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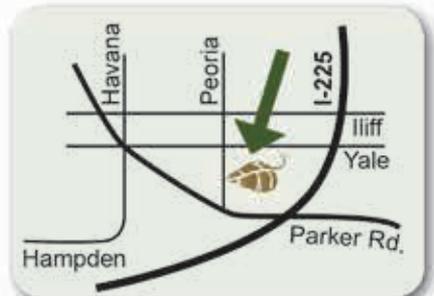
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Starry testing approval tabled, director position still vacant

Eight directors attended the Feb. 16 regular meeting of the HGA Board of Directors via Zoom. There were 42 participants on the virtual meeting. The board still is one member short, and applicants for the position are sought. Applications will be accepted prior to next month's HGA Board meeting on March 16.

President Jill Bacon explained that one application had come in, but that person's spouse is on the HGMD Board. Spouses serving jointly on the same or both boards is prohibited by HG bylaws.

Bacon announced that a team is working to hire a new controller.

"We're trying to bring a semblance of order to the finance department," she said.

A motion to approve Starry Internet's beginning its beta testing at HG was tabled for a month. Five buildings are to be set up as relay stations, and the company was ready to begin testing radio frequency.

Interim General Manager Jon Rea outlined problems HG has had with the Starry team working longer hours than promised, leading to complaints from residents. Bacon added that the overtime hours HG employees had to put in, as a result, were to be billed to Starry.

"They assured us this contract would cost us nothing," she stated.

Director Bev Havens commented, "It is my personal opinion that, if we can get out of the contract legally, we should."

Recently, three HGA committees — Long Range Planning (LRP), Structure Maintenance, and Roads & Grounds — were combined into a single one, Maintenance Committee. Former LRP Committee Chair Al Lindeman moved that LRP be re-established as a standing committee. He noted that the Maintenance Committee address-

es immediate issues, whereas LRP was about preparing for the future.

Director Larry Dávila commented, "I would like to propose we take a new look at what HG needs, since we have gone back and forth."

Maintenance Committee Co-chair Mike Pula responded, "We don't have to discuss it today, but it has been suggested that LRP should be a joint committee of the HGA and HGMD." The board approved Lindeman's motion.

The board approved extending its payments of Hero Pay for employees at a higher risk of exposure to COVID-19, due to work duties. The board approved 12 weeks (six pay periods) of an additional \$11,400 per pay period, between Feb. 26 and May 7 to eligible employees. Sums between \$0 and \$100 per period would be paid, for a total cost of \$68,000.

Treasurer Terry Hostetler moved that HG solicit individuals or firms to help HG bring its accounting work up to date. The loss of an accounts payable clerk, followed by the loss of HG's controller, has put HG behind schedule for its year-end audit, and other accounting tasks. Residents who use automatic withdrawal for their HOA fees noticed the deductions occurred later in the month than usual for February. In addition, Hostetler said, "The reconciliation of bank or other accounts has needed to be done for some time."

The board approved his motion. Bacon remarked, "We can hire these workers at a more reasonable cost than retaining our auditors to do this."

The board approved ratifying an email vote to authorize the property sale of a CP4 patio home, 13960 East Marina Drive. The sale price was certified at \$489,500. Bacon commented that the new owners had moved in.

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Above: Cathy Schmit, Earlyne Winters and David Worden, residents of B220, met with Chief Dan Renauer on Jan. 27 for his input on installing security cameras in the building. Photo by Barbara Worden, B220.

In a Pitera email to residents on Feb. 16, HGA reported the following update on **COVID-19 in HG**.

In all of 2020 there were 49 cases of residents with the coronavirus reported in various HG buildings. (See report in the January issue of Heather 'n Yon, page 22.

In just the first six weeks of 2021, there are nine cases of residents who fell ill with coronavirus and reported their status to HGA. Of these, eight were new cases. The buildings affected included B202, B216, B218, B242 and CP1. There was no report on the number of deaths.

Residents were reminded to respect the safety of others by following guidelines, even if you have been vaccinated: wear a mask and socially distant from non-family members when out and about. Avoid large public gatherings. Don't travel.

Extra! Extra! Information for you –

Parking structures: why the delay?

Those who listened to the board work session on Feb. 4 will remember that engineers from Walker Consultants and members of the board agreed that a pause in planning to repair the four Parking Structures (PS) in HG was needed. More information needs to be gathered regarding a new issue. Options other than a bonded topping must be considered for solving structural issues in the Parking Structures. I will summarize what was discussed on Feb. 4 for those who didn't listen to that meeting on Zoom.

After Walker was issued a contract to develop detailed design documents for repairing the Parking Structures, a thorough analysis of the structural steel in the upper level of each revealed that there was insufficient steel in the original 8-inches to make a 3-inch bonded topping workable. A 5-inch topping was considered, but it would require adding an expensive carbon fiber fabric on top. The engineers were concerned that the additional weight could overstress the existing columns and footings in the Parking Structures. In addition, the surrounding soil might not be capable of supporting the added weight.

Subsequently, a soils test revealed that there is considerable variability in the subsurface soil under the parking structures. Collapsible soil was discovered in some places. Such soil is stable when dry but becomes more compact (shrinks) when it becomes wet. Landscaping irrigation can cause such shrinkage. HG will have to investigate how to keep the soil dry.

Ultimately, the mounting expense of all the upgrades needed to make a bonded topping solution work and keep the PS structurally viable became fiscally impractical. The information HG gathered from Walker led to considering other options. Some time will be needed to fully develop those options.

For residents who really want to dig into all the details of this discussion — a new post has been entered on the "Parking Structure News" section of the HG website, www.heathergardens.org.

– Allen Lindeman, CP5
HGA Board Secretary

Vaccine providers for people 65 and older

To be as fair and efficient with distribution as possible, Colorado has developed a phased approach to vaccine distribution to save lives and end the crisis that has been brought on by the pandemic as quickly as possible. The Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE) has collaborated closely with local public health agencies across the state to prepare health care facilities to receive the vaccine. These health care facilities will then administer the vaccine to people who want one and are eligible under the phased distribution plan.

This list is updated every Wednesday with locations that have received vaccine shipments within the past two weeks. Providers on this list may or may not have vaccine or appointments currently available.

These locations are not open for walk-in appointments and should be contacted directly for additional information. Coloradans age 65 and older may visit CDPHE's website for more information about providers who are vaccinating patients eligible in phase 1B. We are moving as fast as the federal supply allows, and we are continuing to add additional providers as the state's supply of vaccine grows.

Colorado is requesting enough vaccines to provide for all Coloradans. Because of supply chain limitations, we expect we will receive regular COVID-19 vaccine allocations from the federal government on a weekly basis. The federal government is determining the allocation

amount by the size of every state's total population and the quantity of ready-to-ship doses from the manufacturers. This list is updated regularly. Check www.tchd.org/866/COVID-19-Vaccine for the most recent list.

The following locations have received vaccine shipments as of mid-February.

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- Ardas Family Medicine: 303-900-8639
- Colorado Primary Care Clinic: 303-343-9500
- Craig Hospital: 303-789-8000
- Encompass Health Rehabilitation Hospital of Littleton: 303-334-1100
- Kaiser Permanente Aurora: 855-550-0951
- Kaiser Permanente East Denver: 855-550-0951
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- King Soopers Pharmacy #14: 303-364-9196
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- King Soopers Pharmacy #47: 303-798-0530
- King Soopers Pharmacy #49: 303-752-4777
- King Soopers Pharmacy #84: 303-627-6111
- King Soopers Pharmacy #109: 303-794-6397
- King Soopers Pharmacy #122: 303-738-5710
- King Soopers Pharmacy #128: 303-627-3301
- Lifehealth: 303-730-1902
- Littleton Adventist Hospital: 303-730-8900

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2020 spending-authority carryover approved, new director needed

Four directors attended the unusually brief Feb. 18 meeting of the HGMD Board of Directors (22 minutes) via Zoom. President David Funk said the board will continue to solicit applications for its vacant director position. Vacancies on HGMD committees also exist. Noting that the week in which the meeting occurred was “random acts of kindness” week, he asked that HG residents consider assisting its representative board by volunteering.

The board approved a carryover of 2020 funds to 2021, as required by law, for the pump-house roof project. Treasurer Bill Archambault said the carryover would total \$10,350.

The board also established a custody account for HGMD debt-service funds held at Zion bank. Archambault explained HGMD formerly had a trustee account for the funds, but — for a one-time \$500 fee — was switching to a custody account. The account change facilitates using excess bond funds for a different purpose.

“The bond documents allow us to do this,” he commented.

In response to a question from Rita Effler B232, about excess funds on the 2010 bonds that were now paid off, Archambault said that receipts exceeded what was expected and that the approximately \$244,000 included some holdover from a previous bond issue. It could be transferred to the new debt-service account, lowering what might be needed in the mill levy from a future year.

Attorney Jennifer Ivey said (in a chat note), “The money would be pledged to the newer debt so should be paid over.”

The board approved a motion to authorize engaging individuals or firms to help bring HG’s accounting work up to date. HG recently lost its controller, and end-of-2020 work has piled up. HGMD and HGA are working together, HGMD President David Funk said, to solve problems through its joint Budget & Finance (B&F) Committee.

“Obviously, help is needed,” Archambault added. “It’s absolutely necessary, as we are at the end of the year.”

Echoing the HGA Board, the HGMD approved extending the term of B&F Committee member Ray Nash for one year. It also approved extending the terms of Audit Subcommittee members Marie Clark, Yolonda Lickteig, Karen McClaury, and Barb Schneller, by one year.

The board approved extending, by one year, the terms on the Golf Committee of Debra Madril and Tom Parko.

The board approved updating the signatories on the Zion Bank accounts. Funk and Archambault will be signers on the account. A former director, Sandra Rosenberg, was removed.

None of HGMD’s regular committees met during January. Archambault met with the B&F Committee on Feb. 16, but had no report to the board because financial reports were unavailable for January month’s end.

Funk opened the floor for questions during the Open Forum segment of the meeting. There weren’t any, and the meeting was adjourned. There were 23 participants in the Zoom meeting, including the four directors, HGMD’s lawyer and interim General Manager Jon Rea.

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

Other actions by the board:

...approved extending, by one year, the term of Budget and Finance Committee member Ray Nash, and of Audit Subcommittee members Marie Clark, Yolonda Lickteig, Karen McClaury, and Barb Schneller.

...approved ratifying six email votes that were taken by the HGA Board in December. HGA’s attorney changed his opinion about whether such ratification was required.

...authorized Rae to publish a notice regarding work that is to ensue on HG’s Parking Structures.

...approved a new Procedure Memorandum (PM) for the recently combined Public Relations Committee. Its responsibilities formerly came under two committees: Civic Affairs and Communications.

...approved a revised PM for the Architectural Control Committee. The change stated that wood storage units “will not be allowed,” due to flammability concerns.



Above: HG begins replacing Federal Pacific Electric Panels with updated electrical panels at HG country places. Here, panels are being replaced in CP1. Photo by Anne Hummel-Gillis.

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55places is a real estate website designed to provide unbiased, truthful, and transparent information for those looking for a home in the active, adult market segment. Their aim is to empower clients with the knowledge and resources to make the right decision before they make that important next step in their lives. It is important to recognize that *55places* does strive to be as unbiased as possible by ensuring they offer no buy-ins or sponsorships on their website content.

