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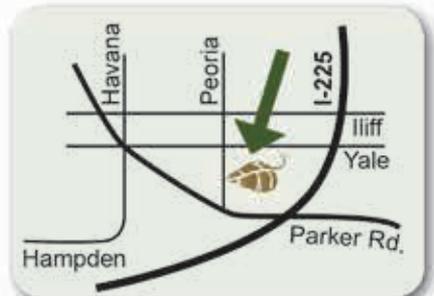
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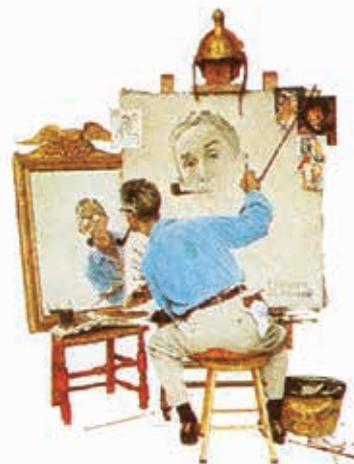
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Officers elected, director named, committee chairs appointed

The HGA Board of Directors held a special meeting on Dec. 6, to elect officers for 2023. All of the board's 2022 officers were returned to the same role in 2023. Jill Bacon was re-elected president, Larry Dávila was re-elected vice president, David Baxter was re-elected secretary, and Terry Hostetler was re-elected treasurer.

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Nine HGA directors attended the Dec. 20 regular board meeting. President Jill Bacon announced two candidates had applied to fill the vacant board position, which starts in January.

Greg Winslow, B222, and Craig Baldwin, B242, presented their credentials to serve on the board. Baldwin is a past HGA and HGMD Board member, while Winslow is on the Security/Emergency Preparedness Committee (SEC), and serves as his building's AR.

Both candidates emphasized their involvement with current HG issues. Craig Baldwin noted that he was concerned about removing the wooden cowboys (storage cabinets) that are typically placed at the front of a parking space. Currently, these cowboys are to be removed from the Parking Structures (PS) by Feb. 28. He had defined a procedure whereby this could be done for PS2, which he had developed several years before when he was chair of the Structure Maintenance Committee. He has been asked to expand this to all four PS. When asked, he said that Parking Structures was HG's greatest challenge in the years to come.

Greg Winslow was interested in the position, especially if he were to chair the SEC committee because he had been a volunteer paramedic for 40 years — he knew the challenges of being a first-responder. He described HG's greatest challenge as to improve the security of the community and extend these efforts to the buildings. He thought the PS need to be secured with cameras to deter the opportunities that vagrants see in these.

Following a question-and-answer session, the board voted to appoint Winslow to the vacant seat for 2023.

Bacon announced that continuing directors would keep their same committee chairmanships in 2023, while Winslow would chair the SEC, which is losing its cur-

rent chair, Bev Havens. Havens is term limited, and the December meeting was her final one. Havens gave her final Security report, encouraging everyone to have their catalytic converters etched, to discourage theft. She also thanked all board directors and committee members for the help they provided her. Havens was thanked for her long service to the Board of Directors and HG.

A contractor wishing to provide services to secure parking structures (PS) with cameras that are installed with Artificial Intelligence (AI) software presented details to the board. Wayne Jarret, Wheelhouse, Ltd., answered directors' questions, and outlined the caliber of services his company of engineers would render, using a software that is recognized as the industry standard for securing major facilities, including schools, and prisons. Jarret had spent 20 years developing AI analytics that observes any intrusion then interprets whether it is a significant event to be sent to HG's Security for action or eliminate it as a false alarm (e.g., an animal passing through).

When it came time to vote on whether to award the contract to install cameras in PS, Director Bill Gold said he was sold on the software, but not on the company (Wheelhouse). He emphasized that he would like to observe a demo of the system that Wheelhouse would install or do a site visit to one of the schools where the system had been installed.

"I have massive concerns about this company," Gold commented. "Budget & Finance tabled this motion yesterday, because the contract was not written properly."

On a vote in which Bacon broke the tie, the board decided to table the motion for one month, while additional research was performed into whether Wheelhouse was the best contractor available to HG.

"We need to get this show on the road, though," Bacon commented. The study must be completed quickly, she said, as those using the PS had waited long enough for additional security.

Area Representative Organization (ARO) President Betty Bergeron announced the next quarterly meeting of the ARO would be 6 pm Thursday, Jan. 12.

CEO Jon Rea announced that former Board Assistant

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Left: Right on schedule, the fountain in the North Lake on East Marina Drive freezes in an interest pattern when the temperature drops. Photo by Bonnie Williams, B232.

HGMD coverage next month

The HGMD Board of Directors canceled its regular meeting, on Dec. 15, and then held a special meeting a week later, on Dec. 22. This meeting occurred too late for a summary to appear in the January issue of *Heather 'n Yon*. Highlights of the meeting will be covered in the February issue.

Extra! Extra! Information for you –

Top news stories and events in 1973

1. The U.S. economy was plagued with high inflation, an oil crisis, rising unemployment, and the worst recession since the 1930s. The recession came about because of an OPEC oil embargo against the U.S., major government spending on the Vietnam War, a large Soviet purchase of corn, wheat, and soybeans during 1972, and a Wall Street crash that caused a bear market.

2. Inflation tripled from 3.4 percent to 9.6 percent and put an end to post-World War 2 economic expansion. (The inflation rate rose to 11.04 percent in 1974 and dropped to 9.13 percent a year later.)

3. U.S. unemployment was 5.6 percent.

4. The U.S. population was 211,908,788.

5. The average monthly rent was \$175.

6. The prime rate was 9.75 percent.

7. The mortgage interest rate was 8.82 percent.

8. The Consumer Price Index was 44.4.

9. The Dow Jones high for 1973 was 1,051; the low was 788.

10. General Motors, Ford, and Chrysler laid off 100,000 workers. Wall Street was in a bear market, and stagflation presented a dilemma for U.S. economic policy.

11. The Senate Watergate Committee began to televise its hearings, the U.S. Supreme Court legalized abor-

tion, and the Endangered Species Act was passed.

12. President Nixon signed legislation that approved construction of the Alaska pipeline.

13. Martin Cooper invented the first handheld mobile phone.

14. Magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) was invented by a team led by John Mallard.

15. The 110-story Sears Tower opened in Chicago.

16. The Oldsmobile Toronado was the first car with a passenger airbag.

17. Sales of vodka surpassed whiskey sales in the U.S. for the first time.

18. Back in the year 1973, Walkie Talkies were popular Christmas gifts.

19. Stove Top Stuffing first appeared on grocery store shelves. Hamburger Helper and pasta primavera were all the rage.

20. The average tuition at a four-year public college was \$358.

21. Michael and Jennifer were favorite baby names, and

22. *The Exorcist* was the most popular film.

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What did things cost in 1973?

The following list of prices from 1973 may be more information than you need, but it helps to set the stage for remembering what it was like when Heather Gardens was built. Here are a few benchmarks (average) for those who lived in the United States:

- new home \$32,500
 - gallon of milk: \$1.31
 - gallon of regular gas: \$0.40
 - first-class stamp: \$0.08
 - minimum wage: \$1.60 per hour
 - annual income (average): \$12,900
- www.portablepress.com/blog/2016/01/life-year-1973/

Thanksgiving Dinner prices from November 1973, *The Daily Record*, Morris County, New Jersey.

Meat, fowl and fish

Bacon, 1.19/lb

Beef, roast, 1.30/lb

Chicken, legs, 69 cents/lb

Ham, Armour, 3.99/3 lb can

Pork, boneless loin roast, 1.30/lb

Sausage, Jamestown, 69 cents/lb

Shrimp, frozen, 2.49/lb

Turkey, Butterball, 73 cents/lb

Vegetables

Asparagus, Seabrook, frozen, 29 cents/9 oz pkg

Broccoli, 39 cents/bunch

Carrots, 39 cents/ two 1 lb bags

Corn, S&W, 89 cents/four 16 oz cans

Olives, stuffed, 85 cents/12 oz jar

Onions, white, 29 cents/lb

Peas, Green Giant, frozen, 37 cents/10 oz pkg

Potatoes, 69 cents/5 lb bag

Sweet potatoes, 19 cents/lb

Turnips, yellow, 12 cents/lb

Fruits and nuts

Apples, McIntosh, 1.00/3 lbs

Chestnuts, 59 cents/lb

Cranberries, 29 cents/lb

Cranberry sauce, Ocean Spray, 25 cents/lb can

Dates, Grand Union, 39 cents/8 oz pkg

Grapefruit, 69 cents/5

Oranges, 39 cents/10

Pears, Anjou, 1.00/3 lbs

Walnuts, Diamond, 69 cents/lb

Dairy, eggs and cheese

Butter, Land O'Lakes, 69 cents/lb

Cheese, cheddar, Borden, 73 cents/8 oz pkg

Cheese, cream, Kraft, 53 cents/8 oz container

Cheese spreads, Kraft, Swanky

Swig, 39 cents/5 oz jar

Cream, heavy, 39 cents/half pint

Margarine, Fleischmann's, 89 cents/ two 1 lb pkgs

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Evelyn Ybarra had been promoted to HG's Administrative Manager, supervising the receptionist, Resident Services Coordinator, and communications assistant to be hired.

Rea also reported that construction on a McDonald's, being built at Iliff and Blackhawk, had damaged the fiber-optic cable there that extended to cable already laid at HG. The damage might lead to a possible delay on cable availability for HG residents on the north side of the property and to PS security cameras. This factored into the board's decision to delay approving a security-camera contractor. Rea stated the work on installing cameras wouldn't have occurred immediately, anyway, because to get to PS3 and PS4, a fiber-optic cable would have to be installed under a street owned by the city of Aurora.

The board approved a motion to remove and replace the five remaining staircases in the PS (\$365,295), using Merrit Welding & Fabrication and Restructure Corporation to perform the work. The three-bid requirement was waived, as only two companies tendered bids on the two sections of the project. The project will conform to the design provided by BC&E.

The board approved a motion to update the procedure memorandum for personnel policies, grossing-up bonuses (covering additional taxes) for employees. The grossing up applies only to bonuses, not to cost-of-living raises.

The board approved authorizing the Chief Financial Officer Jerry Counts to establish a money-market account with Key Bank, so that excess cash could earn better interest. With the U.S. Federal Bank increasing interest rates over the past year, an opportunity has been created that money market accounts now earn significant interest. Counts hypothesized that a money-market account could earn 3.5 percent (estimated) after fees.

