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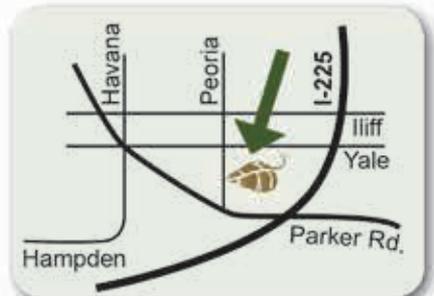
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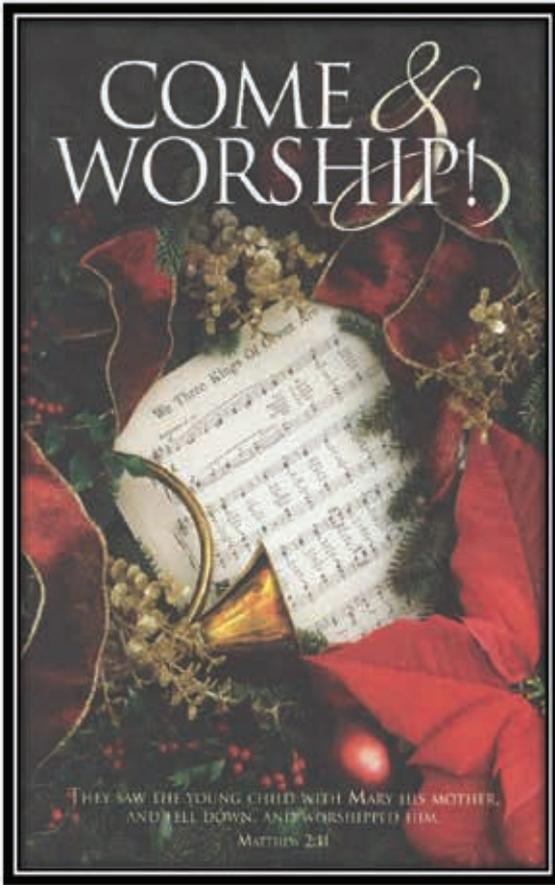
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2023 director applicant sought, Security fully staffed

All HGA directors attended the Nov. 15 meeting of the board. President Jill Bacon announced that HGA was seeking to fill a board vacancy for the 2023 calendar year.

Director-elect Robert Brancio, B217, was scheduled to begin his term in January; however, Bacon announced Brancio had told her that he had accepted a job, and would be unavailable to participate in board meetings, even via Zoom. Bacon called for applicants to direct their interest in filling the position to Board Assistant Evelyn Ybarra. Ybarra will accept applications through the close of business on Friday, Dec. 2, Bacon said.

A Nov. 7 report of the Security/Emergency Preparedness Committee (SEC), which was included in the board packet, indicated that Terrence (TJ) Jones has resumed the position as Manager of Security. The Security force is fully staffed now, the SEC report continued; however, "No one has stepped up to be compliance officer." Jones had been the compliance officer before accepting the manager's position.

The board approved a contract with Building Consultants and Engineers (BC&E), to create designs for repairing Parking Structures (PS) 1 and 3 (\$34,100). Maintenance Committee Chair Mike Pula explained BC&E agreed to try to complete the designs in 2022, so they could be used in repair work performed in 2023. The designs also have implications for repairing PS2 and PS4.

The board ratified an email vote, which awarded a two-year contract for natural gas with Constellation, HG's current broker. The contract (Nov. 1, 2023–Oct. 31, 2025) fixes the price per dekatherm at \$5.10, with a 100 percent swing (fixed rate).

The board ratified an email vote awarding a two-year contract for its Professional Employer Organization (PEO) to ADP (Jan. 1, 2023–Dec. 31, 2024). ADP is a new vendor for HG, as there was dissatisfaction with the old PEO. The two-year contract is projected to save HG

\$3,000 per year (\$6,000 total) versus awarding a one-year contract to ADP.

The board approved a contract with A Perfect Landscape (\$27,490), to provide landscaping services at the Yale entrance, in accordance with Water Wise program designs, developed with the city of Aurora. The work is expected to be performed in spring 2023 (weather dependent). The motion also requires approval from the HGMD Board, which owns the land.

The board adjourned briefly into executive session, to discuss a collections issue. Afterwards, the board reconvened in a public session, and approved a motion to accept the recommendation of HG's CFO, and turn the debt over to HG's attorney, for collection.

Jean Baldwin, B242, asked for clarification on Architectural Control Committee (ACC) rules regarding construction in a neighboring unit, where time and materials belied the builder's claim that only a ceiling fan was being installed. Baldwin said she had reported the issue to Security and to the Resident Services Coordinator, but the work had continued for a week.

ACC Chair David Baxter promised to delve into the issue. He stated that an HG certificate of approval should be displayed on the door of any unit that had received ACC approval for the project.

CEO Jon Rea gave an update on Boston-based Starry Internet, in response to news that, in October, Starry had laid off half its workforce, amid "a major cash crunch" [*Boston Globe Internet*]. Rea reported that all the Starry employees with whom HG had worked were no longer with the company.

"I've been communicating with the regional vice president," Rea said. "I don't know how, yet, it affects current customers."

A number of HG residents have signed up for Starry Internet. The effects of Starry's organizational changes have yet to fully shake out.



Right and left: HG residents gathered in Sandberg Auditorium for its annual observance of Veterans Day on Nov. 11. Photos by Janis Farrell.



Extra! Extra! Information for you –

HG to celebrate 50th Anniversary in 2023

Mark your calendars!

Heather Gardens (HG) will hold its major 50th anniversary celebration on Sept. 15, 2023. The HG 50th Anniversary Team is also planning other 50th-related events, tournaments and activities to be held throughout 2023. Because the HG 2023 budget for anniversary expenses is limited, most financing must come from donations. But we will find ways to keep the “fun” in fundraising for our anniversary events!

The HG 50th Anniversary Team that we co-chair is a subcommittee to the HG Community Engagement and Communications Committee (CECC). We both feel that it is an honor and a privilege to serve on this team. Feel free to contact us! We welcome input, ideas and time from volunteers in planning and carrying out the various efforts to celebrate HG's 50th anniversary.

To give you a little history, HG's early planner, developer, and manager, Environment Developers Inc. (EDI), filed the Declaration of Condominium on Jan. 23, 1973, with

the Colorado Secretary of State. Following provisions in the Declaration, EDI turned over control of the Heather Gardens Association (HGA) to the homeowners 10 years later on Jan. 23, 1983. Since that date, the affairs of the association have been governed by a nine-member Board of Directors, elected annually by HG property owners for staggered three-year terms.

Our goal for the coming year is to tell the HG story to current and prospective residents, stakeholders, and those in the public and private sectors, whose financial and political support are important to sustaining HG's future. We want to thank Aurora and Arapahoe County public officials for their contributions to HG's well-being. Additional goals of the year-long anniversary effort are to recognize and thank the business and professional community providing consumer services in the areas of real estate, finance, medical and health, home improvement, and communications to HG.

We will also celebrate the volunteers who serve on HG's boards and committees. As an example, the CECC serves to provide the HGA Board with ongoing supervision of its various publications, including the *Heather 'n Yon* magazine, the Resident Handbook, and the HG Community Directory. CECC has oversight of communications with the residents through the HG website (www.heathergardens.org), electronic displays, and the Pitera communications system.

The CECC is only one of HG's hard-working committees. We know you will join us in applauding the efforts of all HG board and committee volunteers. Without these important people, our community would not function nearly as well as it does.

And, without our wonderful HG management and staff, our community would not function at all.

Appreciation and gratitude will drive all our 50th anniversary celebrations this coming year!

**– Deborah Recob, B236, and
Connie Burns, B214**

Clarity

A retired teacher in HG relayed an experience from her first year of teaching. The second month of teaching, one of her second grade girls came to her and whispered, “Do you have a period at the end of the month?”

The new teacher gulped and asked, “What?”

The child repeated the question, and the teacher again asked, “What?”

This went on a few times until finally the teacher asked, “Exactly what do you want to know?”

The little girl pointed to the board where the abbreviation of October

was written and asked, “At the end of the month, O-C-T, do you have a period?”

The teacher still remembers the relief that surged through her body as she answered, “Yes, there is a period at the end of O-C-T.”

Why is this narrative part of an article on clarity? It emphasizes the need to ask clarifying questions when we don't understand what is being asked or we need more information. With a commitment to clarity, we aim to be clear and friendly in all communication, acknowledging there are many points of view. Without clarity, there are more chances

of being misunderstood. Clarity in written and spoken communication eliminates the possibility of confusion and miscommunication. If the teacher hadn't asked for clarity, the result could have been more confusion and embarrassment.

Some residents feel the articles about the HG Commitment to Civility and Caring are preaching and scolding, but that is not the intent. The intent is to remind all, writers included, that remembering and following the “Commitment to Civility and Caring” helps us to react in appropriate ways when we're concerned about issues,

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HGMD moves 2022 money forward, includes key-card-entry system in Clubhouse

The HGMD Board of Directors met Nov. 17, with all five directors in attendance. Director Maria Mines Zoomed into the meeting from her travels in Chile, noting she was enjoying 85-degree temperatures. The four directors stuck in Colorado were experiencing 20-degree temperatures and snow, on that day.

The board approved line-item redistribution of 2022 budget funds (\$160,000) to fund some priority projects. One of these, \$80,000 for a card-entry security system for the Clubhouse, provoked some debate.

Director Mitch Albert remarked he had never heard of the proposal before this meeting. He questioned if the system really was a higher priority than certain other projects.

Treasurer Bill Archambault explained that better security for the Clubhouse had been under discussion for years. He noted government offices and churches, for example, commonly use such a system.

Candice Compton, B220, asked if using a card system to block folks from entering the Clubhouse actually was legal, as the Clubhouse is a public building?

Attorney Jennifer Ivey replied "My understanding is we are not closing the building — just controlling access."

CEO Jon Rea explained that installing a card-entry system in the Clubhouse also would serve as the beta test for eventually using card entry in residential buildings. Having the Clubhouse serve as a test site could make the rollout to buildings better.