HG was recognized for its large variety of floor plans, available types of residences, and extensive amenities like the Clubhouse, Golf Course and RV parking. The methodology used by the site was rating each community across a set of metrics and comparing it to data from the Multiple Listing Service (MLS) on the median sold price and the price per square foot. The benchmarks that were used in the comparison were selected based on how each relates the best to the active adult home buyer:

Community: This category includes *55places* data to weigh each community's amenities, lifestyle options, and how many home types are offered there.

Taxes: Using data from the Census Bureau and formatted by The Tax Foundation, *55places* factored in sales and local tax, state income tax



Left: HG Clubhouse showing the Rendezvous Restaurant entrance. Photo by Mark Blagen, B217.

(calculated median between all brackets), and the median state property tax.

Area: Using a variety of different sources, *55places* looked at each community's location by weighing the median income of people above the age of 50, number of hospitals per 100,000 people, and the number of days that reach a temperature of 72 degrees. This data was acquired through the Census Bureau as well as the National Ocean Industries Association (NOIA) for the weather.

Popularity: The popularity category combines data from *55places* and the MLS to determine if a community is popular and in-demand. This category factors traffic volume, the number of homes sold, and how well a community converts into a sale.

These metrics were applied in the comparison of more than 3,000 communities across the country. (www.55places.com/blog/the-25-best-value-active-adult-communities-of-2020)

Heather Gardens is truly one of the best!

– Judy Kim

Communications Coordinator

{Editor's Note: HG got a nod for its "ideal location just outside of Denver," as well as for its range of amenities – including its 50,000 square foot Clubhouse and offerings of golf, billiards, RV parking and outdoor spaces – and for having reasonable home prices and dozens of floor plans.

HG was the only 55-and-older community in Colorado to make the list. Among the top 25 communities were seven located in Florida, three in Arizona, five in Maryland, two in New Jersey and two in Virginia.}

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- Safeway Pharmacy #2612: 303-481-2291
- Salud Aurora Community Health: 720-753-6000
- South Metro Fire Rescue: 720-989-2000
- STRIDE Community Health Center Chambers & Hampden: 303-360-6276
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- STRIDE Community Health Ctr Peoria: 303-360-6276
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- Tri-County Health Department - (303) 341-9370
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- Children's Hospital Colorado, Aurora: 720-777-1234
- UCHHealth Univ. of Colorado Hospital: 720-848-0000





HGA Board President Reports

By Jill Bacon

As I was thinking about this month's report, several words came to mind.

The first was "change." We are in a constant time of change here at Heather Gardens (HG). With the General Manager leaving, the Business office going through some "growing pains," and many other projects that encompass changes to physical structure, I find that there are times when I want to yell "I hate change!"

Over the last year, you and I have had so many changes in our lives. COVID-19 really caused not "change" per se, but "upheaval" in our lives. But we have adapted — some more easily than others. Still, we got through 2020 in spite of all that happened to us.

Now it is 2021. I am working hard to get my COVID-19 vaccine shots so that I can be "safer" from the pandemic. Maybe you have encountered challenges in this effort. I thought that it would all be over when I got my two shots. Not so. Scientists and Public Health officials still recommend that everyone wear a mask, maintain social dis-

tance from others and wash our hands frequently. These activities will keep others safe. Keeping ourselves safe is our first responsibility.

The second word that came to mind is "courage." I cannot tell you how proud I am of residents and employees who have shown great courage amid all the things that have happened during these changes. Everyone needs to be proud of how they have handled daily events. Yes, it does take courage to change. Not everyone wants to change, but so many of you have changed with grace and confidence in the future.

The next word that I thought of was "consideration." Your board of directors are working diligently everyday to execute the changes that must be made to keep the community standards high and maintain property values. Each director works to make sure that your safety, health and welfare are first and foremost in the decisions that are made.

Consideration is huge in that equation. The board and interim General Manager Jon Rae always consider the residents first when making decisions, initiating projects, etc. I ask that each of you give us consideration in the efforts that we are making on your behalf.

Finally, my last word this month is "thankful." No matter what befalls you or me, I am grateful for what I do have, rather than what I "wish" I had. This attitude can go a long way in making your life and mine full of positive experiences. Some find it easy to be thankful. I know that. But if you can find one thing each day to be thankful for, your life will be enriched.

Rick Crandall retires from KEZW: That Was AMAZING!

Over the last 30 years I would often hear from listeners of KEZW, "you can't ever leave!" I would always reply, "I'll be there as long as my key opens the door."

Well, this morning at 8 am my key stopped working as the KEZW we all knew and loved is no longer. Before I share one more thought, you need to know this — Entercom made a business decision to change the format. They didn't fire me. There's just no place for me now. I couldn't ask for this to have ended any better than it did and have nothing but appreciation for the way they handled this with me.

My career started in 1976 on the Island of Guam at Anderson Air Force Base where Ralph Baldwin, Lee Stuart and Ralph Ridgeway took a young airman in and gave him the best mentoring he ever had. Eleven years later Lee Stuart, then program director of KOSI, hired me to work part time on Cozy 101. With the exception of a 10 month break in 1990/91, I have been there ever since.

Now it's time for me to pass the torch to the next generation of broadcasters who deserve their time to shine.

Am I sad? Of course I am. But I'm not sad for me. I'm sad for you because this was one thing in your lives that hadn't changed — until now. I'm sorry for that but I know how resilient you are. You'll find new ways



Above: Rick Crandall in the studio doing his last couple hours on Jan. 25. Photo by Rick Crandall

to start the day. I refuse to let sad win, because if it does, it diminishes all the good that's happened the last 30 years. That would be such a waste. Just think about it...

WE gave voice to the Greatest Generation, beginning my very first year, 1991, when seven Pearl Harbor Survivors, led by my dear friend Irv Obermeyer, came into the KEZW studio to mark the 50th anniversary of the attack at Pearl Harbor.

Ten years later, Irv and I sat

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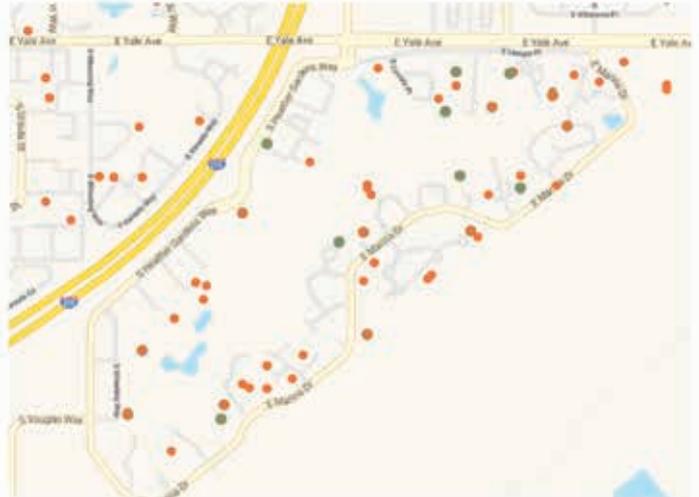
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Publisher's Corner

Global women of power who lead their government

by Lynn Donaldson, Editor of Heather 'n Yon

March has been designated as Women's History Month since 1987. As such, I written this column to highlight women elected to the Colorado Women's Hall of Fame, the National Women's Hall of Fame and last year, the history of women's suffrage in the U.S. This year, I want to highlight global women of power.

When I moved to England in 1978, Margaret Thatcher was prime minister. I remember thinking that I was surprised/envious that the British had elected a woman to the top political/government position before my home country did. What was wrong with the U.S.?

It is more than 30 years later. I am still waiting for the right woman to be elected president of the United States. Will it happen in my lifetime?

A recent virtual slide show that was shared by an organization I belong to (American Association of University Women) listed the following global women of power, noting that change is coming:

- Angela Merkel, Chancellor of Germany
- Sheikh Hassina Wajed, Prime Minister of Bangladesh
- Erna Solberg, Prime Minister of Norway
- Nicola Sturgeon, First Minister of Scotland
- Bidhya Devi Bhandari, President of Nepal
- Saara Kuugongelwa, Prime Minister of Namibia
- Mette Frederiksen, Prime Minister of Denmark
- Kersti Kaljulaid, President of Estonia
- Tsai Ing-Wen, President of Taiwan
- Ana Brnabic, Prime Minister of Serbia
- Halimah Jakob, President of Singapore

- Jacinda Ardern, Prime Minister of New Zealand
- Katrin Jakobsdóttir, Prime Minister of Iceland
- Sahle Work-Zewde, President of Ethiopia
- Salome Zourabichvili, President of Georgia
- Paula-Mae Weekes, President of Trinidad and Tobago
- Mia Mottley, Prime Minister of Barbados
- Sanna Marin, Prime Minister of Finland
- Zuzana Caputova, President of Slovakia
- Maia Sandu, President of Moldova
- Katerina Sakellaropoulou, Prime Minister of Greece
- Ingrida Simonyte, Prime Minister of Lithuania
- Rose Christiane Raponda, Prime Minister of Gabon

(The slide show ended with the statement: "Empower women and change the world." The number totals 23 women who head their country's government, either by direct election or by leading the majority party in parliament. There are 195 independent countries in the world. About 12 percent are led by a woman.)

This particular slide show included Vice President Kamala Harris as a "woman of power." I did not include her in the list because she is not the head of the government.

One woman leader surprised me, Prime Minister Wajed, Bangladesh, because that country's majority religion is Muslim (90 percent).

Maybe there is still reason to hope that this "glass ceiling" will be broken in the not too distant future.

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After last month's column listed 50 songs from musical theater that BBC Radio 2 had issued, asking re-

spondents to pick their favorite, the following list is the top 20 musical numbers of all time. Actress Elaine Paige unveiled the winner on her podcast.

Coming out top is hit musical *Les Misérables*, who clinched the top two spots with "One Day More" and "Bring Him Home". Other shows in the top five are *The Wizard of Oz* and *Wicked*, as well as movie musical *The Greatest Showman*. I am comfortable with these results. Are you?

(The initial long list was created by an esteemed panel of musicals experts, including musical theatre actor Marisha Wallace, Baz Bamigboye {*Daily Mail*}, Sita McIntosh (WhatsOnStage), and Elaine Paige.)

The full top twenty is:

1. "One Day More" (*Les Misérables*)
2. "Bring Him Home" (*Les Misérables*)
3. "Defying Gravity" (*Wicked*)
4. "This Is Me" (*The Greatest Showman*)
5. "Over The Rainbow" (*The Wizard Of Oz*)
6. "Singin' In The Rain" (*Singin' In The Rain*)
7. "The Circle Of Life" (*The Lion King*)
8. "Don't Cry For Me Argentina" (*Evita*)
9. "Somewhere" (*West Side Story*)
10. "America" (*West Side Story*)
11. "Memory" (*Cats*)
12. "You Can't Stop The Beat" (*Hairspray*)
13. "Summertime" (*Porgy and Bess*)
14. "Alexander Hamilton" (*Hamilton*)
15. "All That Jazz" (*Chicago*)
16. "Gethsemane" (*Jesus Christ Superstar*)
17. "You Will Be Found" (*Dear Evan Hansen*)
18. "The Room Where It Happens" (*Hamilton*)
19. "Send In The Clowns" (*A Little Night Music*)
20. "Seasons Of Love" (*Rent*)

Once again, I have been humming these tunes as I formatted the list and reminisced about the show.



Management

Thank you for trusting me to lead HG management

By Jon Rea
Interim General Manager

Residents and Colleagues: I want to express my excitement about being selected as the Interim General Manager while HG finds the right person for the position. As the Operations Manager at HG for the past year, I have gained a great respect and adulation for the community. I love it here!

