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## Valentines at the Club

Bring your sweetheart, lover, love of your life to the annual MHS Valentines Day Dinner at the Mount Vernon Country Club on Saturday, the 11<sup>th</sup> of February.

The Boardroom has been set aside for our exclusive use but, can only hold 32 people, so get your reservation form in early! Cocktails (No host) will begin at 6:00pm, Dinner at 7:00. The beautiful MVCC has one of the best views of Denver, their food is excellent, and the service is impeccable. Take Exit # 254 /Genesee Park exit off of I 70, and go north, follow the signs to the MVCC (303-526-0616). Need directions or information please call Randy at 303-799-4806. See you there!!! *Randy*

*Reservation form on page 6*

## Man the Phones

For the "Alice 103.5" Children's Miracle Network Radiothon

Please join us this February 22<sup>nd</sup> -24<sup>th</sup> (1:30-4:00pm) in this wonderfully gratifying experience manning the phones to take pledges for this great cause. This is our fourth year for this event and members that have worked the phones say it was a wonderful experience hearing these children's stories and answering the phones to write down the pledges of listeners. This endeavor gives the people of Denver the opportunity to express their gratitude to the doctors and nurses of both The Children's Hospital and National Jewish Hospital. All funds stay local and help provide funding for programs necessary to keep providing miracles for these children on a daily basis. In 2005, the Children's Miracle Network received over \$1 million in donations, and the members of the Mile-High section helped raise over \$50,000 during our time manning the phones!!! **!!!!!!Don't delay CALL NOW!!!!!!**

Please notify Max Townsend at 303-770-1128 to be included in this rewarding endeavor and/or call in with your own pledge!



*Randy*

### *A Mile-High Welcome to Our New Members*

David Fitzgerald

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Walden Walker

## Gourmet Cooking at it's Best!!!

The second annual club gourmet cooking event will be at the Hotel Monaco Wine Room on March 11<sup>th</sup>. Only 35 seats will be available-so sign up early! Our host chef will be Elise Wiggins of *Panzano's*. This is a unique opportunity. More information to follow but it will be an afternoon event and special rates at the hotel for overnight revelry will be available to those who wish to enjoy Downtown Denver.



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# On Track with Randy

*Randy Williams  
President, Mile-High Section*

Is there no one in the Mile-High Section interested in "THE SUSAN B. KOMEN RACE FOR THE CURE?"

In last months newsletter I announced that the MHS Board was considering entering a team in the Susan B. Komen Race for the Cure scheduled in October. I requested that anyone interested in supporting and/or participating in this wonderful event that supports finding a cure for Breast Cancer, to please contact me at either 303-799-4806 or [ranphil39@aol.com](mailto:ranphil39@aol.com). **I DID NOT RECEIVE A SINGLE RESPONSE!!** I find it hard to believe that no one in the MHS has a relative or friend that has not been affected by Breast Cancer except myself. As this event takes



considerable advance planning, please contact me ASAP or we will cancel this effort as a Section supported charity event.

There is still time to order your personal copy of the MCBA 50th Anniversary Book.

This excellent coffee table book will include a short history of the MHS and a listing of all MHS award winners and past officers. See the Star Magazine for ordering information or call Randy Williams

(303)799-4806.

This month's Valentines Dinner and the Children's Miracle Network Telethon support are going to be outstanding events. Hope to see you there.

*Randy*

For the latest section information, be sure to visit

The Mile-High Section website @



[www.milehighmbca.org](http://www.milehighmbca.org)

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# Tech @Cherry Creek Collision

On Saturday, March 18th the Mile-High section has been invited to attend another fabulous technical session presented by Cherry Creek Collision Inc.

These sessions are always a great learning experience, and not to be missed!

Look for more information in the March edition of the "Constellation!" *Jerry*

# The SUSAN B. KOMEN "RACE FOR THE CURE"

In 2006 the MHS Board is considering entering a team or teams in the Susan B. Komen Race for the Cure scheduled in October. It is an easy invigorating walk for all ages and all physical conditions.


I am requesting that anyone interested in supporting and/or participating in this wonderful event please contact me at either 303-799-4806 or [ranphil39@aol.com](mailto:ranphil39@aol.com).

This event takes considerable advance planning so please contact me ASAP. *Randy*

# Monthly Get-Together

It is time to start our 2006 Monthly informal Social gatherings which will occur on the third Wednesday of each month. The January event will be on Wednesday, January 18<sup>th</sup>, 6:30pm-9:00, at the Skybox atop the Red Lion Hotel (303-433-8331) located next to Invesco Field at Mile High Stadium. From north or south on I 25 take Exit #210B or Stadium Exit. Complimentary parking is directly around the hotel. Need directions or information please call Randy at 303-799-4806. *See you there!* *Randy*

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### Can vegetarians eat Animal Crackers?

## In the News

**Detroit/Stuttgart** - DaimlerChrysler will begin the New Year with a pioneering group-wide initiative for advanced clean diesel powertrains to be launched at the North American International Auto Show (NAIAS) in Detroit. The technology called BLUETEC will be capable of producing the cleanest diesel vehicles in the world. The BLUETEC vehicles that DaimlerChrysler will be showcasing in Detroit – the Mercedes-Benz E 320 BLUETEC, the Vision Mercedes-Benz GL 320 BLUETEC, and the Concept Car Jeep® Grand Cherokee BLUETEC – are capable of being the most fuel-efficient and cleanest diesel passenger vehicles in their segments in the U.S.



