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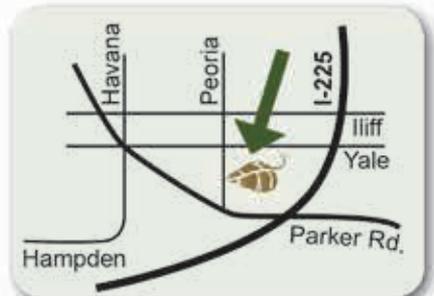
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Snow shuts down HG on January 18; board announces plan at meeting

All directors attended the January 17 regular meeting of the HGA Board of Directors. CEO Jon Rea announced that HG was preemptively closing the Management Office and all amenities the following day (Wednesday), anticipating a heavy snowstorm expected Tuesday night. He noted that Roads & Grounds and Golf crews would be at work on Wednesday removing snow. However, residents were told that trash bins in the multi-story buildings would not be moved outside for trash collection by Waste Management.

HGMD Director and Foundation Chair Eloise Laubach announced that HGMD had postponed its meeting from Thursday, January 19, to the following week, on January 26. HGMD President David Funk was out of town, she explained, noting that a Foundation-approved major landscaping project would be presented to the HGMD on January 26.

The board approved carrying forward \$626,014 in 2022 funds, to 2023, for completing a roster of projects. These budgeted items included maintenance on Parking Structures (PS), purchase a wood chipper and other equipment, and cameras for improved security. Some equipment could not be purchased in 2022, due to supply-chain issues.

The Contracts Department prepared a proposal for when work on PS 1-4 must satisfy the three-bid requirement, before a contract is awarded, and when preferred vendors may be used, without obtaining three bids. The board approved the proposal. It took into account that Building Consultants and Engineering, Inc. (BC&E) has done the engineering plan for what repairs HG needs to do on the parking structures such that starting over with a new contractor would be time consuming and expensive if a three-bid requirement was required.

Parking structures

Also noted under the no-bid proposal was that Restruction Corporation has done 100 percent of the post-tension cable repairs at HG for the past six years. The repairs are to a specialized post-tension cable called button-head, which not many companies in Colorado are qualified for or have experience repairing. Continuing to use Restruction on these repair projects eliminates the need to educate and evaluate whether the repairs are done correctly by a new contractor.

About 11 other defined repairs were recommended for soliciting three bids; two were to be evaluated further and might benefit from a three bid requirement. Maintenance Committee Chair Mike Pula recommended reviewing this plan annually, setting a priority list. It is expected that it will take two–three years for all the major repairs to be completed in the PS. Throughout this period, BC&E will be assessing and doing design work, according to Pula.

The board discussed the value in hiring an outside contractor to offer expert services in installing and managing security cameras for PS. Last month, awarding a contract to Wheelhouse Ltd, to provide such services, was tabled. In the ensuing month, Pula explained, further study concluded that Wheelhouse was not the contractor HG wanted; however, the committee still believes that engaging an outside security firm will be beneficial. J-7 Technologies is preparing a bid for HG, SEC Chair Greg Winslow added.

Security cameras

Architectural Control Committee Chair David Baxter reported that pursuing electric-charging stations within HG had hit another obstacle. Xcel Energy will not partner with HG, he reported, unless installing at least four chargers per building is being contemplated. Currently, there are only six–seven electric vehicles (EV) owned

Electric vehicle chargers

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The Management Office reported there was a fire on the Golf Course, during the early hours of Jan. 10, in the second-hole porta-potty and wood gazebo (rain shelter). The wooden structure burned to the ground.

Aurora Police Dept. and its arson team responded to determine the cause. Initial suspicions were that the fire was caused by a homeless person trying to keep warm, perhaps using a propane tank. CEO Jon Rea told the HGA Board on Jan. 19 that it was fortunate that the ground was covered with snow, which prevented the fire from spreading to dry grass or nearby trees.

Left: Photo was taken at 5:45 am on Jan. 10. Right photo shows what was left of the structure. Photos by Debbie Madril, NTH.



Extra! Extra! Information for you –

Remodeling the Radisson Hotel

What's happening at the Radisson Hotel? Trucks, trailers and construction workers, oh my! If you're curious, as we are, you've probably noticed that activity has picked up at the former Radisson Hotel, located on our "backyard," 3155 South Vaughn Way. This location sits to the right as you leave HG for Parker Road. The property was purchased on May 18, 2022, for \$26.8 million as a joint venture partnership between Arbor Lodging Partners and Bridge Investment Group.

What does the future of the site hold in store? The buildings will be undergoing renovations and conversion into 331 new rental apartments with a mix of studio, 1 and 2 bedroom units. The revamped common area

will include a fitness center, possibly a sports court, co-working space, lounge, coffee shop, and leasing office as well as the addition of an outdoor pool.

The target demographic for their project plans to set aside half the units for what they call the "middle missing renter" earning "up to 80 percent of metro Denver's median income" (\$90,716 in 2021). In today's dollars, this means renters making less than \$6,000/month. This could mean more homes for the 55+ demographic, which is feeling the pinch of a short supply of rentals in this local market.

Marketing and occupancy decisions will be finalized in 2024 as construction is expected to complete. A

representative for the management company told us, "The goal is to revitalize the space and make it livable housing for anyone who is interested."

As of the public hearing in November 2022, the planning department for City of Aurora had approved the proposal to convert the site, with no objections from residents of Aurora or from the city council.

We will update the HG community as we learn more facts, or when the new facilities are available for us all to tour in person.

– **Bruce Henson, STH, and
Leigh Kullas
Heather Gardens Brokers**

HGMD Election: May 2, 2023

By Colorado law regarding special districts, of which Heather Gardens Metropolitan District (HGMD) is one, all such districts will have an election of directors on Tuesday, May 2, 2023. **Applications to be a director in HGMD are due Friday, Feb. 24.**

As of Jan. 20, HGMD had not yet selected a Designated Election Official, but may have done that at its meeting on January 26, if held. Previously, it has been Administrative Officer Evelyn Ybarra in the HG Management Office.

Self-nominating applications for HGMD Director are available on the HG website, www.heathergardens.org, or from the Management Office. Look for the form to apply early in February.

To be eligible to be an HGMD Director or to vote in the election, you must be registered to vote in Colorado

and (a) be a resident of the special district (regardless of whether they own property); or (b) an owner of real or personal taxable property within the special district (or their spouse/civil union partner) who owns the property in their (natural person) name.

Four directors currently on the board will have to run in May 2023, if they choose: President David Funk, Treasurer Bill Archambault, Director Maria Mines (who chairs the Restaurant/Clubhouse Committee) and Director Mitch Albert who was appointed in 2022 to a vacancy. Three candidates could opt for a 4-year term to 2027; one must select a 2-year term until 2025 election. None of these candidates are currently term-limited. In May 2022, Archambault told the board he did not plan to run again.

HGMD coverage next month

In December, the HGMD Board of Directors scheduled a special meeting on December 22 — a week later than its usual day. Just before that revised date, the December meeting was canceled.

The HGMD Board meeting on January 19 was postponed until a week later, scheduled for January 26. The reason stated at the January 17 HGA Board Meeting was that HGMD President David Funk was out of town on January 19.

The January 26 meeting would be too late for inclusion in the February issue of *Heather 'n Yon*. Highlights of the meeting — should it occur — will be covered in the March issue.

Aurora Libraries go fine free; open 7th branch

Beginning January, Aurora Public Library is ending fines for overdue items and expanding operating hours, including opening on Sundays, at Central Library and Talyn's Reach Library.

The decision to go fine-free follows the practice implemented by the library system at the peak of COVID-19 to waive fees. Going forward, fine-free items will include all books, audiobooks, DVDs/Blu-rays and youth services discovery kits. Items such as laptops and Wi-Fi hot spots will still carry late fees, and patrons will still be held accountable for damaged or lost materials.

The other five libraries — Chambers Plaza, Hoffman Heights, Iliff Square, Martin Luther King Jr. and Mission Viejo — continue with the same hours of 10 am to 6 pm, Monday to Saturday.

"Aurora Public Library is starting 2023 with new ways to make library services more accessible to our community," said Midori Clark, director of Library and Cultural Services. "Modern libraries are about equitable access to information and providing a space for people to flourish, explore and connect; going fine-free and expanding hours are concrete actions we are taking as we reimagine Aurora Public Library to better serve Aurora."

Libraries across the nation have reversed assumptions about inactive users since increasing evidence shows that the accrual of fines limits the use of library services, particularly by patrons with lower household incomes. Additionally, items might not be returned on time due to branch proximity or transportation barriers. Going

fine-free is predicted to be a cost-saving measure and bring patrons back to Aurora Public Library.

The elimination of most fines is also in line with efforts by the Aurora City Council to reduce costs associated with city services through the council's Red Tape Reduction Committee and the Aurora: Here for Business initiatives.

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On January 12, Aurora Public Library had a grand opening at its newest branch, Chambers Plaza Library, 1551 North Chambers Road, after being quietly open since last fall. Located on the northwest corner of the intersection of Chambers Road and East Colfax Avenue, it brings the city's library branches back to seven full-service libraries since closures in 2009.

"Chambers Plaza Library provides a safe learning space for students, parents and community members," said Midori Clark, director of Library and Cultural Services. "This seventh library branch contributes to our purpose of improving lives with learning opportunities for the Aurora community; this branch will make library services accessible to neighboring schools, as well as the culturally diverse communities in this northeast side of the city."

Aurora Public Library checked out more than 1.3 million items last year and has more than 270,000 library cardholders — equivalent to 70 percent of the entire city population.

For more information, visit AuroraLibrary.org.
{www.auroragov.org/cms/One.aspx?portalId=16242704&pageId=19230126}

HG Library corner

To all the patrons of the HG Clubhouse Learning Center and Library:

You may have noticed that last year the library was cleaned out. We had books on the shelves that had overstayed their time.

It may look bare now, but we receive new donated books daily! We have the books — we just can't keep up with avid readers who check out 4+ books at a time. Sometimes, these books are not being returned for some time.

Hardback books are the ones that we need most. Be sure they are in good condition: not ripped, yellowed or marked up.

Paperbacks: As much as we love all the donated paperback books, we

request that they are in good shape, no yellowed or marred pages.

Puzzles: We will constantly monitor these so that they are interesting, in good shape. We do not need too many of these for loaning out to residents.

We are still working on moving out some bookcases when a room provides the space for relocating.

We ask kindly that all the card tables be put back when you are done for the day — we want patrons to be able to roam easily where they can get to books and puzzles on the shelves.

As much as we love allowing patrons to re-shelve books they bring back, please do not do so. Volunteers need to check them in and mark the

date of return.

We thank you so much for using your HG library. Please be patient and understanding as we refill the shelves to where they look full again.

— Your Library Volunteers

Among the items that the HG Library cannot accept:

- Educational books
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Caught in the act of civility

Among the best ways to show civility are good deeds and great attitudes. During 2023, the Community Engagement and Communications Committee (CECC) is showcasing Heather Gardens (HG) residents, employees, volunteers, and others involved in this community. Their acts of civility serve as a shining example of how positive, caring, and constructive actions move us all forward. These articles will be presented under the banner "Caught in the Act of Civility."

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Montrell Anthony, in addition to being Clubhouse Manager, is also the manager of custodial services. He has gone above and beyond the call of duty and the job specifications of both custodial services and Clubhouse management. Last summer, he hosed down and cleaned the tennis courts, and filled the water cooler with ice so tennis and pickleball players would have cold water when they played during the weekends.

When a resident on a HG trip missed the call for the train at the top of Pike's Peak and then missed the bus back to Aurora, Montrell took his own car and drove to Manitou Springs to bring her home.

Just last month, when someone in one parking garage dropped and left a bag with dog poop, Montrell

came over and cleaned it up, including hosing down the floor. He didn't feel the custodial worker should have to clean such a stinky mess.