The boards, committees and association are working as a team to foster an environment of togetherness, partnership, and collaboration that has been outstanding. Everyone is working together diligently to capitalize on opportunities, challenges, and issues to improve the community is what makes us great!

I am looking forward to my new role and working with everyone in a more front-facing fashion. I am confident that we will accomplish many goals that we all have both for HG overall.

I would like to share a sincere *Thank You* to everyone who has been involved in providing me this opportunity and to all who have supported me through my journey at HG so far. I am truly thankful to be a part of the HG community. I am eager to continue to lead in a larger capacity to provide the best service to everyone. Thank you!

Meet & Greet with Interim General Manager Jon Rea:

Wednesday, March 3, 8–9:30 am, Zoom Meeting — Join Jon Rea for a roundtable discussion on a variety of topics. This is your opportunity to ask your burning questions.

On Feb. 8, Rendezvous Restaurant hosted a reception for departing General Manager Calvin White, who has been at HG since June 2010. Both residents and employees came by to enjoy a cupcake and a cup of coffee or lemonade with Calvin. He probably tired of telling different clusters of well-wishers the same details about his next job in Illinois in a smaller locale than metro Denver. The community he will manage has an 18-hole golf course and a lake for recreation among its amenities.



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Two small children stand with their parents around an interactive model stream table in the visitor center at Aurora's Plains Conservation Center (PCC). Surrounded by display panels, maps, and taxidermied badgers, hares, coyotes, raptors — typical fauna of the site — their attention is riveted to the sand box. They eagerly supply answers to questions posed by Natural Resource Specialist Jennifer Brown.

"What makes the water move?" she asks.

"Gravity," answers the older brother. He's fascinated as Jennifer lets water course its way through channels she had carved in the plastic sand. It curves and flows through the channel, cutting into the banks (sides of the created trough), gathering sediment as it gains speed, and depositing larger granules into an alluvial plain.

Jennifer strategically adds vegetation, buildings and hardscape while she explains the concepts of stream management, using terminology first for adults, and then in words understood by the four and six-year-old children. She increases the volume of water to simulate a heavy rain flowing over the hardscape. It deepens the creek's channel and erodes the banks.

"What happens?" she asks the children.

"The houses fall into the river."

The family is one of several visitors to the center on a clement late January afternoon. They got an impromptu demonstration from Jennifer.

Direct contact with visitors is what she likes best about her job. She divides her time among hikers, birders, botanists and wildlife enthusiasts who are keen to get out of the house and into a natural setting.

This remnant of Colorado's Great Plains can

be found seven miles east from Heather Gardens (HG), a refuge from urban life. Here, visitors connect with nature. From low-lying dips in this 1,100-acre open space, devoid of buildings and seemingly absent of persons, visitors stand under a circle of sky that curves to meet bending prairie grasses at the horizon.

A 50-strong herd of pronghorn, relic of innumerable herds that once

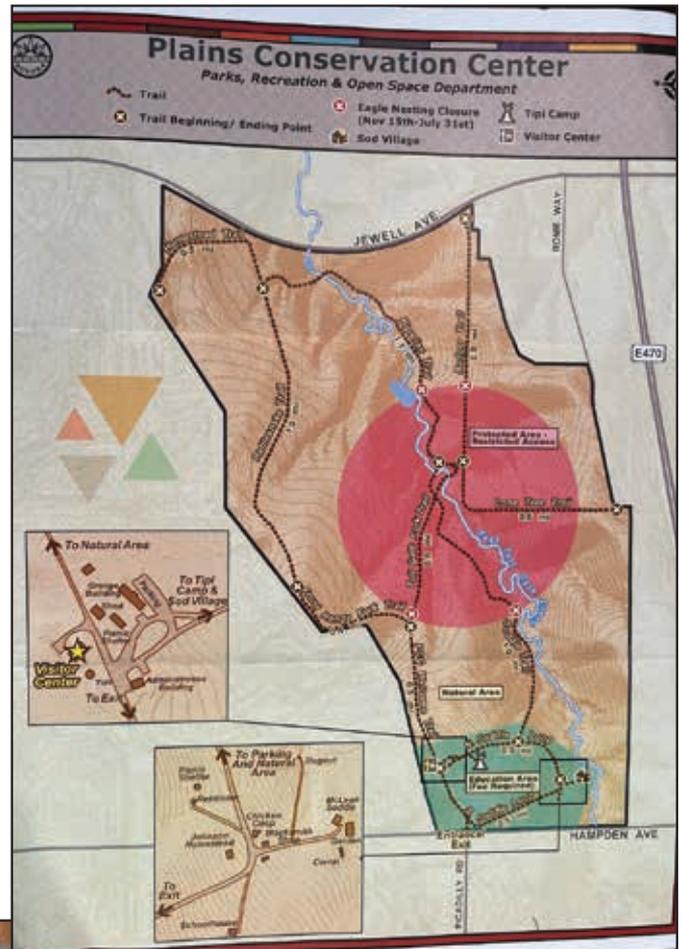
swept the vast grasslands, grazes on either side of the trail. At shoulder level nearby, a Northern Harrier hawk glides and hovers as it listens for rodents. Songbirds chirp from the willow marshes. Coyotes wander in the distance. Prairie dogs signal warnings. Shy burrowing owls nest in prairie dog digs. So do rattlesnakes and bull snakes.

Deeper into the hollows, where rain water run-off supports the growth of a cottonwood tree, a pair of bald eagles have built, then abandoned, a nest. A threat-

ened amphibian species of northern buffer frogs was recently discovered along East Toll Gate Creek.

Looking west from the high rising swells, this ultra-clear day reveals an unbroken line of mountains stretching more than 200 miles. The low winter sun catches the contours and casts of hogbacks, foothills and snowy peaks in sharp relief that sep-

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Above: A map of the Plains Conservation Center in Aurora (between Jewell Avenue and Hampden Avenue; west of E470).

Left: A sandbox in which a guide can demonstrate how water flows within an undulating prairie and other factors that affect water flow and sediment dispersal.



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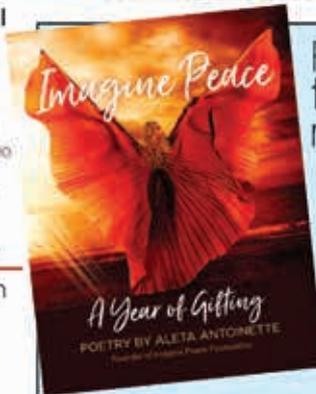
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Yellowstone: the World's First

The January/February issue of *Smithsonian* magazine had an extensive article on Yellowstone National Park (YNP). The focus of the article, however, was limited to discussing an investigation into early inhabitants. The skills and talents that the native Americans needed to deal with the harsh environment of the Yellowstone plateau were remarkable.

Evidence that people lived in Yellowstone dates back around 11,000 years. One main key to their survival was a rock, volcanic in origin, called obsidian that was used to fashion arrowheads, knives and spear points. Used daily, obsidian was apparently traded with other native people because it has been found hundreds of miles in all directions from the Yellowstone area.

With the long history of volcanic activity throughout time, there has been an abundance of obsidian available. The main source in Yellowstone is called Obsidian Cliff, which is closed to the public. One can only imagine what might have occurred if this cliff was open to millions of park visitors who wanted "souvenirs" from their visit!

Some say that the thermal features with their steam and noise might have frightened early residents. Not true! They utilized these features in many ways to their advantage.

From an archaeological perspective, the article was well done. But from a general perspective, let's explore other lesser known "secrets" of this one-of-a-kind place! Are you ready?

Yellowstone Park is huge! It covers an area of nearly 2.25 million acres that extend into three states. The bulk of the park acreage is in Wyoming, but minor acreages are in both Montana and Idaho.

It is not close to being the largest national park in the U.S. That honor goes to Wrangell-St. Elias National Park in Alaska. There are 13.2 million acres up there — making it 17 times larger. With all that land, you would expect it could entertain a lot of travelers. In 2019, only about 74,000 people visited the park. [Probably were no lines at the frozen custard

stand in July!] By comparison, around three million tourists went through YNP in 2019.

[Now a bit of history about the area in the early 1800s.] When the Lewis and Clark expedition in 1806 was near its end, one member, John Colter, left two months before the date he had committed to at the start. Colter joined a group of fur trappers.

In 1807, Colter left the trappers. Going on a circuitous route, he eventually wound up near the region of today's YNP. It is widely agreed that Colter was the first white man to ever see that area.

Colter observed the thermal features, the steam, the noise, the spouting water and the trees that had been buried under volcanic eruptions over time had petrified! This first trip was in an area west of today's Cody, Wyoming, not completely within today's YNP.

Colter's adventures continued for another year. When he returned to civilization and described all that he had seen, people began to refer to the places as "Colter's Hell!"

In 1808, Colter returned to the same area, accompanied by another trapper. During an encounter with the Blackfoot Indians, the trapper was killed and Colter barely escaped by hiding in a beaver lodge.

Colter continued his wanderings but when news of two more trappers being killed in 1810, he decided to return to the "real world." The full details of his life are many [perhaps enough for another story that includes more "mountain men" stories].

Due to the Civil War, exploration of the area was halted. The first detailed expedition to the Yellowstone area was the Cook-Folsom-Peterson expedition of 1869, who were privately funded explorers. The Folsom party followed the Yellowstone River to Yellowstone Lake. Members of the Folsom party kept a journal.



Above: Norris Geyser Basin around 1902. Slide by Detroit Photographic Co; National Park Service.

Based on the information from the Folsom party's journal, a group of Montana residents organized an Expedition in 1870, Washburn-Langford-Doane. It was headed by the surveyor-general of Montana, Henry Washburn, and included Nathaniel P. Langford (who later became known as "National Park" Langford) and a U.S. Army detachment commanded by Lieutenant Gustavus Doane. The expedition spent about a month exploring the region, collecting specimens and naming sites of interest.

A Montana lawyer and writer, Cornelius Hedges, accompanied this group. He restated comments, previously made in 1865 by the Governor of the Montana Territory, declaring that the area be protected for a long list of reasons.

However, it wasn't until 1871 that naturalist Ferdinand V. Hayden was finally able to explore the region, 11 years after his failed first effort. With government sponsorship, he returned to the region with a second, larger expedition, the Hayden Geological Survey. He compiled a comprehensive report, including large-format photographs by William Henry Jackson and paintings by Thomas Moran. The report helped convince the U.S. Congress to withdraw this region from public auction. On March 1, 1872, President Ulysses S. Grant signed The Act of Dedication law that created Yellowstone National Park — the world's first!

It has been accepted that the

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The Month (February)

The need for help in HG's Accounting Department was discussed in the Budget & Finance Committee during its Feb. 16 meeting. Committee member Ray Nash listed several items that a contract accountant could help the department with while management interviews for a new controller and accounting clerk, two positions that became vacant when previous occupants moved elsewhere. In addition, the current accountant has only been on the job for a couple months.

Among the items that Nash and other committee members listed:

- 1) Bring bank reconciliation up to date. (This activity has not been done since September.)
- 2) Review accruals and reversals for accuracy.
- 3) Review monthly board packet for internal consistency. (The committee had noted several problems in the Monthly Operating Analysis for December 2020 that was reviewed that day.)
- 4) Evaluate timelines.
- 5) Advise HG whether current staffing is adequate.
- 6) Find and post missing transactions not reported yet.

The committee concurred with the recommendation, which then formed the basis of a motion considered by both the HGA and HGMD Boards at their regular meeting. Directors on the boards concurred and approved hiring a temporary accountant or firm to assist.

