

# HR Heather Ridge

GETTING TO KNOW YOUR NEIGHBORS

## *Edie Reidel Burgundy*

Edie's parents, Max and Mary Federer, both came to the United States from their native Germany as young adults in the mid 1920s. Edie remembers sailing to Germany with her mother to meet her relatives when she was six years old. But, soon after they arrived, her father sent a telegram telling them to get on the next ship back to the U.S.A. Hitler's saberrattling was making Europe unstable, and Max wanted his family safe back home. Throughout the years, Edie has kept in contact with her German relatives and maintained many family traditions, including recipes.

She and her sister, Judy, grew up in the Chicago area. The family moved to northern Illinois when Edie was a senior in high school. A few years later, she married Laurence "Bud" Reidel, and they started their family. Bud's employer, the International Harvester Co., asked him to relocate first to Kansas City, Kansas, and later

to Denver. Edie, Bud and their children, Michael, Mark and Lauren, moved in 1970 into a home in a new area in Aurora called "Dam West." Within a few years Bud was diagnosed with cancer, and he died a short time later. Edie found herself a single mom in a strange new place.

She decided to stay in Colorado and immediately found a sales job at Joslins Department Store in the newly finished Buckingham Square Mall. While at Joslins Edie worked in most of the store's departments and was a "customer favorite" as a personal shopper. She also modeled and appeared in some full page ads in the Denver Post.

In 1976, Burgundy at the new Heather Ridge development became Edie's home. Her children all attended the Cherry Creek Schools and graduated from the University of Colorado. Now Michael is a defense attorney in Greeley, Mark has been a teacher at Cherry Creek Schools for more than 20 years, and Lauren holds a PhD in genetic engineering and works in the cattle industry. Mike is the father of Edie's two granddaughters, Heidi and Veronica "Vreni." Heidi graduated in May from Knox College and now aspires to follow the likes of J.K. Rowling and become an author. This fall, Vreni will begin her third year at Cornell College.

Now retired Edie remains active

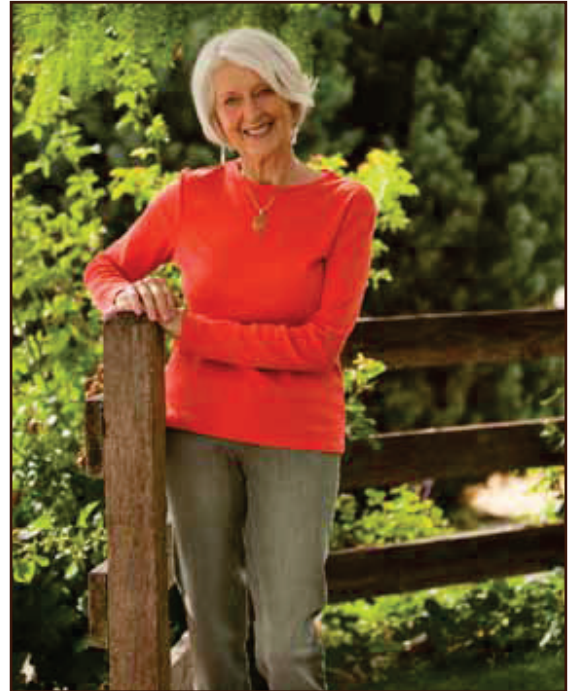


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and enjoys walking, playing bridge, Mexican Train and golfing. Shots of Edie running, bicycling, skiing, snow shoeing and winning dance contests fill her photo albums. She has participated in many fund raisers including marathons. She loves traveling, especially in Europe and New England in the fall, as well as bike touring and now golfing vacations. On a recent trip to New York she found her parents' names on the Ellis Island Memorial.

In 2005 Edie took up the cause of saving the then threatened Heather Ridge open space, attending every community meeting and contributing countless hours as a volunteer to the cause. Edie is proud to be an original owner in Burgundy and to have been a part of what Heather Ridge has become. Make sure you say, "Hi" to Edie the next time you see her at the golf course, at Noonan's or walking through Heather Ridge.