Montrell epitomizes the meaning of civility and caring in the way he takes care of his staff and the residents. HG is lucky to have him working here.

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Three residents in B236 showed their caring for a resident who had suffered a compound arm fracture while in her condo. The injury later needed surgery to repair. When the injury occurred, she was able to crawl/scoot to the door where she called for help. Her next door neighbors, Don and Maria Hayman, heard her and immediately came to her aid. Maria helped the resident while Don called 911, then waited by the front door of the building for the emergency responders.

Diane Stewart, hearing of the problem, went to help and held the resident's dog on her lap, comforting it through the trauma of seeing his owner taken away. Diane then waited with the dog for a family member to come retrieve it, taking the dog to her home. B236 residents are grateful to have caring neighbors like Don, Maria, and Diane.

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The elevator in B236 was down

for four hours when the elevator door was knocked off track by someone trying to keep the door open. Several residents had left before the incident for various appointments or returned home with loads of groceries, not knowing that they couldn't use the elevator. For those with mobility issues, not being able to use the elevator posed a big problem.

Bernie Marcovitz, B236, got more than 10,000 steps that day. She went up and down the stairs several times, assisting those in need.

Bernie helped a resident who uses a walker go down six flights of stairs, with the resident's son in front, and Bernie behind her, carrying her walker.

She encountered a woman with balance issues getting ready to walk down the stairs. Bernie walked with her, giving her the support she needed.

Several residents were helped by Bernie with shopping bags that were brought up from the garage to their condos on various floors.

Bernie was grateful that she could help others, and she believes everyone should help others when one can.

This is a true commitment to caring.

– Linda Hileman
Chair CECC, CP1

50th Anniversary logo contest

Calling all artists, doodlers, playful people! Get those creative juices flowing!

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- Should be *square* in shape: 4 inches by 4 inches
- Submit it in JPG, PNG, SVG formats

Submit the logo to the 50th Anniversary Committee between *Monday, February 6 and Friday, February 17.*

- Email the logo to SoldSisterNancy@gmail.com
- Call Nancy with questions or when submitting it, 720-932-6990
- Include your name, phone number and email address
- Winner will be selected by the 50th Anniversary Committee
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– Nancy Linsenbigler
B243, 720-932-6990



HGA Board President Reports

By Jill Bacon

Recently a daily note from the national Homeowners association (HOA) organization noted that all HOAs need to take a serious look at civility in their organizations. That is due to the crisis throughout the country concerning uncivil behavior of adults, youths and their interactions. HOAs need to take a serious look at developing “civility codes” in their organizations.

As I read the article, I thought we are ahead of the game here at Heather Gardens (HG). We have developed a civility code and have had articles in *Heather 'n Yon* over the last months concerning civility. I have been told by some residents that we don't need a civility code here — that we are such a great community and one is not necessary. I agree, we do have a wonderful community at HG. It is a great place to live.

Then I remembered the morning of January 4, 8 am. This was the morning of the first quarterly “Meet and Greet” which the CEO Jon Rea holds for residents to come and share their questions and concerns with him. There is also a monthly forum, to which the CEO brings one of his managers so that residents can also ask questions, share concerns and seek information.

That morning started like others with a Zoom component so that as many residents as possible could attend if they could not be in the boardroom that day. It started off with a welcome to all attending by Rea. Then questions were asked. It soon evolved into a session that lacked ci-

vilility by some residents who appeared to have total disrespect for Rea. The questions being asked and discussed were pointed and dismissive of Rea.

To be fair, I went to Google, and looked up “civility.” It defined the word as “formal politeness and courtesy in behavior or speech. Polite remarks used in formal conversation. Interpersonal ‘rules of engagement’ as how people relate to each other; fundamentals of courtesy, politeness and consideration.” It goes on to include respect for others’ points of view, “rejecting personal disparagement.”

There were 137 “common characteristics of civility” and 170 “characteristics which reduce the civility of society.” There is not room to list all of these in this column. You should look them up on Google. I found all qualities described most interesting.

As your HOA president, I invite and encourage you to share your feelings and ask your questions and concerns with anyone in management whenever you have them. However, I do ask that you do it in a courteous, respectful manner — not in the way that they were presented that day. I was so angry and hurt for HG’s CEO Rea, who these people do not know personally. Why did they feel it was OK to attack and vent their anger verbally? They did it without respect or courtesy — certainly not with civility.

I must say, this kind of behavior cannot be tolerated in a community such as HG. As residents of this community, we should be above such behavior. I am sorry that I was on Zoom that day and was not in the boardroom. I would have stopped the meeting before it deteriorated as it did.

I have great respect for this community and its residents. I am proud of what we are and what we do here to make this the fine community it is. I hope that everyone will continue to keep it a community of great pride and civility this year of our 50th Anniversary, and in the 50 years to come.

HGA...from page 5

by residents, all in six different buildings.

HGMD Director Bill Gold raised the issue of converting HG’s Security cars to electric, then installing charging stations in the Clubhouse parking lot. Baxter acknowledged the idea could be explored; however, the Clubhouse is HGMD property, so that board would have to be included in such discussions.

Two members received approval to extend their terms on HGA committees. Ray Nash, CP2, was approved to serve on the Budget & Finance Committee for a seventh year. Pete Clarendon, B243, was approved to serve a fifth year on

the Maintenance Committee.

Long Range Planning (LRP) Committee Chair David Kennedy stated he would like to see each HGA committee submit a member to serve on LRP. Input from the full range of HG entities would be valuable to LRP.

Following the regular meeting, the board adjourned into executive session, to discuss collections.

IN MEMORIAM

Evetta Martinez (233)
Ella Rae (NTH)
Ron Torpy (242)
Helena Virlee (former 236)



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Publisher's Corner

When did Iowa winters move to Colorado?

by Lynn Donaldson, Editor of Heather 'n Yon

I don't know what we will remember most about the winter of 2022–23, but in case you have forgotten, see the timeline (right).

I may have left out some snow days in December — guess I didn't start to notice until I realized that winter had set in and the snow did not melt.

The record low temperature was -29 degrees on Jan. 9, 1875. In 1990, Dec. 22 had a -25 degrees, which beat the cold we had this year.

I haven't lived in Denver that long, but I did notice the cold because we had tickets to the theater on Dec. 22, 2023. Then, to add to our misery, we had to park a block away from the Denver Center Performing Arts in the Convention Center, then walk to the theater. Instead of having a nice, covered shelter from the parking lot to the Buell Theater, we walked exposed.

My companions and I warmed up at the show, *Mean Girls*, then had to trek back to the car, where we discovered that the Convention Center Parking must have turned off the elevators. At the time I was walking with a cane after having a knee replaced about six weeks earlier and had lost one of my gloves somewhere. Imagine my chagrin that we were going to have to climb several flights of stairs to where the car was parked.

Well, I am still here — so you know I made it. (We let lots of faster climbers pass us.)

I am writing this column about a

Aurora (Heather Gardens) Snow Timeline 2022–2023

December

- 13 light snow
- 21 heavy snow
– 4.5 inches
- 22 light snow
(temperatures -2 to -15 degrees)
- 26 light snow
- 28 heavy snow
– 10 inches

January

- 1 light snow
- 2 light snow
- 3 light snow
- 11 heavy snow
- 15 light snow
- 17 (see below)
- 18 heavy snow
– 11 inches
- 21 light snow
- 23 light snow

month later, and there is still snow on the ground. I have often told visitors that one thing my husband and I liked about Denver — it snows, then it melts. Forecasts are that it could be weeks before temperatures warm enough to melt the snow covering our yards.

As I researched metro Denver's average temperatures in January, I learned that for the last four years the low temperatures averaged 22–27 degrees Fahrenheit (F); while the average high temperatures were 44–49 degrees F. Where did this balmy winter go?

TV weather newscasters have reminded viewers for several days that this January has been the snowiest month since 1992. (I missed that year because I lived in balmy Williamsburg, Virginia.)

I can only compare this winter to the winters I remember from my days in Iowa. My recollection is that snow would fall in October/November then never leave the ground until March.

In high school, I don't think it bothered me much. After swim team practice in the early morning, my teammates and I would dress but go to our next class, sometimes in portable buildings outside the main one, without a coat. When did I stop being impervious to the cold?

I was happy to leave Iowa behind when I went to college. Then, as fate would have it, I returned for three years in 1980 to teach and do

research at the University of Iowa, Iowa City.

One strong memory I have is returning from Miami, Florida, after visiting a friend to attend the Orange Bowl parade (New Year's Eve) and the football bowl game on New Year's Day. The contrast between the two states that year could not have been greater. I returned to Iowa when it was having dangerously low temperatures with a wind chill of -80 degrees F. It was considered so cold that all businesses and schools had closed for the 2–3 days of that deep freeze. I did not have to return to work but I did need to go to the grocery store for supplies. Fortunately, one was open for a few hours on that day and luckily, my car started.

If you have never experienced that temperature — think about having your breath freeze into ice crystals as you exhale. You had to wrap your face with a scarf to somewhat protect against the cold air coming in with each inspiration. It could be painful on your nostrils and throat. Being at home with a fireplace and dressed in layers was the only answer. This low temperature was an unusual occurrence for Iowa.

It does not take long to recognize that the current situation in metro Denver is somewhat unique. For 2–3 months, I have had various HG photographers send me their snow photos. You will see these photos peppered throughout this issue of *Heather 'n Yon*.

Even more telling — Golf Pro Greg Kohr reported that the last two months of 2022 did not have its usual number of days that golfers could play (at 40–50 degrees with the sun shining) because of snow on the Golf Course (see page 23). I suspect that there has been no golfing at HG for all of January, which is unusual.

Will the snow continue to March? I hope not. I have had enough snow. I envy the snowbirds who have found their winter homes in Florida or Arizona. I have friends who are going to Hawaii next month. Can I tag along? Next year, I am planning a winter get-away to a warmer place!



Management

Residents could learn from attending board and committee meetings

By Jon Rea
Chief Executive Officer

We are one month into 2023 — committees, boards, and the management team are executing the 2023 projects and plan. As we strategize and continue to discuss current plans surrounding current and future projects and situations, I can't stress enough how important your engagement as a resident is desired. The committee and board meetings are a great place — essentially the best place — to obtain the most current, accurate information on what is happening within Heather Gardens (HG).

It's an opportunity to hear directly from department managers, directors, and me. The committees and the boards meet monthly to review the current state of business, projects, community events, procedural updates, communications, and budget. During these meetings, there is an open forum portion where residents may ask questions, provide feedback, and have their concerns either addressed right then or reviewed. Some items may need to be addressed later or offline. The committees, boards and management team are committed to providing answers to every question.

These meetings are typically performed with several options to participate. Some are held in-person, but all are on the Zoom so that anyone wanting to join but can't come to the Clubhouse can participate remotely. There is even an option to phone into the meeting if you do not

have access to a computer at the time of the call. All the monthly calls and information are communicated within the *Heather 'n Yon* newsmagazine as well as through our communications platform Pilerá.

There are many matters going on within the community that may be discovered through these meetings. What better way to understand and be informed than hearing it directly from the people who are engaged in the matter? When the annual budget is developed, every resident has an opportunity to understand that building the budget and the entire process is a collective effort among the management team, committees, and the boards. Community input can be provided at different times — it's not one individual driving the budget.

In addition, review of projects and the reasoning behind proposed projects, including the impacts to the property areas and the community overall are considered. I'd recommend putting at least a couple of the meetings on your schedule to attend. If you can attend all, even better. (Please see meeting calendar on page 30 of this month's *Heather 'n Yon*.)

There are plenty of opportunities to be actively engaged in the community and make a difference. It's my hope in 2023 we move away from playing the telephone game within the community — buying into the rumor mill. Attacking one's character with no factual basis or incorrect facts, and making assumptions without the correct information is not productive for anyone at HG.

