



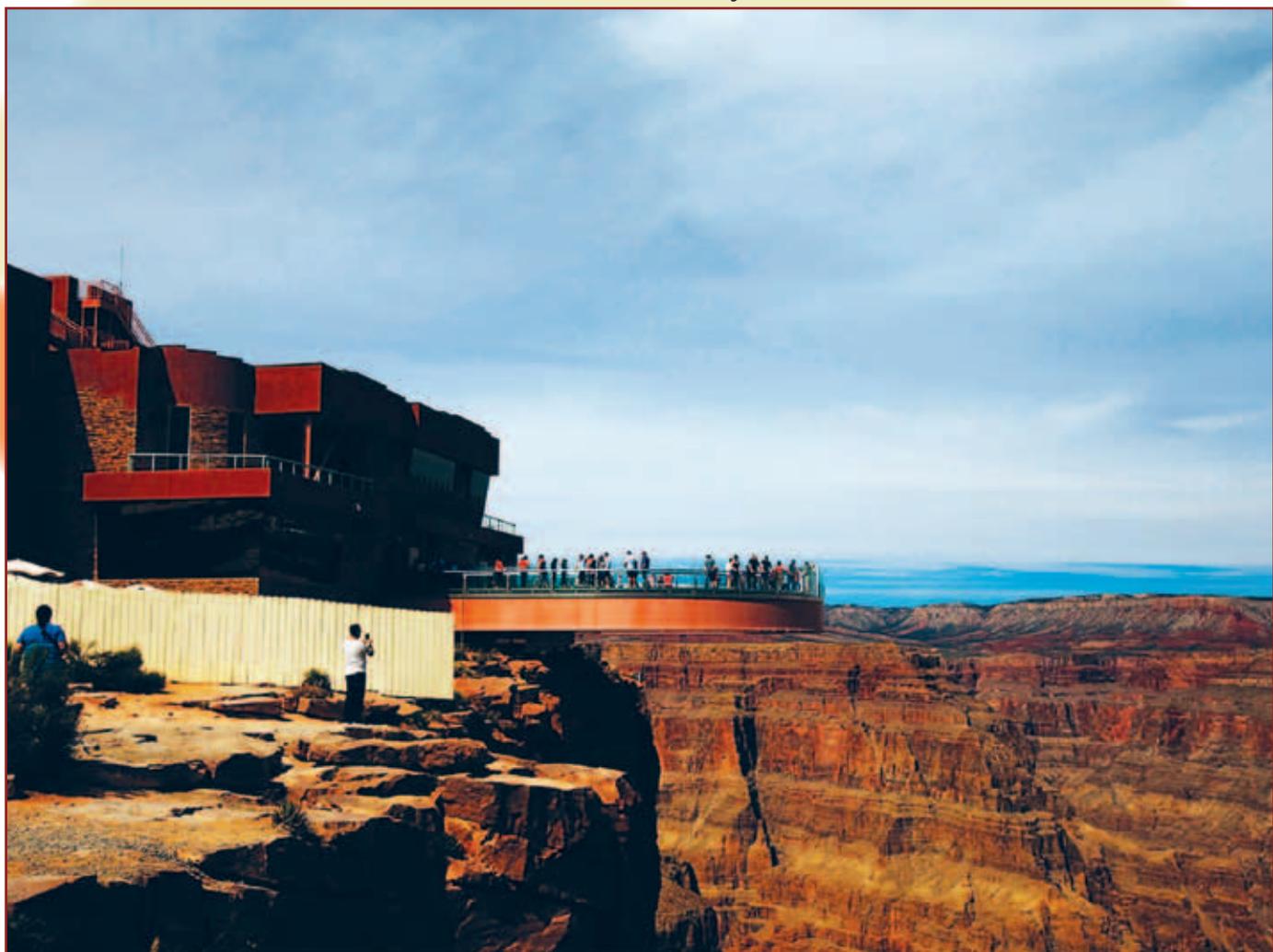
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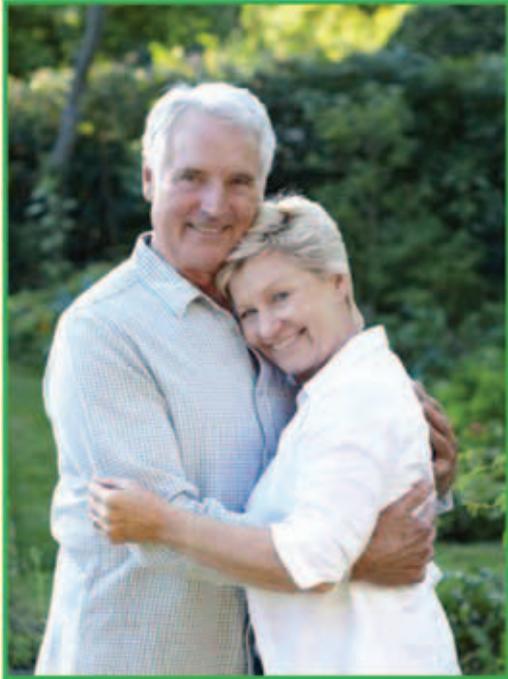


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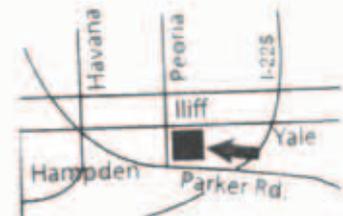


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HGA audit accepted sight unseen, CTC picks Comcast for HGNet

The April 12 meeting of the HGA Board of Directors convened in the Banquet Room. Eight directors attended. Because Treasurer Bruce Jones died between the March and April board meetings, his position is open. HGA President Winnie Jennings chaired the Budget and Finance Committee (B&F) meeting on April 11, in place of Jones.

(On April 6, an email blast to registered HG residents announced the board vacancy, asking for applications to fill the open position. The deadline to self-nominate was April 29. Because this date is prior to publication date for this newsmagazine, *Heather 'n Yon* is not repeating that announcement.)

Director Kay Sawyer moved that the board accept the 2015 audit by Rubin Brown LLP. Director Kathy Buhrman remarked she hadn't seen it. Controller Su Chae acknowledged that all board members had not received a copy. The auditors had outlined their report to the B&F on the previous day. Some directors attended that meeting.

"Can we accept it, if we haven't seen it?" Buhrman asked. The answer was yes: the board voted unanimously to accept the 2015 audit.

The board approved a Procedure Memorandum for the committee it created last month, the Emergency Preparedness Committee (see sidebar). Another agenda item, Transition Plans for Security Subcommittee, was not taken up by the board, although it had been discussed at the Civic Affairs Committee in April — how to separate or combine the functions of the Emergency Preparedness Committee and the Security Subcommittee.

The board approved applying surplus 2015 maintenance revenues over expenditures to Capital Reserves, to build up this fund. The amount to be added, as told to the B&F Committee was less than \$200,000, according to Controller Su Chae. Ideally, the Capital Reserve Account should have \$10–15 million. It has only \$2.4 million. Surplus 2015 rev-

enues from gas and electric, water and insurance will be refunded to homeowners.

The board approved a recommendation from the Campus Technology Subcommittee (CTC) of the Structure Maintenance Committee, to negotiate a contract with Comcast for bulk services to HG residents for television

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New HGA committee's purpose

At its March meeting, the HGA Board of Directors approved creating a new committee, Emergency Preparedness. In April, the board approved the Procedure Memorandum (PM), Standards and Procedures, for the committee. (Available on www.heathergardens.org)

The Emergency Preparedness Committee's purpose is to identify potential emergencies that result from weather, or other factors, which would disrupt normal functions of HG. Director Michael Lickteig is the committee chair. From the PM:

1. Connect and coordinate with other emergency preparedness agencies at all levels of the government.
2. Maintain liaison with these agencies whose plans may affect HG and convey to those agencies the views and concern of the HGA.
3. Report to the Board of Directors information collected.
4. Provide recommendations to the Board such as
 - a. Presentations to residents for emergency preparedness
 - b. Management and staff responsibilities during an emergency
 - c. Budget considerations
5. Cooperate and communicate with other committees that may be affected.
6. Integrate emergency preparedness procedures with security, maintenance, clubhouse, ARO, etc.
7. Create a historical record of past emergency events for evaluation.
8. Evaluate the potential risks within HG such as fire alarm systems.
9. Evaluate a response to an extended electrical outage.
10. Investigate early warning emergency communications.
11. Investigate community resources for mental health issues and community lifestyle.



Left: Monthly, the legislators who represent HG in Colorado's government visit to provide an update, hear your concerns, or answer your questions. On April 20, the group was animated about the bills passed and those still pending as the General Assembly comes to an end, scheduled to adjourn on May 11. From left: Senator Nancy Todd, Senator Linda Newell, Representative Daniel Kagan and Representative Jovan Melton. At least one (or more) of these legislators will be back on the third Wednesday in May (18) to summarize what was accomplished in the 70th General Assembly. Photo by Anne Hummel-Gillis.

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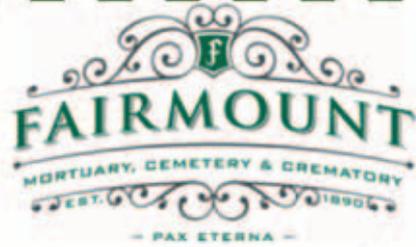
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Campus Technology update: HGNet

The HGA Campus Technology Committee (CTC) has arrived at a recommendation that has been approved by supervisory oversight members (Structure Maintenance Committee, Budget & Finance Committee, HGA Board).

HG Contracts Department and a management team will work to final-

ize contract terms with Comcast for Double Play bulk pricing for 220+ channels of TV programming (their Digital Preferred package) with 75 Mbps broadband internet service for all HG residents who reserve the service.

Assuming 65 percent resident participation, the cost per user will be

\$97.30 + tax or lower. "Voice Saver" Telephone can be added for \$19.99.

Your building or area can request a presentation from a CTC member. Have your AR call 303-755-0652. (See insert in this issue of *Heather 'n Yon.*)

Bruce Henson
CTC Chair, STH

Reducing landfill garbage by recycling

Our earth needs your help to be as thoughtful to her as we are to each other.

The Green Team mission statement, which has been and will continue to be a top priority, states: "Promote a positive environmental legacy." The following is food for thought. This is the life of your trash in a landfill.

Plastic bottle*	450 years
Aluminum can*	200-500 years
Milk carton*	5 years
Orange peel	2 years
Diapers	500 years
Leaves	1-3 months
Nylon	30-40 years

Paper*	6 months
Styrofoam	Never
Plastic bags	20-50 years

(*These items can currently be disposed of, using Waste Management's recycle program.)

The green team is currently working on the HG Clubhouse to minimize its styrofoam use as this column is published.

You can help — yep, you! Those plastic bags from the store can be re-used or returned to the original stores for re-use. The maintenance building will also accept them for the animal refuse locations in HG. Please check for tears and holes.

Think about investing in cloth bags for your shopping. There are a lot of websites that sell cotton bags that are washable and last forever. You may also purchase bags at your local grocery stores at a reasonable price.

If you have questions or concerns, please contact anyone in the group. The next meeting of the Green Team will be noon Thursday, May 12, in the Skyview Room. Everyone is welcome to come.

Contact for the "Green Team" is Wendy, 303 587-9797.

— **Joan Cotey**

HG website is useful to you

Living in a large and diverse community like Heather Gardens (HG) involves some regulation and cooperation, which in turn involves making information about its structure and operation available to both long-time residents and those still unpacking boxes.

After the initial newcomer orientation, there will be times when residents may need to find accurate information about specific rules or general policies. The first place to look is the Resident Handbook, a comprehensive collection of governing guidelines and practices, along with specific rules and procedures for the community. For questions related

to specific living areas, each building or neighborhood has an Area Representative (AR) who is a member of the larger Area Representative Organization that is charged with providing current information to residents in their area.

Additional information for residents can be found at the HG website (heathergardens.org). Click on the "Sign In" tab in the top right corner, then create a user name and password that allows access to resident information such as committee reports, activities and news.

The "Resource Center" section includes general information about HG, past and present com-

mittee reports, contracts, past issues of *Heather 'n Yon* and a listing of current activities. The "Home" pull-down menu includes the "News" section and a recent addition called "Happenings," which provides summaries of board and committee reports.

Another new addition to the website is the Frequently Asked Questions section ("Community FAQ") in which General Manager Calvin Eddy-White answers questions he receives that are of general interest to the community.

— **Kay Sawyer, Chair**
Communications Committee

Finances soundly controlled at HG, say auditors

At a special meeting on March 28, the HGMD Board of Directors convened to work on a draft of revised by-laws for the board. All directors attended the meeting.

One change included designating directors who were not officers of the board as assistant secretaries, with signing authority on the board. The change would put the board's makeup for its five directors at a president, treasurer, secretary, and up to two assistant secretaries.

Other changes included establishing minimums and maximums for membership on each HGMD committee; adding a provision that an executive summary will accompany each HGMD budget; and changing all designations of "HGA" in the bylaws to the word, "agent." In addition, the changes clarified that no sitting member of the HGA or Seville Recreational Association board may serve on the HGMD, nor may more than one elector from any unit/executive unit, or an elector's relative, serve on the HGMD Board.

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The bylaws amendments were approved at the April 14 regular meeting of the HGMD Board. All directors attended the meeting.

Two representatives of the Rubin Brown accounting firm presented results of the 2015 audit to the board. Two results that the audit presented, they reported, were, 1) HGMD assets decreased, on paper, by \$108,000, mostly due to the restaurant's losses being absorbed by HGMD, and 2) the financial-control environment at HG, its boards and business office, is very sound. The board voted to accept the audit.

