



RMPC Newsletter - Volume 19

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Holiday Reception at the University Club

DECEMBER 21 (Monday)

The University Club

1673 Sherman Street

5:00 PM Appetizers & Cash bar

Cost: \$35 per person

We're changing things up a little this year and having an evening holiday reception. Still at the University Club, this year we'll be having appetizers in the College Room. With more room and a lower price, we hope that you and any guests will be able to join us. Following tradition, current undergraduates will be our special guests and will offer a few words on their Princeton experiences. Please RSVP using the tear off strip included in this newsletter, or contact Matt Wood at 303-905-0670 or at twood@alumni.princeton.edu.

Tigers Summit Mt. Princeton

By Stewart Levin '75

The annual Mt. Princeton climb was scheduled this year for August 1, 2009, to overlap with the Sat-Sun. Buena Vista Gold Rush Days festivities. This provided options for both climbers and non-climbers.

As planned, most of the 10 climbers, going as far back as Class of '62, that day assembled at the lower Mt. Princeton trailhead parking area at 8 AM, shifted folks into high clearance vehicles, and headed up the mountain. (A father and young son went up on the mountain the evening before and climbed separately, and successfully, from there.) I made one strategic mistake in heading up the rear of the convoy after delaying so my wife could take pictures. This resulted in the vehicles proceeding past our standard radio tower parking area and on up the very rough road to the upper trailhead. Rather to my surprise, they did manage to make it there without incident. I, in the meanwhile, parked my car near the radio tower and hoofed up to meet the group.

The weather was mostly sunny with occasional light clouds and, to everyone's relief, stayed that way long into the

afternoon, allowing everyone a chance to summit. About 2/3rds of the group succeeded and, while waiting down at the trailhead to make sure everyone got back down safely, I heard from some other hikers about some crazy group dressed in orange and black standing at the summit singing. (It was Old Nassau, of course.) We also did some incremental maintenance and erosion control at the trailhead.

After the climb, most of us headed down to soak at the Mt. Princeton Hot Springs, rendezvousing with various non-climbers who had spent their day down in the Buena Vista area. Four of us stayed around until Sunday to sightsee in Buena Vista and enjoy the Gold Rush Days events. **Scott Smith '70** entered the toilet seat races. **Diane Levin** wagered \$5 on the Duck Race and later got a call telling her that she had won \$500. (They didn't mention whether that was for the first place or the last place finish.)

Major League Tiger

On Monday, April 27th over 30 local tigers gathered at Coors Field to root for a fellow Tiger, even if he was pitching against the home team. Seated in the upper section on a cold, damp evening, our host of tigers cheered for **Chris Young '02**. Chris' night of pitching for the Padres did not go as well as he had hoped with the Rockies winning 12-7 (not for lack of cheering by the Princeton contingent), but a great night at the ballgame was had by all.

To cap the evening, Chris joined the group in the stadium after the game. As he signed autographs for all of the kids, he told stories about his days at Princeton, his time in the big leagues and how his hard work led him there. Chris generously spent over 45 minutes with his fellow alumni, making sure to spend time with everyone. It was an amazing evening for all.

The Princeton Prize in Race Relations

The Purpose of the Prize

The Princeton Prize honors high school students who have done notable work in advancing the cause of race relations. The program is sponsored by Princeton University and principally undertaken by its alumni. The mission of the Princeton Prize is:

“To promote harmony, respect, and understanding among people of different races by identifying and recognizing high school-aged students whose efforts have made a significant positive impact on race relations in their schools or activities.”

Racial conflict is perhaps the most critical domestic issue facing this country. By recognizing, rewarding, and reinforcing the good work of students who are making a difference, the Princeton Prize hopes to promote better race relations now, and perhaps provide an impetus for other young people to work towards racial understanding in the future – an activity truly “in the nation’s service.”

Program Organization

The Princeton Prize in Race Relations Board of Directors is an *ad hoc* committee of the Alumni Association of Princeton University. While primarily composed of Princeton Alumni, the board also includes Princeton University staff members, current undergraduates, and others.