In closing, I encourage everyone to come to the meetings. If you have an interest in volunteering to support the community, apply to join a committee or one of the boards. Our community has a massive amount of knowledge and experience within it. I'd like for us to capitalize on it.



Above: Photographer Janis Farrell enjoyed walking through the freshly fallen snow on Dec. 5 in Cherry Creek Park. At the reservoir, the clouds and sun created an interesting tableau while the geese rested on some frozen water not yet hard enough for humans to do any ice fishing.

Cherry Creek State Park after Dec. 5 snowstorm



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Original HG owners and friends for 36 years

For Heather Gardens' 50th anniversary, *Heather 'n Yon* interviewed two original owners from B244: Jan Patchak and Ann Powers.

Jan moved into her unit on the 4th floor of B244 in January 1986, and Ann moved into her 5th floor unit in September of that same year. The pair have been friends for 36+ years!

Both Jan and Ann were married to men who had careers in the U.S. Air Force and both are now widowed. I asked them what our community was like in those early years?

Jan: "Before my husband Walt and I moved here, we lived in Parker. We used to come to HG and drive around. One day we saw them digging the foundation for B244.

"Walt said, 'Hey, we've got to move!' So we looked at the models. We were fussy — we wanted to buy a unit on the west side with a view of the mountains. But the salesperson told us those units were all sold out. They hadn't even been built yet! She put us on a waitlist. We got a call a week later. Another couple had withdrawn their offer. That's how we got our mountain view."

Ann: "I was a one-year widow, age 51, and working at Joslins in Buckingham Square. My husband had been killed in an accident. I didn't want to handle upkeep all alone on my two-story house. My family liked that HG was safe and secure. I liked the idea of being able to just close my door — and go! No plants. No pets."

Jan: (laughing) "We had pets when we moved in. Two poodles! The building was only half occupied, since units were still being finished. I remember the hallways had no car-

peting — they were concrete!"

Ann: "Yes, I remember that, too! With an upgraded package, you could get higher quality carpeting and better appliances. I had a combination microwave and stove, all-in-one."

Jan: "I did, too. When my microwave finally went out, I also had to

and ask when they moved in? The last time this happened, the 'new' person said she'd been here 5 years! I realized that I wasn't getting out like I used to."

Ann: (laughing) "I know what you mean. But I try to get out as often as I can. I have a lot of friends and family in the area. I still drive to Loveland to visit my son — but I stay overnight."

Jan: "I avoid driving at night."

(Note: Jan is 95 years old, and Ann is 87.)

Ann: "The Denver area has been home to me since 1952. This is the longest I've lived in one place."

Jan: "Me, too! I'm originally from Wisconsin. We'd never been to Colorado, but back then, everyone in the military was raving about Denver. We came here not knowing a soul, and then told each other, 'No way are we going back to Wisconsin.' We had lived in Alaska, Texas, and Germany. My husband's first assignment was at Ladd Air Force Base in Fairbanks, Alaska."

Ann: "After spending a year in Vietnam, my first

husband requested assignment at Lowry Air Force Base and got it. He taught at Lowry's Intelligence School. I didn't remarry until about nine years after moving into HG. Would you believe? I married my husband's brother, Howard! My friends, particularly my Jewish friends, say that's Biblical — the Torah says a brother should marry his deceased brother's widow. Howard lived in Huntington, West Virginia. He wanted me to move there, but I said no. So he came here. I'm glad he totally embraced our HG lifestyle."



Above: Two friends and original owners of their condos in B244 reminisce about HG changes since 1986 with interviewer. Ann Powers (left) and Jan Patchak (right) relax in the lobby of their building.

buy a new stove!"

Ann: "Right! And you could elect whether to have air conditioners or not. My memory is that prices for brand new units in our building ranged from about \$90,000 to mid-\$100,000. That's certainly changed."

"And it used to be so quiet. No traffic noise from I-225. No remodeling noise going on. These days, most people remodel when they move in."

Jan: "Yes, we've had such turnover in our building in the last five years. Probably because all of us are getting older! I'll get into the elevator, see someone new, introduce myself,

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Studies serve for delight, for ornament, and for ability. Their chief use for delight, is in privateness and retiring; for ornament, is in discourse; and for ability, is in the judgment, and disposition of business.

For expert men can execute, and perhaps judge of particulars, one by one; but the general counsels, and the plots and marshalling of affairs, come best, from those that are learned.

To spend too much time in studies is sloth; to use them too much for ornament, is affectation; to make judgment wholly by their rules, is the humor of a scholar.

They perfect nature, and are perfected by experience: for natural abilities are like natural plants, that need proying¹, by study; and studies themselves, do give forth directions too much at large, except they be bounded in by experience.

Crafty men contemn² studies, simple men admire them, and wise men use them; for they teach not their own use; but that is a wisdom without them, and above them, won by observation. Read not to contradict and confute; nor to believe and take for granted; nor to find talk and discourse; but to weigh and consider.

Some books are to be tasted, others to be swallowed, and some

few to be chewed and digested; that is, some books are to be read only in parts; others to be read, but not curiously; and some few to be read wholly, and with diligence and attention.

Some books also may be read by deputy, and extracts made of them by others; but that would be only in the less important arguments, and the meaner sort of books, else distilled books are like common distilled waters, flashy things.

Reading maketh a full man; conference a ready man; and writing an exact man.** And therefore, if a man write little, he had need have a great memory; if he confer little, he had need have a present wit: and if he read little, he had need have much cunning, to seem to know, that he doth not.

Histories make men wise; poets witty; the mathematics subtle; natural philosophy deep; moral grave; logic and rhetoric able to contend. *Abeunt studia*³ in mores.

Nay, there is no *stond*⁴ or impediment in the wit, but may be wrought out by fit studies; like as diseases of the body, may have appropriate exercises.

Bowling is good for the stone and reins; shooting for the lungs and breast; gentle walking for the stomach; riding for the head; and the like.

So if a man's wit be wandering, let him study the mathematics; for in demonstrations, if his wit be called away never so little, he must begin again. If his wit be not apt to distinguish or find differences, let him study the *Schoolmen*⁵; for they are *cymini sectores*⁶.

If he be not apt to beat over matters, and to call up one thing to prove and illustrate another, let him study the lawyers' cases. So every defect of the mind, may have a special receipt.

Olde English definitions

- 1) *Proyning*: To cut branches of a tree, to make it grow better.
- 2) *contemn*: treat or regard with contempt (late middle English)
- 3) *Abeunt studia*: Studies pass into and influence manners
- 4) *stond*: (obsolete) stop; halt; hindrance; (obsolete) A stand; a post; a station.
- 5) *Schoolman*: Historical plural noun: schoolmen
 1. a teacher in a university in medieval Europe.
 2. a scholastic theologian.
- 6) *cymini sectores*: means "hairsplitters," or someone who makes excessively fine distinctions in reasoning.

{Editor's Note: William Macdonald, B241 has been sharing his summaries about books he has donated to HG libraries in the Clubhouse or the Pro Shop. The Pro Shop books are often about golfers. The Clubhouse books are varied and often in large print. This month, he thought to offer one of the great essays by Francis Bacon, who was the 1st Viscount St Alban[a] PC (/ˈbeɪkən/;[5] 22 January 1561 — 9 April 1626), also known as Lord Verulam, an English philosopher and statesman who served as Attorney General and Lord Chancellor of England. Bacon led the advancement of both natural philosophy and the scientific method and his works remained influential even in the late stages of the Scientific Revolution. (Wikipedia; Klein, Jürgen (2012), "Francis Bacon", in Zalta, Edward N. (ed.), *The Stanford Encyclopedia of Philosophy* (Winter 2016 ed.), Metaphysics Research Lab, Stanford University, retrieved 17 January 2020; and "Empiricism: The influence of Francis Bacon, John Locke, and David Hume". Sweet Briar College. Archived from the original on 8 July 2013. Retrieved 21 October 2013.}

**Macdonald wanted one sentence highlighted (in bold here).

New Golf Books in the Pro Shop

I Remember Bobby Jones, by Mike Towle (2001) This book has a lot of people sharing their memories of Jones. There are five chapters, but it really is just an unending swirl of sto-

ries and observations about Jones. Most every great pro still alive contributed. A lot of the younger ones managed to soak up information from the old guys. It is a rather sweet book.

Grand Slam, by Curt Sampson (2005) A very good, detailed trip through the Grand Slam in 1930.

Jones aimed at winning all four in one year. A nice account of the stress and strain Jones endured when playing. Between his first major in 1923 and the slam in 1930, he only played in seven other tournaments, winning four. He was in "major" mode all

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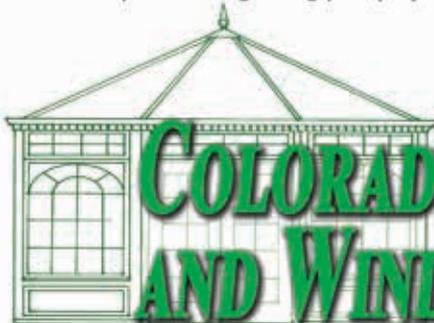


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Golf Pro Greg Kohr reported the indoor-golf simulator in the Pro Shop has been updated extensively. The simulator features a wider, cleaner-looking enclosure, better seating, and food delivery available from Rendezvous. Simulator fees are \$20 per hour for resident, and \$30 per hour for non-residents. Users can play some exceptional golf courses, with friends, via the simulator. PGA-Certified Pro Kohr also offers lessons, using the simulator.

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At the January 16 Budget & Finance (B&F) Meeting, CFO Jerry Counts reported that the cost centers — HG Golf Course and the Clubhouse — had booked revenues for 2022 that exceeded the budget. The Restaurant did not. [In the January issue of *Heather 'n Yon*, The Month That Was, Rendezvous Manager Cormac Ronan outlined some of the problems associated with accurately budgeting for restaurant income.]

One B&F audience member asked if the 2022 revenue would be “as good as it gets” for the Golf Course?

Counts responded, the Golf Course had the best year on record in 2022.

He added that the course raised rates in 2022, and again for 2023.

“A lot of people think we could get a lot more money,” he remarked.

The exchange triggered a much-repeated conversation about whether the Golf Course should be a money-maker, or an amenity for golfers who are attracted to move to HG by the golf course.

Treasurer Bill Archambault added, “There comes a place in time when you price yourself out of business.”

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New Year’s Eve celebration was a terrific way to end the year. The Clubhouse reported that they had about 80 residents at the event. The residents had an exciting time dancing and laughing. The Mile High Big Band was excellent. This event was a success.

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Aurora City Councilwoman Alison Coombs held her first Town Hall of 2023 at Heather Gardens on Tuesday, Jan. 17 in the Aspen Room. She brought guest speakers from Aurora Police Department and another 1st responder — an emergency medical technician, to answer constituent questions. Her next Town Hall meeting will be



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Left: Alison Coombs represents HG on Aurora City Council, Ward V.

Below: An emergency medical technician (EMT) spoke to folks attending the town hall.



Tuesday, Feb. 21, 6 to 7:30 pm, Central Recreation Center, 18150 E. Vassar Place. Photos by Anita Huddleston.

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Golf Pro Greg Kohr reported in his end of year analysis of golf operations that the 4th quarter was a bit unlucky compared to 2021, because there was at least one snow-storm in each of the three months (October, November, December). It did not happen in 2021. After being closed for 29 total days, we were able to beat our revenue projections for two of the three months.

The best news reported was that there were two months in 2022 where the Golf Course was self-sustaining, no subsidy was needed. For the year, it had a record high revenue of \$451,000. Last year can also be remembered for having no COVID restrictions for golfers.

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CFO Jerry Counts reported that delinquent assessments had been decreased from \$377,000 in 2021 to \$79,000 in 2022, which is the lowest that accounts receivables for HGA fees have been since 2016 when the increases began to accumulate.