President David Funk commented, "We have a responsibility to know who is in our building (Clubhouse), and do they belong there?" He added the three projects to which funds were reallocated would not be completed in 2022.

The other two areas benefiting from reallocation of funds were RV lot lighting and other security (\$50,000), and design and installation of the water system within the garden plot (\$30,000).

The \$160,000 was diverted from projects that had been anticipated for 2022, but were deemed unnecessary or unlikely to be completed within the 2022 budget year. These projects included painting the Clubhouse, new flooring in the Management Office and Board Room, a tractor with forklift and a backhoe for the Golf Course, and Sandberg Auditorium sound system — to name a few. The full list of deferred projects totaled \$160,000, including \$17,700 previously approved to update the Clubhouse's HVAC software and computer.

The board approved using lottery funds to purchase do-it-yourself (DIY) supplies from Carl's Place (\$2,000), for a new enclosure and impact screen for the indoor golf-course simulator. The DIY Golf Simulator Enclosure Kits

include an impact screen, a nylon enclosure and connector fittings.

The old simulator was constructed by Golf Pro Greg Kohr, largely out of items-on-hand, to determine if offering residents a golf-course simulator had any appeal. The simulator has proved popular, but the netting is now full of holes, and the enclosure is too narrow to be safe and effective.

The board approved having the Yale Entrance Water Wise Project landscaping installed on HGMD property. The HGA approved the project two days earlier, and HGMD signed off on the property use.

Archambault voted yes, but expressed concern over the xeriscaping project near the Maintenance Building. HG tried several years before, which — Archambault felt — detracted from the beauty of HG. He expressed the hope that this project would look better.

Rea explained that the Water Wise Project is not xeriscaping. It is designed with plants and trees that are native, and use less water. Moreover, he explained, such projects can take three-to-five years "for these things to develop." He noted the xeriscaping area looked much better last summer than it had early on.

Foundation Chair Eloise Laubach stated the committee would appreciate more guidance from the board on desired purchases, designated funds, and tree-replacement projects, overall.

Laubach noted that some donors, for example, have given money, but wished to specify it be used for the RV lot. Other "specified gifts" can be for projects that never happen, and the money sits in Foundation coffers.

Archambault noted that the purpose of the Foundation was to purchase items that support the entire community. The RV lot serves those who use it, and might not be an appropriate use of Foundation funds.

Funk remarked, there might be a need for a more defined giving plan. He commented this might be a project on which the board could work.

Laubach concluded, "The Foundation is anxious to make itself better known. But please give us a plan, so we can budget our money better."

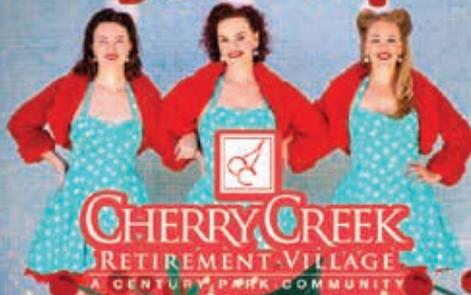
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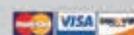
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Annual meeting lays out concerns addressed when making the 2023 HG budget

On Nov. 1, 2 and 3, Heather Gardens (HG) held its annual meeting, attended by members in either Sandberg Auditorium or on Zoom. During this meeting, CEO Jon Rea gave a PowerPoint presentation about what HG had accomplished in 2022 and presented the analysis that led to the proposed 2023 budget for the community. Both boards had approved the proposed budget on Oct. 13. These annual meetings gave residents one last time to question certain items before casting their vote as to whether they chose to “veto” the proposed budget.

Because the votes to veto were to be submitted by Friday, Nov. 18, then counted the following week with the expectation that the vote could be announced before Thanksgiving, it happened too late for *Heather 'n Yon* to provide that outcome here.

Some of the highlights from Rea’s presentation included a list of plans for future evaluation in the community:

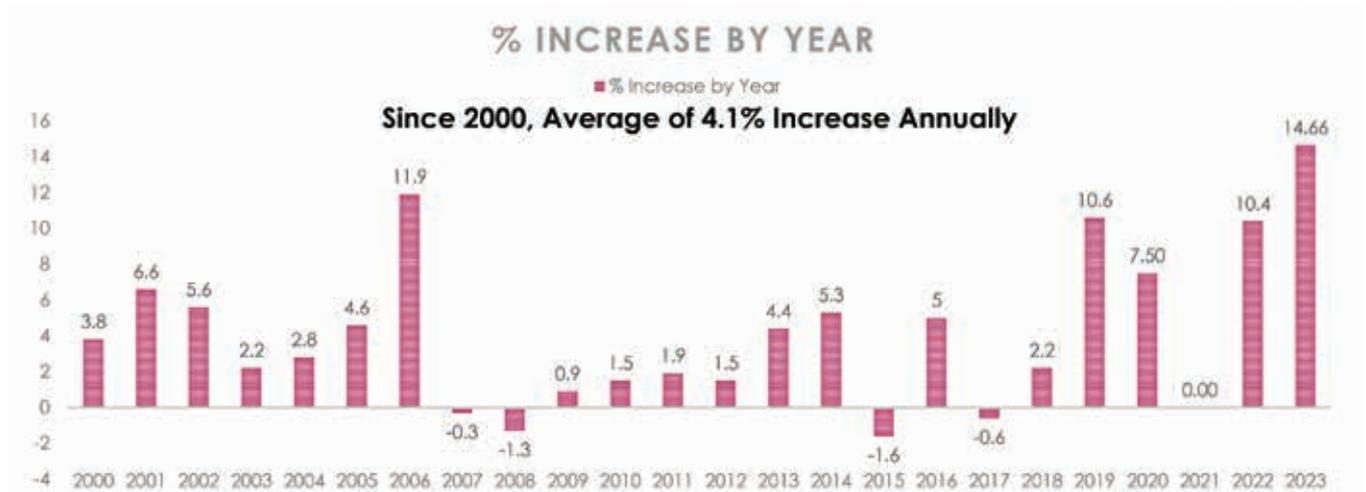
- Procedure Memorandum Review
- Capital Reserve Review that updates the items list-

- ed, costs anticipated and dates for replacing
- Review the Declaration of Condominium
- Replace the Professional Employer Organization (PEO) that provides payroll and benefits administration for employees of HG
- Review the subsidies provided for HGMD Amenities (Golf, Restaurant and Clubhouse)
- Review HG website and implement changes
- Find a new contractor for washer and dryers for multi-story buildings
- Define employee uniforms based on department in which they work

For a review of the final budget, as presented on Nov. 1, 2, and 3, see the tables presented below and on page 19. Overall, the new budget is a 14.66 percent increase over the 2022 budget. Rea explained that dues were increasing because:

- Inflation has increased from 2021 (3.2 percent) to 2022 (8.3 percent) *Statista.com*

See 2023 Annual Meeting...page 19



Heather Gardens Association (HGA)				
	2023	2022	Diff	% Change
Maintenance	7,237,461	6,477,035	760,426	11.74%
Water & Sewer	1,498,889	1,325,468	173,421	13.08%
Gas & Electric	1,390,752	955,938	434,814	45.49%
Insurance	1,802,792	1,708,273	94,519	5.53%
Capital Reserve	4,248,694	3,401,830	846,864	24.89%
Allocation from the Operating Reserve	(300,000)	-	(300,000)	
<small>Application of PPP Grant Monies - Voted by B&F for Incremental Usage</small>				
Total	15,878,588	13,868,544	2,010,044	14.49%
Avg Monthly Dues*	\$ 545.43	\$ 476.39	\$ 69.05	14.49%



HGA Board President Reports

By Jill Bacon

Peace on Earth. Have you ever stopped to think what it would be like if there were “peace on earth” for even one minute? I thought about that, and found it was almost impossible to comprehend a time when, for 60 seconds, no one would feel anything but “peace.” No anger, hatred, fear, distrust, greed, or any evil feeling in anyone for one minute. Wonder what would happen? Well, I grieve.

Another year is about to end. It has been a busy one. It has been busy with a lot of discord and violence in cities and counties as well as in places that you and I ordinarily would not hear about having violent events. There has been a lot of negative feelings expressed by many people who ordinarily would not feel that way.

Even this last *Heather 'n Yon* was unlike its usual “self.” I was saddened by some of the letters and the attitudes of the writers. Of course, I do not deny the “right” of everyone to express their thoughts, but it was not the usual demeanor that HG sees in *Heather 'n Yon*.

I totally understand that this has been a very difficult year for everyone. The runaway inflation, the midterm election year, the prices of everything going out of sight — I get it. So, with all of this being said, I say, “STOP!”

Those who know me know that I am not by nature a negative person. With the holiday season, we come to a time of reflection. This year, I challenge you to do that. Reflect on what we did this year that we can do better this next year.

Holidays are usually days when we see more smiles on people’s faces. We seem to see things around us that make us smile more often. Perhaps I “see” things that I can do for others more readily than normally. You know, the best way to get rid of a depression is to do something for someone else — or so I am told.

I hope that everyone finds their happiness in this holiday season. Whether it is renewing friendships, family times, or just helping others around you by doing some little thing for them — like giving them a smile or saying “Hello.” You have no idea how far that will go to make another person’s day.

I am wishing all of you the very best of holidays this year. I want to put 2022 behind a month early by beginning to share your smiles today.

As Charlie Brown said, “The smile on my face doesn’t mean my life is perfect. It means I appreciate what I have and what I have been blessed with. I choose to be happy.”

Clarity ...from page 6

even when others don’t present or react in a civil manner.

It has been said that the only exercise some people get is from jumping to conclusions. Area Representative Organization (ARO) president Betty Bergeron has received angry emails from residents whose concerns could have been answered if they had asked for clarification instead of reacting emotionally.

In a building where the Area representative (AR) resigned due to a verbal assault — an email from a resident expressed doubt that a notice in that building had been written by the ARO president. Then the email writer asked why the ARO was involved?

The ARO becomes involved when asked by the AR or Assistant Area Representative (AAR), management, or Security. When residents bring up concerns about issues in the building or area, then the ARO president acts more as a mediator and advisor.

