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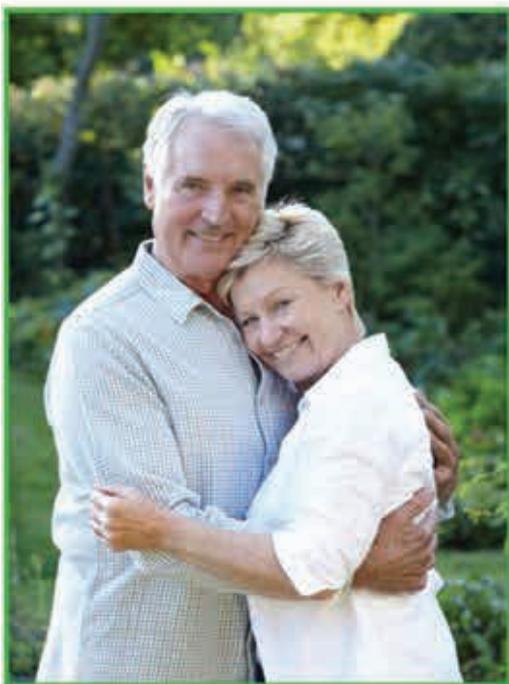
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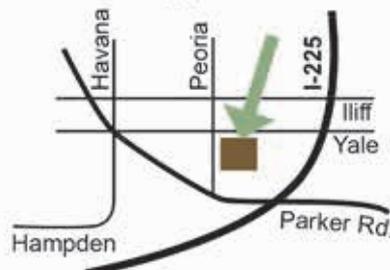
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# Building life-cycle analysis approved, committee membership discussed

The Feb. 14 meeting of the HGA Board of Directors convened in the Banquet Room. All nine directors were present.

A motion that had been tabled in November, when first presented, was approved in a second action, accepting the original proposal by the Farnsworth Group, to complete an analysis of the life-cycle projections for HG buildings (\$55,433). In January, the board approved the balance of these funds (\$17,467) to conduct an analysis of the life cycle of parking structures, using Parking Structure 4 as a model.

When the board tabled this proposal, it requested additional reviews. The failure of the board to proceed in November triggered the resignation of then-director Jay Bluestein, who chaired the Long Range Planning Committee and had recommended the 30-year study. A second work session between committee members and the board allayed the earlier concerns.

Director Michael Lickteig moved the board revise its bylaws, widening the circle of residents who are eligible to serve on board committees. Because finding volunteers to fill committee seats has been difficult lately, the change proposed adding prospective members such as spouses whose names are not on the HG-property deed, and residents whose children own the property, or whose property is held in trust.

The proposal stalled over the component of allowing residents who rent to serve on committees. Several board members opposed having a resident serve if he/she has no financial stake in HG. Another suggested the renter should have signed at least a year-long lease before being eligible for committee membership.

The board voted to table the motion until next month's meeting, to further refine the language. The proposal also clarified term limits for serving on a committee.

The board tabled, until next month, a motion from

Director Debbie Stelle to resurrect a Security Committee, as a full committee, a subcommittee of the Emergency Preparedness Committee (EPC), or to make security the main committee, with EPC as a subcommittee under security. Stelle noted that security continues to be a concern of many residents.

## Security

"I think the community should see [the board] as addressing security," she said, "that we are security minded." The board voted to table, with Stelle voting no, to enable Director and EPC Chair Rex Engel to prepare a draft procedure memorandum (PM) on the subject.

General Manager Calvin White reported he has been negotiating with Comcast, "for a few months," to finalize a wiring agreement. HG has been on a month-to-month basis, recently, with Comcast. White said he hoped to have a final wiring agreement by next month's board meeting. HG doesn't pay Comcast for the wiring contract.

## Comcast

Other construction-related approvals by the board:

...a contract to Metro Pavers for 2017, for asphalt renovations, following the Latitude 39 engineering firm's earlier scope of work (\$197,400).

...a contract with Custom Contract Elevator Solutions, to install elevator jacks in B217, B218 and B219 (\$112,500). The project is over budget, as the lowest bidder was not selected because of poor references.

...the second year of a three-year contract with Denver Commercial Coating, to paint the exteriors of B206, B233, B234, B235 and B236 (\$309,000).

...renovate and coat parking slabs, a project that began in 2016 and will continue through 2017, using several standing contractors (\$158,000). Buildings will be selected after winter weathering.

...renovate recirculation lines for B219, using Bell Plumbing when in-house staff is not available (\$65,000).

...2017 chair-rail projects for B232, B203 and B207, using an existing contractor (\$57,900).

...Architectural Control Committee projects, to allow installing a new window and three solar-tube skylights in a patio home, CP5, at the owner's expense.



Left: Arapahoe County Commissioner Nancy Jackson described county services and answered questions posed by residents who attended her first "Conversation" event at HG. She plans to hold this kind of event quarterly for the coming year, but they may not always be at HG. (See story, page 6)

# Extra! Extra! Information for you—

## Arapahoe County Commissioner

Commissioner Nancy Jackson presented an overview of Arapahoe County's organization, services and budget at the initial "Arapahoe County Conversations" to 12 county residents, held at HG on Feb. 9.

Prospects for new businesses coming into Arapahoe County are "superb," according to Jackson. Colorado's lifestyle is drawing people into the state.

"There are lots of new companies coming in to the area, especially along the I-25 corridor," said Jackson. "We are booming. The biggest problems are transportation, getting people around, finding housing so they can afford to live in the metropolitan area, and many, many of our employers can't find qualified workers."

While some potential employees can't pass the

drug tests, others don't have the right education, skills, or training. Arapahoe/Douglas Counties provide some training and apprenticeship opportunities.

Agritourism is expanding in the county. Farmers and ranchers are opening their family-owned businesses to the public events. People are enjoying corn mazes, are visiting llama farms, and participating in events that combine agriculture with things to do.

The county's open space program is highly successful with the popular High Line Canal trail among

the many trails throughout the county. Open space is one of the most popular.

"It rarely gets complaints," said Jackson.

Skyrocketing property values prompted passage of the Senior Property Tax exemption for people living on fixed incomes who have lived in their homes for 10 years or more. Audience members pointed out that seniors typically downsize and move; therefore, they do not qualify for the 10-year residency requirement to receive a property tax exemption.

Jackson acknowledged this is "A hard one for us to deal with. Right now, we don't have a program [to address this]." She will connect folks who are in a serious crunch to county officials who might be able to help through Community Resources Program. The exemption and requirements are the purview of the state legislature.

The county is always looking for citizens to volunteer on boards and committees or special projects. If you have some spare time and want to participate, please contact the

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Above: County Commissioner Nancy Jackson held the first of her "Arapahoe County Conversations" at HG on Feb. 9. She plans to share information about county services to Arapahoe county residents with a quarterly schedule for these "Conversations."

## Horse races for tablets

The HG Optimist Club has recently adopted Yale Elementary School. The club needs your help to raise money to buy at least 10 Chromebook tablet computers for the students at the school. You may have grandchildren who use school-supplied tablet computers for homework assignments. Yale Elementary does not have enough funding for each student to be given a tablet to use.

To raise funds for these tablets, the HG Optimist Club is holding "A Nite at the Races®." Join us for a fun evening: 6 pm Saturday, April 1, at the Rendezvous Restaurant. All residents and friends are invited.

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# Officers shuffled; golfers react at HGMD Board meeting

At a special meeting of the Heather Gardens Metropolitan District (HGMD) Board, on Feb. 9, two candidates presented their credentials, Robert Gullion, B242, and Bruce Richards, B213. Both men submitted self-nomination forms to fill a director vacancy created when President Larry Francone resigned after the Jan. 6 board meeting. The four sitting directors voted Gullion onto the board. He will serve until May 2018, when the next board election is scheduled..

(Gullion had been an unsuccessful applicant for the board in January, when Candace Compton was appointed to fill a seat created when Treasurer Twyla Gaugenmaier resigned. Naming Gullion to the board created a vacancy on the Golf Committee, to which he'd been appointed after failing to join HGMD. See "The Month That Was," page 23.)

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All directors attended the HGMD Board Meeting on Feb. 16. Newly appointed Director Bob Gullion was sworn in.

To accommodate the many HG golfers who attended, and wished to address the board, the meeting convened in the Sandberg Auditorium (about 130 residents attended).

Secretary Craig Baldwin presided over the meeting until a new presi-

dent could be elected. Ed Kurtz was selected, and chaired the remainder of the meeting.

Bob Gullion was elected treasurer. Candace Compton, who served as treasurer for one month, agreed to chair the Foundation Committee, succeeding Kurtz.

Under Unfinished Business, an agenda item was entertained to discuss the makeup of the Golf Committee. Gary Hizer, B232, presented the board with a petition he said was signed by 369 HG eligible electors. The petition asked the board to reinstate the presidents of the Ladies' and Men's Golf Clubs, to voting positions on the Golf Committee, and the HG Golf Pro to a non-voting committee position (see story, page 10).

Ten other speakers from the audience expressed dismay that the board voted to do away with greens-fee discounts designed to draw non-resident golfers to the HG course. The two-for-one discount, offered at certain hours, and the senior-citizen discount for non-resident golfers were discontinued by the board, after the course already instituted increases to most greens fees for 2017.

In discontinuing the two discounts at its January meeting, the board bypassed input from the Golf Committee. After the non-resident

senior fee was discontinued, President Larry Francone resigned from the board in protest.

A parade of golfers and other residents, concerned about the changes, addressed the board on that agenda item. Jess Deal, B233, distributed a flyer to the meeting attendees, which showed the cost to homeowners (subsidies) for the golf course over six years.

He commented, "I created that document, taken directly from the golf usage report. It shows that, between 2012 and 2017 [budget/projected], the subsidy to the golf course has increased only 22¢ [per unit — from \$4.45 per month in 2012 to \$4.67 per month in the 2017 budget]. (See page 24 for spreadsheet and graph presented.)

"And 70 percent of golf revenue comes from non-resident golfers, yet we're telling them to go somewhere else — stupid!"

Al Lindeman, CP5, reminded the board members that none of them enjoys much of a mandate, because none has been elected by a vote of eligible electors. Kurtz was unopposed in 2014, and won a four-year term under Colorado election law. Baldwin and Velasquez ran unopposed in 2016, and received four-year terms. Compton and Gullion were appointed to the board by the other directors, filling seats created when two directors from the 2014 election resigned their positions, in the past two months.

"It appears the board may want to go in a direction that many people here don't want to go," Lindeman commented.

Other comments got more personal, accusing board members of being autocratic, fiscally irresponsible, and arbitrary. Residents said:

- "you have abused the power given to you by poorly written bylaws,"
- "your increasing the golf fees

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Above: Not since the Clubhouse bond issue has an HGMD Board meeting drawn enough attention to move it to a larger venue. About 130 residents attended the meeting in Sandberg Auditorium on Feb. 16.

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# Golfers protest HGMD actions; form grass roots activist group

A group of HG residents, which formed in December to protest recent changes to golf course fees and committee composition by the HGMD Board, met twice in February. Approximately 140 people attended a meeting in Sandberg Auditorium on Feb. 10.

Conducted primarily by members of the Men's and Ladies' HG Golf Clubs, the gathering allowed residents and golfers to air grievances about recent actions by the HGMD Board.

The basis of the grievances was that the HGMD Board of Directors has "acted against the wishes of the residents and the welfare of the community," said Men's Golf Club representative Gary Hizer, B232. "The board has completely bypassed the Golf Committee in removing our members from the Golf Committee. They also have eliminated golf fees designed to bring non-resident players into our golf course," also without seeking the input of the Golf Committee. {Before November, the presidents of the Men's and Ladies' Golf Clubs were automatically members of the Golf Committee.}

At issue is that the board has not only raised golf fees for 2017, which was done with the approval of the Golf Committee, but later eliminated some discounted fees designed to attract non-resident golfers to play the HG course. The board has stated the changes are necessary to lessen the subsidy homeowners must pay to support the golf course. Many golfers disagree, saying that the changes have priced the HG course out of competition to other local, public golf courses. The new fee policies will drive non-resident golfers to play golf at other golf courses, making the course's financial situation worse.

Debbie Madril, NTH, pro shop employee, commented, "Every other golf course in town offers a senior [citizen] discount. For us, a senior community, to have no senior discount is [being called] a joke [by angry non-resident players]." She added that the rate increases have surprised and further angered golfers.

"The website hasn't been updated — it still lists the old prices [and discounts]. People ask, who can we call to complain?"

George Brown, B212, president of the Men's Golf League, said, "Non-residents contribute 70 percent of the golf-course revenue. Residents provide only 30 percent."

Gene Barth, B216, remarked, "I've read the responsibilities of the board: nowhere does it indicate that any cost center needs to be profitable. It does say [the HGMD Board] is responsible for cost-effective solutions. At what point do you blow the whistle, that they are not meeting the objective of what is laid out in their job description?"

Al Lindeman, CP5, remarked, "I wouldn't rule out a recall [election]. We need to get organized, and do something."

Meeting attendees were asked to signed petitions, asking the board the reinstate the structure of the Golf Committee "that had been followed for 40 years." Addition time frames, to enable others to come to the Clubhouse and sign the petition, were announced. (See petition, page 24, and photos, page 25.)

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The group met again on Feb. 17, after the Feb. 16 HGMD Board Meeting. Some 80 people filled the Banquet Room, to formalize a response to the board's actions on the day before.

Men's Golf Club representative Gary Hizer, B232, told the gathering that he had presented the board with the group's signed petitions the day before. Hizer turned the meeting over to Al Lindeman, CP5, who moderated the session.

Lindeman solicited comments from the audience, and suggested the group adopt what he described as the Powell Doctrine. Created by former Secretary of State Colin Powell, the doctrine specifies one should never enter a fight without a clear goal, enough resources, a plan of action and an exit strategy.

Lindeman distributed slips of paper, and asked audience members to pledge how much money they would donate, should an attorney be required or should other expenses be incurred in fighting the board. He outlined a few procedures for a Colorado recall election, noting that only directors who had served six months, or more, were eligible for recall.

Copies of the management agreement between the HGA and HGMD were distributed. One question voiced was whether the HGMD, by its recent actions, is violating the management agreement, which says HGA is responsible for managing the golf course as HGMD's agent.

The crowd accepted Lindeman's suggestion that a seven-person steering committee should form, "to develop a good plan of action." Such a committee, he said, would have to register with the state of Colorado as a political action committee (PAC).

The steering committee members agreed to draft a letter to the HGMD Board of Directors, asking them to convene a special meeting as soon as possible, to vote on the requests presented to them at the Feb. 16 board meeting. Waiting until the regular March 16 board meeting was deemed to be too late.

Steering committee members are Lindeman; Larry Francone, B215; Bill Archambault, B209; Jim Regan, CP1; Hizer; Winnie Jennings, B235; and Bill DeWitt, STH. Lindeman, Francone and Archambault are past members of the HGMD Board of Directors. Jennings and Regan are past members of the HGA Board of Directors.



## HGMD Board President Reports

By Ed Kurtz

### ***Straight Talk About Rumors Currently Circulating***

A lot of rumors are going around that are simply not true or only half true. Some straight talk may help clear the air and get the true facts on the table.

First, the HGMD Board has absolutely no intention of closing the Golf Course (or any other district facility) either now or in the future. To the contrary, it is the mission of the board to preserve all facilities of the district for the sake of our entire community. Since somewhere around 10 percent of residents actually use the Golf Course while all residents “pay” for it, the Board has a duty to keep the annual subsidy, as well as fees and incentives, at reasonable rates.

Second, golf revenue has generally been declining since at least 2008. Sure, there have been a couple of years that were better than others but figures very clearly show that the decline in revenue shows no sign of changing direction.

