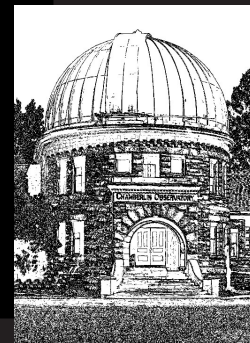


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An Afternoon With Moras Shubert

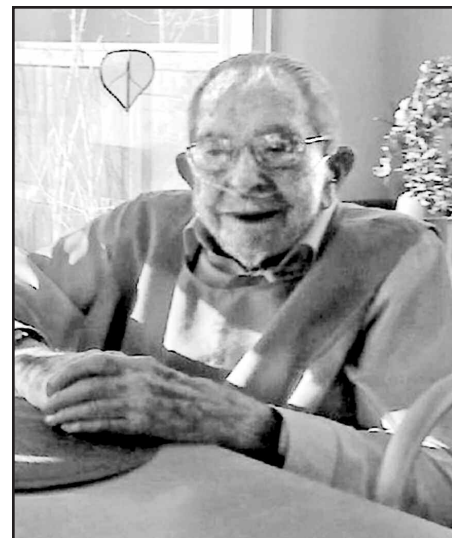
by Cynthia Auer

I recently spent an afternoon with longtime resident and near centurion Moras Shubert. Moras is one of University Park's oldest living residents, having lived in the same house on south Columbine for over 65 years. When we visited, he reflected upon the changes he and his wife Erne have witnessed over the years since they first moved to the neighborhood. They purchased their home in 1946 after he accepted a position as a professor of Botany at the University of Denver.

At that time, most of the houses in University Park were much smaller in contrast to the many large homes of

today. He recalls the wonderful estate that extended from Monroe to Colorado Blvd. and Warren to Evans where pheasants and other wildlife roamed freely. Moras also remembers the spur of the Colorado and Southern Railroad, which ran along the stretch of land now called the Buchtel Trail, extending from University to Colorado Blvd.

Moras was instrumental in founding the Botanical Gardens where he served as one of the original trustees and was secretary of the board until 1998. The Denver Botanical Gardens benefited from Moras' vast knowledge of all things botanical. When Erne passed away this past April, family and friends



Moras Shubert

celebrated her life with music and stories at the Denver Botanic Gardens.

Moras also helped develop the Buchtel Trail, and designed the plantings up and down the trail. He still consults with University Park's Community Council on matters affecting the trail.

Moras' and Erne's home was always a "beehive" of activity during his years as a DU professor, where students received a warm welcome and engaged in lively discussions. The Shuberts also opened their home to students who were in need of temporary housing. Moras still maintains this "open door" policy, and invites former students and friends to stop over at his home.

Mark your calendars for May 21, 2012, the day when Moras will celebrate his 100th birthday. He would enjoy cards from his University Park neighbors. In the meantime, if you have time some afternoon, stop in for a visit to share memories of our neighborhood. If you would like to visit Moras, please call his caregivers at

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Mastodon Dig At Snowmass

Learn More At UPCC's Next General Meeting Wednesday, February 8, 2012

University Park neighbor Peggy Montano, from a local law firm, will be sharing her experiences of the Mastodon dig at Snowmass at our next winter general meeting. This dig will be featured in an upcoming edition of *National Geographic* and has had archeologists from across the world coming to Colorado to participate. Don't miss this amazing opportunity to ask questions and learn more about this fascinating archeological phenomenon. The meeting will be at the University Park Elementary School auditorium, with a half hour of socializing starting at 6:30 p.m., and the meeting starting at 7 p.m.

Looking For Sponsors To Serve Refreshments At The UPCC General Meetings

We are looking for refreshment sponsors at the general UPCC meetings. You can be a family, business or organization, and we will recognize your contribution at the meeting and in other UPCC communications. If you are interested, please call Dana O'Connor at 303-920-0193.

A Letter From Our President Of The UPCC Tom Gonnella

University Park continues to be a highly desirable place to live in Denver. With our mature trees, parks and open spaces, and convenient access to alternative transportation, the desire to live in our great neighborhood will only continue. While growth is exciting for many of us, it brings with it its own challenges.

As stewards of our neighborhood, UPCC acts as the voice for the

An Active Neighborhood Needs Active Neighbors!

Your participation is welcome and needed to keep University Park a great place to live. All University Park Community Council committees are open to you. A new "Volunteer Page" is now dedicated to anyone interested in learning more about new opportunities to contribute to the community. Visit <http://upcc.us/volunteer> for more information.

neighbors when it comes to development in the area to ensure new growth is compatible with our neighborhood vision and complies with zoning ordinances, considers traffic impact, alternative transportation solutions including sidewalks, preserves our historic legacy while conserving our parks and open spaces.

We also try to bring a sense of community to our neighborhood. We have two annual events (July 4th and the Holiday Sing and Sleigh), a monthly e-mail communication, and we are continually trying to represent you. Our board's commitment is to maintain the desirability of our great neighborhood while being open to thoughtful change.

The UPCC is a committed group of community volunteers and we are always in need of help. If you are interested in taking an active role in preserving the legacy of this neighborhood, please contact me at president@upcc.us.