In another building, the lack of communication between the AR and a former AR could have led to legal intervention, when all that was needed was communication and a request for clarity.

Many HG employees have been presented with irate phone calls or furious personal encounters. In most cases, clearly and calmly explaining the concern can lead to a productive conversation. Will the resident always get their desired response? No, but the reasons can be discussed and clarity obtained in a cordial manner. Using the starters below can facilitate a civil discussion:

“I have a concern.”

“Please explain...”

“Where could I find information in the governing documents concerning...?”

Those responding can also use questions to help clarify the requests:

“Exactly what do you want to know?”

“What prompted your concern?”

“What is the outcome you would

like to see?”

“What are you able to do to rectify the situation?”

Instead of getting our main exercise from jumping to conclusions — ask for clarity, respond civilly, and help to keep the peace.

– **Community Engagement and Communications Committee**
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Publisher's Corner

Be vigilant with charity scams; never buy gift cards for callers

by Lynn Donaldson, Editor of Heather 'n Yon

After telling my story last month in an article about charity scams, I got the following two emails. In short, I had been accosted by a man at the King Soopers grocery store on Parker Road and Peoria Street, seeking help to get his family back to Kansas. You will note the similarities in the following stories, which suggests that this is not a new scam at the store. Please take note.

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WOW!

Talk about déjà vu all over again.

I received November's *Heather 'n Yon* and started reading it from cover to cover. I got to the Publisher's Corner. In the article, Lynn described an encounter with a man seeking help (money) to get his family back to Kansas.

The same thing happened to me.

Here is my story if you didn't read Lynn's column.

I had finished checking out at the King Soopers on Parker and Peoria when I was approached by a black man riding in a handicapped shopping cart. He purported that he was a veteran and had run out of gas up on the interstate. USAA wouldn't honor his card as he had not notified them that he was traveling out of state and his family was stranded.

He went through a charade of calling the VA and receiving a call from his wife. In the end he said he needed \$380 to continue his trip and he would send it to me on Monday after he returned home. He pretended to enter my contact information into his phone.

Luckily, I didn't have \$380 on me. I couldn't use my bank card as I (fortunately) had just changed banks and my debit card had not been activated yet. I gave him \$110.

Generally, people are good. We see someone in need. We want to

help if we can. Unfortunately, there are individuals out there who know how to take advantage of our kind hearts.

This is the season of giving and the unscrupulous will take advantage of that.

Beware!

The individual that scammed Lynn and me was a black man riding in the mobile shopping cart, about 50 years old, wearing a ball cap with some military affiliation on it.

You now know the story he will tell to gain your trust.

Please be vigilant during this holiday shopping season and don't become a victim!

Merry Christmas!

**Dave Loomis
B221**

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I, too, was deceived, duped, hoping to do good for a fellow veteran, and dumb to allow him into my car, after his well-rehearsed persuasive spiel!

What you wrote on pages 14 and 15 in the November issue of *Heather 'n Yon*, were the EXACT words, and obviously persuasive argument, that he also made to me. He approached me in the motorized chair, as I was shopping.

About the same time he had the fake phone call that the VA office was closing, I suggested we FIRST drive to check on his kids, as it was a 98 degree day!

When he objected, I thought what person would not want to check on his kids in a disabled van, on a hot day, on a busy highway, miles from home?

Since "some woman" gave him a ride, you leave your van but NOT the kids!

I inquisitively asked why he left the kids. Then he quickly ho-

hummed, mumbled a lot of nonsense — yada, yada, yada, and mumbo jumbo. I was just a block or two away from King Soopers. I made a quick U-turn. He was now talking fast, mumbling. I knew I had been, as you said "used." He was reiterating and blabbering about wife, Kansas, van, Vietnam, needing gas, money, ATM, veterans, etc.

Angrily, I nearly pushed him out in front of King Soopers' entrance and urged him not to give his BS line to anyone else. The obese, disheveled, nasty smelling man just ambled away, then went inside, probably to run his scam on the next soft hearted person. Or maybe just vets, as he initially asked if I was a veteran, before he went into his planned song and dance routine.

You asked, "what do you think?" My take is that his broken down van stays parked on Cornell, a little farther west of Peoria near the other junk cars in that area. His scam partner/wife waits inside. Every day she drives him to King Soopers to run his scam. Or no wife (or kids), rather, just a single con man.

I have to applaud his well-thought-out, compelling and impressive effort! It worked on us — and, *I'll bet on a whole bunch of others!*

It seems to me that it is easier, and probably more lucrative, than standing all day in the heat with an "anything helps" sign, by the King Soopers gas station entrance!

There are no kids. That's what I think sucked me in as a fellow veteran simply wanting to help a supposedly stranded, out-of-state motorist and his family!

**Rich Parker
B224**

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As hard as it was for me to tell that story last month, I am glad that I did. If nothing else, it puts other HG residents who shop at the King Soopers grocery store on notice — beware of the man, supposedly a veteran, who weaves a tale about a stranded family. In some ways, it is a more lucrative story (gets the victim

See facing page



Management

Looking for talented employees

By Jon Rea
Chief Executive Officer

During the 2022 Membership and Budget Presentation Meetings, I mentioned that one of HG's main goals over the course of the last two years has been to increase engagement with its management team. In addition, I sought to foster an environment in which increased synergies could be initiated and encourage support throughout the HGA staff.

Now HG faces going through the talent acquisition process. I am actively seek qualities in prospective managers that include passion, empathy, vision, adaptability, strong communication, optimism, and positivity — to name a few.

I am thankful that over the course of the last two years, HG has developed a leadership and management team that exemplifies these qualities. Many more qualities have been defined to support HGA, each other, and the community. The teams and management are working together in harmony to provide the best outcomes when faced with challenges.

With that said, in recent weeks, I have added a new manager back to the HG team, someone whom many residents are already familiar with. I have recently asked Terrence "TJ" Jones to be HG Security Manager. TJ brings HG a wealth of knowledge in the security field and a multitude of management experience. He adds more solidity and synergy to the management team. He exemplifies what I seek in HG's managerial staff.

Welcome back, TJ. I am glad you are here to support and assist the community!

Some of you might be wondering why the position is now the Security Manager instead of the Chief. I felt that it added solidarity and alliance with other department managers. Fortunately the HGA Board agreed.

Donaldson...from page 14

to open their wallets for more) than the panhandlers who line the intersections around there get.

This man may be taking his story from one grocery store to another, never staying very long in one place. If you have someone approach you with this story — don't hesitate — contact store security. Tell them that the man is working a "charity scam" in their store. He is less likely to return if we all share this story.

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Another timely scam that the 18th Judicial District, Consumer Fraud Protection, provided at the HG Resource Fair was "Gift Card Payment Scams." The simple message in their handout: "Gift cards are for gifts, not for payments." Why would you ever purchase a gift card(s) to make payment to a government entity, an organization, utility company, service provider or someone unknown to you?

As an added precaution, question this type of transaction when purchasing cards for people who are "known" to you, especially if they are expressing a "sense of urgency" around needing to receive the funds.

Use the same caution with wire transfers.

This is organized crime, usually originating from international call centers. Elderly (65+) are targeted. If you use a gift card, you probably cannot get your money back because the financial transaction is easily washed and difficult to trace.

Typical scams include:

- Impostor IRS (demanding current or back payments)
- Social Security Administration (demanding debt, fine or fee be paid before suspending your payments)
- False tech support companies (calling to fix your computer)
- Utility Company (demanding payment before service is shut down)
- Winning a sweepstakes (demanding payment when you won before getting your prize)
- Family member (claiming to be in trouble)
- Grandparents Scams (need help to cover fines, bail or other urgent financial needs)
- Charities (request for contribution)
- Private Online Purchases (someone buys something from you, sends check for more than the purchase price then wants difference in a gift card. Check will bounce. *This is a common scam.*)

Simple tips: Always research or contact the agency, organization, company, utility company, by calling the number(s) listed on their official and secure websites (never use the number given you by the caller). Never pay someone claiming to be a government official with a gift card or wire transfer.

If you get a suspicious call — Hang Up! Do not give them any personal or financial information or money. Remember that government agencies will never call, email or text you to tell you that you're in trouble. They will communicate by physical mail through the U.S. Postal system.

Report Fraud:

- If you do fall victim to a gift card scam, immediately call the store where it was purchased; they might be able to cancel it in time.
- File a complaint with the FTC: www.ftc.gov.
- Call your local police department to report the crime.
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After learning aviation movie business in Air Force, she continued as a civilian

The sheer beauty of aircraft in flight combined with a strong desire to depict it in motion picture guided Karin Marshall, B242, to a life-long career in filmmaking. As a girl growing up in Aurora, Karin was fascinated with aviation. Her interest continued beyond her teen years when she enlisted in the Air Force, where she coordinated production on aviation topics.

Discharged in 1983, Karin continued working in the motion picture industry — field-producing videos for commercials, features, television, web and corporate projects. At one point she attempted retirement. After a couple of years at home she grew restless, deciding to return to her profession.

Trying to identify her profession she starts out, “I’m a freelance media person.” She hesitates. “I do different things.” The list includes production manager, casting director, COVID compliance officer, owner of a craft services and catering manager.

When flights were grounded on Sept. 11, 2001, she decided to take film writing classes to tell visual stories about aviators. Her first film, *Tally Ho* (2005) was about America’s first fighter squadron in World War 1.

Her video, *The Mile High Militia*, remains the project closest to her heart. Sadly, it never gained traction. Shot at Buckley Air Force Base in 2012 as a sizzler — a short visual narrative pitch to reality television de-

cision makers — the video is about the dangers fighter pilots face and the community support they depend upon to do their job. The theme was “coming home.” Pilots don’t always make it back.

“It took a lot to make [the film] happen,” Karin explains. “It took years to get the

work was completed. They were uneasy about opening up their personal lives to the public. They feared it would put themselves and their families at greater risk.

“So, the project had to be tabled,” Karin finished.

Still, she’s at no loss for projects. This fall, she produced a campaign ad for State House Representative

Tom Sullivan.

Just recently, she wrapped up a feature film, *A Time for Love*, for Lifetime Entertainment Services. The release date is not yet published.

Earlier this year, she worked on a film for Hallmark.