President Ed Kurtz reported that both HG boards jointly met with representatives from the City of Aurora. The city approved traffic-calming measures, to address the effects the Iliff Light Rail Station and the apartment complex on the north side of Yale Avenue will have on HG — to the tune of \$200,000–\$250,000.

The amount is in addition to the \$78,000 already pledged to HG by the apartment-complex developer, Steelwave. The city also approved a traffic-warrant study, to be conducted this spring, or later, after school lets out.

The board approved entering an agreement with TeeSnap, a company to furnish all of the hardware — including iPads, to replace the cash register — required to run a golf-course on-line tee-time-booking system, with training. TeeSnap would furnish credit card processing, and charge a fee ½ of 1 percent higher than HG currently is paying in the Pro Shop. At the current figures, it would cost HG about \$1,000 per year for the software, equipment and support.

The agreement included TeeSnap's assistance in setting up a golf-course website. Services included gen-

erating an electronic daily-golf-play report, which could be accessed remotely by the Management Office.

The approval included rescinding an earlier motion, from the March board meeting, to sign a 38-month contract with EasyLink, for similar services. Directors objected, in part, to the length of EasyLink's contract as well as its costs. TeeSnap requires no long-term contract, and is less expensive.

Approving the software system was the only approval, that day, from four motions made pertaining to the golf course. The board rejected motions to install memorial statues of a female and male golfer, near the putting green, to honor golfers, past and present; to grant HG resident golfers age 90 and older two free rounds of golf per month (despite the argument made that 90-year-old golfers would almost certainly bring in other paying golfers, to play with them, and probably would rent an electric golf car); and to raise the greens fees in essentially all categories, resident and non-resident.

(The timing of the fee-increase proposal was unusual, given that the 2016 fiscal year is almost half over. The golf-fee increase could be revisited in several months, when work on the 2017 budget begins.)

The board approved a proposal to amend the 2016 budget, increasing capital outlay by \$93,000; to lower election expense by \$7,000, because the HGMD May board election has been cancelled; and to reallocate funds held in Zion Bank. The amendments will not change existing 2016 fees.

Amend budget

A public hearing on the amendment will be at 1 pm Thursday, May 5, in the Board Room, to elicit public comment. Following such comment, the board will vote to approve or reject the amended budget.

Commenting on the day's unusually long agenda, Kurtz remarked to the audience that extensive study performed by committees enabled the board to approve or disprove motions quickly, with little discussion. See Kurtz's column, page 11.

Other actions approved by the board:

...Laid over until the May meeting, a motion to use Foundation funds to contract with Expressions in Flooring, to renovate the Clubhouse Reception Desk. The delay is to obtain additional bids and more information.

...Laid over until the May meeting, a motion to use Foundation funds to renovate the Golf Course waterfall, between holes 8 and 9 (not to exceed \$65,865). The delay is to obtain more information.

...Use Foundation funds to purchase a fire pit plus six chairs, to match existing table décor, for Rendezvous' patio (\$5,000).

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Golf Course

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and Internet (Double Play). If, after four months, a contract cannot be negotiated with Comcast, according to HG specifications, HG will move on, and try to negotiate a contract with the CTC's second choice, GigaMonster. Director Debra Stelle voted against the motion.

Using Comcast for bulk services would be easier, for the 74 percent of HG residents who already use Comcast services, said Structure Maintenance Chair Buhrman. The conversion to the bulk package for existing subscribers would be simple, and those wanting telephone services and premium channels could add those to Double Play.

HG has an agreement, in principle, with Comcast Denver. The home Comcast office in Pittsburgh has not signed off on the deal, however, which is why HG took the unusual step of naming a backup vendor.

The CTC has held some informational meetings on bulk telecommunications services for HG. CTC Chair Bruce Henson stated the committee would conduct more public meetings as well as appear in HG buildings, if invited, to answer questions. See related story, page 8, and insert to sign up for HGNet.

The board approved a contract to replace vinyl siding in the NTHs and STHs with H&H (\$850,407), to be funded by the hail-damage-insurance payout. In March, the board approved a contract with Han, but the vendor was unable to get its bond approved. H&H agreed to honor

the original bid price: H&H's original bid had been within dollars of Han's.

The board discussed repairing Country Place chimneys, then approved a motion to remove the brick facade and repair chimneys for 3 CPs (\$21,420) in 2016; however, the speed at which chimneys are deteriorating launched a discussion about whether repairing only three per year will keep up with the demand.

General Manager Calvin Eddy-White said, "I will be looking at this. Maybe, as we replace all the siding in CPs [a hail-damage-insurance project], it would be a perfect time to budget for more chimneys."

Following regular business, the board adjourned into executive session. The meeting's topic was not announced.

Other approvals by the board:

...a chair-rail project for B206, B215 and B216 (\$52,020), a budgeted project.

...purchase two Economy vans (\$46,620), to replace a truck and dumpster vehicle that are being retired. The vans provide more protection from the elements, and are more fuel efficient.

...parking-slab renovation for weather-proofing of expansions joints in B218, B231 and other identified leaking areas (\$51,600). This is a budgeted item.

...a sole-source contract with Denver Commercial Coating for paint services: \$291,000 for 2016, \$303,050 for 2017, and \$284,200 for 2018, with the proviso that future boards will not be bound by these terms, if needs change.

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HGMD Board President Reports

By Ed Kurtz

Are Committees Important?

Every once in awhile, the question comes up, "Why does it seem that things move along so quickly in the monthly HGMD Board meetings?" And, "Shouldn't there be more deliberation or consideration of important issues?"

Committees work diligently to develop ideas and prepare those ideas for board consideration. It is not an easy task. Many aspects of any given proposal must be thoroughly explored and, of course, put into the context of cost. The committee chair is a member of the board of directors. The person selected to chair usually has special expertise or interest in the subject area of the committee's work.

Each committee, of course, is made of community volunteers who are somewhat like a special interest group that focuses on areas of particular interest. So, by the time a proposal reaches the board, all the exhaustive work and discussions have already taken place in the committees. Because of that, the board usually does not have to rehash all the nuances of proposals. The board simply focuses on the question of whether or not any given proposal is supported by, and beneficial to, a majority of the community as a whole.

That does not mean that the board is a rubber stamp for the committees. Rather, the board acts as a counterbalance when competing interests are at stake. Although it is rare for the board to disagree with the intent of any given committee, it does provide the community-wide perspective that is helpful to all residents, regardless of their individual interests.

If you just want to know what is going on, visit the Committees when they are doing their deliberations in their monthly meetings. The schedule is always on the community calendar, which is available on line or at the Clubhouse. If you really want to have your voice heard and be a part of the solutions, volunteer to join a committee. HG simply could not function without volunteers. And, so for all of you who already volunteer in one way or another, THANK YOU!

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Speaking of volunteerism. HG owes a great debt of gratitude to two individuals who are retiring this month from the HGMD Board. Jeanne Hizer has volunteered in so many capacities that it might be difficult to even list them all. Certainly, though, her work with the Foundation Committee is noteworthy. And, we will all enjoy for many years to come the fruits of her efforts to bring a great renewal of trees to Heather Gardens.

Bill Archambault leaves the board after eight years of dedicated service. Yes, that is eight years! For most of those years he served as treasurer to the HGMD Board. Bill's expertise and wise counsel will be greatly missed.

HGMD ...from page 9

...Replace the fence surrounding the RV lot with chain link, because the existing wooden fence is falling down (\$3,000). The fence will be compatible with other chain-link fencing used around HG.

...Three amendments to the procedures memorandums for the Restaurant/Clubhouse Committee. A new banquet contract was adopted. Language regarding class-fee charges was clarified. A definition for officially sanctioned HG clubs was provided.

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Publisher's Corner

1967 to 2016: 50 years in a changing American life

by Lynn Donaldson, Editor of Heather 'n Yon

Dedicated readers of this news-magazine know that I frequently research the U.S. Census Bureau's website for "Facts for Features." Because I was intrigued by the 50-year facts that the Census Bureau collected to commemorate Super Bowl 50, I wanted to share it with my readers. Maybe the afterglow of having the Denver Broncos win this most recent football finalé will continue, as I show you the differences that 50 years has made in American life.

The first Super Bowl was played on Jan. 15, 1967, at Los Angeles Memorial Coliseum. The Green Bay Packers beat the Kansas City Chiefs, 35–10. I don't remember this game, but knowing how much my father enjoyed sports, it probably was watched on TV in our home. Back then, I doubt that Super Bowl parties were widely planned or held.

For many baby boomers like me, subtract 50 years, return to 1967 and we are teenagers, or pre-teens, or children. The baby boomer generation is 1946–1964.

How Things Have Changed U.S. Population

1967: 197.5 million
2016: 322.8 million

World Population

1967: 3.5 billion
2016: 7.3 billion

Median Sales Price of a New Single-Family Home

1967: \$22,700
2016: \$282,800 (as of 2014)

Note: Sales prices shown are not adjusted for inflation or other factors.

Cost of a Gallon of Regular Gas

1967: 33¢ (\$2.13 in 2015 dollars)
2016: \$1.86 (as of Jan. 25, 2016)

Price of Milk

1967: \$1.03 gallon (\$7.32 in 2015 dollars)
2016: \$3.31 gallon (as of 2015)

Cost of a First-Class Stamp

1967: 5¢ (36¢ in 2015 dollars)

2016: 49¢

Median Age at First Marriage

1967: 23.1 men; 20.6 women
2016: 29.2 men; 27.1 women (as of 2015)

Number of Foreign-Born People

1967: 9.6 million (as of 1970: They comprised 4.7 percent of the total population, and Italy was the leading country of origin.)
2016: 42.4 million (as of 2014: They comprised 13.3 percent of the total population, and Mexico was the leading country of origin.)

Average Household Size

1967: 3.28 people
2016: 2.54 people (as of 2015)

Number of People Age 65 and Older

1967: 19.1 million
2016: 46.2 million (as of 2014)

Median Age of the Population

1967: 28.1
2016: 37.7 (as of 2014)

Life Expectancy at Birth

1967: 70.5 years
2016: 78.8 years (as of 2013)

Percentage of Women in the Labor Force, Age 16 and Older

1967: 41.1 percent
2016: 56.7 percent (as of 2015)

Percentage of the Population, Age 25 and Older, who had at Least a High School Diploma

1967: 51.1 percent
2016: 88.3 percent (as of 2014)

Median Annual Income

1967: \$7,289 men; \$4,198 women (\$45,189 and \$26,026 in 2014 dollars)
2016: \$49,400 men; \$30,087 women (as of 2014)

Active-Duty Military Personnel

1967: 3.4 million
2016: 1.3 million (as of Nov. 30, 2015)

Denver Broncos versus Carolina Panthers

21st: Where Denver ranked on the list of the nation's most populous metropolitan areas. The estimated population of the Denver-Aurora-Lakewood metro area on July 1, 2014, was 2,754,258. The Denver area gained 54,508 people from July 1, 2013, to July 1, 2014. At the time of the Broncos' first season in 1960, the 1960 census population for the city of Denver was 493,887.

22nd: Where Charlotte ranked on the list of the nation's most populous metropolitan areas. The estimated population of the Charlotte-Concord-Gastonia, N.C.-S.C., metro area on July 1, 2014, was 2,380,314. The Charlotte area gained 42,975 people from July 1, 2013, to July 1, 2014. At the time of the Panthers' first season in 1995, the July 1, 1995, estimated population for the city of Charlotte was 473,355.

40.8 percent: Percentage of Denver metro area residents 25 and older who had a bachelor's degree or higher in 2014; 89.7 percent had at least graduated from high school.

The respective national figures were 30.1 percent and 86.9 percent. Charlotte was 32.9 percent.

\$66,870: Median household income for the Denver metro area. Charlotte was \$53,549. The national median was \$53,657.

\$276,800: Median home value of owner-occupied homes in the Denver metro area. Charlotte was \$169,400. The national median was \$181,200.

27.4 minutes: Average amount of time it took Denver metro area residents to get to work; 76.3 percent of the metro area's workers drove to work alone, 8.8 percent carpooled and 4.5 percent took public transportation.

In Charlotte it took 26.1 minutes to get to work. 81.0 percent of the metro area's workers drove to work alone, 9.4 percent carpooled and 1.9 percent took public transportation. Nationally, it took an average of 26.0 minutes to get to work.

{www.census.gov}



Management

Board Walk Around Remodelling? Remember ACC

By Calvin Eddy-White
General Manager

I would like to begin by letting everyone know that the Board Walk-Around will occur in late May this year (May 24, 25, 26). Your Area Representative (AR) has been given a form to complete regarding any areas that are in need of repair, or should be addressed for your building or area. As always, if you know of something that is part of the common area that needs immediate attention, please let your AR know right away. Some of these may be fixed prior to the Walk-Around.

Also, if you have items that are within your unit that you would like the staff to evaluate, please don't hesitate to call the Management Office, or put in a work order on the HG website.

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As summer approaches, I anticipate an increase in renovations around HG. It is natural that owners and residents may want to improve their homes — everyone likes new things. If you are like me, you can't wait to get involved in a new project. Your enthusiasm is wonderful! During the planning of your renovations, you will need

to keep in mind the Architectural Control rules for HGA. Architectural Control is not just here to create a bureaucratic hurdle for you to leap over in your pursuit of remodeling projects; it helps to protect HGA and owners from making costly mistakes.

HG, through the Architectural Control process, provides at least some protection against potential problems. This process requires residents who wish to do work in their units to submit an application to the Management Office. The project will be reviewed, parameters given back to the owner, and usually approved within 30 days.

The guidelines for this process is on the website (www.heathergardens.org) or in the Management Office. At times, following these steps can save hundreds, if not thousands, of dollars from correcting errors in the project.