Tom Gonnella
UPCC President

UPCC Hosts INC Saturday, February 11

UPCC will host neighborhood delegates from all over town on Saturday, February 11 from 8:45 a.m. until noon. All neighbors are invited to this meeting of the Inter-Neighborhood Cooperation (INC), which will be held at the Heritage Club, 2020 S. Monroe. Guest speakers will update us on many city matters of interest to neighborhoods, and answer questions. Please come meet and welcome the INC delegates.

Highlights From The Observatory

Public viewings of the night sky through the Chamberlin Observatory's 20-inch aperture classic refractor telescope are available **by reservation only** on Tuesdays and Thursday nights. To make reservations, visit: www.thedass.org, or www.du.edu/physastron, or call 303-871-5172. The centerpiece of our neighborhood, the historic Chamberlin Observatory was built in 1890, and is listed on the National Register of Historic Places and a Denver city landmark. Chamberlin Observatory is also on Twitter at: www.twitter.com/Chamberlin_Obs.

Moras Shubert

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303-744-2174 to arrange a visit at his home at 2131 South Columbine Street.

Note from the Editor: Many of you may have had an opportunity to chat with Moras at our recent 125th University Park Celebration last September 25, 2011. Many thanks to Cynthia Auer who offered to share more about this fascinating person in this personal profile of one of our most beloved and esteemed residents, Mr. Moras Shubert.

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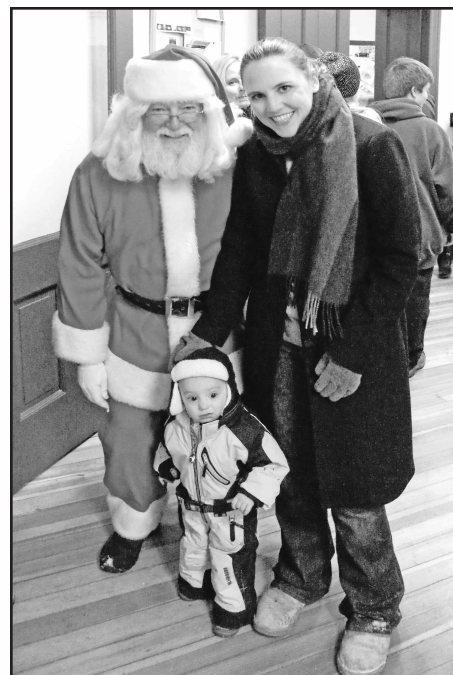
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2011 Sing And Sleigh . . . A Night To Remember

The 2011 Sing and Sleigh was a night to remember in Observatory Park . . . it was a bitter cold night, and as the snow started to fly, the great telescope closed its eye against the cloudy night sky. Yet in the still of the storm, we all heard the bells of the mighty Clydesdales, ringing across the park, as they circled time and time again. People hovered around hot cider and cookies, singing carols, as Santa captured the hopes and dreams of the children for the coming holiday. It was a night to remember for all who came . . .

~ Paula Smith, UPWords Editor



Donations Needed For Hope House Of Colorado

Join the University Park Mothers club (www.uparkmoms.org) and help "fill the trailer" with basic home and health supplies for Hope House of Colorado (www.hopehouseofcolorado.org/).

Hope House is a non-profit organization committed to transforming the lives of teen mothers through residential, mentoring and GED



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programs. Everything donated will help reduce stress in the lives of these young mothers, which directly benefits their relationships and their children. These are fragile families and any help makes a huge difference!

The next time you are at the grocery store, Target, Costco, Sam's Club, etc, please buy something extra or buy a gift card to "fill the trailer" with items such

as these: King Sooper's gift cards \$5, \$10, \$25 or whatever, Tylenol/Advil; paper towels; hand soap; Lysol wipes; disinfectant spray; sponges; cleaning supplies; dishwasher soap; cleanser; light bulbs; laundry supplies; diapers (especially larger sizes); diaper wipes; deodorant; shampoo and conditioner; feminine hygiene products; baby shampoo; baby lotion; toothpaste and toothbrushes (adult/child).

You can leave any of your donations on the Engleby family front porch (3401 E. Asbury Ave, NE corner of Cook and Asbury) or call Jennifer at (303-550-3907) and we will come and get it.

PARKS NEWS

Safer Intersection — Larger Park

The Better Denver Bond project at Buchtel and South Columbine has created a four-way intersection, much safer than the former five-way intersection. The bond project enlarged the park by merging the closed area of East Jewell Avenue to Buchtel Centennial Park. The project also added a new sidewalk, along with plantings of native grasses throughout the park. The southeast corner of Buchtel and South Columbine was also realigned to match the angle of Buchtel Parkway, and a new sidewalk, streetlight, and fire hydrant were added. We were told that the decision to use concrete (rather than the plantings we requested) along Buchtel Parkway was made to save on water and maintenance costs.

See For Yourself!

School Tours At University Park Elementary

The University Park Elementary School PTA will be giving personalized tours of the school every Thursday at 10 a.m. and Friday at 9:15 a.m. through January 27. The tours coincide with the enrollment schedule deadline, which is the end of January.