In two weeks, she starts work on an independent film.

Next week, she’s scheduled to be talent (actor) on a film for the Veterans Association. She doesn’t yet have a script. Being in front of the camera is out of her comfort zone.

“It’s a little scary, to be honest with you.”

She’s more at home when she provides what is known in the industry as craft services. These

are stations where crew and cast can get snacks, first aid, sunscreen — anything and everything they need for the day at work.

Every detail had to be thought through to perfection before Karin had access to the base. The budget had to be exact. Further, her work would compete with companies that have deep pockets and personnel to develop television projects.

“I’m just a girl with an idea,” Karin said of herself.

The Air Force approved the idea. Karin’s crew shot it.

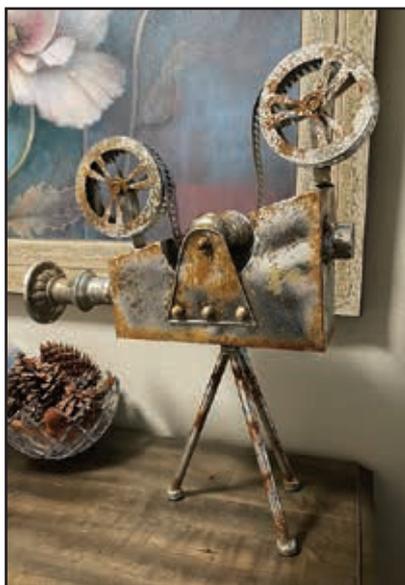
“It was good to go.” But the pilots she’d lined up backed out after the

are stations where crew and cast can get snacks, first aid, sunscreen — anything and everything they need for the day at work.

She is certified as COVID-19 Compliance Officer, which is required for sets where food is shared, people work closely with one another and social distancing is not possible. The hours that cast and crew work are brutal. There is little, to no, time to take a break for meals.

Lead time for being called upon to work varies; it could be months,

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Above: Karin Marshall, B242, enjoys her lanai at home in HG. Above right: A sculpture of a film camera

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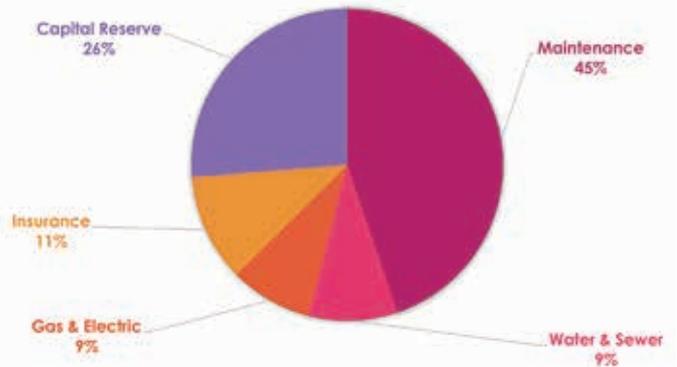
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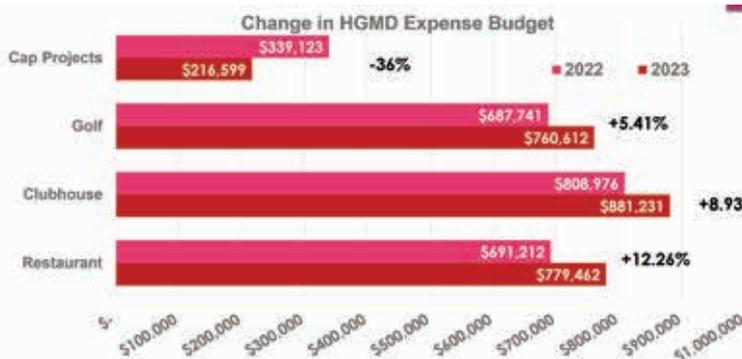
Of major concern for several years is that HG's capital reserve funding is less than it should be to handle some major projects that may come due soon in the 50-year property. Often mentioned over the past year have been the parking structures 1–4, infrastructure issues (plumbing), and replacing roofs in multi-story buildings. The Budget & Finance Committee (B&F) recommended adding an additional \$25 a unit/per month to build the Capital Reserve Fund. The B&F unanimously believes

BREAKDOWN OF HOA DUES



Above: The percent of a unit's dues that covers the major categories of Maintenance, Capital Reserve, Insurance, Gas & Electric and Water & Sewer costs.

HGA & HGMD Combined				
	2023	2022	Diff	% Change
HGA	15,878,588	13,868,544	2,010,044	14.49%
HGMD	1,739,378	1,496,739	242,640	16.21%
	17,617,966	15,365,283	2,252,684	14.66%
HGA Avg Dues*	\$ 545.43	\$ 476.39	\$ 69.05	14.49%
HGMD Avg Dues*	\$ 59.75	\$ 51.41	\$ 8.33	16.21%
Total Avg Monthly Dues*	\$ 605.18	\$ 527.80	\$ 77.38	14.66%



Above: The combined budget of HGA and HGMD is listed, comparing 2022 to 2023. Then, what each unit pays monthly is broken down by the two entities. (Note that the numbers given are for an "A" based unit in HG. The specific fees required by unit will be provided in December if the budget is not vetoed.)

Left: The change in subsidies for HGMD is shown for its capital project budget and the four profit centers: Golf, Clubhouse, and Rendezvous Restaurant. (The top number is the 2022 subsidy; the second number is the 2023 subsidy proposed.)

in order to maintain property values throughout HG and avoid deficit spending or Special Assessments in the near future, increases to the funding of Capital Reserves needs to continue.

In the final analysis, 14.66 percent Average Increase equated to a \$77.38 average dues per month: multi-story buildings 15.06 percent; Country Place and Townhomes 12.62 percent.

If the budget is vetoed, the HGA budget will stay at its 2022 budget but a new revision could be made and

presented to association members; HGMD budget must continue as proposed due to its status as a quasi-municipal organization. There was some discussion of imposing a special assessment but it could not cover operations in HG, it would have to cover repairs, maintenance costs or replacing a capital item.

- The full presentation by CEO Jon Rea is on the HG website, in the Resource tab, under Financials/HGA Budget/HGA Budget Presentations

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The Month (November)

With some urgency, Joan Obeslo, B210, wrote *Heather 'n Yon* on Nov. 21. Likely many others, she wrote, "I have an appointment later today with the head of security at HG about this crime committed against me after reporting it to Aurora Police, Bank Fraud Department.

"Thousands of dollars are being scammed from seniors simply by verifying your *social security number (SSN)*. I contacted a Medicare affiliate to order supplies. They needed to verify my mailing address and SSN to be sure they were talking to the correct person. I thought nothing of verifying [these items]. A couple hours later, my SSN had been stolen, and my bank account was robbed by someone using their home computer with the name Sylvia Torres.

"Later, my bank phoned me to see if I knew a Sylvia Torres, as she had emptied my bank account of \$4,000. Nope, never heard of her. I was told to file a police report. I went to the bank to get all the hard copies for evidence, and was told this theft is **RAMPANT**.

"I was crushed and shocked. Aurora Police said it is a *rampant* crime. They can't begin to keep up with all the cases. I will likely never get a penny of my money back.

"As I exist on my Social Security benefits, like so many others, this is very serious.

"I was told any time someone needs to verify your SSN, give them the ID number on your Medicare or insurance card, which is *NOT* a social security number. Do

not even give your SSN to a hospital, as it may be stolen and you are robbed."

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A conflict arose between HGMD President David Funk and resident Candice Compton, B220, at the Nov. 17 HGMD Board Meeting. When Compton wished to speak at the meeting, Funk instructed her to both unmute her sound, to address the Zoom meeting, and unblock her video, so that the board and audience could see her speak.

Compton refused to appear on video, and a lengthy back and forth resulted, during which Funk stated that being able to be seen was a requirement to speak. Compton insisted it was not, and refused to turn on her video function.

Rita Effler, B232, likewise refused to open her video, to ask a question, stating she was unclothed. [It was 1:30 pm.] Effler made her points anyway.

Compton regained the floor, and asked Attorney Jennifer Ivey to weigh in on a question. Before responding, Ivey told Funk she would enable her video, if instructed, but said she would rather not — she had a cold and was wearing no makeup. Ultimately, she did not turn on her video.

The exchange highlighted the dilemma of residents attending the meeting, who are not dressed to be in public [or on Zoom], but who decide to ask a question. The

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issue appeared to be a matter of courtesy to the board and audience being able to view the speaker versus convenience for the unscheduled speakers who nonetheless wish to express themselves on the spur of the moment. It was an issue that never arose, pre-Zoom.

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The Area Representative Organization (ARO) announced that its officers were approved at its October meeting: President Betty Bergeron, B236, and Vice President Dave Woods, B215. There was no secretary elected. Thus, anyone interested in being the secretary for this group should contact Betty or Dave for further information.

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CEO Jon Rea told the SEC Committee on Nov. 7 that Comcast would most likely wire Parking Structures 1 and 2 with WiFi capability first. Then the RV Lot would get WiFi about Jan. 1. HG is looking into chain-link fencing with a wire running through the links that could alert Security if anyone tampers with the fencing. Contracts Manager Don O'Gorman noted that two companies had been contacted but needed to revise their quotes for HG.

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HGMD's Debt Service Fund has collected property tax, year to date, of \$498,484. Specific ownership tax revenue year to date, has been \$26,583, which was less than anticipated in the budget. This is not a concern since the bank account for managing the debt service has excess funds. The account has a balance of \$550,458 at the end of the month (October 2022). A bond principal payment of \$280,000 and bond interest payment of \$153,700 has been authorized to be paid on Dec. 1, 2022.

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In Colorado, the following candidates were elected on Nov. 8 in elections that HG residents voted for:

- Michael Bennet (D) won re-election to the U.S. Senate.
- Jason Crow (D) won re-election to the 6th District in 118th U.S. Congress.
- Jared Polis (D) won re-election as Colorado's governor with Dianne Primavera as his running mate.
- Jena Griswold (D) won re-election as Secretary of State.
- Dave Young (D) won re-election as State Treasurer.
- Phil Weiser (D) won re-election as Attorney General.
- Iman Jodah (D) won re-election as House District 41, State Representative.

