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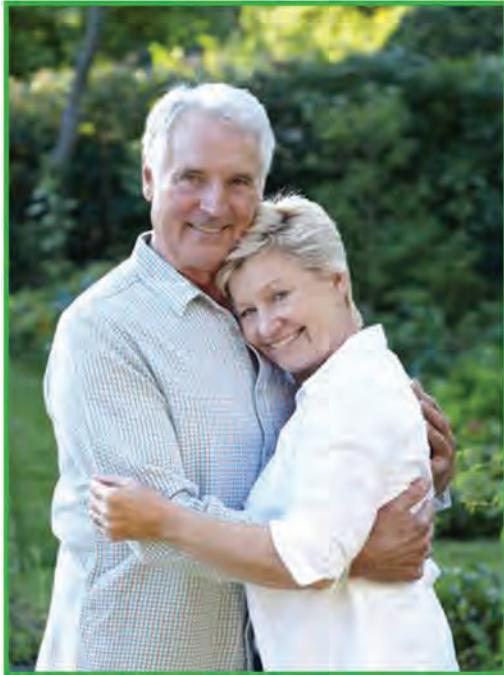
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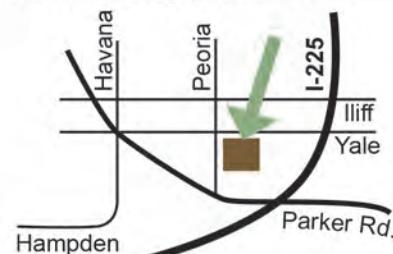
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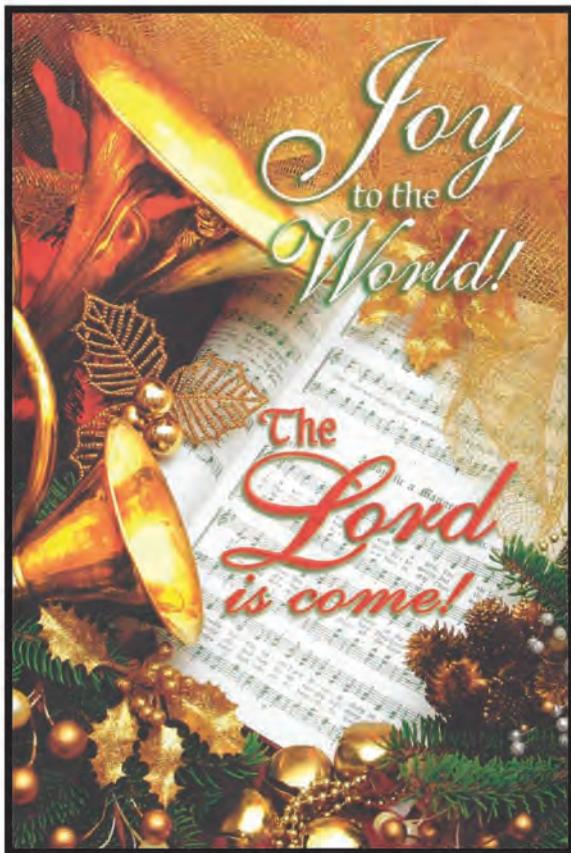
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2018 budget approved; Stelle resigning at year end, two new directors appointed

After the regular meeting of the 2017 HGA Board, the 2018 HGA Board of Directors met in a special meeting on Nov. 21. The six directors who attended the meeting (Bill Reynolds was absent) appointed two directors from six applicants to serve on the board next year. The six candidates were Forrest McClure, B231; Jill Bacon, B244, Holly Hileman, B223; Linda Serio, B201, Judith Bachelor; B234 and Tony Andre, B233.

Bachelor and Andre did not attend the meeting to present their credentials in person, due to family emergencies. Board members voted, and selected Bacon and McClure to serve on the 2018 board, bringing the total number of directors back to nine for 2018. McClure is a past director and board president. Bacon has served on a number of committees, and currently is on the Clubhouse/Restaurant and SEC Committees.

Because their term is for only one year, these two appointees will have to run for re-election in October 2018.

Two directors on the 2017 board have terms expiring at year end: Dave Archer and Michael Lickteig, who was elected to a one-year term last year. Deb Stelle resigned one year early, effective at the end of 2017.

Officers were then elected for 2018. Kay Sawyer will continue as president, and Chuck Montgomerie was elected vice president. Mel Rawles was elected secretary of the board, and John Coil will continue as board treasurer. Committee chairs for 2018 will be named at HGA's December meeting. Directors will let President Kay Sawyer know which committees they want to chair, then she makes the assignments.

...

At its regular Tuesday, Nov. 21 board meeting, the 2017 HGA Board approved the 2018 budget. Coil ex-

plained the net increase to the budget is 2.1 percent (average). An average of \$12 per month per unit (3.5 percent) was added to the budget, to grow the under-funded capital reserve account. This increase will be offset by the \$432,000 left over from the 2016 budget, which was rolled into the 2018 budget.

Changes to the Declaration of Condominium several years ago enabled this change. An estimated \$250,000 budget surplus for 2017 will be rolled into the 2019 budget. In addition, Coil is hopeful that the approximately \$3M left over from the insurance claim after hail damage to HG buildings will be transferred to the Capital Reserve budget, bringing the balance in this fund closer to what is needed.

Staff shortages contributed to the 2017 budget surplus. In response, a staff-reduction factor was introduced in the 2018 budget, whereby a percentage of available jobs are not funded in the budget.

Revenues were higher than budgeted in 2017, because HGA netted more interest on its funds in the bank than expected (\$133,000).

The 2018 HGA operating budget was approved at \$8,331,302, with capital reserves of \$2,245,559. These amounts do not include the HGMD budget, which will be approved at a Dec. 7 public hearing.

The board approved increasing its fidelity bonding insurance by \$11,138, to increase coverage of funds in the bank, which are greater than they were in past years. FHA will not accept HGA's application for FHA certification without the increase in insurance coverage to protect these cash deposits. FHA certification enables HG residents to be eligible for FHA loans and FHA reverse mortgages.

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Aurora Mayor Steve Hogan attended HG Optimist Breakfast



Above: Mayor Hogan with HG Breakfast Optimist Club President Jeanine Montgomerie, B214, draws a ticket that awards a free breakfast at a future meeting to one of the members attending that morning.

Mayor Steve Hogan told the gathered Optimists on Nov. 16 that the City of Aurora currently has about 370,000 people, after adding about 50,000 residents in the last eight years. If you don't include the suburbs, that makes Aurora larger than St. Louis, Missouri; Cincinnati, Ohio; Anaheim, California or Tampa, Florida. If you only consider Aurora to be a suburb of Denver, then there are only two other suburbs in the U.S. that are bigger: Arlington, Texas (Dallas) or Mesa, Arizona (Phoenix).

With this growth in population, he assured everyone, "We are not even close to running out of water." He said Aurora uses about 50,000 acre feet of water per year, but it has 150,000 acre

feet in storage. The water plan is to add two more reservoirs that will hold about 200,000 acre feet. In addition, the city has seven million acre feet of water under ground. With these supplies, the city can support continued growth.

The city has 20 fire stations and three police substations.

Having presided over Aurora for six years, he was proud to note that the city's unemployment was below 2.5 percent. There were 20,000 primary jobs created in the last year — most of these hiring Aurora residents.

After his comments, Mayor Hogan answered questions posed by the audience.

Extra! Extra! Information for you –

2017 HGMD Bond Issue

In 2010, the electors of the Heather Gardens Metropolitan District (HGMD) approved the issuance of \$9,800,000 General Obligation Bonds to build or rebuild a Clubhouse for HGMD. Most of the Clubhouse existing today is new. A portion of the Rendezvous Restaurant was rebuilt and upgraded.