Program Description

Brochures, applications forms, and posters are sent to and emailed to schools, community groups and religious organizations in all areas where the Princeton Prize operates. Each student who applies for the Princeton Prize describes their activity and arranges for a supporting statement from a responsible individual familiar with the activity of the applicant. Following the January 31st application deadline, local committees select their award recipients. The Princeton Prize in Race Relations, together with a cash award of up to \$1,000 is offered to those applicants doing the best work in each locale. In addition, other worthy applicants are honored with a certificate of achievement.

Our Denver committee (**Carlos King '72, Sharon Bailey '75, Windi Padia '00, Seth Terry '90**) participated in the PPRR in 2008.

Minh Ha, a Senior at Colorado Academy in Denver Colorado, will be awarded the Denver 2009 Princeton Prize in Race Relations for her efforts to improve race relations in her school and local community. Minh was recognized for her ongoing work with her school’s Faces of Diversity program.

Colorado Princetonians of The Class of 2013

Colorado is represented by eight new members of Princeton's Class of 2013.

This past year we interviewed 185 Colorado applicants, of which 17 were offered admission. We were once again able to interview all of our Colorado applicants. Thanks to all Alumni Schools Committee members for the attention you gave to every applicant, and for the extra effort you made at our deadline. Overall, for the first time, Princeton ASC members contacted and offered interviews to 100% of over 22,000 total worldwide applicants to the Class of 2013, a truly extraordinary response to the Admission Office's objective of reaching out to every single Princeton applicant.

Congratulations and "welcome" to:

Lisa Han Fairview High School
Emma Lawless Trinidad High School
Emilly Zhu Poudre High School
Travis Henry Woodland Park HS
Benjamin Barron Dawson School
Olivia Garard Kent Denver School
Michael Sdao Culver Academies
Peter Perdue Cheyenne Mountain HS

RMPC Annual Dues (2009-2010)

The Rocky Mountain Princeton Club depends upon the continued support of its many members in Colorado and Wyoming. Your tax-deductible dues payment covers the cost of mailings, supports our Schools Committee's work in attracting promising students to Princeton, underwrites community service projects, and allows visiting faculty and current undergrads to be our guests at functions. If you live outside the Front Range and feel more comfortable making a smaller payment, please do so. These contributions will allow to club to continue planning events in all areas of the RMPC.

Please return your dues check (payable to Rocky Mountain Princeton Club) to:

Rocky Mountin Princeton Club
c/o Matt Wood '97
1724 W. Barberry Cir.
Louisville, CO 80027

We thank you for your support as your participation is vital to the success of the Club. We are especially grateful to those alumni who contribute generously at the level of Sustaining membership. The RMPC scholarship fund is also available for your consideration.

RMPC Picnic

The RMPC held its annual picnic at the end of August in Washington Park in Denver. About 70 Tigers, family, and guests attended, including several of the members of the incoming class of 2013. Our very own chapter president, **Matt Wood '97**, smoked up some of the best pulled pork and brisket in the state of Colorado. While a brief burst of rain showers seems to be thee event tradition, we managed to barely get wet and enjoy a great time.

Aspen Chapter Kick-off Party

This past August, alumni came together in Aspen, CO for the first event planned and hosted by the newly formed Aspen

Chapter of the Rocky Mountain Princeton Club. Spearheaded by **Wendy Zaharko '74**, this new chapter was founded with the aim of bringing more events to alumni on the Western Slope.

Gilchrist 'Gil' Berg '73 hosted the first event at his home overlooking the town of Aspen. Over twenty-five alumni and guests gathered in full orange for food and drinks. Accompanied by a string quartet, alumni both local and from throughout the region joined together to celebrate the summer, companionship and Princeton. Many later joined fellow partygoer **Alan Fletcher '78**, President and CEO of the Aspen Music Festival, at the concert that night.

Look for more events from the Aspen Chapter in the future. If you have ideas for events in your area, please contact any of the RMPC officers.