



December Newsletter





President's Corner

*"Coming together is a beginning. Keeping together is progress.
Working together is success." --Henry Ford*

As we surge towards the holiday season, I have been reflecting back on our very first day in Breckenridge together. Everyone was quiet, reserved and a little unsure as to what to expect. Through that weekend, we came together and started to develop friendships and memories. As we came home and got back into the swing of our normal lives, we completed two class days and I am encouraged that we are making progress. This is described by Henry Ford as keeping together.

As all of us continue to carve time out of our crazy schedules during this time of year, I want to encourage and remind you that this window of opportunity will not last forever and that we must proactively work together because it is vital to our success. We will not be remembered for our ideas, but rather the execution of what we have committed to complete.

You all have been doing amazing things and it was great to see everyone step up and donate 158 pairs of socks to Homeless Services. As we have the luxury of being warm and having a safe place to sleep tonight, thinking about the less fortunate is one of the many motivating factors for all of us to continue to keep working together.

We have a great opportunity to exemplify to our community that people with many different backgrounds, beliefs, and skills can come together to achieve something significant. I am excited to celebrate with you many more successes and become the best class ever!

Let's continue to work together!

Caleb McNaughton
2018 - 2019 Leadership Aurora Class President

Upcoming Events/Opportunities

❖ **Media Session-December 13, 7:30-5:00**

➤ The Leadership Aurora Class is sponsoring a Toy Drive for the Salvation Army this month. We will be collecting these *at the social event following the Media Day*.

- Bring an *unwrapped* toy
 - First names beginning with A through L---buy for ages 0 to 7
 - First names beginning with K through V—buy for ages 8-14
- 3000 children are in need of toys this year. The greatest need is always for teens, however they are grateful for toys for any age group. Suggested amount is \$25 max on a toy but it is completely up to the donor the amount you would like to spend.
- Gift suggestions/Ideas:

Building blocks
Puzzles
Hot wheels
Learning toys
STEM kits

Craft Kits
Sports Balls
Legos
Barbies
Headphones

Hair accessories
Hair styling tools
Makeup

- If needed for tax purposes: Salvation Army Tax ID is 94-1156347

❖ **Social Committee Calendar**

- December 13- Legends of Aurora Sports Grill (13690 E Iliff Ave, Aurora, CO 80014) after our December day - in appreciation for the lunch they donated to us on our Community Day in October.
- [Chamber After Hours-December](#)
- Chamber Calendar-<http://business.aurorachamber.org/events/calendar/>

- ❖ **Breakfast with Santa**-December 15, 8am-10am. Jim 'N Nick's Southland location. 24153 E Prospect Ave, Aurora, CO 80016. [See details below.](#)



City of Aurora Day Highlights

Photos from City of Aurora Day

Did you know?

- ❖ From 2010 to 2018 Aurora's Population grew from 325,000 to 366,600!
- ❖ Aurora is the 50(ish) largest city in the country.
- ❖ Aurora is the safest "big city" in Colorado.
- ❖ Aurora has a Minority-Majority population
- ❖ The Aurora History Museum is recruiting board members. Contact Scott Williams, Museum Director
- ❖ \$34 million from marijuana tax funded the new Central Rec Center.
- ❖ The City Manager acts as the CEO, the City Council makes the law, and the Mayor is the PR person and can make or break a City Council tie.
- ❖ \$2 million per year of marijuana goes toward homeless coalition.

Class Project Updates

The class project will be meeting on Dec 5 to finalize selection process for our project. It has been narrowed down to three options. We will be announcing the decision soon.

Pay It Forward Committee

JIM'N NICK'S
COMMUNITY
BAR-B-Q



The Pay if Forward Committee is planning a fundraising event on December 15, 2018 from 8:00 to 10:00am. The event will be called Breakfast with Santa and is sponsored by Leadership Aurora and Jim'N Nick's in Southland. Each patron will receive a 5X7 Picture with Santa and a great breakfast to include eggs, bacon, pancakes, cheese biscuits, and fruit all for the cost of only \$18.00.

Four to Six of our classmates are needed to help with set-up and decorations which will begin at 6:00am on December 15th. As a co-hort, we are asking everyone to assist in the messaging but the Pay it Forward Committee has a definitive strategy that will involve social media, distribution of flyers and the utilization of "Next Door".

Safety Tips for the Holidays



(Click photo for link)

Featured Classmates

Marty Garland



Pay it Forward Committee Chair

I have been with the Aurora Police Department for almost 20 years. I have served various roles including; field training officer, SWAT operator, Street Crimes unit (DART), and PAR Sergeant. I'm currently a Sector Lieutenant at the District 3 Station in Tallyn's Reach and Emergency Response Team Commander. I oversee the districts community resource officers as well as lead and direct our crowd control unit.

I have a Bachelors in Organizational Management from Colorado Christian University (1996) and a Masters in Organizational Leadership from Colorado State University (2015).

I have been married to my high school sweetheart for 26 years. We have two great kids Austin and Ashlyn (18 & 16). Our oldest and our angel, Andrew, passed away in 2014 from Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy and not a day goes by we don't think about him or miss him.