The liquidity of the money market account enables the CFO to withdraw money quickly, when it is needed

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23. *Jonathan Livingston Seagull* was the best-selling fiction book.

24. "All in the Family" (CBS) was the top TV show.

25. *The Sting* won an Oscar for Best Picture.

26. "M*A*S*H*" (CBS) won an Emmy for Outstanding Comedy Series.

27. Bette Midler won a Grammy for Best New Artist.

28. "Bonanza," "Laugh-In," and "Mission Impossible" all ended their TV runs.

Sports News

1. The Miami Dolphins were the Super Bowl champs.

2. The Oakland Athletics won the World Series.

3. The Montreal Canadiens clinched the Stanley Cup.

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for expenses. There would still be enough cash in the checking account to cover bank fees, keeping them low. One major consideration was to preserve the principal in the account.

The board approved revisions to its administrative policy. One revision clarified when Security officers may discharge their firearms. Another revision directed that anyone losing their building garage-door opener, which triggers the need to reprogram all garage-door openers, shall be assessed \$300.

Forrest McClure, B231, spoke against the lost-opener fine, noting that if someone lost their opener as part of a robbery, the fine only penalized the victim more. Bacon noted that Rea had the discretion to waive the charge, if circumstances warranted it.

During time for residents to address the board on non-agenda items, McClure asked the board to overturn a decision by Rea to not reimburse him for wiring work that had to be completed to enable him to receive certain telecommunications services from CenturyLink. McClure's CenturyLink building wiring was old, and needed updating. The old wires in a limited common area had been cut, then sealed at the cut, leading McClure to hypothesize that it was done intentionally.

The board took no action on his request. It was suggested that no one in B231 used CenturyLink except McClure for these services, and at least two users were required by the HOA to assume responsibility for the costs.

Structure Maintenance Committee Chair Mike Pula suggested the board might wish to hold a work session in the next 60-90 days, to examine future capital projects. Bacon remarked the meeting would be scheduled after the first of the year.

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



Heather Gardens 50th Celebration 2023

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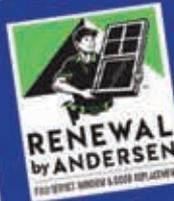
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Desserts

Cake, Angel, 69 cents/12 oz pkg
Cake, Fruit Cake Bar, 1.29/21 oz pkg
Cookies, Nabisco, Mallomars 53 cents/8 oz pkg
Pie, pumpkin, Sara Lee, 79 cents/33 oz pkg
Baking, cereals, spices & condiments
Brownie mix, Duncan Hines, 63 cents/23 oz box
Flour, Pillsbury, 69 cents/5 lb bag
Fruit cake mix, Blend-O-Fruit, 69 cents/lb pkg
Pie crust, Morton, 35 cents/10 oz pkg
Pumpkin, Libby's, 49 cents/two 16 oz cans
Sugar, Sucrest, 49 cents/5 lb bag

Beverages

Champagne, California, 1.89/fifth size bottle
Cider, Apple, 69 cents/gal
Coffee, Chock Full of Nuts, 1.69/2 lb can
Coffee, Maxwell House, instant, 1.09/10 oz jar
Egg Nog, Finast, 69 cents/qt
Juice, Cranberry, Ocean Spray, 69 cents/1 qt 1 pt bottle
Water, Great Pear, 39 cents/gal

New Automobiles

Mercury, Montego, 2 door, 4,281.00
Plymouth, Duster, 2,275.00
Volvo, 4,050.00

Used Automobiles

1970, Toyota, wagon, 4,595.00
1969, Chevrolet, Malibu, 1,695.00
1965, Triumph, Spitfire, 695.00

Clothing

Men's coat, tropical blend, 48.90-108.90/each
Men's sandals, leather 2.81/pair
Men's shorts, 5.99/pair
Men's suit, Joshua Trent, tropical knit, 98.00-138.90/each
Women's bathing suits, 2.00-15.00/each
Women's dress, summer, 6.66-15.00/each
Women's jacket, washable cotton, 10.90/each

Women's jeans, Frontier, flair, 5.47/pair
Women's shoes, dress pumps, 18.90/pair

Food and beverages

Bananas, .14/lb
Beef, shoulder roast, 1.39/lb
Bread, white, .29/lb loaf
Candy, Mason Dots, .19/8 oz box
Cantaloupe, .59/each
Cereal, General Mills, Cheerios, .51/15 oz box
Cheese, Borden, American singles, .89/lb
Cherries, Bing, .49/lb
Chicken, quartered, .59/lb
Coffee, Pantry Pride, .87/lb can
Cookies, Shop Rite, chocolate chip, .19/10 oz box
Crackers, Nabisco, Wheat Thins, .47/box
Cucumbers, .29/3
Frankfurters, Grand Union, .89/lb
Ham, Armour, canned, 3.79/3 lb can
Ice cream, Pantry Pride, .59/half gallon
Iced tea mix, Salada, .79/10 pack
Juice, Tropicana, orange, .69/gallon carton
Ketchup, Heinz, tomato, .37/20 oz bottle
Lettuce, Romaine, .39/large head
Margarine, Miracle Soft, .39/lb
Marshmallows, Royal White, .41/two 1 lb bags
Mayonnaise, Pantry Pride, .49/quart jar
Oranges, Valencia, California, .59/10
Salt, Grand Union, .08/26 oz box
Soup, Campbell's, .16/10.5 oz can
Spaghetti, canned, Franco American, Spaghettios, .19/15 oz can
Waffles, Eggo, frozen, 1.00/three 11 oz pkgs
Watermelon, .09/lb
Yogurt, Tuscan, fruit, .19/8 oz cup

Furniture

Bed, bunk, 29.95/set
Carpeting, Kodel, polyester pile, 5.99/square yard
Chair, upholstered, wing back, 150.00-228.00/each
Dining room set, 159.00-175.00/each
Lamp, swag, 3.88/each
Lawn chair, aluminum, 4.44/each; chaise, 6.66/each

Mattress, Simmons, Eclipse, twin size, 34.50/each
Picnic table, redwood, with 2 benches, 24.99/set
Rug, nylon, oval braided, 6' X 9', 25.00/each
Sofa, 303.00-435.00/each
Sofa, sleeper, Broyhill, 199.95/each

Household Goods

Ammonia, Parson's, .23/28 oz bottle
Bleach, Clorox, .55/gallon
Charcoal, .94/20 lb bag
Dish detergent, Octagon, .49/1 quart, 1 pint bottle
Dishwasher, GE, built-in, 219.95/each
Fan, Galaxy, portable, 20-inch, 11.88/each
Ice cube tray, metal, .91/each
Laundry detergent, Ajax, .59/3 lb box
Paint, house & fence, 2.22/gallon
Paper cups, Dixie, Riddle, .69/100 count bag
Paper towels, Bounty, .39/2 rolls
Range, GE, double, 429.95/each
Refrigerator, Philco-Ford, upright, side by side, 359.88/each
Scouring pads, S.O.S., .22/10 pack
Towels, bath, 1.44/each
Vacuum cleaner, Hoover, Dial-A-matic, 69.00/each
Washing machine, GE, heavy duty, 188.88/each

Personal care and health

Aspirin, Excedrin, .99/100 count bottle
Deodorant, Sure, super dry, .94/container
Hair curlers, Lady Schick, electric mist, 14.88/set
Hair spray, VO-5, 1.33/16 oz can
Mouth wash, Scope, .99/24 oz bottle
Razor blades, Gillette, .65/5 pack
Shampoo, Breck, .99/15 oz bottle
Skin cream, Noxema, .79/6 oz jar
Soap, Ivory, .39/four 3.5 oz bars
Q-Tips, .47/170 count box
Toothpaste, Pepsodent, .49/7 oz tube
Vitamins, GNC, multi-vitamin, 1.79/100 count bottle

Recreation and amusements

Acapulco, 7 day trip, airfare & hotel, 279.00/person

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HGA Board President Reports

By Jill Bacon

Greetings everyone, and Happy New Year. As we begin the New Year, I hope that everyone is looking forward to a positive outlook for the year ahead.

This year promises to be an exciting one for Heather Gardens (HG). With the 50th anniversary of the HG community, I look forward to activities that the ad hoc Anniversary Committee is planning for everyone. It should be an exciting time for all. We look to our longtime residents to share the history that they have had here at HG with all current residents, many of whom are relative "newbies." We look forward to the stories and adventures that will be shared with us in the days and weeks ahead.

This is a year that HG will see many fine opportunities for growth. Comcast will be working hard to complete the fiber optic cable to all units on the campus. Other projects will be moving ahead such as greater security for the parking structures, the RV lot and the Clubhouse. Your boards and HG management are working hard to make sure that the community remains as safe as possible for all residents.

I look forward to seeing many of you at meetings and hope that more residents will take the opportunity to attend meetings through Zoom or attend in the boardroom, when possible. I will once again encourage everyone to attend the budget workshops when they begin in the summer.

Your involvement with committees and the boards helps you and board directors do the best job that we can. Directors on both boards represent HG residents to the best of their ability. Directors can represent you best if we know what you are thinking. I encourage you to email and contact board directors when you have concerns or questions. I, and my fellow directors, are here to help and to serve you.

Once again, I wish you all a very Happy New Year!

Heather Gardens 50th Anniversary Kickoff Monday, Jan. 23, 3–5 pm, Sandberg Auditorium

Join the kickoff to the Heather Gardens 50th Anniversary! Program includes comments by CEO Jon Rea, and unveiling a commemorative 50th Anniversary quilt.

As a special presentation, made possible by Bruce and Nancy Henson, Heather Gardens Brokers, a select ensemble of students from the Grandview High School Jazz Choir will demonstrate their breathtakingly wonderful vocal skills.

Meet the special guests of your community who are original owners in HG since 1973, when the community started 50 years ago!

Snacks, coffee, and water will be provided. Sign-up sheets will be available in the Club-

house Lobby for anyone who wishes to volunteer with ongoing events and activities planned for the 50th Anniversary celebration throughout 2023. You may also contact Debbie Recob (rad8374@comcast.net) if you miss the sign-up sheets at the kickoff event.

Additionally, please keep an eye out for further communications about monthly activities and events happening all year long.



