



Golden Landmarks Association  
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## Living Landmark Award

# 2011

## John Tracy

John was born in Helena, Montana and spent his elementary years in Juneau, Alaska. Because of rheumatic fever, he didn't attend full time school until the seventh grade. His father worked for various governmental identities that include the Bureau of Indian Affairs and the IRS. The government transferred the family from Montana to South Dakota, Washington, Alaska, Wyoming, and Colorado.

He graduated high school at Westminster High and went on to college at CU with a full scholarship majoring in civil engineering. After college, John took a managerial position with WT Grant relocating several times to Washington, Idaho, California, and then back to Colorado with GEM Stores.

In 1973 he entered the newspaper business with the Sentinel newspapers in Lakewood, Colorado. In 1977 he started his own newspapers in Lakewood and Wheat Ridge eventually selling them to the Sentinels in 1980.

John then took a year sabbatical to travel before managing daily and weekly newspapers in Oklahoma, Texas, and Kansas followed with another year sabbatical. After his Denver area non-complete expired, he returned to the Golden Transcript where he has been for the last 24 years. He retired in May 2009, but still works on special projects for the newspapers.

John's hobbies and interests include traveling, hiking, and gardening. Previously he's been involved in flying, scuba diving, and spelunking. John's personal accomplishments include climbing all 54 14,000 foot mountains (fourteeners) in Colorado multiple times, traveling to 68 foreign countries and to all 50 states.

He has always been active in his local community. Since coming to Golden he has served on the board of directors for fifteen area organizations. He has also served as president or chair of many of those organizations. John has been a participant and leader of at least 24 community events.

After moving back to Golden, he met his wife Jane who worked for the West Chamber of Commerce. They have been together for over 22 years.