





The Broomfield Enterprise and the Broomfield Community Foundation
are pleased to welcome you to the second annual

Heart of Broomfield Awards & Luncheon

Thursday, February 22, 2001
Omni Interlocken Resort • Broomfield, Colorado

Reception

Welcome

Kristin Hamm
Editor, Broomfield Enterprise

Donald L. Bolich, DDS
President,
Broomfield Community Foundation

Lunch

Garden Mixed Greens Salad
with Tomatoes and Cucumbers

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Tri-colored Cheese Ravioli
with Vine-Ripened Tomato Sauce
and Parmesan Cheese

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Assorted Rolls

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New York-Style Cheesecake
with Fresh Berries

Keynote Speaker

Rick Upchurch

Former Denver Bronco and 1975 Rookie of the Year, Rick Upchurch's accomplishments are impressive both on and off the field. He is active in the N.F.L. Minority Coaching Program, is President of the Rare Breed Sports & Leadership Foundation and has inspired thousands across the country to realize their dreams.

Heart of Broomfield Awards Presentation

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Recognizing those who have made significant contributions to the community of Broomfield, Heart of Broomfield Awards are given in the categories of Arts, Education, Community Service, Philanthropy, Senior and Youth, and include the Gene Frank Award. This year's recipients are profiled on the following pages.



Marlene Politzer, Education Award

Marlene Politzer has touched the lives of more than 10,000 children during her 40-plus years in the community. She taught kindergarten at Emerald Elementary School from 1959 to 1965 and then became the first paid staff member at the Broomfield Center for Exceptional Children. The first school to serve disabled children in Colorado, it was renamed the Bal Swan Children's Center in 1972. Politzer became the school's director and created its unique vision: the pairing of disabled and typical children for the enrichment of both. The school now serves anywhere from 250 to 300 children in a fully inclusive atmosphere. In addition to her work at Bal Swan, Politzer has been a member of the Broomfield Optimist Club and the Broomfield Chamber of Commerce, where she served as an ambassador for several years. She has also been active in the organization of Broomfield Days.

The moment I met Marlene at Bal Swan Children's Center I knew I had discovered my hero. I only wish it had been earlier in my life because, maybe if I had more time and tried harder, I could become like her. She always thinks the best, is full of hope, has a perennial smile upon her beautiful face, sincerely cares for everyone she meets and shows it through her generous, loving words and deeds.

- Staff member, Bal Swan Children's Center



Hurley Mitchell, center, from left Kathy Burdick, Rick Pellett, Clark Winchester and Mike Burns.

Hurley Mitchell, Hunter Douglas Window Fashions Gene Frank Award

At Hunter Douglas's grand opening in 1990, the company honored Bal Swan Children's Center for outstanding community service and started a tradition of serving the community. "It's something that we believe in," said Hurley Mitchell, CEO of the company. "It actually goes back to our corporate vision." Hunter Douglas is the main corporate sponsor for Bal Swan's Golf4Kidz annual golf tournament, which raised about \$80,000 last year. It donated window treatments to the Broomfield Senior Center, Up With People and other organizations. And the company's good deeds don't stop there. Employees are given time off each month to use as volunteer time. And, through a program with the school district, Hunter Douglas employs developmentally disabled adults.

Hunter Douglas is dedicated to Broomfield. Financial support is only one element of its community outreach. Hunter Douglas is the primary volunteer force behind Golf4Kidz. Their employees, suppliers, vendors and other divisions work together to insure its success each year. - Jan Hawley



Sophie Bellino, Senior Award

Sophie Bellino has a gift for making people feel welcome. Born July 11, 1914, in New York City and a resident of Brooklyn for much of her life, this little octogenarian moved to Broomfield on Christmas Eve 1988 and has truly adopted the city and its inhabitants. Her warm greetings at the Broomfield Senior Center every Friday and her behind-the-scenes work setting tables, serving lunches and volunteering for Bingo make her a senior angel to many. Bellino calls her specialty lip service. "I do a little bit here, and I do a lot of talking," she said. "Some people say my tongue is my strongest muscle." Our selection committee would say her heart is by far the strongest. Bellino's caring is genuine and it shows.