1973 prices...from page 10

- Bicycle, Raleigh, Triumph, 10 speed, 97.95/each
- Dinner, Lord Nelson's [Parsippany NJ], hot buffet, 3.95/person
- Fishing rod set, 2.97-5.20/each
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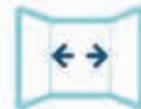
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Publisher's Corner

HG residents keep providing wonderful life stories

by Lynn Donaldson, Editor of Heather 'n Yon

One of the databases I started for *Heather 'n Yon* when I began working with my parents, Helen and Bob Donaldson, in 1995 was a listing of all the feature stories about residents in Heather Gardens (HG). Periodically, I like to look back at the people listed with a summary about why they were being profiled. The number of these stories since 1988 is more than 800.

With a renewed focus this month on the history of HG, it seemed appropriate to review some of the people who have been written about in these pages of your monthly newsmagazine.

In 1988:

- Father Robert Syrianey, B233, and Catherine Denver brought Catholic Mass services to HG. These have continued until today.

In 1989:

- Olive and Clarence Russell, B217, were noted for creating the ad and jingle, "Snap! Crackle! Pop!" for ads about Rice Krispies cereal. Olive was the composer; Clarence was the adman.

In 1990:

- Who could forget Herb Van Stone, B234? He was a dancer, drummer, clown and entertainer with many costumes. He was a stalwart performer at HG Optimist Breakfasts as a clown with a stack of pancakes that were ready to topple over. He also designed sets for the annual Spring Frolics. A later profile noted that he had been a graphic artist who drove street cars and later, buses.

- A guest writer, Elwin Winttingham, B242, wrote about George Turner who was the original builder of Tiny Town, originally called Turnerville in 1915. Near Morrison, Colorado, Tiny Town and its railroad is a miniature village with more than 100 buildings that are one-sixth scale of normal size. Winttingham was a volunteer who ran the small 15-inch gauge railroad in the town. Closed during 2020 due to the COVID pan-

demic, the tourist spot reopened on Memorial Day, 2021.

In 1991:

- Jennie Knepper, CP4, was noted for her work with the USO in Frankfurt during the first Iraq War. She handed out sandwiches, drinks and cookies to soldiers headed to Saudi Arabia.

- Irene Scott, B207, was profiled as the former editor of *Heather 'n Yon*. When she started it, the 4-page magazine was duplicated on a mimeograph machine.

- Mert Heller, B219, was a gunnery sergeant on the Liberator bomber in WW2. Participated in 40 missions.

- Trudy Schneider, B203, was a Bake Off winner, getting the Grand Prize for two years. One successful recipe was a fruit and nut pie. Two years later, she won the top price for a ceramics creation at the Centennial State Ceramic Show. (Talented woman who may still sell creations at HG's craft shows.)

- Eugene McEwen, B216, noted that when he was 17, he lost a 100-yard dash to Jesse Owens by 0.1 second in 1936, clocking 9.8 seconds on the sprint to Owens' 9.7.

In 1992:

- Sara Coley, STH, went to Antarctica where she stayed at a navy base on McMurdo Sound for more than three months with researchers.

- Evelyn and Bruno Masiokas, B233, spent eight years developing a Lithuanian-English dictionary that they presented to Lithuania University.

- Ed Koutny, B233, built a replica of Aurora's Centennial House (1671 Galena). It was just one of the doll houses he has made.

- James McNamee, B219, has collected 1,010 cigarette lighters. I wonder who got that collection?

In 1993:

- Fern Gardniner, B210, shared a scrapbook compiled by tailor Sam Scogna, an Italian immigrant who was the White House tailor for 40

years (Franklin D. Roosevelt). She was given the scrapbook by Sam's wife, Harriet.

In 1994:

- Lee Bradley, B205, wrote a book about her life in Jeddah, Arabia, while her husband established an airline.

- Margaret Ann Foy, B216, a retired stewardess with United Airlines, spent many years traveling annually to Poland on "her own dime" to teach English.

- Maria and Andrew Richman, B232, left Hungary 31 years before. Lost one child to starvation in Germany; made it with two children to U.S. Donated an American flag and the pole on which it was raised to HG (\$3,000).

- Ruth and Dick Auldridge, B214, make 10 quarts of apple butter from a bushel of apples every year, sharing with family and friends.

- Robert L. Brown, B243, has written 11 books on Colorado detailing ghost towns, saloons, mountains, silver and gold mines and his favorite hiking trails.

In 1995:

- Loretta "Dolly" Hartenbach, B219, a widow since 1977, was proud of her son, Dr. David Hartenbach, who was superintendent of Aurora Public Schools.

- Milton and Diana Levy, B214, moved to HG in October 1977. He was CEO of Miller International, Inc.

- Albert H. Salter, B219, spent 50 years broadcasting Christian programs for 30 years, after starting in the 1940s with Dr. Charles Fuller. He traveled with Dr. Billy Graham.

- Melvin Glasser, B214, shared a letter he sent to NASA offering to help the Apollo Space program by repairing the space rover that was left on the moon. NASA Public Affairs responded by inviting him to demonstrate his skills, at his own expense. The letter gave him the longitude and latitude of the abandoned rover.

- Forrest Stebbins, B223, a retired dental supply salesman who was celebrating his 93rd birthday, described courting his wife in Kansas City during the Big Band era by taking her ballroom dancing.

- Gerard Rosenthal, B207, B214, was born in Germany. He described fighting with the French Resistance during World War 2. He stayed active

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Management Objectives for 2023; a new promotion

By Jon Rea
Chief Executive Officer

It's hard to believe 2022 has ended! I hope everyone had a healthy and prosperous holiday season! As the New Year is celebrated, the HG community has quite a few exciting things on the horizon in 2023.

Heather Gardens will be celebrating its 50th year anniversary. An Ad Hoc 50th Anniversary Committee is formulating plans to celebrate this milestone and provide events for all residents to enjoy — more details to come.

In addition, the Heather Gardens Association (HGA) staff will be diligently working on Capital Projects in all departments. These projects range from roofs, parking structure maintenance, general/maintenance and component upgrades to equipment. Your management staff is eager to hit the ground running in 2023 to ensure that projects are completed timely and efficiently. The management team, in concert with HGA committee support, will continue updating the items in the Capital Reserve Database.

There will be some staff changes and additions that were reviewed during the budget workshops. These will impact all stakeholders in the community.

First, I am pleased to announce that Evelyn Ybarra, currently Board Assistant, has accepted an elevated role within the Management Office as the Administration Manager. (This position will be funded by not hiring any-

one as the Business Office Manager). Evelyn will continue to support both Boards. She will now oversee the Management Office administration and communications staff. Evelyn has been with HG for about four years, and I am excited to see her continue to grow in the new role. Congratulations Evelyn, I know you will do great!

Second, HG staff is currently working toward filling roles that were most recently approved through the budget. (Please note, the descriptions do not detail all responsibility and duties of someone in that position.)

- **Security Officer** – The Security Department will add an additional full time position in 2023 to support patrolling, community support, and administration.

- **Contracts and Facilities Support** – This position will support the efforts within both the Maintenance and Contracts Departments for restoring units, common areas, and miscellaneous projects as needed.

- **Accounting Support Role** (full time) – This position is currently a part time position that was upgraded. This position will support communication and notification efforts.

I look forward to filling these roles as soon as possible to continue to enhance collaboration with the community overall.

Lastly, the HGA management staff will be working in concert with Association (HGA) and District (HGMD) Boards, and various other committees like Long Range Planning, and Budget & Finance to review and assemble an overall strategic plan for the community. The plan will address future projects, review capital reserve requirements and plan for executing the proposed project.

The Management team and I are looking forward to 2023 when staff can capitalize on opportunities and challenges that are currently identified within the HG community.

at HG by climbing mountains, swimming, skiing and serving on the HGA Board.

- Guest writer Norb Dernbach wrote about Lee Donahue, B243, who was present at the World War 2 attack on Pearl Harbor. Her mother and others gathered children to hide under beds. Father was a Master Sergeant in the Army Air Corps, stationed at Wheeler Field. He joined units on the flight line but were helpless as the Japanese planes bombed and strafed the airfield.

In 1997:

- Doris and John McGregor, CP3, were music educators. John led the chorale group that became known as McGregor's Beggars at Jefferson High School. He was inducted into the Colorado Music Educators Association Hall of Fame.

- Beulah Guthrie Sevcik, B217, wrote about teaching photography at Lowry Air Force Base in 1942, when classes began at 5 am.

- Joe Bradley, B205, a consummate salesman, noted that after starting the King Soopers gift certificates at HG for the Optimist Club in 1992, he had sold \$1 million certificates, of which 5 percent was returned to the club. The club helped build and donated to the Aurora Boys and Girls Club. In 1998, Bradley was honored by the Aurora Chamber of Commerce as its Humanitarian of the Year.

- Carol Gabriel, B219, wrote about her years of volunteering in Washington, D.C., after attending the opening of the President George H. W. Bush library at Texas A&M University in College Station, Texas.

While husband Dave worked at the U.S. Department of Agriculture, she worked on the Bicentennial celebration in 1976. She became a White House volunteer.

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I hope you see from these summaries that your neighbors and former residents have remarkable experiences or accomplishments. I have tried to focus on the early years at HG because of the coming 50th anniversary.

Maybe you have an interesting story to share — I would love to hear from you. But more importantly, I hope you agree that the history of HG is the aggregate of stories that its residents have brought with them and shared with the community. It defines the humanity of the folks who live here.

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Traveling the world and meeting people is this resident's passion

Opening her copy of *Oh, the Places You'll Go*, by Dr. Seuss, Roxanne Smith was exuberant over a photo her friend had slipped under her door in B242. In the photo, a woman wearing a white dress wades along a beach, her arms flung high over her head. The blue sarong she's holding flutters in the breeze like a triumphal flag. "Packed!" reads the note attached to the photo.

"The worst part: Packing." Roxanne always has trouble closing her luggage. After a lifetime of extensive travel, she still can't fit in all that she wants to bring.

This year, Roxanne traveled numerous weeks, taking back-to-back-to-back trips to countries in Africa (10), Europe (2), plus Canada, New England, Glacier National Park, and the Grand Tetons.

She compressed two year's worth of COVID-travel delays into one season. Her destinations required attire ranging from elegant evening wear to safari basics. Spectacular scenery was her intent. Connecting with people she meets far and wide was her keener interest.

