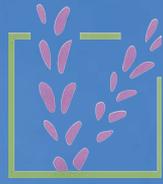


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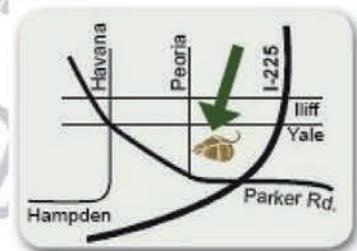
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The Independent Living Policy at Heather Gardens, which has been in development the past couple months, was presented and approved at the Tuesday, April 15, HGA Board meeting.

Heather Gardens was created and operates as an Independent Living community, which does not provide any assisted living services.

As stated in the policy, the first course of action in a medical or life-threatening event is for residents to call 911. Causes for concern that a resident may be struggling with independent living include incidents where a resident's action or non-actions pose a risk to their own health or safety or to the health and safety of others, inability to clean and maintain an independent unit, mental confusion, inability to care for oneself (including falls that result in injury), and inability to arrange for home care.

Upon more than two reports or complaints regarding an individual within a 12-month period, HGA in good faith and without legal responsibility or liability, may request that the resident provide HGA with a functional assessment regarding the condition of the resident to live independently.

If a functional assessment is requested by the HGA Board, the resident will be required to undertake the assessment with an unrelated third-party medical professional. The Board may recommend to a resident available services, such as assistance from state or county agencies or non-profit or for-profit service entities to help maintain a level of independent living with assistance, enabling the resident to avoid harm to self or others and to avoid disruption to the Heather Gardens community.

But, as stated by Director David Baxter, Chair of the Security, Emergency Preparedness Committee, which has spearheaded the Independent Living Policy, the goal is for residents to recognize when they need help, to get their families involved, and to make it unnecessary for HGA to become involved.

For that reason, Baxter and his team are working to create the Aging Strong at Heather Gardens Club to help residents navigate aging. The mission of the club is to bring resources from the City of Aurora, Aurora Police Department and other resources to individuals at Heather Gardens. Club members may reach out to each other by phoning their neighbors each morning to check on one another or exchanging keys with trusted neighbors.

The club will be launched Saturday, May 10, at 10 am at the clubhouse, to talk about aging and a call for a leadership team and volunteers.

Fiber optics: As noted by GM Lary Herkal, diligent work continues to bring fiber optics to HG. Currently, management is reviewing a proposal from Google and is also talking with another provider.

Auditorium flooring: The auditorium floor will be totally replaced, as the adhesive is not working properly with the subfloor. Work is scheduled for the time period between the current class schedule ending and the new classes beginning. The project is under warranty.

Proposed website update: In an effort to make the Heather Gardens website more user friendly and more directed to residents rather than non-residents, Director Linda Hileman, Chair of the Community Engagement and Communications Committee, presented recommended changes to the Board, with the update to be implemented within a targeted time frame of three months. Motion passed.

Water conservation: Mitch Albert, chair of the Water Conservation effort, presented an update on three pilot projects, plus work on identifying leaks. He also noted that several volunteers from the Green Team have started work to survey HG's likely 6,000-7,000 toilets to determine the number of high gallon/flush toilets (built before 1994.)

Elevator cab renovations: Based on the recommendation of the Maintenance Committee, the Board approved a contract with Tradesman Elevator in the amount of \$186,732 and Carpet One for \$2,801, with a change order allowance of \$56,860 to complete renovations of elevator cabs in Buildings 203, 207, 211, 215, 216, 217, 218, 224, 231 and 234. The total \$246,394 is from budgeted funds of \$247,542, representing an approximate \$1,100 budget savings. New wall panels, flooring, handrails and ceilings are part of the renovation, noted Director John Recob, Chair of the Maintenance Committee.

Additionally, the Board approved \$50,000 to award the construction management contract to Holland Development to assist with the completion of the repair work on Parking Structures 2 and 4, plus the boiler replacements in Buildings 205 and 241. Funds are in the approved contingency budget.

HGA Board meetings are held the third Tuesday of each month, with the next meeting slated for Tuesday, May 20, 1 pm. Residents are encouraged to attend in person at the Clubhouse Boardroom or by Zoom.

New!

Aging Strong In Heather Gardens Club
Saturday, May 10, at 10am, Clubhouse

Heather Gardens Metropolitan District Continues to Struggle with Accounting Processes

The Heather Gardens Metropolitan District Board of Directors convened its regularly scheduled meeting April 17, 2025. President Bill Gold was absent. All other board members were present in the Board Room with Vice President Eloise Laubach presiding.

The meeting opened with an introduction of the team from Community Resource Services of Colorado, the firm contracted to handle the district's accounting. Director of Finance Tammy Clark introduced herself and two other staff members and then gave a brief overview of the services they intend to provide. Clark said they would strive to provide profit and loss statements and balance sheets before each board meeting, as well as a list of payables requiring board approval. Clark assured the board that the firm now has a full team assigned to the district and said they are available to work as much time as needed to complete the job. Kennedy said he would meet with the Community Resource Services team next week to discuss needs and expectations further.

At an earlier meeting, April 3, 2025, the Board had expressed their displeasure with Community Resource Services of Colorado's performance to date. They found the firm to lack preparation, leadership, and professionalism, exhibit poor communication and non-compliance, and charge excessive fees. After discussing whether they should end the contract outright, the Board instead passed a motion to place the firm on probationary status via a letter from the district's legal counsel.

After the Community Resource Services team left the April 17 meeting, Treasurer David Kennedy acknowledged that the letter had not yet gone out because the district's legal counsel needed clarification. Hence, the firm was unaware that the district intended to put them on probation. He reported seeing a significant improvement in the firm's performance in the past month and suggested the letter not be sent until May, when he returns from vacation and can re-evaluate.

In other news, General Manager Lary Herkal brought forth a request from a resident to dedicate a bench or plant a tree and add a plaque in memory of his wife. Herkal said he initially referred the gentleman to the Foundation Committee, but Laubach, chair of the Foundation Committee, explained that the Foundation's rules do not allow for plaques on anything. The Board discussed various ways to honor the memory of community members, including a wall of plaques in the clubhouse and a mention in *Heather 'n Yon*. Board member Steve Stratton said he would

bring the matter to the Clubhouse Committee for further discussion.

Secretary Forrest McClure brought forth a motion to award Marquez and Son the contract for landscape grading at the RV lot dump station and gate. The contract had previously been awarded to Highland Stamped Concrete, but they failed to respond. Marquez & Son had the next lowest bid. The grading is necessary to eliminate the trough at the gate because it collects debris and inhibits the gate's operation. However, McClure expressed concern that the grading might disrupt the electrical lines and wondered if Heather Gardens could do the job in-house using landscaping logs or bricks. Lary Herkal said he would consult with Roads and Grounds Manager Matt Martella. The motion was tabled.

Steve Stratton brought forth a motion to temporarily rent a projector from Spectrum AV until the board has time to review and select a vendor to upgrade the old one. He explained that after some troubleshooting, he discovered that the front auditorium projector uses old technology that is no longer compatible with the system. Renting a projector will allow Frolics to have a high-quality, working projector for its upcoming performance instead of using a tabletop projector.

The board discussed whether or not to purchase the projector outright from Spectrum AV since it gave the lowest bid. Steve said he hoped that the rental price of \$4,000 might ultimately apply towards the purchase should the board decide to choose Spectrum AV as the vendor. The board unanimously approved the rental until May 31, 2025.

Finally, this was Forrest McClure's final meeting as a district Board member. Linda Savage will replace him at next month's meeting. McClure was appreciated for easing the transition from the prior board and complimented for taking excellent minutes.

