January 11       Happy Hour/Lunch - The Old Mill, Golden
February 18      Bowling/Happy Hour - Hangar 101, Lakewood
March 21         Golden Puzzle Room - Lakewood
April TBD        High Tea - Lumber Baron Inn & Gardens, Denver
May TBD          Bocce Ball/Lawn Bowling - Washington Park, Denver
June TBD         Wine Tasting - Creekside Winery, Evergreen

We are always open to suggestions and ideas.
Please forward to Ronnie Knueven at knuevenru@comcast.net
Happy New Year!!

As we begin 2022, we have the opportunity to start anew. Of course we can do this anytime, but it seems more compelling to review old habits and create change in January. New adventures, new learning, new directions sound exciting!

- Perhaps it's time to take a class or training. Check out the RIMS Mobile Application and do the Online Training. You will be learning something new and collecting valuable data on trails, campsites and visitor use. The data goes directly to land managers so they can prioritize trail maintenance. Cool way to support stewardship.
- Consider signing up for a winter hike or snowshoe trip to an area or park you have never visited before.
- Meet new friends by attending a social committee outing.
- Maybe it's time to refresh your volunteer commitments, support a different project?
- Whatever you decide to do, do it with enthusiasm. We will be anxious to hear about your efforts on the next trip.

I am optimistic about 2022 and trust you are as well. Join me in gratitude for our blessings, especially all the wonderful people in our lives. Thank you activity coordinators and trip leaders, your efforts provide many hours of trips and events that enrich our lives.

Best wishes from the RMOTHG board for a happy and healthy new year!

Carol Wier, Chair, 303-667-7740

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**SECTION CHAIR’S MESSAGE**

**HAPPY HOUR – THE GOLDEN MILL**

**JAN 11 – 4 to 6 pm ~ SIGN UP by JAN 9**

**First Happy Hour of 2022!** We will be meeting at The Golden Mill ([www.thegoldenmill.com](http://www.thegoldenmill.com)) at 1012 Ford Street, Golden, CO from 4 to 6 pm. When you arrive, you will check in with The Golden Mill reception and get “your card” which is “your tab” to pay for the 50+ “self-pour” wall which includes home-brews, wines, and house made cocktails. There are five food venues – Mexican, Sushi, BBQ, Chicken, and Ice Cream. There is plenty of room for indoor or outdoor (if weather cooperates) seating. Let’s meet up with old friends and make new friends! See you there!

For more information, please contact Judy Barday, Chair, at jebarday@msn.com.

A GREAT TIME WAS HAD AT THE HOLIDAY PARTY

The party was held at the Golden Hotel on Friday, December 3rd. Around 70 of the Gang attended.

"Many kudos go to the Christmas party planning group for a delightful event. Yes, the drinks on the patio were a tad cool, but the vibe was great and everyone had fun schmoozing. This year was a bit more upscale with dinner (and three options) provided, but as noted by some, there was no monster cleanup required afterward! Thanks for coming up with a workable plan in the midst of a wealth of Covid unknowns!!"

- Sandy Curran
THANK YOU, RMOTHG MEMBERS, FOR SPARK THE CHANGE OATMEAL PACKS!!!

On Tuesday December 14, there were 15 RMOTHG members who volunteered at Spark the Change nonprofit. In two hours, these 15 people packed 1320 oatmeal packets that will go out to food banks such as Food Bank of the Rockies, Salvation Army, and others. At the end of the shift, 8 volunteers walked to Angelos and enjoyed Happy Hour and a lot of laughs!

A HUGE Thank You to the following who volunteered: Nancy Blaylock, Marcy Bonnett, Sandy Curran, Suzanne Dysard, Lue Fratantuono, Janice Johnson, Ginny Keir, Marty Klein, Scott Kramer, Maryann Mayer, Mike O’Connor, Todd Poulson, Elaine Shirley, Jill Smith, Freda Staton.