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Heather Gardens 50th Anniversary began on Jan. 23, 2023



Top: Nancy Linsenbigler, B243, introduced eight original owners in HG who attended the event.
Above: CEO Jon Rea described the history of HG from legacy documents he found in his office three years ago.



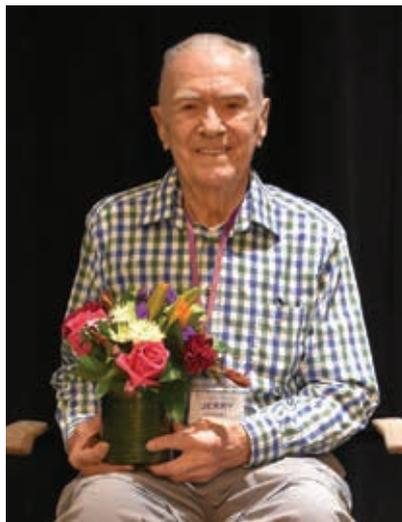
Above: HGA Board President Jill Bacon gave introductory remarks.
Left: A banner fronted the stage, reading: "Est. Heather Gardens, 1973 – 50 years strong; Our journey of success continues"
Below: Grandview High School Jazz Choir entertained.



Rita Cusack, CP2, stands next to the quilt she designed and created for HG's 50th Anniversary celebration in 2023. The stand on which it will be displayed was designed and built by Dean Lux, CP3.



Original owners in HG who were introduced at the Kickoff Event (clockwise): Dayle Winslow, B234; Phyllis Bennett, B236; Dorothy Wintringham, B241; Jerry Lippert, B235; Sue Henry, B222; and Marcia Snyder, B242. Two other participants — Ann Powers and Jan Patchak, B244, were profiled this month — see page 17 for their story. Lippert sold condos for HG developer EDI, then purchased his first condo (NTH) in 1979. Several have lived in their homes for 36–40 years.



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Friends...from page 17

Jan: "I love our lifestyle. I don't golf or swim anymore like I used to, but there is a group of us on the fourth floor who get out and exercise around the atrium balcony every day. We check up on each other. I still play Bridge, too. We have a standing joke that anybody who moves into our building must play Bridge."

Ann: (laughing) "I'm not a Bridge player. But I like doing scrapbooks

and jigsaw puzzles. I love to read. A group of us enjoys going out to dinner together. I like to travel, too. Two years after marrying Howard, I quit my job, and we started traveling. We made umpteen trips to the east coast to see my husband's daughters. After he passed away, I didn't stop traveling."

Jan: "Where all have you been?"

Ann: "I've been through the Panama Canal, cruised down the Danube and the Rhine, and traveled to Sweden, Denmark, Norway, Scotland, Switzerland and Ireland. I've been to Hawaii. And my first husband and I lived in Japan a few years. We had a maid for \$25

a month!"

Jan: "We traveled to Australia. Lost our luggage there for a couple days! One of my granddaughters was married in India. I went there for the wedding. Another granddaughter was stationed in Korea in the Army. I spent two weeks there."

Ann: "Two of my five grandchildren live in Canada, so I've been to see them. I don't participate in HG activities as much as you do, Jan."

Jan: "I think I found even more things to be involved with at HG after Walt died."

Ann: "I remember him! We visited at a picnic held next to the old Clubhouse — before HG upgraded it."

These two ladies enjoyed reminiscing, and agreed that HG has been "pretty well run over the years."

— Gloria Lesher
B212



Ann Powers (left) and Jan Patchak (right) were introduced at the 50th Anniversary Kickoff Event on Jan. 23. All original owners were given a bouquet of flowers. (See pages 24–25)



Books...from page 19

the time. He purposely invented the Grand Slam. It wasn't something the just happened. Arnie reinvented it in 1960, on his way to the British Open.

Golf's Golden Age, by Robert T. Jones, Jr.

Covers the great golfers from the 1910s–1930s, with an emphasis on Bobby Jones. Beautiful full-page photos. The only flaw is that Joyce Wethered isn't included. Arnie wrote the forward. Along with the last two books described, this one concludes my Jones Slam for this month.

New books donated to the Clubhouse Library

World War II on the Air, by Mark Bernstein & Alex Lubertozzi (2003)

This book contains many transcripts of radio broadcasts from Europe during WW2. The star is, of course, Edward R. Murrow. Many of the other reporters are also included. CD included. Please remember to put the CD back in the book when you return it. Might require a piece of tape to "seal" it back in.

Leonard, by William Shatner (2016)
(Large print) A very nice biography of

Leonard Nimoy, written by Captain Kirk. It goes through most of Spock's life, with emphasis on Star Trek. A nice read for Star Trek fans, especially.

The Simpsons and Philosophy by Irwin, Conard & Skoble (2001)
(Large print) Authors weave many of the great philosophers through the characters and story lines of the TV show. All of the characters are dissected. Very interesting book. You may end up binging on the past seasons.

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Wed 1	Cribbage (every Wednesday) Rummikub (every Wednesday) HG ACBL Duplicate Bridge (every Wednesday) Pinochle (every Wednesday) Men's Poker_Reddy or Hill (every Wednesday) CP1 Social HG Men's Golf Club Square Dancing Club (every 1st and 3rd Wednesday)	Clubhouse Lobby Library Blue Spruce Room Mountainview Room Skyview Room Aspen/Blue Spruce Rooms Mountainview Room Sandberg Auditorium	12:30–3 pm 1–3 pm 1–4:45 pm 1:30–4 pm 12:30–5 pm 5 pm 6:30–8:30 pm 7–9 pm
Thu 2	Tai Chi (every Thursday) TOPS (every Thursday) HG Optimist Club Time4Tap Dance Group (every Thursday) Bunko (1st and 3rd Thursday) Social Bridge (every Thursday, Joanne Turner) HG Writers Club (every Thursday) Ping Pong (every Thursday) Meditation Club (every Thursday) CP4 Social Kiwanis Club of Aurora Business Meeting 9-Ball Men's Billiards (every Thursday)	Tennis Courts Blue Spruce Room Rendezvous Restaurant Sandberg Auditorium Blue Spruce Room Skyview Room Mountainview Room Game Room Blue Spruce Room Rendezvous Skyview Room Billiards Room	8–11 am 8:30–9:30 am 9:30 am 11 am–noon 1–3:30 pm 1–3:30 pm 1–4 pm 2–3 pm 4–5 pm 5 pm 6 pm 7–9 pm
Fri 3	Men with Purpose (1st and 3rd Friday) Texas Hold 'em Poker_Reddy or Hill (every Friday) Friday Bridge (every Friday) Social Bridge (every Friday, Joanne Turner) Muu Muu Hula Group (every Friday)	Skyview Room Mountainview Room Skyview Room Library Arts & Crafts Room	10–11 am 12:30–7:30 pm 1–5 pm 1–3:30 pm 1:30–3 pm
Sat 4	Mexican Train Dominoes (every Saturday) Ping Pong (every Saturday) Karaoke Club	Arts & Crafts Room Game Room Aspen/Blue Spruce Rooms	noon–4 pm 2–3 pm 3–5 pm
Sun 5	Frolics Club Rehearsals (every Sunday)	Sandberg Auditorium	2 pm
Mon 6	VNA Senior Wellness Clinics Men's Bridge (every Monday) HG Women's Book Club (Arce) Spanish Club (every Monday) Texas Hold 'em Poker_Reddy or Hill (1st Monday) Time4Tap Dance Novice Group (every Monday) HG Women's Book Club (Urias) Social Bridge (every Monday, Joanne Turner)	Aspen/Blue Spruce Room Skyview Room Mountainview Room Aspen Room Aspen Room Sandberg Auditorium Mountainview Room Library	8:30 am–1 pm 10 am–3 pm 10:30 am–12:30 pm 11 am–noon 12:30–5 pm 1–2 pm 1–3 pm 1–3:30 pm

Advertised Activities and Seminars

Thu, Feb. 2 The Five C's of Peacemaking, Homes That Give to HG Optimists, Rendezvous, 9:30 am (see ad, p. 21)
Mon, Feb. 6 Bayer Ear Clinic (every Monday, by appointment), Arts & Crafts Room, 9 am–noon (see ad, p. 55)

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Mon 6 (cont'd)	Mah Jongg (every Monday) Pinochle	Blue Spruce Room Mountainview Room	1–4 pm 6–8 pm
Tue 7	Hand and Foot (every Tuesday) NoteAbles Mixed Chorus (every Tuesday) Mah Jongg (every Tuesday) Ping Pong (every Tuesday) Grief Support (every Tuesday) Tennis Club CP2 Happy Hour Billiard Club Co-ed 8-Ball (every Tuesday)	Mountainview Room Skyview Room Blue Spruce Room Game Room Skyview Room Rendezvous Restaurant Aspen/Blue Spruce Rooms Billiard Room	12:30–4 pm noon–2 pm 1–4 pm 2–3 pm 4:30–6:30 pm 5 pm 5–8:30 pm 6:30 pm
Wed 8	Clubhouse Event: History of Denver Aviation Club	Sandberg Auditorium Aspen Room	2 pm 6:30 pm
Thu 9	Clubhouse Event: Mobile Food Pantry Green Team Men's Poker (Jess Deal; 2nd and 4th Thursday) RV Lot Club Republican Club movie: Rigged	B243/B244 Parking Lot Blue Spruce Room Game Room Aspen Room Sandberg Auditorium	10 am noon–2 pm 3:30–7:30 pm 5–6 pm 7–9 pm
Fri 10	Birding and Nature Club HG Indivisible	Lodgepole Lounge Rendezvous Restaurant	10 am 1 pm
Sat 11	The Breakfast Club	Rendezvous Restaurant	8:30 am
Mon 13	Bridge (second Monday) Texas Hold 'em Poker_Reddy or Hill (2nd–4th Monday)	Aspen Room Mountainview Room	noon–4 pm 12:30–5 pm
Tue 14	Clubhouse Event: Mountain Man Fruit and Nut Co. Bridge (second Tuesday) Men's Book Club	Clubhouse Lobby Blue Spruce Room Mountainview Room	2:15–3:15 pm 4:45 pm 6:30 pm
Wed 15	Clubhouse Trip: Bally's Blackhawk Casino Square Dancing Club (every 1st and 3rd Wednesday)	B243 and B244 Sandberg Auditorium	7:45 am–3 pm 7–9 pm
Thu 16	Clubhouse Event: Watch Batteries HG Optimist Club Clubhouse Event: Presidential Love Stories Bunko Kiwanis Club of Aurora – Guest Speaker	Sunburst Café Rendezvous Restaurant Sandberg Auditorium Blue Spruce Room Skyview Room	9 am–1 pm 9:30 am 1–2 pm 1–3:30 pm 6 pm
Fri 17	Men with Purpose (1st and 3rd Friday) Clubhouse Event: Bingo	Skyview Room Sandberg Auditorium	10 am 1–3 pm
Sat 18	Wine and Cheese Social Club Clubhouse Event: Terry Norona Titans	Aspen/Blue Spruce Rooms Sandberg Auditorium	3–5 pm 6:30–9 pm
Mon 20	Presidents' Day Holiday — Management Office closed VNA Senior Wellness Clinics HG Photo Club Game Night (McClaury)	Blue Spruce Room Aspen Room Aspen Room	8:30 am–1 pm 3 pm 5:30–7:30 pm
Tue 21	Clubhouse Event: Fat Tuesday Caregiver's Support Group	Clubhouse Lobby Aspen Room	1–2 pm 2–4 pm

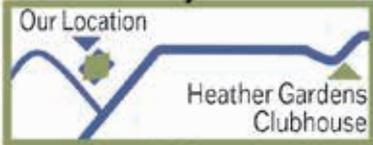
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Thu 21	B201 and B202 Monthly Social	Rendezvous Restaurant	4:30 pm
Wed 22	Resident Orientation	Board Room/Zoom	10 am
Fri 24	Clubhouse Movie: <i>The Good House</i>	Sandberg Auditorium	2 pm
Sat 25	National Federation of the Blind, Aurora Chapter	Mountainview Room	10:30 am–12 pm
Mon 27	Low Vision Support Group	Aspen Room	1:30–3 pm
Tue 28	Bridge (fourth Tuesday) HG Republican Club HG Democratic Club Sevillians Monthly Dinner	Blue Spruce Room Sandberg Auditorium Aspen Room Rendezvous Restaurant	4:45 pm 1–2:30 pm 4–5:30 pm 4:30–6 pm

Bible Study (Interdenominational) on every Wednesday, 9–10 am, Blue Spruce Room (women); Aspen Room (men).