HG staff is able to assist you with many of your projects, and are happy to do so, when staff are not assigned other critical projects. Please keep in mind you will be charged according to the current 2016 rates:

- during regular working hours (7:30 am to 4 pm Monday through Friday), the hourly rate is \$40 per person
- any hours worked prior to 7:30 am or after 4 pm or on weekends/holidays are billed at the overtime rate of \$60 per hour per staff person.

In addition to the hourly charges, if a serviceman is called out for work outside of regular working hours, and is not currently on property, a one-hour trip charge will be assessed to the bill. HG can provide materials for many projects at cost plus 10 percent to cover overhead.

Please contact the Management Office first, and once your project has been approved — have fun improving your home!

GM's Report

General Manager

- Board, committee, and ARO meetings.
- Reviewed payables and Capital Projects.
- Reviewed ACC project approval forms.
- Worked with HGA attorney.
- Attended the final Insurance settlement conference.

Controller

- Submitted the 2015 CTF spending report for HGMD.
- Sent out SRA special assessment notices.
- Completed audit.
- Researched sales tax for Craft Fair.
- Attended CTC meeting regarding the TV/Internet wholesale contract.
- Met with three insurance brokers asked to bid on HG's renewal for 2016-17.
- Attended the Volunteer Luncheon.
- Working with Jenark for Direct Debit when billing TV/Internet charges.
- Foreclosure recommendations given to the board on three units.
- Met with Clubhouse and Restaurant Managers to coordinate events.
- Sent out 401K notices with fund changes to all employees.

Maintenance

- For the month of March, completed 986 work orders. Of those, 113 were billed to residents.
- Completed various plumbing repairs in 12 different buildings.
- Located and repaired outside underground wiring for B222 lighting.
- Located and repaired outside underground wiring short for NTH lighting.
- Cleaned up and organized outside Maintenance Shop, along block wall.
- Installed a new stainless steel chimney cap on 13880.
- Installed new sump pump in B223, B224.
- Installed two new Honeywell unit heat zone valves in B217 and B218.
- Replaced TV antenna cable wire in B233.
- Completed plumbing inspections at B203, B204, B215 and B233.
- Installed LED bulbs in B241-B244, B231-B236 and B250.
- Completed gutter cleaning throughout CPs and Townhomes.
- Inspecting electric meter panels for hot spot / problems (no problems found yet).

Clubhouse

- Held six events for more than 400 in total attendance.

- Held two movies with more than 140.
- Created Spring Class Brochures and began registration.
- Scheduled five trips for March with more than 100 participants.
- Held a Book Sale in which \$160+ (@ .25 cents a book) was raised.

Custodial

- Completed 21 work orders.
- Completed stripping and waxing men's rest room in Maintenance Building.
- Completed Clubhouse Inspections.
- Cleaned carpet in multi-story buildings.
- Cleaned elevator tracks in all 35 buildings.
- Held Safety Meeting.
- Cleaned carpet in Clubhouse.
- Completed 14 setups in Clubhouse.
- Completed building inspections.

Roads and Grounds

- Completed leaf clean-up.
- Completed annual maintenance of summer equipment.
- Completed and sent tier II hazardous materials list to state.
- Cleaned up planting beds at the clubhouse.
- Constructed 20 new bollard posts.
- Began spring aeration of turf.

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2 girls in a Bantam traverse USA

Martha Nelson, CP4, celebrated her 101st birthday last August. Martha stays close to home these days, living with daughter, Bev Nelson.

It wasn't always so. Bev recently shared an account written by her mother about a daring road trip Martha took with her sister, Tine, in 1940. The two young women decided to motor west, cross country, and see America, driving from Indianapolis, Indiana, to an aunt's house in California.

Key to their plan was buying a worthy recreational vehicle. The two settled on a 1938 Bantam station wagon, a "woodie wagon," which once had been a Safety Car (pace car) for the Indianapolis Motor Speedway's Indy 500.



The American Bantam station wagon occupied a colorful, if brief, spot in American auto history. Only 38 woodie versions of the "small, gas-miser automobile" were made. Production on

Left: The Fresh Fish Co., a popular restaurant in Denver, gives birthday club members the percent of their age off the bill. Martha Nelson was 101 last August, so the manager of the Fresh Fish Co. gave her a dollar back. Below: Martha Nelson, CP4, was photographed with her son Bryan (left) and daughter Bev at Christmas in the home she shares with Bev.



the Bantam ceased altogether in 1941. The four-cylinder engine generated "insane gas mileage," according to one biographer, but the buying public found Fords and Chevrolets a better value.

Bantam woodies became the brunt of jokes, and were relegated to being tow vehicles at airports and stunt cars in movies. Several were owned by actor/comedians: Slim Pickens, Mae West and Laurel and Hardy. Today, the Bantam woodie station wagon is considered the ultimate collectible, cherished in auto museums.

In July 1940, the two sisters set out in their Bantam, which they nicknamed "Cally," for California. They did not know they were about to star in their own comedy.

Martha's narrative takes up the story. Not sure about

their "new" car, Tine "only went 35 miles an hour, but we weren't making any time, and only passing cars that were standing still — so we pepped it up to 40. That still seemed to be terribly slow, yet we decided we had better not treat Cally too hard in the beginning."

Martha and Tine alternated driving. The sisters left Indiana, stopping at Mississippi Palisades State Park in Savannah, Illinois. They drove across the Mississippi River, into Dubuque, Iowa, spending the night in a "tourist home" (a farm) just outside of the city.

On day two, the pair drove across Iowa. An avid photographer, Tine made Martha reverse the Bantam several times, so she could snap photos of old mailboxes for her collection. Martha found this habit irritating, as going backwards was not in the schedule.

Before hitting South Dakota, the pair decided to take a five-mile detour into Laverne, Minnesota — just so they could say they visited Minnesota.

"We found a camp next to a filling station. Not so hot, but it was the best we could do at this late hour (10 pm), and it was thundering and lightening, so we had to stop.

"We got up at 7 the next morning, and had breakfast in Sioux Falls. We looked all over for the falls, but no one seemed to know anything about them until, finally, one old man told us they had dried up years ago."

The pair journeyed "50 miles out of the way" to visit a pen pal of Tine's, in Platte, South Dakota.

"We chased all over that one-horse town, trying to find her. Everyone had seen her, but she'd just left each place when we arrived.

"We finally were going to give up when we found her. She had heard from various sources that there were two girls in a little car" chasing around town after her. At one point, the pair had even driven past the pen pal.

"She said we just whizzed by, and she had remarked to her mother that perhaps it was just some peddlers."

The reason for the speed, Martha explained, was "we were going downhill, and there was quite a steep hill ahead. I was trying to get a good start to go up it."

A new day dawned, and the pair set out again.

"We didn't go through the Badlands, as we had been informed the roads weren't so good, and quite steep. Our car wasn't making the hills as it really should."

Martha and Tine began to have doubts that Cally was going to stand up to the trip. The next day, "after much coaxing, we finally crawled into Rapid City. We had Cally lubricated, thinking that might help."

It didn't. A visit to Dinosaur Park was aborted, because Cally died on the steep, gravel hill road, Skyline Drive. A pair of honeymooners from Gary, Indiana, who had passed the sisters en route, gave them a ride to Dinosaur Park in their car. Cally was returned to the mechanic, who pronounced the car was running on three cylinders, not four. Plus the brakes were stuck.

Once repairs were complete, Martha and Tine motored off to Mt. Rushmore. The honeymoon couple, Jean and Bill, drove behind them, expecting more car trouble.

Things went better, until they encountered a steep curve, and Cally got stuck 100 feet from the top. A pass-

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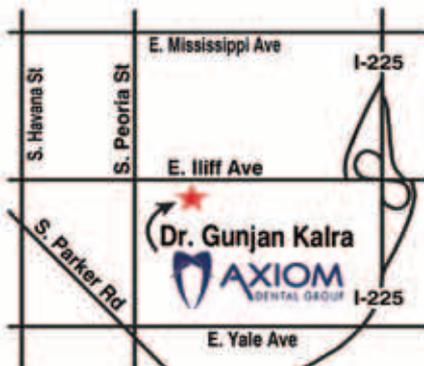
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Retired teacher was an early volunteer in the Peace Corps

Billie Day, B223, was packing when interviewed. One box contained items to go to the President John Kennedy Library in Boston, the other had what she would wear to a Harvard Law School awards ceremony. One of her former high school students was to receive a public service award as an Harvard alumna who best demonstrated how

lawyers can litigate, educate, advocate, and

Right: Billie Day, B223, was photographed outside her home. Far Right: Day was photographed surrounded by Benjamin Banneker High School students she taught.



Right: An election commissioner with whom Day worked in 1996 when she returned under the auspices of the United Nations to supervise an election in Sierra Leone.



organize to promote social justice. While in Boston, Billie donated items she accrued as a first year Peace Corps volunteer (1961) to the library of the President Kennedy who established the corps.

Retired from her public schools teaching job since 1996, Billie is connected now, just as much as ever, to her life's work as a world citizen.

In Wichita, Kansas, Billie's eighth grade social studies teacher ignited her passion for culturally and politically diverse countries.

"I was always interested in learning more about other places and people." This, combined with her membership in Y-Teen Youth Leadership, inspired Billie to set upon a course that would involve world-wide travel, study, and teaching democratic principles for the rest of her life. Following a college semester at American University in Washington, DC, she resolved to return to the hub of international political action when she graduated from Southwestern College in Kansas.

She was working at the State Department when

President John F. Kennedy signed an Executive Order creating the Peace Corps in March 1961. By the end of the year, Billie was on her way to teach in newly independent Sierra Leone.

After serving as an Urban Teachers Corps Volunteer, she earned a masters degree in African Studies from

Howard University in 1969. She developed a curriculum in cross-cultural sensitivity, contemporary issues, history and geography for a college preparatory high school, Benjamin Banneker, in Washington, DC. A class favorite was the unit on conflict resolution. The class role-played and immersed themselves in different points of views, engaging in robust debates.

"I was not a lecture teacher. I was an engagement teacher," Billie said.

Throughout, Billie encouraged her students to seek opportunities to learn abroad.

"When I was teaching, I tried to involve my students in Youth for Understanding and encourage them to expand their horizons as much as possible." She helped students find scholarships to pay for programs, just as her former teachers had helped her.

Beyond teaching, Billie earned a Ph.D. in Education Curriculum and Instruction, and Asian Studies, from New York University. She traveled, studied or worked in numerous countries including Turkey, China, Thailand,

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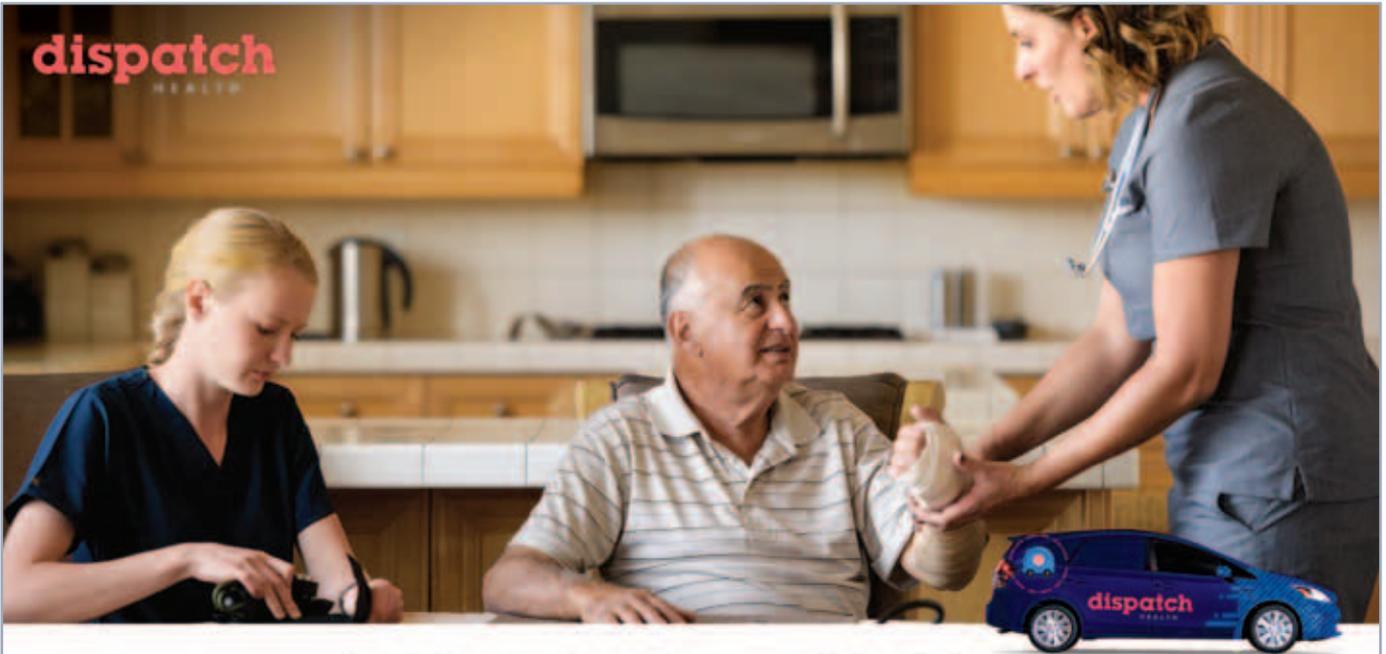
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The Month (April)

Hopefully all HG residents filed their income taxes on the federal tax deadline, April 18. It was delayed from the traditional April 15 due to a local, Washington, D.C. holiday (Emancipation Day, usually celebrated on April 16). In fact, if you filed your taxes in Massachusetts or Maine, you got another day's grace because Patriot's Day, a state holiday, was April 18.

