

Leadership Golden Alumni Spotlight Connie Tysdal

Would Connie Tysdal recommend Leadership Golden? “Absolutely. It’s the best way for a person to get involved in the community. It energizes people and lets them see the possibilities!” Connie says that her association with the LG program and the Leadership Golden Alumni



Association (LGAA) broadened her horizons, inspiring her to get involved with the community and she definitely has done that!

Connie was in the first Leadership Golden class (1984-85) and on the second Leadership Golden (LG) Steering Committee; she was part of the group that began the LG Alumni Association; she was elected its founding president and reelected as its second president; and she is still involved! She has spoken to every incoming LG class since 2013 because she “wants to impart the challenge and opportunity LG affords to make change and improve Golden”.

She has been a driving force behind much that has allowed LG to survive and thrive for the 37 years of its existence! After the first two years of support by the Golden Civic Foundation, LG needed to become self-supporting so Connie made that her goal. As a founding member of the LGAA, she participated in writing its first bylaws, got it incorporated, and started fundraising! She accomplished the hugely beneficial task of obtaining 501(c3) tax status for Leadership Golden as a “non-profits charitable organization,” which allows individuals and other organizations to donate to LG.

Leadership Golden is not the only beneficiary of Connie’s energy and leadership. She worked on Jeffco School system issues including several mill levy and bond elections, and served as chairperson of the 1985 Golden Area Facilities and Enrollment Task Force. This Task Force provided the impetus for expanding Golden High School to include 9th grade and closing Golden Jr High (an effort not without controversy!). She was chairperson of the Chamber of Commerce Visitor and Convention Council, a volunteer mediator for Jeffco Small Claims Court, and established a private practice in meeting facilitation and strategic planning.

Additionally, she was Vice-President of the Golden Visitor Center Board of Trustees for 3 years during which time they paid off the debt for the new Visitors Center! Truly Connie Tysdal exemplifies a Leadership Golden leader. Thank you, Connie.

By Alice McLarty