Join a lovely group of caring women dedicated to the study of the word of God. Enjoy the fellowship. We welcome everyone. No sign up required, just show up. Call Joyce Smith, 918-586-2954. Hope to see you soon.

Join the men as they study the Bible in person with Pastor Bill Cheyne or online on Wednesday morning, 9 am. Saturday morning is only online at 9 am, <https://meet.google.com/vpk-rgxi-fja>.

Six Stone Jars Catholic Bible Study. For information, call Eric Cline, 720-839-4289, or email clinecellars57@yahoo.com.

HG Women's Bible Study meets the first Thursday at 10–11:30 am, in the Mountainview Room and on Zoom. All other Thursdays are via Zoom only. Contact Carolyn Morris, 303-885-7807, or motoringmorris@gmail.com for more information. I can arrange help with Zoom if you need it.

Catholic Mass St Michael's Catholic Mass is held weekly at 1 pm Saturday, Sandberg Auditorium.

Chapel (Interdenominational Church Service) 11 am Sunday, Sandberg Auditorium. Pastor Bill Cheyne. We will continue the service on ZOOM for those who are unable to attend in person. Email Carolyn Morris for the link, motoringmorris@gmail.com.

- **Sunday Bible Study:** 10 am, Mountainview Room. Leader: Pastor Bill Cheyne.
- **Coffee Time:** 3rd Sunday, prior to Chapel Service

FYI

VNA Senior Wellness Clinics

Charges: Toenail Cutting (includes blood pressure) \$60 (1st visit, 1 hour), \$55 (returning client); Fingernail trim \$25. If you cannot keep your appointment, please cancel or you will be charged \$5. Have exact cash amount, credit card, or checks made out to "VNA." The clinic has no change.

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- Monday, Feb. 6, 8:30 am–1 pm, Blue Spruce Room
- Monday, Feb. 20, 8:30 am–1 pm, Blue Spruce Room

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• Monthly Meetings •

Boards and Committees

Listed meetings will be in the Board Room or Zoom.

SEC (Zoom) – 1 pm Mon, Feb. 6

CECC (Zoom) – 10 am Tue, Feb. 7

Foundation (Zoom) – 1 pm Wed, Feb. 8

Joint Long Range Plan (Zoom) – 10 am Thu, Feb. 9

Personnel Policy (Zoom) – 10 am Fri, Feb. 10

Civic Affairs (Zoom) – 2 pm Fri, Feb. 10

Clubhouse/Restaurant (Zoom) – 10 am Mon, Feb. 13

Maintenance (Zoom) – 10 am Tue, Feb. 14

Resident Open Forum (Zoom) – 3 pm Wed, Feb. 15

ACC (Zoom) – 10 am Thu, Feb. 16

Budget & Finance (BR/Zoom) – 10 am Fri, Feb. 17

HGA Board (Zoom) – 1 pm Tue, Feb. 21

Resident Orientation (Zoom) – 10 am Wed, Feb. 22

Joint Long Range Plan (Zoom) – 10 am Thu, Feb. 23

HGMD Board (Zoom) – 1 pm Thu, Feb. 23

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Residents interested in applying must attend one of three virtual pre-application meetings to learn more about the funding opportunity and application process:

Thursday, Feb. 2, noon

Tuesday, Feb. 7, 6 pm

Eligible projects must be within Aurora city limits, provide an identifiable benefit to the neighborhood, have a specific timeline and involve at least three households. Examples of eligible projects include clean-up events, community message boards and community benches.

For meeting links and to learn more, visit AuroraGov.org/NeighborhoodGrants. Applications will be available

See FYI...page 51

Letters

Heather 'n Yon

You are never too old to do fun things. This is what I did on my 94th birthday (right photo).

"Happiness is on the back of a horse."

**Ruth Prendergast
B235**

Heather 'n Yon

Heather Gardens' original choral group, The NoteAbles, is seeking a choral director/accompanist. If you would like to consider this position, or know someone else who would, please call me, 303-881-4666.

**Valery Van Matre
B236**



Right: Debbie Rose, B220, and her dog Romeo are both prepared for an outdoor walk during the cold blast when temperatures went below 0 degrees on Dec. 22.

"When you have to go..."

Photo by Sharon Weiss, B220

Heather 'n Yon welcomes letters concerned with community issues. Letters must be signed, dated and include the writer's address and phone number.

Letters may be edited for clarity.

The HGA Board requires that letters do not exceed 300 words.

Letters will not be run from the same individual in successive months. Writers may publish only four letters per year, but not in consecutive months.

HGMD Foundation

The Foundation Committee met January 11.

Roads & Grounds Manager Matt Martella attended the meeting and explained his requests for money to fund various projects. These projects will make the biggest impact on the community by improving the looks of HG. After considerable discussion and explanation, four projects were approved by the committee and will be taken to the HGMD Board for approval:

1. \$500 for flowering annuals to be planted in new flower beds planned for in front of the HG sign on Yale Avenue.

2. \$1,200 for 14 pads underneath 14 benches along South Heather Gardens Way and Marina Drive. Eventually, Matt would like to see many of the benches replaced by a standardized bench matched throughout HG. For now, just amending the pads underneath the benches will add curb appeal, ease maintenance and provide support for the benches.

3. \$1,300 for a pad and bench along the golf path to

the south of B215. There are presently no benches along this section of the pathway. The bench will also assist in ameliorating ruts in the grass at this area.

4. \$3,300 to remove weeds and plant good quality sod in order to begin to enhance the area along Yale Avenue between South Abilene Street and East Marina Drive in what is known as "the Yale Island." Soil amendment and preparation will also be needed. This begins a process to create more "water wise" areas on the HG property.

The foundation committee funded the entire \$7,000 cost for all these projects.

Thank you, residents, for your continued support, Your donations are being used to enhance the appearance of the property and maintain the quality of life we all enjoy.

Donations to the General Fund October–December 2022:

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– **Eloise Laubach, HGMD Vice President
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3b/3b 2310sf.....	\$465,000
3022 S Wheeling Way #304	
2b/2b 1200sf.....	\$235,000
13800 E Marina Dr. #402 2	
b/2b 1344sf.....	\$320,000
13992 E Marina DR #510	
2b/2b 1232sf.....	\$310,000

Beachball Buddies — At the Seville pool in summer (below), we have played beachball volleyball. It has been popular. This fall, I asked Clubhouse Manager Montrell Anthony if we could play in the indoor pool on Tuesday and Thursdays, 3–4 pm. Very few people are in the pool then. He agreed. Most players are from the Seville area but everyone coming to the pool are invited to join. A few do.



We count how many times we can keep it out of the water. On Jan 5, six of us (left photo below) were able to keep the ball in the air for 294 hits! That is our all-time record!

We have fun, exercise and laughs!
– Connie Stewart

From left: Sue and Gene Daniels, B235, Connie Stewart B233, Pete Von Vett CP1, Donna Lippold B232, and Sue Eagle B234




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Clubs and Organizations

CP1

Happy hour is the first Wednesday of each month, Aspen/Blue Spruce Rooms. Watch your emails for details. – Tammi, 303-618-5345; Carolyn, 720-290-9908.

TOPS

TOPS Chapter 0366 in the HG Clubhouse has celebrated 45 years of providing members with information and support in making healthy eating choices. TOPS is an International diet club. We have many success stories to share. Please visit us during one of our meetings to see what we are about. Guests are always welcome. Real People. Real Weight Loss.

TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) meets 8:30–9:30 am every Thursday, Blue Spruce Room. With a sense of teamwork, we encourage each other to eat healthy, lose the unwanted pounds and have fun along the way.

Men and women are welcome. For information, contact Bonnie Meerkatz, 970-667-4839.

Optimist Club

The HG Optimist club is meeting the first and third Thursday of each month for breakfast in the Rendezvous, 9:30 am. We invite current and new potential members to attend. We have a delicious breakfast buffet, socialization and a speaker.

Our mission is to serve our community and focus on the youth to make a more optimistic future. We have many fun and worthwhile outreaches projects. Contact Darlene Park, 303-798-5088, with questions.

HG Writers Club

Do you want to write your memoirs? Have you put poems or prose to paper? Have you thought of writing a book, but didn't think you could? Come meet with other writers at HG. Join us on Thursdays, 1–4 pm, Mountainview Room. Club contact: Barbara Creswell, 651-485-3608.

CP4

We have our monthly get-together at Rendezvous at 5 pm on the first Thursday of each month. Call David Crum if you plan to attend.

Kiwanis Club of Aurora

Kiwanis meets on the first Thursday, 6 pm, for a business meeting, and on the third Thursday, 6 pm, with a guest speaker, both in the Skyview Room. If interested in participating, contact the club at jwmkiwanis@gmail.com – James Martin, President

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. Men With Purpose meets the first and third Fridays of each month, 10–11 am, in the Skyview Room. For further information, contact Gene Dawson, 720-535-9672.

Karaoke Club

The Karaoke Club meets on the first Saturday of each month, 3–5 pm, in the Aspen/Blue Spruce Rooms. BYOB and snacks. We have a huge inventory of great songs from which to choose and sing. Sing solo or with a group. For information, call Paul Spoutz, 303-564-1877.

Frolics Club

“Bridget Goes to Broadway” is our 2023 Frolics Production. The first rehearsal was on Sunday, Jan. 22.

All rehearsals will be on Sunday afternoons, beginning at 2 pm, in the Sandberg Auditorium. Dates for the final shows are: April 21, 22 and 23.

On Jan. 8, everybody who wanted to be a part of this play came to audition. This included people who wanted to perform; or be a part of the scene construction, or marketing, or tech help. Forty participants came!

There was a Special General Meeting on Sunday, Jan. 15, for all Frolics members to vote on accept-

ing certain bylaw changes. The proposed changes were emailed to all members via email on Dec. 18.

Any questions? Call Barb Schneller, 303-923-3992.

HG Women's Book Club

The HG Book Club meets on the first Monday of each month at in the Mountainview Room, to discuss the chosen book of the month. There are two sessions: at 10:30 am and 1 pm. Call Janet Arce, 720-774-3368, for the 10:30 am group; or Joanne Urias, 251-518-5781, for the 1 pm group.

The NoteAbles Mixed Chorus

The mixed chorus is searching for a new director/piano player. We sing weekly on Tuesdays, noon–2 pm, Skyview Room. For information, call Valery Van Matre, Secretary; or Tom, 720-377-5756.

Aviation Club

The HG Aviation Club meets the second Wednesday of each month, 6:30 pm, Aspen Room. You do not have to be a veteran, a pilot, or a mechanic — just have an interest in airplanes and aviation.



Our February program will be a YouTube video simulating a B1-R Bomber versus a Chinese carrier group. It features air-to-surface anti-ship missiles launched at high altitude and supersonic speeds against multiple ship targets. Interesting program. It shows how far our war technology has evolved. – Rudy Morris

The Green Team

We have been called a small but mighty group. The Green Team consists of residents who were initially brought together through a concern for our HG environment, in August 2015.

