

Dollar Dictionary Drive Benefits DPS Third Graders and Community

**By Cathee Fisher
INC Dollar Dictionary Drive
Co-Chair**

INC created the Dollar Dictionary Drive in 1996 to give all Denver Public Schools (DPS) third grade students a dictionary/thesaurus of their own. These young citizens of Denver are making the big transition from learning to read to reading to learn. The dictionary, which they get to keep, is a valuable tool for their third grade literacy efforts and for life-long learning.

The Dollar Dictionary Drive is an opportunity for INC to reach out to a group of citizens in the spirit of our stated goal - the continuing improvement of Denver. Just as each of our homes have an assigned police station, fire station and council district we also have designated public schools. Many of us do not have our own children currently attending DPS or any other school, but at one point in time each of us was in the third grade. Try to remember how an 8 year old feels when given a gift from a previously unknown neighbor, friend, or mentor. It could be the spark that ignites a fire of passion for the quest of life-long learning and community involvement and the enhancement of not only one, but many lives.

The Dictionary program has three phases: fund-raising, placing a gift label in each book, and handing out the books to all third graders in 90 Denver elementary schools in cooperation with the school staffs.

The distribution to the students occurs in September and October. If you would like to help hand out books at your neighborhood school, please contact the committee. The reward is seeing the surprised and smiling faces of the children. Join us and meet our neighbors and future leaders.

Help Needed to Label Dictionaries

Volunteers are needed for labeling this year's 17,000 books. This will take place on Thursday, August 9 from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m.; Friday, August 10 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; and Saturday, August 11 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. The location will be Rocky Mountain SER Community Center, 36th Ave. and Pecos St. in northwest Denver. Any amount of time you can give is greatly appreciated!



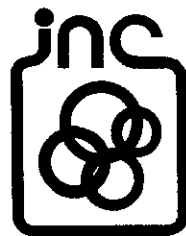
Contributions Still Being Accepted

\$1 = 1 Dictionary?

Not exactly! The price of books has increased. Now \$5.00 only purchases four books. This is still a great value. All money donated will go toward the purchase of dictionaries. INC is a volunteer neighborhood-based organization, so administrative costs are minimal. INC is a not-for-profit 501(c)(3) organization incorporated in 1978.

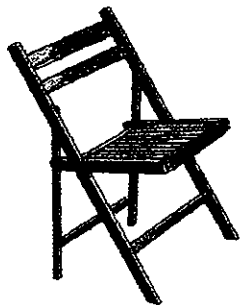
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From the Chair

**By Fred Corn
INC Chair**

This has been a very busy summer for INC. Perhaps all summers are; but this is the first one during which I have been chair, and it gives one a very different perspective. Some important issues which we are addressing are the Land Use and Transportation Plan, including the "quick win" neighborhood preservation tools and the redefinition of Denver neighborhood planning; and T-REX, of course, with the whole frustrating effort of trying to determine where neighborhoods fit into that process. We also held our annual fundraising drives pouring beer at the People's Fair and the LoDo Music Festival, and our August meeting will be our annual dollar dictionary drive meeting -- where this year 17,000 books will be unpackaged, labeled, and prepared for delivery to all DPS elementary schools. I hope everyone will attend this meeting - the Education Committee needs all the help it can get.

The common thread in all of these issues and events is that they require a lot of volunteer participation, and INC has one of the best-organized and hardest working groups of volunteers in the city. I would like to thank everyone who attended an INC meeting, made a phone call, wrote an article for this

newsletter, or served a beer to a thirsty music lover in LoDo. Over the years I have developed a keen awareness of how many people are needed to make this organization work; as chair I am beginning to realize the true scope of those efforts. However, as chair I am also acutely aware of additional volunteer opportunities for our members. If you would like to get more involved in INC please call me and we'll talk about it. Our Zoning, Transportation, Health, and Housing Committees always need help, and our Education Committee is currently in need of a chair.

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If you are already active on a committee, please write about an issue and submit it to this newsletter. Also, consider attending an INC Board Meeting, where we plan upcoming general

membership meetings, discuss ongoing projects and INC positions on issues. Our board meets the second Monday of each month at 7 p.m. at the Temple Events Center Uptown at 16th and Pearl.

Send Us Your Newsletters!

