

ROCKY MOUNTAIN PRINCETON CLUB NEWSLETTER

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Rocky Mountain Princeton Club

Upcoming Events

Mark your Calendar...

December 22, 2010:

Holiday Reception at the University Club

An RSVP form is included in this newsletter

Monthly

All-Ivy Happy Hours (Denver, Boulder, Ft. Collins)

Email notices: We reach just over 1000 alumni out of 1498 by email, but with each e-mailing about 75 addresses are no longer valid. How about yours? Please visit tigernet.princeton.edu to enter-verify-update your email address and ensure you receive ALL of the latest RMPC event news!

RMPC Holiday Reception

DECEMBER 22 (Wednesday)

The University Club

1673 Sherman Street

5:00 PM Appetizers & Cash bar

Cost: \$35 per person

The weather is turning cold and the snow has started to fall. To celebrate the changing of the seasons we'll be having the annual RMPC Holiday Reception on Wednesday, Dec. 22nd at The University Club in Denver. Join fellow alumni in welcoming our current undergraduates as our special guests. 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.

Shakespeare with Tigers

Local RMPC member Montine Hansl W'39 organized an amazing night at the Denver Center Theatre Company on Monday, April 19th. Montine was able to procure a set of free tickets to the DCTC production of Othello. Those alumni lucky enough to sign-up for a ticket joined Montine at the Space Theatre for a reception, followed by the three hour

performance. After the show, all were invited to join the director and cast members for dinner in the upstairs ballroom.

Members reported that the event was a spectacular success and a wonderful evening. Many thanks to Montine for organizing such an amazing event.

Prof. Sandweiss Lecture

History professor Marni Sandweiss was in Denver on Tuesday, January 19th to give a lecture for her new book *Passing Strange*. Alumni gathered at the Colorado History Museum to hear the story of Clarence King, a great western explorer who lived a double life after secretly marrying former slave Ada Copeland. King told his wife that he was a Pullman porter named James Todd, and, remarkably, that he was black. King's closest friends fought to protect the famous geologist's reputation by preserving his secret.

Professor Sandweiss met with alumni for a happy hour before the lecture and graciously answered questions both about her research and the current state of Princeton.

Lions, Tigers and Bears, Oh My!

On a beautiful evening in July, the Rocky Mountain Princeton Club organized a sunset visit to the Wild Animal Sanctuary in Keenesburg, about half an hour northeast of Denver, where the club participates in their Adopt-a-Tiger program. After an orientation of our group of about a dozen by a Sanctuary staff member about the Sanctuary operations and history, we trooped off to the viewing platform overlooking the 140 acres where the animals roam free. Sunset is an awesome time to visit this place because the animals come alive, noisily howling, roaring, and growling as night approaches. Stay tuned for announcements for future visits.



2010 Princeton Prize in Race Relations Winner: Sam Roecker

Samuel Stone Roecker, a senior at Colorado Academy, found the desire to be a diversity advocate when as a student in middle school he became aware of hate-mail that was sent to one of his African American teachers. Sam felt this injustice led him to a path of advocacy, 'allyship', and action. In his sophomore year, Sam joined two struggling clubs at his school: CEROC (Celebrating Our Ethnic and Racial Origins Club), and the Gay Straight Alliance. Sam's mission, with help of allies, was to transform both clubs into thriving members of his school's community. In his junior year (his second year at Colorado Academy), he became a leader in both clubs. Sam is most proud of his contribution to Colorado Academy's Diversity Day where he orchestrated the programming. His role included training over 30 student facilitators for affinity group sessions. He also facilitated an LGBT affinity group on Diversity Day. As President of his school's Gay-Straight alliance, Sam increased membership from 4 to 25 students. He helped the student community understand the importance of allies to a cause regardless of one's own orientation. Sam also facilitated discussions about the intersection between racism and homophobia. Sam is described as "an activist with compassion and clarity" and "community".

On top of Mt. Princeton, all covered with gravel...

On August 21, 2010, a group of a bit more than half a dozen intrepid Princetonians hit the trail up the east side of Mt. Princeton after tailgate breakfasting on OJ, bagels and muffins. The day turned out to be one of those absolutely gorgeous days with sunshine, a light breeze, and all the time in the world for those who felt up to it, which was more than half the group, to reach the summit. The biggest injuries were sunburn and a few bruises, and several folks continued on afterwards to soak their tired muscles in the Mt. Princeton Hot Springs.

One footnote: This year the Rocky Mountain Princeton Club did not team up with the Colorado Fourteeners Initiative for trail maintenance Mt. Princeton. The trailhead is now in need of repair and we will be organizing an outing for that purpose in the summer of 2011. Stay Tuned.