Other actions taken by the Board this month include:

- Approving a motion to replace a water controller on district property for building irrigation, as part of the Heather Gardens water conservation project.
- Appointing Lee Nicholson to chair the RV Lot Committee, effective May 12, 2025

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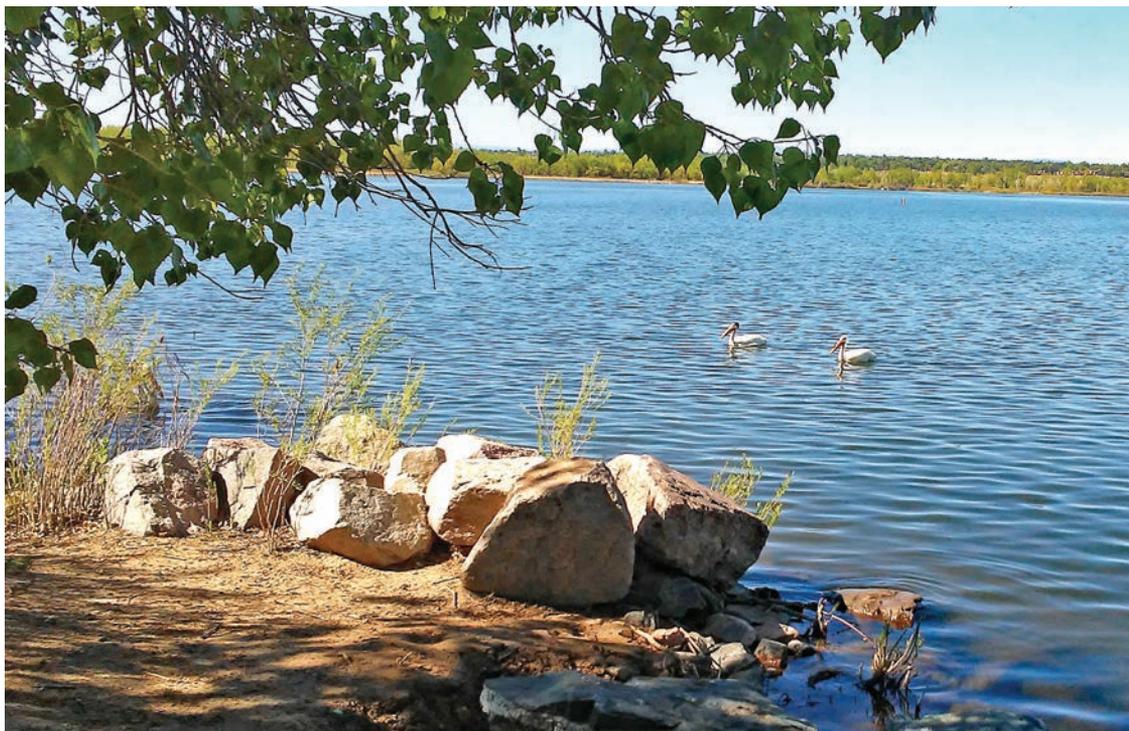
Recently, I was away for a week taking a very needed vacation to celebrate the first year of nursing for my niece. You can tell I am very proud of her and so happy she is following in my footsteps in healthcare. Keren and I had a great time away and were totally disconnected from all e-mails and cell phone calls for the week.

I did come home to literally hundreds of e-mails and some voice mails that I normally don't get because I answer my phone most of the time. I did get through all but four of these to date, so am feeling very good about this. I do love hearing from people with constructive criticism of the actions of the district and suggestions for improvement. I want to thank you all for these and will respond to as many as I can.

I do also seem to get a few e-mails that are just straight-up criticism and not the constructive kind or helpful at all. People have told me that I need to just ignore these and not comment or reply to them, but I just want to say to the few (one or two people) that send these on a regular basis, please try to just once provide some kind of constructive comments. Well, as a great man once said, "That's all I've got to say about that."

The two boards continue to work very hard to iron out an agreement that we can use to manage the community overall. This is a very difficult process when you take into consideration all the legal ramifications of a metropolitan district and HOA. These are two very different entities, and it is not easy to build an agreement that meets the needs of both if you are also trying to save the community as much money as possible. If we two boards were to toss the cost to the wind, this could be very easy, but we are trying to keep the costs as low as we can by combining and keeping "in-house" as much of the services as we can. At the same time, we must keep to all the legal requirements of each entity individually. So, we get closer every day and I feel we are very close to the end, but we continue to work on this with our weekly meetings.

I would like to wish you all a belated Happy Easter and a joyful summer ahead. I look forward to seeing more golfers, gardeners, walkers, bikers and others enjoying the weather as it continues to keep us on our toes.



"Cherry Creek"

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HGA Board President Reports

Sue McBeth

Welcome to the Merry Month of May!

I'd like to start out by talking about CHOICES. Choice is defined as: an act of selecting or making a decision when faced with two or more possibilities. We make choices all day long; what to wear, what to eat, what to do, with whom to spend time.

Each day we are the sum total of the choices we make. We make choices based on our upbringing, religious beliefs, past experiences and our hope for the future. We are creating our lives by the choices we make each minute, hour and day of our lives. Our two boards are working diligently to consciously choose and construct the type of governing structure that will guide us in the future; please pray for all of the board members that we make the right choices for a peaceful and vibrant future here at Heather Gardens.

Board Highlights

The second Town Hall meeting occurred on April 4th, with another great turnout of residents. Juanita Dominguez, the clubhouse manager, updated everyone on the new events, classes and activities that are being planned; keep an eye out on the schedule for the new and additional offerings! Remember to submit questions for the next Town Hall to HGAuroraTownHall@gmail.com

Water conservation is slated to be aggressively pursued through the actions of an Ad Hoc Committee headed by Mitch Albert and reporting to the Board every month. Initial savings estimates range from \$250,000 to \$500,000.

The Community Engagement and Communications Committee (CECC) is spending time updating the Heather Gardens website. Stay tuned for many positive changes to website functionality and an improved user experience.

Roofing replacement projects for buildings 217, 231, 235, 236 and 244 were approved.

Joint HGA/HGMD Leadership Workshop Sessions

The two boards met together with our respective attorneys to continue to clarify and detail specific actions to be included in the Asset Management Agreement. The lawyers will use our answers to their questions to further refine the document. The lawyers also gave us more components for the agreement that need to be detailed and defined for operational purposes.

Leadership Meetings with the Association General Manager

A part time, accomplished accountant has been contracted to provide help for our Controller. The next priority for the Accounting Department is to provide monthly financial reports for January, February, and March of 2025 to the Joint Budget and Finance Committee. The department will also begin preparation for the 2024 Annual Audits for HGA and HGMD. These audits will be performed by Rubin Brown.

A special type of outdoor lighting system has been approved for purchase by both boards and the Foundation. Please see the Foundation report in the April issue of *Heather 'n Yon* for a description of this system. The cost for purchase and installation will be divided among the three entities.

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*Hello
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Thank you to everyone who took the time to vote on the new logo for *Heather 'n Yon* magazine!

The winner is in!

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Stay tuned in the coming months for our logo launch and the story behind its creation.

I enjoyed seeing photos of all the turkey spottings around the community this month and learned that wild turkeys typically migrate within a 40-mile radius and migrate during the spring and fall months. It seems this year, they found Heather Gardens a lovely place to dwell.

Happy May and happy spring!

-Susan Harman, Editor
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Heather Gardens WATER

We are beginning initiatives to reduce our water consumption that could result in water expense savings of more than \$100,000. We are blessed to have Mitch Albert as a resident of Heather Gardens. Mitch is our water conservation expert, and some would say a data freak. Mitch has spent a great deal of time this past year in working with the City of Aurora to obtain a vast array of information that he has assimilated into a means to

identify the excess water usage at Heather Gardens. Through Mitch's efforts, with collaboration of our residents, staff, and the City, we can achieve significant savings in our water expense.

Fun fact: we obtain between 80,000,000-100,000,000 of FREE rain and snow water for irrigation.

To provide more some insight into the inner workings of water at Heather Gardens, Mitch assembled the following information.

The city water comes through 54 City meters (49 residential meters) to ALL of our buildings and their 2,426 living units. Each meter is its own City account, with 7 individual cost items that are billed and paid monthly by HGA. City meter water goes 40% into your living unit with 60% used to irrigate our grounds. Personal water is 200% the cost of irrigation water. Our work shows what every meter and its buildings used since 2019.

Further, we now have a real time cost forecast for EVERY meter building out to 2030. We know how much we use via two conventional benchmarks, like 14,000 gal/person/yr (38.5 gal/person/day) when we're at an average of 17,500 gal/person/yr (49 gal/person/day). Our residents range from 13,000 gal/person/yr (7 "successful" meters) to >44,000 gal/per/yr (problems). Similar metrics are available for irrigation, all of which can be followed monthly and now forecast. Personal water use is dominated by toilets and leaks in each of our living unit OR internal building plumbing leaks. We've started a two-pronged approach to find water losses.

All of our 54 meters were converted by City from analog to digital in the last 18 months, which is now being developed to get automatic LEAK alerts along with three other leak-oriented approaches: a toilet survey of our >7,000 HG toilets to see if we still have old high flush toilets made before 1994 and to make sure our toilets aren't leaking. (>25% personal water use from toilet leaks). No super schedule yet, other than to pay attention, do things and keep doing them this year and later.

The well water is good to go for at least several more years, but it is in an aquifer that continues to decline, so it has some type of limited life but good for now. A geological study is being completed, studying 100s of other nearby wells and their depletion rates. Our aquifer is "contained," which means it does NOT get replenished from snow and rain. Our aquifer (Arapahoe) has dropped from 400' to <200' thick since 1991. It has an end of life, but we can extend this water use by decreasing the amount used and supplementing with rain/snow water we were designed, permitted, and allowed to use for "flood" control and other euphemisms.