Writer Russell Baker penned this taxpayer's prayer: "O Mighty Internal Revenue, who turneth the labor of man to ashes, we thank thee for the multitude of thy forms which thou has set before us and for the infinite confusion of thy commandments, which multiplieth the fortunes of lawyer and accountant alike."

In case HG residents had not gotten the message, RTD put up signs leading into HG and along the route that bus 130H had taken through the community (photo at right). Bus riders may still catch a bus along Yale Avenue, but there were not enough riders to warrant the detour through HG. Can you pick



out the misspelling? (Photo by Forrest McClure, B231.)

RTD introduced its newest train, University of Colorado A train that goes from Union Station to Denver International Airport (DIA). There are 6 intermediate stations with Park-n-Ride lots. A total of 4,329 parking spaces are available. It takes about 37 minutes from downtown to DIA. Unfortunately for HG riders, you have to catch the Light Rail at 9-Mile Station, switch from the H Line to C, D, or E Line to Union Station, to connect to the A Line. Later this year, when the R Line opens along I-225, it will be a shorter, more direct commute to the airport. Cost is \$9 one-way, or \$4.50 for seniors, students.

From *heathergardens.org*, FAQ:

Question: When can't we use the new Goosinator?

Answer: There are state regulations prohibiting use of geese hazing during April 1 to August 1 (when geese are nesting, molting their wing feathers, and rearing their broods).

Nancy Henson, STH, reported to the Communications Committee that HG real estate has gotten sluggish when compared to 2015. There were 17 condos on the market; 14 were under contract; 17 were sold in March. The median days on the market was 27.

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That Was...

P.E.O. stands for Providing Educational Opportunities. The group's fundraising luncheon on April 6 was attended by about 40 women, who learned about Jacqueline St. Joan's experience with a Pakistani woman who led a grass roots effort to construct a safe shelter in Pakistan for women and children escaping abuse at home. St. Joan described how she visited Pakistan with her friend, then started writing. The narrative morphed into a fictional account, *My Sisters Made of Light*, published in 2010. Money raised from the program supports scholarships, grants and loans to women college students that the chapter supports. www.peointernational.org.

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Great Britain had a new \$300 million polar research vessel that needed a name. The National Environment Research Council decided to put it to a vote on social media, twitter #NameOurShip. After a light-hearted suggestion of Boaty McBoatface, the name went viral, getting 124,109 votes, more than three times its closest rival. Unfortunately, British Science Minister Jo Johnson has indicated that the lyrical name is sunk. Another demonstration that social media can be powerful, but produce unexpected results.

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At April's HGA Board Meeting, a resident asked for a progress report on instituting GoToMeetings, a software that would enable snowbirds to serve on HG committees, when out of town, participating in monthly meetings remotely. A couple committees still are in need of members, including Roads & Grounds, and the Architectural Control Committee.

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Line dancers (photo below) enjoyed the social, sponsored by the HG Clubhouse on April 9. Photo by Rosalie Richter, CP1.



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Lima Street Band entertained on March 25



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It was a rollicking, hand-clapping time when the Lima Street Band played HG. Some of the band members are HG residents



Snow on March 23

Aurora got 24 inches in about 12 hours. Most everyone stayed home. Several residents shared their photographs.



Photos by Patt Clark, B235; Sandy Marthaler, B234; and Rudy Morris, B217

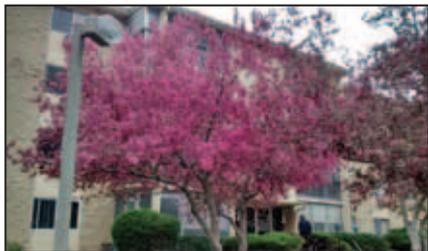
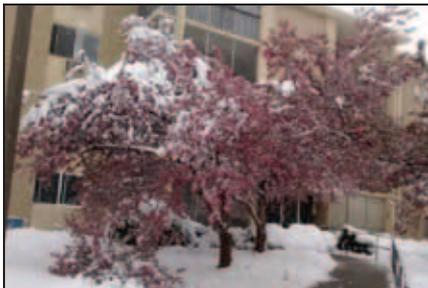
Spring Snow on April 16-17

This spring snowfall wrought severe damage to HG's trees. Many flowering trees were full leafed out. Trees of all kinds suffered broken limbs, and worse, as the heavy snow accumulated steadily over the two-day period. According to HG Arborist Dawn Fradkin, HG was still assessing the damage three days after the storm. Her comments: "Yesterday morning there were even more trees that had uprooted overnight, as if HG had not lost enough trees already. A rough estimate is: 15 trees uprooted. 25-40 trees were damaged beyond repair — these will have to be removed (mostly Crabapples, Ginnala Maples and Pines). Another 25-40 trees are questionable — time will tell whether they can be saved by pruning." Some may have to be removed for safety or esthetic reasons, Fradkin noted. She also wanted residents to know that the previously scheduled pruning of trees that survived the storm may be postponed indefinitely, while HG's Roads & Grounds Department takes care of the broken trees.



Above: A large pine tree that stood sentinel over the 8th tee box on the Golf Course, split completely and fell. It had stood its ground for many years at HG

Below: A Crabapple tree outside B209 shows the after effects of the heavy snow. Photo below it contrasts what it looked like before the heavy snow.



Below: Kathy Liss tries valiantly to shake off the heavy snow on a small pine tree, planted just 4 years ago, that is outside her condo.



Photos by Kathy Liss, B209; Mary Hafka, CP6; and Anne Hummel-Gillis, CP1



Above four photos: One tree, in CP1, uprooted completely. Sadly, it fell atop a Volvo sedan, belonging to Al DeCesaro.



Nelson...from page 17

ing truck pushed the station wagon, but as the hill got steeper, the bumpers no longer met. With Tine driving, Martha, Jean, Bill, and the truckers pushed the Bantam the rest of the way over the hill.

In 1940, Mt. Rushmore still was being created, and Gutzon Borglum was on the site.

"Mr. Borglum is the sculptor," Martha wrote. "He is over 70 years of age, and is supervising the work.

"He outlines the features and dangles in a little, leather saddle along the side of the mountain, a thousand feet above the chasm. We saw Gutzon Borglum as he came down in his little cable car, and Tine got his autograph.

"We climbed to the top, and stood on Lincoln's head. Washington's figure symbolizes the founding of the union, and that of Jefferson the adoption of the constitution and the Louisiana Purchase. Lincoln's face is for the preservation of the union, and [Teddy] Roosevelt signifies the expansion of the country and the building of the Panama Canal."

After hitching a ride with Jean and Bill to visit Custer State Park and Mt. Coolidge, Martha and Tine parted company with the honeymooners, and continued on to Deadwood. The next morning, they found Cally had picked up a nail and had a flat tire.

Repairs complete once again, they motored on to Devil's Tower, Wyoming, then Sheridan. Martha noted the sisters "were quite pressed for time. We decided to drive all night. Wyoming roads were terrible — most under construction.

"Arrived in Red Lodge about 5 am, and could not find any filling station open. We had a half tank, and so decided to go on."

They ran out of gas at 5,650 feet, in view of Beartooth Lake. Martha explained that few wanted to stop and help them, because all cars were straining to make it up the hill. Eventually, "two fellows in a truck" stopped, offering to share their full tank of gas and their siphoning tube.

One drove his truck up onto some rocks, to create gravity for siphoning the gas. The other fellow sucked like crazy, finally getting about two gallons of gas into Cally.

Right: The American Bantam woodie station wagon, circa 1938, that Nelson drove from Indiana to California, was a former pace car from the Indy 5000. An American, Roy Evans, rescued the Bantam (built by the British Austin Car Co.) from bankruptcy, paying \$5,000 in the 1930s, and produced the American version. The Bantam station wagon, listed at about \$350, was produced only for a few years, before fading into history. Only 38 "woodie" station wagons were made.



Right: Martha and Tine (left) were photographed against a backdrop of deer antlers at Mammoth Hot Springs in Yellowstone, Wyoming.

Below: The sisters drove through a redwood in Sequoia National Park near the end of their journey.

"We drove a short distance to the summit, and then coasted 30 miles down before we came to a filling station."

Later, in Yellowstone, "we ran across some people who had seen us pushing

the Bantam in South Dakota, and couldn't hardly believe that we got as far as we had. We left Montana and entered Idaho." Continuing to roll up the miles, they crossed the Cascade Mountains and arrived in Seattle. The next morning, Cally wouldn't turn over.

Luckily, there was a Bantam company in Seattle. The girls got help to push the car to the repair shop, and by 11:30 am, after a battery recharge, they were back on the road.

"We crossed the Columbia River and entered Portland, Oregon. If you ever get that way, stop at Oyster Loaf for a delicious fish dinner."

The pair hit a dual blizzard of snow and sheep, which had to be negotiated, at Crater Lake National Park. "I never in my life saw so many sheep," Martha reported.

"At Medford, we had our car lubricated again, and got some fruit, which we had to surrender to inspectors when we entered California."

After spending the nights in a tourist camp near the redwoods, the



next morning, "we saw the Pacific Ocean. We crossed the Golden Gate Bridge at 11, and arrived at the San Francisco World's Fair about noon." The fair had been going on for a year, and many exhibits were closed.

The sisters arrived at Yosemite the next day, and drove through the night to reach Sequoia National Park. Car trouble continued to plague them as they entered Los Angeles. A fellow motorist stopped to help, making a water-and-oil run to a nearby filling station.

On the road again, "we went through Los Angeles and arrived at Aunt Annie's in Bellflower about 8 pm." — the end of their road trip.

Martha summed it up: "Sometimes, we got disgusted with our little car, yet had we gone in a larger car, we would never have had the fun we did, nor the unusual experiences."

Her notes included:

Trip cost:	\$74.71
Gasoline and oil:	\$33.88
Garage:	\$25.20

As for Cally, the Bantam woodie station wagon? Car cost= \$540, Sold for= \$375. \$165 loss. — **Mary Hafka**

Day ...from page 19

Japan, The Netherlands, Brazil, and more countries in Africa.

When she retired from Banneker High School, she thought, "What next?" and volunteered at the United Nations to conduct voter education training and observe elections in Bosnia and Sierra Leone. She returned to an unsettled Sierra Leone in 1996. She describes waiting through a three-hour gun battle that:

"Broke just down from where we were staying. And then it was quiet. The Election Commissioner came in a car surrounded by these young people. He put out his hands and said: 'I have driven the rebels from the town. Come, let us have an election.' The people came, stood hours in long lines, and voted."

Election reality contrasted with bullet points on a pamphlet published by Sierra Leone's civil government: "Tolerance begins at the family level; A tolerant politician listens to others without conveying a know-it-all attitude; Support people because you are convinced they have leadership qualities, not because they belong to

the same religion or group as you."

Of poignant meaning to her is a poster from election day in Bosnia depicting three children from three different ethnic backgrounds with the caption: "They are our future, give them a chance." She remains in touch with friends from that experience.

Billie is a member of the League of Women Voters, and serves on the Volunteer Lobby Corps at the national level. The corps is the "arms and legs" members who contact Congressional officials regarding issues and positions the League has studied. At present, two main concerns are voting rights and campaign finance reforms.

Billie advocates to senators and representatives for Colorado, Indiana, Nevada and Washington. She is a member of the League's Arapahoe/Douglas Chapter. Advocacy and election work for the past 20 years are "Like a continuation of what I taught."

If she could enact legislation, she would see to it that residents of the District of Columbia would have full control of their own budget, as well

as voting representation in Congress. DC residents pay a high percentage of taxes. A common complaint by residents is that they are "Taxed without representation."

If she could reach America's ears, she would remind citizens: Our government is not "them," it is "us."

Billie moved to HG in 2006 to care for her mother. Velma and Bill Day were among the first occupants of B223 in 1980. She never married, but will tell you she has "3,000 children."

Last fall she ran but lost in a crowded race for Aurora Public Schools Board of Education.

"One of my friends said I keep reinventing myself."

For her, work, travel, study and teaching are never finished.

"I think every human being should be encouraged to rise to their potential and have their rights."