"Traveling internationally or even nationally, the highlights of my trip are getting to talk to who I call the 'real people.' Each of these people has their own stories, their own struggles, the way they handle things. There is so much to learn from them. When I find connection, I really appreciate that person."

This attitude and approach produced unexpected rewards in Africa's bush country where her rep-

utation preceded her arrivals at several camps. Hotel staff appreciated clothing she donated and the tips she gave. They let her store the bulk of her belongings at the hotel when she made side trips into the bush country.

Roxanne squeezed six days' ne-

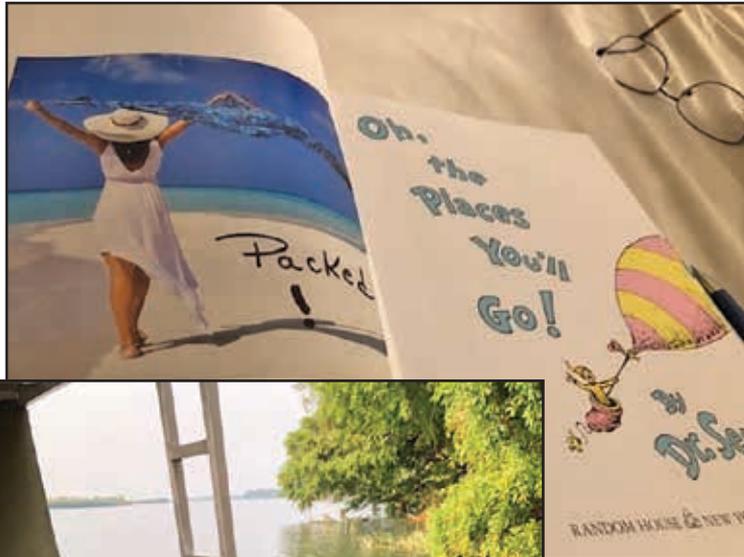
he picked up Roxanne's Blue Baby first.

Cleanliness was a challenge on safari excursions. By day's end, souvenirs of the hot Serengeti — dust and bugs — coated the travelers. Still, the experience was worth the discomfort.

Roxanne marveled at the beauty of Victoria Falls. Its sheer size, even in the dry season, was staggering.

She sighted giraffes, elephants, hippos, crocodiles, wart hogs, zebras, water buffaloes and lions. Most exhilarating was seeing the animals free to move in their natural habitat.

Wildlife in Wyoming's Grand Tet-



Above: A book by Dr. Seuss in which Roxanne Smith, B242, has a photo of her walking on a beach with "Packed!" annotated on the photo.

Left: Roxanne is relaxed and happy on a Serengeti tour boat during one travel this past year.

ons had a quirkiness of its own. While cabin camping in the back country, she came nose to nose with a moose that was moseying along outside the cabin licking bacon grease from window screens.

Roxanne is an avid and skilled hiker and has trekked many of Colorado's fourteeners with Colorado Mountain Club. She likes the club's "safety first" attitude. She took classes in wilderness training and map and compass orienteering. At the end of the course, though, she declined to slide down St. Mary's Glacier to practice self-arrest by ice ax.

That day proved her sound mountaineering judgment. Understanding

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cessities into her blue swim bag. The bag was worn; its handles ripped. Duct-tape on all four corners held it together. She carried it gently, "Like a baby."

Upon her arrival at the last migration camp, a porter ran to her plane calling out, "Who is the lady with the Blue Baby?" Bypassing other passengers' expensive luggage,



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Two longtime HG residents share an unusual talent

With Heather Gardens' 50th Anniversary approaching, my longtime friend, Jerry Lippert, B235, and I got together recently to reminisce about the "good ole days."

Jerry and I share an unusual talent: Give either one of us an address in Heather Gardens (HG), and we can tell you 1) the unit's floor plan, 2) its square footage, and 3) exactly where it's located. It's all thanks to our shared, longtime history in HG real estate!

"In 1977, I put a contract on a piece of ground in Heather Gardens," Jerry said. "The unit hadn't even been built yet."

Jerry had been selling land in Steamboat Springs, Colorado, but grew excited about HG's growth possibilities. In March 1978, Jerry became one of three salesmen for new sales at the community's early planner, developer, and manager — Environmental Developers

Inc. (EDI). The sister community, Windsor Gardens, had already been built, and was hugely successful.

I have worked in HG selling real estate for half of my life. My husband and I have lived here for almost 14 years. Back when the community was first being developed in the early 1970s, my father, Wilson "Nick" Nicholas, founded the real estate company of Nicholas Agency, Inc. I joined my father's business in 1986. Meanwhile, Jerry was still working for EDI and formed Lippert and Co. with his daughter, Michelle.

"It was a seller's market," Jerry said of those early days. "I sold 110

units the first year."

Just think of it: Interstate 225 had just been constructed. My parents bought the first patio home to be built in HG in CP1, while Jerry's first purchase — an A unit in B217 — was the home where his parents subse-



Above: Nancy Henson, STH, and Jerry Lippert, B235, were photographed recently in Jerry's condo.

quently lived.

Nicholas Agency was Lippert and Co.'s biggest competitor. I remember the two companies would run side-by-side ads in *The Denver Post*, with 10 to 15 listings each, which was very expensive. So the two businesses decided to join forces, establishing Heather Gardens Brokers in 1987.

Jerry's daughter, Michelle, and I rented the space together in the building that now houses a liquor store on Yale Avenue, next to Bank of the West. From our office, we could see the HG Gazebo (now torn down and gone) across the street. Jerry bought that building in 1989, and later sold it in 2009.

I bought my current HG townhome in 2009. The first HG home that Jerry personally resided in was a two-story patio home that he kept until 1990, when he bought a South Townhome and moved there. After that, he purchased a Patio Home next to the pond on East Marina Drive. Jerry retired from real estate in 2003. Today he lives in B235 with his wife, Judy.

"When Judy and I downsized," Jerry said, "we wanted to live next to the Cherry Creek Spillway. From my lanai, I can see Centennial Airport through binoculars. I can also watch airplanes approach DIA."

Jerry's interest in airplanes comes from his background as a pilot, both helicopter and fixed-wing. He flew combat missions in Vietnam and retired as a Lieutenant Colonel from the Army in 1974.

"Former U.S. Secretary of State Colin Powell was one of my classmates at Command and General Staff College," Jerry told me.

The love of flying was something Jerry and my father, Nick Nicholas, shared. Dad served with the 13th Air Force and flew about 50 missions in the South Pacific during World War 2. My father has passed on. Jerry will be 90 this coming June.

During our early years of working together, Heather Gardens Brokers stayed open seven days a week. The four of us — Jerry, Michelle, my husband Bruce and I (my Dad never liked office hours) were so busy! We were sitting at the closing table two-thirds of the time.

My brother also joined the company and worked with us for about seven years. He gave us our first computer. Bruce input all the properties in HG with the data we had at the time.

My daughter, Melinda, was 10 years old when we started in HG real estate. As an adult, she is an integral

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The Month (December)

On Nov. 23, a Plera message sent to all HG residents (who have email and accept such messages) said that HGA announced the results of the 2023 Budget Veto Vote:

The Election Committee, chaired by David Woods, completed tabulating today, Monday, Nov. 21, of veto ballots, and the official results are below.

Total "No" votes: 588

Total "Yes" votes: 934

The veto failed to receive the minimum of 1,263 "Yes" votes. Therefore the 2023 HGA Budget passed.

HGA thanked David Woods and the volunteers for doing a great job at tabulating the ballots.

There were some ballots rejected: 1) 28 ballots were turned in without an official envelope with the voter's name on it; 2) 28 ballots were submitted in non-official envelopes, or had the left corner torn off (removing the voter's name), or had the name marked out by black ink. None of these ballots were processed further because membership in HG and eligible to vote could not be verified.

Another 14 ballots were rejected because the owners were not current on their dues. That totaled 70 ballots that were not counted in the votes given above.

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At the Dec. 12 meeting of the Clubhouse/Restaurant Committee, Restaurant Manager Cormac Ronan outlined

some of the problems associated with meeting budget expectations, in terms of food sales.

"We just don't know what's coming through the doors," he remarked.

Ronan used Rendezvous' Sunday brunch as an example. The popular module has experienced a slowing lately.

"People who live here think the brunch is expensive," he explained. "Diners from outside of HG can't believe how cheap it is," compared to other local brunches.

He noted the Sunday brunch served 166 diners during the first week of November. The number fell to 83 the following Sunday, and has hovered at close to that number ever since.

Ronan cited bad weather, which makes HG diners stay home, and continuing threats of COVID as well as colds and flu, as hurting restaurant sales. Recent increases in food costs caused the restaurant to raise prices 4-5 percent.

Noting that most Sunday diners probably are HG residents, HGA Board Member Linda Hileman asked if, rather than raising prices on the brunch, it might not be wiser to keep prices the same, and offset increases by charging for coffee, for example. Ronan agreed this might be considered.

Holiday parties in December should improve the restaurant's bottom line, before year end, Ronan con-

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cluded. Clubhouse Manager Montrell Anthony added that there had been good attendance at many events related to the holidays, including concerts and dances.

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CFO Jerry Counts invited representatives from Key Bank, where HG maintains several accounts, including checking and savings accounts, to attend the Budget and Finance Committee (B&F) meeting on Dec. 19. Lauren Jones, Jared Schmidt and David Roll described strategies currently available to use excess money in these accounts to earn interest. Jones noted that they had developed the best options for HG, based on the community's history: an ultra-short strategy (less than six months) or short strategy (6–12 months).

After B&F members queried the Key Bank group, it was decided to recommend to both boards that a money market account could be safely opened, avoiding a brokerage account at this time. HGMD Treasurer Bill Archambault noted that HGMD is a government entity that has different requirements for investing money. Counts noted that a separate account could be used. He reminded everyone that the process to be used between him and the treasurers would have to be defined.

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The SEC Committee discussed at its Dec. 5 meeting other ways to “brand” a catalytic converter on a car to discourage it from being stolen. There are several places where one can get their catalytic converter “branded.”

For instance, on Friday, Dec. 9, the Lincoln College of Technology offered a one-day event to get a catalytic converter “etched.” Because this event is past, residents could watch for when another event is scheduled.