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Much is written or claimed about which president is good for the stock market during every national election. Here is a scorecard on the Dow Jones Industrial average performance by presidency in article by Samuel Stebbins on Nov. 5, 2020. (www.usatoday.com/story/money/2020/11/05/what-the-stock-market-did-under-every-president-in-the-last-100-years/114675662/)

President	% increase/decrease	months
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Barack Obama	+148.3	96
Ronald Reagan	+147.3	96
Dwight Eisenhower	+123.7	96
Harry Truman	+75.2	93
George H.W. Bush	+41.3	48
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~655,000	1865	Civil War	wikipedia.org
117,466	1918	WW1	wikipedia.org
419,400	1945	WW2	wikipedia.org
58,209	1975	Vietnam	wikipedia.org

{Editor's note: Wikipedia does break out the number of combat deaths and deaths from "other" causes for each war. For a simpler comparison, these numbers represent the total deaths during the conflict.}

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Arapahoe County in Colorado has had 47,734 cases of COVID-19 since testing began. Deaths total 644, according to Johns Hopkins University, COVID-19 Status Report. Fatality rate for Colorado is 1.4 percent: 5,893 deaths out of 421,924 positive cases of COVID-19. More than 2.5 million people have been tested in the state. (<https://bao.arcgis.com/covid-19/jhu/county/08005.html>; Feb. 23, 2021)

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Due to several break-ins to buildings that have been accomplished by prying the door open, security plates have been placed on most building doors by the Maintenance Department. In its report to the Maintenance Committee, the department expected to have the remaining buildings secured within a few weeks (end of February).



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Matt Martella, Roads and Grounds, reported that he has been working with the Security Department to identify bushes that should be trimmed back and thinned to enhance building security.

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Maintenance Facilities Engineer John Howell told the Maintenance Committee that wood fencing is being considered for the CP patios. It has been difficult to match the current vinyl fencing due to discontinued products. The wood fencing will be about \$1,000 less expensive per patio. Further study includes getting input from residents.

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Rendezvous Restaurant hosted a Super Bowl 55 party on Feb. 7 and a Valentines Day Dinner on Feb. 14



With standard bar snacks and cupcakes topped by a football, patrons could enjoy a beer or other drink while they watched the game between the Kansas City Chiefs and Tampa Bay Buccaneers. The Buccaneers won 31-9. Right and below: Several HG couples celebrated the day for "love" with a special dinner at Rendezvous. The smiles tell the story. The food was good; the company was perfect!



Photos by Anne Hummel-Gillis



Activities in re-opened Clubhouse

Almost a year after closing when the coronavirus pandemic erupted in the United States and the state of Colorado closed recreation centers, the HG Clubhouse opened in February to residents wanting to resume indoor exercising. Soon to follow were classes: Spanish, Creative Clay, Line Dance, Tap Dance, Glass Fusion, Knitting & Crochet, and Quilting. Reservations required. Temperatures taken. For now, registration for classes is done monthly. (See page 46) Clubs may soon be meeting in-person again.



Photos by Anne Hummel-Gillis



Yellowstone...from page 19

photos by Jackson and the paintings by Moran played a major part in Grant's decision.

Hayden was now concerned about the future of the area when it was opened to the public. Then, as now, people showed little respect for this geological gem. At the time, there were no rules or regulations covering anything in the huge acreage.

Indians continued to harass the new people coming onto land they had occupied for generations. All this proved to be quite problematic. Someone needed to be in charge of law and order. Nathaniel Langford, a member of the 1869 expedition, was named to be the park superintendent. It was a big job, and a great responsibility. Except — he was paid nothing. He had neither authority nor power to do anything about the problems beginning to multiply in the park.

Remember, there was no National Park Service at this time; nor would there be for years. Langford lasted five years, during which he was denied funding, staff, and salary. It was suggested in 1875 that a federal agency be created. Congress turned it down flat. Two years later, Langford left.

Four more men were subsequently appointed to the position. Still, there was minimal funding to control the terrible problems that were multiplying almost daily. A report presented in the winter of 1874–75 by George Grinnell said, "It is estimated that during the winter..., not less than 3,000 buffalo and mule deer suffer even more severely than the elk, and the antelope nearly as much!" [The animals were poached

for their hides.]

As a result of this negative report, Langford was forced to step down. He was replaced by Philetus Norris, who volunteered to fill the position. Norris was provided a salary and funds for park improvements such as expanding access and building numerous crude roads and facilities.

In 1880, Harry Yount was appointed as a gamekeeper to control poaching and vandalism in the park. Yount had previously spent decades exploring the mountain country of present-day Wyoming, including the Grand Tetons. He had been a member of Hayden's Geological Survey in 1873. Yount was the first national park ranger. Yount's Peak, at the head of the Yellowstone River, was named in his honor.

These measures still proved to be insufficient in protecting the park, because neither Norris, nor the three superintendents who followed, were given sufficient manpower or resources.

Problems continued — even escalated for the next eight years as confrontations with native Americans increased and grew more severe.

The Northern Pacific Railroad built an extension line into Gardiner, Montana, which grew the town. It brought more people into the park,



Above: Winter 1887 Haynes expedition, Yancey's Hole; Photographer unknown, National Park Service

while logging, poaching and vandalism continued.

Finally, in 1886, federal troops arrived. Over the next 22 years, these troops constructed permanent structures. In 1894, a group named the Boone and Crockett Club, which included many well-known personalities of the time, was able to pass legislation to prosecute poachers. Federal troops enlarged their duties in protecting the park.

In 1916 the National Park Service was created. [Rocky Mountain National Park was also established that year.] The army turned control of the park over to the Park Service in October 1918.

(https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Yellowstone_National_Park)

[There is more interesting information on Yellowstone and its lesser-known secrets. Next month, space permitting, I will cover some, but not all, of the geology, wildlife, roads and flora.]

– Denise McCammon
B242

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PCC Aurora...from page 17

arates them one from the other.

The view encompasses suburbia to the immediate west. Beyond and below, Denver's urban skyline recedes into the Platte River Valley. This rare vestige of short grass prairie species is the largest and best sample of Great Plains vegetation along the Front Range. But for a single lane dirt road looping around and through, this soil was never broken by a plow.

The Plains Conservation Center is an education in human history as well. It dedicated an additional 100 acres to exhibit past cultures. In summer months, tipis in the style of early to mid 19th Century native tribes, Cheyenne or Arapahoe, appear high on the rolling crests. In the draw below, a recreated sod village includes home, school, black smithery, dug-out, barn, garden and stockyard. These provide a glimpse into the lives of pioneering homesteaders.

The first record of human activity on the grounds that would become PCC harkens back to Dust Bowl ranchers. West Arapahoe Soil Conservation District used the lower 100 acres as a demonstration site for the local agricultural community. Soil scientists taught farmers and ranchers techniques to improve and conserve the near-desert soil. Farmers learned methods to retain soil nutrients and moisture.

World War 2 interrupted conservation efforts when the military bought the site for a bombing and gunnery range attached to Lowry Air Force Base. Combat units dropped sacks of flour on targets located in the northern reaches of the upper

1,100 acres. Dust-up from the impacting flour was clearly visible to pilots and crew. The concrete footings for the targets remain and are part of my walking tour.

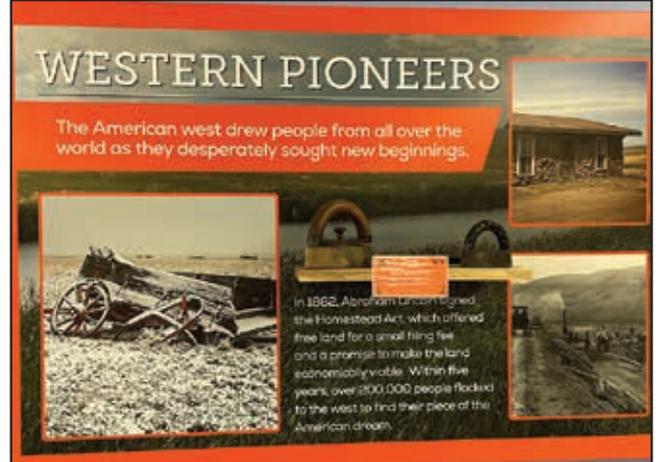
The site reverted to West Arapahoe Soil Conservation District after the war with the understanding that the acreage remain undeveloped in order to serve as a buffer zone for Buckley Air Force Base.

In 1970, the Plains Conservation Center emerged from the district as a separate organization that offered programming, information and events to the public. It constructed the sod buildings and installed the tipis on land leased from the district. It conducted instructional day camp programs for students.

Honoring the PCC lease, the City of Aurora bought the entire 1,200 acres from the district in 1996 and became responsible for the care and maintenance of the property. Ownership of the PCC transferred to Aurora Open Space Division in 2017. The center entered a partnership with Denver Botanic Gardens to conduct student programs, outreach, research, education and events.

Staff from both organizations lead programs including full moon walks, wagon rides, and school programs for students throughout the metro Denver area.

Part of the approved PCC master plan is a Prairie Meander walk-



Above: Two murals that 1) describe the animals commonly found in the Plains Conservation Center; and, 2) how pioneers lived in the area.

way to be landscaped with native vegetation that connects to regional trails. Also envisioned is the creation of a science education laboratory for student study and research. Future research topics are yet to be determined. PCC staff look forward to working with local universities, as well as Denver Botanic Gardens, on research projects.

At present, people connect with the subtle beauty of this quiet open space. They see an ever changing panorama of textures, tawny and brown, punctuated by swift movements.

Jennifer looks forward to the days after COVID-19 restrictions when children will again have hands-on access to exhibits. Today's rapt visitors, when they have absorbed as much information as their young minds can hold, run outside to play under a winter-warm sun. Enlisting their imagination, the two children dig into a spread of sand and stack nearby logs into piles.

– Dala Giffin



Left: A dugout home that illustrates what pioneers to the area might have built for living quarters.

MARCH CALENDAR

Limited activities have resumed, requiring reservations.
Where the schedule and venue for an activity are known, it is shown here.

Mon 1	Bayer Ear Clinic (every Monday, by appointment)	Arts & Crafts Room	9 am–noon
Tue 2	Pickleball (every Tuesday) Ping Pong (every Tuesday)	Tennis Courts Game Room	11 am–2 pm 2–3 pm
Wed 3	Meet with Interim General Manager Jon Rea CP1 Happy Hour	Zoom Zoom	8–9:30 am 4 pm
Thu 4	Pickleball (every Thursday) Ping Pong (every Thursday)	Tennis Courts Game Room	11 am–2 pm 2–3 pm
Fri 5	HG Indivisible	Zoom	1–2 pm
Sat 6	Pickleball (every Saturday) Ping Pong (every Saturday)	Tennis Courts Game Room	11 am–2 pm 2–3 pm
Sun 7	HG Chapel (by reservation, every Sunday) HG Chapel (by reservation, every Sunday)	Sandberg Auditorium Sandberg Auditorium	9 am 11 am
Wed 10	Clubhouse Event: Germany	Zoom	2 pm
Thu 11	Green Team Clubhouse Event: Data Breaches, ID Theft, and You	Virtual meeting Zoom	noon 2 pm
Fri 12	Birding Nature Club	Zoom	1 pm
Mon 15	HG Photo Club	Zoom	3 pm
Wed 17	Resident Open Forum CP1 Happy Hour	Zoom meeting Zoom	3 pm 4 pm
Thu 18	Clubhouse Event: Irish Spring	Sandberg Auditorium	2 pm
Fri 19	HG Indivisible	Zoom	1–2 pm
Mon 22	Low Vision Support Group	Conference Call	1:30–2:30 pm
Tue 23	HG Republican Club HG Democratic Club	Zoom meeting Zoom meeting	1:30 pm 4–5 pm
Wed 24	Resident Orientation	Zoom meeting	10 am

Note: If your organization has arranged alternative meeting locations or is using Zoom, and you want an announcement to appear in Heather 'n Yon, send your information to the editor, LynnNeu@comcast.net.