In the spring of 2016, the Golf Committee recommended (outside the normal budget cycle), and the board approved, a 2-for-1 fee incentive. The Golf Committee also recommended (outside the budget cycle) an adjustment to the Non-Resident Senior Rate which the board also approved. In both cases, the new fees were approved with the understanding that they would be used as incentives to increase play during periods of time that were otherwise not being used.

New rates for Residents and Non-Residents were developed as a part of the budget cycle during the summer of 2016. These were recommended to the board by the Golf Committee and approved. The board removed the incentive rates in January 2017, when it was learned that the new rates were being used almost exclusively (as evidenced by Daily Cash Sheets) in lieu of regular fees for Residents and Non-Residents. For legal reasons, the board was prevented from “negotiating” use of the fees.

Despite actions recommended by the Golf Committee that the board approved, revenue continued its statistical decline.

The Golf Committee, including both HG Men’s Golf Club and Ladies’ Golf Club Presidents and the Golf Contractor, began an effort in early 2016, to procure a software package that would help track revenue trends and highlight days and times that incentive fees could be appropriately used. After exhaustive research, the Golf

Committee recommended a software package for board approval. However, at the last minute, the committee requested that the proposal be withdrawn. After reevaluating their research, the committee proposed, later in the year, a different software package for the same purpose. The board approved that action. During implementation, the Golf Contractor decided that he would not use the package and resultant legal restrictions prevented its implementation.

At the same time, the board was considering several changes to its Bylaws to conform them with various Colorado initiatives, as well as changes necessitated by implementing a new Management Agreement between the HGMD and the HG Association (HGA). Part of this action was a review of committee composition and rules. This review had never been done since operating procedures for the committees were essentially transferred “as is,” from HGA to HGMD in April 2016.

During this review, it was determined that all committees and committee members should be treated equally with uniform policies and procedures. Therefore, automatic entitlement to committee membership with a different set of rules for the two Golf Club presidents was deleted. The rationale was, and is, that club presidents such as Frolics, Woodshop, Bridge, Billiards, etc., do not, and should not, currently receive automatic seats, for example, on the Clubhouse Committee. Such a policy would quickly become unmanageable.

The determination was made that all committees should be set up and governed in a like manner. The board approved this change unanimously in November 2016, and reaffirmed the decision by a majority vote in January 2017. In both cases, there was never an intent to “pick on” the Golf Clubs but, simply to bring them in line with all other committees and to establish equal treatment for all of citizens.

The HGMD Board wants people, such as the Club Presidents who have immense expertise, on the committees, but not in a special capacity. That is, they should sit like any other citizen on any other committee. For those who may have attended HGMD meetings, you may recall that this rationale was discussed extensively over the course of several months.

HGMD Board, as all boards should, always stands ready to engage in civil, constructive and reasoned dialogue regarding changes that need to be made. We have a solemn fiduciary duty to the entire population of the district. Some, regrettably, will choose to believe the rumors rather than the facts. I sincerely hope that all citizens will engage with us in addressing these issues in a way that is positive.

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## Publisher's Corner

### Heather 'n Yon begins its 30th year; says goodbye to a founder

by Lynn Donaldson, Editor of Heather 'n Yon

The cover photo for this month's *Heather 'n Yon* shows the covers of 29 magazines, one each from the past 29 years of publishing this newsmagazine in roughly this recognized format. (Photographing 348 monthly issues would have been unwieldy.) From these magazine covers, you can see how things have changed as *Heather 'n Yon* begins its 30th year this month, March 2017. The newsmagazine has gotten larger and more colorful over the years. In time, I will describe and illustrate the changes this newsmagazine has chronicled over 30 years. After all, I have all year to complete that story.

There is, however, a more important story to tell this month. One-half of the team that began *Heather 'n Yon* 30 years ago, my mother, Helen Donaldson, died on Feb. 14. She survived her husband, Bob Donaldson, by just over two years.

While her story did not begin 30 years ago, it is the one I will start with. Anyone who knew my parents, knew they were a team. They purchased their condo in HG in 1983, but only Dad moved here initially. Mom stayed in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, to complete 20 years of working in the schools, ensuring a retirement pension. She joined Dad in B235 in 1985.

In late 1987, the editor of *Heather 'n Yon*, a newsletter for HG that

was mimeographed by the developer, EDI, made it known she wanted to retire from the volunteer effort.

My father, who had been in the public relations and publishing business, decided to get involved, but the details on how that transition happened are murky to me. Dad was the public face of the team, attending meetings and writing many stories. Mom did the typing, wrote some stories and copy-editing. She was an early adopter of computers, learning how to send the stories and layouts to the publisher, The Publication Co.

Mom used QuarkXPress, learning the software to do desktop publishing. (Quark Software Inc.

was a Denver company that started in 1981.) She attended a Mac Users Group where she could learn tips and solutions to problems she encountered. (She was an Apple Macintosh user from the beginning.)

Then in 1991, the Donaldson duo realized they were doing most of the work on the monthly *Heather 'n Yon*, but not getting paid well. Together, they decided they could sell the advertising and manage the publishing. Donaldsons, Inc. began that year with Dad as president; Mom was secretary/treasurer.

Dad proposed to the HGA Board that he and Mom could produce the monthly *Heather 'n Yon*, sharing the proceeds after costs were paid with HG. (Dad recommended that HG trademark the name, *Heather 'n Yon*®, preventing anyone else from using the name.) After consulting their tax lawyer, my parents established the corporation. They enlisted help from Bob

Cordts to help sell the advertising, and continued to use Ham and Marie Noll to deliver the newsmagazine to each unit.

You can imagine the resistance they had from some existing advertisers — how could this retired couple in their late 60s succeed in this new venture? Yet they did. In 1992, the monthly *Heather 'n Yon* was profitable. Dad presented the first check for \$3,911.59 to HGA President Pat Pool. Donaldsons, Inc. has been paying a portion of its profits to HG every quarter since.

Although she was not gifted in math, Mom took on the job of invoicing advertisers, bookkeeping and working with an accountant monthly to keep the ledgers accurate in the accounting software. She wrote the letters to delinquent advertisers; Dad, as editor, signed them.



### Life in the Fast Track

by Helen Donaldson, The Other Editor

### 'Tis the Season to be Merry...

As coeditor, Mom now wrote a column each month. She wrote about people in HG. She wrote about interesting events in the buildings, restaurant and Clubhouse. In my search for a magazine that had her logo, as "The Other Editor," I found a column about an impromptu "happening" in the lounge when several singers were entreated to sing along by Orlene Winchell while she played the piano. Several residents sang solos. Then two joined in with a duet. My mother described how it snowballed from there. She was among those who joined in to harmonize, even when she couldn't remember all of the song's words.

In another column, Mom described building parties and one building that had a progressive dinner (appetizers on the 6th floor, salad on the 4th, entrée on the 1st and dessert in the game room). My mother was the extrovert in team Donaldson.

I should probably explain the

See Donaldson...page 29



Bob and Helen Donaldson, B235, in December 2003



**Management**  
**HOAs balance individual rights with group responsibilities**

*By Calvin White  
 General Manager*

Heather Gardens (HG) is a community association. Its design is to help people live and prosper together, and encourage them to share with their neighbors a common desire to promote harmony and a sense of community.

Living together in a common-interest community means having a reasonable balance between the best interests of individuals and those of the association as a whole. It is the job of everyone in the community: homeowner, non-owner resident, board and committee members, and management, to help achieve balance.

In working toward this goal, each group has certain rights and responsibilities.

**Homeowners have the right to:**

1. A responsive and competent community association.
2. Honest, fair, and respectful treatment by boards, committees and management.
3. Participate in governing HG by attending meetings, serving on committees and being elected to the governing bodies.
4. Access appropriate association books and records.
5. Prudent expenditure of fees and other assessments.
6. Live in an environment where the property is maintained according to established standards.
7. Fair treatment regarding financial and other association obligations.
8. Receive all documents that address rules and regulations governing HG.
9. Appeal to management or the board when perceived inequities occur.

**The Boards, Committees and Management have the right to:**

1. Expect owners and renters to meet their financial obligations to the community.
2. Expect residents to know and comply with the rules

and regulations of HG, and to stay informed by reading materials provided.

3. Respectful and honest treatment by the residents.
4. Conduct meetings in a positive and constructive atmosphere.
5. Receive support and constructive input from owners and renters.
6. Personal privacy at home and during leisure time in the community.

**Homeowners have a responsibility to:**

1. Read and comply with the HG governing documents.
2. Maintain their property according to established standards.
3. Treat board members, committee members and employees honestly and with respect.
4. Vote in HG elections and on other issues.
5. Pay association assessments on time.
6. Contact HG Management regarding financial and other association obligations.
7. Request reconsideration of material decisions that personally affect them.
8. Provide current contact information to the association to help ensure they receive information.
9. Ensure that those who reside in the unit adhere to all rules and regulations.

**The Boards, Committees and Management have the responsibility to:**

1. Fulfill their fiduciary duties to HG and exercise discretion in a manner they reasonably believe to be in the best interest of the community.
2. Exercise sound business judgment and follow established policies.
3. Balance the needs and obligations of the community as a whole with those of individual homeowners and residents.
4. Understand the community's governing documents and become educated with respect to applicable state and local laws, and to manage HG accordingly.
5. Establish procedures to obtain input from owners and renters.
6. Conduct open, fair and well-publicized elections.
7. Welcome and educate new members of the community.
8. Encourage input from residents on issues affecting them personally and the community as a whole.

*See White...page 30*

**GM's Report**

**General Manager**

- Attended board and committee meetings.
- Reviewed payables and Capital Projects.
- Reviewed ACC Project Approval Forms.
- Attended B217 luncheon.

• Met with staff to discuss yearly objectives.

**Controller**

- Completed bank confirmations for audit.
- Met with bankers and insurance brokers for annual update.
- Held annual Employee Appreciation Luncheon.
- Completed year end closing for board packets.

- Sent out all W2s to employees and 1099 to vendors.
- Submitted district budget to Moody's for bond rating.
- Completed the OSHA workers comp injury report 300A for 2016.
- Completed 401K audit compliance questionnaire.

**Paint**

- Completed 51 work orders.
- See GM Report...page 30*



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# One Thompson twin's life echoed the other twin's life for 70 years

When Virgil Thompson moved to CP1, two years ago, he became a neighbor of his twin brother, Verne, who has lived in CP3 for seven years. Virgil got to know HG, in part, by joining Verne as his guest on the Golf Course, and also on the Men's Golf Club as a non-resident member.

The Thompson twins' lives have moved in tandem, since their birth in Hominy, Oklahoma, in 1947 — the first twins born in the local hospital. Verne is the older brother, by eight minutes.

Their parents had 10 children, and soon moved the family to Louisville, Colorado, when the twins were one year old. They relocated to Commerce City when the boys were five.

Verne and Virgil excelled in sports while in school. They played football, basketball and baseball. Both got sports scholarships to Trinity State Jr. College; however, Uncle Sam interrupted those plans.

The brothers split up briefly, in the 60s. Verne was in Albuquerque for three years with the army. Virgil spent two years in Houston. Both are Vietnam vets who served their tours of duty 1968-69.

Verne entered the army two months later than Virgil, and was offered the opportunity to defer his Vietnam service, while brother Virgil was sent in-country.

"I was a helicopter crew chief, and knew I would have to go eventually, so I agreed to go while Virg was still in Vietnam."

The army then offered to let Virgil come back from Vietnam, as two brothers can't be forced to serve in a common combat zone.

"But I said, why?" Virgil remarked. "If Verne came back from Vietnam, I would have had to return."

Virgil worked in the signal battalion, monitoring the ticker-tape communications.

Verne said he is happy to report the two returned from Vietnam, "without any purple hearts." Each made his way back to Colorado. Later, they worked in government civil service for more than 30 years, spending time at Lowry. Both ended up at Fitzsimons, although not in the same departments.

Verne has a son and daughter, plus four grandchildren. His son's family makes their home in Aurora, while his daughter lives in Denver.

Virgil has one daughter and two grandchildren in Phoenix. He coached basketball, Little League Baseball, and a girls' softball team on which his daughter played.

Verne also was a Little League coach. He coached football and basketball in Aurora.

The closing of Fitzsimons, in 1999, ended the govern-

ment career for each brother sooner than expected, four years short of full retirement. Neither wanted to accept a transfer out of Colorado, so both accepted early retirement.

"It was a little annoying," Verne admitted.

Each brother experienced a divorce, then moved to Aurora in 1980. Virgil met his current wife, Tammi, and Verne his wife, Laura, at the Bruns-



Above (from left): Verne Thompson, CP3; and Virgil Thompson, CP1, were photographed in Verne's home

wick Bowling Alley, Peoria and Iliff.

"You can meet some really nice people at the bowling alley," Virgil said.

Virgil and Tammi married in February 1983. Verne and Laura married in September 1983.

Although the brothers are retired, both of their wives still work.

"We married younger women so they could take care of us," Verne quipped.

Saying they no longer bowl, golf continues to be a focus of retired life. They play twice a week, at HG, plus Verne belongs to a league at Heather Ridge. About once a year, both said, their wives join them for a round of golf.

This year, they agree they might not take what has been an annual fishing trip, sometimes spanning several days, in Meeker. Occasionally, their wives go, and Verne's father-in-law might join the fishing trip.

Verne still is learning the job of Area Representative (AR) for CP3, on which he embarked this year. He is experiencing a common AR problem: too many flyers provided for too little space on the neighborhood bulletin board.

In his CP1 garage, Virgil has erected a shrine to the Thompson...page 26

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# My (sorta) girlfriend

If you had told me back in 1952 when I was in 10th grade that Amy Norton was the prettiest girl in our class, I would have laughed at you. She was, in my opinion, the prettiest girl not only in our whole town, but probably in all of Southeast Saskatchewan, if not in the entire dominion of Canada. She was the kind of girl who, every second or two, distracted you from the blackboard because your eyes kept wandering her way.

Amy was smart, too. She got better grades than I did, but I didn't resent it. After all, what would you expect of a perfect human being? How could you do anything but admire her?

I didn't know much about girls then. Well, I didn't know *anything* about girls except maybe my sister. Of course she didn't count, being a goodie-goodie and all, and four years younger than me.

But Amy was the real thing; the genuine, perfect girl. Of course, as a hick farm boy, I couldn't approach such a girl. I might in my dreams, but otherwise I could only admire her from a distance.

Maybe so, but one day my dream came true.

That day our teacher, Mr. Stevens, said, "class, I have an assignment for you. I want you to write a paper on 'The Historical Impact of the Fur Trade on the Saskatchewan Economy.'"

WHOA! Of all the dream topics in the world, this had to be the best. I'd been reading about fur trappers since I got my first book. I knew all about the Hudson's Bay Company and its rivalry with the North West Fur Trading Company, and about the French *couriers des bois* and Samuel Hearn and...You name it. I had it nailed. I would write a paper like nobody, not even Mr. Stevens, had ever seen or heard of.

I couldn't wait to get started.

"Now just a minute," Mr. Stevens added. "This is a special assignment, one I want you to cooperate on. I'll assign each of you a partner."

Darn! Probably my luck to get Charlie "Dimwit" Dumwalt.

But no!

"I'm assigning you in alphabetical order by last names."

I froze. Well, not all of me because my heart pounded and sweat trickled under my arms. It couldn't be.

But it was.

When he got to us, Mr. Stevens said, as he studied his list, "Amy, you will pair up with Keith."

*Oh my gosh, and they say the age of miracles is over.* It ran through my noggin just like that. I couldn't make out another word old Stevens said.