HG was unusually well designed, permitted and built to retain and use rain/snow water, while at the same time protecting us from flooding, and for us to honor and control any water we might discharge. (Look at the forest OUR water has made southeast of Marina Dr by CP5-6 south side of road.) About 75% of HG's 200 acres was carefully designed, contoured, and built to retain as much of the snow and rainwater as we can effectively manage. We may look FLAT but our elevation changes 43' from building 241-Seville into 3 WATER BASINS: SE across golf course to Linvale, NE opposite the SE basin, and Hole 5-6 to Clubhouse and west thru holes 7-9.

One project getting started is from Seville-B241 west on Marina Dr. to CP2. All of the adjacent lands spill water via streets and our well maintained "swales" into Marina Dr. At CP2 it goes into four City drains and then into our very own private HG-owned storm pipes and from there into our golf course pond, where we store our well water and together this water is pumped solely for our golf grass irrigation. Our HG additional several private drains in CP2-3 and these pipes are being examined to make sure they offer free flowing water. The City has examined its four street and several other drains recently at our request and are free and clear. This Seville to CP2 Marina Dr. water could easily be 10,000,000 gal/yr of FREE water, again, that we were approved and designed to manage and utilize 40-50 years ago.

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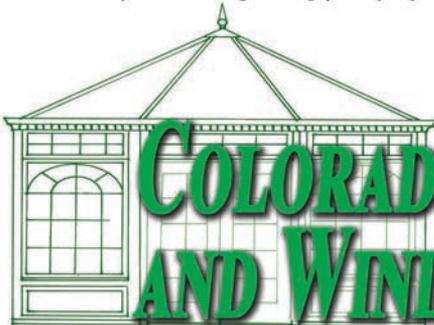
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HGMD Foundation

The Foundation Committee met April 9. There was no quorum present so it was an information sharing session. Lary Herkal shared that he is working on the contract with Trimlight. Matt Martella and Linda Savage attended, and we had a brief discussion on Fund Raising ideas to help fund the project. No decisions were made.

The Committee is in need of additional members. We meet the second Wednesday of the month at 1pm. Applications are available in the management office or online.

Thank you Heather Gardens Community for your continued support.

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-Eloise Laubach, Foundation Chair and HGMD Vice President

Garden Club Members are Prepping for a Bountiful Season

In Colorado, a week of sunny spring days doesn't mean that snow is gone for the year. But warmer days lure gardeners outside. For them a patch of dirt, big or small, familiar or new, is a kind of canvas, one that has waited for them during the winter months, and one that will allow their visions of the growing season to take root and thrive.

Near the intersection of Vaughn Way and Marina Drive, between a gleaming office building and the Cherry Creek Spillway, a sturdy white fence surrounds a wedge-shaped piece of land. Intentional or not, the fence conceals from drivers and pedestrians an area that holds 85 garden plots of different sizes and shapes. On this cool mid-April morning, a visitor to the enclosure sees a tangled array of bare wood frames and wire lattices that will become, after weeks of light and water and loving care, a profusion of green.

Nancy Linsenbigler, HG Garden Club president, meets me inside the gate. Other club members are here too. Some work in the dirt, weeding or prepping soil. Others carry planks to shore up plot borders. Near the little wooden gazebo, a woman applies linseed oil to the wood that frames the bulletin board display.

Pete Von Vett, vice president of the Club, shows me a diagram of how the garden plots are laid out. A plot number is assigned to each geometric shape. He points out the "new" planting area along the northwest border of the enclosure, recently bequeathed to the club by Heather Gardens Golf and Landscape Maintenance. This new area will allow more plots to be created.

A tour of the enclosure

Linsenbigler leads me on a tour of the enclosure. I ask her how long the club, and this enclosure, has been around. She ponders a bit. "Thirty years, probably," she says. "I've talked to some long-term people, and they go 'Oh, I've been here at least 20 years or more, so it's always been here.'"



Gardener "Buck" Park Choi works in a plot.

Linsenbigler comments on the plots as we walk by. She points out the different sizes of the plots, plots that feature only a simple border, and more elaborate plots where the gardeners have installed decorative elements or more functional features, like "drip" watering.

I ask her about the ratio of vegetables to flowers in the plots. She says that in "about 90 percent" of the plots, the gardeners grow vegetables, with tomatoes a popular choice. I also ask if there are certain plants that the gardeners are not allowed to cultivate. We both know what I'm talking about.

"You can't plant pot," Linsenbigler laughs. "That's in our policy."

[Author's note: On October 17, 2024, the HGMD Board adopted the Procedure Memorandum for the Garden Club. The Memorandum presents "plot leasing" rules for club members, as well as rules related to garden plot cultivation and maintenance.]

In some of the plots we view, big bags of soil or compost lie waiting atop the dirt. In others are multiple plastic jugs of water, as it's so early in the season that running water has yet to be turned on for the enclosure. Linsenbigler says that the date for water activation is a bit flexible, but she thinks it will happen around the first week of May.



Steve Jennings and Cheryl Lucas reinforce plot framework.

We stop to admire some of the more elaborate plots. In one, enclosed by protective fencing, the gardener has begun laying a series of chest-high arches. These will support thin cross-beams, from which (we assume) plants will be hung. In another, the gardener has crafted a sturdy, rectangular wooden bed, elevated on corner 4x4s. In the soil are what look to be desert plants. On the narrow sides of the bed is attached a simple, stylish arbor. Other plots feature decorative touches, like small boulders, patterns of paving stones, and little white picket fences.

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We stroll past plots that have yet to be visited by their caretakers. Weeds are the only plants growing in them. “Every gardener is responsible for their own plot,” says Linsenbigler, adding that weeds that extend from one plot, infringing on another, are the gardener’s responsibility to clear. Should a gardener leave the club, Linsenbigler adds, he or she is expected to leave their plot in good shape for the person who then takes it.

Linsenbigler mentions that some gardeners have plots that are too big for them to manage well. In these instances, a gardener can ask to swap plots with another club member, or the members might decide to divide the larger plot in half.

About Garden Club membership

Dividing larger plots is a welcome option, says Linsenbigler, because there are many more Heather Gardens residents who want to join the Garden Club than there are available plots. From one year to the next, she says, fewer than ten club members decide not to renew their annual fee. “It’s a two-year waiting list,” she notes.

When residents on the waitlist become members, says Linsenbigler, their dues are modest: 35 dollars a year. “Which is cheap, in the world of community garden plots,” she says. “DUG, Denver Urban Gardens, charges 75 [dollars]. And I think there’s an initiation fee. Ours is just 35, and it doesn’t matter what size, whether you have a big [plot] or a little one.”

New gardeners are given keys to the garden area, and copies of the “plot lease” and the Garden Club Procedure Memorandum. The Memorandum tells them what is expected of them, and what they can and can’t do, Linsenbigler says. But she thinks that the best way for a new gardener to learn about the garden enclosure is simple: ask fellow gardeners who have been around a while.

“If someone needs help, [we] try to offer it,” Linsenbigler says. “‘Do you need help? We’re here to help you. If you need help, please speak up.’ We’re going to do what we can.” On this morning, that community spirit is on full display; more than one of the gardeners I meet is helping to improve another gardener’s plot.

Sharing with the community

“Last year, in June, we had a garden open house,” Linsenbigler recalls. “We just opened the gates, and we had some food, and we invited people to come . . . we had a good response, and probably a lot of



Nancy Linsenbigler (seated, at left) and Garden Club members

those people signed up, then got on the waiting list, and then we did it again in September, the end of the garden walkabout, and people were invited.

“And we [gardeners] just like to walk together. ‘What are you doing there? What worked? What didn’t work?’ Someone will say, ‘hey, I found a perfect thing to get rid of the Japanese beetles,’ and so we all learn from one another. So we’ll do those again in June and September. We’ll open it to the community to come in,” Linsenbigler says.

The tour of the enclosure finished, we make our way back towards the gazebo area. Linsenbigler asks all of the “early season” gardeners if they’d be part of a group photo. All happily assemble on the patio, with smiles that signal how good they feel to be outside in the sun and the breeze, laying the groundwork for a new growing season.