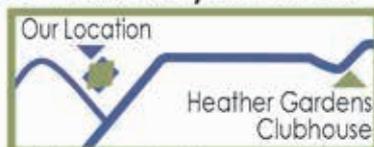
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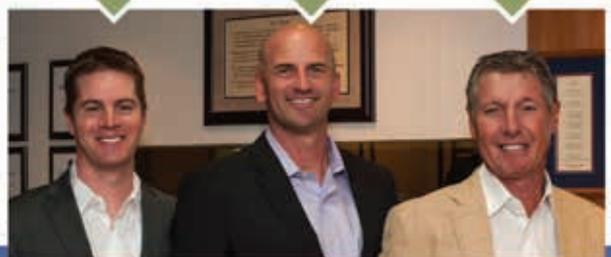
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Volunteers assisted in counting ballots from the November HGA Board Election on Feb. 19

About eight HG residents helped Board Assistant Evelyn Ybarra (left) in counting the ballots returned by HG owners last November. Because the COVID-19 pandemic was surging in Colorado at the time, it was decided that bringing in volunteers then was too risky. HG would wait for a decrease in positive cases of coronavirus. The ballot box with the untouched ballots has been locked since November.



Two items were on the ballot: whether to veto the 2021 budget (not enough ballots were returned to overturn the budget approved by both HGMD and HGA Boards) and to identify how long a term the seven candidates for the HGA Board would get.

On the budget: 836 voters said “no,” not to veto the proposed annual budget; 171 said, “yes,” to veto the budget. (To veto, the votes for yes had to be 1,263.)

Candidates got the following terms of office:

3 Years: Jill Bacon, Larry Dávila and Terry Hostetler

2 Years: David Baxter and Bev Havens

1 Year: Mike Pula

{Editor’s Note: One candidate, Pat Spratt, resigned from the board in January.

Therefore, her term is not reported. The board is looking to appoint an interested resident in her place. Submit an application to the Management Office.}



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Bible Study (women), call Carolyn Morris, 303-885-7807, B217/103.

Catholic Mass - You need to sign-up for Saturday and Sunday public Masses. If you have not contacted the parish office to be scheduled for a Mass, please do so. It is very important for you to understand that we cannot allow "drop-ins" at limited attendance public Masses. We continue to provide livestream daily Mass, Monday through Friday at 9 am, and on Saturday, 5 pm. Here's the livestream link: <https://tinyurl.com/yaog7o3>.

Chapel (Interdenominational Church Service) - 9 am and 11 am, Sunday, Sandberg Auditorium. Reverend Bill Cheyne. Masks must be worn at all times. Attendance is limited to 50 people per worship service, 9 am and 11 am. Front doors will open 25 minutes before each service. Temperature checks will be taken. Social distancing will be enforced. Reservations can be made by calling Jane King, 720-535-7238, for the 9 am service and Beverly Nelson, 303-750-6632 for the 11 am service.

FYI

St Michael's Catholic Mass

St Michael's Catholic Mass will not be resuming Saturday mass at HG until May of 2021. Residents will be notified when they begin.

HG Chapel

Sunday services are in-person and on Zoom. Please send an email to Carolyn Morris at motoringmorris@gmail.com with your name and telephone number requesting Zoom links.

Colonial Williamsburg Foundation

Join the Colonial Williamsburg (CW) Foundation for **US: Past, Present, Future**, an online national conversation that explores the vital intersections of current events, our shared history, and the enduring promises of America.

US: Past, Present, Future will be led by diverse, high-profile speakers. Cornerstone Events will address timely and relevant topics such as the roles of religion, citizenship, and equality in our nationwide community — topics with roots in our past that inform our present and shape our future.

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A full list of US: Past, Present, Future events is below. Additional information and background reading can be found at: <https://www.colonialwilliamsburg.org/learn/us-series/>

- **Saturday, March 20, 4 pm – CW Conversation: A Woman's**

Heather 'n Yon Deadline - 3/17

• Monthly Meetings • Boards and Committees

Listed meetings will be via Zoom
until further notice

- Property Policy – 9:30 am Mon, March 1
- SEC – 1 pm Mon, March 1
- Public Relations – 10 am Tue, March 2
- Personnel Policy – 10 am Fri, March 5
- Campus Tech – 9:30 am Tue, March 9
- Golf – 1 pm Tue, March 9
- ~~Clubhouse/Restaurant – 3 pm Tue, March 9~~ Canceled
- Foundation – 1 pm Wed, March 10
- Budget & Finance – 10 am Mon, March 15
- HGA Board – 1 pm Tue, March 16**
- Resident Open Forum – 3 pm Wed, March 17
- HGMD Board – 1 pm Thu, March 18**
- ACC – 3 pm Thu, March 18
- Maintenance – 10 am Tue, March 23
- Resident Orientation – 10 am Wed, March 24

Place – 18th Century Women in the Evolution of America

- **April 17, 4 pm – Cornerstone Event: What Does Citizenship Mean as an American?**
- **May 15, 4 pm – CW Conversation: United Colonies**
- **June 19 at 4 pm – CW Conversation: Juneteenth**
- **July 17 at 4 pm – CW Conversation: Nation Builders**
- **Aug. 21 at 4 pm – CW Conversation: Business and Politics**
- **Sept. 18 at 4 pm – CW Conversation: Education**
- **Oct. 16 at 4 pm – Cornerstone Event: Are Our Founding Ideals Achievable?**
- **Nov. 20 at 4 pm – CW Conversation: American Indian Heritage Month**
- **Dec. 18 at 4 pm – CW Conversation: Preservation**

Historic Denver

Take a walking tour of historic sites in Denver: LoDo, Capitol Hill, Larimer Square, 16th Street, or The Daniels & Fisher Tower. 303-534-5288 (ext. 7); <https://historicdenver.org/tours-events/walking-tours/>

- Saturday, March 6, 9:30 am–12:30 pm: Organ Tour of Cathedral Basilica of the Immaculate Conception (\$20–25)

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Letters

Heather 'n Yon

Two letters in the February issue of *Heather 'n Yon* contained comments that need clarifying information.

One letter stated: "Directors receive financial summaries, not accounting system reports." Actually, Directors receive monthly financial reports that contain computer-generated reports from both the HGA and HGMD books. The Balance Sheets and Revenue and Expense Statements are prepared in a format similar to that recommended by general accounting principles. A detailed listing of expenses for each HGA department and HGMD enterprise is included. These reports give more detail information than the annual audit report.

The writer complains that directors cannot speak directly to the attorneys. This is true, but attorneys charge for every minute of their time and if 14 directors called the attorneys, the legal bills would be astronomical. Legal questions are to be directed to the Presidents of the Boards who either contact the attorney or ask the GM to do so. HGMD's attorney now attends many of their meetings so that should eliminate a lot of this problem.

One letter states, in part: "Prior to our current GM taking the restaurant in-house..." The GM did not "take the restaurant in-house" — that was the decision of the HGA Board. HGA later transferred the restaurant to

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 4 letters per year, but not in consecutive months.

HGMD with the approval of both boards. The GM's only participation was to follow the directions of the boards.

— Twyla Gaugenmaier
Former HGA President and Treasurer, B204

Heather 'n Yon

You've probably never seen one of these before (photo above)?

It has been a full year since HG Chapel has been able to offer communion due to COVID. During the first week in February, the ceremony was once again shared. This time sanitary, COVID-protected double sealed cups that contained both a communion wafer and the grape juice were used.

These unusual "set-ups" were offered to those attending the service in person at the HG Clubhouse as well as those viewing the service at home on Zoom.

The photo shows my communion set-up that was photographed in front of my computer monitor during the Zoom Communion service with HG Chapel. It displays the first of two seals that cover the communion wafer that sits on top of the sealed grape juice.

Please contact Carolyn Morris, B217, 303-885-7807, if you would like to attend an in-person or Zoom church service. She'll assist you in getting the communion set-up at home if that is your choice

Roxanne Smith
B242

Heather 'n Yon

Having served as a board member and president of a condo board of directors for many years, I speak strongly against hiring an outside company as managers of HG. During those years, my previous home used both options. We had in-house managers three times and outside companies at least four times.

The in-house managers left be-



Above: Communion set-ups combine the wafer on top of the wine in a cup for participants in HG Chapel service.

cause of retirement or illness. One who was an unsuitable hire who was terminated. What we learned is that, with rare exception, the outside manager works first for the agency from which he or she gets their paycheck, not for the association. Period.

The proposal offered by the agency is a beautiful document. It promises services to be provided and the skills to be applied — both are "music to the ear." The reality is different. There is the honeymoon period. Then reality sets in, tapering into an unsatisfactory situation that is tied to a tight contract.

I caution all of you who are somehow entranced by the idea of an external management company — beware! I bought my home in HG largely because of its in-house management. Remember, that HG has a large staff that needs a manager at the top who has their best interests at heart, as well as the best interests of this development. Don't get carried away by this idea of an instant solution that is hollow — a package with a pretty bow, but not much inside.

Isn't there a wisdom saying that says that a person can't work for two masters? It applies here. Should the first concern be Heather Gardens or the agency that the manager works for? Think about it!

— Jan Hixon
CP4

Heather 'n Yon

When I was the Area Representative (2016–17), I had the opportunity to see...
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Letters ...from page 31

tunity to collaborate with the Contracts Department during renovations to our building — the chair rails project.

Recently I again had an opportunity to assist the Contracts Department, specifically Don O’Gorman, when the second floor carpeting was replaced in B203. Kudos to O’Gorman and the Contracts Department for the expertise demonstrated. The company that was under contract to replace the carpet demonstrated superior efficiency, finishing a job well done.

**Judy Boone
B203**

Heather ’n Yon

Ever wish you could enjoy an elegant holiday meal close to home without dealing with driving in traffic, paying for parking and spending a small fortune?

Well, let me tell you about a nearby restaurant and their Valentine dinner. We walked into the dining room to see beautifully set tables with Valentine centerpieces, white tablecloths, and a handful of Hershey’s Kisses sprinkled on colorful heart cutouts. The host lit the candle in the center of the table after he seated us.

Soon after taking our beverage order, an interesting leafy salad was served accompanied with soft bread sticks and whipped butter. This was followed by Carved Beef Tenderloin slices with Bearnaise Sauce, Scalloped Potatoes and Asparagus, all



*Rendezvous’
Valentine’s Day
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beautifully arranged on the plate. And for a perfect ending to the meal, our server brought a stemmed glass with a generous swirl of chocolate mousse topped with a dollop of whipped cream. The cost of this meal was \$20 a plate, plus tax and tip. Wow!

In case you have not guessed it by now, the name of the restaurant is Rendezvous. Be sure to RSVP early for the next special occasion and stop in whenever you can for a first class dining experience — thanks to Cormac, Chef Kevin, Jojo and the rest of the staff.

**Cindy Crockett
CP3**



Heather ’n Yon

Day after day, month after month, Janet and Gita (photo above right) pursue their rounds picking up any trash dropped or blown into HG sidewalks and gutters. They deserve a special “Thanks” for helping to keep HG attractive. Both are residents of HG. They volunteer their time, getting exercise with the endeavor.