A little more than a year ago, General Manager (GM) Calvin White was contacted by a bond underwriter who expressed the opinion that, because interest rates on bonds had declined, HGMD could refund the outstanding bonds remaining on the 2010 bond issue at a lower interest rate, and save the taxpayers of HGMD considerable money over the remaining years of the issue.

The Directors of HGMD interviewed several bond underwriters, then selected an underwriter. As that was being accomplished, the bond market got stronger (interest rates increased) and the interest savings could not be realized. The underwriter was instructed to contact HGMD again when, and if, the market became more favorable — that interest rates were going back down.

About two months ago, the bond underwriter contact-

ed GM White with the information that the bond market was again becoming favorable. A refunding of the outstanding 2010 bonds could, indeed, save the taxpayers of HGMD considerable money.

After numerous meetings with the bond underwriter, the current HGMD Board made the decision to move forward with the refunding with the understanding that the interest savings over the remaining life of the bonds would be at least 5 percent.

On Tuesday, Nov. 14, the refunding was accomplished, covering only the current HGMD indebtedness of less than \$9 million.

The total savings on principal and interest resulting from the refunding over the remaining life of the bonds is \$1,219,616. The annual savings to taxpayers of HGMD averages slightly more than \$53,000 per year. The percentage of savings is 8.31 percent when comparing the principal and interest due on the 2010 issue to the principal and interest due on the 2017 new issue.

After 2020, all of the bonds of the 2010 issue will be have been replaced with the bonds of the 2017 issue.

**– Bill Archambault
HGMD Treasurer**

	2010 Issue	2017 Issue	
	Principal and Interest Due	Principal and Interest Due	Annual Savings
2018	\$ 636,141	\$ 581,738	\$ 54,403
2019	638,616	587,038	51,578
2020	640,179	588,100	52,079
2021	640,779	588,200	52,579
2022	640,734	587,400	53,334
2023	638,621	586,200	52,421
2024	636,034	584,600	51,434
2025	637,971	587,600	50,371
2026	639,196	585,000	54,196
2027	639,709	587,000	52,709
2028	638,709	583,400	55,309
2029	636,959	584,400	52,559
2030	639,459	584,800	54,659
2031	635,959	584,600	51,359
2032	636,709	583,800	52,909
2033	640,953	587,400	53,553
2034	638,915	585,200	53,175
2035	635,853	582,400	53,453
2036	636,765	584,000	52,765
2037	636,520	584,800	51,720
2038	640,000	584,800	55,200
2039	636,950	584,000	52,950
2040	636,763	582,400	54,363
Totals	\$14,678,492	\$13,458,876	\$1,219,616

Property taxes due 2010 issue	\$ 14,678,492
Property taxes due 2017 issue	\$ 13,458,876
Savings	\$ 1,219,616
Percent Savings	8.31%

Heather Gardens Optimists Winter Food Drive

The time has arrived! Collection begins on Saturday, Dec. 2, and continues through 9 am Saturday, Dec. 9. Please deposit your donations of non-expired, non-perishable foods and canned goods in the boxes labelled "Optimist Food Drive" that will be located in the lobbies of the multi-story HG buildings. For those who don't have lobbies, there will be a collection site in the Clubhouse near the Reception Desk. Food from this year's drive will be distributed through the food pantries of Aurora Interchurch Task Force, Mississippi Avenue Baptist Church and The Denver Indian Center.

Please help the 30 plus Optimist volunteers earn their stripes and load up those boxes! Thank you for joining us in this gift of giving!

Tom Merges, B242

Budget hearing set; propose increasing board size to 7 directors

All directors attended the Nov. 16 meeting of the HGMD Board of Directors. HGMD's Attorney Jennifer Ivey and two representatives from the bond-counsel firm Kutak Rock also attended.

The public hearing to present and discuss HGMD's proposed 2018 budget was scheduled for 1 pm Thursday, Dec. 7.

President Craig Baldwin announced that, in pursuit of better transparency, the board would, when possible, publish proposed board actions in the *Heather 'n Yon*, and publicize them through email blasts, one month before the board votes, enabling residents time to weigh in on the proposals. One such proposal was to increase the size of the board from five members to seven, which "would be turned over to the residents to comment, before the December meeting," Baldwin said.

Ivey explained that, on Aug. 9, Colorado passed a new law, providing a procedure for such an action. Discussion centered around the difficulty of filling seven seats when, in the past, filling five seats has been challenging.

The primary motivation for adding directors is to disperse the workload the board now has with four standing committees, oversight on several HGA Board committees and a newly added Property Management Committee. Baldwin added that having a larger board could dilute the problems associated with having one or two directors trying to bulldoze through a personal agenda.

The board voted to accept examining the proposal. Actual voting on increasing the board's size is expected at the December board meeting, which gives HG residents time to comment on the proposed change.

If approved, voting to fill the additional seats would occur next May 2018 in the regular HGMD election. Ivey added that, once the board is increased to seven members, it cannot later return to five.

The board endorsed a policy to create a joint Budget & Finance Committee, on which both the HGA and HGMD Treasurer would serve/lead. As currently configured, the B&F Committee only addresses the budget of HGA. The change would cause B&F, and its three subcommittees, to advise HGMD as well as HGA on its financial status. Several details must be resolved between the HGA Treasurer John Coil and HGMD Treasurer Bill Archambault before this action is final. At its regular meeting, the HGA Board also endorsed moving forward with this initiative.

The HGMD Board asked Ivey to prepare several resolutions, including "simple guidelines" on how to conduct board meetings, and policies for the use of HGMD facilities, including an appeals process for residents who feel they are unfairly punished for perceived bad behavior on HGMD property. The resolution about users of HGMD fa-

ilities mirrors a policy already adopted by HGA.

When several residents attending the meeting protested the meeting-conduct resolution, Ivey pointed out that HGMD Board is not a parliamentary body, thus it did not need to use Roberts Rules of Order. Baldwin commented that Roberts Rules of Order was overkill for a small board such as HGMD, plus, "We have many Colorado laws that conflict with Roberts." Approvals for these two resolutions will be revisited at the December meeting after revisions and public comment on them.

Ken Guckenberger, bond counsel for Kutak Rock, reported that HGMD "did well" refinancing its general-obligation bonds. The market is hungry for such bonds, he noted. See story, page 6.

Other approvals by the board:

...replaced 11 security cameras with better ones, and added eight additional cameras to the Clubhouse surveillance (\$2,724). An additional \$3,230 in grant money received will fully fund the project.

...purchased a Playmate ACE tennis ball machine (\$4,350), using lottery funds, to replace the old machine.

...extended the expiration date on a 40-play golf punch card, for a resident who is physically unable to play golf at this time.

...

At a special meeting of the HGMD Board, on Monday, Nov. 20, USI Insurance Service presented a proposed package of services to insure HGMD properties and entities for 2018. A decision on adopting a package was tabled, due to an apparent discrepancy in some of the numbers. The package was approved on Nov. 21, for a total of \$46,663, which is \$527 under the 2018 budget.

HGMD Financial Snapshot

as of Oct. 31, 2017

Enterprise Fund (operations)	
Actual Revenue	\$1,907,600
Budgeted Revenue	<u>\$1,864,900</u>
Net over Budget	\$42,700
Actual Expenditures	\$2,171,900
Budgeted Expenditures	<u>\$1,880,900</u>
Net over Budget	\$291,000
<i>(Excess expenditures was caused by expenses for Golf Course water and well repairs, recall election, professional services for audit and attorney fees and capital projects. An insurance claim has been filed. HGMD will recover most of the cost of Golf Course water and well repairs)</i>	
– HGMD Treasurer Bill Archambault	

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2018 budget targets building capital reserves

The Budget & Finance Committee (B&F) met October 23–24, to prepare the HGA portion of the budget for 2018. Capital projects for the year include repairing Atrium building roofs.

Other projects, include renovating one pond and replacing brick pillars on Country Place lanais, could be pushed out into a future year, B&F decided.