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HG women golfers joined the fun for Halloween by playing a round at HG with their costumes on! Can you identify your neighbor?



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weeks, days or a year. She once answered her phone at one o'clock in the morning and was asked if she would come to work by six.

Hearing the desperation in the caller's voice, Karin replied, "Yes." As a producer, she's made such calls herself.

Production expenses run \$10,000–\$15,000 per day. The work is intense. The skill-set is demanding. It peeves her when people ask her to shoot a wedding or make a commercial for free. They think it is no big deal.

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Right: Karin keeps supplies for her Craft Services on hand in her HG condo.

Personalities jell on the set. Difficult persons are sorted out through attrition. They don't get called for future projects. At the end of the day, film crews usually become like a family — just because of the intense hours. Now that she is 20 to 30 years older than most of the set staff, Karin has morphed into "set mom."

"It keeps me young. I live in a modern world. I live around young, bright, creative, intelligent people. It's great."

Being set mom is natural to her. Karin is a real-life mother to six children and grandmother to 13. Most of her offspring live in the Metro Denver area. One granddaughter wants to follow in Karin's path or perhaps be an actor. On occasions, Karen lets



her help out during productions. Karin laughs that she won't let her granddaughter become a diva.

Karen no longer accepts work that would take her to other countries or far from Colorado. She fills her leisure time at home baking and playing in leagues for poker and pool.

The kitchen is her "happy place," a place for family. She lives with her partner Ron Pitts and a 10-month-young American Fox Hound/Labrador mixed pup named Missy.

– Dala Giffin

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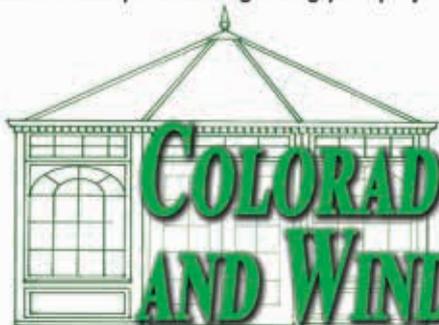
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DECEMBER CALENDAR

Thu 1	Tai Chi (every Thursday)	Tennis Courts	8–10 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
	Red Hat Meeting	Aspen Room	11–3 pm
	Clubhouse Event: AARP Driving Course	Arts & Crafts Room	12:45–5 pm
	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
	Meditation Club (every Thursday)	Blue Spruce Room	4–5 pm
	B201 Meeting	Aspen Room	4–6 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	
Fri 2	Men with Purpose (1st and 3rd Friday)	Skyview Room	10–11 am
	Texas Hold 'em Poker_Reddy or Hill (every Friday)	Mountainview Room	12:30–7:30 pm
	Muu Muu Hula Group (every Friday)	Arts & Crafts Room	1:30–3 pm
	Friday Bridge (every Friday)	Skyview Room	1–5 pm
	Social Bridge (every Friday, Joanne Turner)	Library	1–3:30 pm
	B220 Holiday Party	Sandberg Auditorium	3:30–8 pm
	Pickleball Club Holiday Party	Aspen/Blue Spruce Rooms	4:30–8:30 pm
Sat 3	Mexican Train Dominoes (every Saturday)	Arts & Crafts Room	noon–4 pm
	Ping Pong (every Saturday)	Game Room	2–3 pm
	Karaoke Club	Aspen/Blue Spruce Rooms	3–5 pm
Mon 5	VNA Senior Wellness Clinics	Aspen/Blue Spruce Room	9 am–1 pm
	Spanish Club (every Monday)	Aspen Room	11 am–noon
	Men's Bridge (every Monday)	Skyview Room	10 am–3 pm
	HG Book Club (Arce)	Mountainview Room	10:30 am–12:30 pm
	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 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
	CP1 Dominoes Holiday Party	Blue Spruce Room	4:30–8 pm
Pinochle (every Monday)	Mountainview Room	6–8 pm	
Tue 6	Hand and Foot (every Tuesday)	Mountainview Room	12:30–4 pm
	HG Choir	Sandberg Auditorium	1 pm

Advertised Activities and Seminars

Mon, Dec. 5 Bayer Ear Clinic (every Monday, by appointment), Arts & Crafts Rm, 9 am–noon (see ad, p. 55)
 Wed, Dec. 14 Holiday Social with the Denver Dolls, Cherry Creek Retirement Living, 1:30–3 pm (see ad, p. 8)

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Tue 6 (cont'd)	NoteAbles Mixed Chorus (every Tuesday)	Skyview Room	1–3 pm
	Mah Jongg (every Tuesday)	Blue Spruce Room	1–4 pm
Wed 7	Ping Pong (every Tuesday)	Game Room	2–3 pm
	CP3 Holiday Social	Aspen/Blue Spruce Rooms	5–7 pm
	Clubhouse Trip: Holiday Lights Seeing Tour	B243/B244 Parking Lot	5–9 pm
	Billiard Club Co-ed 8-Ball (every Tuesday)	Billiard Room	6:30 pm
	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
Thu 8	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	Sandberg Auditorium	7–9 pm
	Clubhouse Event: Mobile Food Pantry	B243/B244 Parking Lot	10 am
	Green Team	Blue Spruce Room	noon–2 pm
	Republican Club	Rendezvous Restaurant	3–5 pm
	Men's Poker (Jess Deal; 2nd and 4th Thursday)	Game Room	3:30–7:30 pm
	RV Lot Club	Aspen Room	5–6 pm
Fri 9	Clubhouse Event: Bryce and Cindy	Sandberg Auditorium	6–9 pm
	HG's Optimist Club Cookie Sale	Mountainview Room	8–10 am
	Birding and Nature Club	Lodgepole Lounge	10 am
	HG Indivisible	Rendezvous Restaurant	1 pm
	B212 Holiday Party	Aspen/Blue Spruce Rooms	4–7:30 pm
	CP5 and CP6 Holiday Party	Rendezvous Restaurant	4:30 pm
Sat 10	Clubhouse Event: Smithsonian Handbell Choir	Sandberg Auditorium	7–9 pm
	The Breakfast Club	Rendezvous Restaurant	8:30 am
	B202 Holiday Party	Aspen Room	12–4 pm
Sun 11	Clubhouse Event: Retro Music Group	Sandberg Auditorium	5–8:30 pm
	B218 Holiday Party	Aspen Room	3–8 pm
Mon 12	Bridge (second Monday)	Aspen Room	noon–4 pm
	B219 Holiday Party	Aspen/Blue Spruce Rooms	5:30–8:30 pm
	Texas Hold 'em Poker_Reddy or Hill (2nd–4th Monday)	Mountainview Room	12:30–5 pm
Tue 13	CP1 Book Club Holiday Party	Aspen Room	3–7 pm
	Bridge (second Tuesday)	Blue Spruce Room	4:45 pm
	Men's Book Club	Mountainview Room	6:30 pm
Wed 14	Clubhouse Event: Egypt	Sandberg Auditorium	2 pm
	Clubhouse Event: Denver Dolls Concert	Sandberg Auditorium	6:30–8:30 pm
Thu 15	HG Optimist Club	Rendezvous Restaurant	9:30 am
	Clubhouse Event: Bob Hope USO Christmas	Sandberg Auditorium	1–2 pm
	Bunko	Blue Spruce Room	1–3:30 pm
	Kiwanis Club of Aurora – Guest Speaker	Skyview Room	6 pm
Fri 16	B204 Holiday Party	Aspen/Blue Spruce Room	5:30–8:30 pm
	Men with Purpose (1st and 3rd Friday)	Skyview Room	10 am

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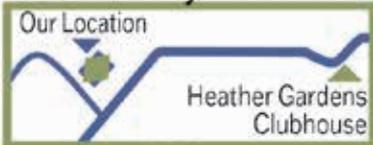
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Fri 16 (cont'd)	Clubhouse Event: Holiday Bingo B205 Holiday Party	Sandberg Auditorium Aspen/Blue Spruce Room	1–3 pm 4:30–9 pm
Sat 17	Frolics Holiday Brunch Wine and Cheese Social Club	Aspen/Blue Spruce Rooms Aspen/Blue Spruce Rooms	11 am–1 pm 3–5 pm
Mon 19	VNA Senior Wellness Clinics (1st and 3rd Monday) HG Photo Club Game Night (McClaury)	Blue Spruce Room Aspen Room Aspen Room	9 am–noon 3 pm 5:30–7:30 pm
Tue 20	Clubhouse Event: Watch Batteries Clubhouse Event: Mountain Man Fruit and Nut Co. Clubhouse Event: MountainAires Colorado Chord B201 and B202 Monthly Social Fuzzy PJ Holiday Party	Sunburst Café Clubhouse Lobby Sandberg Auditorium Rendezvous Restaurant Aspen Room	9 am–1 pm 2:15–3:15 pm 7:30 pm 4:30 pm 4:30–8:30 pm
Wed 21	Clubhouse Trip: Holiday Trip to Littleton Square Dancing Club	B243/B244 Parking Lot Sandberg Auditorium	12:45–5 pm 7–9 pm
Fri 23	Clubhouse Movie: Jurassic World Dominion	Sandberg Auditorium	2 pm
Sat 24	HG Chapel Christmas National Federation of the Blind, Aurora Chapter Clubhouse closes	Sandberg Auditorium Mountainview Room	10–11:45 pm 10:30 am–12 pm noon
Sun 25	Christmas Holiday — Management offices and Clubhouse closed		
Mon 26	Low Vision Support Group	Aspen Room	1:30–3 pm
Tue 27	Bridge (fourth Tuesday)	Blue Spruce Room	4:45 pm
Sat 31	Clubhouse Event: New Year's Eve Party	Sandberg Auditorium	7–10 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

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Heather 'n Yon Deadline - 12/14

• Monthly Meetings •

Boards and Committees

Listed meetings will be in the Board Room or Zoom.