I didn't pay much attention to anything else for over a week. However, that week didn't start out to be as much fun as I expected, trying to talk to a girl way out of my league. "Tongue-tied" doesn't begin to do it justice. I

mumbled and dropped things and said, "Excuse me," a lot.

What saved me was the North West Fur Trading Company. Amy had never heard of it. That surprised me because I assumed she knew everything.

We began our project on a warm spring day on the lawn in front of the school.

"This scares me," she said as she spread a little cloth on the grass and sat opposite me. She folded her perfect legs under her, lowered her blue eyes modestly and continued, "I know about fur coats and stuff, but 'The Impact of the Fur Trade on the Economy!' Is he kidding?"

I gazed at her. She wasn't perfect after all. Just that little imperfection made her perfect.

I sat up straighter. "Don't worry," I said. "I know about the fur trade some."

Brightening, she leaned over and placed a hand on my arm. "Oh, I'm so relieved. I don't know what I would have done on my own or with one of those other kids who don't know any more about it than I do. Oh, thank you."

"Glad to help." I tried to sound modest, but I was bursting with pride.

I told her about how rich Englishmen wore beaver hats back in the 1700s, and that's why there was big money in beaver pelts.

That was just to sort of orient her about the economy.

Then I got to the good part because I knew it would impress a girl. I explained to her at great length about the difference between skinning beavers and muskrats, and the superiority of the pine marten's pelt. I told her how trappers sometimes had to eat their boots in winter and how Indians hated trappers and scalped them sometimes. Fascinating stuff like that.

Amy just gazed at me with those mysterious blue eyes. "You are so smart," she said.

Of course, I had to deny it, but I was just kidding. I replied, "aren't we lucky to be assigned the perfect topic?"

"Oh, definitely," she said, but I noticed a little hesitation in her voice. "Do you think you could...well, sort of write it? I could, you now, check for spelling mistakes."

I thought I'd burst. "You bet," I said. "I'm a terrible speller. Thanks, Amy." I almost reached for her hand, but that would have been too forward, like we were equals or something.

We worked on that project for 10 days or more, sitting on the lawn while I scribbled. She would have to remind me when it was time to go for lunch, each to our own boarding house. We didn't live far apart, so we walked the first few blocks together, often to whistles from other guys. They had no effect on me.

I think it was the third day I finally got up my courage. I remember the sun was warm and the leaves were beginning to pop out in the maples along the street. The

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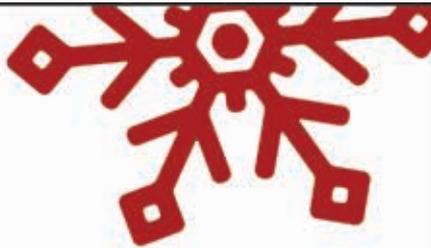


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# The Month (February)

Artist Christo canceled plans to do an art installation “Over the River” on the Arkansas River, between Cañon City and Salida. Christo told *The New York Times* “that he decided to stop the project, which is on federal land, because he did not want it to benefit its new ‘landlord,’ President Donald Trump.” (See Christo with drawings of the project below.)

First conceived in 1992 with his wife Jeanne-Claude,



the public art installation has faced several court cases that might have ended in his favor in the next two years. At 81 years of age, Christo reportedly is focusing on “The Mastaba,” an installation of 410,000 painted barrels of oil in Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates. Unlike most of his artworks, this will be a permanent sculpture.

The Arkansas River installation would have taken about two years, would be available for viewing a scant two weeks, then all 9,000 holes drilled to 50 feet deep for posts to support the canopy over the river would be removed, and the area returned to its original state.

In 1972, the two artists did a short-lived “Valley Curtain” (right) that spanned Rifle Gap on Colorado’s Western Slope. The art project ended abruptly when stiff winds, common to the area, ripped the curtain to shreds. (On Aug. 11, 1972, 28 hours after completing the Valley Curtain, a gale estimated in excess of 60 mph made it necessary to start the removal.)



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# That Was...

At the Feb. 15 meeting of the Golf Committee, three new members were named. Vacancies were created by resignations from the committee: Bud Dickstein resigned in protest over recent HGMD Board actions, and the newest committee appointee, Bob Gullion, subsequently was appointed to a vacancy on the board. Another long-time member, Bob Rae, NTH, resigned in February.

Chair Vince Velasquez introduced the new committee members. Debbie Madril, NTH, works in the HG Pro Shop, and has lived in HG 13 years. Bill Nail, B234, has lived in HG 1½ years, and was a consultant in the marketing and advertising field. Jeff Kuxhausen, B243, has lived at HG 6 years; he stated he is an occasional golfer.

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In February, Golf Shop employees were instructed that no nonresident golf player may receive the guest rate greens fee, unless a resident accompanies them to the Golf Shop and checks them in (or plays with them). This represents a policy change from when a resident could make a tee time for their guest over the phone, or a Golf Shop employee could phone the resident to verify a golfer trying to check in was, in fact, the resident's guest.

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Residents of the sixth floor on B217 addressed the HGA Board, on Feb. 14, complaining they still were not receiving helpful responses or communications from Rescon, the contractor that is rebuilding the condos on the floor, which were rendered inhabitable by a fire last May. The date to reoccupy their units keeps moving. Jim Alsum remarked, "We're asking for coordination and help from this board. It doesn't look as though [our units] will be ready when it was said."

Another commented, "We've been given a constant stream of excuses from Rescon [the restoration vendor]. Some of us are going to lose our temporary-housing insurance benefits in a month."

...

Chair Bill Reynolds told the Communications Committee that there were 25 HG units on the market at the end of January. There were 10 under contract and 19 condos had been sold. The average number of days on market was 22.

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# PETITION

## Heather Gardens Metropolitan District Board of Directors February 16, 2017

The parties signing this petition are eligible electors in any election relating to District matters including the election of Directors.

The undersigned hereby respectfully request that the President of the Heather Gardens Ladies' Golf Club and the President of the Heather Gardens Men's Golf Club be reinstated as voting members of the Golf Committee. Further, the undersigned request the reinstatement of the Golf Professional to said Committee as a non-voting member.

Certain members of the District Board have expressed the opinion that special knowledge of a Committee's responsibility is of no value. This view is quickly rebutted when considering the make-up of some other Heather Gardens Committees. The Budget and Finance Committee heavily utilizes persons with accounting,

financial, banking and insurance experience; the Structure and Maintenance Committee desires and utilizes people with engineering and construction experience.

Likewise, the Golf Committee needs and can utilize the people who schedule and control approximately 4,000 rounds of golf each year. The Ladies Club has 70 members and the Men's Club has 135 members. About 82% of these members play every week during a 24-week season. That represents approximately \$50,000 per year toward the maintenance and upkeep of this "JEWEL" that is the cornerstone of Heather Gardens property values.

Reinstating the Golf Professional will also add significantly to the knowledge and experience of this Committee.

*(Signatures on attached pages)*

*{Editor's Note: This petition was delivered by Gary Hizer, B232, to the HGMD Board at its meeting on Feb. 16. Hizer reported that signers to the petition numbered 369. The data and graph below were provided to all residents attending the HGMD Board meeting on Feb. 16.}*

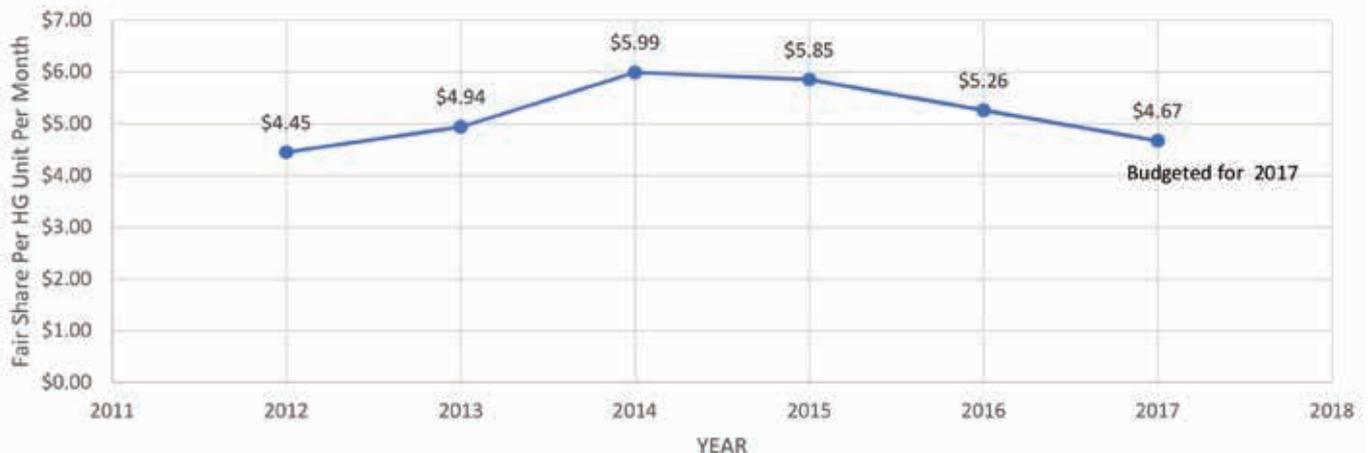
**Subsidies provided for the golf course for last 6 years.**

Year	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
Subsidy	\$129,567	\$143,869	\$174,259	\$170,174	\$139,048
# HG units	2426	2426	2426	2426	2426
Total Yearly Subsidy per unit	\$53.41	\$59.30	\$71.83	\$70.15	\$65.51
Total Monthly Subsidy per unit	\$4.45	\$4.94	\$5.99	\$5.85	\$5.26

Year	2017 projected
Subsidy	\$135,955
# HG units	2426
Total Yearly Subsidy per unit	\$56.04
Total Monthly Subsidy per unit	\$4.67

At the end of 2016 there were 50 more 40 play cards sold than the average sales for the last 4 year so \$14,000 was added to the subsidy number to compensate. The extra 40 play sales were due to increased member fees

**Golf Course Fair Share Chart**



Data compiled by Jess Deal, B233

**HG Golfers** meet first to sign a petition to the HGMD Board, objecting to recent actions. (See facing page for the petition signed by 369 golfers or concerned residents.) Later, they meet to develop a plan of action. Photos below and right are from Feb. 10, when residents could air their grievances.



*Above: HG Men's Golf Club President George Brown addressed the Feb. 10 meeting in Sandberg Auditorium.*



*Left: Gary Hizer, B232; addressed the HGMD Board at its meeting on Feb. 16. He read the petition, then delivered the original sheets with 369 signatures by residents endorsing the petition.*



*Below: The meeting after the HGMD Board meeting was held in Rendezvous Restaurant, Banquet Room. At this meeting, golfers discussed how to respond to the lack of action by the HGMD Board on the petition presented. See story, page 10.*

Photos by Anne Hummel-Gillis



## **HGMD**...from page 7

shows very little knowledge and expertise.”

- “raising fees has increased the deficits, because you have priced us out of the range of surrounding golf courses,”

- “something stinks!”

Debbie Madril, NTH, asked the board to consider reinstating the two-for-one discount and non-resident senior golf rate. Commenting that she works in the Pro Shop, Madril said, “In the past three weeks, [I calculate] we’ve lost \$5,617. A lot of [non-resident golfers] we are losing used to play two or three times per week at HG. The two-for-one was a huge revenue maker. Every other course in town offers a senior discount. [The Pro Shop] has received 97 written complaints” [about excessive rate increases].

Baldwin moved that the board return the makeup of the Golf Committee to its form prior to November

2016, when it was changed. His motion died for a lack of second.

Compton stated that all directors who were on the board then, voted in favor of changing the structure of the Golf Committee. It was done to more closely mirror that of other committees. In November, the board included Francone, Gaugenmaier, Baldwin, Kurtz and Velasquez.

Kurtz addressed a rumor circulating through HG that the board wishes to close the golf course; therefore, the board’s recent changes have been designed to drive the golf course out of business, along with the restaurant. “That’s untrue,” he said.

Kurtz said the board would not respond to the audience’s questions and demands until the March board meeting, to give board members an opportunity to study the issues. This comment was met with audible groans from the audience.

HGA Director Jim Sutton, B210, offered to serve as an intermediary

between the displeased golfers and the HGMD Board.

“You all got an earful today,” he remarked to Board members.

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Kurtz noted that the policy for handling code of conduct violations had been reviewed by HGMD’s attorney. He had cleaned up confusing language, and noted that nonresidents be treated equivalently to residents on HGMD properties. Because there had not been time to review this 5th draft adequately, a vote was postponed to the March board meeting. Meanwhile, it was suggested by Director Vincent Velasquez that a copy of the “Code of Conduct” be posted on bulletin boards and online.

Other approvals by the board:

- ...increased fees charged for attending the First Saturday Dances.

- ...extended the expiration date on a 40-play golf punch card for a resident who could not use her card up in one year, due to ill health.

## **Jackson**...from page 6

county Volunteer Coordinator Nira Duvan, 303-738-7938, or [nduvan@arapahogov.com](mailto:nduvan@arapahogov.com).

Advocating for a diverse population is one of Jackson’s interests.

“I try to make sure their voices are heard.”

She also works hard on the criminal justice system to reduce

recidivism.

“Jails should not be mental health hospitals.”

Jackson notes the term “Sanctuary City” is not well defined; the county has little direct involvement with issues of immigration. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) has asked the Arapahoe sheriff to continue to hold people in jail past the end of their

sentence, allowing ICE to pick them up for deporting. The sheriff says it is not the county’s responsibility to hold people once their sentence is done.

“That is the limit of our involvement in that particular issue,” said Jackson.

Time, date, and place for future quarterly “Conversations” will be announced.

– Dala Giffin



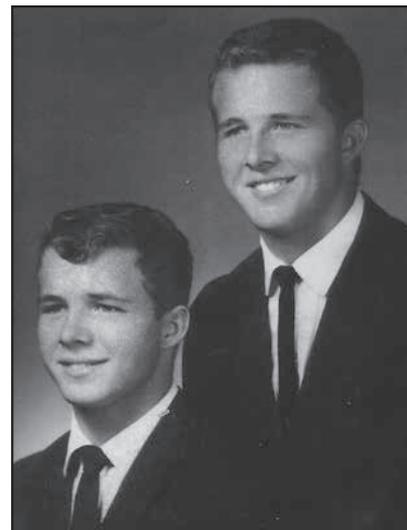
## **Thompsons**...from page 17

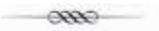
Denver Broncos. No word on whether Verne has a similar edifice in his garage.

– Mary Hafka

*Left: The Thompson twins at age one, about the time their family moved to Colorado*

*Right: In high school, both brothers excelled at baseball, basketball and football.*



  
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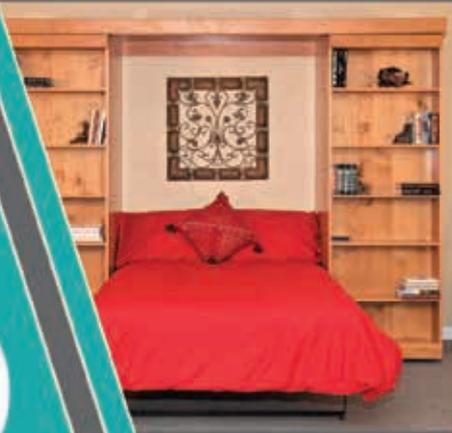
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## Girlfriend...from page 19

birds were warbling something terrific.

"Hey, Amy," I said. "Those books look awful heavy. How about I carry them for you?" She had them tucked up against her sweater. I figured that must be uncomfortable.

"Oh, thanks," she said. "You must have guessed my arms were getting tired."

"Oh yeah," I said.