The Security Department, which was fully staffed in 2017, with seven officers, will purchase a new vehicle in 2018. More money was budgeted in 2018 for technical/tactical training.

B&F recommended implementing the Capital Reserve plan that was prepared in 2017. An average of \$12 per unit per month will go toward building HGA capital reserves.

The budget surplus of \$432,000 from 2016 was

rolled into the 2018 budget, for the first time, triggered by changes to the Declaration of Condominium that were made several years ago. The 2016 funds partial offset the capital reserve increases.

On Oct. 25, the HGMD worked on its portion of the budget using assumptions that interest revenue would be reduced about \$5,000, in 2018, compared to 2017, due to CDs maturing, and the money being spent. Restaurant income, which has increased steadily, year to year, was expected to grow again in 2018. Two “closure” weeks for the restaurant were budgeted, to give the restaurant staff time off.

Golf Course fees were expected to increase by 2 percent in 2018, compared to 2017. Some golf-course-staff positions, which could not be filled in 2017, or were

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Other items approved by the board:

...the draft policy on revamping the Budget & Finance Committee (B&F) and its three subcommittees into a Joint B&F Committee, which would serve an advisory role for both HGA and HGMD.

...authorized the Contracts Department to solicit bids for engineering studies, to assess the condition of Parking Structures 1, 2 and 3, using surplus 2017 funds.

...proceed with plans to shore up Parking Structure 4, on an emergency basis, until a more comprehensive plan can be developed.

...approved a three-year contract with Waste Management for 2018–2020 trash removal, with the first year’s cost at \$97,956, and subsequent years limited to an increase not to exceed 4 percent.

...asked SEC Committee Chair Rex Engel to rewrite a draft, for a new no-smoking policy for HG. Complaints about cigarette smoke have increased in recent months,

accompanied by complaints that HG’s current policy has no teeth. A template policy from another homeowners’ association was endorsed by HGA’s lawyer. As usual, any discussion of smoking, or in this case, efforts to ban smoking in HG created a lengthy discussion. At one point, Director Kathy Buhrman declared, “There is not a damn thing we can do if someone wants to smoke in their condo.”

...agreed Roads & Grounds Committee Chair Michael Lickteig should have his committee pursue initiatives to save water throughout HG, and to examine the issue of trees planted too close to HG buildings, using HG staff and third-party experts as resources.

...updated procedures that place HG’s security function under the SEC Committee, removing it from the Civic Affairs Committee. Other sections on parking restrictions and delivery vehicles were revised.

Attention HG Landlords!

If you currently rent your property here at HG, it is required that you provide the Management Office a copy of your lease. (See Declaration of Condominiums, Article 8: Use Limitations). Please make sure that an updated copy of your lease is provided whenever new tenants move in, or a lease is renewed after an old lease expires.

Questions? Call Resident Services Coordinator Martha Kouba, 303-755-0652, ext. 108; martha.kouba@heathergardens.org.

Structure Maintenance Committee

Lend your expertise where it can help your community. This HGA committee needs three members after several members’ term expired. Get applications from the Management Office, or from Chair Kathy Buhrman. Meetings are only once per month.

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Axel Johnson (NTH)
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Marie Loomis (221)
Karen Rowe (221)
Zac Taylor (former 216)
Rita Vago (215)
Laudia “Wally” Wallace (217)
Grace Winter (209)



HGA Board President Reports

By Kay Sawyer

As my current term as president of the HG Association draws to a close, I owe thanks and gratitude to all the hard working board members and staff. The year had a Recall Election for the HGMD Board and slow rebuilding of B217's 6th floor (the site of the fire in May 2016). Unfortunately, the residents had to live with construction work far longer than planned.

In spite of these issues, the HG Association Board made good progress, putting in a lot of extra hours. Thanks to all of these people. Here is a recap of HG Association Board actions to date in 2017 that may affect residents for years to come:

March:

- Security Committee was added to the Emergency Preparedness Committee — now called SEC.
- A Facilities Use Agreement was initiated with the Red Cross to use the Clubhouse in case of an emergency at Heather Gardens.
- The board also approved the Comcast Wiring Agreement that allows Comcast to install fiber optic cable on the HG campus, extending to each unit at no cost to HG.

April:

- The HG Association Board adopted a framework for

a Capital Reserve Budget Plan for HG.

May:

- The Campus Technology Committee (CTC) was removed as a subcommittee of Structure and Maintenance. It became an ad hoc committee on technology that reports directly to the board. Current areas of research are cell phone reception, and the internet, television and security camera usage.

July:

- The Architectural Control Committee changed its Procedure Manual (PM) with new rules for multi-story buildings regarding barbeque grills, front-entry doors to units, floor coverings on lanais and interior common area painting. Added to the PM were new rules for CPs regarding patio roofs and rain barrels.
- The Budget and Finance Committee made PM changes regarding the subcommittee on Reserves.

August:

- Reinstated the Human Resources employee position with a full time person.
- The Architectural Control Committee changed its PM regarding CP and TH patio enclosures.

October:

- The board approved the Ham Radio Repeater Memo of Understanding (MOU) between El Jebel Shriners Radio Club and HG management. During an emergency, the SEC Committee may use the network. Equipment will be installed in the existing radio room, and an antenna mast will be installed on B217. HG will supply electric power to the equipment.

(Note: PM changes can be found on the *heathergardens.org* site under Resources — PMs. Other actions are located in HG Association Board minutes.)



HGMD Board President Reports

By Craig Baldwin

Transparency

During my eight years of service to this community, which includes membership on committees, director on the HGA Board, and now as an HGMD director, a constant theme has been expressed by residents and absentee owners: Transparency. The most often heard complaint is: "They don't listen to me" or "They don't care what I think."

Well, at HGMD's November meeting, the board took a giant step forward in addressing this concern. After a

number of meetings, and after listening to many of you, here are the motions and resolutions passed. Some were deferred to the December meeting for additional editing.

Conduct of Meetings

Public comments on agenda items will not require signing in. You will be able to speak on any subject when called upon. Following the business portion of the meeting, we will hold an Open Forum where you may speak on any subject. Sign-up for this forum will be required.

Rules Related to Use of District Facilities/Appeals

This resolution will be referred to the December meeting, since we would like to have public input prior to or during that meeting.

Publication of Bylaws, Policies and Procedures

Recommendations from various committees, before enactment by your HGMD Board, will have a summary explanation published in *Heather 'n Yon* and through the HG Association's email blast. You will then have the opportunity to comment on each, either before the next meeting or during final discussion at the meeting.

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Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays!

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1br/1ba – 810 sq.ft. Atrium N – Nice open floor plan. Coveted Atrium building. Comfortable living room. Lovely kitchen. Nice bedroom with walk-in closet. Open lanai to watch the sunsets.

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13661 E. Marina Dr. #204 – \$250,000



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Publisher's Corner

100 years ago, the U.S. entered WW1

by Lynn Donaldson, Editor of Heather 'n Yon

Between 1917 and 2017, a lot has changed in the United States. Let's set the stage first:

	1917	2017
House price	\$5,000	\$272,900
	\$111,584*	
Car price	\$400	\$34,968
	\$8,927*	
U.S. wages	22¢/hour	\$26/hour
	\$4.90*	
Telephones	8% land lines	80% cell phones**
U.S. Population	100 million	325 million
High School Graduates	6%	> 80%
Loaf of bread	7¢	\$2.37
Eggs (dozen)	40¢	\$2.98
Gallon of gas	4¢	\$2.53
Soldiers Pay per month	\$30	\$1,489
	\$356*	

* 1917 price adjusted for inflation

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World War 1 (WW1) had begun in July 1914 with combatants Central Powers (Germany and Austria-Hungary) versus the Allies (United Kingdom, France and Russia).

Later, Japan joined the Allies; the Ottoman Empire and Bulgaria joined the Central Powers.