- Dala Giffin





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MAY CALENDAR

Mon 2	Mah Jongg (every Monday)	Blue Spruce Room	12:30–4 pm
	Men's Bridge (every Monday)	Skyview Room	1–4 pm
	Ping Pong Singles/Advanced (every Monday)	Game Room	2–5 pm
	Pinochle - Open (every Monday)	Mountainview Room	6:30–9:30 pm
Tue 3	Bridge (every Tuesday)	Skyview Room	12:30–4 pm
	Hand and Foot (every Tuesday)	Mountainview Room	12:30–4 pm
	Ping Pong Doubles/Intermediate (every Tuesday)	Game Room	2–5 pm
	B215 Happy Hour	Rendezvous Restaurant	5 pm
	Co-Ed Billiards Club (every Tuesday)	Billiards Room	6:30 pm
Wed 4	HG Ladies Golf Scoring (every Wednesday)	Game Room	7 am–1 pm
	Mobile Post Office	Circle Driveway	10:45–11 am
	ACBL Duplicate Bridge (every Wednesday)	Aspen/Blue Spruce Room	1–4:30 pm
	Pinochle (every Wednesday)	Mountainview Room	1:30–4 pm
	Men's Poker (every Wednesday)	Game Room	4–9:45 pm
	Mary Blumer Piano (every Wednesday)	Rendezvous Restaurant	4–7 pm
	CP1 Happy Hour Square Dancing Club	Rendezvous Restaurant Sandberg Auditorium	5 pm 7:30–9:30 pm
Thu 5	HG Breakfast Optimist Club	Rendezvous Restaurant	7:55 am
	TOPS (every Thursday)	Blue Spruce Room	8:30–9:30 am
	HG Writers Club (every Thursday)	Mountainview Room	1–3:30 pm
	Bunko	Blue Spruce Room	1–3:30 pm
	Cribbage (every Thursday)	Arts & Crafts Room	1–3:30 pm
	Ping Pong Doubles/Intermediate (every Thursday)	Game Room	2–5 pm
	CP4 Social	Rendezvous Restaurant	5 pm
	League of Women Voters, Arapahoe and Douglas	Rendezvous Restaurant	5:30 pm
	ACBL Duplicate Bridge (every Thursday)	Blue Spruce Room	6:30–9:30 pm
	Kiwanis Club of Aurora (every Thursday)	Rendezvous Restaurant	6:30 pm
	Men's 9-Ball Billiard Tournament (every Thursday)	Billiards Room	7–9:30 pm
Fri 6	HG Men's Golf Scoring (every Friday)	Game Room	8 am–1 pm
	Men with a Purpose Coffee	Skyview Room	10 am
	500 Club (every Friday)	Skyview Room	12:30–4 pm
	Mah Jongg (every Friday)	Blue Spruce Room	12:30–4 pm
	Clubhouse Matinee: In the Heart of the Sea	Sandberg Auditorium	1 pm
	Clubhouse Movie: In the Heart of the Sea	Sandberg Auditorium	6:30 pm
	Men's Poker (every Friday)	Game Room	6:30–9:30 pm

Advertised Activities and Seminars

Mon, May 2	Bayer Ear Clinic (every Monday), Arts & Crafts Room, 9 am–noon (see ad, p. 32)
Thu, May 5	Hearing Rehab Center, Skyview Room, 10 am–noon (see ad, p. 44)
Tue, May 10	Colorado Coin Show, Mile High Coin, Arts & Crafts Room, 8:30 am–12:30 pm (see ad, p. 16)
Fri, May 13	Spring Fashion Show, Harvard Square, 10200 E. Harvard Ave, Denver, 2–3 pm (see ad, p. 20)

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Sat 7	Mexican Train Dominoes (every Saturday) Ping Pong Doubles/Intermediate (every Saturday) Clubhouse Event - 1st Saturday Night Live Dance	Arts & Crafts Room Game Room Sandberg Auditorium	noon-4:30 pm 2-5 pm 6:30-9:30 pm
Sun 8	Mother's Day Brunch	Rendezvous Restaurant	9:30 am-2 pm
Tue 10	VNA Clinic B203 and B204 Social Drinks/Dinner	Blue Spruce Room Rendezvous Restaurant	1-3:30 pm 5 pm
Wed 11	Clubhouse Event - Active Minds: Venice Tennis Club Social and Dinner Aviation Club	Sandberg Auditorium Rendezvous Restaurant Aspen Room	2 pm 5:30 pm 6:30 pm
Thu 12	Clubhouse Event: Great Rabbis, Great Insights Green Team Residents' Open Forum Clubhouse Event: Smithtonians Bell Choir	Blue Spruce Room Skyview Room Rendezvous Restaurant Sandberg Auditorium	10 am noon 3 pm 7 pm
Fri 13	Clubhouse Event: Bingo	Blue Spruce Room	2-3:30 pm
Sat 14	Clubhouse Event: Laughter, the Best Medicine Ping Pong Doubles/Intermediate (every Saturday) B210 Picnic 50 and Who's Counting	Picnic Pavilion Game Room Picnic Pavilion Aspen/Blue Spruce Room	10 am 2-5 pm 5 pm 5:30-9:30 pm
Mon 16	VNA Clinic CP4 Liverpool Rummy	Blue Spruce Room Mountainview Room	1-3:30 pm 2-5 pm
Tue 17	Genealogy Swap Shop Photography Club B205 and B206 Happy Hour	Aspen Room Aspen Room Rendezvous Restaurant	10 am 12:30 pm 5 pm
Wed 18	Colorado Symphony Guild (Hilltop SE Chapter) CP3 Social Capitol Update with Colorado Legislators Square Dancing Club	Rendezvous Restaurant Rendezvous Restaurant Aspen/Blue Spruce Rooms Sandberg Auditorium	11:30 am 5 pm 6:30 pm 7:30-9:30 pm
Thu 19	HG Breakfast Optimist Club Clubhouse Event: Lag Ba'Omer Program Bunko	Rendezvous Restaurant Blue Spruce Room Blue Spruce Room	8 am 10 am 1-3:30 pm
Fri 20	Men with a Purpose Coffee Karen Osburn & Band Clubhouse Movie Matinee, Night: Lady in the Van	Skyview Room Rendezvous Restaurant Sandberg Auditorium	10 am 4-7 pm 1 pm; 6:30 pm
Sat 21	Clubhouse Event: Fitness Fair Wine and Cheese Social Club	Picnic Pavilion, Clubhouse Aspen/Blue Spruce Rooms	9-noon 3-5 pm
Mon 23	Low Vision Support Group	Mountainview Room	1:30 pm
Tue 24	HG Republican Club HG Democrat Club Caregiver's Support Group	Aspen Room Rendezvous Restaurant Aspen Room	1:30 pm 4:30 pm 7 pm
Fri 27	Clubhouse Event: Terry Norona	Sandberg Auditorium	2 pm
Sat 28	Outdoor Pool Opens		
Mon 30	Memorial Day Holiday: Management Office Closed Clubhouse Event: Memorial Day	Sandberg Auditorium	1 pm



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Six Stone Jars Catholic Bible Study, Please join us for a journey through the Scriptures. Only requirement is your Bible. We meet @ 10:30 am Tuesdays, Sept.–May, in the Mountainview Room. For information, call Geraldine Pochowicz, 303-740-6105, or email gerry.pochowicz@comcast.net.

Rosary Prayer Group - meets every Tuesday, 9 am, in the Aspen Room. For information, call Joe, 913-526-4177.

Catholic Mass - Saturday, 1 pm, Sandberg Auditorium. All HG residents are welcome. Father Terry Kissell presiding.

Chapel (Interdenominational Church Service) - 11 am, Sunday, Sandberg Auditorium. Reverend Bill Cheyne.

Bible Study - Sunday, 10 am, Mountainview Room. Leader: Reverend Bill Cheyne.

Coffee Time - 3rd Sunday, prior to the chapel service.

Prayer Meeting - 2nd Thursday, 2 pm.

Heather 'n Yon Deadline - 5/13

**• Monthly Meetings •
Boards and Committees**

- Communications – 10 am Tue, May 3
- Golf – 1 pm Tue, May 3
- Long Range Planning – 10 am May 4
- Civic Affairs – 10 am Thu, May 5
- Budget & Finance – 10 am Mon, May 9
- HGA Board – 1 pm Tue, May 10**
- Foundation – 1:30 am Wed, May 11
- HGMD Board – 1 pm Thu, May 12**
- Resident Open Forum – 3 pm Thu, May 12
(Rendezvous)
- Emergency Prepare – 1 pm Wed, May 18
- ACC – 10 am Thu, May 19
- Clubhouse/Rest – 10 am Mon, May 23
- Campus Tech – 10 am Tue, May 24
- Board Walk Around – Tue–Thu, May 24–26
- Security Subcom – 2:30 pm Wed, May 25
- Ad Hoc Yale Frontage – 10 am Thu, May 26
- Roads and Grounds – 10 am Tue, May 31
- Structure Maintenance – 1 pm Tue, May 31

FYI

Ward V Town Hall Meetings

Councilman Bob Roth, who represents HG/Ward V on city council, has monthly town hall meetings on various topics. The next meeting will be 6–8 pm Tuesday, May 17, at Shalom Cares, 14800 E Belleview Dr, Aurora, 80015, Topics: Aurora Animal Shelter (animal care) and Aurora Housing Authority. Check www.auro-ragov.org, for details.

National Jewish Hospital

Free lung screening, 1–3 pm Tuesday, May 10, Aspen Room. Call Trudy Schneider, 303-755-2683, for appointment.

Second Chance Bicycle Shop

This nonprofit organization fixes bicycles for needy people. It has been doing this for the past 11 years. The full name is “Second Chance Bicycle Shop, A Beloved Ragamuffin Project.” Bring your used or discarded bicycles to 14573 E Alameda Ave, Aurora CO 80012. For information, call Ernie Clark, 720-270-5731.

Colorado Freedom Memorial Remembrance Ceremony

11 am–4 pm, Saturday, May 28, 756 Telluride St, Aurora

This 3rd annual tribute to the heroic Colorado veterans who gave their lives in military service will include a reading of the names of all Aurora veterans memorialized on the glass panels of the Memorial. There will be a military fly-over and the first ringing of the new Colorado Honor Bell, among other special presentations. The Sound of the Rockies will perform patriotic songs during the ceremony. Speakers will include civic and military leaders.

Noon: WW2 music and dancers will recall the wonderful era of the big bands. Several Food Trucks will be parked nearby with many tempting treats to enjoy. Come, cut a rug, enjoy lunch, and tour the Memorial.

2 pm: The Denver Brass, joined by the Colorado Celtic Pipes and the Legacy Quarter will perform a free concert of patriotic classics and beautiful songs of America. There will even be a Howitzer making a musical appearance!

Goodwill donations to the Memorial accepted. www.cfmf.net

Aurora Fox Arts Center

Catch Me If You Can

7:30 pm Friday, May 6, 13

7:30 pm Saturday, April 30, May 7, 14

2 pm Sunday, May 1, 8, 15

In this fast-paced, rollicking musical follow the true story of a young man who left home and forged his way around the world, by posing as an airline pilot, a doctor and a lawyer. Frank is searching for a better life of fame, fortune and high fashion, but the FBI is always right on his tail. Reserve seats are \$22-31. Call 303-739-1970 or aurorafoxartscenter.org.

VNA Senior Wellness Clinics

Charges: Toenail Cutting (includes blood pressure) \$30, Fingernail Cutting \$10, Blood Pressures \$3, B-12 Shots \$7, Glucose \$5. *If you cannot keep your appointment, please cancel or you will be charged \$5.* Have exact cash amount or checks, made out to “VNA.” The clinic has no change.

Schedule:

Tuesday, May 10, 1–3:30 pm, Blue Spruce Room, Barbara McShane and Trudy Schneider, 303-755-2683

Monday, May 16, 1–3:30 pm, Blue Spruce Room, Blanche McKinney, 303-751-6444

Letters

Heather 'n Yon

Residents of HG and other senior citizen communities are frequently approached by purveyors of products and services. Some good, some questionable as to representation. When in doubt, always ask for recommendations, or better yet, call the Better Business Bureau (BBB).

I recently had a bad experience with a local, so-called respectable, firm to service an appliance I purchased from them. After two months of repeated phone calls, the threat of litigation and report to BBB, they finally sent a serviceman to diagnose the problem, order and install the defective part. They waived the charge, "due to poor service."

When you are considering investing thousands of dollars, you have the responsibility to know what kind of firm you are dealing with.

"Caveat Emptor" (Buyer Beware)

**Loren Warner
B231**

Heather 'n Yon

The Seville Recreation Association is pleased to accept the donation of a new American flag from Jeanette Richard and Larry Swift, representatives of the Heather Gardens Republican Club. The flag is currently flying from the flagpole in the Seville building complex.

**Joe Moore, B236, President
Seville Recreation Association**

Heather 'n Yon

There is talk regarding the long term future of our community, and the possibility of being gated and self contained. With the snow this weekend, HG needs to consider the ex-

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 longer than 300 words be returned to the writer to shorten if editing cannot do it. Letters will not be run from the same individual in successive months. Writers may publish only 4 letters per year.

pense and determine if can remove the snow as effectively as the city of Aurora is currently doing. Today, in front of my building, were 3 dump trucks, one 40-foot semi truck, 2 skip loaders, an earthmover, 1 conveyor belt and at least 7 city of Aurora employees working these specialized vehicles, directing traffic and supervising the operation.

As I was leaving, I followed one of the dump trucks as the snow was being transported off the property. (Don't know where they took it.) My point is, this type of snow clean-up happens every time there is a sizeable snowfall, and it has not been a HG community expense or responsibility.

Can HG really afford the vehicles, and employees required to move the snow off the property in a timely manner similar to what the city of Aurora has done for all these years? Becoming a gated community, while having some good points to it, does come with a tremendous expense. HG must take care to have a complete and comprehensive cost/benefit analysis, because what I saw out there today, as well as on many other snow days, was more than a half million dollars in equipment, and thousands of dollars in personnel.

**Nancy Bagley
B242**

Optimist Club: Pancake Breakfast



Thanks to all who supported the Heather Gardens Optimist Club Pancake Breakfast [on April 9]. We had a great turnout. At several times seating was scarce and that is a good thing! I was able to greet many of you, and enjoyed seeing familiar and new faces.

Lots of energy and time were spent by many Optimists to produce this event. In return, volunteers and attendees enjoyed a sunny, cheerful morning and great pancakes. (Kudos to the chef!) And to top it off, all proceeds go to Aurora organizations that support children of need in our community.

*– Mary Anne Lewis,
Committee Chair, B244
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B242, and
Lynn Donaldson)*





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GM Report...from page 15

- Coordinated garage sweeping and power washing schedule with contractor.
- Worked on tree and shrub planting lists.
- Replaced fountain pump at Marina Pond.
- Applied and received approval for City of Aurora water variance program for 2016.
- Awarded contracts for 2016 asphalt renovations and seal coating.
- Ordered spring fertilizer.
- Removed a large Locust tree between two patios in CP3.
- Cleaning up from last week's blizzard.
- Flush cutting ornamental grasses around the property.

Paint

- Completed 51 work orders.
- Attended asbestos training.
- Monitored chair rail installation in B216, then caulked and puttied it.
- Sprayed ceilings and primed chair rail in B216.
- Prepped chair rail and spayed final finish coat.
- Completed drywall repairs in B216.