Both my wife and I are gym rats and we go to the gym daily (almost), but I have recently transitioned from weights to Yoga, which has humbled me from day 1. We also recently bought our first vacation rental in Destin, FL and will be looking to expand into more properties as we move closer to retirement.

Dayna Ott



Newsletter Chair

Dayna Ott was born and raised in Denver, CO. After graduating from high school, she earned a degree in Business Administration while attending the former Parks College of Aurora.

She is the mother of two wonderful children, a devoted youth counselor at her church, and actively involved in many community service projects – including being an active member of the Aurora Chamber of Commerce through Avitus Group. Dayna is an exceptional motivational speaker and educator. Through her career she has worked for Aurora Public Schools as a Language Arts teacher, but later followed her desire to work in office administration.

Dayna currently works for Avitus Group as an Inception Administrator, where she recently won the prestigious Ambassador MVP award for 2018 for her community involvement.

Helpful Links/Reminders

Community Explorations must be completed by December 31. Email Rene after completing the Community Exploration.

Community Exploration Opportunities- <https://goo.gl/i6dxoB>

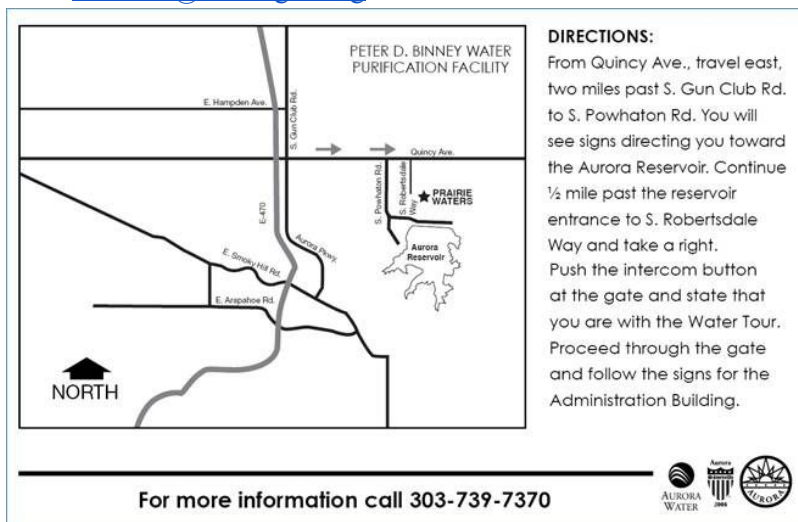
- ❖ **New! Aurora Kids Holiday Party**, put on by the Colfax Community Network through the Comitis Crisis Center
When: Sat, 22 Dec, in the morning and possibly early afternoon (more details to follow-contact Jamie Pieper)
Volunteer role: Will help run different events for the kids
- ❖ **Aurora Fire Rescue Ride Along** - Complete this [form](#) and email it to fire@auroragov.org with a copy of your driver's license and a background check from www.cbirecordscheck.com. One of our staffing officers will contact you to schedule your ride along.
- ❖ **Falck Rocky Mountain Ride Along** - If you are interested in doing an ambulance ride along with Falck Rocky Mountain I have attached is the waiver that needs to be completed and sent back to Shannin with a copy of your driver's license. Please send the completed form and copy of your ID to Shannin directly and give her about 3 different days and times that you are interested and available and Shannin will get you scheduled. Please contact Shannin Wetzel at Shannin.wetzel@falck.com or on her cell at 720-771-3285.
- ❖ **APD Ride Along** —Complete this [form](#). You can turn in the request to Mike Hanifin via email at mhanifin@auroragov.org. Mike is not in the class but he is involved with Leadership Aurora. The form is attached below. Marty Garland has also made himself available to help to help if you would like to take advantage of this opportunity.
- ❖ **The “Leaders are Readers”** — Mandy Young from APS sent along this opportunity. Leaders are readers will be held three times this year, each opportunity being a week long. We hope you will find time during these weeks to spend with our students, reading your favorite children's book. Time slots will be a half-hour long, scattered throughout each week: November 12-16, 2018, December 10-15, 2018 & March 18-21, 2019. In order to sign up, go to <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70a0f44a9ab29abfa7-leaders>. Mandy will send you and your partner teacher a calendar request with all the pertinent logistics.

- ❖ **Health Inspection:** Anyone interested in going along on a couple of restaurant or child care center inspections with a health department inspector as a community exploration. (The person that was listed on the sheet that Rene sent out is no longer with Tri-County)

- Dylan Garrison
- Environmental Health Manager
- 303-363-3056
- dgarriso@tchd.org

- ❖ **Aurora Water:** An opportunity for Leadership Aurora class exploration is scheduled for this Friday December 7th at 2 pm at the Aurora Water Binney Water Purification Facility. The address for the facility doesn't work well in some of the map applications, so here is a map.. Please reach out if interested.

- Marshall Brown
- Mbrown@auroragov.org



Google Drive-Not sure how to use Google Drive and Docs? Check out this website!
<https://sites.google.com/aurorak12.org/columbiamscotech-help/all-things-google?authuser=0>