The United States struggled to stay neutral in the conflict until Germany resumed unrestrained submarine warfare in 1916, sinking several U.S. ships, and sending a telegram to Mexico that was intercepted, asking Mexico to join the war against the U.S. Germany promised to help Mexico finance its war and recover territories that are now Arizona, Texas and New Mexico.

President Woodrow Wilson asked Congress to declare war on Germany in April 1917. Congress complied.

The first problem was that the U.S. military was small in 1917 (133,000 men and no heavy artillery).

Congress passed the Selective Service Act that immediately enlisted 2.8 million men. By 1918, the U.S. was sending 10,000 men to Europe every day.

But what assistance did the U.S. provide in 1917? First, the Navy got involved, sending a battleship group to support the British Fleet in protecting convoys. Because the military had no medical assets, they turned to the Red Cross for assistance. The Red Cross had developed units at various stateside hospitals that could be mobilized in an emergency. Several of these hospital units were rechristened as Army units, going to Europe to help the British manage battlefield casualties.

One of the significant outcomes of these early deployments was it was readily recognized that there were military jobs at home that could be done by women, allowing men to be deployed, "Free a Man to Fight."

The Navy was one of the first services to take advantage of this labor source, recruiting women to be yeomen (or as initially dubbed yeomanettes). There were few requirements for the first female yeomen: 18-35 years of age, of good character and neat appearance.

Eventually, there were more than

11,000 women in the Navy during WW1, most working stateside. They were stenographers, draftsmen, file clerks and other clerical jobs at various naval bases in the United States. Some women were commissary stewards, librarians, fingerprint experts, torpedo assemblers, telegraphers, camouflage designers and switchboard operators. Because they generated positive publicity, the women in uniform supported war bond drives, rallies, recruiting campaigns, troop send-offs, and other official events.

One of the first challenges was to design a uniform. The country was not ready for women in pants. A skirt to the ground would wipe the floor. The final choice was a length to the lower thigh, about eight inches from the ground (see photograph).

In a letter to a friend many years later, Yeomen Gertrude Madden recalled calling Rear Admiral Robert E. Coontz, commandant of the Navy Yard, "to get permission to go to a picnic 'out of uniform' that day.

"He said, 'Going out of uniform is permitted only when going hunting or fishing. Will there be boys there?'

"I answered in the affirmative.

He replied, 'Well, then, you'll be fishing, won't you?'"¹

Another group that deployed early in 1917 were the Red Cross/Army nurses, joining hospitals — some of which were near the front lines. The Army had about 11,000 female nurses with 5,000 in Europe at one point during WW1.

General John J. Pershing found the French telephone system atrocious in April 1917, which led to enlisting U.S. women telephone operators into the Army Signal Corps. Pershing noted that British women were working well in the war zone, as were U.S. women in various volunteer service organizations like the Red Cross, YWCA, YMCA and the Salvation Army.

Thus, the 223 bilingual (French and English) women who responded to the recruiting call were enthusiastically welcomed in France (by American commanders) and came to be called, "Hello Girls."

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Yeomen (F) were taught the manual of arms, but most never fired a gun. Military drill was reportedly difficult for women. This group was training at the Naval Training Center, San Francisco, CA (National Archives photo no. 165-WW-598-B-1)



Management
More insurance examples: who pays?

By Calvin White
General Manager

Many times, there are questions about who pays for various problems that arise. Even though there are numerous scenarios of incidents, two that are relatively common in HG are leaks and contractor damages.

First, let's assume a kitchen sink faucet in a unit on the 4th floor springs a leak. By the time the resident in the unit discovers the problem, water has leaked down into the ceiling of the unit on the 3rd floor.

The owner in the 4th floor unit had a throw rug and vinyl tile that was damaged by the water. Let's also assume that the resident on the 3rd floor unit has a water-stained ceiling and a picture that was hanging on the wall that was also water stained.

The responsibility for repairs in this incident will be as follows:

1. If the HGA's personnel respond to the initial call, they will take whatever actions are necessary to mitigate any further damage to the unit/s and/or building.
2. If the broken pipe is located in the walls, then HGA will ensure the repairs are completed.
3. If the broken pipe is not in the wall but within the unit's airspace, HGA personnel will repair the broken pipe in order to insure that there is no further damage. The 4th floor unit owner will be charged for HGA's time and materials.

If HGA personnel are able to stop further damage by closing a valve, they will do so. The unit owner must then contract with their own repairman to make the necessary repairs to the kitchen sink or faucet.

4. Repairs to the vinyl tile and the ceiling are insurable losses covered by HGA's property insurance. Repairs or replacing the throw rug or picture would not be covered by the HGA's insurance. These items would probably be covered by the unit owner's personal-property insurance policy referred to as an HO-6 Policy. As stated in previous articles, please be sure to have your insurance broker review your policy.

For clarity, remember that any damage to the structure or permanently attached property would be repaired and paid for by HGA's property insurance policy, excluding any deductible that may apply.

Who pays the deductible? If the damages were caused by an owners' item of responsibility such as a fixture, appliance, action or negligence, the owner(s) will be responsible for some or all of the deductible. If the damage is the result of an association-responsible item, HGA will pay the deductible.

Now a second example: an owner hires a contractor to install new carpeting in their unit and while moving the carpet into the unit the contractor breaks a light fixture in the elevator. He also leaves a trail of carpeting debris in the hallway from the elevator to the unit.

The contractor should report the broken light to the owner, and the owner should then report the broken light to the Management Office. The contractor should also clean up any mess in the hallway; if he doesn't, it is the responsibility of the owner to do the clean-up. If the mess is not cleaned up, HGA personnel will do the cleaning, then charge the owner for the time to do the cleaning and the materials needed to fix the light.

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GM's Report

General Manager

- Attended board and committee meetings.
- Reviewed payables and Capital Projects.
- Reviewed ACC Project Approval forms.
- Met with Rescon Accounting Department to review invoices.
- Attended classes and webinars for continuing education credits.
- Completed Bond Refinancing for HGMD.
- Attended HGA/HGMD Budget Review Work Session.
- Attended Work Session with HGMD Board.

Controller

- Interviewed and hired Katie Counts to new HR position.

- Completed the preparation of the 2018 budget.
- Presented the 2018 budget to B&F Committee and both boards.
- Filed disclosure documents for HGMD Bond Reporting.
- Worked with GM on auditing/reconciling insurance proceeds and expenditures.
- Met with Russ White of Rubin Brown to discuss 2017 year-end audit field work.
- Met with the Budget & Finance Committee and Russ White of Rubin Brown to discuss in detail, the audit charges for the 2016 audit.

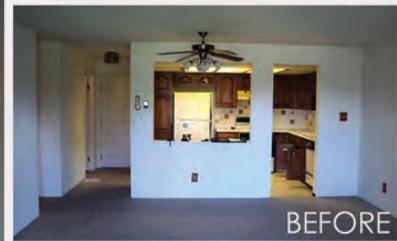
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- Completed 60 work orders.
- Continued working on B203 chair rail project.
- Continued working in B217.

Maintenance

- Maintenance completed 833 work orders. Of those, 131 were billable.
- Completed plumbing inspections at B209, B221, B222, B234 and B244.
- Removed boiler room wall between boiler room and unit 611. Installed new 18-gauge metal studs, sound absorbing insulation, one 5/8-inch layer of sound board and one 5/8-inch firestop drywall in B244.
- Jetted sewer lines in garage in B234.
- Completed concrete swales to drain water away from foundations at CP1.
- Installed double sewer cleanouts outside unit 14269 in CP5.
- Completed roofing repairs on all 4-story buildings.

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Mountain adventures, summer or winter, keeps this retiree going

Awakening at high elevation before sunrise on a frosty September morning, Ron Hileman, B223, is ready for a second day of hiking along the Colorado Trail with grandson John. Dressed in layers, Ron emerges from his tent. He cooks breakfast over a small bottle-gas stove.