Electric Vehicle (Zoom) – 3 pm Thu, Dec. 1

Personnel Policy (Zoom) – 10 am Fri, Dec. 2

SEC (Zoom) – 1 pm Mon, Dec. 5

CECC (Zoom) – 10 am Tue, Dec. 6

HGA Board Special (Zoom) – 1 pm Tue, Dec. 6

Long Range Plan (Zoom) – 11 am Thu, Dec. 8

Clubhouse/Restaurant (Zoom) – 10 am Mon, Dec. 12

Maintenance (Zoom) – 10 am Tue, Dec. 13

Foundation (Zoom) – 1 pm Wed, Dec. 14

ACC (Zoom) – 10 am Thu, Dec. 15

Budget & Finance (BR/Zoom) – 10 am Mon, Dec. 19

HGA Board Special (Zoom) – 1 pm Tue, Dec. 20

Resident Open Forum (Zoom) – 3 pm Wed, Dec. 21

HGMD Special Board (Zoom) – 1 pm Thu, Dec. 22

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- Monday, Dec. 5, 9 am–1 pm, Blue Spruce Room
- Monday, Dec. 19, 9 am–noon, Blue Spruce Room

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Letters

Heather 'n Yon

The Salvation Army Angel Tree provides the opportunity to give Christmas gifts/toys to Aurora's neediest children. The trees with request tags will be in the Clubhouse Lobby and the lobby entrance at the Rendezvous beginning Saturday, Nov. 26 until Tuesday, Dec. 13. You can pick up a tag, enjoy shopping, and return the unwrapped gifts to the Clubhouse lobby.

Volunteers will deliver them to The Salvation Army for distribution with food and other needs.

On behalf of The Salvation Army of Aurora, we thank you for your support this Christmas season, and for all your support in years past!

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Heather 'n Yon

Kudos to the Rendezvous Restaurant and Cormac for putting on the Broncos versus Jaguars game — held at the Wembley Stadium, United Kingdom, on Sunday (October 30) and serving a delicious breakfast burrito.

Goodness only knows what time Cormac arrived in the kitchen to prepare all the burritos, muffins, and coffee — to be ready to serve by 7:30 am. We had a wonderful time — along with all the other soccer fans. The Broncos *won*.

Other Sundays at the Rendezvous Brunch are spent listening to the music of Vicki and Gary of "Yesterday's Bacon." We enjoy the fresh fruit, delicious made-to-order omelettes, bacon, sausage, pancakes, and all the trimmings.

Janet and Ross Arce
B232

Heather 'n Yon

Entering into the agreement to rent in B250, our landlord mentioned the tennis courts. Questioning the loud knocking sound, we were advised that it was pickleball. My husband and I thought — we can get used to the sound.

Little did we know that pickleball has over 70 players that play seven days a week 3–4 hours each morning, with lessons in the afternoon. Research shows pickleball should not be played more than three times per week, to allow your body to rest. (Two–four players using four counts, that can add up to 16 players!)

When the pickleball paddle strikes the ball it has a profusely sharp popping sound. We are unable to hold a conversation or sit on our lanai, causing discord and physically debilitating stress.

Speaking with residents in our building on how they dealt with the continuous knocking, we were told they shut their windows, turn on their air conditioner and turn up the volume of their TV or radio.

My landlord has tried several things to bring relief to the situation.

Spending thousands of dollars on sound eliminating blinds was to no avail. Even considering enclosing the lanai works, but that would do nothing for the sound in the bedroom.

Working a late shift and sleeping in is out of the question as they sometimes start playing as early as 7:30 am. (Times do vary as mentioned in the *Heather 'n Yon*.)

Oh, and don't be sick!!

I am hoping that some consideration can be taken by the players, or a conversation with HG management to consider the peace and quiet of B250.

Adelle Khan
B250

Heather 'n Yon

Letters regarding *political* views or opinions should *never* be published in *our* magazine, in my opinion.

T Lee Keene
B223

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.



Left: The HG Tennis Club had their annual luncheon for Halloween, whether you are a player or not. This event was followed by court competition with candy awards.

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TOPS

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

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

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

HG Writers Club

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

CP4

We have our monthly get-together at 5 pm in Rendezvous, 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 information, contact Gene Dawson, 720-535-9672.

Karaoke Club

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

HG Book Club

The HG Book Club meets on the first Monday of each month in the Skyview 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.

Hand (Knee) and Foot

Also known as Tripleplay, Hand and Foot 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.

The NoteAbles Mixed Chorus

The mixed chorus is looking for a new Director/Piano Player. We practice weekly on Tuesdays 1–3 pm in the Skyview Room. Call Tom Kappel, 720-377-5756, for more information.

CP3

Residents, family and friends may join us for our holiday social on 5–7 pm Tuesday, Dec. 6, Aspen/Blue Spruce Rooms. An Italian catered buffet, salad and breadsticks will be served. Also, there will be sweet treats for dessert.

Please bring your own beverage. Voluntary \$10 gift exchange will add to our festivities. Look for the RSVP flyer in your front porch mailbox for more details. Questions? Call or text Robin O'Meara at 303-949-4916.

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.

We will hold our winter party in January. Details to follow.

The Green Team

Is there a good elf in your building or area who always volunteers to help create a wonderful environment? Or maybe this elf does something regularly without being asked. We are wanting to acknowledge their hard work. On Thursday, Feb. 9, starting at 5 pm, The David Faris Award Ceremony will take place in the Aspen/Blue Spruce Rooms. If you know such a person, please complete and submit a brief form found in the Clubhouse Green Team mailbox. All are welcome to honor these “elves” and enjoy yummy refreshments following the ceremony.

The next Green Team meeting will be Dec. 8 at 12 noon in the Blue Spruce room. For information call 303-587-9797, Wendy Pfaffhausen

Republican Club

This month, we are having our Club Social Dinner in lieu of a general meeting. Tickets are still available for \$10, which includes tax and gratuity. Come and be encouraged as Andy Peth, a local political consultant and a favorite of HGRC, will share his plan for 2023 and beyond.

The GOP Path Forward, 3–5 pm Thursday, Dec. 8, in Rendezvous Restaurant. Seating is limited! Email today at hgrclub@gmail.com for more information on purchasing your HGRC Social dinner ticket.

It's time again for collecting our annual membership dues of \$15/per person. Get information by emailing hgrclub@gmail.com.

I hope for you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy, hope-filled New Year! – Janet Yoder

RV Lot Club

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

We meet the second Thursday of

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

Birding and Nature Club

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

HG Indivisible

The group meets on the second and fourth Friday for lunch at 1 pm at Rendezvous to discuss issues, books, and ideas. For the month of December we will only meet once on the second Friday, the 9th. You don't have to be a resident of HG, and you don't have to order lunch. If you plan on attending lunch please email or text me so I can reserve a table.

The HG Indivisible 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, and there is never a fee or any other obligation to participate.— Linda Champ, 720-252-7324, lindachamp91@gmail.com

CP5 and CP6

Our Christmas Party is Friday, Dec. 9, 4:30 pm (happy hour), Banquet Room. Dinner at 5:30 pm. The cost is \$28 per person, for the full-dinner buffet, which includes non-alcoholic beverages. There will be a cash bar, music, an optional white-elephant gift exchange, and door prizes. — Mary Hafka

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 Harnes

Frolics Club

Come and frolic with us. Join us for a holiday brunch and meet-up on 11 am–1 pm Saturday, Dec. 17, Aspen/Blue Spruce Rooms. Our Frolics Club will offer complimentary brunch items, to tempt your palate, in an atmosphere of fun and amusement. The More, the Merrier! Bring a guest! RSVP the number in your party by Monday, Dec. 12, to: Jimmie Whorton, jimiwho2908@gmail.com.

Auditions for our Spring Show will be on 2 pm Sunday, Jan. 8, 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 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 to audition.

First rehearsal for the Ring Show will be Sunday, Jan. 22. All rehearsals will be 2 pm Sunday afternoons. Dates for the final shows are: April 21, 22 and 23, 2023.

Any questions about Rehearsals? Lee Nicholson, 720-379-7393.

Wine & Cheese Social Club

We meet on the third Saturday of every month. Join us on Saturday, Dec. 17, 3–5 pm, Aspen/Blue Spruce Room. Bring a beverage and snack to share. Entertainment is provided. For more information, Debbie Brooks, 303-923-3809.

HG Photo Club

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

Our skills cover a broad range, from beginners to seasoned profes-

sionals. If you are interested in visiting, please do so. Come see if you like what we do. 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.

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.

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 Mountain-view 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.

SRA

The Seville Recreational Association 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.

OPOCS Singles Club

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

The Sevillians

Please note: the Sevillians will not be meeting for their monthly dinner in the month of December. This is a request, from the Rendezvous, due to all the holiday parties being booked in the Banquet Room.

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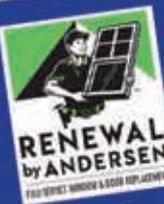
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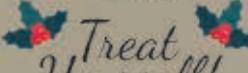
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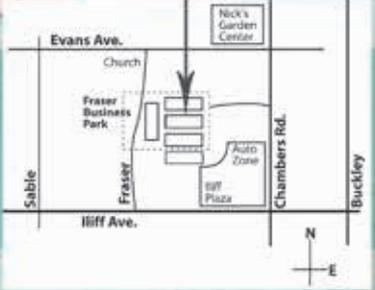


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Sports and Recreation

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 Fridays, 1:30 pm, Arts & Crafts Room. All are welcome, dress is casual, and there is no cost for our classes.

Questions? Call Cindy Crockett, 303-690-7702.

Mexican Train Dominoes

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

Men's Bridge

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

Social Bridge

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

Time4TapDance Group

If you've ever wanted to learn how to tap dance, or you'd like to re-new 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 December 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 December.

Evening Pinochle

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

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

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 80 people have joined the club this year. Many of them are first-timers. We are a fun group that welcomes novices.

Club play in December will be 10 am–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. For more information, contact Phil Hughes 303-503-7633, phdenver@comcast.net, or Ron Hileman, 720-256-7477, ronhileman@gmail.com.

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 Bob-

bie, 520-743-6849, for information.

Billiard Club

The Billiard Club meets for Co-ed 8-Ball at 6:30 pm on Tuesdays. Check in before 6:15 pm to play. Men's 9-Ball is at 7 pm on Thursdays. Annual dues of \$12 are payable on Jan. 1 of each year. All new players are welcome. Questions? Call Connie Burns, 303-693-0766, or Judy Brehmer, 303-369-6258.