So that set the pattern for the rest of our project. She had twice as many books as I did, but I hardly noticed when she piled them on. What a privilege it was! I carried them to her door every day like they were feathers.

It was Friday when we handed our paper in. Amy had corrected my spelling and wrote the whole paper out in her own perfect hand.

Mr. Stevens read it and looked at her admiringly.

"This is excellent, Amy," he said. "The best I've seen so far." He gave me a sideways glance.

"Keith, I hope you helped. You didn't leave it all up to Amy, did you?"

"No sir," I said.

I carried Amy's books home again that last day, but we didn't get to her place.

A pickup truck pulled up beside us and a guy said, "Glad I caught up with you, Amy. Are you ready to go? We'll have to leave right after lunch. It'll take us a couple of hours to get there."

Amy gave a girl-type squeal, grabbed her books from my arms and raced to the pickup. She called to me over her shoulder, "Thanks, Keith. See you."

"Where're you going?" I said, sounding like a sheep bleating after her.

"Roy and I are headed to the picnic in Wolseley. We gotta get moving."

She hopped in and they were off — she and my no-good cousin Roy with his fancy pickup. The jerk hadn't even been to high school and probably didn't even know how to spell "economy."

So there went my dream. I hadn't even learned much new about the fur trade, but you would think I'd at least have become sadder and wiser about girls. And I was — sadder, that is.

—Keith Marwood McDonald  
CP3

## Donaldson...from page 14

photograph of her tennis shoes tied to the tennis court fence. One year, when visiting me in Maryland, Mom was amused that I commuted to Washington, D.C., wearing tennis shoes. After my train ride and hike to my office, I would switch the tennis shoes for high heels that matched my outfit. She decided to describe her monthly deadline for *Heather 'n Yon* as "Life in the Fast Track," complete with tennis shoes to "stay on schedule (track)."

In the mid 1990s, I think Mom tired of being the "nuts and bolts" work for the newsmagazine each month. She did all of the layout, produced ads for advertisers who did not provide camera-ready ads, and kept the business records.

Every month, after placing the last of Dad's stories, team Donaldson would trudge over to the printer (it always was Publication Printer's corp.), where they would collect the photographs, paste the pages Mom had printed at home onto large sheets, cut the photographs and paste these onto the appropriate page. Sometimes, these tasks were completed late at night.

It was easy to get me involved in 1996, when my husband's job brought us to Aurora. Initially, I sold advertising because Bob Cordts retired again. In 1997, my husband, Bob Neu, and I bought Donaldsons, Inc. from my parents. I took over the "nuts and bolts" for the monthly publication. Dad continued to attend meetings and write stories. Mom did the classified ads and subscriptions, things she had always enjoyed.

Mom's last six years were not easy ones — as her world contracted. I continued to visit her twice a week, telling her stories about HG and her friends, about the family and world events. Once a week, usually on Sunday, I would set up a conference call with my sisters, who live on the East coast. Initially, these were done on Skype so Mom and Dad could see their daughters and their two granddaughters, if available.

When both Mom and Dad were bedridden, the nurses at the nursing home would help me move one of their beds, usually Mom, into Dad's room. For the conference call, I used an iPhone. By this time, Mom had "lost her words." Dad could respond sometimes.

After Dad died, I did the confer-

ence call with my sisters, placing the iPhone on Mom's pillow. Did she always follow everything we discussed? I don't know, but I believe she recognized the voices and understood the love we shared with her. When there was not a phone call, I read to her after I exhausted the stories I had saved up to tell her.

Because she had been a music major in college (voice), I made sure she had several CDs that could be played. I usually had one playing for her when I left to return home.

She was devoted to her church, so hymns were a popular choice. She introduced her daughters to classical music as children, attending the symphony every Sunday. So yes, there were a couple of CDs containing a variety of abbreviated symphony selections. Musical theater was a family favorite, so she had those too. One was Rodgers and Hammerstein's *Carousel*. Mom and Dad's "song" was from that show, "If I Loved You."

I wish there was more space to tell more stories about my mother, but it might get boring to you, the reader. Just know that she was loved and lived an interesting life. A lasting memorial to her is this publication, *Heather 'n Yon*.

## **White**...from page 15

9. Encourage events that foster neighborliness and a sense of community.

10. Conduct business in a transparent manner when feasible and appropriate.

11. Allow homeowners access to appropriate records, when requested.

12. Collect all monies due from owners.

13. Make Declarations, Bylaws, and Procedure Memorandums as understandable as possible.

## **GM Report**...from page 15

- Continued working on B232 chair rail project.
- Completed work in lobby of B209 after FDC pipe installation.
- Hired new painter.
- Ordered uniforms for paint crew.
- Held Paint Department meeting to discuss employee survey.

### **Maintenance**

- Completed 954 work orders. Of those, 123 were billable.
- Completed plumbing inspections at B201, B202, B213, B231, and B235.
- Installed a new air-handler pump bracket assembly in B213.
- Installed a new water heater gas valve in B221.
- Replaced Fire Department Connection (FDC) piping in B204, B205, B206, B209, B210, B211, B242, B243 and B244.
- Completed copper pipe repairs in numerous locations throughout the property.
- Installed new skin on elevator door in B236.
- Completed parking slab waterproofing at B216, B218, B220, and B236.
- Replaced entry garage door receiver in B232.
- Recoded B221's garage door remotes.
- Completed boiler repairs in B213, B214, B219, B221, B223, B224, and B242.
- Replaced motherboard for telephone entry system in B224.
- Leak Control Services installed their equipment and chemicals in B201, B202, B203, B214, and B215.

### **Clubhouse**

- Attended committee meetings.
- Held seven trips and 12 events.
- Scheduled winter trips from RTD SeniorRide.
- Started Tai Chi class.

- Removed holiday decorations.
- Renewed worship rental contracts.
- Sent out Craft Fair applications.
- Scheduled a Fitness Room orientation.
- Completed 2017 Special Events calendar.
- Held Clubhouse staff and volunteer meeting.

### **Contracts**

- Replaced six windows.
- Monitored work replacing CP1 siding, chimneys and roofs. Now complete.
- Monitored work to replace CP2 and CP4 siding, chimneys and roofs.
- Worked with architect and contractor for Seville Spa repairs.
- Worked with Maintenance Connection on new work order software.
- Worked on the Reserve Study.
- Worked with contractor replacing B217 carpet.
- Worked with contractor for B222 roof re-coat.
- Sent out bid packets for carpet, water heaters, and Country Place pillar project.

### **Custodial**

- Completed 18 work orders.
- Completed 11 set-ups at Clubhouse.
- Completed inspections of the Clubhouse, Restaurant, and 16 buildings.
- Cleaned carpet in Clubhouse.
- Cleaned center carpet in B242 and B243.
- Cleaned windows and stairwells of B217.
- Cleaned lights in B207.
- Cleaned carpet in B216, B220, B224, due to spills.
- Repaired carpet in front of elevator at B220.
- Replaced carpet in B218 elevator.

### **Roads and Grounds**

- Continued with leaf removal and tree pruning.
- Removed holiday decorations.

- Swept up excess sand and gravel.
- Worked on tree survey; 876 trees plotted to date.
- Presented asphalt renovations project to Roads and Grounds Committee.
- Received Ventrac tractor and implements.
- Replaced broken parking blocks.
- Installed rock over EPDM liners along the parking slabs of four buildings.
- Completed capital expenditure form for relocating storm drain at Clubhouse.
- Working on justifications for capital reserve items.
- Completed underground storage tank certification.

### **Golf**

- Cleaned greens of ice and debris.
- Built Goosinator box for golf car.
- Completed asphalt and concrete contract.
- Received bids for fairway mower.
- Continued tree stump grinding.
- Installed additional sand and seed bottles on golf car fleet.
- Ordered tee signs.
- Continued snow and ice clearing along Clubhouse and golf path.

### **Restaurant**

- Held two memorials (one for 250 people) and a 90th Birthday Party.
- Hosted Board Appreciation Dinner, Aurora Police Breakfast/Lunch Meeting, a Retirement Party, two late night dances, and Annual Employee Appreciation Luncheon.

### **Security**

- Total of 438 reports written and 4,151 miles patrolled.
- Attended the ARO Quarterly Meeting.
- Attended the quarterly Pinnacol Insurance meeting.

**Employee of the Month:** Linda Aluise, Clubhouse Manager

**The Clubhouse will shred your 2016 Heather Gardens Directory free of charge until March 1. Drop it off at the Clubhouse in the green box next to the kiosk.**

# Letters

## Heather 'n Yon

To all women golfers:

I hope that you are thinking about joining the HG Ladies Golf Club this year. New members keep us vital and bring energy to the club. If you have played with other leagues, come try us out. If you have never played with a ladies golf group, we're a great way to start!

The club will be starting activities with a general meeting 1 pm Wednesday, March 8, in Rendezvous. We have a new member meeting at 10 am Tuesday, April 4, in Rendezvous. The annual spring luncheon will be 11:30 am Wednesday, April 5, in Rendezvous. Go to the club's website, [heathergardensladiesgolfclub.com](http://heathergardensladiesgolfclub.com), for more information. You'll also find an application for membership and a new member letter on the website.

HG residents can join the Ladies Golf Club anytime. There is a \$40 fee for membership. We have a waiting

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See you on the golf course.

**Carolyn Manly  
NTH**

## HGLGC New Member Committee

## Heather 'n Yon

Of all the luck! I played bridge in the Clubhouse lobby on Friday, Feb. 10, the day of the book sale. My friend and I were browsing the books when we finished our game during which I laid my study book, *25 Bridge Conventions*, on the table to get a quarter from my purse to purchase a book. Then I simply walked out and left my bridge book on the sale table!

I didn't miss my book until the next day. I checked with the Reception Desk to see if anyone had questioned this bridge workbook being on the sale table with mostly novels. No such luck! Someone obviously purchased my workbook for 25¢!

My bridge group players all purchased this book recently to study together. Now I'm going to be left behind and, believe me, I need all the help I can get!

If you bought my book with my name on the inside cover, I'll buy it back for four times what you paid for it! Just call me, 303-337-4174, to make arrangements with me. My bridge group and I will be eternally grateful! Thank you so much!

**Jackie Johnson  
CP3**

## Heather 'n Yon

I am writing to express my disappointment to Sheila and Cliff Sherman-Eikleberry in B219 for writing a letter published in the February issue of *Heather 'n Yon* about the Saturday Night Dances.

The food and punch is provided to you as a snack, free of charge. The three cookie trays are donated by Harvard Square. If protein is important to you, perhaps you could eat at home before coming to the dances. The admission fee for the dance pays for the live bands.

I would like to extend an invitation to you to be a volunteer. Here are the time-consuming duties:

1. Be at Sandberg Auditorium at 3 pm on the day of the dance to cut up plastic tablecloths for 18 tables. Go to the basement to collect table decorations and other room decorations. (Takes about 1 hour.)

2. Go to the kitchen to help cut up the fruit and vegetables. Fill up the punch bowl. Go to the restaurant for two bowls of ice. (All of these duties takes about 30 minutes.)

3. All volunteer members at the dance and dancers help clean up the room after 9:30 pm. Utensils, trays and bowls are washed, dried and put away. (Takes about 45 minutes.)

The dances have been well attended for four years now, about 80–85 people having fun dancing and socializing.

**Valery Van Matre  
Volunteer Dance Chair  
B236**

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# MARCH CALENDAR

Wed 1	<b>Mobile Post Office</b> ACBL Duplicate Bridge (every Wednesday) Pinochle (every Wednesday) Men's Poker (every Wednesday) CP1 Happy Hour Square Dancing Club	<b>Circle Driveway</b> Aspen/Blue Spruce Rooms Mountainview Room Skyview Room Rendezvous Restaurant Sandberg Auditorium	<b>11:30–11:45 am</b> 1–4:30 pm 1:30–4 pm 4–9:45 pm 5 pm 7:30–9:30 pm
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Thu 2	HG Breakfast Optimist Club TOPS (every Thursday) <b>Clubhouse Event: Great Rabbis, Great Insights</b> HG Writers Club (every Thursday) Bunko Cribbage (every Thursday) Ping Pong Doubles/Intermediate (every Thursday) CP4 Social Kiwanis Club of Aurora (every Thursday) ACBL Duplicate Bridge (every Thursday) Men's 9-Ball Billiard Tournament (every Thursday)	Rendezvous Restaurant Blue Spruce Room Blue Spruce Room Mountainview Room Blue Spruce Room Arts & Crafts Room Game Room Rendezvous Restaurant Rendezvous Restaurant Blue Spruce Room Billiards Room	7:45 am 8:30–9:30 am 10 am 1–3:30 pm 1–3:30 pm 1–3:30 pm 2–5 pm 5 pm 6 pm 6:30–9:30 pm 7–9:30 pm
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Fri 3	Men with a Purpose Coffee 500 Club (every Friday) <b>Clubhouse Matinee: Hacksaw Ridge</b> Men's Poker (every Friday) <b>Clubhouse Movie: Hacksaw Ridge</b>	Skyview Room Blue Spruce Room Sandberg Auditorium Game Room Sandberg Auditorium	10 am 12:30–4 pm 1 pm 4–9:45 pm 6:30 pm
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Sat 4	Mexican Train Dominoes (every Saturday) Ping Pong Doubles/Intermediate (every Saturday) <b>Clubhouse Event - 1st Saturday Night Live Dance</b>	Arts & Crafts Room Game Room Sandberg Auditorium	noon–4:30 pm 2–5 pm 6:30–9:30 pm
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Mon 6	Mah Jongg (every Monday) Men's Bridge (every Monday) Ping Pong Singles/Advanced (every Monday) Pinochle - Open (every Monday)	Blue Spruce Room Skyview Room Game Room Mountainview Room	12:30–4 pm 1–4 pm 2–5 pm 6:30–9:30 pm
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Tue 7	Bridge (every Tuesday) Hand and Foot (every Tuesday) Mah Jongg (every Tuesday) Ping Pong Doubles/Intermediate (every Tuesday) Grief Support Group (every Tuesday) B215 Happy Hour Co-Ed Billiards Club (every Tuesday)	Skyview Room Mountainview Room Blue Spruce Room Game Room Mountainview Room Rendezvous Restaurant Billiards Room	12:30–4 pm 12:30–4 pm 1–4 pm 2–5 pm 4 pm 5 pm 6:30 pm
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## Advertised Activities and Seminars

Mon, March 6	Bayer Ear Clinic (every Monday) Arts & Craft Room, 9 am–noon (see ad, pg. 16)
We, March 8	The NEW Reverse Mortgage Seminar, Shana Judd, Mountainview Room, 10:18 am (see ad, pg. 57)
Sat, March 11	Auction Your Collection, RSVP by March 8, Harvard Square, 1:30–3:30 pm (see ad, pg. 13)