News from your neighborhood newsletters will be re-printed in *Denver Neighborhood Connection* as space permits. Send your newsletters to the editor, Craig Eley, 3800 S. Peach Way, Denver, CO 80237

Minutes Of July 14, 2001 Meeting And Around the City

*By Eddie Britt
INC Secretary*

The General Meeting of July 14, 2001 was hosted by Bellvue-Hale Neighborhood Association. The meeting suffered a disappointment when members of the construction crew of the T-REX project canceled their meeting with neighborhoods at the last minute, leaving the gathering without a keynote speaker or a topic of discussion. Fred Corn, Inter-Neighborhood Cooperation Chair, mentioned the possibility of inviting the group back for a special meeting. Thanks to City Council Members Charlie Brown and Kathleen MacKenzie for showing up and participating in our meeting even though they knew that the Southeast Corridor Constructors had blown us off.

Michael Henry proposed a vote on a motion to urge City Council to expand the neighborhood notification ordinance, which passed with a vote of 26-0 for an unanimous decision.

The August general meeting will be held at the Rocky Mountain SER located in northwest Denver at 33rd and Pecos Streets and will be focused on INC's annual Dollar Dictionary Drive that supplies every third grade public school student with a dictionary and a thesaurus. The award winning program is headed by Cathee Fisher and if you are willing and able to donate time or money please call her at (303) 333-3141.

Around the City

Denver Parks & Recreation - DP&R is proud to announce the grand opening of the new skate park

located at 20th St. and Chestnut. The park is conveniently situated between the lovely South Platte River to the east and Commons Park to the south; it offers breath-taking views of downtown Denver. The new team at Parks & Recreation invites you to stop by and visit Denver's newest park and facility.

Lynwood NA- Finally succeeded in placing a community bulletin board in its local Safeway to post mailings from the city.

West University C.A.- The University of Denver has selected a consultant to coordinate the long awaited campus master plan that will include adjacent neighborhoods. Work will start on the project next month.

University Park NA- Doing research on the T-REX issues that it can get involved with to positively affect the neighborhood.

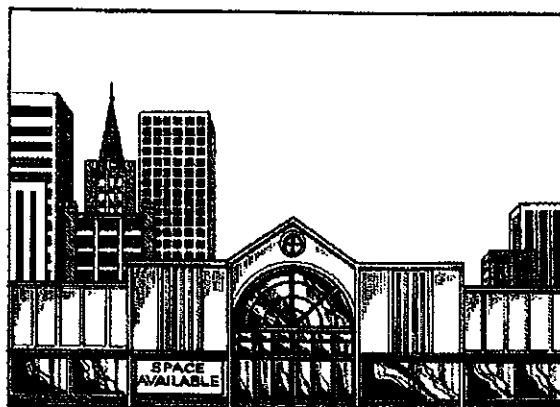
University Park C.C.- Is currently involved with DU traffic study, T-Rex concerns, Denver Land Use/Transportation Plan committee, "quick win" zoning proposals and other zoning issues. Recently, 130 children participated in the UPCC annual July 4 parade, along with the Veterans of Foreign Wars band. Also included were decorated bikes, wagons, and more. More than 100 onlookers participated in the festivities. The fire department even made an appearance to cool down the crowd in the hot weather.

Washington Park East NA- Is currently involved with the LUTAC's quick wins. The neighborhood is also concerned with the day-to-day occurrences of scrape offs and pop-tops.

Progress & Preservation - Is interviewing contractors for its next grant, which will guide it in making an application for historic designation.

Curtis Park - Is hosting a coming home tour in August on the dates of 25 and the 26. "Y'all come!"

Hampden South NA - The Rosamond Park playground is under construction. Tiffany Plaza, once a lifeless shopping center, has been revitalized by



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a new 24 Hour Fitness and the reopening of a theatre that offers prices of \$1.50. The neighborhood association is also looking into the possibilities of planting street trees along Goldsmith Gulch.

Baker - Its yard sale was a success. The neighborhood subcommittee recently formed design guidelines. The neighborhood also continues to attend meetings regarding the site selection of the proposed new jail.

Inspiration Point NA - Inspiration Point recently had its annual potluck dinner. The supper had a good turnout, and in attendance were public officials Don Mares, Dennis Gallagher and Butch Montoya.

Hilltop - It will be hosting its annual potluck dinner August 30 on 3rd and 4th Avenues. The neighborhood is also experiencing a higher number of thefts than usual.