**Pat Ove
CP2**



Heather ’n Yon

I wanted to pass on what a few creative individuals have done to our “Christmas” tree for B243. After Christmas the decorations were taken down, the tree became a winter snowflake tree with a lovely white owl on the top.

Then, all of a sudden it was close to Valentine’s Day. It was beautifully decorated with hearts and love.

Of course I can’t forget Saint Paddy’s day that is coming. Voila, it was suddenly a shamrock tree. The building’s only golden retriever, Cooper, agreed to pose with the newest creation.

Who knows what the Easter Bunny will do to the tree? The decorators have gotten many wonderful compliments from residents. All like the way it lifts our spirits.

**Linda Savage
B243**

Right (top to bottom): B243 has kept their tree from Christmas in the center of this Atrium building’s first floor, redecorating it according to the prevalent holiday or season. Cooper, a golden retriever, did not mind posing for the camera. Photos by Linda Savage.



Clubs and Organizations

Please Contact your club representative directly to learn whether your organization has resumed meeting in the Clubhouse or are gathering in an alternative fashion (Zoom meetings). If you want to resume in-person meetings, Clubhouse Manager Linda Aluise has requested that you submit a new request for room and time of your meeting, recognizing that the pandemic guidelines require decontamination of a room after it is used. Rooms may hold no more than 10 people who maintain social distancing. (See page 46.)

Joppa Daylight Lodge AF & AM

All Master Masons living in HG are invited to attend Joppa Daylight Lodge. We meet the first and third Tuesdays of the month at Radiant Temple, 225 Acoma St., Denver. Lunch is at 11:30 am; Lodge is at 12:15 pm.

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

The NoteAbles Mixed Chorus

Without the expressive arts, what and who is going to inspire us? Inspiration is what motivates the NoteAbles. Our purpose is to interpret music and lyrics composed so well that performing them prompts our members and the listeners to think, feel and physically respond in the most natural way. We look forward to reuniting our friendships with the music we enjoy singing.

Everyone needs to be stimulated, motivated, and active in the muse of choice. The NoteAbles choose the muse of good music and lyrics.

CP1

CP1 continues its Zoom happy hours. Virtual get-togethers are at 4 pm on the first and third Wednesdays of the month.

OPOCS Singles Club

Do you need to meet new friends and find new activities? Call JoAnn Cunningham, HG resident, 303-751-5195, and ask to receive the monthly newsletter of A Circle of Friends, the original Ports of Call Singles (OPOCS) club, 60+.

We have social card groups twice

a month: pinochle, bridge and poker. (If you want to learn, we can provide instructors.) Our social director does a great job of finding fun things to do. She is glad to hear suggestions.

Dues are \$30 yearly, and you can attend three events before joining. Believe me: seniors can have fun, too! – JoAnn Cunningham

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Are you ready to stop dieting and start making real changes? TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) can help you reach your weight-loss goals by providing the tools, information, and support that you need to be successful.

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The HG TOPS Club meets 8:30–9:30 am every Thursday, Blue Spruce Room. Both men and women are welcome. Come in around 8:15, so we can say “hi!” For information, contact Bernie Radakovits, 720-397-1388, or visit www.TOPS.org.

HG Breakfast Optimist Club

This club is a service organization that has been part of HG since 1978. The focus of the group is to make a difference in the lives of youth in the local community.

Our current projects include 6th Avenue Elementary School, Pillowcases for Kids, the Salvation Army, Optimist International Oratorical Contest, and Type 1 Diabetes camp. If interested in more information, contact Nikki Tennant, tennantnikki@yahoo.com.

HG Writers Club

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

We meet 1–4 pm every Thursday in a Clubhouse room. Contact Joanne Brand, 303-750-9722, for further information. We look forward to meeting you.

CP4

In-person socials have been postponed during this Pandemic. We may consider Zoom meetings.

Please check your emails and the Bulletin Board for any updates for CP4. Keep safe and wear your mask. – AR Beverly Nelson

Kiwanis Club of Aurora

Kids Need Kiwanis, and Kiwanis Needs You. The Kiwanis Club of Aurora is part of a community-based international service organization whose main focus is making the lives of children in Aurora better.

We have meetings on the first and third Thursday of the month, 6 pm, in the Skyview Room. Optional dinner begins at 5:30 pm in Rendezvous. The fourth Thursday is a service project.

For more information, email us at Kiwanis.auroraco@gmail.com, or call James Martin, president, 720-297-3282. We also are on the web: Aurora-co.kiwanisone.org. Membership is open to all HG and Aurora residents.

American Legion Post 2012

This post meets in HG, 6:30 pm on the first Thursday of the month in the Mountainview Room. We would love to have you join us, helping us help your community grow stronger.

The Legion Family would like to welcome you to join an exciting, patriotic family of great people. The American Legion is about you, and how we can be of service to you. What ideas do you have that we may bring in to your community? If you are interested in learning more about The American Legion, please contact Post Commander Steve Stratton, B204, 720-519-3955.

Men with Purpose

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

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

Heather Gardens Indivisible

The purpose of HG Indivisible is to protect and preserve our democra-

cy by empowering active citizens in taking actions that will impact public policy. We are nonpartisan and inclusive, more issue-oriented rather than candidate-oriented.

Currently, we meet via Zoom on the first and third Fridays of each month at 1 pm, to discuss issues, actions to take and share articles, books, thoughts. Our meetings will be March 5 and 19.

Be sure you are on the email list to get notifications of meetings. You don't have to live in Heather Gardens to join. Call or email Linda Champ at 720-252-7324, lindachamp91@gmail.com. – Linda Champ

Uke Crew

Are you interested in playing a fun instrument — the ukulele — and having a great time singing? The HG Uke Crew is an up-and-coming club. Members get together on the first and third Friday afternoon, 4–5 pm, B218, #407. New members are always welcomed.

All you need is a ukulele, and to be willing to learn and practice the music. Call Darlene Park, 303-798-5088.

Parkinson Support Group

This group meets on the second Tuesday of each month, 1–3 pm in the Aspen Room. Please contact Meredith, 303-731-4620, with questions.

B203, B204, B205 and B206

The four buildings have combined to do a joint happy hour for drinks and dinner, at 5 pm on the second Tuesday of each month, Rendezvous. Contact: Laurel McClaren, 303-337-2685.

HG Aviation Club

The club is not having in-person meetings due to COVID-19, but we are emailing stories, pics, and links to videos on interesting aviation topics. If you would like to join in the fun, give me a call. – Rudy Morris, HG Aviation Club, 303-506-8070.

The Green Team

Gather those old documents from your drawers, closets, and cowboy-storage units. Remove paper clamps or plastic bindings, and throw those papers in boxes. Bring the boxes to The Green Team's 2021 Shred Event. Mark your calendar for Saturday, May 8, starting at 9 am,

continuing until 10:45. Only \$5 a box will clear out your home.

Think of all the space it will afford you! Once again, Heather Gardens Brokers and St. Andrews Village are our co-sponsors. We look forward to seeing you.

Our Zoom meetings are at noon every second Thursday of the month. If you would like to join us March 11, please call 303-306-0066 for information. – Wendy Pfaffhausen

RV Lot Club

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

We meet the second Thursday of each month, 5–6 pm, in the Arts & Craft Room. For information, please contact Forrest McClure, 720-979-4707, or Paul Spoutz, 303-564 1877. Happy trails and safe travels!

Birding Nature Club

The club meets at 1 pm on the second Friday, via Zoom. To join this meeting, send email to Tom Reeber, treeber48@gmail.com.

Karaoke Club

During COVID, the Karaoke Club gatherings are TBA. For information, call Paul Spoutz, 303-564-1877, or email pspoutz@aol.com.

Women with Dreams

We meet on the second Saturday of each month, 2–4 pm, in the Mountainview Room. – Charlotte Haymore

Photo Club

The club meets 3 pm on the third Monday, via Zoom. Anne Hummel-Gillis will send out the email invitation to attend the meeting.

All are welcome to join us, to discuss your photos, and how we can improve our techniques with our photography. If you want to sit in and join our club, send your request to anne@hummelgillis898.com for an email invitation.

B201 and B202

B201 and B202 hold a combined social at Rendezvous on the third Tuesday of each month, 4–6 pm, for drinks and/or dinner – Nancy Grossman, 714-470-5660.

CP3

The CP3 Social is held the third Wednesday each month, 5:30 pm, in the Rendezvous. We order off the menu. – Robin O'Meara

Wine & Cheese Social Club

We meet on the third Saturday, 3–5 pm, in the Aspen/Blue Spruce Room. Everyone is welcome.

Bring a bottle of wine and a snack. Enjoy socializing with other HG neighbors. Entertainment is provided. If you have a talent you want to share, we invite you to join in. – Debbie Brooks, 303-923-3809.

SRA

The Seville Recreational Association meets the fourth Monday of every month, 10 am, in a different Seville building each month. For information: Byron Macdonald, B232.

HG Republicans

The HG Republican Club is an organization of "CHOICE." The events of 2020 have brought to the forefront the importance of our American core principles: Choice versus Control. Choice acknowledges freedoms — of speech, individual rights, to peacefully assemble, to bear arms, to worship freely, and much more.

The HG Republican Club has narrowed these core principles into one line, one standard, one word — Choice. We value choices that ensure preservation our God-given, constitutional liberties.

We have selected speakers that support our vision, and invite you to join a growing group of concerned Americans who are working in HG and our local community to share our club's message. Please join us on Tuesday, March 23.

Speaker: Dick Wadham

Topic: GOP — Past, Present, and Future! Q&A to follow Wadham's presentation.

Time: 1:30–3 pm

Location: Zoom Meeting

(See below for more information)

Dick Wadham is a familiar figure, not only in Colorado, but the nation. He has served in multiple capacities, from being the youngest elected Republican chairperson at age 18, to campaigning for various people running for office, Governor Bill Owens being one. Currently, Wadham appears on Channel 4 as the Republican voice in elections, and writes

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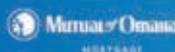
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Sports and Recreation

The Clubhouse continues reopening, with some recreational areas again available for use. A number of Sports and Recreational groups have resumed meeting, often outdoors, with strict limits on number of participants, and – often – by reservation only. With specific questions, please call the representative for each sport or activity directly.

Men's Bridge

This group meets every Monday, 11:30 am–2:30 pm, in the Skyview Room. Call Maris Kuga, 720-748-0590.

Men's Poker

We welcome all interested men poker players to join us at our regular poker sessions. On Monday and Wednesday of each week, we play Texas Hold 'em in the Blue Spruce Room. Ladies are invited to join us at the Wednesday sessions.

On Fridays, we play friendly, small-stakes poker, in the Skyview Room, usually including a variety of "dealers choice" games. All play is 5–9 pm. Call Larry Hill, 720-272-7765, or Milt Merrick, 303-829-7188.

Mah Jongg

We meet 12:30–4 pm every Monday, Blue Spruce Room, except the third Monday of each month, when the VNA has Blue Spruce. Then we meet in the Arts & Crafts Room, where three card tables are set up for us. You must have the latest Mah Jongg League card. We play for a maximum of \$3 — bring your nickels, dimes and quarters. All HG players are welcome. For information: Bobbie Klapp, 520-743-6849.

Ping Pong

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

Pinochle

Evening Pinochle meets 6:30–9:30 pm Monday nights in the Mountainview Room. For information, call

Ann Gagliardi, 303-332-2163.

Afternoon Pinochle meets Wednesdays, 1:30–3:30 pm, Mountainview Room. We only play for fun and entertainment. With questions, call Diane, 707-799-6449.