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Maintenance Facilities Engineer Jon Howell discussed the need for a new air-handler for B243. The initial bid was approximately \$60,000. He is waiting for additional bids. This will be a 2023 project.

The committee discussed the status of other multi-story building air-handlers. Howell pointed out that the atrium buildings and B250 have a different type of system than the other buildings. Most other buildings have not been experiencing the same problems that B243 has. He does not anticipate the need to replace those as long as regular maintenance is performed. However, he did feel that air handlers in atrium buildings will need to be replaced soon because they are more than 20 years old.

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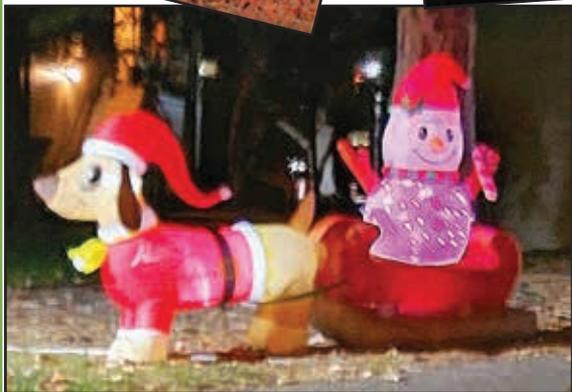
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Heather 'n Yon photographer Anita Huddleston enjoyed traveling around HG, seeking the Christmas yard art. These are just some of the favorites. It did make for a colorful community during the holiday season.



Photos by Anita Huddleston



HG Realtors...from page 19

part of our team, along with my lovely partner, Bruce, and three other young women who have joined us. We are loving their energy.

I remember when EDI finished the project, they had been keeping a sales model in B241. One day, they called me and said, "We're going to close our office," and offered me a wealth of material that included original floor plans and architectural renderings. I still have those treasures.

The last building to be finished was the Omega building, in 1986, which is next to the Picnic Pavilion.

Jerry and I have watched with astonishment as HG's home prices have risen over the years. We've each helped many people — both occupying owners and investment owners — to find properties. In many cases we have worked with the same clients over and over. My record is nine times. We have sold the same properties more than once.

How our beloved community will continue to change and grow over the coming years is anybody's guess. But when it comes down to having roots here, you can count on Jerry and me being among the "oldest" and most loyal of HG long-timers.

– Nancy Henson



Michelle and Jerry Lippert

An interesting story from that earlier article — Nick Nicholas waited overnight in 1977, outside the EDI offices, to obtain a prime spot in the newly defined Country Place 1. He had the golf course in his backyard, a site that he and Betty kept until they moved to assisted living.

Jerry Lippert and his wife at the time were headed to California when they stopped to check on property in Steamboat Springs. A friend offered his condo in Heather Ridge as a temporary place to stay. Plans changed when they loved the area, bought a home in Heather Gardens and Jerry started working for EDI.

See facing page



Nancy Dickson and Nick Nicholas

{Editor's Note: In the June 1988 issue of Heather 'n Yon, Helen Donaldson wrote a feature story about Heather Gardens Brokers and its two sets of father-daughter Realtors. The company had been formed just a year earlier. The two photos on this page are from that article. Above; Nancy Dickson (now Henson) and her father Nick Nicholas. Jerry Lippert stands behind his daughter, Michelle (left photo).}

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Smith...from page 17

one's own skill level as well as the skill level of others in her group, along with the weather is essential.

"I am very much a calculated risk taker."

Not one to fast track to the end of the trail, or rush to the top of the mountain in order to cross it off a bucket list, Roxanne prefers to walk slowly and observe animals and flowers. Most of all, she values conversing with fellow hikers and listening to their stories.

Shortly before COVID restrictions were mandated, Roxanne learned she had just three or four years before she would lose much of her eyesight. Her five carefully planned trips were put on hold. This fall they came due, one on top of another. It was now or never for Roxanne.

Eschewing a white cane, she relies on trek-



Left: A young porter ran out to the arriving plane, calling out "Who is the lady with the Blue Baby?" He picked it up first before all

the other travelers' luggage and carried it gently to Roxanne's room.

Above right: A moose moseys along Roxanne's cabin, licking bacon grease from the window screen.

king poles that provide four points of contact and can hold her weight. The reinforced toes in her hiking boots prevent foot injury when she steps upon an obstacle. This explains the hiking boots she's wearing when a bellman snapped her photo at the Ritz-Carlton in Boston.

"Hiking boots are heavy, and they take a lot of room in your suitcase."

Roxanne has packed a lot of living into this life of hers. She's had her share of trials and trauma. She doesn't talk about the difficulties. She refuses to be a victim of circumstances. Each morning she consciously decides to make the best of what comes her way. She trusts God to help her through.

She wants people to know she may not see their faces well and asks that they initiate greetings. She expects to take advantage of resources that HG's Low Vision group has to offer.

"That will be another connection, where I learn something from someone else."

In her professional life, Roxanne taught university classes and worked in the Human Investigational Drug



Above: Upon her arrival at the Ritz Carlton hotel in Boston, Roxanne was photographed by a bellhop. She wears her favorite hiking boots. They're heavy and take up too much room in her luggage.

Research Unit for The UpJohn Company. Her work was published in internal medical journals. She has lived in HG since 2018.

"The thing I'm most proud of is my growth. Sometimes what we struggle with actually makes us grow, it makes us more understanding of others, more accepting of others." Not just a survivor, she's an over-comer. That big smile you see on her face is sincere.

— Dala Giffin

Roxanne applauds and supports the work of **Gateway Domestic Violence Services**, headquartered in Aurora, Colorado, and serving the City of Aurora and Arapahoe County. The center meets the needs of women and men who are experiencing domestic abuse — bodily or mental. <https://gatewayshelter.org>. 303-343-1851.

Fathers-Daughters...from page 26

Nancy Dickson was teaching full time but had two children, 13 and 10, to raise as a single mother. When her Dad suggested real estate, she finished the school year in 1986 teaching all day and going to school for four hours every night. By July, she was certified to go into sales, which she loved. Later, she got her broker's license.

Michelle Lippert had worked at a ski resort in Utah after college, then came to Colorado. She was not fully satisfied with her downtown sales and marketing job. Michelle's mother suggested she join her parents in real estate. She was licensed in 1983, joining her father in 1984 after her mother died.

Nancy and Michelle met through several HG transactions. Meeting for lunch one day, they shared concerns about running the business alone — which began a discussion about joining the two companies together.

Thus, the company known as Heather Gardens Brokers was formed, moving into the offices at 13751 East Yale Avenue. From there, they could watch the buildings of HG increase and develop from vacant land.

JANUARY CALENDAR

| | | | |
|--------------|---|-------------------------|-------------------|
| Sun 1 | New Year's Day | | |
| Mon 2 | New Year's Day Holiday (observed) – Management Office closed | | |
| | Men's Bridge (every Monday) | Skyview Room | 10 am–3 pm |
| | HG Women's Book Club (Arce) | Mountainview Room | 10:30 am–12:30 pm |
| | Spanish Club (every Monday) | Aspen Room | 11 am–noon |
| | Texas Hold 'em Poker_Reddy or Hill (1st Monday) | Aspen Room | 12:30–5 pm |
| | Time4Tap Dance Novice Group (every Monday) | Sandberg Auditorium | 1–2 pm |
| | HG Women's Book Club (Urias) | Mountainview Room | 1–3 pm |
| | Social Bridge (every Monday, Joanne Turner) | Library | 1–3:30 pm |
| | Mah Jongg (every Monday) | Blue Spruce Room | 1–4 pm |
| Tue 3 | Hand and Foot (every Tuesday) | Mountainview Room | 12:30–4 pm |
| | HG Choir | Sandberg Auditorium | 1 pm |
| | Mah Jongg (every Tuesday) | Blue Spruce Room | 1–4 pm |
| | Ping Pong (every Tuesday) | Game Room | 2–3 pm |
| | CP2 Happy Hour | Aspen/Blue Spruce Rooms | 5–8:30 pm |
| | Billiard Club Co-ed 8-Ball (every Tuesday) | Billiard Room | 6:30 pm |
| Wed 4 | Meet & Greet with Chief Executive Officer Jon Rea | Board Room/Zoom | 8 am |
| | Cribbage (every Wednesday) | Clubhouse Lobby | 12:30–3 pm |
| | Rummikub (every Wednesday) | Library | 1–3 pm |
| | HG ACBL Duplicate Bridge (every Wednesday) | Blue Spruce Room | 1–4:45 pm |
| | Pinochle (every Wednesday) | Mountainview Room | 1:30–4 pm |
| | Men's Poker_Reddy or Hill (every Wednesday) | Skyview Room | 12:30–5 pm |
| | CP1 Social | Aspen/Blue Spruce Rooms | 5 pm |
| | HG Men's Golf Club | Mountainview Room | 6:30–8:30 pm |
| | Square Dancing Club (every 1st and 3rd Wednesday) | Sandberg Auditorium | 7–9 pm |
| Thu 5 | Tai Chi (every Thursday) | Tennis Courts | 8–11 am |
| | TOPS (every Thursday) | Blue Spruce Room | 8:30–9:30 am |
| | HG Optimist Club | Rendezvous Restaurant | 9:30 am |
| | Time4Tap Dance Group (every Thursday) | Sandberg Auditorium | 11 am–noon |
| | Bunko (1st and 3rd Thursday) | Blue Spruce Room | 1–3:30 pm |
| | Social Bridge (every Thursday, Joanne Turner) | Skyview Room | 1–4 pm |
| | HG Writers Club (every Thursday) | Mountainview Room | 1–4 pm |
| | Ping Pong (every Thursday) | Game Room | 2–3 pm |
| | Clubhouse Event: Woodshop Orientation | Woodshop | 4–5 pm |
| | Meditation Club (every Thursday) | Blue Spruce Room | 4–5 pm |
| | CP4 Social | Rendezvous | 5 pm |
| | Kiwanis Club of Aurora Business Meeting | Skyview Room | 6 pm |
| | 9-Ball Men's Billiards (every Thursday) | Billiards Room | 7–9 pm |