Golf

- Hired several seasonal golf workers and a part-time mechanic.
- Began aerating turf. Tees are seeded and

fertilized. Fairways aerated. Collars and approaches were aerated in March.

- Vendor has pulled the old well equipment. A new pump to be installed by end of April.
- Continued leaf sweeping and tree pruning.
- Winter pins and cups removed from greens. Summer flags and bunker rakes installed.
- Installed water coolers and ball washers on course.
- Irrigation system started and several sprinklers were repaired.
- Snow and ice removed at clubhouse and path.

Contracts

- Started Clubhouse roof replacement project.
- Installed 4-foot LED light samples in parking garages.
- Preparing siding contract documents.
- Completed elevator certification for March and April.
- CP siding samples out for approval.

Rendezvous Restaurant

- Volunteer lunch.
- St. Patrick's clubhouse lunch and dinner.
- Men's Golf Banquet.
- Model A club dinner (outside group).
- 60th birthday party (outside group).
- 30 for brunch (outside group).
- 50 for brunch (outside church group).

Security

- Total of 318 reports written and 2,582 miles patrolled.
- Developing a new HG Community Watch Program.
- Developing an Emergency Preparedness Procedure for the Clubhouse and Maintenance Departments. Action and Procedures should be completed in April's Safety Meeting.
- Spoke to Aurora Police Department on having a substation in HG.

Employee of the Month: Tifani Sorenson, Clubhouse Instructor

E-cycle Event

9 am-1 pm Saturday, May 7, Tallyn's Reach Library, 23911 E. Arapahoe Road

The city of Aurora hosts five e-cycle events each year, which are open to Aurora residents and non-residents. Electronics are collected and recycled by Techno Rescue, a veteran-owned green IT company located in Aurora. Techno Rescue can recycle more than just TVs and computers. You can bring almost anything with a cord or a battery, including: VCRs, stereos, printers, fax machines, cell phones, microwaves, small appliances and more. All data storage media are wiped and physically destroyed to protect your identity. Recycling hotline, 303-739-7173.

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Clubs and Organizations

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Meditation Group.

This group meets once a week, 10:30 am Wednesdays, in CP1. Offers a practical method to relax, focus, and improve the quality of your life. Free. Call Carl, 720-495-9979, for more information.

CP1

Our happy hour is held 5 pm in Rendezvous' Banquet Room on the first Wednesday of each month. See you on May 4!

HG Breakfast Optimist Club

Breakfast meetings are held at 8 am on the first and third Thursday of each month, in the Rendezvous Restaurant. Come join us for a buffet breakfast. The first meal is on us. Call Craig Baldwin for a reservation, 720-535-1917.

May 5: Diane Dandeneau, "The Art of Extraordinary Success."

May 19: Katrina Brink, "Aurora Cooking School Program."

TOPS

Take off pounds sensibly (TOPS) is so much more than just a weight loss group, or a diet group, or a support group, or a nutritional group, or a group that talks about how the food we eat affects our health. We are all of the above.

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The meeting ends at 9:30 am. We pack that hour with fun, support and education. For more information, call Linda Russell, 303-751-1624, or Marge Bunkers, 303-369-9726.

HG Writers Club

Whether you're just beginning to put pen to paper or you are a pub-

lished author, we invite you to join us for a time of education, fellowship and inspiration. New members are always welcome.

We currently meet 1–3:30 pm every Thursday in a Clubhouse room. Please contact Joanne Brand, 303-750-9722, for further information. We look forward to meeting you.

CP4

Our monthly socials are 5 pm at Rendezvous, the first Thursday of the month. Come meet your neighbors. Ordering food is optional.

Also join us for Liverpool Rummy on the third Monday each month, 2 pm, in the Mountainview Room.

– Carol Drollingier

League of Women Voters

The league is a cadre of dedicated volunteers whose mission is to educate, advocate, and empower citizens in the democratic processes, work that is critical in this election year. We will be conducting non-partisan Voter Registration Drives.

We also sponsor candidate forums and debates. The league advocates for positive changes at the all levels regarding education, government accountability, and money in politics. Our unit meets 5:30 pm at the Rendezvous Restaurant on the first Thursday of most months.

Membership is open to women and men. You'll have fun while sharing the League's important role. For information, please call Charlotte Faris, 303-690-8466, or Mary Lou Scott, 303-481-8898.

Kiwanis Club of Aurora

The club is a member of a global organization of volunteers, dedicated to changing the world, one child and one community at a time. The club meets 6 pm Thursdays at the HG Rendezvous Restaurant.

We also are on the web: Aurora-co.kiwanisone.org. For information, call Rich Richardson, 303-368-5747.

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

Ports of Call Singles

The original Ports of Call Singles (POCS) group is seeking new members. We recently celebrated our 35th anniversary.

The club holds two social hours per month. The first is 4–6 pm on the second Monday of each month, at Senior Ric's.

The second monthly social is 4–6 pm, on the fourth Thursday, at Baker St. Pub. Call JoAnn Cunningham, B241, 303-751-5195, Membership Chair, for the monthly newsletter and additional information.

Parkinson Support Group

The Parkinson Support Group of Aurora meets on the second Tuesday of each month, 1–3 pm, at the Life Care Center of Aurora, at 14101 E. Evans Ave.

B203 & B204

These buildings hold a combined social, meeting at Rendezvous on the second Tuesday of each month, 5 pm, for drinks and dinner. –Elle Pope

HG Aviation Club

This club meets the second Wednesday to review events and activities in aviation. The next meeting is 7 pm Wednesday, May 11, in the Aspen Room. It will feature a presentation on the SR-71 Blackbird.

The SR-71 is the world's fastest and highest-flying jet aircraft. Built to fly at 85,000 feet, at Mach 3.0 to 3.1, the SR-71 holds several world's records: highest altitude, 85,000 feet; top speed — classified; world record, 2,184 mph; NYC to London, 1 hour 54 minutes; London to LA, 3 hours, 47 minutes.

The jet also is used for strategic reconnaissance. For information, contact Rudy Morris, rudymorris4@gmail.com, 817-240-9394.



The Green Team

The next meeting of The Green Team will be noon Thursday, May 12 in the Skyview Room. For those interested in environmental issues, and what we are leaving for our children and grandchildren to deal with, you are welcome to join us, or call Wendy Pfaffhausen, for more information, 303-306-0066. Everyone is welcome. – Wendy Pfaffhausen

50 & Who's Counting

You are invited to join the monthly social. We meet in the Aspen/Blue Spruce Room on the second Saturday of each month.

Our May 14 social time begins at 5:30 pm, dinner at 6. Lasagna and garlic bread will be furnished, along with plates, napkins, etc. We ask everyone to bring a side dish, appetizer or furnish a dessert, and remember to bring your own drinks.

We will play Bunko after dinner, so bring \$5 per person, to participate. If you have questions regarding the 50s Club or membership, please contact Sandy Brent, 720-281-7906.

Aurora Christian Women's Vital Network

We invite you to join us the third Tuesday of the month, 9:30–11 am, at Blossoms in Windsor Gardens. We have a special feature that is always interesting, and a speaker who has an uplifting message.

We have brunch, which costs \$13, including tax and tip. Everyone is welcome. For information, call Mae Shockley, 720-748-2508.

Genealogy Swap Shop

If you are interested in finding your ancestors and tracing your family history, please join us on the third Tuesday of each month, 10 am–noon, Aspen Room. For information, contact Harold Thompson, 720-748-7090, or Ruth Miller, 720-535-4954.

Photo Club

The club meets on the third Tuesday of each month at 12:30 pm, in Aspen Room.

B205 & B206

Happy hour is 5 pm on the third Tuesday each month in Rendezvous.

Colorado Symphony Guild–Hilltop/Southeast Chapter

The Hilltop/South unit of the Colorado Symphony Guild meets

over lunch the third Wednesday of each month at Rendezvous. A business meeting starts at 11:30 am. We invite new members to join us. RSVPs are required. For information, call Connie Reger, 720-535-6485.

CP3

The CP3 Social is 5 pm on the third Wednesday of each month in Rendezvous Restaurant.

Wine & Cheese Social Club

Come join us on the third Saturday of each month, 3–5 pm. We get together 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. – Karen McClaury

Seville Recreation Association

SRA meets the fourth Monday of every month, 10 am, in a different Seville building each month. For information: Joe Moore, 303-671-4653.

Low Vision Support Group

Our no-cost meetings are held the fourth Monday of the month, 1:30 pm, Arts & Crafts Room. We hope you will join us. For additional information, call Richard Bennett, 303-369-6066.

HG Republican Club

The club (HGRC) will meet 1:30 pm Tuesday, May 24, in the Aspen room, on our usual day (fourth Tuesday each month). This month, speakers will be two young Republicans who have each volunteered to run for the Colorado House of Representatives from District #41.

As we only get one representative, the Republican voters in District 41 (you) will have to choose one at the June 28 primary mail-in ballot. Linda Garrison and Brady Lander will be here to ask for your vote, and to answer your questions.

There won't be anything in the news about them. This is your chance to get to know these young candidates. It would be good to win this district, and you can make it happen. – Duff Stewart

HG Democrats

You may not have noticed, but

there are other people running for public office in November besides presidential candidates. Please come to our meeting 4:30 pm Tuesday May 24, in the Rendezvous Banquet Room. Meet and greet some of these candidates or their representatives.

Javon Melton, who is running for re-election to the Colorado House of Representatives, will appear. Daniel Kagan will speak as well. He is running for the State Senate, to re-place Linda Newell, who is term-limited

Nancy Todd, who is running for re-election to the Colorado Senate, will be there, as well. Lily Griego and Nigel Daniels, from the U.S. Senate campaign of Michael Bennett, will make a presentation.

Please come by and join in the conversation. Questions? Call Tom Fitzgerald, 303-338-4360

Caregivers Support Group

This group is open to all residents of HG who provide care for family or friends. The object is to meet for fellowship, fun, education, and to solve problems together. It is a chance to meet others in the same situation, and to learn how we each meet the challenges of care giving.

We meet the last Tuesday of the month, 7–8:30 pm, in the Aspen Room. For more information, call Nancy Fuhr, 303-337-4890.

Wood Shop Meeting

The next meeting will be at 4 pm on Wednesday, June 1, in the Mountainview Room. Bring your ideas, concerns and expertise. – Jim Sollecchio

HG Grief Support

Grief is the price of love. Our support group is a means to help you through the loss of your loved one. We give education, support and guidance. Eight-week sessions are held at the HG Clubhouse. We care. For more information about the next HG Grief Support group, call Joanne Brand, 303-750-9722.

Frolics Club

Thank you to all who attended the Frolics Spring Show, "Hansel and Kettle." The Frolics Club appreciates your support. Also, a big thank you to all the Frolics Club members who dedicated so many hours of rehearsal time to bring this play to fruition. See you next year. – Judy Shormann

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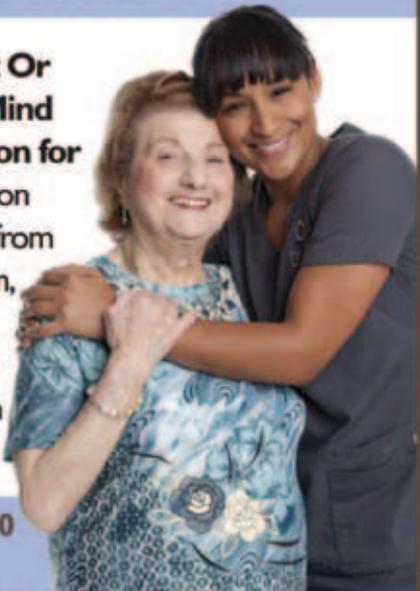
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Somerset A New Listing-Golf Course View

Popular Somerset 1200 sq. ft. 2 bed 2 bath w/ updted eat-in kit & baths, open flr plan, large Master, quiet first flr locat. w/ glass encl lanai, GC view, w/d & gar prkg.

Four Story A New Listing - 10 Plus Location

Overlooking the 8th Fairway & water from the enclosed lanai. Sharp 1200 sq. ft. 2 bed 2 ba w/ updated kitchen & baths. Rare formal living & dining rooms, laminate flooring, 2 storage lockers, 5 min walk to clubhouse.

Somerset C New Listing-GC View \$252,900

Beautifully updated 1400 sq. ft. 2 bed 2 ba, remod/ r open flr plan w/ formal L/D rms, lrg Master suite w/ remod shower, encl lanai w/ GC view, w/d & gar parkg

Somerset F New Listing-GC View \$268,000

WOW! \$50,000 in remod/upgrades. Gorgeous 2 bed 2 ba, 1550 sq. ft. end unit, lrg open flr plan, Remod Kit cabs, granite, appl, encl lanai, GC view, w/d, gar prkg.

Seville B New Listing- Updated \$135,000

Nicely updated 784 sq. ft. 1 bd 1 ba w/ nice view. New parquet, crpt/paint, kit appl, w/d, 2 strg lkrs & gar prkg.

Atrium A GC-Full Front Range View \$249,900

\$50,000 in "Top of the Line" upgrades. Maple wood floors, designer paint colors, 6 panel white drs, silhouette window coverings, \$7,000 remodeled shower, full glass encl lanai, laundry room w/ w/d & gar prkg.

Atrium N Full Glass Enclosed Lanai \$140,000

Popular Atrium 1 bed 1 bath 810 sq ft unit w/ full glass encl lanai. New crpt/pt. Eat-in kit, gar prkg.

Atrium A Golf Course View \$219,900

Lovely 1230 sq. ft. 2 bed 2 ba, open flr. plan w/ lrg eat-in kit, nwr crpt/pt/flrs 6 panel wht. drs & gar prkg.