University Park is finishing its best year ever. It is one of only nine DPS schools awarded a "Distinguished" rating, and it was the only school in Colorado to win a "National Wellness" award from the Alliance for a Healthier Generation.

If you are considering University Park Elementary for your child's education, do not miss this opportunity to tour the school, visit classrooms, and speak with our principal, Dana Williams. University Park Elementary parents will lead the tours and answer questions, provide enrollment information, and share with you their experiences at University Park Elementary. Don't miss this chance to see for yourself the great things that are happening at University Park Elementary!

Sometime It Will Snow!

... And when it does, you will have to shovel your front walks. It's a good idea to plan ahead, especially if you may need help with shoveling. **Block Captains** are asked to think about people on their blocks who might be able to help a neighbor needing help with snow removal. If you can help out a neighbor, or may need help, contact your Block Captain. Refer to your Purple Pages for your Block Captain's phone number, or e-mail areacoord@upcc.us. We are also reaching out to DU to get student help. For more info, call DU's Allan Wilson at 303-871-2039.

Mark Your Calendars For The 2012 Schedule Of UPCC Events And Meetings

Mark your calendars for 2012's UPCC general meetings and events schedule. General meetings are always Wednesdays starting at 6:30 p.m. (February 8, May 2, October 3). The July 4th Parade is Wednesday, July 4, and the Holiday Sing and Sleigh is Sunday, December 2.

... Speaking of Block Captains ... We Need Volunteers To Help Deliver UpWords Newsletters

Did you know that an all volunteer network delivers your *UpWords*? We do it block-by-block throughout the entire neighborhood. Right now, we are in need of a couple delivery people for blocks at:

- 2300 S. Josephine

- 2600 S. Josephine
- 2000 S. Madison
- 2000 S. Monroe
- 2600 S. Cook

If you are available to help as a block captain, please e-mail areacoord@upcc.us, or contact Kathi Jensen at knaffah@aol.com or Cynthia Auer at CAuer56662@aol.com.

So Thank You!! Recent Dues Payers!

The following residents paid UPCC dues in October and November of 2011.

George "Skip" & Noranne Siemers	Christopher Dolson	Lynn & Bo Dexter
Francie & Dave Rugen	Marc & Vicki Carpenter	Elli & Doug Westfall Beck
Ginny & Matt Depetro	Joe & Jennifer Guthrie	John & Arlene Myles
Chris & Staci Bouc	Joan & Ray Lucht	Phillip Caplan & Zoe Schneider
Lyman & Susan Spaulding	Don & Carolyn Etter	Jan & Charles MacLeod
Betty Bruce	Karen Coffey & Peter Rockwood	David & Karen Lausa
Robert & Lisa Mintz	Betty Shaw	William & Sara "Sally" Harvey
Bill & Noriyo Kaluza	David & Molly Rudnick	Hongfei Lin & John Luo
Jim & Kathy MacDonnell	Matthew & Stacy Kenney	Bev Long
Nancy & Jack Stanesco	Paul & Laura Lhevine	Sabine Spiering
Lyn & David Hills	Mark & Becky Risch	Jim & Jodi Tompkins
Jane Queen, Accelerated Schools	Kathy Poppen	Mike & Jane Herbert
Ron & Barb Pahl	Herbert L. Homan	
	Joe & Karen Chin	

Pork, White Bean And Kale Stew Recipe For Cold Winter Nights

Courtesy of Michelle Morris

Serves 6-8

3 tablespoons extra virgin olive oil
2 pounds pork, cubed
2 teaspoons paprika
1/4 teaspoon cayenne pepper, or more if needed
2 large onions, diced
8 cloves garlic, minced
1/2 cup white wine, optional
4 cups beef stock
4 cups diced tomatoes, with juice
10 cups kale, leaves only, chopped
2 cans cannellini beans, drained and rinsed
salt and pepper, to taste
Parmesan cheese, optional, for topping

Heat oil in a large heavy pot over medium high heat. Add pork and cook until lightly browned. Add paprika and cayenne and continue to cook, stirring, for about two minutes. Add onions and garlic and cook until slightly soft. Add wine to deglaze pan, the stock, tomatoes and kale, stirring until kale begins to soften enough so that it can be submerged in the cooking liquid. Cover, reduce heat, and simmer for 15 minutes. Add beans and simmer for a couple more minutes to heat through. Salt and pepper to taste. Serve topped with a little Parmesan cheese if desired.

UPCC Voluntary Dues 2012

Please fill out the following form and send it with your check for UPCC dues (\$20, \$15 seniors) to UPCC co-treasurers June Morgan and Ryan Zorn, 2100 S. Monroe St., Denver, CO 80210. Another payment option: Use PayPal to pay your dues online by visiting www.upcc.us/support. To sign up for the UPCC e-mail list, go to: www.upcc.us/email. During the current economic downturn, the UPCC has received fewer contributions. We encourage those who are able to increase their donations to help us compensate for this shortfall.

Thank you!

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Name _____
Phone # _____
E-mail Address _____
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Neighborhood interests or concerns _____