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Wed 8	HG Ladies Golf Meeting <b>Clubhouse Event - Collapse of Soviet Union</b> Tennis Club Social and Dinner <b>Clubhouse Event - Folk Dance Night</b> Aviation Club	Rendezvous Banquet Rm Sandberg Auditorium Rendezvous Restaurant Sandberg Auditorium Aspen Room	1 pm 2 pm 5 pm 6:30 pm 7 pm
Thu 9	Green Team <b>Clubhouse Event: Great Rabbis, Great Insights</b> <b>Clubhouse Event: Resistance to Assistance</b> Karaoke	Skyview Room Blue Spruce Room Blue Spruce Room Rendezvous Restaurant	noon 10 am 2 pm 5:30–7:30 pm
Fri 10	<b>Clubhouse Event - History of Magic</b> <b>Clubhouse Event: AARP Driving Course</b> <b>Clubhouse Event: Paint and Sip</b>	Sandberg Auditorium Blue Spruce Room Arts & Crafts Room	1 pm 1–5 pm 3 pm
Sat 11	<b>Clubhouse Event: Lotions and Potions</b> 50 and Who's Counting	Blue Spruce Room Aspen/Blue Spruce Room	10 am 5:30–9:30 pm
Tue 14	VNA Clinic B203 and B204 Social Drinks/Dinner	Blue Spruce Room Rendezvous Restaurant	1–3:30 pm 5 pm
Wed 15	Colorado Symphony Guild (Hilltop SE Chapter) CP3 Social Square Dancing Club	Rendezvous Restaurant Rendezvous Restaurant Sandberg Auditorium	11:30 am 5 pm 7:30–9:30 pm
Thu 16	HG Breakfast Optimist Club <b>Clubhouse Event: Comcast Meet and Greet</b> <b>Clubhouse Event - First Ladies</b> Bunko Residents' Open Forum	Rendezvous Restaurant Sandberg Auditorium Sandberg Auditorium Blue Spruce Room Rendezvous Restaurant	7:45 am 10 am–noon 1 pm 1–3:30 pm 3 pm
Fri 17	Men with a Purpose Coffee <b>Clubhouse Event - Young Voices Chorale</b> <b>Clubhouse Matinee: Jackie</b> <b>Clubhouse Movie Night: Jackie</b>	Skyview Room Sandberg Auditorium Sandberg Auditorium Sandberg Auditorium	10 am 12:30 pm 1 pm 6:30 pm
Sat 18	Wine and Cheese Social Club	Aspen/Blue Spruce Rooms	3–5 pm
Mon 20	VNA Clinic Photography Club	Blue Spruce Room Aspen Room	1–3:30 pm 3–5 pm
Tue 21	Genealogy Swap Shop B205 and B206 Happy Hour Capitol Update with Colorado Legislators	Skyview Room Rendezvous Restaurant Aspen/Blue Spruce Rooms	10 am 5 pm 6:30 pm
Wed 22	Resident Orientation	Board Room	9:45 am
Thu 23	<b>Clubhouse Event: Parkinson's Warrior</b>	Aspen Room	10 am
Fri 24	<b>Clubhouse Event: Preventing Polypharmacy</b> <b>Clubhouse Event: Texas Hold 'em</b>	Aspen Room Aspen/Blue Spruce Room	1 pm 6:30 pm
Sat 25	<b>Clubhouse Event: Line Dance Social</b>	Sandberg Auditorium	6 pm
Mon 27	Low Vision Support Group	Arts & Crafts Room	1:30 pm

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# MARCH CALENDAR, Cont.

<b>Tue 28</b>	HG Republican Club HG Democrat Club Caregiver's Support Group	Aspen Room Rendezvous Restaurant Aspen Room	1:30 pm 4:30 pm 7 pm
<b>Wed 29</b>	<b>Clubhouse Event - Art and Science of T'ai Chi Ch'un</b>	Sandberg Auditorium	2:30 pm
<b>Thu 30</b>	HG Men's Golf Spring Banquet	Rendezvous Restaurant	5 pm
<b>Fri 31</b>	<b>Clubhouse Event - Annual Resource Fair</b>	Multiple Rooms	10 am–2 pm
<b>Sat 1</b>	<b>Clubhouse Event - Spring Craft Fair</b>	Multiple Rooms	9 am–4 pm

## Bible Study (Interdenominational), Wednesday 8–9 am

We probe the Scriptures with an eye to practical applications for everyday living. It is a great mid-week boost. Women meet in the Aspen Room. Men in the Mountainview Room. For more information, call Daisy Hoeme, 303-752-2312.

**Six Stone Jars Catholic Bible Study**, Please join us for a journey through the Scriptures. Only requirement is your Bible. We meet @ 10:30 am Tuesdays, Sept.–May, in the Mountainview Room. For information, call Geraldine Pochowicz, 303-740-6105, or email [gerry.pochowicz@comcast.net](mailto:gerry.pochowicz@comcast.net).

**Rosary Prayer Group** - meets every Tuesday, 9 am, in the Aspen Room. For information, call Joe, 913-526-4177.

**Catholic Mass** - Saturday, 1 pm, Sandberg Auditorium. All HG residents are welcome. Father Terry Kissell presiding.

**Chapel** (Interdenominational Church Service) - 11 am, Sunday, Sandberg Auditorium. Reverend Bill Cheyne.

Bible Study - Sunday, 10 am, Mountainview Room. Leader: Reverend Bill Cheyne.

Coffee Time - 3rd Sunday, prior to the chapel service.

Prayer Meeting - 2nd Thursday, 2 pm.

## Heather 'n Yon Deadline - 3/15

### • Monthly Meetings • Boards and Committees

- Long Range Plan – 10 am Wed, March 1
- Civic Affairs – 10 am Thu, March 2
- Communications – 10 am Tue, March 7
- Foundation – 1:30 pm Wed, March 8
- Budget & Finance – 10 am Mon, March 13
- HGA Board – 1 pm Tue, March 14**
- Emergency Prepare – 10 am Wed, March 15
- Golf – 3 pm Wed, March 15
- ACC – 10 am Thu, March 16
- HGMD Board – 1 pm Thu, March 16**
- Resident Open Forum – 3 pm Thu, March 16  
(Rendezvous)
- Clubhouse/Rest – 9 am Tue, March 21
- Campus Tech – 10 am Tue, March 21
- Roads and Grounds – 10 am Tue, March 28
- Structure Maintenance – 1 pm Tue, March 28

## FYI

### Ward V Town Hall Meetings

Councilman Bob Roth, who represents HG/Ward V on city council, has monthly town hall meetings on various topics. The next meeting will be 6–8 pm Tuesday, March 21, at Shalom Cares, 14800 East Belleview Dr., Aurora, 80015. Topic: Arapahoe County Commissioners will discuss their role in represent county residents. Check [www.auroragov.org](http://www.auroragov.org), for details. Sign up for his weekly newsletter at [broth@auroragov.org](mailto:broth@auroragov.org), or call him, 720-202-2695.

### Colorado Legislature Town Hall Meetings

Once a month, the legislators who represent HG, Senator Nancy Todd, Senator Daniel Kagan and Representative Jovan Melton,

come to HG for a town hall meeting. With the Colorado Legislature back in session until May, these meetings are your opportunity to find out what is happening to laws being considered in the Colorado legislature. It is also your opportunity to share your opinions on various topics with these legislators. The next meeting is scheduled for 6:30 pm Tuesday, March 21, in the Aspen/Blue Spruce Room.

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### VNA Senior Wellness Clinics

Charges: Toenail Cutting (includes blood pressure) \$45 (1st visit, 1 hour), \$35 (returning client); Fingernail trim \$15; Blood Pressures \$3; B-12 Shots (serum supplied by client) \$15, Glucose \$5. *If you cannot keep your appointment, please cancel or you will be charged \$5.* Have exact cash amount or checks, made out to "VNA." The clinic has no change.

### Schedule:

Tuesday, March 14, 1–3:30 pm, Blue Spruce Room, Rebecca Hodgkins, 303-728-4368, or Barbara McShane

Monday, March 20, 1–3:30 pm, Blue Spruce Room, Blanche McKinney, 303-751-6444

**Note:** Kaiser covers 100% medical foot care for some patients. Call 303-698-6496 to verify coverage.

# Letters...from page 31

## Heather 'n Yon

HGMD's Board member Ed Kurtz has compared the HG golf course to Springhill Golf Course. I say this like comparing apples to bananas. Springhill is an 18 hole course, not an executive 9 holes. Springhill does not have a woodshop, computer room, auditorium, pool room, indoor pool, among other offerings. There are NO resident housing surrounding the course. Nor are residents' home values enhanced by the golf course — a feature that is promoted in HG television commercials, and by realtors advertising and selling the HG lifestyle.

Kurtz complains that the HG Golf Course is subsidized monthly by \$4.70 per unit, which is \$2.35 per person in a 2-person unit. I am glad to know that \$4.70 of the \$300 plus dollars that I pay monthly to HG is going for something I and many others use and enjoy. It is a feature in HG that has enhanced the value of my unit by

some \$70,000 over what I paid for it when I bought it seven years ago.

Other units, whether the owners be golfers or not, may have appreciated even more.

Perhaps Mr. Kurtz would like to drain the swimming pools. That would save some money. Likewise, HG could eliminate the restaurant, the woodshop and other facilities. More money saved. Is there some nonstated reason for an apparent vendetta against golfers and golf managers? If so, as Mr. Kurtz asked, how about some "plain truth?"

Do the board members know the meaning of "fiduciary?"

**John McLaughlin  
CP3**

## Heather 'n Yon

I was asked to put the following poem in *Heather 'n Yon*. Our community has many widows and widowers who are grieving, or have grieved, and aren't sure if they should remove their wedding ring. Please consider this simple poem as a help to those struggling with the question.

## I TOOK MY RING OFF

*By Joanne Brand*

I took my ring off.  
I once was married, and happy.  
Life slowly turned to nothingness.  
I was no longer married.

My ring was my symbol  
Of my oath to love and honor.  
Forget obey; it was not a  
Word in my marriage.

I took my ring off.  
I am no longer married.  
I do not want another.  
I can't wear a ring  
That was meant for two.

My finger now is bare,  
My life has moved forward  
To oneness, newness, ring-less.  
My heart is not as bare.

A ring does not make happiness.  
I found it again, though ring-less.  
Bare finger, yet with love of life.  
I took my ring off.

**Joanne Brand  
B233**

# Scamming seniors a profitable enterprise

"Cat-fishing" is a term that has gained notoriety. It's the practice of striking up a relationship with another person online; however, the cat-fisher is pretending to be someone other than who the person is.

A cat-fisher could be a sexual predator, talking to a teenage girl, while pretending to be another teenage girl. A cat-fisher also can be a con artist, pretending to be a casual Facebook friend, but who is really setting the "friend" up to be relieved of some money.

Seniors are especially popular targets for scammers, says the FBI website: [www.fbi.gov/scams-and-safety/common-fraud-schemes/seniors](http://www.fbi.gov/scams-and-safety/common-fraud-schemes/seniors). Seniors tend to own their homes, and have excellent credit ratings — in short, they have deep pockets that scammers target.

The anonymity of the internet has opened new venues for scammers to interact with potential victims, but a telephone call out of the blue works well, too. According to *USA Today*, the top scams currently

targeting seniors are fake calls from the IRS. Nearly two million seniors have reported being contacted by callers purporting to be IRS agents. (The author of this article found such a message waiting on her voicemail. As she didn't report it to anyone, it can be projected that others don't either. Two million might be a modest estimate.)

The caller says the target has failed to pay sufficient taxes, and must send money to a provided address, immediately, to avoid prosecution or other legal action. According to the U.S. Treasury Department Inspector General, 200 people per week — law-abiding citizens who have a horror of running afoul of the IRS — fall for this scam, and send money.

Demanding money is a tool scammers use to encourage victims to try and promptly remedy a bad situation before they reflect about the caller thoroughly. A rule of thumb to avoid being scammed is: never react and send money quickly.

If a caller says he is an attorney, calling because your grandson is in jail, and needs bail money ASAP, don't send it. A few phone calls to the authorities where the arrest supposedly occurred, as well as to other family members, should establish whether a grandchild really is languishing in jail.

If the IRS needs money today, to avoid your being arrested, don't send it. The IRS doesn't operate this way. The agency sends a notice by mail if you actually have a tax problem.

If a new friend from the internet suddenly has a family emergency, and needs money, don't send it. You might be a kind person who wants to help, but your new friend might be a cat-fisher. Question, delay. Question, delay ("Rinse and repeat.")

If your new friend professes to have a romantic interest in you, be even more suspicious. This is called the Sweetheart Scam, according to the Dept. of Justice ([www.justice.gov/elderjustice/senior-scam-alert](http://www.justice.gov/elderjustice/senior-scam-alert)).

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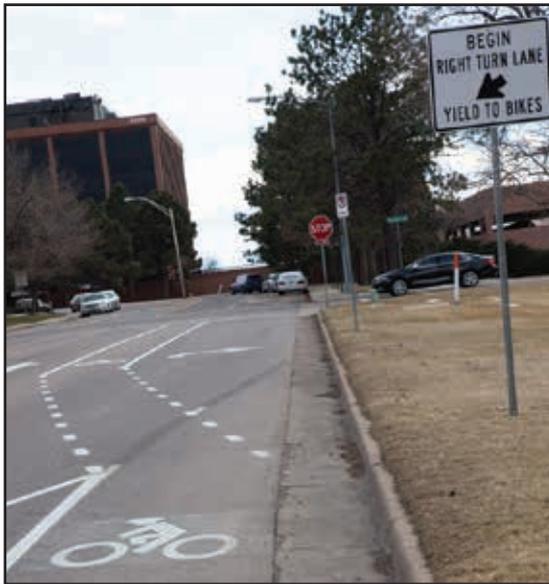
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There have been several residents who have photographed cars ignoring the **lane markings**, painted by the city of Aurora, on the streets around HG. The most egregious errors are cars parking in a bike lane (no parking signs prominently displayed) near an intersection or parking on a curve where no parking is clearly marked. Many of the photos are in front of B212. Other problem areas reported to Heather 'n Yon include on East Marina Drive near CP2 and in front of the

Maintenance Building on South Heather Gardens Way. With the unusually warm weather in February, there were more bicyclists on the streets than normal for winter. Be sure to note the lane markings and signs before you park on the street. If turning right at South Vaughn Way, remember to yield to bicycles when you cross their lane.



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Larry Schwalick, STH; and  
Dick Oakes, B215



# Clubs and Organizations

## Meditation Group

This group meets once a week, 10:30 am Wednesdays, in CP1. It offers a practical method to relax, focus, and improve the quality of your life. Free. Call Carl, 720-495-9979, for more information.

## CP1

Our monthly happy hour is on the first Wednesday of the month, 5 pm, in the Banquet Room. See you on March 1!

## HG Breakfast Optimist Club

We are a service organization that focuses on youth in the community, and are always looking for folks interested in joining us. Our projects this year include Yale Elementary School, Childhood Cancer Campaign, and Type 1 Diabetes.

We meet at 7:45 am in Rendezvous Restaurant on the first and third Thursdays of every month. Please join us: we'll treat you to a complementary buffet breakfast on your first visit. For reservations, contact Jeannine Montgomerie, 309-310-5315, or [jmntg.1229@gmail.com](mailto:jmntg.1229@gmail.com)

*March 2:* Brian Self, "7 Steps to Protect Yourself from Hackers."

*March 16:* Daria Mann, "How to Make 2017 Your Best Year Yet."

Please support our first-ever "Nite at the Races" fundraiser, 6 pm Saturday, April 1, in Rendezvous. It will be a fun-filled evening. All proceeds will be used to purchase Chrome tablets for the students at Yale.

## TOPS

Are you ready to stop dieting, and start making real changes? TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) can help you reach your weight-loss goals by providing the tools, information, support, and accountability you need to be successful. After all, this has been a winning formula for TOPS members over the last 60-some years.

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weight loss group around. At only \$32 a year and 15¢ a meeting, it's a real bargain. The HG TOPS club meets 8:30–9:30 am every Thursday in the Blue Spruce Room. All are welcome. Come in around 8:15, so we can say "hi!" For more information, contact Krista Loetscher, 303-330-0322, or visit [www.TOPS.org](http://www.TOPS.org).

## HG Writers Club

Whether you're just beginning to put pen to paper or you are a published author, we invite you to join us for a time of education, fellowship and inspiration. New members are always welcome.

We currently meet 1–3:30 pm every Thursday in a Clubhouse room. Please contact Joanne Brand, 303-750-9722, for further information. We look forward to meeting you.