Atrium A New Listing \$239,900

Shows like a Model! Beautifully updted 1290 sq. ft. 2 bed 2 ba. Nwr crpt/cntrs/flring, SS appl, baseboards,

Atrium K Fully Remodeled/GC View \$215,000

Gorgeous 2 bed 1 ba w/ remod kit, new cabs, granite, SS appl, brekfast bar. Remod ba w/ new tile shwr, new fls, wht drs, bsbrds/crown molding, garage prkg.

Somerset F Rare 3 Bedroom \$254,900

Rare 3 bed, 2 ba, 1550 sq. ft., w/ updted cabs, granite, new crpt, Mstr, encl lanai, w/d, 2 strg lkrs, gar prkg.

Seville Executive Exquisite \$315,000

Exquisite Remodel! \$57,000 in improments. Covered 3 Bed 3 Bath 1876 sq. ft. Gorgeous Kitchen, Remod. 2 Mstr suites, 2 encl lanais 3 strg lkrs. 2 prkg spaces

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Sports and Recreation

Tennis Club

We'll begin summer schedule in May through September 2016
 8-10 am Monday–Friday
 (Wednesday: Men's Day)
 (Thursday: Ladies Day)
 8–11 am Saturday (Set groups by invitation)

Monthly socials will continue to be the second Wednesday of each month for cocktails and dinner, in Rendezvous. We'll continue to have a Spring and a Fall Picnic, Halloween Luncheon and Christmas Party, with lots of fun in between.

Play is open to all. For more information regarding the club, call Donlie Smith, 303-745-3210.

– JoAnn Fitch

Mah Jongg

We meet 12:30–4 pm every Monday and Friday, 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: Lorraine Solomon, 303-696-8771.

Men's Bridge

This group meets every Monday, 1–4 pm, in the Skyview Room. Call Maris Kuga, 720-748-0590.

Ping Pong

Fun and free. Friendly competition, great exercise. Come and join us in playing table tennis.

Beginning players may meet on Fridays at 2 pm, but you need to call Hope Goetz, 303-750-2881, and she can arrange for an advanced player to come help you learn the rules, and teach you to play. Bring a friend with whom to play.

The advanced and intermediate players both are welcome Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday, 2–3:30 pm, Game Room. See you there.

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 every Wednesday, 1:30–4 pm, Mountainview Room. We only play for fun and entertainment. With questions, call Virginia Walcher, 303-632-8039.

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.

Billiard Club

The club's schedule is: Co-ed 8-Ball, 7 pm Tuesdays; Men's 9-Ball, 7 pm Thursdays.

Annual dues of \$9 are payable on January 1 of each year. All new players are welcome.

Questions? Call Sean Kelliher, 720-427-6174.

Co-ed 8 Ball March 15

- 1st Rita Cusack, Lindy Davenport
- 2nd Chuck Finder, Larry Schneller
- 3rd Geri Bartolini, Hi Reynolds

March 22

- 1st Cathy Schmit,
Gordon Richards
- 2nd Dee Moore, Jim Huter
- 3rd Geri Bartolini, Sean Kelliher

March 29

- 1st Cyndi Angelu, Jim Huter
- 2nd Dee Moore, Joe Ozorkiewiez
- 3rd Joselyn Bucholz,
Sean Kelliher

April 5

- 1st Cathy Schmit,
Roger Goldstein
- 2nd Vicki Edmundson,
Chuck Finder
- 3rd Cyndi Angelu, Gil Lochhead

April 12

- 1st Geri Bartolini,
Greg Kachadoorian
- 2nd Dee Moore, Chuck Finder
- 3rd Cathy Schmit,
Joe Ozorkiewiez

Men's 9-Ball March 17

- 1st Lucky Highfill
- 2nd Roger Goldstein
- 3rd Chuck Finder

March 24

- 1st Chuck Finder
- 2nd Gail Gibson
- 3rd Lucky Highfill

March 31

- 1st Gail Gibson
- 2nd Ron Spry
- 3rd Lucky Highfill

April 7

- 1st Lucky Highfill
- 2nd Hi Reynolds
- 3rd Joe Ozorkiewiez

April 14

- 1st Ron Spry
- 2nd Chuck Finder



Above: After a snowy winter, and two spring snow falls of 20 inches, the HG Tennis Club members are hardy and ready to play. Spring is just around the corner. We will start summer hours in May, and are we enthusiastic! Already there are players ready to go — snow, rain, cold or wind. From left: Bob Schlageter and David Faris, STH, are ready for the serve. Would someone shovel the courts? Join our fun group of players. Call Donlie Smith, 303-745-3210, for information. You will have fun!

3rd Greg Kachadoorian
– Cathy Schmit

Ladies Golf Club

The 2016 golf session officially started with our Spring Luncheon at Rendezvous. Major thanks to Pat Martin, Beth Glezen, and Kathy Liss and their helpers for a wonderful time — great food and fun prizes.

Thanks to Nancy Henson, ReMax Unlimited, for publishing the HG Ladies Golf Club (HGLGC) membership booklet. Any member who has not received a booklet will find them available in the scoring room during tournament play.

Reminder: information on tournament cancellation will be available on the website on the morning of play, usually by 6:45 am, www.heathergardensladiesgolfclub.com.

The Rally for the Cure Tournament Committee is planning the 4-person scramble, which will be on Wednesday, July 13. Registration forms are available at the HG Pro Shop, during tournament scoring, or on the website.

Rally registration is on a first-come basis, with a maximum of 72 players. Reservations will be confirmed upon payment. After filled, a wait list will provide substitutes for those who cannot play. Cost is \$45 per person (includes green fees, lunch, donation and prizes. Cart fees are separate.) The tournament fills up quickly, so don't wait too long to register.

If you don't already have a Rally team and want to play, please sign up. A fun group will be assigned. Contact Darlyn Boss, 303-340-4560; Joyce Laffea, 720-253-5063; or Pat Martin, 720-272-6925, if you'd like to volunteer, or donate items or money for the Silent Auction, Wine Pull, or Raffle.

We will have "In Memory of" and "In Honor of" name recognition during the Rally for a contribution of \$10 per name. The recognition is a great way to remember and honor family and friends who have had cancer. In "Honor or Memorial" forms are available in the HG Pro Shop or when scoring tournaments.

Contribution checks can be placed in the envelope attached to the sign-up sheet form or you can contact Kathy Liss, 303-618-2599. If you have questions or need more information about the Rally, please call Connie Burns, 303-695-0766, Florence Madonna, 720-930-8453, or Linda Savage, 720-290-5185.

Tournament Winners

April 13

Flight A

- 1st Mary Thornton
- 2nd Kathy Hunt
- 3rd Linda French, Dee Moore

Flight B

- 1st Liz Sanchez
- 2nd Lynn Donaldson
- 3rd Mary Ann Morris

Flight C

- 1st Rosalie Einspahr
- 2nd Lee Boland
- 3rd Carolyn Manly

Flight D

- 1st Joyce Angel
- 2nd Ila Schellpfeffer
- 3rd Pat Martin

Upcoming events, with information to follow: (a) Battle of the Gardens tournament with Windsor Gardens, to be played May 20 at Windsor Gardens and May 24 at Heather Gardens; (b) HGLGC will join with the Optimists Club, and host a bake sale in June to help sponsor two junior golfers; and (c) tournaments with Heather Ridge and Spring Hill.

The next board meeting will be 1 pm Wednesday, May 25, in the Board Room. New members: call Carolyn Manly, 303-745-1060, or complete the new members' application form (located on the website). Drop it off at the HG Pro Shop or the HGLGC mail slot located in the Clubhouse. Refer to the website for additional HGLGC information.

HG ACBL Duplicate Bridge

This club plays 1 pm Wednesdays and 6:30 pm Thursdays in Blue Spruce Room. Help setting up is appreciated, so come early.

For more information, call John Osterberg, 720-535-1038, or Dona



Above: Winners from the Texas Hold'em Tournament on March 18 (from left) 3rd John Apicella, B202; 2nd Matt Reay, B241; 1st Mark Marquardt, B215

Kozak, 720-384-5717. For partnership information, call Corley Freisen, 303-872-3308.

Square Dancing

Fun, exercise, and friendship. Come square dance on the first and third Wednesdays of each month, 7:30–9:30 pm, Sandberg Auditorium. Bob Riggs is the caller.

All square dancers are welcome. Call Dolores Bendekgey with questions, 720-747-4666. Cost: \$5 per person.

50s Bowling

Bowling this year has been a "bowl." We had lots of new bowlers join us, and many who have been bowling for years with the HG 50 Bowling League. For some who have not bowled in many years, their averages improved. For many others, their averages improved with the support and help from their teammates.

Young at Heart was the first place team. Members are Wayne Berly, Esther and Bill Morse, and Glenn Cofer.

Pin Pals came in second. Members are Carolyn Collins, John Patterson, Larry Feil and Marilyn Miciek.

Many other awards were given out for best improved, best scratch game, best team game and many other categories.

If you haven't bowled in years, and want a fun way to spend a Thursday morning, come and join us for the next season, which will start in August. Call Larry Schneller, 303-923-3992, to reserve a space.

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Employee Recognition

Employee of the Month

Tifani Sorenson has taught at Heather Gardens (HG) for five years, first with a Jazzercise class and now a HG Fit Krew Class. Tifani is a bubbly, bouncy, and enthusiastic instructor each and every day of class. A smile always adorns her face.

Tifani is available before and after class to answer questions concerning form, how to modify a step or move, or just be a good listener.



*Tifani Sorenson
Clubhouse Instructor*

**Check out www.heathergardens.org;
Potential buyers: www.heathergardenslifestyle.com**

Free Days for May

Denver Children's Museum	Tuesday, May 3
303-433-7444, 4–8 pm, www.mychildsmuseum.org , 2121 Children's Museum Dr.	
Clyfford Still Museum	Friday, 6, 13, 20
720-354-4880 5–8 pm www.clyffordstillmuseum.org Friday, May 27	
1250 Bannock St, Denver 10 am–5 pm	
Denver Art Museum	Saturday, May 7
720-865-5000, 10 am–5 pm www.denverartmuseum.org , 100 W 14th Ave Pkwy	
Denver Museum of Nature and Science	Monday, May 9
303-322-7009, www.dmns.org 2001 Colorado Blvd, 9 am–5 pm (Fee for IMAX films, Planetarium)	
Aurora History Museum	Thursday, May 12
303-739-6660, 9 am–4 pm Tues–Fri Wed, May 18	
www.auroragov.org , 11 am–4 pm Sat, Sun 15051 E Alameda Parkway Tuesday, May 24	
Mizel Museum	Friday, May 13
303-394-9993, 9 am–4 pm www.mizelmuseum.org , 400 S Kearney St, Denver Four Mile Historic Park Friday, May 13	
720-865-0800, noon–4 pm www.fourmilepark.org , 715 S. Forest St. Denver	
Hudson Gardens	Every day is Free Admission!
303-797-8565, 9 am–5 pm www.hudsongardens.org 6115 South Santa Fe Drive, Littleton	

Because music is an integral part of the class, Tifani takes musical requests as well as requests to include certain routines. Woo-hoos and shouts of exhilaration may have been heard in the Management Office overhead as the class dances to the tunes of the day.

For these reasons, I am pleased to announce Tifani Sorenson as Employee of the Month for March 2016.

**– Calvin Eddy-White
General Manager**

HGMD Foundation

This will be my last article representing the HGMD Foundation because my term ends this month. It's been a privilege to be on the HGMD Board, representing all of the residents of this wonderful community.

The Foundation has completed many projects and we hope to continue.

Donations made in March 2016

General Fund:

- B219 in memory of Irene Affleck and Don Meyer
- B221 in memory of Ivan Clarke, Alma Mann and Muriel Schulte

Clubhouse:

- Margaret Ruby in memory of Virgil Ruby for care of piano and organ
- Candia Lang for the care of piano and organ

The Foundation is putting a fire pit with chairs outside the Rendezvous on the patio; watch for it.

After three years, it's time for me to put the top down on my Mini Cooper, load my golf clubs in it and head over to a great golf course in Heather Gardens (photo below).

Again, it's been a privilege to serve on your HGMD Board.

**– Jeanne Hizer (aka The Tree Lady)
Foundation Chair, HGMD Board**



Trips and Tours

Death Takes a Holiday
Wednesday, May 4

Sold Out

Robots 3D
Tuesday, May 10

Sold Out

An Enchanted Afternoon
Wednesday, May 11

Sold Out

Islamorada
Tuesday, May 17, 11 am
Bass Pro Shop, Cost \$3
Islamorada Fish Company, owned and operated by Bass Pro Shops, is rich in tradition, atmosphere, and one of the best food and beverage menus in the city. The restaurant features several true-to-life oceanic scenes and murals. The 13,000-gallon salt-water aquarium behind the bar is filled with different species of fish that are indigenous to the Islamorada area. After lunch, you will have 30 minutes to explore the Big Bass Pro Shop. Restaurant does not accept checks.

Motones versus Jerseys
Sunday, May 22, 2 pm
Lone Tree, Cost \$43

The ultimate 1960s music battle! Join the Motones and Jerseys for an evening of song, dance, and crowd interaction.

Once
Sunday, May 29, 2 pm
Ellie Caulkins Opera House
Cost \$50

Featuring an ensemble of actors/musicians who play their own instruments onstage, *Once* tells the tale of a Dublin street musician who's about to give up on his dream when a beautiful young woman takes a sudden interest in his haunting love songs.

Cinzzetti's
Tuesday, June 7, 11:30 am
Cost \$3; Signup Deadline: May 16

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Sound of the Rockies
Sunday, June 19, 3:30 pm
Newman Center, Cost \$24
Signup Deadline: May 28

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Dazzle
Thursday, June 30, 10 am
Downtown, Cost \$23
Signup Deadline: June 8

Lunch and live jazz! Includes your choice of three chef-inspired entrees, soda, coffee, tea or glass of red or white wine, draft beer or well drink.

