market** begins Sunday, June 6<sup>th</sup> from 9 am to 1 pm and happens every Sunday through October 31<sup>st</sup>.

The **Cherry Creek Fresh Market** on 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue and University runs on Saturdays from 8 am to 1 pm through October 30<sup>th</sup>.



Rocky the Denver Nuggets mascot making an appearance at a recent charitable event

### **TRIVIA:**

Ever wondered how many people **Red Rocks Amphitheater** can hold?  
Answer: 9,500.

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