## CP4

Our monthly socials are 5 pm at Rendezvous, the first Thursday of the month. Come meet your neighbors. Ordering food is optional.

– Carol Drollinger

## League of Women Voters

Our unit meets 5:30 pm at the Rendezvous Restaurant on the first Thursday of most months. HG is home to a number of members; others reside in the surrounding area.

LWVADC is a cadre of dedicated volunteers whose mission is to educate, advocate, and empower fellow citizens in the democratic processes. Membership is open to women and men. For information, please call Charlotte Faris, 303-690-8466, or Mary Lou Scott, 303-481-8898.

## Kiwanis Club of Aurora

The club is part of a global organization of volunteers, dedicated to changing the world, one child at a time. We meet 6 pm Thursdays, HG Rendezvous Restaurant.

We also are on the web: [Aurora-co.kiwanisone.org](http://Aurora-co.kiwanisone.org). For more information, call Rich Richardson, 303-368-5747.

## American Legion Post 2012

The American Legion was chartered and incorporated by Congress in 1919 as a patriotic veterans organization devoted to mutual helpfulness. It is the nation's largest wartime veterans service organization, committed to: mentoring youth, sponsoring wholesome programs in communities, advocating patriotism and honor, promoting strong national security, and continuing devotion to active duty soldiers and veterans.

We are a small post, chartered in 2012, and have now moved to HG. We are always looking for veterans interested in helping other veterans in the community.

We offer friendship, community service, fellowship and fun with other veterans and their families. We also do outreach to homeless veterans.

Come to a meeting, check us out. We meet on the first Thursday of every month, 7 pm, in the Mountainview Room.

For more Information, contact Commander Don Clair (B243), [copost2012cmd@gmail.com](mailto:copost2012cmd@gmail.com), or 720-219-8707.

## Men with Purpose

A group of men, with diversified backgrounds, gather to discuss timely topics regarding healthy aging and purposeful retirement. Books and articles relating to these topics are discussed by group members.

Leadership is shared. We meet the first and third Fridays of each month, 10–11 am, in the Skyview Room. For further information, contact Gene Dawson, 720-535-9672.

## HG Grief Support

The Grief Support Group will begin sessions again on Tuesday, March 7, in the Mountainview Room. The group will offer eight weekly sessions, to help participants through their grief.

Registration is required. Call Joanne Brand, 303-750-9722, for information. Brand has been offering these support groups for 12 years.

## Joppa Daylight Lodge AF & AM

All Master Masons living in HG are invited to attend Joppa Daylight Lodge. We meet the first and third Tuesdays of the month at Radiant

Temple, 225 Acoma St., Denver. Lunch is at 11:30 am, and Lodge is at 12:15 pm.

We are the only lodge that meets during the day in the Denver metro area. For information, call Bill Rapp, 303-953-1021.

### **HG Aviation Club**

We will meet 7 pm Wednesday, March 8, in the Aspen Room. The program will be the movie *Midway*, which chronicles an epic naval battle of WW2. This 1976 movie was re-mastered in 2001 for HDTV and DTS surround audio. Charlton Heston, Henry Fonda, Glenn Ford, Hal Holbrook, James Coburn, Cliff Robertson, Robert Mitchum, and Robert Wagner were stars in the movie.

The Battle of Midway was waged June 4–7, 1942, only six months after Japan's attack on Pearl Harbor and one month after the Battle of the Coral Sea. The United States Navy, under Admirals Chester Nimitz, Frank Jack Fletcher, and Raymond A. Spruance, decisively defeated a much larger attacking fleet of the Imperial Japanese Navy commanded by Admirals Yamamoto, Kondo, and Nagumo near Midway Atoll. Devastating damage was inflicted on the Japanese fleet that proved irreparable. All four Japanese heavy carriers plus a heavy cruiser were sunk.

The U.S. lost one carrier and one destroyer. Military historian John Keegan called it "the most stunning

and decisive blow in the history of naval warfare."

### **The Green Team**

We meet every second Thursday of the month at noon in the Skyview Room. If you are like-minded, please join us. For information, contact Wendy, 303-306-0066.

Do you live in a four-story building? Then, this is for you. It has been brought to our attention that folks are using the recycle bins in your garage for trash. These are clearly marked RECYCLE, and are green or green and yellow.

Some of your neighbors are taking time to diligently separate the refuse, because they care about the environment. When you throw non-recyclables in those containers, everything in them is compromised. So, it all goes to the landfill and not the single-stream-recycling plant for reuse. Please think about what you are doing, and find a standard wastebasket to discard those items. If you are one of those conscientious residents mentioned above, THANK YOU for doing your part.

### **50 & Who's Counting**

On March 11, we will all be Irish, and celebrate St. Patrick's Day. Wear your favorite Irish clothing, and bring your favorite Irish dish for the potluck. The club will provide corned beef and cabbage.

We will play an exciting game after dinner, to be announced. Please meet us at 5:30 pm for social hour; dinner follows at 6 pm. We look forward to see you "wearing the green."

### **Ports of Call Singles**

The original Ports of Call Singles (POCS) group is seeking new members. We recently celebrated our 35th anniversary.

The club holds two social hours per month. The first is 4–6 pm on the second Monday of each month, at Senior Ric's.

The second monthly social is 4–6 pm, on the fourth Thursday, at Baker St. Pub. Call JoAnn Cunningham, B241, 303-751-5195, membership chair, for the monthly newsletter and additional information.

### **Parkinson Support Group**

The Parkinson Support Group of Aurora meets on the second Tuesday of each month at the Life Care Center of Aurora, 1–3 pm, 14101 E. Evans Ave.

### **B203 and B204**

B203 and B204 hold a combined social meeting at Rendezvous on the second Tuesday of each month, 5 pm, for drinks and dinner. – Laurel McClaren, 303-337-2685.

### **Colorado Symphony Guild–Hilltop/Southeast Chapter**

The Hilltop/South unit of the Colorado Symphony Guild meets over lunch the third Wednesday of each month at Rendezvous. A business meeting starts at 11:30 am. We invite new members to join us.

RSVPs are required. For further information, call Connie Reger, 720-535-6485.

### **CP3**

The CP3 Social meets 5 pm the third Wednesday of each month in Rendezvous Restaurant.

### **Wine and Cheese Social Club**

Come join us on the third Saturday of each month, 3–5 pm. We get together in the Aspen/Blue Spruce Room. Everyone is welcome. Bring a bottle of wine and a snack. Enjoy socializing with other HG neighbors. Entertainment is provided. If you have a talent you want to share, we invite you to join in. – Karen McClaury

### **Photography Club**

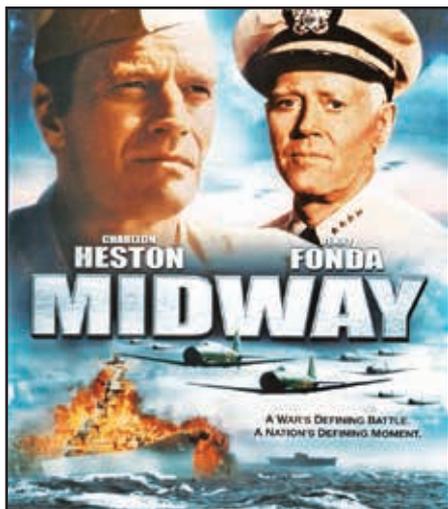
The club meets on the third Monday of each month at 3–5 pm in Aspen Room.

### **Aurora Christian Women's Vital Network**

We invite you to join us the third Tuesday of the month, 9:30–11 am, in Blossoms at Windsor Gardens. We have a special feature that is always interesting, and a speaker who has an uplifting message.

We have brunch, which costs \$13, including tax and tip. Everyone is welcome. For information, call Mae Shockley, 720-748-2508.

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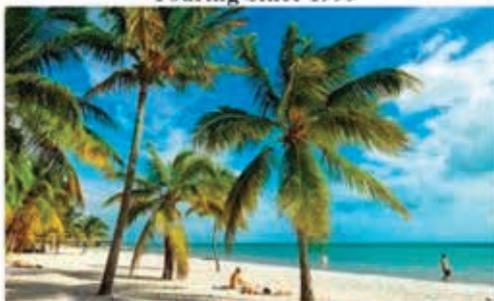
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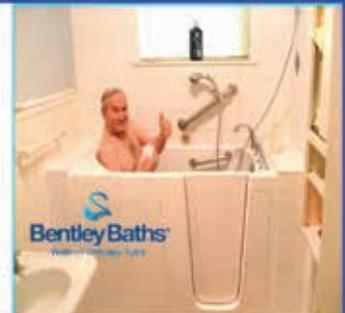
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# Sports and Recreation

## HG ACBL Duplicate Bridge

This club plays 1 pm Wednesdays and 6:30 pm Thursdays in Blue Spruce Room. Help setting up is appreciated, so come early.

For more information, call John Osterberg, 720-535-1038, or Merryly VanZevern, 720-282-3199. For partnership information, call Corley Freisen, 303-872-3308.

## Square Dancing

Fun, exercise, and friendship. Come square dance on the first and third Wednesdays of each month, 7:30–9:30 pm, Sandberg Auditorium. Bob Riggs is the caller.

All square dancers are welcome. Call Dolores Bendekgey with questions, 720-747-4666. Cost: \$5 per person.

## Bunko

Bunko is played 1–3:30 pm on the first and third Thursdays of each month in the Blue Spruce Room. For information: Debbie Brooks, 303-923-3809.

## Mexican Train Dominoes

We play noon–4 pm every Saturday, Arts & Crafts Room. Games start at noon and at 2 pm. For information, call Viola, 720-535-5638, or Peggy, 303-752-4696.

## Men's Bridge

This group meets every Monday, 1–4 pm, in the Skyview Room. Call Maris Kuga, 720-748-0590.

## Ping Pong

Fun and free; great exercise. Come, join us in playing ping-pong doubles at 2 pm on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays in the Game Room. Beginners may meet on Fridays at 2 pm, but you must call Bob Schlageter, 303-751-2205, to make arrangements. You will need to bring someone to play with. See you there. – M. Mines

## Mah Jongg

We meet 12:30–4 pm every Monday, Blue Spruce Room, except the third Monday of each month, when the VNA has Blue Spruce. Then we meet in the Arts & Crafts Room, where three card tables are set up.

You must have the latest Mah Jongg League card. We play for a maximum of \$3 — bring your nickels, dimes and quarters.

All HG players are welcome. For information: Estelle, 303-750-0936.

## Pinochle

Evening Pinochle meets 6:30–9:30 pm Monday nights in the Mountainview Room. For information, call Ann Gagliardi, 303-332-2163.

Afternoon Pinochle meets Wednesdays, 1:30–4 pm, Mountainview Room. We only play for fun and entertainment. With questions, call Virginia Walcher, 303-632-8039.

## Hand and Foot

Hand and Foot is a card game that is fun, and easy to learn. We meet every Tuesday, 12:30–4 pm, Mountainview. With questions, call Phyllis Lann, 720-535-8531.

## Mah Jongg

We meet 1–4 pm every Tuesday, Blue Spruce Room, except the second Tuesday, when we play in the lobby (behind fireplace).

All players welcome, including beginners. You must have the latest Mah Jongg League card. Social game; we do not play for money, only glory.

Never played Mah Jongg? Come and observe, to see if you wish to learn. Call Carol, 720-628-4051, or Pat, 720-535-4603, for information.

## Billiard Club

The club will host an Open House in March. Everyone is welcome to join. Flyers with more details will be provided.

Basic Billiard instructions will be offered, and you can get acquainted with our club. Any questions? Call Sean Kelliher, 720-427-6174 or Connie Burns, 303-693-0766.

## Co-ed 8-Ball January 17

- 1st Lindy Davenport, Bimp Larry
- 2nd Chuck Finder, Judy Brehmer
- 3rd Joe Ozorkiewicz, Hi Reynolds

## January 24

- 1st Chuck Finder, Judy Brehmer
- 2nd Lindy Davenport, Rita Cusack
- 3rd Greg Kachadoorian, Geri Bartolini

## January 31

- 1st Dee Moore, Sean Kelliher
- 2nd Greg Kachadoorian, Geri Bartolini
- 3rd Judy Brehmer, Roger Goldstein

## February 7

- 1st Joe Ozorkiewicz, Jim Huter
- 2nd Tina Larry, Lindy Davenport
- 3rd Bimp Larry, Rita Cusack

## Men's 9-Ball January 19

- 1st Gail Gibson
- 2nd Lucky Highfill
- 3rd Greg Kachadoorian

## January 26

- 1st Ron Spry
- 2nd Greg Kachadoorian
- 3rd Hi Reynolds

## February 2

- 1st Roger Goldstein
- 2nd Lindy Davenport
- 3rd Greg Kachadoorian

## February 9

- 1st Chuck Finder
  - 2nd Lindy Davenport
  - 3rd Gail Gibson
- Judy Brehmer

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## Ladies Golf Club

The 2017 ladies golf season is just around the corner. Below is a quick update of events already scheduled for this season. As the season progresses, additional details will follow.

2017 Officers are: President Bonnie McMullen; Vice President Pat Reichert; Secretary Mary Thornton; and Treasurer Mary Frevert.

The Annual Membership Meeting is 1 pm March 8, in Rendezvous. Snacks will be served. All members and anyone considering joining the league are encouraged to attend.

We still have openings on various committees. Please consider volunteering — your help and support are greatly appreciated.

Annual dues are \$40 for residents and \$50 for nonresidents. Please pay no later than March 15, to be included in the 2017 golf booklet.

Dues can be paid at the membership meeting, or by leaving your check — payable to HG Ladies Golf — in the Pro Shop. If your email address or telephone number has changed since the 2016 booklet, please let Mary Frevert know as soon as possible (definitely no later than March 15).

Tuesday, April 4, is the new members meeting, 10 am in the Sky-view Room. Our Spring Luncheon, to welcome everyone and to kick off the 2017 season, is Wednesday, April 5, in Rendezvous. Social hour starts at 11:30 am, lunch served at noon. Additional details will be provided at the membership meeting.

First day of play is May 3 with tee times starting at 7:30 am. (Tee times will move to 7 am in June.) A sign-up sheet will be available at the Spring Luncheon. The 2017 season will be every Wednesday from May 3 to September 27.

HG Men's and Women's Mixer will be held on June 12 with a Shotgun start and lunch to follow. Our annual Battle of the Gardens tournament with Windsor Gardens, along with a new tournament with Heather Ridge, are currently being finalized.

HGLGC Tournament of Champions is scheduled for Aug. 28 and 30. A luncheon and election of 2018 officers will follow.

The Awards Luncheon will be Oct. 4 in the Rendezvous Banquet Room. The Helpers Tournament is scheduled for October 11.

The next board meeting will be 1 pm Wednesday, March 29. For membership information, please contact Carolyn Manly, 303-745-1060, or Karen Huber, 303-246-3859. Also, check out our website at [www.heathergardensladiesgolfclub.com](http://www.heathergardensladiesgolfclub.com) for additional details and our membership application.

## Tennis Club

The weather has been on our side recently. We thank Mother Nature. With temperatures in the 60s and 70s Fahrenheit, ardent tennis enthusiasts have been taking to the courts in numbers. It's true, we were spoiled last month.

If you enjoy playing, and are not a member of our club, please do not hesitate to come out and join in the fun. We play during the winter 1–3 pm, Monday through Saturday, provided it's not raining, sleeting or snowing.

If you are a bit rusty and could use a refresher lesson or two, call Coy, 720-281-7222, or David, 303-481-8159. They will arrange a convenient time, and are patient.