-Bill Kaluza, B232



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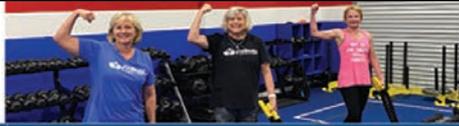


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Fri 2	Men with Purpose (1st & 3rd Fri) Texas Hold 'em (every Fri) Frolics: <i>"The Mystery of the Stolen Sapphire"</i>	Skyview Room Mountain View Room Sandberg Auditorium	10-11am 12:30-5pm 2pm
Sat 3	The Green Team: Shred Event Mexican Train Dominoes Ping Pong (every Sat) Karaoke Club Frolics: <i>"The Mystery of the Stolen Sapphire"</i>	Parking Lot by Picnic Pavillion Arts & Crafts Room Game Room Aspen/Blue Spruce Rooms Sandberg Auditorium	9-10:45am 12-3pm 2pm 3-5pm 6pm
Sun 4	Social Bridge (every Sun) Frolics: <i>"The Mystery of the Stolen Sapphire"</i>	Skyview Room Sandberg Auditorium	1-3:30pm 2pm
Mon 5	Men's Bridge (every Mon) Book Club Spanish Club (every Mon) Texas Hold 'em (every Mon) Mah Jongg (every Mon)	Skyview Room Mountain View Room & Library Aspen Room Aspen Room Blue Spruce Room	10am-2pm 10:30am & 1pm 11am-12pm 12:30-5pm 1-4pm
Tue 6	Hand (Knee) and Foot (every Tues) Mah Jongg (every Tues) HG Singers Ping Pong (every Tues) Billiard Club (every Tues)	Mountain View Room Blue Spruce Room Skyview Room Game Room Billiards Room	12-4pm 1-4pm 1-2:30pm 2pm 6:30pm
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Mon 12	Texas Hold 'em (2nd, 3rd, 4th Mon) HG Water Conservation Taskforce (2nd & 4th Mon) Garden Club Program	Mountain View Room Zoom Arts & Crafts Room	12:30-5pm 1pm 3-4:30pm
Wed 14	Red Hattitudes Aviation Club	Rendezvous Bar & Grill Aspen Room	12:30pm 7pm
Thu 15	Social Justice Discussion	Blue Spruce Room	10am-12pm
Sat 17	Saturday Afternoon Live Social	Aspen/Blue Spruce Room	3-5pm
Mon 19	Photo Club	Aspen Room	3-5pm
Tue 20	Caregivers Support Group Sevillians	Aspen Room Banquet Room	2-4pm 4:30pm
Sat 24	National Federation of the Blind	Mountain View Room	10:30am-12:30pm
Mon 26	Garden Club Low Vision Support Group	Blue Spruce Room Aspen Room	6-7:30pm 1:30pm
Tue 27	HG Water Conservation Taskforce HG Republicans HG Democrats	Zoom Sandberg Auditorium Sandberg Auditorium	1pm 1-3:30pm 4-5:30pm
Wed 28	HG High Twelve Club #11 Masonic Club Ladies Golf Meeting	Rendezvous Bar & Grill Boardroom	11am 1pm

See page 34 & 38 for more information on Clubs and Recreation

Advertised Activities and Seminars

Mon, May 5: Bayer Ear Clinic (every Monday by appt.), Arts & Crafts Room, 9am-12pm (see ad p. 55)

Sat, May 10, FREE Paint Recycling, Hope United Methodist Church, 9am-1pm (see ad p. 4)

Sat, May 31, Adopt a Pet Event, Heather Gardens, 10am-4pm (see ad p. 26)

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SEC (BR/Zoom) – 1pm, Mon, May 5
CECC (BR/Zoom) – 11am, Tues, May 6
Joint Long Range (BR/Zoom) – 10am, Wed, May 7
Restaurant (BR/Zoom) – 3pm, Thurs, May 8
Personnel Policy (BR/Zoom) – 10am, Fri, May 9
RV Lot (BR/Zoom) – 1pm, Mon, May 12
Maintenance (Zoom) – 11am, Tues, May 13
Clubhouse (BR/Zoom) – 1pm, Tues, May 13
Civic Affairs (BR/Zoom) - 11am, Wed, May 14
Foundation Committee (BR/Zoom) - 1pm, Wed, May 14
ACC (Zoom) – 10am Thu, May 15
HGMD Board Meeting (BR/Zoom) - 1pm, Thu, May 15
Budget & Finance (BR/Zoom) – 10am, Mon, May 19
HGMD Audit/Finance (BR/Zoom) – 1pm, Mon, May 19
HGA Board Meeting (BR/Zoom) - 1pm, Tues, May 20
Joint Long Range (BR/Zoom) – 10am, Wed, May 21
Golf (BR/Zoom) – 1pm, Tues, May 27
Resident Orientation (BR/Zoom) – 10am, Wed, May 28

For the most current information, please check the Heather Gardens website under HGA/HGMD Committee Meetings

Heather 'n Yon Deadline: 5/16

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**Aurora Townhall
Meeting with
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**HAPPY MEMORIAL DAY
MONDAY, MAY 26**



Bible Study (Interdenominational) on every Wednesday, 9–10 am, Aspen Room (women); Blue Spruce Room (men). Join a lovely group of caring women dedicated to the study of the word of God. We welcome everyone. No sign-up. Just show up. Call Joyce Smith, 918-586-2954.

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>.

Ecumenical Bible Study. (Formerly Six Stone Jars Catholic Bible Study), All Christian traditions: Catholic, Protestant, Orthodox, Other. Theme: Trust Jesus. We will begin by studying early Church history. Meets every Tuesday 9:30 – 11:30 am in the Mountain View Room. Drop in for a visit! Led by Eric Cline, D. Min., MA Biblical Exposition, 720-839-4289 or clinecellars57@gmail.com; also <https://www.godtalkshop.com/>

HG Women's Bible Study meets the fourth Thursday at 10-11:30 am, in the Mt. View room in person and also 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, Mountain View Room.
Leader: Pastor Bill Cheyne.
- **Coffee Time:** 3rd Sunday, prior to Chapel Service

Letters

Heather 'n Yon,

There has been a lot of talk about residents concerned about the rising HOA dues from year to year. A frequently asked question is "When will the dues stop going up?" The information below may answer that question.

Recently as I was sorting boxes I found some of my mom's files. She passed away some years ago at the age of 99. She and my dad were original owners of a unit in one of the first 4 stories built here. I found a handwritten list of the annual monthly dues during the last 25 years she lived here. The information below is from the time she moved from a 4 story to a 6 story when she married Ralph, whom she met when playing golf here after the passing of my father.

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2003- \$299.00

Does that answer your question about dues going up?

Thanks Mom, for your great record keeping!
Your loving daughter,
Cindy Crockett, CP3

Heather 'n Yon,

I would like to give a shout out and thank you to Matt Martella and his crew for their great job in the enhancement of the entry way to our building job well done.

-Sharon Weiss, B220

Heather 'n Yon,

To All Residents of Buildings 231, 232, 233, 234, 235, and 236. The Sevillians monthly dinners generally are on the fourth Tuesday of each month in the Banquet Room of the Rendezvous Bar & Grill. However, occasionally they are pre-empted by the very popular Wine Pairing Event, which is the case in May, so the Sevillians dinner this month will be Tuesday, May 20th at 4:30 p.m. Please call Janet Arce at (720) 774-3368 or email: arcej1946@gmail.com if you would like to be placed on the invitation list.

-Janet C. Arce, B232

Heather 'n Yon,

We want to express our deepest gratitude to Cormac, the brilliant talent behind the unforgettable meals we've enjoyed throughout the years.

Cormac, your culinary creations are more than just food—they are works of art, crafted with passion, precision, and an incredible attention to detail. We are especially grateful for the coffee, which wakes us up and gets us going.

It's not just about the taste—though, of course, that's a huge part of it. It's also about the experience you create. The way you balance flavors and present each dish shows your dedication to your craft and your love for bringing people joy through food.

Your creativity, hard work and friendliness has meant a lot to us. You've reminded us how food can bring people together, create memories, and make even the simplest moments special.

The support that you have given us for the pancake breakfasts has been exceptional. Optimist Club meetings and pancake breakfasts will never be the same without you, your smile, your humor and your comradery. Your time spent with us has brought pleasure and joy to each of us. You will always have a special place in our hearts and memories. So, thank you, Cormac, for your incredible talent, your dedication and for sharing a piece of your

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big heart with us throughout your time at Heather Gardens. We are truly fortunate to have experienced you as a friend, honorable man and Optimist. We wish you and Lisa health, happiness and all the best.

Being with your daughter, grand-daughter and family is very special. Go forth and build great memories for them and you. May God continue to bless you in all you do.

-The Heather Gardens Optimist Club

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Thank you!

Pet Adoption and Education Day at HG

Over the past six years there have been over 75 pets adopted, and thousands of dollars raised in donations for these well-deserved Metropolitan Denver area shelters.