Advertised Activities and Seminars

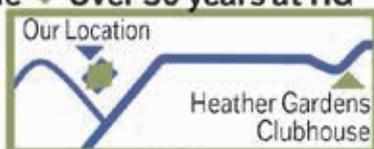
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| Mon, Jan. 2 | Bayer Ear Clinic (every Monday, by appointment), Arts & Crafts Room, 9 am–noon (see ad, p. 55) |
| Thu, Jan. 12 | Norman Rockwell, Cherry Creek Retirement, 14555 E Hampden Ave, 10:30 am (see ad, p. 4) |
| Sat, Jan. 14 | Vision Board Event, Homes that Give, Aleta Antoinette, Arts & Crafts Room, 9 am (see ad, p. 36) |

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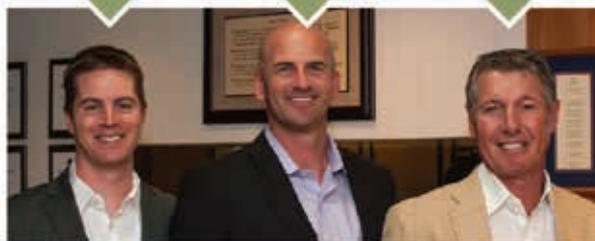
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| Fri 6 | VNA Senior Wellness Clinics Men with Purpose (1st and 3rd Friday) Texas Hold 'em Poker_Reddy or Hill (every Friday) HG Indivisible Friday Bridge (every Friday) Social Bridge (every Friday, Joanne Turner) Muu Muu Hula Group (every Friday) | Aspen/Blue Spruce Room Skyview Room Mountainview Room Rendezvous Restaurant Skyview Room Library Arts & Crafts Room | 9 am–2 pm 10–11 am 12:30–7:30 pm 1 pm 1–5 pm 1–3:30 pm 1:30–3 pm |
| Sat 7 | 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 8 | Frolics Club Auditions | Sandberg Auditorium | 2 pm |
| Mon 9 | 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 10 | Bridge (second Tuesday) Men's Book Club NTH Recycling Presentation | Blue Spruce Room Mountainview Room Aspen Room | 4:45 pm 6:30 pm 6:30–7:30 pm |
| Wed 11 | Clubhouse Event: Marie Curie Aviation Club | Sandberg Auditorium Aspen Room | 2 pm 6:30 pm |
| Thu 12 | Clubhouse Event: Mobile Food Pantry Green Team Republican Club Men's Poker (Jess Deal; 2nd and 4th Thursday) Clubhouse Event: Table Saw Orientation RV Lot Club <i>ARO Meeting</i> | B243/B244 Parking Lot Blue Spruce Room Rendezvous Restaurant Game Room Woodshop Aspen Room Sandberg Auditorium | 10 am noon–2 pm 3–5 pm 3:30–7:30 pm 4–5 pm 5–6 pm 6 pm |
| Fri 13 | Birding and Nature Club | Lodgepole Lounge | 10 am |
| Sat 14 | The Breakfast Club | Rendezvous Restaurant | 8:30 am |
| Sun 15 | Frolics Club Meeting | Sandberg Auditorium | 3 pm |
| Mon 16 | Clubhouse Event: Dr. Martin Luther King Jr HG Photo Club Game Night (McClaury) | Sandberg Auditorium Aspen Room Aspen Room | 1 pm 3 pm 5:30–7:30 pm |
| Tue 17 | Clubhouse Event: Mountain Man Fruit and Nut Co. Caregiver's Support Group B201 and B202 Monthly Social Ward V Town Hall Meeting with Alison Coombs | Clubhouse Lobby Aspen Room Rendezvous Restaurant Aspen Room | 2:15–3:15 pm 2–4 pm 4:30 pm 6–7:30 pm |
| Wed 18 | CP3 Business Meeting Square Dancing Club (every 1st and 3rd Wednesday) | Aspen Room Sandberg Auditorium | 5:30–6:30 pm 7–9 pm |
| Thu 19 | HG Optimist Club Clubhouse Event: Chinese New Year Bunko Kiwanis Club of Aurora – Guest Speaker B236 Meeting | Rendezvous Restaurant Sandberg Auditorium Blue Spruce Room Skyview Room Aspen/Blue Spruce Rooms | 9:30 am 1–2 pm 1–3:30 pm 6 pm 6 pm |
| Fri 20 | Men with Purpose (1st and 3rd Friday) | Skyview Room | 10 am |

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| Fri 20 (cont'd) | Clubhouse Event: Bingo HG Indivisible | Sandberg Auditorium Rendezvous Restaurant | 1–3 pm 1 pm |
| Sat 21 | Wine and Cheese Social Club Clubhouse Event: Randy Riggle | Aspen/Blue Spruce Rooms Sandberg Auditorium | 3–5 pm 6–8 pm |
| Sun 22 | Frolics Club Rehearsal | Sandberg Auditorium | 2 pm |
| Mon 23 | Low Vision Support Group HG 50th Anniversary Kickoff Event | Aspen Room Sandberg Auditorium | 1:30–3 pm 3–5 pm |
| Tue 24 | 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 |
| Wed 25 | VNA Senior Wellness Clinics Resident Orientation | Blue Spruce Room Board Room/Zoom | 9 am–1 pm 10 am |
| Fri 27 | Clubhouse Movie: Ticket to Paradise | Sandberg Auditorium | 2 pm |
| Sat 28 | National Federation of the Blind, Aurora Chapter | Mountainview Room | 10:30 am–12 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 every Thursday at 10–11:30 am, in the Mountainview Room and also on Zoom for those who cannot come to the Clubhouse. Contact Carolyn Morris, 303-885-7807, or motoringmorris@gmail.com for more information.

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

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- Friday, Jan. 6, 9 am–1 pm, Blue Spruce Room
- Wednesday, Jan. 25, 9 am–1 pm, Blue Spruce Room

Heather 'n Yon Deadline - 1/17

• Monthly Meetings • Boards and Committees

Listed meetings will be in the Board Room or Zoom.

Management Office Closed, Monday Jan. 2

~~SEC (Zoom) – 1 pm Mon, Jan. 2~~

Electric Vehicle (Zoom) – 3 pm Thu, Jan. 5

Clubhouse/Restaurant (Zoom) – 10 am Mon, Jan. 9

Maintenance (Zoom) – 10 am Tue, Jan. 10

CECC (Zoom) – 2 pm Tue, Jan. 10

Foundation (Zoom) – 1 pm Wed, Jan. 11

Joint Long Range Plan (Zoom) – 10 am Thu, Jan. 12

Personnel Policy (Zoom) – 10 am Fri, Jan. 13

Budget & Finance (BR/Zoom) – 10 am Mon, Jan. 16

HGA Board (Zoom) – 1 pm Tue, Jan. 17

Resident Open Forum (Zoom) – 3 pm Wed, Jan. 18

ACC (Zoom) – 10 am Thu, Jan. 19

HGMD Board (Zoom) – 1 pm Thu, Jan. 19

Resident Orientation (Zoom) – 10 am Wed, Jan. 25

Joint Long Range Plan (Zoom) – 10 am Thu, Jan. 26

Ward V Town Hall Meeting

Alison Coombs will hold her next meeting with constituents on Tuesday, Jan. 17, 6–7:30 pm, in the Aspen Room, HG Clubhouse, 2888 S. Heather Gardens Way.

Keep Colorado Wild Pass

Beginning in 2023, Colorado residents can get a \$29 Keep Colorado Wild Pass during their annual vehicle registration through the Division of Motor Vehicles.

The Keep Colorado Wild Pass is an annual pass that:

- Provides entry to all Colorado state parks
- Protects wildlife, lands and water
- Supports search and rescue programs
- Funds trails and local community projects
- Helps make the outdoors safe and available.

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Letters

Heather 'n Yon

In reply to Adelle Khan's letter regarding the pickleball play that appeared in the December issue of *Heather 'n Yon*. I am sorry that you are having a difficult time sleeping. I truly am.

However you must realize that this is a 55 plus active community, the majority of residents are retired and some are active. HG is based on this concept. Real estate is real estate, wherever you buy/rent you have to ask the right questions. If you live near a park, pool or tennis courts you have to expect people enjoying these activities. If you live in a 55 plus community you most certainly have to expect this. The majority of residents here are retired. Most older people wake up early (why is that?).

During the summer it gets extremely hot — people have to exercise during the cooler times of the day, thus earlier hours during the summer. The National Institutes of Health (NIH) states that people over the age of 60 are susceptible to temperatures over 80 degrees. It is unreasonable and unacceptable to expect an entire group of people not to play during the summer or for our courts to sit idle for an entire season

because we are not allowed to play in the cooler morning hours.

I too work and find it difficult to get undisturbed sleep. I choose to listen to ambient sounds to drown out sounds that impede my sleep.

I wish you peace.

**Alana Caldwell
B216**

Heather 'n Yon

Regarding HG's November 2023 Budget Election —

You voted? Congratulations. I can't stress enough how important it is for all of us to express our approval or disapproval of these opportunities. This election, as others in the past, was critical to your pocketbook. A budget that increases by 12 percent to 15 percent per year will double in six years. Are you paying \$500 a month in HOA fees now? By 2029 you will be paying \$1,000 per month or more.

If you did not vote, it's easy for those of us that did vote to be disappointed with you. You have failed to exercise a fundamental right as a HG resident.

Your apathy significantly affects our community and your checkbook. In the future, PLEASE exercise your voice. An apathetic attitude registers as "I approve the budget." If that is what you want, then vote accordingly. You have a right to express your

approval or disapproval either way. But for gosh sake, please vote in future elections.

**Evan Morris
STH**



Above: Colleen Patton, CP3, sent this photo taken on Nov. 23, saying, "Frosty came to HG."

Below: Rudy Morris, B217, photographed HG employees placing Christmas lights to outline the Clubhouse roof. To see the result, go to page 25.



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

I met with CEO Jon Rea and Maintenance Supervisor Matt Martella to develop a plan regarding tree and landscape enhancements for HGMD properties using Foundation funds designated for such projects. The Committee will review the first of these projects at the Jan. 11 meeting. If approved, then this plan will be presented to the HGMD Board for approval.

This step is exciting. There are other upcoming projects that the Committee is anxious to work with various management team members on bringing to fruition. The

continued support of HG residents to the Foundation is making this possible. Updates on the projects will appear in future articles in *Heather 'n Yon*.

Happy New Year

Donations to the General Fund October–December 2022:

- B221 in memory of Henry Leonhardt
- B217 in memory of James Pierce and David Shepard

Donations to the Tree Fund October–December 2022:

- Judy Brehmer, B231

– **Eloise Laubach, HGMD Vice President
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Clubs and Organizations

HG Women's Book Club

The book clubs meet on the first Monday of each month 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

For information, call Valery Van Matre, Secretary, 303-881-4666.