But, if you have never played, Gene is our professional instructor. He will be happy to teach you. He can be reached at 720-535-9672.

We are a very social group, getting together monthly on the second Wednesday at 5 pm in Rendezvous Restaurant, to meet, chat, eat and even enjoy a drink. Come join us! Have questions? Call Wendy at 303-306-0066. — Wendy Pfaffhausen

## Pickleball

The schedule for Pickleball will be emailed to everyone on the Pickleball email list for March. We will be playing outdoors in the afternoon, when the weather is nice, but mostly indoors, when Sandberg Auditorium is available and the weather is cold.

We always welcome new Pickle-



Above: Results from the Jan. 27 Texas Hold 'em Tournament: 1st Donald Erdman, B201 (center); 2nd Barb McShane, B222 (left), and 3rd Donna Osterberg B243 (right)

ball players, so come out and join us. Enjoy this fast growing sport!

To see this fun sport in action, check out: [plaidflannel.com/Pickleball](http://plaidflannel.com/Pickleball). If you want to learn more about Pickleball, or get on the Pickleball roster, call Rosalie, 303-751-1226, or Judy, 303-369-6258.

## Men's Golf Club

On Thursday, March 30, we will be holding our spring banquet at 5 pm in Rendezvous Restaurant. Our 2017 season is fast approaching.

The HGMGC hopes you have been able to take advantage of some surprisingly warm weather this past February. Brian and his staff have — grinding down more stumps, and removing winter's debris. The cart path repairs and upgrades are already proceeding, as well.

All active adult male golfers who are already members, and those interested in joining our noble group, need to get their 2017 membership forms in soon. They are available at the HG Golf Pro Shop, and on our website ([www.heathergardensmensgolfclub.com](http://www.heathergardensmensgolfclub.com)). Leave your completed form with the Pro Shop staff.

Contrary to previous mention, our first tournament will take place Friday, April 7 (not March 31). We need the time to set pairings and tee times.

Gentlemen, this is your club, this is your course. They both deserve your support. See you soon. Respect fellow golfers! Respect the course! Keep swinging! — Ed Bradley

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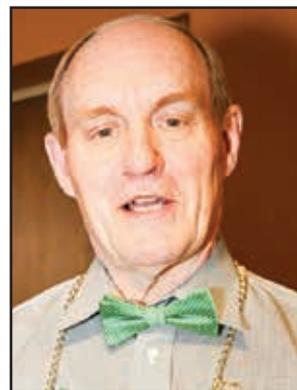
## Employee of the Year

Kevin Olson is one of the most generous, hardest working individuals I have had the pleasure of knowing. He always goes above and beyond the responsibilities required of his position. Kevin has created an environment in Rendezvous Restaurant where people can go to experience great cuisine, but also to be assured they will be welcomed with a warm smile, and most likely, a good laugh.

His ability to find talent shouldn't be overlooked either. Kevin has acquired gifted people who share his motivation to serve a quality meal and experience. The main reason I believe Kevin should earn employee of the year is because HG's wouldn't be the same without him. We can count on Kevin to turn an average day into a great day through a simple interaction.

His constant positive attitude and happy disposition are rare qualities. I know from personal experience that his ability to please every patron who walks into the restaurant keeps them coming back. I would like to commend him for the success of the HG's restaurant and making it a place that feels like home.

It's a pleasure working with Kevin. I'm proud to congratulate him on Employee of the Year.



Kevin Olson  
Restaurant Manager

– Calvin White, CMCA  
General Manager

## Employee of the Month

Linda Aluise started with HG as the Clubhouse manager in February 2015. She has been a breath of fresh air, and has done a great job juggling the many "balls" constantly thrown at her. She works tirelessly to make the Clubhouse a welcoming and enjoyable place. Her friendly and approachable attitude establishes an everyday environment that is a joy to be around.

You can often hear her infectious laughter throughout the building. When approached with a problem, no matter how big or small, she is always prepared to take on the task.

Linda brings a wealth of knowledge and experience

that helps the daily operations of the Clubhouse run smoothly. Linda effectively manages a staff with many unique personalities, and consistently treats all employees, residents, and guests with respect and care. The Clubhouse is a better place when Linda is working.

For these reasons, I am pleased to announce Linda Aluise Employee of the Month for January 2017.

– Calvin White, CMCA  
General Manager



Linda Aluise  
Clubhouse Manager

## Scams...from page 35

The FBI and Department of Justice websites contain helpful information, and outline a range of scams, the likes of which the law-abiding citizen could never imagine. The Nigerian Prince email seems positively primitive compared to the inventive cons devised by today's scammers.

Book tip: for truly creative scams, if you've never read

*Wiseguy: Life in a Mafia Family*, it's an eye-opener. The author describes how he and his friends spent days — staying up nights — trying to devise the most complicated cons their agile minds could devise. It was probably more work than a regular job, he admitted, but guys from his neighborhood thought a straight job was for suckers. The book later was turned into the movie, *Goodfellas*.

– Mary Hafka

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## Annual Employee Luncheon

At the Annual Employee Appreciation Luncheon in February, several employees got longevity awards for their years of service to HG. Recipients were:

### 5 years

- Su Chae, Administration
- Carlos Tamayo, Maintenance

### 10 years

- David Cox, Maintenance
- Elaine Long, Clubhouse
- Robert Neu, Golf
- Carol Ross, Clubhouse
- Sergio Tamayo, Roads & Grounds
- Leonarda Van Der Werf, Clubhouse

### 20 Years

- Steve Cannon, Custodial

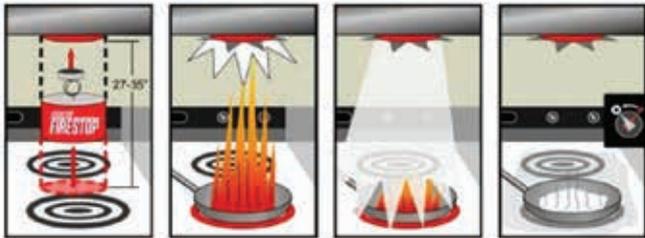
# A FireStop automatic fire suppression system for the stove

During recent fire prevention presentations by the Aurora Fire Department at HG, residents learned about this automatic fire extinguishing system for "food on the stove" fires from Williams RDM Company.

They have two models, one for full coverage range hoods with simple canisters that are attached with magnets to the range hood over the burners.



These canisters are about \$44 per pair with a HG discount promo code **HGEPC**. (You'll need one pair.)



For range hood applications see [www.louisvillefireprotection.com/rangehood.htm](http://www.louisvillefireprotection.com/rangehood.htm)

You can order these using their website order form.

## Microwave Installations

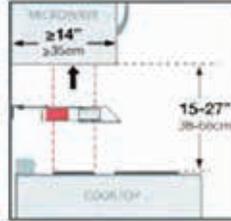
Since most residents have Microwave units over the stove, they need a *Microhood System*, which mounts two cannister holders under the microwave as shown here.

These canisters are normally



\$67 per pair, but a special HG discount promo code, **HGEPC**, will get you about 10 percent off. Individual orders will have Shipping and Handling charges extra.

Note: If you get five orders pooled together with your neighbors, you can order a case (10 units per case). The case can be shipped directly from the factory, saving on the shipping and handling charges (S&H). If you want to order a case, contact Tony Cox, Louisville Fire & Safety, 1-502-386-5132, or email [tcoc@loufiresafety.com](mailto:tcoc@loufiresafety.com) to arrange the direct shipment with free S&H. If you use their online form to order a case, you will be charged the S&H.



HG discount and promo code, use **HGEPC** when ordering.

If you have neither a range hood nor a microwave but just wooden cabinets...call Tony Cox as noted above. They have a third system he can explain.

The best advantage is this system is **AUTOMATIC**, even if you are not at home and left food cooking, which starts a fire!

– Rudy Morris  
B217



...  
If you have a four-burner stove, you need two pairs (four canisters) — one for each burner. At right is a photograph of my installation. The canister holders come in white or black colors.

For additional product info, go to this website and watch the video: [www.louisvillefireprotection.com/mhvideo.htm](http://www.louisvillefireprotection.com/mhvideo.htm)

Overall product information: [www.louisvillefireprotection.com/stovetopfirestop.htm](http://www.louisvillefireprotection.com/stovetopfirestop.htm)

For additional details, see new product flyer on your building bulletin board and/or talk with your Area Representative.

For questions, call Louisville Fire Protection and ask for Tony Cox, 502-386-5135, or email [tcoc@loufiresafety.com](mailto:tcoc@loufiresafety.com). For a special



Underneath microwave view

Seniors 88, an Aurora vocal group, entertained residents on Feb. 13, for a Club-house Event, **“Let Me Call You Sweet-heart.”**



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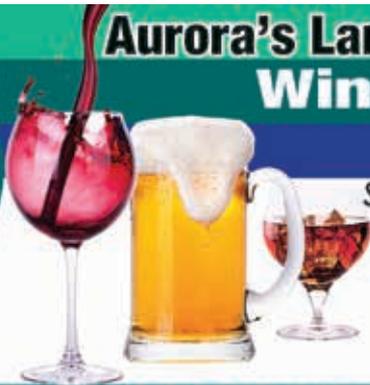
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**Please Note:** Courtesy calls from the Clubhouse are made 2-3 days prior to trip to give check-in times and other pertinent trip information.

- Non-residents may only attend as the guest of a resident.
- Please note refund policy prior to registering

## An American In Paris

Thursday, March 9

Sold Out

## Brass & Bagpipes: Celtic Fling

Saturday, March 18

Wait List

## Denver MountainAires

Sunday, March 19, 2 pm

AHS Auditorium

Sign up deadline: March 3

Cost: \$11

The Denver MountainAires and Colorado Chord Company combine to present Broadway show songs in Barbershop Harmony! These two men's choruses, and quartets from within each chorus, will harmonize great songs that have come across the footlights and into our hearts.

## NG Travel Film: Ghost Of Gold Rush

Wednesday, March 22, 10:30 am

Northglenn Rec Center

Sign up deadline: March 1

Cost: \$11

Follow in the footsteps of Butch Cassidy, the Sundance Kid, and the Wild Bunch throughout the Mountain West. Jeep trails snake the high summits of Colorado's San Juan Skyway. From Cripple Creek and Leadville to California's historic Highway 49, the ghosts of the gold rush are still with us.

## Sound of the Rockies

Saturday, March 25, 2 pm

Newman Center

Sign up deadline: March 4

Cost: \$24

Come join the Sound Of The Rockies, Colorado's premier men's a cappella barbershop chorus, as they guide you on a journey through time. This will be a show for all ages, as they include songs from the 1940s through the 1990s.

## Casino Trips

### Mardi Gras or Golden Gate – Blackhawk

Tuesday, March 21, 8:30 am–3:30 pm

Tuesday, April 18, 8:30 am–3:30 pm

Cost: \$6

Passengers get a \$10 food voucher redeemable at either casino. You will also get \$5 free play on a Players Card. If you don't have a Players Card, you will need to register for one!

## FYI...from page 34

### Income Tax Assistance

AARP is sponsoring free assistance in completing federal and state income tax returns for 2016 for anyone over age 50 who has low-to-moderate income (generally less than \$50,000) and no business or rental property income of any kind. Appointments are required and must be made in advance.

Call 303-739-7962 between 9 am and 3 pm Monday through Friday to schedule an appointment. Only Mondays or Tuesdays are scheduled at the Aurora Center for Active Adults, 30 Del

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No transfers or refunds. Note that RTD trip times listed are not actual departure times. Please call if unable to attend. Bring your receipt to trip check-in. **All RTD times are approximate.**

Please note the payment deadline for each trip. Don't wait until just before the trip departure date to register or you'll miss it!

The local fare for SeniorRide and Senior shopper is **\$2.60 round-trip for passengers 65 years or older** and \$5.20 round-trip for all other passengers. Regional fare is \$4.50 round-trip for passengers 65 years or older and \$9 round-trip for all other passengers. Fare paid to driver.

All HG trips include an escort and small administrative fee. RTD fares are not included in trip fees and are to be paid to RTD bus driver at time of pickup. Exact change required. Drivers and HG staff do not have change available.

Mar Circle. No call backs will be made.

Remember to bring all income reporting forms for interest, dividends, pensions, wages and social security as well as a list of potential deductible items. Also, bring copies of your 2015 tax returns and your packet for 2016 tax filing. A list of what to bring and an itemized deduction worksheet may be picked up at the Aurora Center.

Additional free tax-site information is available by dialing 2-1-1 or visiting [www.piton.org/tax-help](http://www.piton.org/tax-help). If you make less than \$64,000 and have access to the internet, you may file your taxes online for free at [myfreetaxes.com](http://myfreetaxes.com).

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# Clubs...from page 39

## Genealogy Swap Shop

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## B205 and B206

Happy hour is 5 pm on the third Tuesday each month in Rendezvous. Join us!

## Seville Recreation Association

SRA meets the fourth Monday of every month, 10 am, in a different Seville building each month. For information: Joe Moore, 303-671-4653.

## Low Vision Support Group

Our no-cost meetings are held the fourth Monday of the month, 1:30 pm, Mountainview Room. We hope you will join us. Marsha Bergen, 720-535-5224.

## HG Republican Club

You are invited to the March 28

meeting of the HG Republican Club (HGRC). The speaker, Marty Neilson, is the Ratings and Membership Chair of Colorado Union of Taxpayers (CUT). CUT fights to reduce taxes and regulations. They monitor and educate the public on taxes and regulations.

Election of officers for the 2017 HGRC will be held at this meeting. The meeting is 1:30 pm Tuesday, March 28, Aspen Room. Please join us. – Larry Swift

## Caregivers Support Group

This group meets on the last Tuesday of the month, 7–8:30 pm, in the Aspen Room. The group is open to all residents of HG who provide care for family or friends.

The object is to meet for fellowship, fun, education, and to solve our problems together. It is a chance to meet others in the same situation, and to learn how we each meet the challenges of caregiving.

If you cannot leave your care receiver alone, we now have an experienced caregiver who will spend time with your special person in another room at the Clubhouse during our meeting. For more infor-

mation, call Nancy Fuhr, 303-337-4890.

## Woodshop Meeting

The next Woodshop Club meeting will be 4 pm Wednesday, April 5, in the Mountainview Room. Please join us and bring your ideas, concerns and expertise. – Jim Sollecchio

## Frolics Club

Rehearsals have started for the spring show in April. The director and production crew are busy choreographing, dancing, singing, and trying to learn lines. We look forward to a new and lively show. We hope you can join us again this year.

Shows will be 7 pm Friday, April 28; 4 pm Saturday, April 29; and 2 pm Sunday, April 30. Look for further advertising in the Clubhouse in the coming weeks.

The HG Frolics Club held its annual Holiday Celebration on Feb. 12, with a brunch at Rendezvous Restaurant. There was a good turnout, and members got a chance to socialize and discuss the upcoming spring show. – M. Mines

## Free Days for March

**Clyfford Still Museum** Friday, March 3, 10, 17, 24  
720-354-4880 5–8 pm

[www.clyffordstillmuseum.org](http://www.clyffordstillmuseum.org) Friday, March 31  
1250 Bannock St, Denver 10 am–5 pm

**Denver Art Museum** Saturday, March 4  
720-865-5000, 10 am–5 pm  
[www.denverartmuseum.org](http://www.denverartmuseum.org), 100 W 14th Ave Pkwy

**Denver Museum of Miniatures, Dolls and Toys**  
303-322-1053, 1–4 pm (Sunday) Sunday, March 5  
1880 N Gaylord St, Denver, [www.dmmtdt.org](http://www.dmmtdt.org)

**Denver Botanic Gardens @ Chatfield**  
720-865-4346, 9 am–5 pm Tuesday, March 7  
[www.botanicgardens.org](http://www.botanicgardens.org)  
8500 Deer Creek Canyon Rd, Littleton

**Denver Children's Museum** Tuesday, March 7  
303-433-7444, 4–8 pm, [www.mychildsmuseum.org](http://www.mychildsmuseum.org),  
2121 Children's Museum Dr.

