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Dear RMGA members,

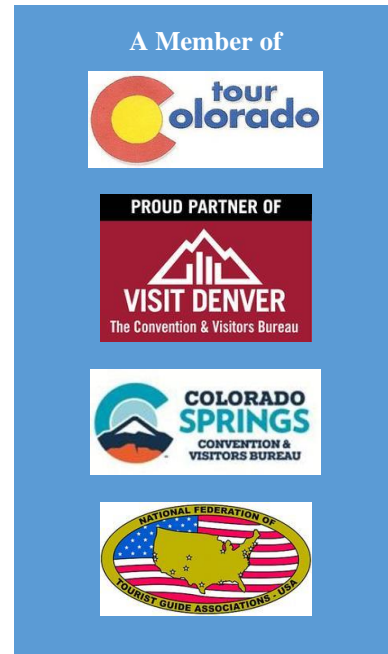
I am so proud of our membership. As I have gotten to know more and more of you in the past few years, I am very impressed with the professionalism and commitment to your chosen work. We at RMGA, of course, stress professionalism and “to promote the highest degree of competence and professionalism among persons who act as tour guides and tour managers/directors, to provide ethical and professional standards against which all tour guides and tour managers/directors are measured.”

Also, in my working out there in the tour guide community I have seen many more people acting as tour guides in our region — some of which do not belong to our organization. I think that they would benefit from being members of RMGA and we would benefit from having them. The more the merrier, the better, especially if it makes us all more professional and better at what we do.

Therefore, I am appealing to our membership to reach out to other tour guides or industry professionals that we come across to invite them to join RMGA. And we want to help you do that.

At our next meeting we will distribute a small stack of RMGA brochures promoting membership in our organization. And we ask that you keep a few brochures with you when you do your tours and when you come across someone doing tours, to give them a brochure and just ask them to attend one of our meetings to see if they might be interested.

My goal is to get 20 new members in 2020. And it would be great if each of us could reach out to at least one or two potential members. Thank you. --Sherry Moon, President RMGA



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FROM THE EDITOR

Deadline for submissions for the November 2019 *Guide Line* is **Friday, October 25.**

Future contributions should be emailed to *Guide Line* editor Eileen Pearl at rmgaeditor@rockymountaintourguides.com. If anyone has photos to share, please send them along with either a short description or names.

COLORADO TRIVIA

by Sherry Moon

1. The nickname of Colorado is The Centennial State. But what was the nickname that the Native Utes gave this area?
2. Despite being land-locked, the nation's highest yacht club is in Colorado. What is the name of that club?
3. We all know that Leadville is the highest incorporated city in the US at 10,152' above sea level. But what is the nation's highest community?
4. How many of the top 10 ski resorts are in Colorado?
5. What Hollywood film maker was asked to design the uniforms for the U.S. Air Force Academy?
6. On June 24, 1870, the first train chugged into Denver (no Union Station yet). What was the name of the railroad company?
7. In 1859, the first stagecoach rumbled into Denver. It had traveled 687 miles from “the states” to the Pikes Peak gold regions. What was the name of the coach company?
8. People who live in Colorado are called Coloradans. Who decided on that spelling rather than Coloradoans (which is the name of a northern Colorado newspaper)?
9. For more than 100 years, Samsonite has been one of the premiere luggage companies. What was the name of the brothers who started the company here in Denver?
10. One of the striking features of our mountains is “timberline” or “treeline” where it becomes too cold and windy for even the hardiest evergreen trees to grow. In Colorado what is the altitude range where this occurs?

(Answers on Page 5)

COMMITTEE UPDATES

None to report.

UPCOMING INDUSTRY EVENTS



NAI National Conference
Denver Colorado
November 12–16, 2019

National Association for Interpretation is hosting a National conference in Denver, November 12-16. NAI is a professional organization dedicated to advancing the profession of heritage interpretation. “If you help visitors learn about a place that’s important to you, you’re an interpreter.” The conference traditionally was workshops and learning sessions. For more information <https://www.interpnet.com/> If you are interested in learning more about Interpretation contact Sherry Moon.

OCTOBER and NOVEMBER BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETINGS

Board of Directors Meetings

Wednesday, October 2, 2019 9:00 AM at Union Station

Monday November 4, 2:00-4:00 at

Bear Valley Church, 10001 W Jewell Av, Lakewood, CO 80232

All Members are welcome to attend.

OCTOBER MEMBERSHIP MEETING

WHAT: RMGA MEMBERSHIP MEETING – Taste of Denver Food Tours

WHEN: October 14, 2019, 6:00 – 6:30pm – networking, 6:30 – 6:45pm – Short Business Meeting. Recognize new RMGA Certified Colorado Tour Guides, Nominations Committee, Program 7:00pm. Introduce Ethan Magusin

WHERE: Englewood Library 1000 Englewood Parkway, 1st Floor, Englewood Civic Center, Englewood, CO 80110.

PROGRAM: Ethan Magusin will present Taste of Denver Food Tours. He will be presenting a tasty October program for all of you! Ethan will explain what food tourism is, how it evolved, and how it works from an operations perspective. He may even have a few restaurant recommendations for you. Make sure you bring your appetite because he will bring treats for everybody. The more knowledge you gain the better tour guide you will be.

FOOD: RMGA will provide water.

DIRECTIONS: The best way to get to the Englewood Library is to take light rail. The train stops at the library. When you enter the library go to the reference desk than turn right again to go to the Perrin Room.

PARKING: The Englewood Public Library has ample parking under the Civic Center. Driving your car on Hampden Avenue, you turn north on Inca Street and immediately turn left at the 24Hour Fitness and you will enter the Civic Center parking garage. Exit the car and walk to the entrance of the library.

GUESTS: Members are encouraged to invite a potential member as a guest to the meeting.

GUEST FEES: 1ST AND 2ND Time guest: Free, Third Through Fifth Time, Same Guest Visit is \$10 each time. SUCCEEDING TIMES, SAME GUEST MUST JOIN RMGA.

MEETING NIGHT CONTACT: Larry Foos – Cell 720-581-3820.

NOVEMBER PROGRAM MEETING TEASER

The term “byway,” such as Colorado Scenic and Historic Byways, America's Byways, National Forest Scenic Byway refers not only to the road but also to the place through which it passes You might think of byways as roads that tell a story—gateways to unique adventures and paths to better understand America’s history and cultures. Special handouts will be available.

ANSWERS TO Trivia Questions

Answers: (1) "The land of the long look."; (2) Dillion Lake Yacht Club at 9.017' above sea level; (3) Alma at 10,355' above sea level; (4) Six: Vail at 1, Breckenridge at 2, Keystone at 4, Steamboat at 5, Beaver Creek at 6, and Snowmass at 9; (5) Ceil B. DeMille in the 1950s; (6) Denver Pacific Railway; (7) The Leavenworth and Pike's Peak Express Co.; (8) In 1976 the Colorado Historical Society chose that spelling much to the chagrin of the Ft. Collins newspaper; (9) The Shwayder brothers, Polish Jews who started making luggage in 1910. The company's ads featured all five chubby brothers standing on an indestructible suitcase; (10) Between elevations of about 10,500 to 11,500 feet. However it is not devoid of vegetation. Alpine shrubs, plants and the tundra are very much alive albeit fighting the elements to survive.

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