Since then, the “Greenies” have successfully received three grants from the City of Aurora, which provided the large recycle/trash receptacles in the Clubhouse, recycle bins on the Golf Course and in the Pro Shop area.

The Green Team developed the Puppy Poop Project, now serving more than 276 dogs, which turns dog waste into composted potting soil.

There are recycle collection “toters” in every parking structure for the Alpha buildings.

Non-Styrofoam coffee cups are being used in the Clubhouse.

Since 2017, the team has held paper shred events every Spring.

The annual David Faris Awards Ceremony in February recognizes people within HG who go above and beyond to make improvements within their area. Our current major project is constructing and erecting bat houses — the first one to be installed early in 2023.

If you are passionate about our environment and have new ideas, we would like you to join us every month on the second Thursday, at noon, in the Blue Spruce Room. If you are simply interested, that’s okay, too. You are always welcome. For more information call 303-587-9797. – Wendy Pfaffhausen

RV Lot Club

Our club is open to all who RV, not just those who rent space in the HG RV Storage Lot. At our meetings, we share information and experience about RV-ing. We lobby to improve conditions in the storage lot. We also anticipate having social, travel and camping activities.

We meet the second Thursday of each month, 5–6 pm, Aspen Room. For additional information, please contact Forrest McClure, 720-472-9250. Happy trails and safe travels!

Birding and Nature Club

The HG Birding and Nature Club meets at 10 am, on the second Friday of each month in the Lodgepole Lounge.

HG Indivisible

The HG Indivisible group meets on the second Friday of the month for lunch at 1 pm in the Rendezvous Restaurant. We discuss current issues, books, and ideas. You don’t have to be a resident of HG, and you don’t have to order lunch. If you plan on attending lunch please email or text me so I can reserve a table.

The group is an informal network of citizens concerned about the increasing role of anonymous big money groups infusing elections with dark money and disinformation. We are concerned about the interlocking catastrophes of a rigged democracy, global pandemic, unimaginable and growing wealth inequality, racial injustice, and the escalating impacts of the climate crisis.

The group also sends out a newsletter several times a month with events, articles, and action items relating to defending our democracy. Contact me if you want to receive the newsletter.

Please join us if you share our concerns or are just curious about how we can preserve our Democracy. We are all inclusive, and there is never a fee or any other obligation to participate.— Linda Champ, 720-252-7324, lindachamp91@gmail.com

The Breakfast Club

The Breakfast Club (TBC) for Singles 50 Plus now meets at 8:30 am at the Rendezvous Restaurant, on the second Saturday, for breakfast. Call 303-794-3332 to make your reservation. Cost is \$19.

This is just the tip of the iceberg. TBC has grown in the past 20 years. It is not only larger, but has three other chapters along the Front Range. We have ongoing activities, such as bowling, the Birthday Bash, eating at a new restaurant, and Happy Hours.

Each month, there are also different activities planned, such as museums, sports events, plays, concerts, and day trips, to name a few. Come see! – Suzanne Harnes

Wine & Cheese Social Club

We meet on the third Saturday of every month. Join us on Saturday,

Feb. 18, 3–5 pm, Aspen/Blue Spruce Room. Bring a beverage and snack to share. Entertainment is provided. For more information, Debbie Brooks, 303-691-2715.

HG Photo Club

Welcome, Photographers! If you want to become a better photographer, learn more about photography, get and stay inspired, meet others who share your passion, and make new friends, nothing beats a photo club. The HG Photo Club consists of a group of friendly people who enjoy photography.

Our skills cover a broad range, from beginners to seasoned professionals. If you are interested in visiting, please do so. See if you like what we do, and then join the club!

We meet on the third Monday, 3–4 pm, Aspen Room. If you have questions, please contact Larry Renshaw (Larry_Renshaw@msn.com), 303-648-0049, or Anita Huddleston (anvid7@hotmail.com), 303-718-6676.

Caregivers Support Group

The group meets on the third Tuesday of the month, 2–4 pm, Aspen Room. All caregivers are welcome. For information, call Nancy Fuhr, 303-337-4890.

B201 & B202

B201 and B202 meet at 4:30 pm on the third Tuesday, in Rendezvous. For more information, please call Nancy Grossman, 714-470-5660.

NFBCO Aurora Chapter

The Aurora Chapter of the National Federation of the Blind of Colorado meets once a month, 10:30 am–12:30 pm, in the Mountainview Room on the fourth Saturday.

Our chapter is open to all blind and low-vision persons interested in learning more about living the life you want with limited vision. For more information, call Dale Holden, chapter president, B213, 303-905-9738.

SRA

The Seville Recreational Association meets the fourth Monday of every month in a different Seville building. For time and location, please

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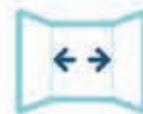
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Sports and Recreation

Afternoon Cribbage

Afternoon Cribbage meets 12:30–3 pm Wednesdays, in the Clubhouse lobby, near the fireplace. For information: Dean Lux, 303-353-4267.

Rummikub

This club meets 1–3 pm on Wednesdays, in the Library. We play in groups of 4–6. Stop by, or call Joanne, 719-641-3644. If you can't make Wednesdays — call. We can see about setting up other days and times. — Joanne Turner

HG ACBL Duplicate Bridge

We play at 1 pm in the Blue Spruce Room each Wednesday. Pre-registration is required, by email, to merrilyv@sonic.net, or call me, 720-282-3199. For partnership information, call Linda Harder, 303-369-2032. — Merrily VanZevern, Director

Pinochle

We play for fun and friendship. We start at 1:30 pm, and end at 4 pm, every Wednesday in the Mountainview Room. Please join us if you'd like to play, learn, or just sharpen your skills. Call Diane, 707-799-6449 or 6446. We look forward to seeing you.

Square Dance

Heather Twirlers would like to invite all square dancers to join us every first and third Wednesday, 7–9 pm. The cost is \$7.

If you are an experienced dancer, a new dancer or feel a little rusty, this group is an excellent place to both experience the joy of dancing and improve your skills while meeting with new and old friends. It is a good place to meet other dancers, have a lot of fun. Plus, it is great way to exercise. Any questions, call Beverly Nelson, 303-750-6632.

HG Ladies Golf Club

The first month of 2023 is already behind us, which means the HG Ladies Golf Club is getting ready for its 52nd season of play. After the winter hiatus, everyone is looking forward to

hitting the links, seeing friends and enjoying another season of fun-filled golf and social activities.

Below are some of the important league dates to add to your calendar: February 15: Non-resident dues of \$55 must be received. This allows time to determine if any non-resident spots are available to those on the waiting list. League rules allow for 30 non-residents. Be sure to remind your non-resident friends of this critical date.

March 30: Resident dues of \$45 must be paid, for the player to be included in the league's golf directory. Payment can be dropped off in the Pro Shop. Please mark the envelope "Attention: Mary Jo Prichard." If any of your information has changed, download a membership application from the HGLGC website, and include it with your payment.

Weather allowing, preseason play will begin on Wednesday, April 5, with formal league play commencing on Wednesday, May 3.

Women of all skill levels who are interested in league play are cordially invited to join HGLGC. Detailed information and membership applications are available at the HG Pro Shop or on our website, www.heathergardensladiesgolfclub.com.

Is your game a bit rusty after this winter's layoff? You might want to try the newly updated golf simulator at the Pro Shop. Updates include a bigger enclosure, better seating and now users can get food delivery from the Rendezvous Restaurant. Prices are \$20 per hour for HG residents and \$30 per hour for non-residents. Make a reservation by calling the Pro Shop, 303-751-2390.

The next HGLGC board meeting will be held on Wednesday, Feb. 22 at 1 pm in the Board Room. All members are welcome.

Golf Trivia: According to numerous books about the history of women's golf, Mary Queen of Scots in 1552 became the first woman to play the game. The first recorded golf

tournament for women occurred in January 1811. The tournament was held in the town at Musselburgh, East Lothian, Scotland, for local fisherman's wives of Musselburgh and Fisherrow, a neighboring town. The event was organized by the Musselburgh Golf Club, and took place on their 18-hole pitch and putt course. — Suzi Stolte, Publicity Chair

Tai Chi

The tai chi club practices on the tennis courts Thursday mornings. Although tai chi was originally developed for self-defense, it has evolved into a slow form of exercise used for stress reduction and improved posture, flexibility, and balance.

Tai chi consists of deliberate, flowing movements, which are grouped into forms. It has been described as "meditation in motion."

Because we meet outside, the start time is weather dependent. New? Interested? For more information about the club or to sign up, contact Dean Uyeno, dean.uyeno@live.com, before attending.

Bunko

Bunko meets the first and third Thursdays each month, 1–3:30 pm. We gather in the Blue Spruce Room at 12:45 pm, and start play at 1 pm. For information: Carli Williams, carliwilliams@hotmail.com, 303-518-7337.

Muu-Muu Hula Club

Muu-Muu Hula Club meets Fridays, 1:30 pm, Arts & Crafts Room. All are welcome, dress is casual, and there is no cost for our classes. Questions? Call Cindy Crockett, 303-690-7702.

Mexican Train Dominoes

We play noon–4 pm every Saturday, Arts & Crafts Room. Games start at noon and at 2 pm. — Bernadette (Bee) Hass, 303-923-3877.

Men's Bridge

This group meets every Monday, 10 am–3 pm, in the Skyview Room. Questions: Maris Kuga, 720-748-0590.

Pickleball

Have you heard about pickleball

and are you intrigued? The club has loaner paddles for you. Just show up when we are playing, and let us know you want to give it a try! We have 88 club members — a significant number started playing last year. We are a fun group that welcomes novices.

Club play will be 10–noon, or later, daily on the courts by the HG Clubhouse, weather permitting.

Visit our club's website www.hg-pickle.org/. It is typically updated by 8 am, if we know play will be canceled or delayed due to weather. On most web browsers, you will find us by typing hgpickle.org.

For more information, contact Phil Hughes 303-503-7633, phdenver@comcast.net, or Ron Hileman, 720-256-7477, ronhileman@gmail.com.

Social Bridge

Open casual bridge has expanded to Mondays and Fridays, 1–3:30 pm, in the Library, while continuing on Thursdays, 1–3:30 pm, in the Skyview Room. No reservations or partner needed, but please call before you come the first time. If there is sufficient interest, possibly we can stratify by skill level. – Joanne Turner, 719-641-3644

Time4TapDance Group

If you've ever wanted to learn how to tap dance, or you'd like to renew your tap skills, Time4Tap Group (Beginning) is for you. We meet on Mondays, 1 pm, Sandberg Auditorium. With questions, call or text Julie Whalen, 303-550-5985; email jwhalen97@comcast.net. Or just drop in on a Monday.

If you are a seasoned tap dancer, you might want to join Time4Tap Dance Group (Intermediate/Advanced) on Thursdays, 11 am, Sandberg Auditorium. Make Time4Tap!

Monday Mah Jongg

We meet 1-4 pm every Monday, Blue Spruce Room. If that room is not available, ask at the Activities Desk for our location. We play for a maximum of \$3, so bring your coins.

All players are welcome, but you must have the latest Mah Jongg

League card. If you are just curious about the game, feel free to drop by to observe. For information: Bobbie Klapp, 720-708-6738.

Men's Poker & Texas Hold 'em

On Mondays, we play Texas Hold 'em (12:30–5 pm) in the Mountainview Room, except on the first Monday of the month, when we play in the Aspen Room. On Wednesdays, we play Men's Poker (12:30–5 pm) in the Skyview Room. On Fridays, we play Texas Hold 'em (12:30–5 pm) in the Mountainview Room.

Our Texas Hold 'em games are open to the ladies. Our men-only poker games consist of a variety of dealers' choice games. For additional information please call Paul Reddy, 303-750-0442, or Larry Hill, 720-272-7765.

