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And We're Off! Wednesday, September 7



Photo: Park City

Councilman Andy Beerman thanks the Aspen Cooking School following a group dinner.

Rise and shine and be on time was the first task of our Aspen Adventure! 8am departure for our eight hour bus trip to the Gant Hotel our local Destination Resort Partner. The bus was abuzz with exciting conversations amid a few sleepers and readers.

Miles of scenery passed by while we hoped peoples' bladders would hold out given that the driver (new to the company) had forgotten to fill the bathroom tank with water. Thankfully, after a pit stop at the halfway point, we crossed into Colorado where we stopped for box lunches. We spotted the Colorado River as we drove into Aspen, passing the towns of Carbondale, Basalt and Snowmass which we would visit later on the tour.

Astonished to find our accommodations were located at the base of Aspen Mountain and were full suites with access to a pool and hot tub and extensive trail system right outside the door.

Time was always of the essence with not a moment to spare before dinner at the Aspen Cooking School. Rob Ittner, former Pitkin County Commissioner and the owner of Rustique Bistro, recently revived the Cooking School. A cocktail hour with local

Class XXII



- Tim Anker
- Skate April
- Marci Bender
- Samantha Bush
- Elizabeth Cantlebury
- Deborah DeKoff
- Hylton Early
- Michelle English
- Michael Fischer
- Frankie Frankenburg
- Chris Gage
- Susan Gordhammer
- Molly Hanrahan
- Shannon Hase
- Matt Hutchinson
- Jeffrey Jones
- Leah Kolb
- Matthew Lawyer
- Melissa Marsted
- Dave McFawn
- Patton Murray
- Mare Piper
- Jay Randall
- Jodie Rogers
- Jocelyn Scudder
- Jennifer Seabury
- Ryanna Stevens
- Alicia Stockman
- Emely Summers
- Erin Whitney
- Caitlin Willard

Team Work

Aspen officials kicked off the culinary buffet dinner. We mingled at tables meeting new friends and enjoying the fabulous dinner prepared by local chef, Barclay Dodge.

After dinner we explored Aspen, checking out local establishments and meeting new friends.

Day 2



Photo: Enjoying the John Denver Memorial Park in Aspen.

We walked from our hotel across town to the Pitkin County Library for a full day of informative workshops and talks with local elected officials and county employees. We learned about major dilemmas which are very similar to what we face in Park City. Topics included growth and development, affordable housing, transit, parking, sustainability and tourism economy. Park City is fortunate to have a nearby international airport while Aspen benefits by Colorado being a 'Home Rule' state.

After a full morning, we enjoyed lunch and a chance to sit outside in the Colorado sunshine. Like high school or college days, we intensely focused our attention and then got rewarded with food and exercise. Aspen has a compost program, so after lunch we were "trained" on how to sort between compost, recycling and landfill when disposing of our lunch plates, etc. It's an impressive program.

The afternoon was made up of 9 different breakout sessions; including resort and business environment, sustainability, transit, affordable daycare and even 'The Aspen Idea; Exploring Body/Mind/Spirit. Some of us stayed on site in groups to brainstorm about issues facing communities like Park City and Aspen. A group of 12 of us had the fun opportunity to take the WE CYCLES (county-wide commuter bikes) for a bike tour of open space and parks.

Then it was time for the picnic in Rio Grande Park. Food! Glorious Food! The John Denver Sanctuary is an exceptional use of land; a delightful setting with a beautiful, peaceful garden filled with rock sculptures and quotes. It's a natural rock garden that filters all the storm water from Aspen before it empties into the Roaring Fork River. Aspen transformed what had been an industrial area into a beautiful and environmentally effective community space and a very fitting place to end our amazing day.

Day 3



"Real leaders are ordinary people with extraordinary determination."

Unknown

Photo:
Shopping
district **of**
Willetts area of
Basalt.



An environmental talk at the Rocky Mountain Institute began our day, followed by a barbecue lunch outside and time for a brief walk into the adorable town of Basalt. We heard about the impact Whole Foods made on the entire Roaring Fork Valley community. Who knew a grocery store could be such a big deal? Then it was on to Carbondale, our last stop for the day.

Carbondale has its own particular character, very artsy, lying approximately 25 miles from downtown Aspen with public art everywhere. We were all ushered inside a local auditorium to listen to the local public officials talk about the pros and cons of Carbondale, especially business development and the lack of ease to expand business with the airport situation. After our city tour talks again, time for dinner. We were assigned groups of about 20 to 5 or 6 different restaurants to savor the local Mexican, Thai and Italian places.