8-Ball Results

October 18

- 1st Jack Doherty, Judy Hein
- 2nd John Recob, Dee Moore
- 3rd Gil Lochhead Team

October 25

- 1st Roger Goldstein, Steve Olson
- 2nd Jack Doherty, Dee Moore
- 3rd Doug Miller, Judy Hein

November 1

- 1st Roger Goldstein Team
- 2nd John Recob, Connie Burns
- 3rd Andrew Recob, Debbie Recob

November 8

- 1st Brian Bucenec, Judy Hein
- 2nd Bob Schlageter, Dee Moore
- 3rd John Recob, Mary Frevert

9-Ball Results October 27

- 1st John Recob
- 2nd Brian Bucenec

November 3

- 1st Roger Goldstein
- 2nd Lindy Davenport

Afternoon Cribbage

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

Rummikub

This club meets 1–3 pm on Wednesdays, in the Library. We play in groups of 4–6. Stop by, or call Jo-

anne, 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–



Above: A last group of women golfers had fun with Halloween on Monday, Oct. 31. Then a few golfers stayed for lunch at Rendezvous.

A perfect end to the golf season.

Photos by Sara Stoner

9 pm. The cost is \$7.

If you are an experienced dancer, a newer dancer or feel a little rusty in your dancing — it is an excellent chance to both experience the joy of moving 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 a great way to exercise. Any questions, call Beverly Nelson, 303-750-6632.

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Mark your calendar and reserve the date of Jan. 24, the fourth Tuesday of the month, for our next dinner. See you in 2023 at 4:30 pm.

Happy Holidays to everyone. – Patt Clark, B235.

HG Grief Support

Grief is a journey. The HG Grief Support Group convenes twice yearly for 8 sessions. The next session starts in January 2023. Facilitators will provide tools and insights as you navigate your loss. To reserve a spot, please call Barbara Creswell, 651-485-3608.

HG Garden Club

Watch here after the holidays for next year's schedule of meetings, speakers, and events. All gardeners who are interested in joining the club's email notification of meetings and other events, or have suggestions/questions about HG gardening are invited to contact Nancy Linsenbigler, Nancy@nancylinsenbigler.com or 720-932-6990.

Aviation Club

The club's meeting is canceled for December, due to holiday activities. We will start up again in January, on the second Wednesday of the month.

Thank you to all our loyal fans, I hope you have enjoyed these years (2016–2022) of aviation videos, photos and stories about history and future activities. We are sure to see more UAV type aircraft, electric planes, new commuter planes and amazing new technology developments. Have a Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays! – Rudy Morris

HG Democratic Club

We will not be meeting in December, but I hope to see you on Jan. 24, 2023, at 4 pm. Democrats in Arapahoe County and Colorado accomplished so much in the election (thank you!). There is always more to do in living and building on our principles: the Constitution, the rule of law, and good government, which addresses the needs of our country for now and the future.

In 2022, we focused on the candidates in the election. In 2023 we will focus on the issues and what we can do. Marty Karnopp, chair, 303-353-9640, mjkarnopp@gmail.com

Caregivers Support Group

There will be no meeting in December of the group, which meets on the third Tuesday of the month, 2–4 pm, Aspen Room. We'll resume in January.

All caregivers are welcome. For information, call Nancy Fuhr, 303-337-4890.



HG Clubhouse Events

Clubhouse Hours

Monday–Saturday 6 am–9 pm; Sunday 7 am–7 pm
Phone 303-751-1811, x5

Clubhouse Manager Montrell Anthony

Assistant Clubhouse Manager Julie Racich

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

Holiday Hours Dec. 24: Clubhouse closes at noon
Dec. 25: closed all day

Salvation Army Angel Tree

Nov. 25–Dec. 15, Clubhouse Lobby

Every year, HG Clubhouse collects unwrapped gifts for children in need. Starting Friday, Nov. 25 through Dec. 15, grab a name off the tree, get the child a present and place it under the tree. Last year, HG was given an honorable mention by the Salvation Army for collecting the most gifts. Let's do it again this year.

AARP Driver's Safety Course

Thursday, Dec. 1, 12:45–5 pm, Arts & Crafts Room

Fee: \$20 AARP members, \$25 non-members (cash or check to instructor, no credit cards)

Registration required: 303-751-1811 (extension 5).

Are you a driver age 50 and over? Would you like to receive a discount on your auto insurance? Would you like to learn the current rules of the road, defensive driving techniques and how to operate your vehicle more safely in today's increasingly challenging driving environment? If so, consider attending the AARP Driver Safety Class at HG. The class is four hours. Bring your driver's license with you to class. Class size limited to 25 people.

Mobile Food Pantry

Thursday, Dec. 8, 10 am–noon (or until food runs out),
Parking Lot B243 and B244 on East Marina Drive
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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!

Bryce and Cindy

Thursday, Dec. 8, 6–9 pm, Sandberg Auditorium

COST: \$8 pre-register / \$10 at the door

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

Cindy and Bryce are the tops, playing great rock and roll music which will have you dancing in the aisles.

Smithsonian Handbell Choir

Friday, Dec. 9, 7–9 pm, Sandberg Auditorium

COST: \$8 pre-register / \$10 at the door

Reservations required, call 303-751-1811 ext. 5. No cancellations or refunds after Wednesday, Dec. 7. Register early — limited seats.

The Smithsonian Handbell Ensemble is a community handbell choir based in Littleton, Colorado. It was founded in 1983. It plays a variety of music with two goals in mind: entertaining the audience and challenging the players. This event always sells out — get your tickets early.

Retro Music Group

Saturday, Dec. 10, 5–8:30 pm, Sandberg Auditorium

COST: \$10. Reservations required, 303-751-1811 ext. 5.

Retro is one of Denver's premier acoustic performance groups and plays a wide range of folk/rock/country and blues. Twelve string guitars, appropriate percussion, soaring harmonies, and strong vocals, offer a full-bodied performance that will have you tapping your feet and singing along. The group performs songs we all know and love from the 50s, 60s, 70s and 80s. You will be amazed at how well you remember these songs, some of which you may not have heard in decades.

Active Minds: Egypt

Wednesday, Dec. 14, 2 pm, Sandberg Auditorium

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

In 2011, the "Arab Spring" uprisings led to the ouster of the authoritarian President of Egypt Hosni Mubarak. This was followed by a brief period of democratization which empowered religiously conservative political parties with ties to extremism. Over a decade later, Egypt appears to have stabilized, but only via a return to a militarily backed government. Join Active Minds as we explore the origins of Egypt's turbulent political situation and its implications for the Middle East.

Denver Dolls Concert

Wednesday, Dec. 14, 6:30 pm, Sandberg Auditorium

COST: \$18 pre-register / \$20 at the door

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

Meet The Denver Dolls: a sassy, all-female trio of professional performers based in colorful Colorado! Inspired by beloved WW2 Era Shows of the past, these darling Dolls root their musical style, beautiful look, and light-hearted performance in the tradition of the beloved female groups of the Thirties, Forties and Fifties (with just a smattering of music from today). Built from the ground up by passionate musicians with decades of professional experience, The Denver Dolls are a delight for audiences of all ages!

Bob Hope USO Christmas with Kathleen Arnold

Thursday, Dec. 15, 1–2 pm, Sandberg Auditorium

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

For 40 years, Bob Hope's USO Christmas Shows brightened the holidays for thousands of deployed troops. Kathleen Arnold takes us from World War 2 to Desert Shield, showing how the legendary star spent scores of

December days on the front lines, entertaining service members all around the world. This intriguing presentation is brought to you by Cherry Creek Retirement Village and Garden Plaza of Aurora.

Holiday Bingo!

Friday, Dec. 16, 1–3 pm, Sandberg Auditorium

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

Take time from all the hustle and bustle of buying and wrapping presents to just enjoy your friends and neighbors in a lively round of Bingo. Snacks will be provided. Register early, this event fills up fast!

Watch Batteries Replaced

Tuesday, Dec. 20, 9 am–1 pm, Sunburst Café

Cost: \$7 per battery

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

Mountain Man Nut & Fruit Co. will be in the Clubhouse Lobby, 2:15–3:15 pm Tuesday, Dec. 20. They will be selling nuts, seeds, snacks, candies, dried fruits and trail mix.



Denver MountainAires Colorado Chord Company

Tuesday, Dec. 20, 7:30 pm

COST: \$15 pre-register / \$16 at the door

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

No cancellations or refunds after Tuesday, Dec. 14.

Enjoy this wonderful barbershop chorus — more than a couple dozen men singing together! A few years ago, two choruses merged. One was called the Denver MountainAires. The other was called Colorado Chord Company. Both were part of the Barbershop Harmony Society. Now you can sit back and enjoy this fantastic barbershop chorus who have performed at HG several times. This event sells out. Get your tickets early.

Movie Matinee: *Jurassic World Dominion*

Friday, Dec. 23, 2 pm, Sandberg Auditorium

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

Reservation required, 303-751-1811, x5

Jurassic World Dominion is a 2022 American science fiction action film directed by Colin Trevorrow, who co-wrote the screenplay with Emily Carmichael from a story by Derek Connolly and Trevorrow. The sequel to *Jurassic World: Fallen Kingdom*, it is the third and final installment in the Jurassic World trilogy as well as the sixth installment in the Jurassic Park franchise, concluding the storyline of the original Jurassic Park trilogy. The film has an ensemble cast, including Chris Pratt, Bryce Dallas Howard, Laura Dern, Jeff Goldblum, Sam Neill, DeWanda Wise, Mamoudou Athie, BD Wong, and Omar Sy. Dern, Goldblum, and Neill reprise their roles from the Jurassic Park trilogy, appearing together for the first time since the 1993 film.

New Year's Eve Dance: Mile High Big Band

Saturday, Dec. 31, 7–10 pm, Sandberg Auditorium

COST: \$20 pre-registration/ \$25 day of event

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

No cancellations or refunds after Monday, Dec. 27.