**LOS ANGELES** – The 2007 Mercedes-Benz S-Class is making its North American debut at the Greater L.A. Auto Show, open to the public January 6 – 15, 2006. The company's new flagship sedan is set to arrive at U.S. Mercedes-Benz dealerships in early 2006. The successor to a long line of premium luxury vehicles, the 2007 S-Class sedan will debut with a significantly evolved design and a stronger presence. Sharper angles and cleaner lines frame a sedan that gains about 1.7 inches of length, almost an inch in width, and more than three inches in wheelbase over its predecessor. In the U.S. market, the

new S-Class line will be launched with an all-new 5.5-liter V8 engine delivering 382 horsepower and 391 lb.-ft. of torque, the first of a new-generation V8 engine family featuring four-valve-per-cylinder technology and variable valve timing. Later in 2006, an S600 model will be powered by a 5.5-liter twin-turbo V12 with 510 hp and 612 lb.-ft. of torque. The new S-Class comes with the world's first seven-speed automatic, a smooth-shifting driver-adaptive transmission that maximizes both performance and fuel economy.

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# MBCA 50<sup>TH</sup> Anniversary Trips To Germany

Celebrate the Club's golden anniversary with a very special event. The Club is working with DCAG and Mercedes-Benz officials in Stuttgart to offer special MBCA 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Trips to Germany. These trips will feature unique, behind the scenes guided tours of DCAG facilities including the New Mercedes-Benz Museum opening in May 2006 as well as the new Mercedes-Benz Center Stuttgart.

Comprehensive guided tours of the AMG facility and the Classic Center in Fellbach, along with visits to Daimler's birthplace and workshop are included. Guided tours of the Sindelfingen facility and delivery center and the Unterturkheim factory, including the test facility and perhaps even the Maybach Center of Excellence, will be featured. A visit to DCAG corporate headquarters is also planned. These special guided tours are being arranged by DCAG especially for MBCA members and are not available to the public. A visit to the Technical Museum Sinsheim is also contemplated. After four days of intensive Mercedes-Benz tours, members will be free to relax and enjoy Stuttgart on their own after breakfast on Saturday. The MBCA Anniversary Trip concludes with a grand finale dinner Saturday evening.


The MBCA trips start on Monday evening with dinner at our Stuttgart hotel and conclude with the Saturday dinner. Six nights lodging at a five-star hotel in Stuttgart, six breakfasts, six dinners and four lunches are included. Ground transportation and all admissions are also included.

The currently scheduled dates for these tours are July 24, August 14, September 18, October 9, and November 13, 2006. The September trip is the same time as the Route 66 tour, but members wishing to tour Route 66 may choose another Germany trip date. The September 18 date gives participants the opportunity to visit Munich's Oktoberfest on their own before or after the trip.

These once in a lifetime trips will never be forgotten. The contemplated trip price is \$2500 per person, subject to change. Members will be responsible for their own airfare and personal expenses.

Since there is a maximum of 30 members per trip, please contact Jim O'Sullivan as soon as possible to indicate your interest and reserve a spot on a particular trip.


He may be reached at:  
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## Don't Know Much About History

Jerry Kappler is the MHS Historian and is working on pulling together the history of the Section. Anyone who has information, artifacts or 'whatever', pertaining to the history of the Mile-High Section.

Please contact Jerry (303-757-6025) and share your information.

Your cooperation will be highly appreciated!!

*Jerry*

Reservation Form

### Valentines at the Club

Feb. 11 / 6:00p.m.

Mount Vernon Country Club, Golden, CO.

Include me/us

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Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_

State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

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E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

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Reservation Form

### Cooking at Panzano's

March 11th / 1 p.m.

Hotel Monaco Wine Room, 1721 Champa, Denver

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Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_

State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

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### Tech Session @

### Cherry Creek Collision Inc.

March 18th / 10 a.m.

CCCI, 1425 S. Lipan, Denver

Include me/us

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Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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## Gourmet Cooking cont from page 1

The cooking demonstration will be :

*Gamberi Arrabiatta* in Martini glasses

And our lunch menu for this event will be:

1st Course. *Mista* or *Caesare*

2nd Course. *Fish* or *Shortribs*

3rd Course *Crepes Elise*

See you there!

*Rick Kimmel*

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## Calendar of Events

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### February

### March

### April

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|-------|--|----|---|----|--|
| 3     | <b>MHS Board Meeting</b><br>7:00 p.m.<br>(Randy Williams 303.799.4806)           | 3  | <b>MHS Board Meeting</b><br>7:00 p.m.<br>(Randy Williams 303.799.4806)  | 3  | <b>MHS Board Meeting</b><br>7:00 p.m.<br>(Randy Williams 303.799.4806) |
| 11    | <b><u>Valentines Day Party</u></b><br>6:00 p.m.<br>(Randy Williams 303.799.4806) | 15 | <b>Red Lion Social</b><br>6:30 p.m.<br>(Randy Williams 303.799.4806)    | 15 | <b>Red Lion Social</b><br>6:30 p.m.<br>(Randy Williams 303.799.4806)   |
| 15    | <b>Red Lion Social</b><br>6:30 p.m.<br>(Randy Williams 303.799.4806)             | 18 | <b>Tech Session @ CCI</b><br>10:00 a.m.<br>(Jerry Kappler 303.757.6025) |    |  |
| 22-24 | <b><u>Children's Miracle Network</u></b><br>(Max Townsend 303.770.1128)          |    |   |    |  |