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, socialize and enjoy 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 out-

reach 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 in Rendezvous at 5 pm on the first Thursday of each month. Call Beverly Nelson 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.

HG Indivisible

The HG Indivisible group meets for lunch at the Rendezvous Restaurant, 1 pm, to discuss issues, books, and ideas. We meet on the first and third Friday of the month, 1 pm, in Rendezvous.

You don't have to be a resident of HG, and you don't have to order lunch. If you plan on attending lunch, though, please email or text me, so I can reserve a table.

Our 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.

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

For more information about the national Indivisible group, visit this website: <https://indivisibleguide.com/>

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

Auditions for our Spring Show, "Bridget Goes to Broadway," will be held at 2 pm Sunday, Jan. 8, in the Sandberg Auditorium. Performers will do a "cold reading" of a portion of the script, or will sing a song that they have brought (bring disc, or a pianist might be available), or perform a dance. People who wish to be on the tech, sound, light, or set crew are encouraged to attend this audition event, as well.

All people who wish to participate in any way for this show will need to join the Frolics Club. You do not need to be a member, however, to audition.

Our first rehearsal will be on Sunday, Jan. 22. All rehearsals will be on Sunday afternoons, beginning at 2 pm. Dates for the final shows are: April 21, 22, and 23, 2023.

There will be a Special General Meeting for all Frolics members to vote on accepting certain bylaw changes. The proposed changes were sent to all members via email on Dec. 18, to comply with the "10

days' notice prior to vote" rule, which is in the present bylaws.

This meeting will be on Sunday, Jan. 15, 3 pm in Sandberg Auditorium, and will be voted "yes" or "no," based on a percentage of members present at that meeting.

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

Aviation Club

In January, the HG Aviation Club starts up again, the second Wednesday evening of each month, in the Aspen Room. Our Jan. 11 meeting is at 6:30 pm.

We will be discussing the recent announcement of the new U.S. B-21 RAIDER Stealth Bomber. See you then. – Rudy Morris



Above: New B-21 "Raider" Stealth Bomber

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, utilizing 26 waste bins in HG.

There are recycle collection "toters" in every parking structure for the Alpha buildings, while non-Styro-foam coffee cups are being used in the Clubhouse. Since 2017, Shred Events have taken place in early Spring where residents can have documents with sensitive personal

information safely shredded.

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 being 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.

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 — 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 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

HG Photo Club

Welcome, photographers! If you want to become a better photographer, learn more about the craft, 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. Come 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 and 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.

Wine & Cheese Social Club

We meet on the third Saturday of every month. Join us on Saturday, Jan. 21, 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.

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Sports and Recreation

Men's Bridge

This group meets every Monday, 10 am–3 pm, in the Skyview Room. 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. More than 70 people have joined the club this year. Many of them are first-timers. 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. We are also encouraging Wednesday afternoon play at 3 pm.

Visit our club's website <https://www.hgpickle.org/>. It is typically updated by 7:30 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](https://www.hgpickle.org/).

For more information, contact Phil Hughes 303-503-7633, phdenv@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

Time4Tap Dance 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 and 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 January 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; however, there is no scheduled meeting for January. – 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. 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

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 Jan. 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 November 15

1st Brian Bucenec, Gil Lochhead
2nd John Recob, Dee Moore
3rd Don Gunnarson, Connie Burns

November 22

1st Doug Miller, Bob Schlageter
2nd Gil Lochhead, Dee Moore
3rd Brian Bucenec,
Don Gunnarson

December 6

1st Brian Bucenec, Judy Hein
2nd Roger Goldstein Team
3rd Don Gunnarson, Connie Burns

9-Ball Results November 17

1st Lindy Davenport
2nd Brian Bucenec

December 1

1st Scott Crowl
2nd Brian Bucenec

December 8

1st Brian Bucenec
2nd Roger Goldstein

Afternoon Cribbage

We meet 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 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 newer dancer, or feel a little rusty in your dancing — you 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, and it is great way to exercise. Any questions, call Beverly Nelson, 303-750-6632.

HG Ladies Golf Club

It's the beginning of a new year, and new leadership for the HG Ladies Golf Club. The board has been given the task of creating a fun atmo-

sphere, while keeping play competitive — a balance that can be elusive in the game of golf. While it is early, several important dates have already been established:

Jan. 25: The first HGLGC Board meeting of 2023, at 1 pm, Board Room. All members are welcome.

Feb. 15: Non-resident dues of \$55 must be received. League rules allow for 30 non-residents.

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 you need to make changes in your contact information, download a membership application from the HGLGC website, and include it with your payment.

Weather allowing, pre-season play will begin on Wednesday, April 5, with formal league play commencing on Wednesday, May 3. Detailed information and membership applications are available at the HG Pro Shop and on our website, www.heathergardensladiesgolfclub.com.

Golf Trivia: The LPGA was founded in 1950, and is the oldest continuing women's professional sports organization in the United States. The group's 13 founding members were dedicated to golf as both a game and a career. Initially, the group planned and organized the golf tournaments, drafted the bylaws, supervised membership, and set up the courses. Today, the group has 116 employees and more than 1,700 members representing 29 different countries. – 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. Information: Carli Williams, carliwilliams@hotmail.com, 303-518-7337.

Muu-Muu Hula Club

Muu-Muu Hula Club meets 1:30 pm Fridays, in the Arts & Crafts Room. All are welcome, dress is casual. 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.

Congratulations Chris Hughes!



Above: Ed Bradley (left) presents the HG Men's Golf Club trophy to Club Champion Chris Hughes at the Fall Banquet in Rendezvous Restaurant on Oct. 22 that ended the 2022 golfing season for the club.

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ciation meets the fourth Monday of every month in a different Seville building each month. For time and location, please contact your AR or Seville building representative.

Low Vision Support

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

HG Republican Club

Happy New Year! This new year will be a year of purpose, as we take a stand for the values we all hold precious. We will be sharing our 2022 accomplishments, and how you were a part of it all. Come, be encouraged and challenged to stand with us.

General Meeting at 1–2:30 pm Tuesday, Jan. 24, Sandberg Auditorium. Speaker TBA.

Annual membership dues are

\$15/per person. We look forward to you renewing, or joining for the first time. For more information on payment of dues, send an email to: hgrclub@gmail.com. – Janet Yoder

HG Democratic Club

The Heather Gardens Democratic Club meets on the fourth Tuesday of each month, 4–5:30 pm, Aspen Room. Our speaker for the Jan. 24 meeting will be Scott Wasserman, president of the Bell Policy Center since 2016. Through their research and advocacy, the Bell Policy Center provides lawmakers, advocates, and the public with reliable resources to create a practical policy agenda that raises the economic floor, builds a diverse and thriving middle class, and sparks innovative ideas to prepare us for the future.

This year we will primarily focus on issues which impact our present and future, at the federal, state and local levels. In addition, we will emphasize the issues and candidates in the November race for Aurora’s City Council and mayor.

The meeting is free and all are

invited, whether or not you live in HG. If you like, join us for dinner in Rendezvous after the meeting for good fellowship and conversation. – Marty Karnopp, Chair, mjkarnopp@gmail.com, 303-353-9640.

The Sevillians

Start 2023 out by joining “The Sevillians” for our monthly dinner in the Banquet Room of the Rendezvous. Mark your calendars: 4:30–6 pm Tuesday, Jan. 24.

There is one important request made by the management staff of the Rendezvous — *we must have a group of 20–30 guests* in attendance to reserve the Banquet Room. With team effort, we can make this happen! A sign-up sheet will be provided in the mail room of your building. Cut-off for attendance is Friday, Jan. 20. – Patt Clark, B235.

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, contact Dale Holden, chapter president, B213, 303-905-9738.

OPOCS Singles Club

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

HG Grief Support

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

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HG Clubhouse Events

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Clubhouse Manager Montrell Anthony

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

Woodshop Orientation and Table Saw Orientation

- Woodshop Orientation: Thursday, Jan. 5, 4 pm
- Table Saw Orientation: Thursday, Jan. 12, 4 pm

All students must complete Woodshop Orientation before attending Table Saw Orientation. For January only, classes will be held on Thursdays. Sign up at the Activities Desk or call 303-751-1811 x 5.

Active Minds: Marie Curie

Wednesday, Jan. 11, 2 pm, Sandberg Auditorium
FREE: Reservation required, 303-751-1811, x5

Born in Warsaw, Poland (1867), Maria Sklodowska would become one of the greatest scientists of her era. After emigrating to France, Marie (as she was known there) would work with and eventually marry another scientist, Pierre Curie, with whom she would be awarded the Nobel Prize in Physics for their research on radioactivity. Over a decade later, she would be awarded a second Nobel Prize for discovering the elements radium and polonium (named for her country of birth). Join Active Minds to examine the remarkable life of Marie Curie.

Mobile Food Pantry

Thursday, Jan. 12, 10 am–noon (or until food runs out),
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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!

Martin Luther King Jr. Federal Holiday

Monday, Jan. 16, 1 pm,
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We will honor Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., a



prominent American civil rights activist, by highlighting his legacy. In general, he is most known for helping to abolish racial segregation on public transportation and advocating for racial equality in the United States. His speech, "I Have a Dream," was given on the steps of the Lincoln Memorial in August 1963. This speech will be featured in the program.

Mountain Man Nut & Fruit Co. will be in the Clubhouse Lobby, 2:15–3:15 pm Tuesday, Jan. 17. They will be selling nuts, seeds, snacks, candies, dried fruits and trail mix.

Chinese New Year Calendar with Kathleen Arnold
Thursday, Jan. 19, 1–2 pm, Sandberg Auditorium
FREE, reservations required, call 303-751-1811 ext. 5

The ancient Chinese calendar remains an important part of Chinese culture and the Lunar New Year Festival is the oldest and most important celebration in China. The first question people ask is what animal is it this year? This presentation is brought to you by Cherry Creek Retirement Village and Garden Plaza of Aurora.

Bingo!

Friday, Jan. 20, 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! Sponsored by Elite Cabinetry and Granite and Oak Street Health.

Randy Riggle

Saturday, Jan. 21, 6–8 pm, Sandberg Auditorium
Fee: \$10 pre-register; \$12 on the day of the event.