As we approach the 7th Annual Adoption Day, the founder of Imagine Peace Foundation and Imagine Peace Publication, event organizer and long time HG resident, Aleta Antoinette, will co-host the event in honor of her grandmother, Ethel Baron, who co-founded the first animal rescue foundation in Las Vegas, Nevada in 1963. Helping find homes for hundreds of dogs; and also in honor of her beloved father, George Betzler who with her mother, Betty Betzler, rescued and fostered dozens of cats for over 18 years. George lost his life to Alzheimer's in 2018 and his favorite cat, Mystery, lost her life one day before he passed away. Betty still carries on the legacy of their love for cats. A love of animals is in Aleta's blood.

This year Aleta has put together a dedicated committee of others in Heather Gardens that have a love of animals. In charge of Table Captain Hosts and ticket sales is Janet Arce, a Heather Gardens favorite and head of the Puppy Poop Program and The Green Team. Kelly French, artist and AR for building 212 oversees volunteers with the help of Connie Burns. Jayne Bail with Platte River Mortgage has been a sponsor since the beginning and is helping coordinate all the pet shelters. Aleta oversees the overall event with an emphasis on sponsors and has secured a wonderful entertainer.

All are welcome to the event, whether you are a current pet owner, a pet lover, interested in adopting or someone who just wants to socialize, everyone will enjoy this fun-filled event.

All are welcome to visit the vendors, and the shelters at no charge - Maxfund located at the Picnic Pavilion, Aurora Animal Shelter at the front patio of Rendezvous Bar & Grill, Humane Colorado at the back of Rendezvous's patio and Rocky Mountain Feline Rescue in the Ping Pong Game Room next to the restaurant. Adoptions take place 10-4pm.

Monetary donations are appreciated and will go to one of our four animal shelters: Maxfund, Aurora Animal Shelter, Rocky Mountain Feline Rescue, and Humane Colorado (formerly Denver Dumb Friends League).

Donations of cat or dog toys, treats, crates and beds are welcome.

-Aleta Antoinette, B204

Photo by Bill Kaluza, B232



CLUBS & ORGANIZATIONS

Aviation Club

Aviation Club meets on the 2nd Wednesday of the month at 7 pm in the Aspen Room. We often use YouTube videos to cover many different topics concerning Aviation both civilian and military. You do not have to be a veteran, or a pilot or aircrew, just have an interest in airplanes and aviation in general. -Rudy Morris, 720-995-0484, rudymorris4@gmail.com

Book Club

The HG Women's Book Club meets on the first Monday of each month, to discuss the chosen book of the month. There are two sessions: in the Mountain View Room at 10:30 am and in the library at 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 Breakfast Club

The Breakfast Club (TBC) for Singles 50 Plus meets at 8:30 am on the second Saturday in Rendezvous Bar & Grill for breakfast. Call 303-794-3332 to make your reservation.

Cost is \$20. TBC has grown in the past 20 years — it 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 Hour. 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 Harmes

CP1

We have Happy Hours on the 1st Wednesday of each month at 5:30 pm in the Aspen/Blue Spruce Rooms, where you are encouraged to bring your own drink and shareable snack. -Susan Osman, susanosman21@gmail.com.

CP2

We meet the first Tuesday of the month in the Aspen/Blue Spruce rooms from 5-8 pm in February & October. These are

BYOB drinks and a dish to share events. In April, August and December, we will be meeting in Rendezvous Bar & Grill from 4:30-8 pm. Drinks and food, as well as tax & trip are at your own expense. In June, we will be meeting in the Picnic Pavillion from 5:30-8 pm. Brauts and chips, plates, cups, napkins and utensils will be provided. (Voluntary donations accepted for these items). BYOB drinks and a dish to share. If you have any questions, please contact Jake Flint, AR Representative for CP2. 303-845-0541.

CP4

Please look for an email from the AR with an invite to the monthly get together, telling you when and where the gathering will happen. -David Crum

Caregivers Support Group

The HG Caregivers Support Group meets on the third Tuesday of the month in the Aspen Room from 2-4 pm. All caregivers are welcome. Questions? Call Nancy Fuhr at 303-337-4890.

Democrats/HG

The Heather Gardens Democratic Club meets the 4th Tuesday of each month (except December) in the clubhouse auditorium at 4-5:30 pm. The purpose of our club is to support the Constitution, the rule of law, and GOOD GOVERNMENT. In the recent weeks since the Inauguration, the institutions of our government, and indeed the world order that has prevailed for most of our lives, have been systematically dismantled through Donald Trump and his supporters. If we are to preserve our democracy, we must support each other and our allied organizations. This year our speakers will feature various groups providing opportunities for citizen engagement, with our shared goal of preserving our democracy. Often, speakers for current "hot topics" cannot be confirmed in time for this announcement. I send an email

newsletter a few days before our meeting, so please email me if you want to get on my list: hgdemocrats@gmail.com. You don't have to live in Heather Gardens nor be registered as a Democrat to attend our meetings. Some of us like to socialize over dinner in the Rendezvous after the meeting, and you are welcome to join us. There is no charge for our meetings. -Marty Karnopp, Chair

Frolics

Don't miss our 2025 Annual Spring Production, "The Mystery of the Stolen Sapphire Tiara" on Friday, May 2, at 2 pm; Saturday, May 3, at 6 pm; and Sunday, May 4, at 2 pm. For tickets or information contact Wayne Wharton at 303.995.9246. The Traveling Troupe will not be performing at the Rendezvous in May, but we will be back at the Rendezvous on Wednesday, June 18 at 4 pm, performing, "Springtime in the Rockies."

Garden Club

The Garden Club meets in Blue Spruce Room from 6-7:30pm the last Monday of each month March through October and also hosts several walk-arounds for members and visitors throughout the growing season. For information about leasing a garden plot, joining the club, or being added to the email notification list, call or text President Nancy Linsenbigler at 720-932-6990. We will be part of the May 1 activities in the clubhouse and will have a bake sale on May 1 from 10 am till sold. Everyone is invited to the program: "Grow Food and Flowers, Save Water with Regenerative Practices" on May 12, from 3 - 4:30 pm in the Clubhouse Arts and Crafts Room. Sponsored by the HG Garden Club, and presented by Diana Denwood, Aurora Water Conservation Supervisor and Amanda Slover, Aurora Project Director for the Aurora Community Garden Network. Learn some easy

and fun techniques to grow healthy food and flowers while conserving water. This program will be of benefit to all buildings and residents, as we all have lovely outdoor spaces growing a variety of flowers, plants, veggies, and more! Refreshments served. Space is limited and reservations are necessary. Contact the Clubhouse front desk at 303-755-0652, ext. 5. Contact Nancy Linsenbigler at 720-932-6990 for more information about the HG Garden Club and Plots.

The Green Team

The Annual Shred Event is Saturday, May 3 from 9 to 10:45 am. We know you have boxes filled with old receipts or tax forms hidden away under the bed, in a closet, or in the farthest corner of your basement covered with cobwebs. This is your chance to get rid of them, so stop procrastinating, no more excuses. The shred truck will be parked in the golf parking lot near the Picnic Pavilion and tennis courts. Please try to be in line by 10:45, we do not want to turn you away should you arrive late. You will be able to shred 2 standard-size file boxes for just \$5 (of course you can bring more.) PLEASE check inside those boxes before bringing them for shredding. We have found jewelry, money and even fireworks, which could have blown up the truck! We do not take plastic or metal spiral bindings, bound books, or metal clamps (paper clips are okay.) Please NO PLASTIC BAGS to carry your papers, they cannot be recycled. Need more information, call 303-587-9797. -Wendy Pfaffhausen

Heather Gardens Singers

If you like to have fun and enjoy singing, please join us. The group meets on Tuesdays in the Skyview room from 1-2:30 pm. We are working on eight songs to perform this spring with our music director, Joyce Culwell. Interested in joining or for more details call Tom Kappel 720 377-5756.

Heather Gardens Water Conservation Taskforce

The Heather Gardens Water Conservation Taskforce (HG-WCT) was formed end of January 2025 after four “Lifelong Learners” lectures, where Mitch Albert presented his HG Water Consumption Study. The purpose of the newly formed taskforce is to work on implementing the recommendations mentioned in the study to conserve the usage of (city) water in Heather Gardens (HG) for environmental and sustainability reasons and to substantially lower our HG water/sewer bill. The activities of the taskforce will primarily focus on developing and implementing business plans by each of HG’s 54 water meters with their associated building(s) or Country Place and Townhouse (CP/TH) area(s) to reduce water usage for irrigation and personal usage. These business plans will be based on garden space design and implementation in specific areas in close cooperation with residents and garden committees of the buildings or CP/TH areas. The garden space designs will be integrated with smart irrigation systems to reduce water usage. The taskforce will also work on the reduction of personal water usage by developing and implementing (voluntary) exchange programs of conventional toilets with low-flow toilets greater than 1.28 gpf per HG maintenance. The focus will be to identify any primary toilets per unit that are still greater than 4.5 gpf. All Taskforce plans will be guided by the HG Water Conservation Committee for content, planning standards and submissions to the HGA Board. The Taskforce will develop landscaping plans and provide data necessary for the business plans. We are looking for members of building or CP/TH area garden committees and for residents interested in helping to reduce water usage in HG. We are meeting on Zoom the 2nd and 4th Monday of the month at 1 pm. For more information visit our website www.hg-wctf.org or e-mail to hgwctf@gmail.com.