Tennis Club

Our play times in February are Monday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday, 1–3 pm. We will remain on that schedule through April 2023. We play during the winter months, weather permitting.

Free clinics and refresher lessons available. If you have any questions, please call Mark Merrill, 941-350-8455.

We have monthly social meetings at the Rendezvous Restaurant. Our next scheduled meeting is Tuesday, Feb. 7, 5 pm. – Jill Taylor

Evening Pinochle

Evening Pinochle meets 6–8 pm Monday nights, Mountainview Room. For information: Ann Gagliardi, 303-332-2163.

Hand (Knee) and Foot

Also known as Tripleplay, is a variation of Canasta. Fun and easy to learn. We meet every Tuesday, 12:30–4 pm, Mountainview Room. Call Kevin Keator 303-699-4641, or just show up.

Tuesday Mah Jongg

We meet 1–4 pm every Tuesday, Blue Spruce Room. All players are welcome. Please 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. Free lessons can be arranged. Call Laurie, 720-210-8033, or Bobbie, 520-743-6849, for information.

Ping Pong

Fun and great exercise. Join us in playing doubles, 2 pm on Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday in the Game Room. You can also play by contacting the Activities Desk in the Clubhouse. If you have questions, call Bob Schlageter, 303-751-2205 – B. Schlageter

Billiard Club

The club meets for Co-ed 8-Ball at 6:30 pm Tuesdays. Check in before 6:15 pm to play. Men's 9-Ball is at 7 pm Thursdays.

Annual dues of \$12 are payable on January 1 of each year. All new players are welcome. Questions? Call Connie Burns, 303-693-0766, or Judy Brehmer, 303-369-6258.

8-Ball Results December 20

- 1st Brian Bucenec, Dee Moore
- 2nd Roger Goldstein, Don Gunnarson
- 3rd Gil Lochhead, Judy Brehmer

December 27

- 1st Don Gunnarson Team
- 2nd Dee Moore, Scott Crowl
- 3rd Roger Goldstein, Judy Brehmer

January 3

- 1st Brian Bucenec, Tom Steger
- 2nd Roger Goldstein, Mary Frevert
- 3rd Dee Moore, Scott Crowl

January 10

- 1st Brian Bucenec, Tom Steger
- 2nd Bob Schlageter, Lindy Davenport
- 3rd Roger Goldstein Team

9-Ball Results December 29

- 1st John Manzanayes
- 2nd Brian Bucenec

January 5

- 1st Brian Bucenec
- 2nd Doug Miller

January 12

- 1st Brian Bucenec
- 2nd Steve Hesser
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Low Vision Support

The Low Vision Support Group meets on the fourth Monday of the month, 1:30–3 pm, Aspen Room. Questions, call Marsha Bengen, 720-535-5224.

HG Republican Club

The Republican Club will feature a video this month in the Sandberg Auditorium on Thursday, Feb. 9, 7–9 pm. The documentary video: “RIGGED – The Zuckenberg Funded Plot to Defeat Donald Trump,” produced by Citizens United, a David Bossie Production. Visitors are welcome. Learn the disparity in what wealthy people can donate to a campaign. Cost is free. RSVP to help us plan logistics: chairs, snacks, etc., 720-500-4047 (leave a message) or email hgrclub@gmail.com.

“It does not require a majority to prevail, but rather an irate, tireless minority to set brush fires in people’s minds!” – Sam Adams

Our guest speaker for February is The Cherry Creek Parent Advocacy Network, which lives up to Sam Adams’ ideal. This group of dedicated and concerned parents, teachers, and community stakeholders care deeply for kids. Learn more about supporting excellence in

education for the children in Cherry Creek School District. The Grandparents4Kids founder will also present actions to take for children.

The general meeting will be 1–2:30 pm Tuesday, Feb. 28, Sandberg Auditorium.

Annual membership dues are \$15/person. We look forward to you renewing your membership or becoming a new member. Guests are always welcome. For more information on payment of dues, email hgrclub@gmail.com. – Robin O’Meara

HG Democratic Club

The HG Democratic Club meets the fourth Tuesday of each month (except December), 4–5:30 pm, Aspen Room. Our next meeting will be Feb. 28.

Our February speaker will be Lisa Weil, executive director of Great Education Colorado. She will talk about how we can provide better resources to our schools.

We will also be hearing more about the Aurora City Council election, which will be in November. Please join us.

Our purpose is to support and defend the U.S. Constitution and the rule of law; and to promote Democratic values such as truth, justice, and equal rights. We educate ourselves, our candidates and our elected officials, and take an active part in our democracy. Our meetings are free and open to all, whether or not you are a resident of HG or registered as a Democrat.

Last year had many elections, even without the presidential election. Our meetings consisted mostly of

meeting the Democratic candidates, including a very successful bipartisan candidate forum in September. This year, we will focus on issues we are facing as a society. If you have a burning issue you would like to hear more about, please let me know. – Marty Karnopp, chair, 303-353-9640, mjkarnopp@gmail.com.

The Sevillians

Mark your calendars for the Sevillians’ February dinner. Join us on Tuesday, Feb. 28, 4:30 pm in the Banquet Room of Rendezvous Restaurant.

Sign-up sheets will be provided in the mail room of each building. The management of Rendezvous request that we have 20–30 guests to use the Banquet room. Cut-off date for reserving is Friday, February 24. –Patt Clark, B235.

OPOCS Singles Club

Pinochle and bridge groups are meeting again, and we are working on getting social gatherings going. For information, call Jackie Clements, 303-988-3555. – Bernice Lucero

HG Grief Support

Grief Support will resume its two-hour weekly meetings in February. Contact Barbara Creswell, 651-485-3608, bcreswell6@gmail.com, for the start date and time.

CP6

CP6 will hold an organizational meeting in the first half of 2023. Watch your mailbox for information. The agenda will include scheduling and holding an election late in 2023, for 2024 officers.



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HG Clubhouse Events

Clubhouse Hours

Monday–Saturday 6 am–9 pm; Sunday 7 am–7 pm
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Clubhouse Manager Montrell Anthony

Assistant Clubhouse Manager Julie Racich

Make reservations for any event by calling the number above or stop by the Clubhouse Activities Desk

Active Minds: History of Denver

Wednesday, Feb. 8, 2 pm, Sandberg Auditorium

FREE: Reservation required, 303-751-1811, x5

Come learn the stories of the Mile High City. You will learn how our city was founded and the roles played by William Larimer, John Evans, and others. We will trace the development of this resilient city that has enjoyed tremendous booms and weathered debilitating busts. Bring your favorite Denver trivia to share!

Mobile Food Pantry

Thursday, Feb. 9, 10 am–noon (or until food runs out), Parking Lot B243 and B244 on East Marina Drive

FREE

In response to COVID-19, the city of Aurora, in partnership with SECORCares, brings a mobile food pantry for seniors. No cost for the food. Sample food may include but is not limited to: rice, beans or pasta, cereal/oatmeal, various canned items, fresh produce, dairy, eggs, and protein. *Food will be modified to accommodate senior needs as best as possible, i.e., low sodium, low fat, softer foods. Questions? Call 303-739-7281. Please do not line up before 9:45 am. If you have reusable bags, please bring them to shop!

Mountain Man Nut & Fruit Co. will be in the Clubhouse Lobby, 2:15–3:15 pm Tuesday, Feb. 14. They will be selling nuts, seeds, snacks, candies, dried fruits and trail mix.

Watch Batteries Replaced

Thursday, Feb. 16, 9 am–1 pm, Sunburst Café

Cost: \$7 per battery

Bring in your watches, car remotes or hearing aids for new batteries while you wait.

Presidential Love Stories with Kathleen Arnold

Thursday, Feb. 16, 1–2 pm, Sandberg Auditorium

FREE, reservations required, call 303-751-1811 ext. 5

In February, we celebrate President's Day to recognize presidents past and present. We also celebrate Val-

entine's Day, originally a religious holiday, to honor martyred saints, the day is about recognizing those we love. There are many great love stories among our presidential couples. Some are familiar to us and others you may never have heard about, until now!

Bingo!

Friday, Feb. 17, 1–3 pm, Sandberg Auditorium

FREE: Reservation required, 303-751-1811, x5.

Take time with your friends and neighbors in a lively round of Bingo. Snacks will be provided. Register early, this event fills up fast!

Terry Norona Titans: Valentines Dance

Saturday, Feb. 18, 6:30–9 pm, Sandberg Auditorium

Cost: \$10,

Reservations required, call 303-751-1811 ext. 5.

The Titans is a 3-piece band playing a variety of music from the 40s–70s. Enjoy a night of music and dancing with your "Valentine."

Fat Tuesday

Tuesday, February 21, 1–2 pm HG Clubhouse Lobby

FREE

Celebrate Mardi Gras in the Clubhouse Lobby — enjoy some great jazz, King cake, and take home a couple strands of beads. If you get the "special" piece of cake with a surprise inside, you'll be the winner!

Movie Matinee: *The Good House*

Friday, Feb. 24, 2 pm, Sandberg Auditorium

Cost: \$5 pre-register; \$6 on the day of the event.

Reservation required, 303-751-1811, x5

The Good House is a 2022 American comedy-drama film directed by Maya Forbes and Wally Wolodarsky, who wrote the screenplay with Thomas Bezucha. It is based on the novel of the same name by Ann Leary. It is the final Amblin Partners film to be produced under the Participant label for social justice content. Staring Sigourney Weaver, Kevin Kline, Morena Baccarin.

Heather Gardens Trips

Bally's Blackhawk Casino

Wednesday, Feb. 15, 7:45 am–3 pm

Fee: \$20, no cancellations or refunds after Feb. 13

Reservations required, call 303-751-1811 ext. 5.

We are heading to Blackhawk's Bally's Casino. Players will receive:

- 50 points or 1 hour of tracked table play and receive a \$15 food coupon.
- \$10 Free Slot Play (Guests will need to set up a pin number and update account information upon arrival.)

Meet at 7:45 am between buildings B243 and B244 on East Marina Drive. The bus will leave the casino at 2 pm, arriving back to HG around 3 pm.

Clubhouse News:

- Family Swim Saturdays and Sundays only 2–4 pm, indoor pool
- Sign up early for events

or trips. No refunds after the posted deadline on trips. Signing up early for events guarantees you a seat.



Martin Luther King, Jr. was recognized at HG on Jan. 16, a Federal Holiday in his honor



At HG, Clubhouse Manager Montrell Anthony (right) led a



program about Martin Luther King Jr. on Jan. 16 in Sandberg Auditorium. A film about the civil rights leader was shared. Probably his most famous speech was “I have a Dream” delivered on Aug. 28, 1963, on the steps of the Lincoln Memorial during the March on Washington, D.C., for Jobs and Freedom. That speech still resonates.

Photos by Anita Huddleston.

Martin Luther King Jr., (January 15, 1929 — April 4, 1968) was an American Baptist minister and activist, one of the most prominent leaders in the civil rights movement from 1955 until his assassination in 1968. King advanced civil rights for people of color in the United States through nonviolence and civil disobedience. Inspired by his Christian beliefs and the nonviolent activism of Mahatma Gandhi, he led targeted, nonviolent resistance against Jim Crow laws and other forms of discrimination. (Wikipedia)

I Have a Dream

“Five score years ago, a great American, in whose symbolic shadow we stand today, signed the Emancipation Proclamation. This momentous decree came as a great beacon light of hope to millions of Negro slaves who had been seared in the flames of withering injustice. It came as a joyous daybreak to end the long night of their captivity.

“But 100 years later, the Negro still is not free. One hundred years later, the life of the Negro is still sadly crippled by the manacles of segregation and the chains of discrimination. One hundred years later, the Negro lives on a lonely island of poverty in the midst of a vast ocean of material prosperity. One hundred years later the Negro is still languished in the corners of American society and finds himself in exile in his own land. And so we’ve come here today to dramatize a shameful condition. In a sense we’ve come to our nation’s capital to cash a check.