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Celebrate Belly Laugh Day (Jan. 20) a day later as we bring "The Nostalgia Show," featuring comedy entertainer Randy Riggle. He'll take you on a comedic journey back in time to the 50s and 60s that is a multi-media presentation with more than 50 impersonations and a veterans tribute.

Movie Matinee: *Ticket to Paradise*

Friday, Jan. 27, 2 pm, Sandberg Auditorium
Fee: \$5 pre-register; \$6 on the day of the event.

Reservation required, 303-751-1811, x5

David and Georgia, two divorced parents who can't stand each other, head to Bali after their daughter, Lily, announces her plans to marry a local islander she just met while on holiday. They decide to put aside their differences and work together to stop the wedding, believing that doing so will keep Lily from making a dreadful mistake similar to their own.

Heather Gardens Trips

Bally's Blackhawk Casino

Tuesday, Jan. 10, 7:45 am–3 pm
Fee: \$20, no cancellations or refunds after Jan. 6
Reservations required, call 303-751-1811 ext. 5.

This is an ADA bus.

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 Note: Question for all residents — would you like to continue going to Bally’s Casino in Blackhawk or change things up a little and go to the The Brass Ass Casino, Midnight Rose Casino or McGills Hotel Casino in Cripple Creek. Call the Activities Desk, 303-751-1811 ext 5, or stop by the Activities Desk to share your thoughts. Thanks, Clubhouse Management.}

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.

Right: The Denver Dolls brought their unique harmony and style to songs for female groups from the 1930s–1950s era on Dec. 14.



Above and left: The Smithtonian Handbell Choir from Littleton, Colorado, brought their distinctive musical rendition for a concert on Dec. 9, which included many Christmas favorites. It was a sold out crowd! Some of the bells are not tiny (left below) and look heavy to lift.



Photos by Janis Farrell



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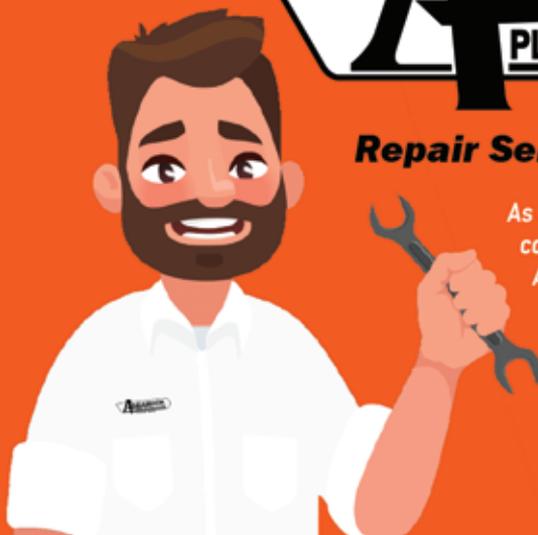
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HG residents found different ways to celebrate the holidays in different venues. Here are a few photographs.



CP5 and CP6 combined forces to hold their holiday dinner at Rendezvous on Dec. 14. Photos by Janis Farrell.



Rendezvous had its annual Holiday Dinner on Dec. 9, which sold out!



Left and below: Just a few of the residents who enjoyed the holiday dinner at Rendezvous



B223 Winterfest

Gathering on the 6th floor, residents enjoyed a variety of appetizer food and Christmas goodies. Vicki Ziarek (below) won the "Guess



In their annual door decorating contest, B223 had winners on all six floors. Shown here are the winners on the 4th and 5th floors. Photos by Anita Huddleston.



the number of Peppermints," taking home the mints and its container. Michele Frye (above) won the ice breaker game, "Guess the number of candy canes," taking home the treats. It was fellowship and fun for residents who participated. Photos by Jay Bluestein, B223.



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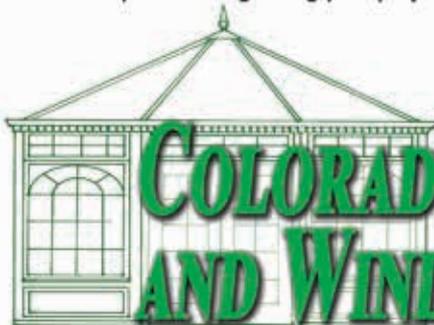
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Ask Smithsonian

A questioner from New Orleans, Louisiana, asked "Why do certain species of birds begin singing when the sun is coming up?"

"To show that they're ready for action," says **Scott Sillett**, head of the Migratory Bird Center at Smithsonian's National Zoo. "In temperate climates, male birds sing first thing in the morning to tell competitors they've made it through the night and are on the alert. In the darkness before dawn, when visual cues are hard to see, singing — and seren-

ading potential mates — may also be the easiest form of social interaction. This burst of early morning communication is known as the dawn chorus." (Smithsonian, September 2020).

Aurora's Snow Priorities

When snow arrives, the city of Aurora is ready. Aurora has more than 90 pieces of snow removal equipment ready to plow 1,500 miles of roadway depending on a winter storm's severity. In an average year, the city spends a little over \$2 million on plowing operations — roughly \$7.50 per resident.

During a storm, roads are cleared in this order:

Priority One routes — the major arterials and collectors that provide access to emergency services (police/fire stations, hospitals, etc.) — are treated first. All efforts will be made to keep them open and maintained, which often means running the routes repeatedly to ensure they remain passable.

Priority Two routes — minor collectors that allow



Above and right: Two more displays erected by HG residents to celebrate the holidays. Photos by Anita Huddleston.



access to schools, businesses, grocery stores and service stations — are plowed second. Based on a storm's severity, these routes will be kept open and maintained if possible.

Priority Three and Four routes — including a portion of the neighborhood streets and rural roads — are lower priority routes that are plowed as resources allow,

but only after the Priority One and Two routes are clear. AuroraGov.org/Snow

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Overheard @ HG

Party on, Garth, party on

by Mary Hafka

I recently participated in putting on a Christmas party for my neighborhood. It brought back some old — if not always fond — memories.

It's been a while since I was in the business of Events Planning. This is the term used when a group or company puts on a party, a charity run, or a golf tournament.

The lion's share of my career was spent as a writer for the publications division of some company. Frequently, the publications division consisted of me, myself and I. Other corporations maintained a full publications staff, including a writer/editor or two, a graphic designer and photographer.

Because a company couldn't have a lone employee, just hanging out in the corporate stratosphere, I was frequently folded into the Public Relations Department or Marketing. As a member of Public Relations, I entered the dubious world of planning special events.

These gatherings usually were intended to impress clients who were important to the company. For non-profits, these might be donors, and influential community figures who hobnobbed with potential donors.

In the 1980s, I worked for non-profit organizations. One was extremely invested in its annual event, which was a local bash that many said was modeled on the Carousel Ball — which used to be a thing in Denver.

The Carousel Ball was the last word in a soiree where the rich and prominent came to see and be seen. My company's event wasn't as prestigious, but it harbored social-climbing pretensions.

Some of the histrionics connected to pulling off "the gala" were legendary. During the three months that preceded the event, we staffers knew not to try and engage our department director in any other matter. Her total focus was on the annual celebration.

Our director took pride in being dubbed, "the Perle Mesta of Denver."

She was endlessly busy holding meetings, which consisted primarily of food tastings for the evening's buffet, and nonstop conversations over what the theme for that year should be.

Our director never noticed that we — her staff — harbored feelings about the occasion that ran the gamut from indifference to outright hostility. But ready or not, each year, the Public Relations staff found itself drafted into working on the gala, which our director described as, "so much fun."

For her, maybe. The rest of us? Not so much.

My primary job for the gala was producing a glitzy, multi-paged, perfect-bound program/album, which featured congratulatory ads from well-heeled sponsors and full-page photos of prominent local celebrities who were expected to grace the event — in their tuxedoed, be-jeweled and be-gowned splendor. The most important requirement: don't misspell anyone's name.

(For the actual event, rules included dress up nice, but not too much. No one will be looking at staff.)

One segment of the album's contents was extolling the virtues of the Humanitarian of the Year award winner. I was warned the demands of this task could take a toll on a writer's mental health.

My predecessor in the job evidently found it all too much. In the end, she was practically carried out of the place on a stretcher, exhausted and defeated. I came into the company as its new one-woman publications staff, and had it patiently explained to me what finished my predecessor off.

She always struggled with the job, which consisted of single-handedly cranking out two monthly newsletters, and various circulars and brochures, as needed. But what ultimately did her in, co-workers said, was attempting to write a scintillating puff-piece on what a great humanitarian

Mr. Fred Somebody was, for the Annual Celebration album.

Poor Fred wasn't much of a humanitarian. He wasn't much of anything notable, except a member of a socially active family, and close buddies with the real mover and shaker. It was to please Mr. Mover and Shaker, they said, that Fred was named the year's greatest humanitarian. Mr. Mover and Shaker was expected to attend the annual gala, to honor Fred, and make a generous donation to the organization in his friend's name.

I remember that our director was determined to land the prominent man for the evening, and she did, after pal Fred was crowned Denver's Greatest Living Humanitarian.

Another element of the Annual Celebration was importing "a star" to give a musical performance, following the food interval. Such stars usually were older folks whose careers had long been descending. Still, they were known performers, and we all were instructed to act as if they were A-listers — just as we pretended Fred was a humanitarian.

Mr. Mover and Shaker bought up two rows of theater seats surrounding him, so he didn't have to sit near anyone. I personally handed one of our carefully assembled swag bags to his diamond-bedecked daughter, as she entered the venue.

She turned back to me, and I thought she was going to say, thank you. Instead, she stuck out her hand, and commanded, "Give me another one." She must have missed the good-manners module in finishing school.

The bottom line is, I learned how to execute special events. I never learned to love them. And the term "execute" leads to other thoughts.

Anyway, when the event wrapped, I was happy to return to my solitary typewriter, and resume writing. The IBM Selectric gave way to a redacting typewriter (fitted with a tape, to save one's work), which turned into a word processor, which ultimately became a personal computer. It was always better to work with than some of the individuals we encountered doing special events.

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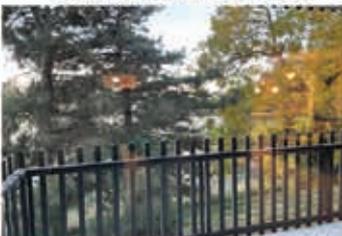


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