Time to say “Goodbye” to 2022! Celebrate a new beginning with a new year 2023! The Mile High Big Band will be here to make you want to dance the night away. Enjoy special holiday hors d'oeuvres, desserts and more. Pop the cork on “New York” time (10 pm Colorado) with champagne (the real stuff or not — your choice). Register early. Seating will be limited.

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.

Heather Gardens Trips

Holiday Light Seeing Tour

Tuesday, Dec. 6, 5–9 pm

Fee: \$15 pre-register; \$16 day of event

Register at the Activities Desk or call 303-751-1811 ext 5.

HG has chartered a bus to take residents downtown to see the holidays lights — viewing Denver Civic Center, Denver Botanic Gardens, 16th Street Mall, and more. This event always sold out when RTD was operating. Now it's HG chartering the bus and getting to choose where you see the lights!

Get your tickets early. No cancellations or refunds after Friday, Dec. 2. Register early — limited seats. Bus will pick up between B243 and B244 on East Marina Drive.

National Western Stock Show and Rodeo

Wednesday, Jan. 18, 11 am–3 pm

Fee: \$46, reservations required, call 303-751-1811 ext. 5.

No refunds, or cancellations after Dec. 1.

HG has secured tickets to the National Western Stock Show Rodeo, matinee at 1:30 pm. Enjoy watching world champion bulls and broncs, cowboys and cowgirls for the first major pro rodeo competition of the season. Your ticket includes admission to the grounds where you can stroll through the Coors Western Art gallery, catch a horse show, witness a stock dog competition, meander through the newly developed yards on the historic grounds, or shop “til you drop” at the hundreds of western vendors with unique gifts and delicious food. There is a lot to see, do and smell at the stock show! Bus will pick you up between B243 and B244 on East Marina Drive, at 10:30 am, returning to HG around 3:30–4 pm.

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- **The Tempest** by William Shakespeare (1611)

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- **Things That Matter** by Charles Krauthammer (2014) *large print*.

Tremendous essays by the conservative columnist, taken from his newspaper and magazine columns. Includes subjects from the French revolution to the modern issues of abortion and the future of Israel. The only competition he has as a conservative intellectual is George Will.

- **The Point of It All** by Charles Krauthammer (2018) *large print*.

Another 91 essays that are just as good as the book above. Has many political essays, including a couple on Trump.

- **Men at Work** by George Will (1990) *large print*.

This is a pure baseball book. It is not another group of little stories on the game. Will goes into excruciating detail about the careers, and more importantly, the methods, of Tony La Russia, Orel Hershisier, Tony Gwynn, and Cal Ripken. If you want to know the real fine points of baseball, this is the book for you.

- **Bunts** by George Will (1998)

large print.

This is the baseball book of short stories. There are 82 short passages about various topics. You'll learn how many times Babe Ruth stole home! You'll learn who was the only person in history to steal first base! There is a mountain of interesting facts.

- **It's Only a Movie — Biography of Alfred Hitchcock** by Charlotte Chandler (2006) *large print*.

Excellent telling of the director's life in England and in Hollywood. Good explanations of how he engineered the tension in his movies. Lots of comments from the actors.

- **Paul McCartney — a Life** by Peter Ames (2009) *large print*.

Ames interviewed McCartney many times. There's a lot of his comments on people, songs, etc. Goes through his marriages, relationships with the other Beatles, his family in Liverpool and many other things.

- **The Bomber Boys** by Travis L. Ayers (2005) *large print*.

Mainly five sections that go into detail about the adventures of a navigator, pilot, left waist gunner, tail gunner and ball turret gunner. You'll learn what it's like to parachute over European mountains when your parachute doesn't open. You'll also learn what it took to walk all the way across France to Spain, without knowing French. There is also nice information about what happened to these guys after the war.

- **Reagan — The Hollywood Years** by Marc Eliot (2005) *large print*.

Don't expect anything about the governor or the president. This is primarily about Reagan going to

Hollywood and fighting and scratching to try to become a leading man. He never made it. But there were a lot of interesting things along the way.

- **The Federalist Papers** (unabridged) by Hamilton, Madison, Jay, Henry (1787-1788) *large print*.

It purports to be *large print*, but the font isn't that big. However, the lines are spaced well enough that it is readable. Compare the current garbage that passes for political speech, from all sides, with this:

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The following book was donated to the Golf Pro Shop Library:

- **The Game I Love** by Sam Snead (1997) *large print*.

The best book by Snead by far, in my opinion. Tons of great stories. Tons of great tips on playing the game.

— Bill Macdonald
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Space Force Anthem

Among the anthems you heard on Veterans Day, Nov. 11, it is unlikely that you heard the latest one — for the Space Force. It was introduced by the Air Force Band members and guests during the 2022 Air, Space and Cyber Conference in National Harbor, MD, Sept. 20.

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A questioner from Los Altos, California, noted that "I still see the term 'American Indian' in use, including in the title of a Smithsonian museum. Why not say 'Native American' instead?"

"Native people prefer to be identified with their own specific tribe or tribes. But when it comes to describing all of these nations with one-term,

there's no consensus. Groups in Alaska like to be called 'Alaskan Natives,' while those in Canada prefer the term 'First Nations.' Some others in South America call themselves 'AmerIndian.' Even though the term 'Indian' originally came from a misunderstanding, many tribal people still prefer it over the alternatives. (Some point out that any person born in the Americas could be called a 'Native American.') I personally say 'American Indian' because it is the language of the law between the tribal and federal governments." - **Dennis Zothigh**, cultural specialist, National Museum of the American Indian. (September 2022).

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It's a Walmart life for us

by Mary Hafka

I spent most of October fighting off a bizarre cold-flu disease that wouldn't go away. Since a friend, who had just returned from France, admitted she probably gave it to me, we shall call this illness "La Gripe."

My contracting La Gripe just goes to show how unjust life can be. I got my flu shot, early in September. I got my #5 COVID booster (it felt more like #55, but all of us, I guess, are beyond fed up with COVID).

Since serving an 11-year stint in the hospital/healthcare industry in the 80s–90s, I've remained an assiduous hand washer. I've clung to wearing my mask when others have abandoned this practice. That I wound up sick just didn't seem fair.

In an attempt to keep my symptoms at bay, as much as possible, I used every cold and flu remedy in the house. Still — after weeks — La Gripe would not depart.

Then I began rummaging in the back of the medicine cabinet, unearthing jars and bottles of potions so old they probably had entered the realm of the mystical. Despite their apparent supernatural nature, these medicines didn't chase away La Gripe either.

All of which led me to wrapping my body in masks and scarves, venturing out to Walmart to buy more cold medications. This is where things got interesting.

I should mention that I don't get sick very often. It's been years since I had a cold, which explains why most of the medications I had around the house were sort of old. Or very old.

So I pointed my blue-Toyota steed toward *My Neighborhood Walmart*, and set off. Two years of COVID quarantining had already presented some rude awakenings to how much the world can change when a person isn't paying attention.

But (really) did everyone (besides me) know that, at Walmart, they now lock up the cold medications? It seems like only yesterday that cold

and flu meds were on the shelf — out in the open. A sick person like me could snag a few bottles of whatever, pay, and slither quickly back out the door, trying to keep most her germs to herself.

But today, a cold sufferer must press an aisle button to summon a Walmart employee, who unlocks the glass case. The palliatives and potions are in plain sight, behind the glass, but tantalizingly out of reach. (Shopping for cold meds through the glass is not satisfying — you can't read the tiny print on the packaging.)

I quickly discerned that the cold sufferer should not worry about dying of pneumonia. She is more likely to die of old age, waiting for a Walmart employee.

There is an Irish play, called *Waiting for Godot*. Two characters in the play spend two hours waiting for Godot to show up, and discussing it. But Godot never comes.

Neither does the Walmart employee. This is because Walmart no longer has many employees. Lots of cold medications, all locked up. But no employees to unlock them.

After a while, a desperate cold sufferer, who is having trouble breathing, will fantasize about radical measures, such as smashing the glass, and liberating the Nyquil. (Viva La France. Or L'Aurora, in my case.)

My better angels prevailed. I began roaming the Walmart aisles, seeking someone who appeared to work there. I found one unfortunate fellow, stocking the frozen foods.

I'm embarrassed to admit I grabbed him by the scruff of the neck and dragged him back to the cold/flu aisle — but I sort of did. Desperate times call for desperate measures.

In addition to cold medications behind the glass, there were a number stacked on the very top shelf of the aisle rack. I couldn't reach these. Neither could the Walmart employee I kidnapped, although he tried valiantly by jumping into the air

to knock some bottles into our grasp.

In the midst of all this hubbub, a baby screamed nonstop, in an adjacent aisle for a good 15 minutes. (Was he hungry? Was he cold? Did he have French La Gripe? Whatever problem he had, it didn't affect his lungs.)

My Walmart employee announced he would venture forth, into the bowels of the store, to locate a key to the glass case. The pharmacy was closed. Everyone else seemed to be out to lunch, but he vowed to complete his quest.

I remember asking him why the cold medications were locked up, in the first place. He patiently explained that they contained just enough alcohol to warrant some desperate person stealing them. (More desperate than I, apparently.)

I found this explanation astonishing. I thought a thief would wind up being thoroughly decongested before any alcohol took hold.

So my Walmart employee left. Then he returned, explaining he couldn't find anyone who knew where the key was. I wanted to smack him, but — since he was the only individual in the entire Walmart Empire who actually was trying to help me — I didn't.

Using a little more ingenuity, he left my side again. This time, he tracked down the key. I loaded up my cart with forbidden potions and headed for the checkout line.

On the way, I passed an end-unit display. The display was filled with off-brand packages of cold-medicine tablets. Just out in the open. Not locked behind glass. I wanted to sob, but was on a mission to return home, and medicate, so I just shoved my cart onward.

While checking out, I received a visit from another Walmart employee (where had he been during the previous half hour?), who had to ensure that I was entitled to buy this cartload of alcohol-laden cold remedies. Are you 18, he asked?

Are you blind? I wanted to reply, but at this point, I was so close to the finish line, I didn't wish to start a rumble. Since I hadn't thrown any punches, up to this point, why start now, so near the exit?

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