“When the architects of our republic wrote the magnificent words of the Constitution and the Declaration of Independence, they were signing a promissory note to which every American was to fall heir. This note was a promise that all men — yes, Black men as well as white men — would be guaranteed the unalienable rights of life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness.

“It is obvious today that America has defaulted on this promissory note insofar as her citizens of color are concerned. Instead of honoring this sacred obligation, America has given the Negro people a bad check, a check which has come back marked insufficient funds.

“But we refuse to believe that the bank of justice is bankrupt.

“We refuse to believe that there are insufficient funds in the great vaults of opportunity of this nation. And so we’ve come to cash this check, a check that will give us

upon demand the riches of freedom and the security of justice.

“We have also come to this hallowed spot to remind America of the fierce urgency of now. This is no time to engage in the luxury of cooling off or to take the tranquilizing drug of gradualism.

“Now is the time to make real the promises of democracy. Now is the time to rise from the dark and desolate valley of segregation to the sunlit path of racial justice. Now is the time to lift our nation from the quick sands of racial injustice to the solid rock of brotherhood. Now is the time to make justice a reality for all of God’s children.

“It would be fatal for the nation to overlook the urgency of the moment. This sweltering summer of the Negro’s legitimate discontent will not pass until there is an invigorating autumn of freedom and equality. 1963 is not an end, but a beginning. Those who hope that the Negro needed to blow off steam and will now be content will have a rude awakening if the nation returns to business as usual.

“There will be neither rest nor tranquility in America until the Negro is granted his citizenship rights. The whirlwinds of revolt will continue to shake the foundations of our nation until the bright day of justice emerges.

“But there is something that I must say to my people who stand on the warm threshold which leads into the palace of justice. In the process of gaining our rightful place, we must not be guilty of wrongful deeds. Let us not seek to satisfy our thirst for freedom by drinking from the cup of bitterness and hatred.

“We must forever conduct our struggle on the high plane of dignity and discipline. We must not allow our creative protest to degenerate into physical violence. Again

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Above: This large flock of Canadian geese found a depression between B220 and CP6, to hunker down for the Jan. 18 snow storm. For Aurora, the estimate of snow was 11 inches on this storm that started on Jan. 17, continued for half of the next day.
(Photo by Mary Hafka, CP6)

Below: In the middle of a snowstorm on Dec.5, these geese are on the move. Photo by Janis Farrell



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and again, we must rise to the majestic heights of meeting physical force with soul force. The marvelous new militancy which has engulfed the Negro community must not lead us to a distrust of all white people, for many of our white brothers, as evidenced by their presence here today, have come to realize that their destiny is tied up with our destiny.

"And they have come to realize that their freedom is inextricably bound to our freedom. We cannot walk alone. And as we walk, we must make the pledge that we shall always march ahead. We cannot turn back.

"There are those who are asking the devotees of civil rights, when will you be satisfied? We can never be satisfied as long as the Negro is the victim of the unspeakable horrors of police brutality. We can never be satisfied as long as our bodies, heavy with the fatigue of travel, cannot gain lodging in the motels of the highways and the hotels of the cities.

"We cannot be satisfied as long as the Negro's basic mobility is from a smaller ghetto to a larger one. We can never be satisfied as long as our children are stripped of their selfhood and robbed of their dignity by signs stating: for whites only.

"We cannot be satisfied as long as a Negro in Mississippi cannot vote and a Negro in New York believes he has nothing for which to vote.

"No, no, we are not satisfied, and we will not be satisfied until justice rolls down like waters, and righteousness like a mighty stream.

"I am not unmindful that some of you have come here out of great trials and tribulations. Some of you have come fresh from narrow jail cells. Some of you have come from areas where your quest for freedom left you battered by the storms of persecution and staggered by the winds of police brutality. You have been the veterans of creative suffering. Continue to work with the faith that unearned suffering is redemptive. Go back to Mississippi, go back to Alabama, go back to South Carolina, go back to Georgia, go back to Louisiana, go back to the slums and ghettos of our Northern cities, knowing that somehow this situation can and will be changed.

"Let us not wallow in the valley of despair, I say to you today, my friends.

"So even though we face the difficulties of today and tomorrow, I still have a dream. It is a dream deeply rooted in the American dream. I have a dream that one day this nation will rise up and live out the true meaning of its creed: We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal.

"I have a dream that one day on the red hills of Georgia, the sons of former slaves and the sons of former slave owners will be able to sit down together at the table of brotherhood.

"I have a dream that one day even the state of Mississippi, a state sweltering with the heat of injustice,

sweltering with the heat of oppression will be transformed into an oasis of freedom and justice.

"I have a dream that my four little children will one day live in a nation where they will not be judged by the color of their skin but by the content of their character. I have a dream today.

"I have a dream that one day down in Alabama with its vicious racists, with its governor having his lips dripping with the words of interposition and nullification, one day right down in Alabama little Black boys and Black girls will be able to join hands with little white boys and white girls as sisters and brothers. I have a dream today.

"I have a dream that one day every valley shall be exalted, every hill and mountain shall be made low, the rough places will be made plain, and the crooked places will be made straight, and the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together.

"This is our hope. This is the faith that I go back to the South with. With this faith, we will be able to hew out of the mountain of despair a stone of hope. With this faith we will be able to transform the jangling discords of our nation into a beautiful symphony of brotherhood. With this faith we will be able to work together, to pray together, to struggle together, to go to jail together, to stand up for freedom together, knowing that we will be free one day.

"This will be the day when all of God's children will be able to sing with new meaning: My country, 'tis of thee, sweet land of liberty, of thee I sing. Land where my fathers died, land of the pilgrims' pride, from every mountainside, let freedom ring.

"And if America is to be a great nation, this must become true. And so let freedom ring from the prodigious hilltops of New Hampshire. Let freedom ring from the mighty mountains of New York. Let freedom ring from the heightening Alleghenies of Pennsylvania. Let freedom ring from the snowcapped Rockies of Colorado. Let freedom ring from the curvaceous slopes of California. But not only that, let freedom ring from Stone Mountain of Georgia. Let freedom ring from Lookout Mountain of Tennessee. Let freedom ring from every hill and molehill of Mississippi. From every mountainside, let freedom ring.

"And when this happens, when we allow freedom to ring, when we let it ring from every village and every hamlet, from every state and every city, we will be able to speed up that day when all of God's children, Black men and white men, Jews and Gentiles, Protestants and Catholics, will be able to join hands and sing in the words of the old Negro spiritual: Free at last. Free at last. Thank God almighty, we are free at last."

– Martin Luther King, Jr.

August 28, 1963

Lincoln Memorial, Washington, D.C.



**HG after 10 inches of snow
on Dec. 28.**

These photos of the Seville Pond (left and below) were taken by Nancy Reid, B231.



In a walk-around, Rudy Morris, B217 took these photos of different areas of HG on Dec. 29



Christmas yard art did not have a chance against this deep snow-storm.



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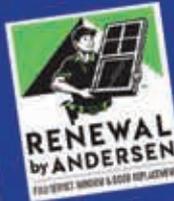
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Sometimes a velvet paw is needed

by Morticia Hafka

Morticia Hafka, here. I'll be writing this month's column, as my human, Mary, refuses to work in February, due to a condition she calls Seasonal Affective Disorder (SAD — also known as SLOTH).

My topic, this month, is that serious problem sweeping the country, the mishandling of puppy dogs. I am a tough little feminist of a doggy, who doesn't take a lot of guff from anyone or anything.

But I seem to have met my Waterloo, in the form of that universal disrespector of canines, the kitty cat. My brother, the cat — Tytus — is my only sibling. He also can be the bane of my existence.

The contentiousness between us brings to mind the very public feuding that is going on in the English royal family between Princes William and Harry. Like the younger, less senior royal, I often feel that the dismissiveness directed toward "the Spare" applies to me.

Tytus was here, first, and is older than I. With the arrogance of entitlement, he often runs me out of my favorite pet bed, and plunks down in it himself.

We actually have two pet beds, side by side, in the TV room. Neither of us likes one of them. It's a constant tug-of-war for the better bed, and — for reasons I can't fully explain — Tytus always wins in the competition.

(Okay, we have three pet beds, on multiple floors throughout the house. Four, if you count my human's bed — which I do, as that's where I usually spend the night.)

While I probably won't emulate Prince Harry — I don't intend to renounce my family or move to California — I think it's entirely possible that I might write a tell-all book detailing my sad treatment. Writing these columns for *Heather 'n Yon* has honed my skills; therefore, I have high hopes of landing a publisher and seeing my memoir debut at No. 1 on *The New York*

Times best-seller list.

A recent issue of *Whole Dog Journal* (*Whole-Dog-Journal.com*) had a column about pursuing "Good Pet Management." It outlines effective barriers and good supervision between cats and dogs living in the same household.

I have a deep suspicion, though, that these so-called experts never met my brother, Tytus. A surly, geriatric Siamese, Tytus sort of floats above the rules and norms, because — kinglike — he doesn't acknowledge that they apply to him.

The website *GeniusVets* describes cats and dogs cohabiting as "Fire and brimstone coming down from the skies. Rivers and seas boiling. Dogs and cats living together, mass hysteria!"

After *GeniusVet* stops hyper-ventilating, it advises that prudent owners should set up a quiet, sheltered area for each pet. In this way, each pet — the elder and the younger — can be the ruler of their own, little realm.

This is a plan that works better in theory than in practice. Just as Tytus won't admit that the comfortable pet bed is really mine (ahem!), he also intrudes into my other personal spaces. He persists in drinking from my water bowl, despite having his own dedicated water bowl. In other words, he can drink from my bowl, but I can't reach his.

This sort of bullying behavior is designed, I believe, to belittle me at every turn. In fact, most of the advice given by *GeniusVet* seems designed to favor the cat's position over the indisputable rights of the canine.

Indeed — participating in the conspiracy — the vets at Cornell Feline Health Center spend a great deal of time reporting what it takes to keep the older cat comfortable and vital. This website recommends everything to assist an older cat, from installing nightlights to non-skid ramps throughout the home.

The worst advice given by Cornell is to get the senior cat a frisky kitten, to rejuvenate the older pet. Now, them's fighting words! The last thing I need around here is another cat to slop in my water dish and get cat hairs all over my toys.

Then there's the most devastating injustice that a dainty dog is dragged outdoors in savage weather to perform her most intimate necessities. (I am forced to wear a scratchy, tweed coat in the bargain.) The cat gets the princely treatment of staying inside, cozy and warm, using his litterbox. There are days when I feel like "The Dog In The Iron Mask."

The Purina Expert Dog Care site exhibits a much more realistic view of how to house a happy canine. "Emotional needs are just as important as the physical ones, which means establishing trust and a sense of security for your dog is crucial to their well-being."

Finally, a group of experts that understands me! A sense of security for my delicate sensibilities is what I feel is lacking around this place, so I offer the following basic rules for improving conditions:

1. The dog should always be fed first, at meal time. Feed the cat first, and he'll gulp his food down, then try to appropriate mine.

2. The dog should always have first crack at the pet bed, or other desirable places to roost. Everyone knows that a cat can sleep anywhere.

3. The dog should be given her choice of pet toys that are available within the home. Give the cat a cardboard box — that's all he really wants.

Once a more equitable footing is established, the three of us — the cat, the lazy human and me — can resume living in harmony, and tolerate being holed up in a single house during the long, cold winter before us. And any other humans — having guilty consciences because they fail to recognize and remedy the longstanding injustices described, above — are advised to make amends and leave boxes of doggie treats on my front doorstep. Take care to do this quietly, so as to not disrupt my much-needed nap time.

And I will take it as a sign of the deepest disrespect if anyone drops off a kitten. Gr-r-r-r-r!

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