**Denver Museum of Nature and Science**  
303-322-7009, [www.dmns.org](http://www.dmns.org) Monday, March 13  
2001 Colorado Blvd, 9 am–5 pm  
(Fee for IMAX films, Planetarium)

**Denver Botanic Gardens** Wednesday, March 22  
720-865-3500, 9 am–9 pm  
[www.botanicgardens.org](http://www.botanicgardens.org), 1007 York St, Denver

**Molly Brown House** Tuesday, March 28  
303-832-4092, [mollybrown.org](http://mollybrown.org) 10 am–3:30 pm  
1340 Pennsylvania St, Denver

## Metropolitan Opera in cinema

Giuseppe Verdi's *La Traviata*  
10:55 am Saturday, March 11

Sonya Yoncheva sings one of opera's most beloved heroines, the tragic courtesan Violetta, a role in which she triumphed on the Met stage in 2015, opposite Michael Fabiano as her lover, Alfredo, and Thomas Hampson

as his father, Germont. Carmen Giannattasio sings later performances of the title role opposite Atalla Ayan, with the great Plácido Domingo as Germont. Nicola Luisotti conducts.

Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart's  
*Idomeneo*  
10:55 am Saturday, March 25

Mozart's first operatic masterpiece

returns to the Met in the classic Jean-Pierre Ponnelle production, conducted by Music Director Emeritus James Levine. The superb ensemble includes Matthew Polenzani as the king torn by a rash vow; mezzo-soprano Alice Coote in the trouser role of his noble son Idamante; soprano

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Clubhouse Manager Linda Aluise  
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## Great Rabbis, Great Insights

Thursday, March 2, 10 am, Blue Spruce Room

Thursday, March 9, 10 am, Blue Spruce Room

FREE

A weekly exploration of a great Torah leader and his thoughts on the weekly Torah reading. Rabbi Fleisher will discuss the weekly Parsha, telling the story of a great Rabbi, and then share some of his insights on the Parsha.

## Movie Matinee and Night: *Hacksaw Ridge*

Friday, March 3, 1 pm and 6:30 pm, Sandberg Auditorium

Fee: \$4 pre-register, \$5 on day of event

The extraordinary true story of conscientious objector Desmond T. Doss, who saved 75 men in Okinawa, during the bloodiest battle of WW2, without firing a single shot. Believing that the war was just, but killing was nevertheless wrong, medic Doss accompanied soldiers on the front lines without a weapon. As an army medic, Doss single-handedly evacuated the wounded near enemy lines — braving enemy fire and putting his own life on the line. He was the first conscientious objector to ever win the Congressional Medal of Honor.

## 1st Saturday Night Live Dance

Saturday, March 4, 6:30–9:30 pm, Sandberg Auditorium

Music by Terry Norona

Fee: HG resident, \$6

Non-resident and on the day of event, \$8

Enjoy an evening of dance, good music and good friends. There will be dance hosts, mixer dances and light refreshments. Alcoholic beverages can be purchased at the restaurant bar prior to 7 pm. Bar opens at the dance at 7 pm. Note: Dance hosts receive complimentary admission, and the event can always use more volunteers for that pleasant task.

## Active Minds: The Collapse of the Soviet Union

Wednesday, March 8, 2 pm, Sandberg Auditorium

FREE: Registration requested, call 303-751-1811

What was known when the Soviet Union dissolved 25 years ago? Explore the history of the Soviet Union and the causes of its failure. In addition, we will discuss the continued relevance of the Russian Federation, the influence of Vladimir Putin, and ongoing challenges to democracy in the region.

## Folk Dance Fun Night

Wednesday, March 8, 6:30–8 pm

FREE: Heather Gardens residents only.

A fun evening with circles, squares, mixers and line dances. All ability levels welcome. No previous dance experience necessary. Come alone or bring a partner, friend or buddy.

## Resistance to Assistance

Thursday, March 9, 2 pm, Blue Spruce Room

At some point in time, we will all require the help of family and friends. It's not easy to ask for help. However, if you understand the "why" beneath your reluctance, perhaps you can overcome your resistance to assistance. If and when you ask or receive help from others, you will probably encounter a sharp point of resistance somewhere along the way. As always, knowledge is power. So, please join us for a lively discussion regarding the basics of overcoming your resistance to assistance. Program presented by Jane Barton, author of *Caregiving for the GENIUS*, and sponsored by Fairmount Cemetery.

## The History of Magic

Friday, March 10, 1 pm, Sandberg Auditorium

Fee: \$4, or \$5 on the day of the event.

Enjoy the Classics of Magic Show. Learn about the history of magic and famous magicians of the past and present. Take a trip down memory lane, hearing stories about Houdini, Blackstone, Dante, Copperfield, and other famous magicians. As a magical entertainer and hypnotist, Dan has 30+ years performing, and is credited with over 8,000 stage, television and radio presentations. Dan is a member of the Hollywood's Magic Castle and the prestigious Magic Circle in England. Dan is a certified Stage Hypnotist. He has headlined in Las Vegas.

## AARP Drivers Safety

Friday, March 10, 1 pm, Blue Spruce Room

Fee: \$15 AARP Members, \$20 Non-Members

A certified AARP Instructor teaches this course. Class size is limited, so registration required. Pay the instructor on the day of class.

## A Paint and Sip Afternoon

Friday, March 10, 3 pm, Arts & Crafts Room

Fee: \$35 payable to the Art Instructor. Registration required at the Reception Desk, 303-751-1811.

Join us for a fun afternoon of painting and a little sipping. You will paint a beautiful Colorado picture to take home and enjoy. All supplies provided. First drink is supplied, additional beverages available. Class size limited.

## Lotions & Potions

Saturday, March 11, 10 am–noon, Blue Spruce Room

Fee: \$5 per class

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### **Comcast Meet and Greet**

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Meet your XFINITY community partner! Interested in getting the new X1 platform or the voice remote? XFINITY will be doing live product demonstrations on site. Representatives will show you how to use your internet, cable or phone services on the go! Bring your XFINITY bill to have it reviewed. Not a Comcast customer? Bring your questions and current bill to see how XFINITY compares.

### **First Ladies: Their Lives and Marriages**

Thursday, March 16, 1 pm, Sandberg Auditorium

Fee: \$3, Registration requested, call 303-751-1811

March is Women's History Month, and back by popular demand is Kathleen Arnold to celebrate U.S. First Ladies: their lives and marriages. Which two first ladies met their husbands through local newspapers? Who was the first to make regular nationwide radio broadcasts? Which First Lady cared for wounded soldiers in her husband's command? Who was originally a Broadway actress before becoming the First Lady? If you're looking to learn more about the past First Ladies who have helped lead our country, then come join us.

### **Movie Preview: Young Voices Chorale Group**

Prior to the movie, 12:30 pm Friday, March 17, join us for a quick performance by these talented young voices.

### **Movie Matinee and Night: Jackie**

Friday, March 17, 1 pm and 6:30 pm, Sandberg Auditorium

Fee: \$4 pre-register, \$5 on day of event

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### **Parkinson's Warrior**

Thursday, March 23, 10 am Aspen Room

FREE: Registration requested, call 303-751-1811

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### **Preventing Polypharmacy**

Friday, March 24, 1 pm, Aspen Room

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### **Texas Hold 'em Poker**

Friday, March 24, 6:30 pm, Aspen/Blue Spruce Room

Fee: \$5

Everyone starts with \$2,000 in chips. Sign up by 5 pm on Wednesday, March 22, and get \$500 in extra chips. Only HG residents may participate. Practice session at 5:30. Space is limited.

### **Line Dance Social**

Saturday, March 25, 6 pm

Fee: \$6 HG Residents (must pre-register)

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Wednesday, March 29, 2:30–3:30 pm

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### **Annual Resource Fair**

Friday, March 31, 10 am–2 pm

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### **Spring Craft Fair**

Saturday, April 1, 9 am–4 pm

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### **Heather Gardens Got Talent Show**

Sunday, Aug. 13, 3 pm, Sandberg Auditorium

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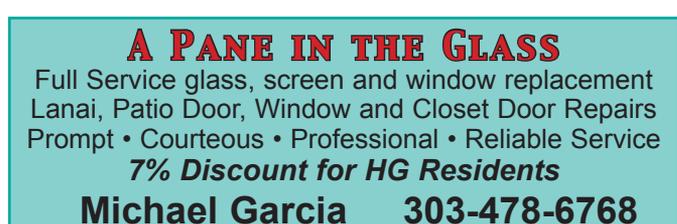
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## ***The play's the thing...***

**by Mary Hafka**

This August, I have tickets to attend the world premiere of the musical show, "Frozen." The show is previewing in Denver, and is a "pre-Broadway engagement" at the Buell Theater.

I'm nuts about the theater, and always welcome a chance to attend the ballet or cruise art museums, as well. I attribute this affinity to my being dragged off to cultural events, as a child, growing up in St. Louis.

One of my childhood hangouts was the outdoor venue, the St. Louis Municipal Opera. Billed as "America's oldest and largest outdoor theater," "the Muny" has been a venue for musical shows since 1917. It used to host operas, then lightened its fare to operettas. During my childhood, Broadway-style musicals were performed in the 11,000-seat theater.

An indulgent aunt of mine — who was a school teacher, somewhat Victorian in her views — used to share a season-ticket package for the summer performances at the Muny with a few other St. Louis public school teachers. As her favorite niece, I often was taken with her. Each summer, the Muny had one children's show as part of their series.

One summer, we dutifully trouped off to see that year's children's show, a production of "The Red Mill," which I think was set in Holland, and was supposed to feature child actors clogging charmingly in wooden shoes. Unfortunately, my aunt never checked the tickets before we went.

Unbeknownst to her, her fellow teachers had stuck her with the show, "The Red Head," with a somewhat risqué musical/comedy/murder plot. As we sat through the show, which apparently was not for children, my aunt fumed.

She vowed to never again share a season-ticket package with those

women. Fortunately, she overcame her indignation, and I attended more shows at the Muny the following summer. My summers at the Muny with my aunt continued for many years after that.

I saw Fonteyn and Nureyev dance a few times at the Muny, in my teenage years. On the nights when the Royal Ballet performances were sold out, a friend and I took the bus downtown, and sat in the free seats, all the way in the back of the theater, to watch Margot and Rudy — although, from those seats, we could barely see them.

One of the things I enjoy about American musical theater is that it can tackle any topic, and often does with great success. While in Dallas, I attended a show, "Hands On A Hardbody," about a collection of down-on-their-luck Texans who respond to an auto dealer's week-end-sales promotion.

The dealer sponsors a marathon, whereby the last person to take his or her hand off the body of a shiny, new, red pickup truck — following five or six days of leaning on the truck, in the dealer's lot, and trying to outlast fellow contestants — gets to keep the pickup. The last one standing wins.

This show played for one month on Broadway — it apparently didn't weave its way into the hearts of New Yorkers. The show was restaged in Dallas, where it's probably more in tune with audiences.

Many of the poignant song lyrics made it clear that trucks symbolize something different to Texans, perhaps, than to the rest of us. The contestants note that winning the truck would symbolize a demoralizing streak of bad luck finally changing. A desperate mother's sang about driving her unemployed husband to a job and her children safely to school. Another actor exhibited a brand of toughness the locals feel is part of

their Texas heritage.

A man sitting next to me at the theater remarked he'd seen this show, once before, on Broadway. I found this amazing, as I doubted hardly anyone caught it on Broadway. (Later, though, a friend of mine astonished me when she said she'd see a production of "Hands On A Hardbody," at a mountain theater in Colorado.)

At intermission, a woman who had joined my seat-neighbor at the show, stalked out, with her small son in tow. The man then lamented to me that he hadn't remembered there was so much bad language in the show. Naturally, I thought of my aunt.

A few minutes later, the man left, too. If the language in this show offended the lady, I don't recommend the man ever try to escort her to a performance of "Jersey Boys."

In 2007, I attended another pre-Broadway engagement, this time a tryout of "The Little Mermaid," in Denver. Actors moved around the stage on Hellies (shoes with wheels in the heels, nicknamed "mer-blades"), to recreate an underwater world, simulating creatures gliding through water.

The six-week run in Denver was sold out at the Ellie Caulkins Opera House. It ran for less than two years on Broadway, and was not considered one of Disney's greater successes. The show has since been reworked, and subsequent productions have been staged in U.S. regional theatres and internationally.

I was in the audience for a concert performed by Idina Menzel, who voiced Elsa in the movie "Frozen," when Menzel appeared at Red Rocks Amphitheater in 2015. She sang songs from Frozen, and gathered children from the audience on stage to help her sing, "Let It Go."

During this concert, I concluded several things: 1) Every kid in the audience knew the words to "Let It Go." 2) Every kid in the audience knew the words to a lot of Idina Menzel songs (she also played the original "wicked witch," in green makeup, in "Wicked"). 3) After hearing a bunch of off-key kids crooning "Let It Go," over and over, I probably don't need to hear that song again, in this lifetime. But I assume that I will, this August.



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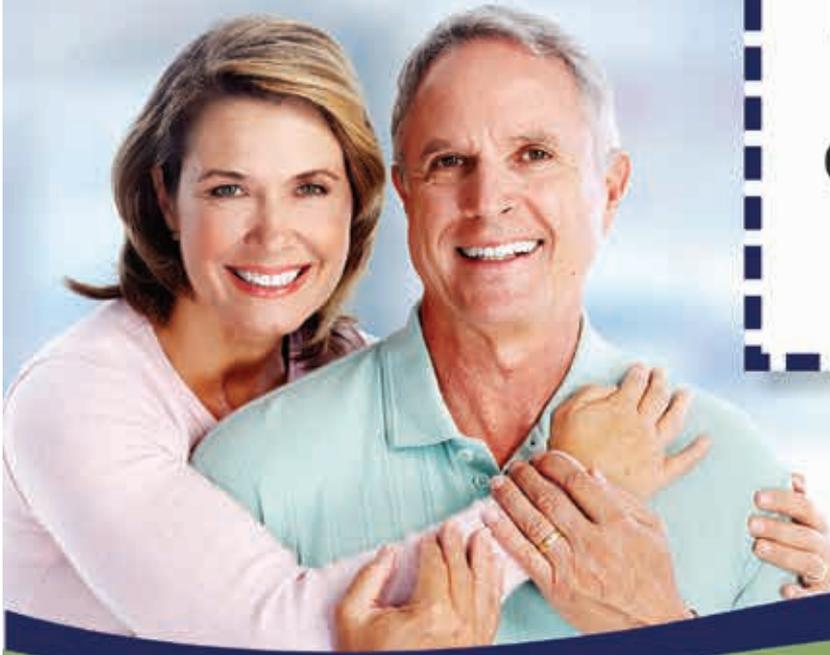
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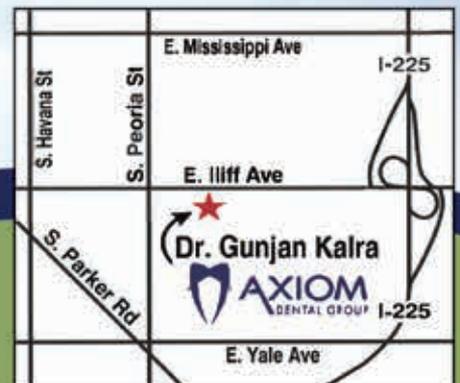
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