

# Lime hosts Kempe membership party

## GLORYUS GOINGS ON



By GLORY WEISBERG

Lime has a new home at The Landmark, making this its third metro location and it's already gotten a reputation as the in place for rush hour schmoozing. Not a seat to be had in the bar area last week when the Kempe Center Alliance had its new member happy hour there. Good thing they'd set aside a lime-colored room for their guests, as Alliance President **Ryta Sondergard** and Membership Chair **Virginia Bray** welcomed joiners. Platters of nachos, flautas and guacamole were sent in constantly as hungry Kempers made them magically disappear along with rounds of margaritas. A slew of newbies were anxious to hear about what's special at the new Kempe Pavilion at the Anschutz Medical Center. Among the programs they learned about were the Therapeutic Preschool and Under Sixes Program. To learn more go to [www.kempe.org](http://www.kempe.org).

April is Get Your Blue on for Kempe Kids month, and on April 1 The Kempe Center for the Prevention and Treatment of Child Abuse and Neglect has the Thinking Blue event at the Redline Gallery. The center has seen a 100 percent rise in the number of cases reported, with 9,000 of these children in Denver County alone. Last year Kempe was chosen as the Non-profit Organization of the Year

by the Denver Metro Chamber of Commerce.

On that event committee are **Michael Pollack** of Hyde Park, **Gail Johnson** and **Odell Barry**. **Rhett Jordan's** Faces of Entertainment, is producing this event, sponsored in part by mom, **Rollie Jordan**.

The big event of the month for Kempe is April 25, Stand Up! With **Josh Blue** and **Kathleen Madigan**, is at the Temple Buell theatre and includes dinner on stage hosted by The Kempe Champs for those buying dinner ticket packages.

For information, call 303-864-5300.

## Little Heart patients to parade spring fashions

The Children's Hospital Heart Institute Little Hearts Luncheon and Fashion Show is April 3 at the Belmar Center in Lakewood.

Modeling cute children's clothes will be children who have undergone heart surgery, now the very picture of health, thanks to the pediatric heart specialists connected with The Children's Hospital. Their adorable warm weather outfits are from Dillard's this year and accompanying the children will be South Metro Fire Rescue Authority caregivers who, we hear, actually vie for the opportunity to be escorts. These men and women come to the luncheon in full fire fighting gear, which the children just love. Also accompanying some of the small fry and teens are TCH cardiac staff and other assorted volunteers, who, like myself, wouldn't miss this for anything. The luncheon raises funds to assist parents of Heart Institute patients with non-medical needs and to celebrate the children. Talk

to any parent of a pediatric heart patient and they'll tell you the toll the care takes on them and you'll get the idea. If you had a seriously ill child, now healthy and grown, you know the situation.

**Lyn Schaffer**, wife of pediatric cardiologist Dr. **Michael Schaffer**, is chairing this luncheon for the 10th straight year. Committee members include **Sharon Downing**, **Edie Bell**, **Lori Claussen**, **Esther Carpenter**, **Marilyn Day**, **Donna Parker**, **Vikki Ogden**, **Louise Richardson** and **Julie Bigner**.

A silent auction precedes the fashion show and lunch and program. Cost to attend is \$65; patron tickets are \$150 each. **Syd Sexton's** Gourmet Fine Catering is doing lunch. For information, call 720-777-1732.

## Hoops & Hoopla, April 4

The National Jewish Health Hoops & Hoopla is April 4 at INVESCO Field at Mile High's West Club Level. Guests get to watch Men's College Basketball Semifinals on 35 TVs, a video wall and field big screen in addition to shuffle golf, Texas Hold'em and other gaming. This is no black tie gala, and guests are advised to come in jeans and sweats. A slew of co-chairs include **David Greiner**, **Rich Schierburg**, **Ward Mahanke**, **Sean Nohavec**, and others and committee members include **Manuel Martinez**, **Ann King**, **Tal Diamant**, **Paul Brooks**, **Fori Kimball**, **Joe Nelson** and **Roger Dieckhaus**, among others. The RSVP card requires your e-mail address. For information, go to [www.hoopsandhoopla.com](http://www.hoopsandhoopla.com) or call **Michael Meyers** at 303-398-1768.

## Recession

There are bright spots in the local economy and each week this space focuses on the way some businesses are promoting the good news and working with the downturn in an upturn way, as not everyone or every business is about



Kempe Alliance Membership Chair **Virginia Bray** and past Alliance President **Mary Tabacchi**

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to go bankrupt. Last week we noted that The Vistas at Park Meadows restaurants are full and thriving. The indoor area of the mall came out with coupons e-mailed to customers, a great way to lure shoppers who are drawn to a good offer. The Club at Park Meadows offers are good through the end of March and include a free travel size Hand Relief stress relieving hand ritual "and take home one of the top products our customers can't live without," the offer states. Coldwater Creek "Helping Women Help Themselves" reads "Donate your gently-used jacket or dress pants and receive a 35 percent discount on any like item." That offer was for March 5-16. **Johnston & Murphy's** offer had

all shirts on sale, buy one, get one half off; Aeropostale had a \$10 off purchase of \$50 or more; and there were similar offers as well from retailers **Claire's**, **Finish Line**, **The Body Shop**, **Godiva** Chocolat and **Pottery Barn**. These coupons were clever.

**Whole Foods** in **Cherry Creek** and on **East Hampden Avenue** are mobbed. Just finding a parking place at the **Cherry Creek** location is a challenge; the aisles throughout the store are crammed with great prices we were surprised to find. Their apples were actually much cheaper than regular grocery stores in the area. What's driving their popularity? Perhaps the need for nesting in style? Ditto for popularity and price at **Vitamin Cottage**.

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