



DOLORES A. EBNER

Volunteer – Citizen Advocate – Author – Poet

Dolores Wenk Ebner was born and raised in Chicago where she studied at the American Conservatory of Music. She started volunteering at an early age at the Chicago Servicemen's Center during World War II. After the war she met her husband Donald E. Ebner and they were married November 23, 1949, moving to Colorado in 1964.

Volunteer activities from that time include Chairman of the Jefferson County United Way Board; President of Jefferson High School PTSA; President of Columbia Heights Elementary School PTA; Vice-president of Wheat Ridge Middle School PTA; Chairman of the Ken-Caryl Ranch Historical Society; President of the Ken-Caryl Senior Women's Club, and involvement with Exempla Medical Center. Dolores worked in the Jefferson County Community Center in Arvada developing a program to train developmentally disabled adults for the working world.

Writing since the age of eight, some of her poetry is now in the Library of Congress. She is still winning awards with her latest poem, "Alzheimers." She is the author of an historic book entitled, "The Bradford Years 1859-1876," the story of the first pioneer Major Robert Boyles Bradford who settled the land now known as Ken-Caryl Ranch located in southwest, unincorporated Jefferson County. She is well known for work in trying to restore the Bradford House built in 1859 at Ken-Caryl Ranch. Dolores is an active member of the Friends of Ken-Caryl Ranch, a group devoted to civic involvement. As a member of the Posse of the Denver Westerners, she helps edit their monthly publication, "The Roundup." She also writes a bi-monthly column on local history for "Life at Ken-Caryl."

Dolores has been a member of many historic organizations for years and worked in establishing the advisory boards for Jefferson County schools. She was an original member of the Advocacy for Children and Youth established by the Jefferson County Department of Social Services.

Dolores and her husband Don raised five children – Glory, Julie, David, Debbie and Sherry, and have two grandsons, Grant and Trevor Platt.

Dolores Ebner was elected to the Jefferson County Hall of Fame in 2001.