Sloan Lake C.G. - The Sloan Lake group is considering looking into the current setup of Capital Hill United Neighborhood's bylaws and procedures. The area has noticed a 12 percent increase in its population from the figures provided by the Department of Commerce's 2000 Census, bringing the neighborhood to more than 18,000 residents within its boundaries. The group has also noticed spin-off organizations rising within the groups' boundaries with some showing signs of perceived resentment towards the city's current administration. The citizen's group wishes to approach and address the issues of these individuals.

Special Thanks - INC would like to recognize

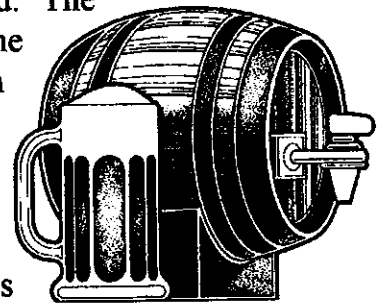
the extra effort and time given by Special Projects and INC Vice-President Wayne Jochem and President Fred Corn for their going the extra mile during this year's AT&T LoDo Music Festival. The hard work provided by these two and the other volunteers helped INC raise numerous dollars for INC and numerous neighborhoods. Great Job!

September Meeting

The September 8, 2001 INC Meeting will be held at Faith Lutheran Church at 4785 Elm Court, Denver 80211. Hosted by Sunnyside United Neighbors, Inc. and the Harkness Heights NA

LoDo Music Fest An INC Fundraising Success

Once again, the LoDo Music Festival proved to be a great success for INC and, hopefully, for everyone else involved. The music was great and the crowds were thirsty. In two nights the INC booth made \$1,500 in tips - the final numbers on beer sales are not yet in. This year we had at least 20 people signed up for each shift and we had lots of folks that wanted to sign up after all the shifts were full. Thanks to all the volunteers who helped us staff the booth. And thanks to the festival organizers, Performance International, for once again giving us an opportunity to raise money for our organization. Every year they are truly generous to many Denver non-profits, and in particular to INC.



INC Member Neighborhoods

Alamo Placita NA	Inspiration Point NA
Baker Historic Neighborhood	Ivy Street NA
Bellvue Hale NA	Lower Downtown District, Inc.
Berkeley NA	Lynwood 7&8 HOA
Capitol Hill United Neighborhoods	Mayfair Park NA
Clayton NA	North City Park Civic Assoc.
Cole NA	Overland NA
Colfax Business ID	Progress & Preserva- tion Together
Colfax on the Hill	St. Charles NG
College View NA	Sloan Lake CG
Cook Park NA	South Gaylord NA
Cory/Merrill NA	South Jackson St. NA
Country Club Historic Neighborhood	Sunnyside United Neighbors, Inc.
Curtis Park Neighbors	Virginia Vale CA
Denargo Market NC	Virginia Village/Ellis CA
East Montclair NA	Washington Park East NA
East Village NA	Wellshire HOA
George Washington HOA	West Highland NA
Greater Park Hill Community	West University CA
Hampden South NA	West Washington Park NA
Harkness Heights NA	
Harman NA	
Highland United Neighbors	
Hilltop Heritage Assoc.	
Hutchinson Hills/ Willow Point NA	
Indian Creek NA	



Dollar Dictionary Drive Donors

**By Cathee Fisher
INC Dollar Dictionary
Drive Co-Chair**

Thank you to all who have spread the word to your friends and neighbors about the INC 6th Annual Dollar Dictionary Drive. Contributions from individuals, neighborhood associations

and city agencies arrive weekly. Many of our donors have contributed each year. We are just over the 50% mark in our quest to cover the cost of this year's program. Every \$5.00 donated covers the purchase of the books for 4 students.

This INC program that gives a dictionary/thesaurus of their own to ALL DPS third grade students each year is a positive effort to reach out to a group of citizens in the spirit of our stated goal - the continuing improvement of Denver.

Thank You to our 2001 Donors:

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Washington Park East Neighborhood Association
Numerous Individuals

THANK YOU ONE & ALL!

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**Next
Meeting
Sat., Aug. 11
2001**

**9 a.m.
Rocky Mountain SER
36th Avenue and Pecos
Street**

AGENDA

**8:45
Coffee and Chat**

**9:00
Around the City**

**10:00
Committee Reports**

**10:30
Break**

**10:45
Dollar Dictionary
Book Labeling**

**Noon
Adjourn**

**September Meeting
September 8, 2001
Faith Lutheran Church
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