Edie — six years old



## Getting to Know Your Neighbors

*Heather Ridge Metro Matters* wants to help you know your neighbors. Burgundy resident Edie Reidel has lived in the Heather Ridge community since 1976. The photo at left is when Edie was six years old. Learn more about Edie on page 10.

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If you would like to introduce a special neighbor send us information and a picture for an upcoming issue. Please email to Publisher/Editor Barry McConnell at [bmconn202@aol.com](mailto:bmconn202@aol.com)

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**PUBLISHER'S NOTE**

Take a good look at the sweet little girl on page 2. Do you know her? See page 10 to learn more about Edie Reidel. *Metro Matters* is launching a new feature each month and we would like you to help. We will be featuring one of your neighbors, telling something about them that perhaps you didn't know or your didn't know they were your neighbors just right down the street! To get involved just send information about yourself or a neighbor you think the Heather Ridge community would like to know. We will print the information and a picture in an upcoming issue of the magazine.



We have some great new advertisers and some dedicated advertisers who have been with us for a very one time. Take a few moments and let them know you saw their ad in the *Heather Ridge Metro Matters*. They would love to visit with you at their facility.

We would also love feedback about what other useful information you would like to see in this publication.

**Barry McConnell**  
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## COMMUNITY AFFAIRS

### Training Class for HOAs

by Van Lewis

On August 12, the Presidents Council, led by its president, Amanda Milstead, who is also president of Burgundy's HOA and employed at Land Title Company, held a one hour class on real estate closings at Noonan's Garden Room. This well attended class was so interesting it carried on for two-plus hours. Starting a 6

pm with a light dinner provided by the Metro District, Christine of Land Title provided detailed handouts of closing statements, sample HOA Status Letters, and detailed historical and legal guidelines for HOAs. It was a bonanza of good information and camaraderie for HOA boards wanting to learn more about their tradecraft.



Presidents Council hosts training class for HOAs.

This is one of the main purposes of the Presidents Council – Education! In July, it hosted Gary Kujawski, HOA Information Office, DORA (Department of Regulatory Agencies), discussing past, present, and future HOA issues and regulations. For the October training class, the Aurora Fire Department will speak about its jurisdiction and HOA

issues such as parking lanes, safety issues, parking signs, and access/egress for emergencies. A local insurance agent will also speak about insurance coverage should boards fail to meet fire code issues. All HOA board members will not want to miss this class! More details to follow in September.

### Encroachment Letter to HOAs

This is an old issue going back decades when the golf course was privately owned. The Metro District recognizes that many encroachments may be harmless, and to challenge each and every one may not be “neighbor friendly.” However, the Metro District has a legal obligation to protect the golf course land from legal threats or any reduction of its ownership rights. It manages the golf course for the benefit of all property owners who fund the bonds used to buy it through their property taxes. *Note letter to Heather Ridge HOA boards at right.*

It is with good intent and cooperation the Metro District asks golf course adjacent HOAs to monitor their boundary lines for encroachments onto their common areas as well as the golf land. The HOAs must protect their own land from encroachments, too.

In buying or selling a golf course adjacent property, it is important to know if that property encroaches onto HOA and/or golf course land; and if so, how bad is the encroachment and what recourse for resolution? All HOAs boards are required to protect their property values All HOA boards are required to protect their property values per their Declarations; and in doing so, they must ensure ownership rights and obligations are not diminished through encroachments.

### Edie Reidel Special Remembrance

Edie Reidel passed away on August 2. Metro Matters honored her in the August issue with our first “Meet Your Neighbor!” column. A special remembrance will be held for Edie at 2 pm Wednesday, September 24 at the Heather Ridge Clubhouse. Casual golf attire is appropriate as golfers will be finishing their rounds of golf at that time. Also, the Metro Matters feature, condolences, pictures and a YouTube tribute to her from the August 11, Aurora City Council meeting are all linked on the [HRColo.org](http://HRColo.org) – Organization – Foundation – Memories Tab.