Frosty morning air nips their noses but neither he nor John is cold. Once the sun rises they feel 30 degrees warmer than the air temperature. During the ascent they wad up their puffy down jackets and stuff them into backpacks while stepping around Aspen trees that the wind has brought down. Overhead, shafts of sunlight flick through yellowing leaves. The day's 20-mile trek winds past the timberline to a ridge line, offering panoramic views of South Park and the snow-capped Mosquito Range. Not a high adventure trip, this is a three-day easy hike for the pair. It is a respite for John between fighting forest fires all summer and returning to The University of Tennessee.

All Ron's six grandchildren have enjoyed individual adventures with Grandpa. When his eldest, and only granddaughter, chose Disney World, Ron "made adjustments," adding a Caribbean cruise

to the itinerary. The next grandson chose snorkeling, wind surfing, and scuba diving in Florida. Another requested a 300-mile canoe camping trip along an Arctic Ocean fiord in Canada's Northwest Territories. Winter or summer, rain or snow, this self-styled "Domesticated Mountain Grandpa" is up for white water rafting, climbing fourteeners, snow shoeing, and black diamond skiing.

Born in Lansing, Michigan, Ron has lived in New York, Pennsylvania, and North Carolina. He developed his outdoor skills that include skiing (73 years and counting) and canoeing. His wife, Holly, joined Ron in these pursuits 60 years ago, an anniversary they celebrated last June.

"Holly and I camped out on Mt. Mitchell (elevation 6,600 feet) in North Carolina, when it went 35 degrees below zero. That's kind of the last time Holly went winter camping with me." Winds hit the peak at speeds of 60-70 mph, "and wind chill from the mountain was off the charts."

Holly takes up the story. They had planned to stay in a hut, but it was occupied. Instead, they camped along a stream. In the few steps between filling a container with cooking water, the water froze.

"They bring Holly around on these trips for her great sense," said Holly, who shepherded them all to town for breakfast.

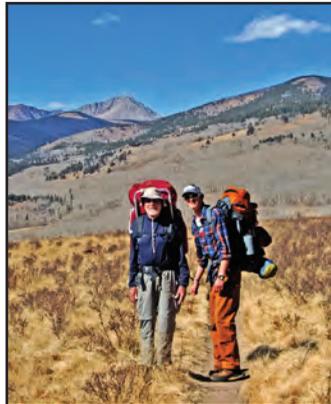
As a father on a boy scout trip, a boulder on the Youghiogheny River in Pennsylvania overturned a raft ahead of Ron, leaving one occupant in a whirlpool. Fatigued, the victim slipped from the rescue

ropes his friends threw to him. Heeding Ron's command, the frightened scouts thrust their paddles into the eddy where Ron lifted the sinking man onto their raft.

Later in Colorado, Ron encountered a blizzard blowing into Creed at 60 mph on the first day of elk season. It vanquished what had begun as a warm morning. Because snow reached the horse's belly, Ron was confined to his wilderness camp for one week.

"There's no such thing as bad weather. There's bad clothing," he said of such situations.

Adventures didn't wait for weekends. At work, Ron developed communications devices for Sylvania's Military Systems Division. One trial run for a low frequency antenna between airplane and submarine failed when the signal shorted out to clouds, never making it to the submarine. Electricity blew a hole in the airplane's nose, shredded the 900-foot antenna, popped circuit breakers, and temporarily blinded the pilot.



Above right: Ron and Holly Hileman, B223, photographed on their lanai
Above: Ron Hileman (left), B223, and grandson John backpack in the Colorado mountains.



Above: Ron photographed while skiing.

Left: Ron takes a selfie with a mountain goat that watches skeptically.



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The true meaning of Christmas

The night she arrived, frigid winds blew snow drifts against our house and the streets were deserted. We watched anxiously as the social worker's car turned slowly into our driveway, the headlights barely filtering through the swirling snow.

I had been baking cookies for Christmas, one week away, and my hands were in soapy water, washing trays when Mrs. Givens called.

She asked softly, "Would you make an exception this time, please? I have a 3-week-old baby girl who needs to be placed today. I've had a call from my other foster mom, and she is worn out. I would like to place this baby before the day is out — I have had her in two different homes."

Feeling the urgency in her pleading voice, I tried to stall for time to think, asking rather lamely, "What's her name?"

She answered, "She has no name. When she is legally adopted, she'll be named, but for now you may call her whatever you wish."

My husband and I had already agreed to limit the ages of the foster children we accepted to 3 years of age and over. Our own son was only 8 months old, ad quite a handful. So we decided it would be too much to take care of another little one.

But I heard myself say, "Yes, of course I'll take her. Bring her over."

When I held her for the first time, I sensed this baby was different. After we talked briefly, Mrs. Givens stood up slowly to leave.

"Well, good luck with her. I hope you don't have any problems, for she has seen too many homes and I would hate to have to move her again. Have a Merry Christmas."

As I prepared supper, that wish ran through my mind. I thought about the resentment and pressure I had felt the past few weeks. Christmas seemed to have dissolved into nothing but a greedy orgy of taking and giving.

Yet these feelings prevailed, even though I had a loving husband, three healthy children and a comfortable home. Despite these blessings, I was not motivated to spread any

good cheer of my own.

The shopping centers were crammed with people and everyone seemed to short-tempered. To make it worse, the Denver area was experiencing the worst blizzard in years, slowing traffic to a crawl.

Much later that night, as I dragged myself out of my warm bed for the fourth time, stumbling toward the baby's bassinet, I wanted to kick myself for having accepted such a responsibility.

Tiredly, I carried little no-name through the quiet house away from the bedrooms and my sleeping family. We settled on the couch in the living room, and I turned on the Christmas tree lights, hoping she would be distracted from her crying by the blinking lights. But she shrieked louder and strained away from my arms, refusing to take her bottle.

This baby didn't seem to enjoy being held close. She cried as if she were in pain. I couldn't help but recall the difference in my children at this age. They were so responsive. But what a warm reception they had received upon their birth — endless loving attention.

But this unhappy infant had been steadily shuffled around in her three weeks on earth, and she obviously was upset and angry. Already she distrusted another's touch. Her bottom was raw and red from infrequent diaper changes, and she had an angry red rash over her tiny body.

I tucked her blanket closer and held her to me, sharing the anguish she was experiencing. Here was a baby that simply needed extra love reassurance and attention.

We stayed in the living room for the rest of the night. Soon I felt her tense body relax in sleep as she laid in my arms. The Christmas tree filled the darkened room with a fragrant pine scent as its beautiful lights glistened and reflected on the stacks of neatly wrapped presents. As I lay next to no-name, I knew the only present I could give her would be my patience and understanding.

The next morning I dug out a cardboard box of outgrown baby

clothes. In the bottom I found my old baby carrier, which was simply a denim sling designed to be tied around one's self with the baby carried next to your body, either in front or back.

I spent the next week carrying fretful no-name. I would speak softly to her as I did my chores, handling her ever so gently when she needed to be fed or changed. Then I would reassure her and return her to the warm position against me.

She began to sleep more soundly and for longer periods. Her tiny smiles as she slept were encouragements for me to continue to carry her for one more day. At night I could return her to the bassinet, and she rewarded us all by sleeping soundly through until morning.

Our foster baby — the kids named her Misty — became a neighborhood celebrity and a very popular addition to our family. Gradually she accepted the fact that she was going to be okay. It seemed she had been healed of a painful neglect and rejection. As the weeks passed, her adjustment and growth were amazing.

Early that spring, Mrs. Givens called to tell me that a prospective couple had fallen in love with our baby from a photo we had sent the agency. They wanted to adopt her.

Tearfully, I said goodbye to my special one. Despite the pain of our separation, I still felt a deep joy and a heightened awareness of the phenomenon called love.