Meals and time to relax were enjoyed by all until ding, ding, ding...time to get back on the bus and head back to Aspen to explore the late night scene. A few bold classmates took City Tour to the next level and found their way back to Aspen via public transportation.

Each morning we were on our own for breakfast or working out. Lots of us took the opportunity to explore the trails on bikes or by foot and others eased into the day checking out local coffee shops.

Day 4



Photo: Getting ready to raft the Colorado River

Our last chilly morning in Aspen, temperatures were in the mid-30's, not ideal weather for white water rafting. We dressed in layers and boarded the bus to White Water Company in Glenwood Springs. It had warmed to the mid-50's with clear blue skies and lots of sunshine by the time we divided up into groups of 6 for not one, but two trips down the rapids section of the Colorado River. We forgot about the cold, paddling like crazy to keep warm. Those

always looking to take it to the next level jumped into the river for an invigorating dip!

We dried out, dived into lunch and then back on the bus to our final stop at Vernal, UT. Known for its flowers and dinosaurs, we saw plenty of both. The hanging baskets adorning the streets are a source of city pride. The Mayor and City Manager spend an hour discussing the challenges facing Vernal which are in sharp contrast to those we'd heard about in Roaring Fork Valley or that we experience in Park City. As one of the attendees mentioned..."It's important to understand the link between our consumption of fossil fuels and what Vernal experiences as an extraction focused economy."

The Mayor and City Manager dined with us at Antica Forma, a wonderful family owned restaurant on the main drag. The owners and wait staff received a well-deserved standing ovation after dinner.

Day 5

On Sunday morning, we broke into groups and participated in a debrief to discuss our key takeaways and messages we wanted to communicate back to City and County leaders. Then, it was back on the bus to return to Park City after what was a fantastic five days for all who attended.

Thanks to Melissa Marsted and Sue Gordhammer for the City Tour and Class Project write up. If you'd like to RIDE ALONG on City Tour 2016.....check out this video put together by Linda Jager (9).

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/0B1jvHy8Romx9WjBmcFk1X0hiMUE/view>

Class 22 Project



After a number of meetings and discussions, Leadership Class 22 settled on **VOTER REGISTRATION** for our class project. We had two primary goals:

- 1) Increase awareness and make it easy for people to register given this was a presidential election year.
- 2) Target Spanish-speaking members of Summit County who are eligible to vote and provide them an opportunity to register.

So...how did we do? Well the first woman we registered immigrated from Chile 30 years ago and she was so thrilled to register and vote in her first US election! We attended over 10 events, got in front of over 15,000 people and registered approximately 100 new voters. Some of the events we attended included Deer Valley and New Park Concerts, Park Silly Market and tables at Wal-Mart and Deer Valley's HR trade show.

In addition, we created a dual language website (Spanish/English) with instructions for the registration process and information on Leadership Park City and how to apply for the next class. Check out the website: <http://wasatchbackvotes.org>

In August we partnered with Voterise, a Salt Lake City based 501c3 focused on turning out the 18-29 year olds and the under represented demographic. Our primary event with Voterise was a Pub Crawl in September where Class 22 members "crawled" to 6 bars in PC on a Saturday night encouraging people to register.

There were lots of learnings and challenges along the way but everyone who participated in the project felt they benefited from getting to know our class members better and we all experienced the sense of pride when someone registers to vote enabling their voice be heard.

*Thanks to Patton Murray
for the information about the class 22 project.*

Community Leadership Award



Jane Patton
(15) Director of Peace House was awarded the 14th annual Community Leadership Award.

Thanks Jane, for all the wonderful things you've accomplished and done to lift up our community. You've worked so hard to raise awareness and provide much needed services to those dealing with abuse in their lives.

Thanks to Deborah Dekoff (22) with Park City Photographers.

Class 22.....Final Banquet



Class 22 gathered at GRUB STAKE on Thursday, October 6 to welcome Class 23, to celebrate Jane Patton being presented with the Community Leadership Award and to savor the official ending of their own Leadership year. We thank them for carrying the torch this year and hope to see them at future LPCA events and activities. Thanks again to **Deborah DeKoff**, who is a member of Class 22, for supplying the photos of the event.

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