Friendship is Sophie's specialty. Sophie visits with everyone, and is a ready helper with any jobs which need volunteer support. If they had a contest in Broomfield for the most friendly senior resident of the community, the almost certain winner would be 86-year-old Sophie Bellino. - Pete Tompkins



Gregg Kottyan, Youth Award

Gregg Kottyan has a full schedule, but he admits he's not one to bound out of bed in the mornings. His instructors don't seem to notice. Broomfield High School teacher Howard Marks hails him as "a very outstanding individual whose talent, donation of time and participation in a wide range of community-based activities make him an individual deserving of recognition." Kottyan is dedicated, tutoring students and working at his church. He also plays several sports, has been active in many community service clubs and has coached participants with FRIENDS of Broomfield, which provides recreational opportunities for people with disabilities. Kottyan started volunteering in Special Olympics programs about three years ago after he saw how playing sports energized his 19-year-old brother Brent. He will graduate as salutatorian from Broomfield High School in the spring.

Gregg is a very busy guy, but he still makes time for others and to give back to his community. He is a role model for other youth in his high school and in Broomfield. I am honored to know Gregg and it's a privilege to nominate such an outstanding young man for the Heart of Broomfield Award. - Gina Coufal



Jane Spain, Arts Award

If only there were two of Jane Spain. There are grants to be written, marketing plans to be implemented. Performances and meetings. Sometimes at the same time. Spain, who moved in 1966 from Denver to Broomfield, started providing enrichment to Broomfield children with the Morrow School of Dance, a studio she opened here in 1962 that closed in the mid-1980s. Since then, she has become president of the Broomfield Council on Arts and Humanities, director of the Children's Dance Theatre and is active with the Scientific and Cultural Facilities District. "From the seniors clear down to the little preschoolers, we're trying to provide entertainment and enrichment for the community," Spain said. "I can't tell you how thrilled I am to win this award."

Jane contributes time, talent and money to benefit our community and is a worthy recipient of the Heart of Broomfield Arts award.
- Julie N. Kenney



Norma Crnic, Community Service Award

Norma Crnic keeps community service in Broomfield on track. The 21-year Broomfield resident runs an accounting and booking business from home and is a dedicated volunteer. Crnic just finished an eight-year term as treasurer for the Broomfield Community Foundation. While she no longer holds the official title, she still does all of the books and accounting for the nonprofit organization. She is also active on the foundation's grant review committee. Her long list of volunteer positions also includes: board of directors member and treasurer for the Broomfield Chamber of Commerce, secretary for the Broomfield Area Merchants' Association and co-chair for the trade fair at Broomfield Days.

My nomination of Norma pays tribute to the small-business person, who not only contributes financially, but also dedicates their professionalism to assist the non-profit activities they believe in. She is an example for all of us. - Shirley Rotert



John and Beth Bosio, Philanthropy Award

John and Beth Bosio do everything together, so it's fitting the couple won this year's Philanthropy Award. For the 18 years they have lived in Broomfield, they have raised three children, created a successful business and always remembered to give back to the community. Their volunteer rap sheet runs the gamut from school fund-raising efforts to coaching pee wee sports. Beth is on the Broomfield Community Foundation Board, and she helped create Broomfield High's Student Leadership program as a Broomfield Chamber of Commerce member a few years back. John is working on a capital fund-raising effort for Bal Swan and is overseeing construction projects at their church. The couple, who celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary last year, explain their love for Broomfield has fueled their generosity over the years.

John and Beth Bosio understand the true meaning of philanthropy – 'loving one's fellow people, benevolent.' Many adjectives describe a philanthropist – charitable, public-spirited, kind-hearted, thoughtful – John and Beth are these and more. - Jan Hawley

In honor of Broomfield innovator Bal Swan

This year's Heart of Broomfield Awards Luncheon is dedicated to Bal Swan, a quiet man who set the tone for community service in Broomfield more than 25 years ago. Swan, who died in 1975, was one of the original investors, along with Dwight Eisenhower, to develop Broomfield Heights -- the subdivision that eventually became the city of Broomfield. He was also the founder of Empire Savings Bank in Colorado, which had a branch in Broomfield. Although never a Broomfield resident, Swan took an interest in the town and touched many areas. He was involved with the effort to build the Denver-Boulder turnpike, built a building for Broomfield Ambulance and bought the first ambulance to serve the city. He and his wife had no children but he completely funded the building and outfitting of what came to be called Bal Swan Children's Center (against his will, as he preferred to be an anonymous donor). Bal Swan's legacy lives on as others step up to give their time and energy to making Broomfield a better place.

Bal Swan was a very giving, very philanthropic but very private person. He did a lot that people were never aware of. He was an amazing man. - Marlene Politzer

2000 Heart of Broomfield Award Winners

Arts Award: Anita Fox

Education Award: Peggy Atkinson

Community Service Award: Shirley McGuinness

Philanthropy Award: Jack TerHar, Jr.

Senior Award: C. Don Case

Youth Award: Tony Ferraro

Gene Frank Award: Lynda D. Barber



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