Our Christmas that year could have been like all the others in the past, caught up in another tiresome bout of exchanging presents as ritual required.

But this baby had reminded me that the most important gift we exchange with each other is a tangible, expressive love, given without the fear of whether we receive in return. Misty, our little no-name, had taught me the true meaning of Christmas.

– Diana Valencia
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The Month (November)

On Oct. 24, Matt Dunne, B207, aced hole #8 (112 yards) on the HG Golf Course, using a pitching wedge. Congratulations on your "hole-in-one!"

General Manager Calvin White reported, at the November HGMD Board Meeting, that all expenses related to problems with the Golf Course well pump, and associated costs connected to purchasing city water, had been covered by HGMD's insurance, minus the \$10,000 deductible. The combined cost paid by insurance for pump repairs and associated costs, turf repair, and city water was \$140,000.

An additional \$20,000 in insurance payments is anticipated. HGMD also saved \$7,700 in electricity costs that were not incurred over the summer, because the well pump did not operate. The savings will nearly defray the \$10,000-deductible that HGMD must pay.

The insurance payment went a long way to offsetting some unexpected expenses incurred by the HGMD in 2017. In addition to well-related expenses, the HGMD had unbudgeted costs associated with holding an election to recall a board member.

The expenses caused the budget to be amended at the HGMD Board Meeting; however, no changes were made to recreational fees for 2017. HGMD also used excess funds received from hail-damage insurance to offset unbudgeted expenses.

The Maintenance Department continues to study ways to improve air circulation in 6-story buildings. Using B223 as a case study, staff are examining if hallways can be pressurized, so that air can be forced under unit doors, at the gap in the threshold, to force cigarette smoke and odors to stay within the unit where they originate.

White announced that owners of 20 units on a rental wait list have been called and told that they may rent their unit. The number of units rented in HG dropped to below the 20 percent limit specified in the Declaration of Condominium. These owners must respond within a time limit that they are still interested in renting the unit, because 74 additional units remain on the wait list.

The city of Aurora has made all final inspections of units on the 6th floor in B217 that were affected by the May 2016 fire. Owners are free to re-occupy their condos, if they plan to.

Clubhouse Manager Linda Aluise told the Clubhouse/Restaurant Committee that the Lodge Pole Lounge will be getting new furniture.

Chair Sandy Rosenberg noted that Aluise had included purchases of a new tennis ball machine, swimming

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That Was...

pool furniture for the outdoor pool and new fitness equipment on her wish list for the 2018 budget. All three items qualify for using Lottery Funds. (HGMD gets money from the Colorado Lottery for recreational improvements from Parks and Recreation.) HGMD has received about \$11,000 this year. Current balance in the Lottery account is about \$89,000. The committee approved recommending to the HGMD Board that a tennis ball machine be purchased this month. It was approved by the board.

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Earlier this year, the ad hoc CTC Committee was charged with several projects to research. On Nov. 21, at the joint HGA/HGMD work session, Gary Ford reported on the results of two of these projects: entry door keys and surveillance cameras for multi-story buildings. In both cases, Ford reported that the committee could not find any compelling evidence to change the status quo.

The committee decided that replacing metal keys with an electronic key card was not warranted after research discovered two things:

1) After reviewing crimes in the multi-story buildings with Aurora Police and HG Security, there had never been an incident when an "orphan" key had been used to gain access.

2) It would cost about \$500,000 to develop an electronic key card system compared to \$750-\$1,500 to simply re-key a building if the owners felt that too many keys had been duplicated and given to friends, family members, vendors or caregivers who need access to the condo. Orphan keys circulating outside HG might number 200 at the worst case. Half of these, when discovered, are probably thrown away.

Ford continued with a summary of the committee's research on surveillance cameras in multi-story buildings. As a deterrent to crime, these need to be monitored in real time, an expensive proposition. Most of HG's crime occurs in the Parking Structures — crimes of opportunity. To use cameras for forensic analysis after a burglary, they must be directed at where the crime occurs and get a "useful" photo of the perpetrator. Positioning cameras to collect valid photos around parked cars would be difficult. The only other possible crime to track is the theft of packages in mail rooms, which is rare in HG.

Therefore the committee was not recommending additional cameras at this time.

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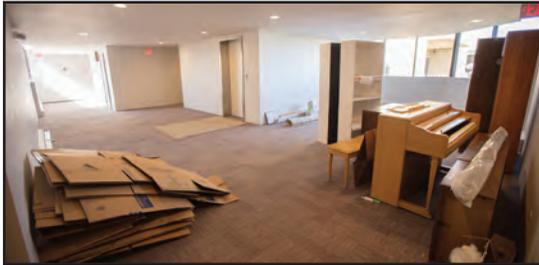
Crafters and shoppers filled the Clubhouse on Oct. 20-21 to buy something made "just for you." Did you get a gift or a treasure for yourself?



Photos by Anne Hummel-Gillis



Sixth floor residents move back into B217



On Oct. 17, several B217 owners had or were moving back into their homes after smoke damage caused by a fire in unit 601. It was almost 18 months since these owners had to evacuate and await reconstruction of the 6th floor. Above: Photograph at the elevator shows furniture that was unloaded for a resident who was moving in and empty boxes ready to return to the moving truck.



Above: Carol Ann Mayne and Daniel Taylor re-settled comfortably in their unit 501 last spring. Below: Jim and Lorraine Alsum, unit 611, got a new kitchen and island with updated cabinets.



Above: Bill and Donna Whitus, unit 603, took advantage of open concept layout for their rebuilt kitchen that opens into the dining area and living room.



Right and below: Cheri Conner, unit 608, was moving in when photographed. She was getting some expert electrical help (above). Below: Carol Anne Mayne, who lived directly below the unit with the fire (501) is helping Cheri Conner get unpacked in her new kitchen.



Above: Jim and Evelyn Pierce, unit 605, are re-settled, but still had boxes to unpack.



Photos by Anne Hummel-Gillis

HGMD President...from page 11

Committee Policies

The major change here is the way committees will handle operational concerns. HGMD can only address policy issues. This does not offer the public an opportunity to express concerns and questions regarding the operations of the clubhouse, restaurant, golf course, the foundation and the new Property Management Committee. Therefore our committees will continue to make recommendations to the District on policy matters; and will refer operations concerns to HGA's staff and General Manager.

Financial Reporting

Each month, HGMD Treasurer Bill Archambault will provide a snapshot of HGMD's financial position to

Heather 'n Yon. Find this month's "sidebar" on page 7.

Because of the work load we are anticipating, we have recommending increasing the board size from 5 to 7 members. If approved, this action will take place at our next election in the spring. The final vote on this matter will be at our December meeting.

Coming events:

- Dec. 7 Public Hearing on 2108 budget. Final approval and set mill levy,
- Dec. 21 Regular monthly meeting. Main topic will be to amend the 2017 budget.

All meetings are open to the public. We urge you to attend HGMD meetings, both committees and board meetings. The board want you to feel free to contact any director with your concerns. All directors are here to help in any way we can.

Hileman...from page 17

A jam-resistant radio Ron worked on during the Cold War enabled supplies to be brought into West Berlin when the Russians had disabled communications. Crews transferred Ron's prototype from incoming to outgoing aircraft until more radios were available.

While working for Carolina Medical Electronics, Ron collaborated with early heart-transplant doctors. He is most proud of techniques he created that led to less brain damage during coronary bypass surgery.

He also created flow meters used on a space shuttle biolab to gauge the effects of weightlessness by monitoring the blood flow of rats.

He trained astronauts. Ron relishes retelling astronaut hijinks. One fine April 1, an astronaut, adept at technical mountain climbing, dressed as Spiderman and rappelled out a window. He bounced and shouted as he passed office windows on a clamorous descent before disappearing into his office to watch the commotion. During their investigation, Security narrowed the suspects to four possible individuals but couldn't get any closer.

