

And the winner is....

Kathy Larsen is the winner of this year's volunteer award. All volunteers who give over 120 hours of volunteer time to the community are eligible to win the award. Kathy's name was drawn from all those who were entered at the annual holiday party. Kathy, who has been with CC&V since 1998, spent over 330 hours working for the Two Mile High Club in 2004.

The Two Mile High Club is the oldest incorporated civic organization in the State of Colorado. This year marks 71 years since the group's inception. The Club maintains the free range donkey herd in Cripple Creek, a mining district tradition. The Club also organizes several community service programs, keeping the membership busy throughout the year.

Perhaps the highest profile event is the annual Donkey Derby Days festival. This year the event will be held June 25 & 26. The event features something for everyone, with a parade, vendors, entertainment and donkey races.

The Club also conducts the annual Aspen Tours, 2005 dates are September 17, 18, 24, and 25. The dedicated volunteers, including many mine employees, drive tourists through the fall colors on the western side of CC&V's property. The tours are offered free of charge and have become a Cripple Creek tradition, drawing visitors from throughout Colorado year after year.

In their spare time, the Club grants two \$1,000 scholarships to CC/V High School graduates, scholarships are based mainly on community service. They distribute Christmas baskets in the community, last year to 80 families. The baskets include food for one week and gifts for the recipient families. In the fall the Club can be found working on their donation of back-to-school supplies to area children.

The Two Mile High Club is an important asset to the community, and it is easy to see how Kathy kept busy with all these fantastic projects. Congratulations Kathy, and keep up the good work!