A+ Angels Mentoring Program, East High School, Denver

The A+ Angels Mentoring Program aims to close the achievement gap at East High School (EHS) by pairing students who struggle academically with adult volunteers. Begun in 2004 by Jessica Pearson ('74), the program has 70 pairs of adults and students in grades 9-12 who meet on a weekly basis. Mentors help the students adjust to and succeed in high school by aiding them with their schedules, helping them with homework, working with them on study skills, fostering good attendance and study habits and providing encouragement and accountability. Mentors help with college and scholarship applications, summer jobs and internships. All mentors, as well as the coordinator of the program, are volunteers and most work full time in jobs unrelated to education. Students are chosen by their middle schools and EHS staff as those who could most benefit from the program. Nearly all are African-American or Hispanic, low-income and first generation high school graduates and college attendees. A+ Angels provides donated computers to students who lack computers at home, organizes student trips to the theater and local colleges to broaden their exposure, and provides a small scholarship to students who stay with their mentors, graduate high school, and enroll in any two or four-year college.

The A+ Angels Mentor Program is highly successful and is always looking for mentors to work with new students and financial contributions for scholarships. For additional information and to become a mentor contact Jessica Pearson at JPear2071@msn.com.

Cleverly designed Tear-off Reply Form....your address should be on the back!

Your phone number _____ Your email address _____

Please have someone contact me about:

Schools Committee _____
Princeton Prize in Race Relations _____
Other Volunteer opportunities _____

Holiday Reception: ___ people at \$35.00 _____

Annual Dues: Regular member (\$30) _____

Sustaining member (\$75) _____

Classes of '06-'10 (\$15) _____

RMPC Scholarship _____

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RMPC Annual Dues (2010-2011)

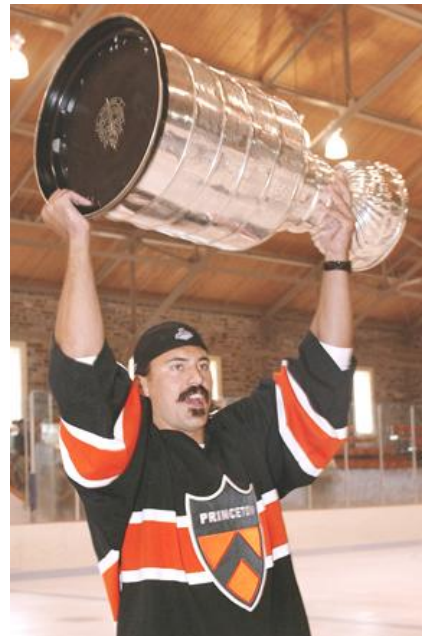
The Rocky Mountain Princeton Club depends upon the continued support of its many members in Colorado and Wyoming. Your tax-deductible dues payment covers the cost of mailings, supports our Schools Committee's work in attracting promising students to Princeton, underwrites community service projects, 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 club to continue planning events in all areas of the RMPC.

Please return your dues check along with the tear-off strip included in this mailing. 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.

Duck Sighting in Denver

On March 31st, over 20 alumni met to watch our home town Colorado Avalanche vs. the Anaheim Ducks. Play-ing right wing for the Ducks was George Parros '03. Known for his distinctive mustache and long hair, Parros is the only Princeton educated enforcer in the NHL. On the ice, he is a

rough-and-tumble player. As we learned after the game as he joined us, he is a well spoken and engaging young man who is dedicated to helping others. Each year after his hair has grown long enough, he cuts it and donates it to Locks of Love, a charity that makes wigs for children undergoing cancer treatment. While the Avs. lost the game by a convincing margin, we all had a great time watching a fellow alum live their dream at the top of their profession.



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RMPC Picnic

The Annual RMPC summer picnic changed locations this year. Instead of meeting under the tree in Wash Park, 65 alumni, family and friends gathered at Sloan's lake on Sunday, August 15th. Multiple current students joined the festivities as did members of the incoming class of 2014. For the first time in recent memory, the rain held off and a great time was had by all as we ended the summer with a bang and gave the students a warm goodbye as they left for school.

Colorado Princetonians of the Class of 2014

Colorado is represented by eleven new members of Princeton's Class of 2014. There were 225 completed applications from Colorado this year, a substantial increase of 47 over last year's 178. Even with our large increase in Colorado, and as a result of your committed efforts, we were once again able to interview 100% of our applicants this year. Likewise, in spite of the huge increase in overall applicants, the University has announced that alumni volunteers had personal contact with 99.8% of applicants worldwide. This is once again a truly extraordinary alumni volunteer achievement.

Congratulations and "welcome" to:

Nicholas Beaulieu	Colorado Springs	Regis Jesuit High School
Clare Gallagher	Englewood	Cherry Creek High School
Alexander Goetz	Denver	Regis Jesuit High School
Katherine Horvath	Aurora	St. Mary's Academy
Paige Hupy	Colorado Springs	Air Academy High School
Elizabeth Hutton	Aspen	Shining Mountain Waldorf School
Abril Loya	Glenwood Springs	Glenwood Springs High School
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