High Twelve Club #11 Masonic Club/HG

High Twelve Club #11, a Masonic Club at Heather Gardens, meets every 4th Wednesday (3rd Wednesday in November and December) at Rendezvous Bar & Grill at 11 am. The club invites all Masons and friends to these open luncheons where there is usually a guest speaker. The club is “dark” June, July, and August. High Twelve International supports students at George Washington University in a Master’s program so as to serve in public service. Members include a retired attorney, retired teachers, retired police officer, retired Air Force and Army gentlemen, and many more! The contact is Walter Martin at 303-810-6189 for more information.

Indivisible/HG

Heather Gardens Indivisible meets the 2nd Friday of each month, 11:30 am – 12:50 pm, in the HG Library (Media Room). You are welcome to join us for lunch afterward at Rendezvous. Connected to over 1,200 groups nationwide, Heather Gardens Indivisible is a community of neighbors who choose to make a difference in the world, addressing the many problems we see with positive, forward-thinking actions. We address issues that concern us, such as wealth inequality, racial injustice, environmental threats, women’s reproductive rights, gun safety, etc., with both education and action. Although people of any political affiliation are welcome, our approach is progressive. Whether you can regularly attend the meetings or not, you are welcome to also sign up for our newsletter of information and action items. Questions? Contact Gina Abegg, facilitator, ginaabegg2020@gmail.com.

Karaoke Club

The 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 more information call Paul Spoutz, 303-564-1877.

Kiwanis Club of Aurora

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

Lifelong Learners

IT'S NOT TOO LATE! You can still register for our 3 MID TERM classes, which start May 1:

1. How Much Water Do You Use? Water Consumption Study. NO FEE. Begins May 1 for four weeks.

2. Medical Potpourri: various topics. Just one \$10 fee for all 6 classes: May 2 – Kidney Disease & Dialysis. May 9 – Alzheimer's and Dementia. May 16 – Drugs, Supplements and Cannabinoids. May 23 – Behavioral Health, Grief, Sleep. May 30 – Geriatric Medicine & Care. June 6 – Healthy Body and Brain.

3. Where Did I Put My Calm? Finding Peace in Everyday Moments. Beginning May 7 for five weeks.

We are looking for residents to join our Steering Committee and help plan our Learning program. Contact us at: heathergardenslearners@gmail.com

Low Vision Support Group

Low Vision Support Group meets on May 26 (fourth Monday of the month) in the Aspen Room, 1:30 pm. Questions? Call Marsha Bengen, 720-535-5224

Meditation Club

Meditation for stress relief and general well-being. Join us for 20 minutes of deep relaxation and de-stressing from the hassles of daily life. We meet every Thursday at 4

p.m. in the Skyview Room.

Questions: contact Darryl Stafford, 303-489-5292

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, Skyview Room. For information, contact Gene Dawson, 720-535-9672.

National Federation of the Blind, Aurora Chapter

Meet other blind and low vision at the monthly meeting held on the fourth Saturday of each month in the Mountain View room from 10:30-12:30 pm. We discuss changes in legislation and government programs such as transportation, insurance, and more that affect us and how to effect change. Contact Peggy Chong, B220, 303-745-0473.

Optimist Club

The club meets on 1st and 3rd Thursday of each month for breakfast in Rendezvous Bar & Grill, 9 am. A continental breakfast buffet is served, \$10 per person. Optimist Clubs are dedicated to "bringing out the best in kids" through various service projects. We welcome anyone interested in finding out more. Contact Sue Brandreth, 248-701-9263 with questions.

Photo Club

We meet on the third Monday, 3-5 pm, Aspen Room. Please RSVP to me at rudymorris4@gmail.com

Red Hattitudes

Ladies, if you are looking to have lunch with a bunch of fun-loving gals at the Rendezvous Bar & Grill, join the Red Hattitudes on the second Wednesday of each month at 12:30 pm. The Red Hats are a non-political, non-sectarian, group of ladies who like to wear purple outfits with a red hat or

fascinator. Please call Janet Arce for more details at (720) 774-3368.

Republican Club

The Heather Gardens Republican Club meets the 4th Tuesday of each month (except December) at 1 - 3:30 pm in Sandberg Auditorium. For more information, email Robin O'Meara at rlomeara1@gmail.com. Annual Membership is \$20. Guests are always welcome.

Residents for Responsible Leadership (RRL)

This organization grew out of the Residents for Renewed Leadership, which was in action during the recall event in our community. Our mission is to instill Unity in the Community. We will continue to meet to encourage residents to become involved and knowledgeable by attending Board meetings, both of the Heather Gardens Association Board and the Heather Gardens Metro District Board. These meetings can be attended by Zoom or in person. Times for meetings can be found on the Heather Gardens website. We also encourage you to attend The Heather Garden's Town Halls, held once a month. Meetings for RRL will be held quarterly beginning June 19 in the Blue Spruce room. All are welcome. For more information, please contact Nonean Price at nonean1127@hotmail.com or Nora Tracy at lenorat@comcast.net.

RV Lot Club

Welcome all campers, and day trippers, any size rig, tent, van. We would like to invite you all to check us out each month on the 2nd Thursday, Aspen Room, 5-6 pm. Thinking of getting an RV? Join us and see what activities we can plan for this year- Group camp outs, lunches or dinners at great local restaurants, hiking trips while camping, let's talk about it. Learn how you can get the most from your RV experience. Contact-Lee Nicholson (gdsflight123@gmail.com) for details of upcoming events, voice your concerns, get updates.

Saturday Afternoon LIVE Social (Formerly Wine & Cheese Social Club)

Meets every 3rd Saturday in Aspen/ Blue Spruce Room from 3 to 5 pm. Listen and or dance to the sounds of our wonderful Final Approach Band while enjoying your own beverage of choice and everyone can bring a snack to share. Free fun event. Bring your friends and make new ones! Any questions call Mary, 303-909-3988.

Singles Club/OPOCS

Pinochle and bridge groups are meeting, and social gatherings are ongoing. For information, call Jackie Clements, 303-988-3555. – Bernice Lucero

Social Justice Discussion

We meet every 3rd Thursday from 10 am – 12 noon, Blue Spruce Room. You are invited to participate. -Diane Pritchard at dianekpritchard@gmail.com and Bernie Hupperts at marlynber@gmail.com

Spanish Club (Club en Español)

Practica y conversacion en español, 11 am–noon every Monday, Aspen Room. Miriam Colón, 303-261-2057.

SRA (Sevillians)

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TOPS

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. TOPS Chapter 0366 in 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. Men and women are welcome. For information, contact Lisa Jackson, 469-323-5434 or mljackson81@gmail.com.

Voice For Residents Forum

Fostering community engagement and communications with our HGA and HGMD boards. Any questions or comments/suggestions? Please contact Vickie Hoffman or Marilyn Macdonald, email TheVoiceForResidentsForum@gmail.com.

Woodshop Club

The Woodshop Club promotes use of the woodshop and better care of the equipment, ocuses on safety within the woodshop, and helps develop new woodworking classes, fellowship, and training. Meetings are the first Wednesday of the month, 1 pm, Skyview Room. Member experience varies from beginner level to experienced woodworking individuals. You are invited to join this great energetic club, and have an opportunity to share your ideas and initiatives relating to woodworking. Come learn why the members all love working with wood — from designing writing pens to wall hangings and furniture. Direct questions to President John Sinning at heathergardenswoodshopclub@gmail.com.

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 the HG Writers Club. Join us on Thursdays, 1-4 pm, Skyview Room. Club contact: Barbara Creswell, 651-485-3608.

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Billiard Club

The Billiard Club meets for Co-ed 8-Ball at 6:30 pm on Tuesdays. Check in BEFORE 6:10 pm in order to play. Men's 9-Ball is at 7 pm on Thursdays. Annual dues of \$12 are payable on Jan. 1 of each year. All new players are welcome. Questions? Call Connie Burns 303-695-0766 or Judy Brehmer 303-369-6258.

