

# The Constellation



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Hotel Monaco Wine Room

## 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 most chef will be Elise Wiggins of *Panzano's*. This is a unique opportunity to enjoy the finest Denver has to offer, and learn how to do it at home!

This is an afternoon event and special rates at the hotel for overnight revelry will be available to those who wish to enjoy Downtown Denver's fabulous night life. The cooking demonstration will be :

*Gamberi Arrabiatta* in Martini glasses

And 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*

*Reservation form on page 6*

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

Steve & Dee Cianio

Hugh Cummings

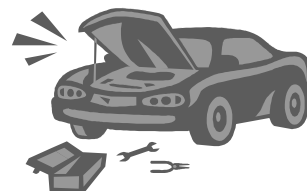
Timothy Dowd

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Mary Helen Young

## Hi-tech at 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, located at 1425 S. Lipan in Denver! Steve and his crew have planned a special day for us at one of the few Mercedes-Benz factory certified collision repair stations! They're also working an a new program which will remain a secret until we arrive. The cost for this event is only \$5 per-person so don't come alone—Bring a friend!! Refreshments will be served, so don't eat a huge breakfast. These sessions are always a great learning experience , and not to be missed!



Sign-up early; sign-up a friend; and lets have some fun!!

*Jerry*

*reservation form on page 6*

## !New Member Welcome and Introduction BBQ!

On Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> April, your Board will host a New Member Introductory BBQ at 9704 N. Heather Dr. Castle Rock, CO 80108. All new members since January 2005 are invited. The purpose is to introduce each of you to other MBCA Mile-High Section members and to the MHS Board members. We will discuss the 2006 Schedule of events and secure your feedback on what you would like to see in the future. The social interchange will start at 3:00PM, with dinner served at approximately 5:30PM. Dinner will consist of a Santa Maria style BBQ with Tri Tips or chicken as the main course. Soft drinks, wine and beer will be served.

We need your RSVP on the enclosed registration form so that we ensure sufficient food is available.

The Board and I are looking forward to meeting each of you!

Any questions? please call 303-799-4806. *Randy*

# On Track with Randy

*Randy Williams  
President, Mile-High Section*

March events include the Panzano Cooking Demonstration (11<sup>th</sup>) that will end in a great dinner prepared by Panzano's outstanding Chef, a very informative Tech Session conducted by the experts at Cherry Creek Collision (18<sup>th</sup>) and the "Savor the Flavor" (18<sup>th</sup>) charity event for the Aurora School System.

April events include the "Annual New Members Welcome" party on the 8<sup>th</sup>. In conjunction with the Rocky Mountain Region Sections, the MHS is

planning a 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary MBCA Rally/Tour Event that will start in Crested Butte. This Regional Event, Co-Hosted by the MHS and the PPS will take place in August and is being planned similar to the very successful "La Sal" Tour that started in Grand Junction last fall.



More information will be available next month. NOTE: This is the correct spelling for the "Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure", sorry for the misspelling. *Randy*

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## Don't Know Much About History

Jerry Kappler is the MHS Historian and is 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*

## The SUSAN G. 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's

Our 2006 Monthly informal Social gatherings occur on the third Wednesday of each month. The March event will be on Wednesday, March 15<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*


## Valentine Memory

The Valentines Dinner at the Mount Vernon Country Club was an outstanding event. Thirty (30) members enjoyed the Mount Vernon Country Club's awesome ambiance, excellent dinner, some wonderful conversation, and all finished the evening dancing with their favorite partner.


Unfortunately, everyone was having such a great time, no-one thought to send any pictures of the evening.




We can't wait for next years revelry's!!

*Randy*


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### NEW MEXICO SECTION

You are invited to attend a MERCEDES BENZ CLUB REGIONAL EVENT to be held on 4/21 – 4/23/06 in Durango, Colorado. This event is hosted by the NEW MEXICO Section.

DEADLINE TO REGISTER IS 3/6/06. MAKE RESERVATIONS ASAP, ONLY A LIMITED NUMBER OF ROOMS AT THE GUARANTEED RATE.

The itinerary is as follows:

FRIDAY 4/28 Travel to Durango, Colorado

Registration at hotel

Welcoming social 7PM – 9PM

(Snacks and drinks provided)

SATURDAY 4/29 sightseeing day

Shopping and touring in Durango

Those interested in taking the world famous Durango / Silverton narrow gauge railroad trip can purchase tickets via the internet @ [www.durangotrain.com](http://www.durangotrain.com).

Thruout April, the train will depart at 10am and go to the Cascade Canyon Wilderness area for a lunch and return to Durango at 3pm.

SUNDAY 4/30 Car show at the hotel 9am-10am

Brunch 10am – 11:30 am

FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION, CONTACT JIM STOKES, NM SECTION.

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Resevation form on page 5

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# Children's Hospital Radiothon

It was another rousing success as members of the Mile-High section manned the phones at the 'Alice 105.9 Radiothon' for Children's Hospital!



When the final numbers are tabulated, we'll let everyone know how much we were able to raise for the children!

We have always done exceptionally well in the charity event, and this year shouldn't be any different!

If you have not been able to participate in this endeavor, it's really worth the effort so plan to help next February.

Keep an eye out for the results in next month's newsletter! *Randy*



## MBCA ROCKY MOUNTAIN REGION NEW MEXICO SECTION

Please reserve place/s for \_\_\_ persons at the Durango, Co. event on 4/21 - 4/23/06. Reservations are \$25 per person that includes the welcoming social and Sunday brunch.

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Make sure to say you are with the MERCEDES BENZ group to receive the special rate of \$79 for a king standard or \$99 for 2 queen beds w/ the river view! The deadline for these special rates is 3/06. Only a few rooms are available so call to guarantee this rate!

There are lots of things to do in the Durango area so be prepared to have a great time! (shopping, sightseeing, side trips / tours)

More information will be provided at registration.

PLEASE SEND RESERVATION AND CHECK PAYABLE TO MBCA to:

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

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

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

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

\_\_\_\_\_ # of people attending @ \$5.00 person

Total enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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Cooking at Panzano's

March 11th / 1 p.m.

Hotel Monaco Wine Room, 1721 Champa, Denver

Include me/us

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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

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April 8th / 3p.m.

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March

April

May

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15	<b>Red Lion Social</b> 6:30 p.m. (Randy Williams 303.799.4806)	8	<b>New Member Welcome &amp; BBQ</b> 7:00 p.m. (Randy Williams 303.799.4806)	17	<b>Red Lion Social</b> 6:30 p.m. (Randy Williams 303.799.4806)
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