Pickleball

Please Note: this is very important. Right now, the Clubhouse is slowly opening, and some activities are beginning. Even though we are still going through the pandemic of the COVID-19 virus, and there is a vaccine, Pickleball is taking place with new strict rules that will need to be followed.

There now is a new online reservation system to get a time to play Pickleball, called Court Reserve. You will need to create an account.

Before playing, you also need to have signed the HG COVID Release form. This is in the event we have to do contact tracing when someone tests positive for COVID-19.

To find out the March times to play Pickleball outdoors on the HG Tennis Courts, get on Phil Hughes' email list at phdenver@comcast.net. He sends an email several times a week with the days and times the group will be playing, based on the weather.

All courts are available and reservations must be made per the Clubhouse policy. We will also play indoors when there is available time and the clubhouse allows it.

Since we have Pickleball players at all skill levels of play, our players have been able to choose playing "gentle" Pickleball with players of a similar skill level on one court, and those more advanced can play with the "competitive" Pickleball players. Of course, everyone is welcome to play on any of the courts where they feel comfortable.

We hope to have Pickleball lessons again this spring. For more info on Pickleball, visit our web page at: <https://plaidflannel.com/pickleball/lessons.html>.

If you want to learn more about Pickleball, or get on the roster, call Rosalie, 303-751-1226, or contact Phil Hughes by email, phdenver@comcast.net.

Fun (Gals) Golf

Fun Golf @ Heather Gardens will resume Tuesday, April 6. Fun Golf is not a league, so has no dues, no pressure, no handicaps, no full-round scoring, and no judgments, just golfing for fun.

Fun Golf requires you to act. You must call HG Golf Shop to sign up for the days and times you wish to play. Call 303-751-2390: when the message starts — press 1; when they answer, specify you would like to play Fun Golf and sign-up for the day(s) and time(s) you wish to play.

FUN GOLF tee times are 9 am, 9:12 and 9:24 on Tuesday and/or Thursday mornings, starting April 6.

Our start times will move earlier as the golf season progresses. We can look forward to "socially distancing" after golf, on the Rendezvous patio, weather and COVID-19 restrictions permitting.

If you have further questions, please contact Linda Hileman, via email at Lshileman1958@gmail.com or call 303-514-5379. Please leave a voice mail or send a text.

Hand and Foot

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

Mah Jongg

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

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

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

Billiard Club

The members of the HG Billiard Club will continue with tournaments as soon as the Clubhouse opens again for play. We will play Co-ed 8-Ball on Tuesdays at 7 pm. A Men's group plays 9-Ball on Thursdays at 7 pm. Please contact Rita Cusack, 720-535-8637, or Connie Burns, 303-695-0766.

Ladies Golf Club

The official start of play for the

HG Ladies Golf League is just a few weeks away, and the board is working hard to ensure that the season is both safe and successful. Due to COVID restrictions, the annual membership meeting, which had been scheduled for March 3, has been cancelled.

The final calendar of 2021 tournament dates and social activities is still in development. It will be published when completed. Dates that are firm at this point include:

- March 10: Resident dues of \$45 must be paid if players want to be included in the league's golf directory. The money can be dropped off in the Pro Shop. Please mark the envelope "Attention Mary Jo Prichard." If any of your information has changed, please download a membership application from the HGLGC website and include it with your payment.
- April 7: Pre-season play begins.
- May 5: Formal league play begins.
- Sept. 29: Formal league play ends.

All women who are interested in league play are invited to join HGLGC, regardless of skill level. Detailed information and membership applications are available at the HG Pro Shop or on the website, www.heathergardensladiesgolfclub.com.

The next HGLGC board meeting will be Wednesday, March 31. The time and location have not yet been determined. All members are welcome.

Golf Simulator. If a lack of playing time over the winter has impacted your game, you might want to try the Pro Shop's golf simulator. The cost is

\$20 an hour for residents, and \$30 an hour for non-residents. To make a reservation, call the Pro Shop, 303-751-2390.

Golf Trivia: The earliest known hole-in-one was recorded by "Young Tom" Morris in the 1868 British Open. It was 145 yards.

The longest recorded hole-in-one in golf history was made by a man named Mike Crean. In 2002, Crean made an ace on the 517-yard 9th hole at Green Valley Ranch Golf Club — right here in Colorado.

The longest hole-in-one on the PGA Tour came from Andrew Magee in 2001. It was historic for two reasons. One, because it set the record for the longest hole-in-one, and two, because it was the first and only hole-in-one on a par 4 in tour history. It occurred on the 332-yard 17th hole at TPC Scottsdale. — Suzi Stolte, Publicity Chair

HG ACBL Duplicate Bridge

This club plays 1 pm Wednesdays in the Blue Spruce Room. Help setting up is appreciated, so come early. For more information, call Merrily VanZevern, 720-282-3199, or John Osterberg, 720-535-1038. For partnership information, call Linda Harder, 303-369-2032.

Square Dancing

All Square Dancing has been postponed during this Pandemic. We hope to start again sometime in 2021. If you have any questions, feel free to call Beverly Nelson, 303-750-6632.

Bunko

Bunko is played 1–3:30 pm on the first and third Thursdays of each

month in the Blue Spruce Room. For information: Debbie Brooks, 303-923-3809.

Thursday Open Bridge Club

The club will not be meeting until social distancing is no longer required, to protect us from spreading COVID-19. A new leader is needed. Please call Freddie Schroeder, 303-437-4255, to volunteer.

Tennis Club

We are back on the courts, when weather allows. Call Wendy, 303-306-0066, for information.

Men's Golf Club

Hello Fellow Golfers: the new year is here, and our thoughts are turning to the coming golf season. If you are an existing member, you were sent the 2021 membership application via email. I encourage you to get it filled out and returned to the Golf Pro Shop ASAP. If you are new to the HG community, there are application forms at the Golf Pro Shop.

We will start our season late in April and play well into October – Ed Bradley

500 Club

We want you! Do you like to play cards with a fun, easy-going group of people? Then you must join us for 500. We play at 1 pm every Friday in the Skyview Room. Don't know the game? It's easy to learn, and we are happy to teach. See you Friday! Linda Serio, 303-368-8123.

Mexican Train Dominoes

We play noon–4 pm every Saturday, Arts & Crafts Room. Games start at noon and at 2 pm. — Donna Hudziak, 303-833-3115.

It is not every day that friends and fellow-golfers of the "old guard" walk over to a member's home to surprise her by singing, "Happy Birthday." But then, it is not every day that this golfer turns 90 years old! Georgia Ptacek (below) was pleasantly surprised on Jan. 29.



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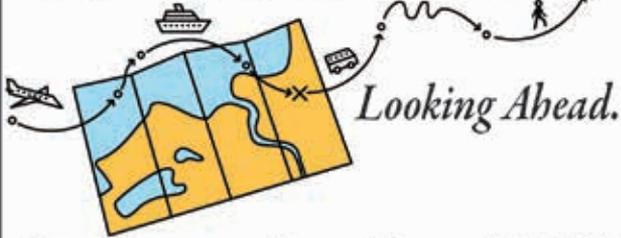
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- Monday, March 1, 7 pm: Melody Epperson Studio Tour
- Thursday, March 4, 7-8:30 pm: Empowered by Place is a conversation about how Denver's historic places play an important role in our present. (Free, donations accepted)
- Monday March 8, 7 pm: Women's Suffrage Tour (\$9)
- Thursday, March 18, 7-9 pm: 1340 Penn/After Hours: The Jig is Up (\$17)

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HG Democratic Club

The club meets the fourth Tuesday of every month. Our next meeting will be March 23, 4–5 pm, via Zoom. A link will be sent in the newsletter prior to the meeting. We have interesting speakers, including candidates and elected officials, who keep us updated on local, state and federal issues. You don't have to live in HG to join in. – Marty Karnopp, Chair, 303-353-9640, mjkarnopp@gmail.com.

HG Grief Support

Our support group is here to help those who have lost a loved one. We offer eight-week structured sessions in the spring and in the fall. We com-

bine an educational and supportive approach with the focus on healthy grieving and coping with your loss.

Normally, we would meet from 4–6 pm for eight weeks on Tuesdays at the Clubhouse. If we continue to have the COVID virus restrictions, we will meet virtually and still be able to give the support you need.

Contact either Joanne Brand, 303-750-9722, or Marcie Jordon, 303-805-1881, for more information. Please leave a message if we are unable to answer. We are there to help you. – Joanne Brand

Sevillians

The Sevillians monthly social is held the fourth Wednesday of the month, at 5 pm, in the Banquet Room. This is a great opportunity to meet other Seville residents, and hear the latest Seville happenings from a member of the SRA Board.

A sign-up sheet is posted in the mailroom of each building. – Patt Clark

Caregivers Support Group

This group meets on the last Tuesday of the month, 7–8:30 pm, in the Aspen Room; however, as long

as the Clubhouse is closed, we will not be meeting. Online resources are available at Alz.org.

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

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From HG Clubhouse Manager Linda Aluise: The Clubhouse started offering a handful of classes: Spanish, Creative Clay, Line Dance, Tap Dance, Glass Fusion, Knitting & Crochet, and Quilting. I expect to add more classes as the pandemic in Colorado diminishes. Class size is limited. Registration is required on a monthly basis, starting on the 15th for the following month.

The Clubhouse is open to enjoy a cup of coffee. Computers are now available in the lobby for residents to use. Watch for more openings during March.

Clubs! As the Clubhouse starts to open and you would like to schedule your club for meeting space, please do not assume you have the same space and time for your meeting. All clubs need to contact the Clubhouse Manager to complete a room request form. Due to additional cleaning/disinfecting, times may change. Only 10 people or fewer can be in a room at any one time. Social distancing (six feet between people who are not roommates) needs to be in place. All clubs will need to present a plan on how their club will handle COVID-19 restrictions. Please bring hand sanitizer and disinfectant wipes for your group to use.

Help us to help you! As you may know, the Clubhouse closes the fitness center and swimming pool for a half hour between time slots to clean/disinfect. The staff has 20 minutes to disinfect the fitness room, swimming pool area, and two locker rooms.

When additional areas are opened, staff will need to clean these areas as well. We would like to remind everyone to please be as swift as you can when changing and using the locker rooms. If you are in the locker room when staff cleans, they need to return and clean the area you were in. This increases the time they are spending and delaying entry for the next group that checks in. It's a domino effect.

The Clubhouse staff is dedicated to disinfecting the areas. However, they need your help to keep on schedule — so it can be cleaned efficiently. Your cooperation is appreciated.

Active Minds: Germany

Wednesday, March 10, 2 pm, via Zoom

Germany is the most populous country in the European Union (EU) and is the EU's largest economy. Since the debt crisis of 2008, Germany has adopted a dominant position as a de facto leader of the EU. Now, with long-time Chancellor Angela Merkel not seeking re-election and the EU's second largest economy (the UK) on its way out the door, Germany is at a crossroads. These circumstances, combined with a resurgent German far-right and the

Coronavirus pandemic, place Germany in uncertain territory. Join Active Minds as we discuss Germany's tumultuous history and nebulous future. This program is being brought to you by Heather Gardens, Garden Plaza of Aurora, Cherry Creek Retirement Village, Springbrooke Senior Living, Five Star Residences of Dayton Place, and Active Minds®.

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Thursday March 11, 2 pm, via Zoom.