WINTER SOLSTICE HIKE AT CHERRY CREEK STATE PARK

The lady in the front row farthest right is Kristy Judd who is CEO of Spark the Change. Kristy was Executive Director of CMC in 2005 and was instrumental in getting the RMOTHG established as a section of CMC Denver Group.
ECHO LAKE HIKE, CAROLING & HOT CHOCOLATE

We had a good outing led and organized by Sue Henley, Cathy and Frank Burzynski led up the camp stove and singing afterward.

DIM SUM DINNER

Around 37 Over the Hill Gang attended the Dim Sum Dinner at the Empress Seafood on Saturday, November 6. No one went home hungry.
Despite no snow in most places, our leaders have led LOTS of winter trips in December (Only officially Winter on Dec 22!) so we know many of you braved cold and maybe your overwhelmed holiday spirits to join them! Hard for us to schedule ahead these covid days, but keep watching for trips offered ANY day of the week in addition to our usual Wednesdays! **Jeff posts those trips on Fridays at 5 p.m. OR whenever any trip comes up so watch your emails!** For the few of you who actually shoed in snow, we're including a link to how to strap snowshoes on your pack in case a leader asks you to bring both spikes AND snowshoes! [https://sectionhiker.com/how-attach-snowshoes-to-backpack/](https://sectionhiker.com/how-attach-snowshoes-to-backpack/) It’s a link to other goodies too, and came from one of our hikers (Typical of you to find great articles to share! No wonder we like shoeing/hiking with you!) Again, if you’ve never snowshoed, it’s not so hard if you can walk (and we’re hoping you go easy on New Year’s so you CAN walk/hike/shoe!). RMOTHG is a good bunch with whom you can practice while having a hoot in the snow! Remember we spike-hike when not enough snow so we’re still keeping active no matter the weather! You just have to bundle up appropriately per the CMC mantra of *No such thing as bad weather; only bad gear!* If you’re not on the weekly email list and want to be, email Jeff Flax at [Jeff.Flax@gmail.com](mailto:Jeff.Flax@gmail.com). He’ll put you on the list to start receiving our weekly plus emails.

Meanwhile, **HAPPY NEW YEAR 2022**, and may we all have a fine time Out There in our Colorado Winter.

~Elaine Kallos
LETTHEGOODTIMESROLL
BOWLINGEVENT!

FEBRUARY 18 – 4 to 7 pm ~ SIGN UP by FEB 14

You won’t want to miss this fun and games event at Hangar 101 at 575 W. Jewell Avenue #6801, Lakewood - from 4 to 7 pm on Friday, February 18. Check out their website at www.hangar101billiards.com for more information and menu.

For only $35 per person (pay when you arrive) it includes:
* 2-3 hours of bowling
* Unlimited pool
* Any food item (food menu below)
* 2 drink tickets (anything, except of couple expensive tequilas and scotches)
* Package already includes taxes, but not gratuity (20%) and can be paid all together or separate

For more information, please contact Kathleen O’Riley at kiorily@yahoo.com or Barb Edwards at barbgedwards@gmail.com.


GOLDEN PUZZLE ROOM

MAR 21 - 11:15 am ~ SIGN UP by FEB 28

Have you ever gotten lost and couldn’t find your way out? For those of you that have never gotten lost, this is for you. We will be going into a room and be given clues to find your way out. You may even be blind folded or hand cuffed. You will be given 1 hour to find your way out, however, you can exit at any time. Watch their 16-minute video at www.goldenpuzzleroom.com, click on “more” then click on “escape room 101”.

The Golden Puzzle Room is at 1350 Independence Street, Lakewood.

Date is Monday, March 21 at 11:15 am.
Space is limited to 12 people. Cost is $27.

Questions? Contact Ginny Keir at gjkeir@gmail.com or 303-619-5074.
HIKES WE'VE DONE

NORTH TABLE MOUNTAIN

BETASSO PRESERVE
# ROCKY MOUNTAIN OVER THE HILL GANG

A Section of the Colorado Mountain Club Denver Group

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If a fellow RMOTHG member has a serious illness, injury, or has passed away, please contact our RMOTHG secretary to send a friendly note to that member/member’s family.