Boss Scott Carpenter waited patiently, sensing the culprit would turn himself in. In time, the errant astronaut entered Scott's office, closed the door, and read a proclamation: "Whereas the government invests substantially in Astronaut training; "Whereas this crazy stunt puts the investment to risk;

"Be it resolved: It won't happen again."

Carpenter hid a smile and responded: "Dismissed."

The following April 1, the head of security received a call: "We have a report that Spiderman is again seen at gate 4."

The head of security went home.

Ron and Holly retired to HG in 2000 to be near their daughter Linda, now living in CP1. Sons Douglass and Gregg live out of state. He and Holly enjoy many HG activities.

Still using his engineering skills, Ron is evaluating carbon monoxide levels in underground garages to reduce the operating costs of the fans in the garage. He is also working on ways to reduce second-hand smoke by rebalancing the air flow in multi-story buildings.

At HG, Ron enjoys golf and pickle ball. He is a former HGA Board Director, 2016-2015, where he chaired the Communications Committee.

Right: Ron is active with Habitat for Humanity, working on average one day a week helping to build a "Habitat" home. In this photograph, former President Jimmy Carter and wife Rosalind (front row left) were helping the crew. Ron, in green shirt, stands a couple rows behind the Carters.

He is an avid volunteer with the Red Cross, having deployed to Louisiana after Hurricane Katrina (2005) and to Texas after Hurricane Ike (2008). Locally, he helps residents after apartment or house fires.

He has also volunteered for 10 years with Habitat for Humanity. One day a week, he shares his carpentry expertise to build homes under this organization's auspices.

Long into retirement (since 2000), Ron is a wholehearted member and hike leader in the Colorado Mountain Club. He hiked 400 miles this past year.

"I like it because you're totally distracted from the worries that you normally have when you're working. When you're out there, it's you and nature kind of competing. It's physical. You can't think about anything you normally worry about when you're racing down the hill or going through white water waves."

"Or hiking up a mountain," adds Holly.

- Dala Giffin



Joint HGA/HGMD meeting previews Emergency Preparedness Plan

At a joint meeting (work session) of the HGA and HGMD Boards on Nov. 21, directors got a preview of the Emergency Preparedness Plan that the SEC Committee has been developing for HG. Presented by committee members Jill Bacon, B244, and Rudy Morris, B217, it was emphasized that the plan is still considered a preliminary document.

In her opening comments, Bacon said that while developing this plan for HG, the committee “hoped it never, ever has to use it.” She emphasized that communication is key, thus the plan focuses on the incident-notification process, and which HG offices, HG residents and city entities are notified.

In the plan, three levels of emergencies are defined: non-urgent (Level 1), urgent (Level 2), and emergent (Level 3). Flow charts placed HG Security at the center, starting point for each incident. Besides calls to 911, key players at HG included the General Manager and the SEC Committee Chair.

Secondary key players included HG employees (department heads as needed), Area Representative President, HGMD and HGA Board presidents, and members of the SEC

Committee to activate a telephone team that calls volunteers to help victims of the emergency.

An example of a Level 1 emergency was a kitchen fire that was caught early, then extinguished quickly with no adjacent units involved. Besides the Aurora Fire Department and HG Security, this emergency probably would not require HG residents/volunteers beyond neighbors.

An example of a Level 2 emergency was a windstorm that blows over trees that collapse on 2–3 structures with possible injuries to residents. This may require evacuating the victims to the Clubhouse for sheltering until the Red Cross gets involved. HG has a memorandum of understanding with the Red Cross to provide assistance in emergencies.

Besides Aurora Fire and Police being called, it is planned that the emergency volunteers at HG could respond within the first 15–20 minutes to assist victims in any way possible (provide shelter, blankets, water, contact with family members), until the city’s first responders arrive and assume responsibility for subsequent actions.

A Level 3 incident (emergent) example was described as a major tor-

nado that touches down on the HG campus, causing damage to multiple structures. Again, the HG emergency preparedness team would be activated to assist first responders, providing early support after the incident. Flow charts identify who is involved, based on the severity of the event

In this type of emergency, Rudy Morris described how the HG Clubhouse might be converted to have a Command Center (in the Board Room), a Communications Center (Mountainview Room), shelter for evacuated residents (Sandberg Auditorium), check-in for volunteers (Reception Desk) and Press Room (maybe Skyview Room?). Anticipating the loss of normal phone communications, ham radio operators may assist. Primary incident command would be fire or police personnel.

As the committee works its way through this plan, it will refine the details. It has already presented the plan to the Area Representative (AR) Organization, getting a mixed reaction. One AR did not want to participate actively in assessing the severity of an incident. Otherwise, HG seems to have several residents willing to help their neighbors if an emergency occurs.

Donaldson...from page 14

Some authors credit the willingness to recruit women into the military, and the women’s eagerness to serve despite having been born in the Victorian era, as providing impetus to women’s suffrage in the United States. In 1917, some states passed laws that allowed women to vote (New York). It was not until 1919 that the 19th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, extended voting rights to all women in all states, was passed in Congress, then ratified by the states in 1920.

{References: Wikipedia, Peter Diamondis: Singularity Blog, U.S. Census data, www.worldwarone.org; 1: *American Women in World War 1*, Lettie Gavin, University Colorado Press, 1997, *USA Today*}

This fall, *The Denver Post* celebrated its 125 Anniversary, and marked the event with a special insert detailing its history.. The paper first appeared in Aug. 8, 1892, named simply *Evening Post*. It was funded by supporters of President Grover Cleveland (whose second term was 1893–1897). Publishing ceased in 1893 — during a depression that was brought on by crashing silver prices.

Purchased for \$12,500 by Harry Heye Tammen and Frederick Gilmer Bonfils, it resurfaced Oct. 28, 1895. They tasked the paper, now *The Denver Post*, to “Be the Talk of the Town.” These early years could be rough. The two owners were shot by a disgruntled attorney in their offices in 1900. In 1903, Tammen bought a circus, Sells-Floto Circus — not a common way to expand a publishing empire.

The only day the paper did not publish, since 1895, was Christmas Day 1982, after a blizzard buried Denver in nearly two feet of snow on Christmas eve. Despite reporters braving the weather, and interviewing residents trapped in cars or buses by the snow, *The Post* had decided not to publish because circulation trucks could not get the papers delivered. This event will forever be remembered as derailing Mayor Bill McNichols’ career in the next election, which he lost to Federico Peña, because clearing the streets of snow was a campaign issue.

At one time, there were as many as four newspapers in Denver. Today, only *The Denver Post* remains.

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The actual number was 84 percent. The gap has grown steadily in the last four decades. The con-

centration of wealth at the very top has grown faster than for any other group. In 1979, the top 1 percent owned 20.5 percent of the nation's assets. In 2013, it owned 36.7 percent.

What are the likely consequences of continued growth in inequality? (Data from various Federal agencies as quoted in *Wealth, Income and Power* by G. William Domhoff)

If you believe issues like this deserve our attention, please join us for our Indivisible meeting at 3:30 pm in the Aspen Room on the second Tuesday of each month. During the Dec. 12 meeting, we will discuss the growth of inequality and its implications.

– **Al Lindeman**
CP6

GM Report...from page 15

- Completed annual boiler tube cleaning in B201, B209, B213, and B241.
- Made repairs from roof leaks in four units in B243.
- Caulked roof caps and repaired failed EPDM roofing joints above units at B243.
- Replaced boiler pilot assembly in B242.
- Replaced eight feet of heat run fin tube in B232.
- Replaced two 4-inches of 90-degree copper elbows in boiler room in B241.
- Replaced boiler heat pump in B223.
- Winterized all multi-story evaporative coolers.
- Replaced hot stack valve for the 10 stack in 6th floor ceiling in B221.
- Replaced six feet of hot water supply pipe in ceiling of B221.
- Repaired soffit and fascia at B210.
- Jetted kitchen sewer lines in garage in B233.