8 BALL WINNERS 3/18/25 – 4/10/25

Mar. 18:

1st Brian Bucenec/Judy Brehmer
2nd Dee Moore/Bob Woods
3rd Jack Doherty/David Worden

Mar. 25:

1st Otis Lawson/Melissa Sugar
2nd Rita Cusack/Ditto Schultz
3rd Brian Bucenec/Miquela Luna

Apr. 1:

1st Otis Lawson/Rita Cusack
2nd Brian Bucenec/Dee Moore
3rd Ditto Schultz/Judy Brehmer

Apr. 8:

1st Otis Lawson/Connie Burns
2nd Brian Bucenec/Linda Gonzalez
3rd Michael Greene/Rita Cusack

9 BALL WINNERS 3/18/25 – 4/10/25

Mar. 20:

1st John Manzanares
2nd Steve Hesser
3rd Brian Bucenec

Mar. 27:

1st Ditto Schultz
2nd Steve Hesser

Apr. 3:

1st Otis Lawson
2nd Brian Bucenec
3rd Scott Crowl

Apr. 10:

1st John Manzanares
2nd Steve Hesser
3rd Scott Crowl

Bowling League

We bowl on Thursday morning at 10 am at Arapahoe Bowling Center. If interested or have questions call Mary Jo Prichard at 303-929-1241 or email mjpinsurance@hotmail.com.

Bridge/Men's Monday

This group meets every Monday,

10 am–2 pm, in the Skyview Room. Questions: Tom Melton, 303-570-6584.

Bridge/Social

Open, casual, intermediate-level bridge is played on Thursdays in Mountain View Room and Sundays, Skyview Room, 1–3:30 pm. No reservations or partner needed. Please call before you come the first time. – Joanne Turner, 719-641-3644

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.

Cribbage/Afternoon

Afternoon Cribbage meets 12:30-3 pm Wednesdays, in the Clubhouse Sunburst Café. For information: Dean Lux, 303-353-4267.

Duplicate Bridge/ACBL

We play at 1 pm Wednesdays in the Blue Spruce Room. For partnership information, or with questions, call Linda Harder, 303-369-2032, or meeek045@outlook.com. – Linda Harder, Director

Fun Gals Golf

You can join us at any time and there are no fees beyond those for regular play. Fun Gals Golf began on April 3 with WEEKLY tee times at 9 and 9:12 am. We promise lots of laughs, no handicaps and you keep score for yourself if you want to. To ask questions, contact Sharon Westmoreland, sharonwestmoreland@me.com or 303.882-2929 (Text). Each time you plan to play, call the pro shop and sign up for a tee time (9 am or 9:12 am).

Golf Club/Ladies

There are many reasons to celebrate the arrival of May including warmer weather and spring flowers. The members of the Heather Gardens Ladies Golf

League are celebrating, because May 7 is the first day of flighted tournament play for 2025.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

September 3 & 10, Club championship. As dates for other activities as well as any outside tournaments are added, they will be published in *Heather n' Yon* and posted on the club's website.

CLUB WEBSITE: All women, regardless of skill level, who are interested in league play are invited to join HGLGC. Learn more about the club and get a membership application at the Heather Gardens Pro Shop and on our website, www.heathergardensladiesgolfclub.com. The next HGLGC board meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 28 at 1 p.m. in the Boardroom. All members are encouraged to attend. Minutes from all board meetings are posted on the website.

MEET A MEMBER: The HGLGC website is a valuable tool for quickly communicating information to club members. Ensuring its accuracy and timeliness is the responsibility of the club's webmaster Liz Sanchez. Liz has been a club member since 2015 and has served as webmaster since 2016. Liz began playing golf in 1997 and her passion for golf is demonstrated by her active participation in Colorado's golf community. She is a member of five golf leagues and is a past president of the Colorado State Senior Women's Golf Club, a position she held for two years. Asked what sets HGLGC apart from other leagues, Liz said, "The fact that the league is inviting to those of any skill level. The club has a relaxed feel and there is a sense of community." - Suzi Stolte, Publicity Chair

Golf/Men's

The Heather Gardens Men's Golf Club (HGMGC) season is underway, but we still have room for anyone who wants to join. Pick up your application at the Golf Pro Shop. You may also

download the application from Golf League Tracker (GLT) at www.golfleaguetracker.com/glthome/league. Send an email to jon.freyer54@gmail.com for login instructions. The application fee is \$50 and all applications must be turned into the Golf Pro Shop. If you have any questions, please contact the Golf Pro Shop, (303) 751-2390.

Hand (Knee) and Foot

Also known as Tripleplay, this is a variation of Canasta. Fun and easy to learn. We meet every Tuesday, noon–4 pm (starts 12:15 pm), Mountain View Room. Call Linda Serio, 303-396-2218, or just show up.

Mah Jongg/Monday

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.

Mah Jongg/Tuesday

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.

Mexican Train Dominoes

We play noon–3 or 4 pm, every Saturday, Arts & Crafts Room. It's a game for everyone. – Mara Goskirk 510-333-9951.

Pickleball

We have scheduled times throughout the week for open play, advanced, intermediate and beginners. Please visit <https://www.hgpickle.org> for the latest times and schedule changes and to find many informative pickleball links. We offer fun experiences for

players of all skill levels including drills, instruction, ladder play and round robin mixers throughout the month. Please contact Jan Belt at 303-514-8526 or Ron Hileman at 720-256-7477 if you have any questions. If you would like to be added to our weekly email updates, let Ron know at ronhileman@gmail.com. We provide paddles and pickleballs for new players and offer beginner instruction from 12-1 pm on Fridays. Feel free to drop in. Additional lesson and drill information will be posted on the website as well as in our weekly email updates. Generally, we begin play at 9 am as long as it is 40 degrees and the winds are less than 15 miles per hour. Come and enjoy America's fastest growing sport with us.

Ping Pong

Fun and great exercise. Come 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

Poker/Men's & Texas Hold 'em

On Mondays, we play Texas Hold 'em (12:30–5 pm) in the Mountain View 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 Mountain View 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 information please call Paul Reddy, 303-750-0442, or Larry Hill, 720-272-7765.

Rummikub

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Square Dance

Heather Twirlers invites all square

dancers to join us every first and third Wednesday 7-9 pm, Sandberg Auditorium. The cost is \$7. If you are an experienced dancer, a newer dancer or feeling a little rusty in your dancing, it is an excellent chance to both experience the joy of dancing and improve your skills, while meeting new and old friends. You meet other dancers, have a lot of fun and get your exercise. Any questions call Beverly Nelson at 303-750-6632.

Tai Chi

Experience the ancient art of Tai Chi, a graceful form of exercise that integrates mind, body, and spirit. With slow, controlled movements, Tai Chi promotes relaxation, balance, and flexibility, while reducing stress and improving overall well-being. One of the best ways to learn Tai Chi is the step-by-step approach used by the Heather Gardens Tai Chi Club. Although you can join and start learning at any time during the year, starting at the beginning of the spring season facilitates this step-by-step learning method.

The club meets on Thursday mornings on the clubhouse tennis courts. The club is a residents-only club. Please contact Dean Uyeno via e-mail at dean.uyeno@live.com prior to your first meeting for information that will help make your first experience enjoyable and productive.

Tennis Club

The Tennis Club is looking for more players to join us on the courts throughout the week. Shake the cobwebs off your racket and enjoy some easy fun. Call (303)587-9797 with questions. W. Pfaffhausen

Time4Tap Dance Group

Step in time with tap dance. Learn steps, combinations, routines and dances to a variety of music, tempos and styles. Make Time4Tap in the Sandberg Auditorium on Thursdays: Intermediate/Advanced meets from 11 am -12 pm and Beginning/Intermediate meets from 12 -1 pm. QUESTIONS? Call or text Julie Whalen at 303-550-5985 or email jwhalen97@comcast.net

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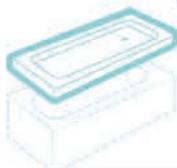


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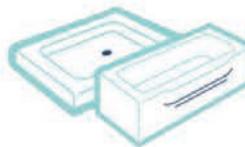


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HG Clubhouse Events

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Monday–Saturday 6 am–9 pm; Sunday 7 am–7 pm

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Acting Clubhouse Manager Julie Racich

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

Book Sale and Storytelling

Thursday, May 1

10am – 1pm

Clubhouse

Drop by the Clubhouse for a morning adventure through literacy. Enjoy storytelling, an indoor and outdoor book sale, adult coloring fun, book review and more. Stay tuned for details to come.

Rita's Traveling Book Store has visited Heather Gardens in the past and will be here for this event. This bookstore on wheels has logged more than 100,000 miles through 44 states in the last decade, putting thousands of used books in the hands of readers.

Variety Show – Nevan Castaneda

Saturday, May 10

7pm

Sandberg Auditorium.