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Irish Spring with Kathleen Arnold

Thursday, March 18, 2 pm, Sandberg Auditorium
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A bit of rich Irish History, Mystery and Myths program presented by Kathleen Arnold. There once was a girl named Kathleen, who, on March 18 should really be seen, talkin' blarney and history, With a wee bit o' mystery.....so put on your Orange or your Green!

Mobile Food Pantry

Thursday, April 8, 10 am–noon, Parking Lot B250

In response to COVID-19, the city of Aurora, in partnership with SECORCares, is working to launch a mobile food pantry for seniors. There is no cost for the food. Sample food may include but is not limited to: rice, beans or pasta, cereal /oatmeal, various canned non perishables, 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

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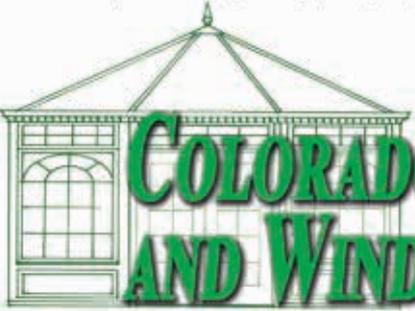
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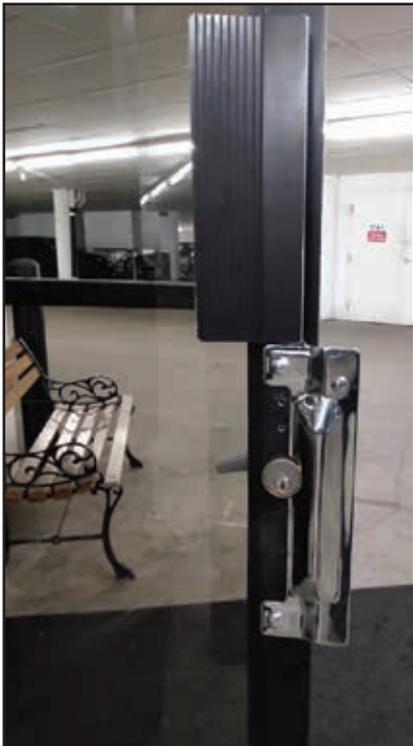
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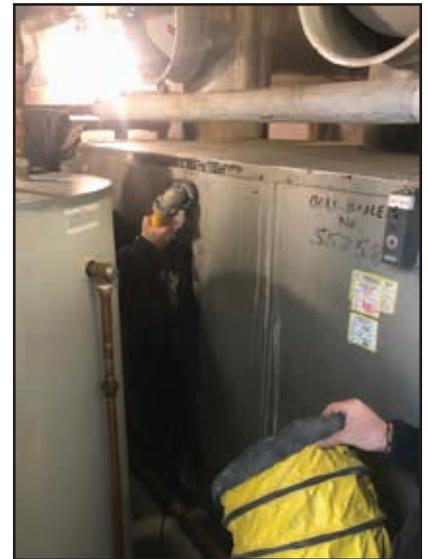
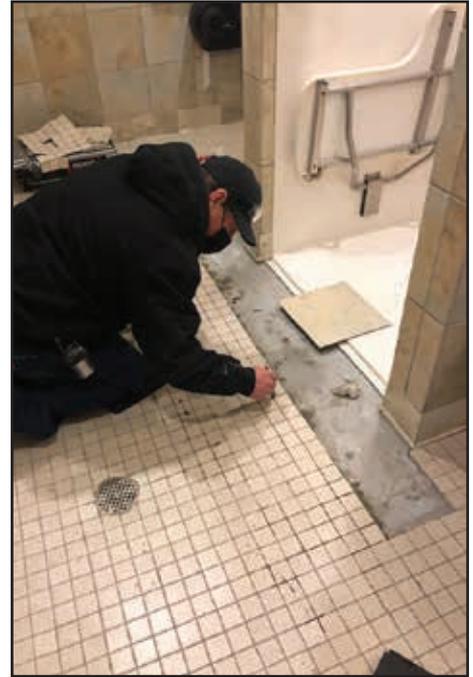
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Crandall...from page 11

side-by-side on the deck of the USS Missouri looking out over Pearl Harbor as I broadcast the morning show from there for the 60th anniversary, just three months after 9/11.

The year before I broadcast from the American Cemetery at Normandy above Omaha Beach as we kicked off a year-long tribute to Colorado's WW2 generation. It was there the idea for the Colorado Freedom Memorial was born.

I am certain God put me on KEZW when he did so I could give voice to that generation as they started telling their stories.

We did it at Regis University for 20-years with Stories from Wartime, another of the highlights of my career. We did it on the air. It was one of the biggest honors of my life to be trusted by WW2 veterans to help them share their stories. Now that most of them are gone, I bear the responsibility proudly of being a keeper of their history so it isn't forgotten.

WE kept big band music alive and well in Denver through the 1990s and on the air until the very end, longer than any other major market radio station. Dean Bushnell, Gordon Dooley, and Stephen Paul were kind enough to teach me so much about the music. Ron Cope, Hot Tomato's Dance Orchestra, was kind enough to share stories that gave me great insight.

WE continued a tradition of ra-

dio, old school radio, that many of my radio heroes started over the years. They were mentors and listeners. Bob Martin, Gene Amole, Pete Smythe, Russ Scott (Blinky), Stormy Rottman, Merwin Smith, John Rayburn and Don Johnson all shaped who I was on the air and what I valued. Our times at the Wellshire Inn often reminded me of them and old school radio.

WE cared for Colorado's veterans long before it was the popular thing to do. I was 34 when I walked in the door and didn't have a lot in common with the KEZW listener except for serving in the military. It became our connection.

For years I MC'd Denver's Memorial Day and Veteran's Day Parades, the Gold Star Tree Lighting at the State Capitol, The Veteran's Salute in Aurora, and many, many other veteran's events and activities.

And there is what I hope will be our legacy — the Colorado Freedom Memorial.

None of this happens without immense help. I had it from the best in the business. Pat McNulty is as good a friend as I have. ...The most amazing support staff ever. I can't begin to name them without fear of forgetting someone. I will say Tina, Jess, Scott, Shorty and Nancy Martin mean the world to me. Sean Carroll and Pete Chamberlain were the sons I never had.

Finally — you. All of you who ever turned on the radio to be part of

the Breakfast Club family, thank you. There are no words that can describe the feelings I have for all of you and the tremendous hole in my heart knowing I won't be able to start every day with you. We've been through a lot — you and me. Traveled a lot, loved a lot, laughed a lot, cried a lot, prayed a lot, hoped a lot, and helped each other a lot.

We got through Columbine, 9/11, the Aurora Theatre Shooting and this pandemic together. Whenever there was fear and anxiety, we knew to get closer and help each other through it. I hope you'll never forget just how lucky we were to share these years and how blessed we were to have station owners that let us do what we did for so long.

Now, I'm going to take a couple weeks for Diane and me to figure out what the next 30 years look like. My radio career is over and I'm at peace with that. However I'll still be working on the Colorado Freedom Memorial and staying engaged in other ways. I know we'll still see one another. Just know how much I love each of you.

Maybe, just because, I'll post on this page [in Facebook] every morning, "if no one has said it to you yet, let me be the first to wish you a good morning."

I leave you with this: take care of one another...it's a little rough around the edges. Yeah...it was amazing!!!

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Blackballed by my wine club

by Mary Hafka

As I emerge from quarantine to write this column, it's enlightening to reflect on how life has changed over the past year. These days, I don't dress up much. I will put in a pair of earrings, if I have a Zoom meeting. This is more effort than it sounds — my ear holes have closed up from disuse.

I have a small, but substantial collection of sweatpants, which is about all I wear these days. They are laundered frequently, as I wear them in a strict rotation. I only put on a proper pair of slacks if venturing out to the grocery store or to a doctor's appointment.

Having groceries delivered is an option that doesn't require changing clothes. It has been a learning experience, though, as much for me as for Instacart shoppers. I sort of got the hang of ordering items that don't require much in the way of the proxy shopper having to read my undeniably higgledy-piggledy mind.

It's worked pretty well, if you don't count the time I got a new-trainee shopper, Nigel. He substituted a lot of items for other ones he couldn't find on the store shelves. I received two cans of black beans during this delivery, which bore no resemblance to anything I had ordered. To this day, I can't figure out what those were substitutions for.

Two weeks later, I got Nigel again. He was a lot better the second time. I guess Nigel gained a wealth of experience during that fortnight. (Fun fact: fortnight is an old English term, *fēowertyne niht*, meaning fourteen nights.)

I've encountered an array of other interesting experiences, due to having stuff delivered. I joined a wine club, then dropped out of it, when I got tired of sitting near the front door all day, waiting for the deliveries. A person over 21 has to sign for it, when it's alcohol.

That relationship ended amicably. We kissed goodbye, via email, wished one another well, and that was the end of my wine club membership...

...or would have been, if I hadn't gotten too fond of the wine-delivery experience. I saw another offer for a case of wine, from a different distributor, and blithely ordered it. I didn't notice that, by so doing, I was joining another wine club. When I tried to quit the second club membership, I became entangled in a locked-horn battle that would have frightened a herd of rutting elk.

I let the membership run a few months, and — at first — all was well. Then the customer service began to slip a bit. One shipment never arrived, because — I was told — it was damaged. It took the local distributor forever to replace that collection (nearly a month). It took so long that I received that shipment and a second shipment the same day. I then had enough wine to open Mary's Wine Bar, Chez CP6.

Only one problem — in the second crate of wine, a bottle was missing. The gaping hole in the center of the grid stared at me like an empty eye socket.

Having just spent a month getting my "damaged" shipment replaced, I now pursued getting my missing bottle of wine delivered. That event was scarcely in the rearview mirror when another month rolled around again. This time, the crate had two empty eye sockets among the contents.

The FedEx deliverer pointed out the omission before I'd even opened the crate. Clearly marked on the side of the box, in black Sharpie, was 10/12, which — Mr. FedEx assured me — meant he'd be coming back with two more bottles of wine.

Except he didn't. Once more, I asked my wine club how they intended to make this right. Their

answers were slow to come, and only addressed when I pounded repeatedly on their virtual email door. I quit that wine club and received an email confirmation about the severing of our oenological relationship. Only one problem — the wine just kept coming.

This adventure started to feel like an old "I Love Lucy" segment, where Lucy works on a chocolate assembly line. She can't keep up with the array of candy thundering towards her. I had bottles of wine cascading on me from all sides.

Although FedEx isn't allowed to simply dump the delivery on my front porch — without obtaining a signature — they did, twice. The second time, I had intended to send the delivery back, hoping the wine company would finally believe that we were through. But I never got the chance, because I found the crate of wine resting companionably on my front-porch bench. The refusing-the-delivery ship had sailed.

(Actually *Heather 'n Yon* Editor Lynn Donaldson discovered the crate of wine on my front porch, when bringing me some mail, and advised that I'd better grab the box before porch pirates stole it. At that point, I would have helped the porch pirates carry it to their car.)

I entertained the dilemma of this relationship gone bad. My wine club just couldn't quit me.

I hated to refuse to pay for the wine, because after dragging it off the front porch and into the house, I fully intended to use it. It didn't seem honest to keep the wine and not pay for it. But I worried that if I kept paying for it, they'd just keep sending it. In response to my screams for attention, I received a robo-email from the wine club, saying I would get a more definitive email from customer service within 24 hours. That was 10 weeks ago — or five fortnights — and I'm still waiting.

They seemed to have finally got my membership canceled, though. So I'm not looking a gift horse in the mouth. I didn't get billed for the last shipment. Anyway, I'm thinking about switching to tequila.

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