Casino Trips

Bull Durham Casino – Blackhawk
Tuesday, May 17, 8:30 am–3 pm
Tuesday, June 21, 8:30 am–3 pm
Cost: \$6

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To the things you might
know,
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– from *On Beyond Zebra!*
*Seuss-isms: quotes from
Dr. Seuss' books.*

Sports ...from page 39

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.

HG Men's Golf Club

The weather did not cut us any slack, and we had to cancel the April 1 Tournament. The season opened on April 8, with a Flighted Stroke Play event.

Tournament Results April 8

A Flight

- 1st Jess Deal, Tom Parko
- 2nd Bob Bengen
- 3rd Randy White, Neil Buck
- 4th Bill Schmit

B Flight

- 1st Gary Smith
- 2nd Owen Williams
- 3rd Mark Hayden
- 4th Carlos Chavez, Dave Bushman
- 5th George Dipaolo, Jim Regan
- 6th Milton Larry, Manny Gallegos, Bob Rae

C Flight

- 1st Gale Gibson
- 2nd Ralph Romero, Al Reasoner, Ted Cowan
- 3rd Bob Budden, Tom Leavy, John McLaughlin Jr.

D Flight

- 1st Bill Riley
- 2nd Clyde Robinson, Larry Maitland
- 3rd Don Nussbaun, Cliff Dodge, Dean Coleman

E Flight

- 1st Len Liss
- 2nd John Murphy

This year, at each tournament, golfers are putting more in money toward winnings. You will notice we are awarding more winners in each flight. If anyone has any questions, please call me, 303-368-5747. – Rich Richardson

Mexican Train Dominoes

We play noon–4 pm every Saturday, Arts & Crafts Room. Games start at noon and at 2 pm. For information, call Viola, 720-535-5638, or Peggy, 303-752-4696.

Pickleball

The May schedule for Pickleball will be emailed to everyone on the email list. We will play Pickleball mostly indoors (in the Sandberg Auditorium). Outdoors, if the weather is warmer, on the HG Pickleball Courts.

We always welcome new players, so join us. Enjoy this fast growing sport! Many players are snowbirds, so we can always use more players. We recently started, during outdoor play, some beginner clinics for newer players and former players that need some practice.

To see this fun sport in action check out: plaidflannel.com/pickleball. If you want to learn more about Pickleball, or get on the roster, call Rosalie, 303-751-1226, or Judy, 303-369-6258.

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Movie Matinee and Night: *In the Heart of the Sea*
Friday, May 6, 1 pm and 6:30 pm, Sandberg Auditorium
Fee: \$4 pre-register, \$5 on day of event
\$12 for Dinner and Movie (Cajun Buffet)

In 1820, crewmen (Chris Hemsworth, Benjamin Walker, Cillian Murphy) aboard the New England vessel Essex face a harrowing battle for survival when a whale of mammoth size and strength attacks with force, crippling their ship and leaving them adrift in the ocean. Pushed to their limits and facing storms, starvation, panic and despair, the survivors must resort to the unthinkable to stay alive. Their incredible tale ultimately inspired author Herman Melville to write “Moby-Dick.” Rated PG-13. Drama film/Thriller. 2:02 hours

1st Saturday Night Live Dance

Saturday, May 7, 6:30–9:30 pm, Sandberg Auditorium
Music by Perfect Harmony 4
Fee: HG resident, \$5

Non-resident and on the day of event, \$7

Enjoy an evening of dance, good music and good friends. There will be dance hosts, mixer dances and light refreshments. Alcoholic beverages can be purchased at the restaurant bar prior to 7 pm. Bar opens at the dance at 7 pm. Note: Dance hosts receive complimentary admission, and the event can always use more volunteers for that pleasant task.

Active Minds: Venice, Biography of a City

Wednesday, May 11, 2 pm, Sandberg Auditorium
FREE: Registration requested by calling 303-751-1811

Perhaps no other city in the world conjures such distinct images as the gondolas plying the canals of Venice.

Take a virtual tour of this beautiful and historic city that is visited by more than 20 million tourists each year. The story of the city will be covered, including the most notable features, and look at what the future holds for this city that is both sinking and shrinking as the waters rise, forcing full-time residents to move away.

Great Rabbis, Great Insights

Thursday, May 12, 10 am, Blue Spruce Room
FREE: Registration required, call the Reception Desk, 303-751-1811

A great Torah leader and some of his thoughts on the weekly Torah reading is explored by Rabbi Fleisher. The weekly Parsha will be discussed by telling the story of a great Rabbi and his insights on the Parsha.

Smithtonians Bell Choir

Thursday, May 12, 7 pm, Sandberg Auditorium
Fee: \$5

The Smithtonian Handbell Ensemble is a community handbell choir based in Littleton, founded in 1983. Today's ringers have a combined ringing experience of over 250 years. Most ring in several church or community groups. This experience group will entertain and enlighten you. Space is limited, register early.

Bingo

Friday, May 13, 2–3:30 pm
Fee: \$2 for refreshments, payable at the door

Bingo and Prizes! One card per person. Prizes awarded. Registration requested for room set up.

Laughter: the Best Medicine – Outdoors

Saturday, May 14, 10 am, Picnic Pavilion
Cost: \$5 per class

Everyday laughter has a purpose that is the scientifically proven health benefits of boosting the immune system, increasing serotonin and endorphin levels, and reducing depression. Invite a friend and give it a try.

Karaoke

Saturday, May 14, 6–8 pm, Rendezvous Restaurant
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Lag Ba'Omer Program

Thursday, May 19, 10 am, Blue Spruce Room
FREE: Registration requested by calling 303-751-1811

What's with the Bonfire on Lag Ba'Omer? Discover the origins, meaning and purpose of the hottest holiday of the year with an informational PowerPoint presentation. All faiths invited to this educational experience.

Movie Matinee and Night: *Lady in the Van*

Friday, May 20, 1 pm and 6:30 pm, Sandberg Auditorium

Fee: \$4 pre-register, \$5 on day of event

\$12 for Dinner and Movie (Spanish Buffet)

In 1973 London, playwright Alan Bennett (Alex Jennings) develops an unlikely friendship with Miss Shepherd (Maggie Smith), a homeless woman who lives in a van in his driveway for the next 15 years. Drama film/biography. Rated PG-13, 1:44 hours

Fitness Fair

Saturday, May 21, 9 am–noon

Fee: \$5 (includes a light quality bag and light breakfast)

Join us for a day of promoting healthy living. Part of staying healthy is trying new things. Beginning with a fitness walk around the community, you can eat a light continental breakfast, then review demonstrations and information tables. See schedule for more details. Registration requested.

Terry Norona

Friday, May 27, 2 pm, Sandberg Auditorium

Fee: \$3 Registration requested.

Join Terry to hear the tunes of yester year. Terry plays piano and sings to get your toes tapping. Join us at 1:15 pm with Karyn Simone for a Sing-Along.

Outdoor Pool Opens Saturday, May 28

Children hours; 10 am–12:30 pm every day. Additional hours are 5–7 pm on Saturdays and Sundays. A Pool attendant is on deck during these scheduled hours to greet, register swimmers and enforce pool rules. No lifeguard on duty, swim at own risk. Please remember that each unit is allowed four guests without charge. All guests must be accompanied by a resident. The Indoor Pool will not be open to children during the summer season. Memorial Day hours: 10 am–3 pm.



Memorial Day Celebration

Monday, May 30, 1 pm, Sandberg Auditorium

This day remembers and recognizes those who have served in the U.S. military. Celebrate this holiday with friends and neighbors at a special tribute to veterans. Rendezvous Restaurant will be offering a BBQ Special, 11 am–3 pm. \$9.95. Reservation recommended, call 720-282-3443.

Woodshop Safety and Table Saw Training

In an effort to enhance Woodshop safety, a new training session is required for all users in order to operate the table saw. This training session will be taught by Tim Yant, HG resident and master craftsman. You must go through the Woodshop Orientation prior to table saw training. Trainings are held on Wednesday, 4 pm. Registration is a must. Table saw sign-up sheet is in the Woodshop.



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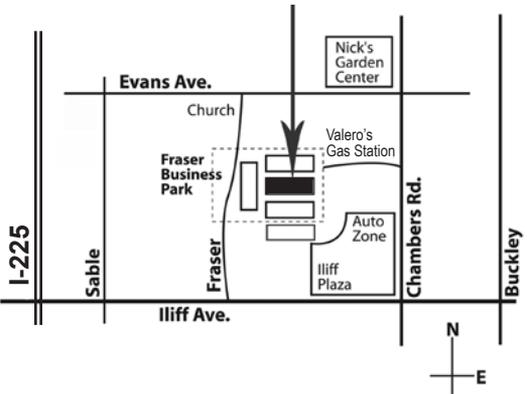
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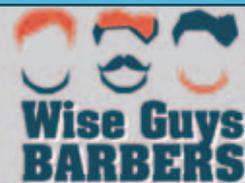
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Different Climates, Different Cultures

by Mary Hafka

I just returned from another trip to Ted Cruz country — the great state of Texas. I've been making these motor trips from Colorado to Texas for about a dozen years.

After having a good time vacationing in North Dallas, I bought a place there. I was seeking warmer weather to spend at least a portion of my retirement years. (I'm going to be able to retire one of these days, right?)

I quickly got over the notion that Fairview, Texas, was a place in which I'd want to settle permanently. Summers were unbearable, and the winters nearly as bad. About two years ago, I sold my house.

But I still travel to Fairview for fun. I find the disconnect stimulating: it's more than just a change in climate — it's a shift in culture.

My former neighborhood in Fairview is a gated community. That feature alone produces a big difference to HG.

All of the streets are private, which triggers an interesting phenomenon: golf-cart traffic jams. Tucked into every garage surrounding this golf-course community is an electric cart.

Golf-cart transportation is encouraged, both for ecological reasons, and so that residents making their way home from the Clubhouse bar aren't behind the wheel of an actual automobile.

The 15-year history of this community — built on what used to be farmland and horse ranches — has shown that a drunk in a golf cart can do sufficient damage. One woman, leaving a gathering quaintly known as Ladies Wine Night, threw her cart into Drive, rather than Reverse, and plunged off the edge of the terraced parking lot.

She lived to tell the tale — which she did, at the next Ladies Wine Night. Her golf cart ran a little funny after that, traveling in concentric circles even when the driver was sober.

Golf carts zipping everywhere create a natural adversary to residents who stand foursquare on their rights to drive the biggest gas-guzzling RVs they can put their hands on. Skinny little striped crosswalks, marked so the golfers can cross the road to the next hole, create conflict about who has the right of way.

In Colorado, people decorate their front doors for the holidays. In Fairview, everyone's favorite pastime is decorating the family cart. Then they hold parades.

Christmas sees carts covered in brown fur with antlers, to look like reindeer (a guy in a Santa suit is driving.) Easter brings out a white fur, long-eared cart costume.

Lots of green leprechauns, on wheels, festoon neighborhood streets for St. Pat's. Best of all are the patriotic holidays, when the carts turn red, white and blue. No one does patriotic like a Texan, although it's hard to understand how anyone can see to drive, underneath all of the waving flags, stars and bunting.

HG presently is exploring becoming a gated community. See what we all have to look forward to?

Texas wildlife differs from that in Colorado, and because the area was rural only a short time ago, there's lots of it. A colony of ducks with spring fever made life interesting.

My Texas hostess related the story of Henry, the manly mallard, who repeatedly tried to crash through the glass of the neighborhood's newly refurbished spa. Before the refurbishing, the spa had been open to freedom-loving ducks every where.

Time and time again, Henry smashed into the glass partitions that barred him and his family from their rightful access to the water. His wife, Duckzilla — standing nearby and flapping her wings encouragingly — could almost be heard to call out, "Run, Henry, run. You can do it. Tear down this wall!"

My hostess gets especially queasy when armadillos introduce their young. As she viewed a row of armadillos — mother leading a string of roly-poly snail-like babies — across her backyard, she reacted as though terrorists were invading.

She had roughly the same reaction to a bobcat she was sure was prowling amid her wisteria vines. The rest of us regulars at Ladies Wine Night never saw any signs of a bobcat.

But I don't go to Texas to defend the local wildlife. Or to drink a lot of wine. (Much.)

I have a higher purpose: to shop. Besides, it's my job, as some of the cart-dependent gals wait for me to come 800 miles from Colorado, so I can drive everyone to the stores.

In Texas, the ladies shop in herds. They egg on one another to buy strange and wonderful treasures, which none of us ever would buy if shopping alone.

I, consequently, have a great time buying lots of Texas-style stuff, which I rarely use in Colorado. I'm still seeking an occasion to wear the straw cowboy hat, with a silk rose on top, I bought several years ago.

Going to Texas is a bit like going to a Thanksgiving gathering: you know you're going to experience some great food, and have a few laughs, but — inevitably — there will be a fight about politics.

I was stunned, at Ladies Wine Night, when some of my compatriots seriously discussed how bad Hilary Clinton's hair had looked, during one presidential debate. I said focusing on the candidate's hair might have been to miss the big picture.

But Texas ladies looked as though they had no idea what I was talking about, then returned to critiquing Hilary's hair. How anyone can knock Hilary's hair, when Donald Trump's hair also is in the presidential race, is another Texas mystery.

And so I returned to Colorado, only a few days ahead of the April 16–17 blizzard that reminded me of why I'd ever considered moving to Texas in the first place. Being snowed in gives a girl much time to sort through all the paraphernalia she bought in Dallas, and ask herself that age-old question: what was I thinking?



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