Cost for the performance is \$10

Register at the Activities Desk.

Enjoy favorites from Engelbert Humperdinck, Tom Jones, Frank Sinatra and, of course, Elvis! This will be a fun evening you don't want to miss.

Open Forum with Chief of Police for Aurora, Todd Chamberlain

Thursday, May 8

6pm

Clubhouse

An open forum for Heather Gardens residents.

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Talking about Water with Mitch Albert

An Earth Day Interview

April 22 is Earth Day, and it's the perfect occasion to interview Mitch Albert, the initiator of the biggest conservation project Heather Gardens has ever seen. Mitch Albert has been a Heather Gardens resident for three and a half years now. He holds a BSC in Geology and an MSC and PhD in Mineral Economics.

Together with his wife Kathy, he lived and studied in South Africa for six years (1972-1978). In the US, Mitch worked for 45 years in the mining industry, is a certified appraiser, and was an expert witness for the US Department of Justice.

In Heather Gardens, Mitch served briefly on the Heather Gardens Metropolitan District (HGMD) Board and is currently serving in the Maintenance Committee, as well as being the Chair of the ad-hoc Water Conservation Committee. He is also responsible for building and installing bat houses along E. Marina Drive on the border of the Spillway.

Nobody Cared About Water

When asked why he started the HG Water Conservation study, Mitch replies, "Because I found out that nobody cared about water in Heather Gardens." He initiated a 22-month study covering various pertinent subjects regarding water usage in the community. The study addresses irrigation around buildings and the golf course, personal usage, methods to react to leaks, stormwater usage, and strategies including a dashboard for managing and controlling water conservation projects.

Mitch emphasizes that his study provided both boards with over 40 recommendations aimed at reducing tens of millions of gallons of water and achieving annual savings between \$250,000 and \$500,000. He firmly asserts, "This is all based on data, not on opinions." Mitch is not only passionate about the environmental impact of water conservation but is also fervent about the substantial financial savings for HGA and HGMD.

Boo-Boo

Several times during the interview, Boo-Boo, one of the three cats Mitch and Kathy own, kept asking for attention. Boo-Boo, familiar to many HG residents, used to roam

around the community, getting her food from the Rendezvous Bar & Grill before the Alberts took her in. Laughing, Mitch said, "I'm disappointed that I'm still not compensated by HG for taking care of the cat!"

Pilot Project Started

Back to the Water Conservation study. When Mitch was asked about the next steps, he mentioned the pilot projects that started in early February. "When I gave a series of four Lifelong Learners lectures in the clubhouse, a group of residents enthusiastically started working on developing three business plans under my guidance. These bankable plans cover more drought-resistant landscaping, smart irrigation, and reduced personal water consumption around their buildings and CP/TH areas."

According to Mitch, the purpose is to reduce water use and costs for buildings 217-218, buildings 223-224, and the South Townhouses-South Half. "When the pilot succeeds and reduces water usage, supported by data—and I'm 100% sure they will—and shows visible proof that the grass doesn't turn brown, we can do the same the next years in all other areas in HG."

Residents involved are excited about the potential savings and especially passionate about the environmental aspects of water consumption reduction. Mitch continues, "Residents are also excited about the effect drought-resistant landscaping will have on the general aesthetic appearance of their property and HG in general." Mitch also mentions some HGMD-related activities: "There are initiatives by HGMD starting up regarding recommended improvements to the water ponds to raise water table level on the golf course."

Regarding all these next steps Mitch stresses: "Everything will depend on how the boards receive the study and if they are willing to commit to and follow through regarding all 40+ recommendations." He elaborates, "I did the exact same some years ago for another homeowner's association (HOA) named Heritage Place and realized a less than 10 gal/sqft/yr water for landscape irrigation. Besides directly reducing the water bill, we received a \$60,000 grant from Denver."

Mitch asserts, "The best appraisal data are comparable case histories." And he concludes the interview by stating that he thinks both boards must follow through. In Mitch's words: "This is a project for profit!"

How can residents engage? When asked about ways residents can actively support the Water



Mitch and Boo-Boo in his home-office.

Conservations project, Mitch recommends: "Sign up for my next series of four lectures organized by the Lifelong Learners in the clubhouse starting April 29." Another way: "Join the HG Water Conservation Taskforce. Check *Heather'n Yon* for announcements and contacts regarding these two possibilities to get involved."

-Sietse Vollema, B218



Mitch behind his diesel truck with stick shift.

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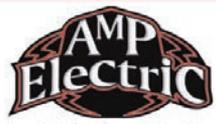
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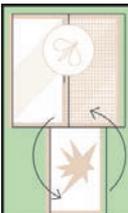
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Did you know Bob? He didn't live in HG, but spent so much time here, over the past three decades, it felt as though he did.

Bob was the guy you saw everywhere – at the golf course, in the Clubhouse, serving during Saturday Catholic mass – wearing his Boston Red Sox jacket. Even people who didn't exactly know him were aware of Boston Bob, adding color to the joint.

Bob was the marshal at the HG Golf Course for many years, and spent even more time at the course playing a few rounds or just hanging out. I worked a few days a week in the Pro Shop, and it seemed as though Bob was always there, even though our shifts didn't exactly overlap.

Bob was one of those strange creatures who liked to rise every day at 4 am, and go to the gym. He easily made it to the Pro Shop before 6 am, to pull the riding carts out of the barn, and stow bags of clubs on the carts, for the Ladies League. (He thought the guys could fend for themselves, in the club-loading department, on Men's League days.)

Bob Neu and Lynn Donaldson got together while living back east. Bob was still in the army, and Lynn had been, but by the time they met, she was a military contractor.

Lynn owned a boat, and invited this guy she was dating to join her and a few friends for a day's sailing. Of Polish descent, Bob was grilling Kielbasa (polish sausage) on the deck, when a wind came up and blew all the Kielbasa into the water. Unfazed, Bob dove in to rescue dinner.

Lynn was more than a little perturbed by this, as – she stated – Bob was the only one on the boat who didn't know how to swim. A competitive swimmer herself, Lynn was unimpressed by the theatrics.

She married him, anyway, so I guess it worked out.

Boston Bob moved to Colorado with Lynn, who took over running the *Heather 'n Yon* newsmagazine from her parents. An attorney retired from the U.S. Army, Bob soon was volunteering with the Aurora Public Defender's Office. He famously clashed with an Aurora City Councilman, who tried to put the Public Defender's Office under the auspices of the Office of the Aurora City (District) Attorney (DA).

Bob thought this was one of the stupider ideas – in a world of stupid he felt the councilman stood for – he'd heard recently, vigorously opposing the move. Letting the DA preside over and control the budget of the Public Defender's Office was an obvious conflict of interest, he said. Bob might have been lovable, but I doubt that councilman harbored many warm feelings following the fireworks of their encounter.

Bob and Lynn lived in B235 for a while, but it soon was clear the space was inadequate to house Bob's extensive collections, which he amassed during his many military postings around the world. They moved to a larger house near Hampden and Parker, where numerous glass breakfronts displayed Bob's collections of Hummels, wine and beer glasses, other crystal and porcelain, and whatever else Bob felt like collecting.

At some point, Lynn put the kibosh on his collecting anymore glassware until he got rid of some that he already had. Suddenly, I was the recipient of several sets of wine and beer glasses.

If you knew Bob, you'd know he collected books, too, and ran a one-man bookmobile, liberally loaning volumes to a circle of friends. Bob had an inordinate interest in friendship. He worked hard at it, although I think that in many ways, friendship came naturally to him.

For a few years, Bob was a fixture at the BobFest in Avon, which initially celebrated a naming a

bridge Bob, then sort of took off from there. The event was later called the BobSummerFest, and including activities such as a Bob-BQ cook-off and BobBall. He owned an impressive assortment of "I'm Bob. You're not" and other Bob tee shirts.

One of Bob's favorite activities was having breakfast at Jus' Grill eatery. He especially enjoyed these excursions, because he made a point of wearing his Korean Veteran cap. Oftentimes, some patriotic stranger would buy him breakfast, which greatly appealed to Bob's sense of cunning.

Bob was treasurer of Donaldson's Inc., which produced *Heather 'n Yon* until a year ago. As such, he signed my paychecks. He often handed my check to me in the Pro Shop, but frequently joked that he had mislaid my check, or couldn't remember my name. I usually threatened to smack him with a golf club, if he didn't fork over my paycheck.

Bob liked to laugh, and always went for the joke. Sometimes, this was at his wife's expense. Sometimes at my expense. Sometimes at his own expense. And maybe at your expense, if you knew Bob.

And if you didn't know Bob, I feel sort of sad for you. You missed one of life's great characters.

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