Clubhouse

- Held three trips and five events.
- Held dance committee meeting to discuss New Year's Eve Dance.
- Held staff meeting to review ActiveNet.
- Began Fall Classes on Oct. 1.
- Assisted Optimist Club with Pancake Breakfast and Pumpkin Fundraiser.
- Hired new art teacher.
- Scheduled Special Events for Fall and the holidays.
- Scheduled CPR classes for staff.

Contracts

- Monitored siding, roofing and chimney replacement at CP5, and CP6.
- Worked with Engineer on PS4 shoring, drawings and repairs.
- Worked with C3 Group on roofing repairs/replacement for B242, B243, and B244.
- Worked with contractor on screen replacement in B217.
- Worked with contractor for B217 carpet replacement.

- Worked with contractor on Clubhouse carpet replacement.
- Worked with contractor on Seville footbridge replacement.
- Worked with contractor on multistory fascia replacement.
- Worked with contractor on elevator jack replacement.
- Worked with Maintenance Connection on new work order software.
- Reviewed bids received for elevator preventive maintenance.

Custodial

- Completed 30 work orders.
- Completed 13 set-ups at Clubhouse.
- Completed inspections of the Clubhouse, and Restaurant.

Roads and Grounds

- Completed sealcoat in CP2, CP3 and Clubhouse.
- Winterized irrigation system and applied fall fertilizer.
- Swept 20 multi-story parking garages.
- Aerated large turf areas.
- Annual concrete repairs are in progress.
- Removed two large multi-stem Cottonwood trees that fell from snowstorm.
- Cleaned up debris from tree damage caused by snowstorm.
- Leaf removal is underway.
- Rolled up windscreens at Seville and Clubhouse tennis courts.

Golf

- Installed well controller. Well is fully operational.
- Completed water usage report.
- Continued leaf mulching and clean up.
- Pruned damaged limbs and cleaned up debris after wet snow storm.
- Fertilized greens.
- Cleaned and serviced golf car fleet.
- Ordered more recycle bins per Green Team proposal.
- Interviewed candidate for Assistant Superintendent position.
- Installed winter ice warning signs.

Restaurant

- Hosted Men's Golf Fall Banquet, Ladies Golf Fall Banquet, Optimist Pancake Breakfast, Aurora Bar Association Dinner, Frolics Open House, Tennis Club Halloween Lunch, St. Gabriel's Church Golf Dinner.
- Held first Fine Dining Night.

SECURITY

- Total of 396 reports written and 5,751 miles patrolled.
- Attended monthly "SEC Committee Meeting." Among many items discussed was policy enforcement regarding residents who do not pick up after their dogs, and with residents who do not comply with the HG Smoking Policy.
- Held monthly "Safety Meeting." Topic: "Distracted Driving and tips on how to be safe while operating a motor vehicle." This information also included national statistics of vehicular collisions that were found to be the result of distracted drivers.

Employee of the Month: Daniel Tamayo, Roads and Grounds Department

Budget...from page 15

vacant for part of the year, might be restructured.

The Golf Pro contract expires Oct. 31, 2018; the balance of the year might be filled by month-to-month extensions. Approximately \$5,000 of HGA advertising money was earmarked to market the Golf Course.

Over the course of the day, committee members cut about \$25,000 from the budget. To build HGMD's capital reserves, they put the \$25,000 back in the budget, as capital-reserve contributions.

Overall, the HGMD budget decreased its portion of the HOA fee/rec fee an average of one dollar per month.

Letters

Heather 'n Yon

The Salvation Army Angel Trees will be located in the lobbies of the Clubhouse and Rendezvous Restaurant beginning Nov. 27 through Dec. 13. Gifts will be going to the low income children of Aurora. Thank you for your support.

**Ronda Bollwahn
B218
Salvation Army**

Heather 'n Yon

Between 4 and 6 pm on Oct. 31, someone tried to steal the wheels and tires off my Audi, parked in Parking Structure 4. The unsuccessful thieves had removed all 20 lug nuts from my car's wheels, but were apparently interrupted before they could finish the job.

I got into my car at 6:10 pm, not realizing the lug nuts were gone. I tried to back my car out of my parking space before I realized something was terribly wrong. All four wheels came off.

Thanks to HG Security Officer Joe Willequer, who came to help minutes after I called. Joe also contacted the Aurora Police who arrived about a half hour later. Willequer stayed with me until my car could be towed away for repair. I was afraid the thieves would return.

I'm writing this letter to alert HG residents. If you see suspicious activity in one of the garages, call Security right away! To try to prevent this from happening again, I had locking lug nuts installed on my car's wheels.

If you have expensive wheels and tires on your vehicle parked here at HG, the extra expense of locking lug nuts may be worth it.

**Gloria Lesher
B212**

Heather 'n Yon

A huge shout-out and positive recognition for HG's grounds team and golf course crew. Jobs well done! Brian Benko's group works so hard to keep the Golf Course in pristine condition. Never an idle moment with these guys. The course always looks wonderful and plays so well. We all appreciate the end result of their work — well done Brian.

We especially appreciate the direction and leadership of Roads and Grounds Manager Jeff Owens as he oversees all grounds activity and dispatches his tremendous resources each day of the year. Thanks so much, Jeff.

And the conscientious attention and guidance Rodney Steggs gives to his crew. "How do you remove a tree?" Rodney has the answer!

And we all know the constant diligence Dawn Fradkin gives to HG plants, trees, and botanical life at HG. She not only is technically competent within her profession, but she constantly displays authentic leadership. A real hands-on resource for our community. When I see her with her gloves on, driving her cart and pitching in with the team, it is clear she is there as a leader to provide the best work environment for the crew. Dawn, thank you so much for all that you do.

You ALL contribute to our great community. We thank each one of your team members for their contribution and hard work.

**Evan and Mary Ann Morris
STH**

Heather 'n Yon

I would like to thank Oralene Winchell for all her efforts in starting the choral group here at HG. The group is called, the "NoteAbles." We will be singing Christmas music at 7 pm Tuesday, Dec. 12, in Sandberg Auditorium. Director Oralene has in-

corporated some familiar songs, and some new songs to celebrate the holiday season.

Please join us for an entertaining evening.

**Roberta Church
B244**

Heather 'n Yon

There was a letter from a Caroline Fountain, B221. Was that a typo? Some of the building residents (B221) are curious about who she is. She is not listed in the directory. A number of us don't know her or have never ever heard about her. She is not listed in the lobby phone directory. We believe she does not live in this building.

But, who knows. Several years ago, security did find someone living under one of our lanais. (Her mother had kicked her out from B222). Caroline may be in one of the storerooms!

**Marilynn Miciek
B221**

{Editor's Note: Interesting. I looked up the letter I got. It is neatly typewritten with Caroline Fountain, B221, typed at the bottom. She did not include a phone number.

Unfortunately, if it came in an envelope (and it is folded as if it did), I no longer have it.

I cannot find anyone named Fountain in the HG Directory. Because of a technical glitch, the online directory has not been updated recently. However, Caroline states that she has been living in HG for 3 years.

Your suggestions are plausible, but I am wondering if I have been pranked by someone writing fiction. Or is it a "fake letter" in the way that social media has "fake news."

Guess I will never know. Thankfully, it was a nice letter, not a complaint.}

Heather 'n Yon

During the past year there has been a perpetrator roaming the streets of HG exposing himself to female walkers. Aurora police have increased the patrols in our area. (Note to those who speed through HG).

I wanted to pass along this information to be sure to inform those who walk in HG that if there is any

See Letters...page 35

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.

DECEMBER CALENDAR

Fri 1	Men with Purpose Coffee HG Indivisible Group (every Friday) 500 Club (every Friday) Clubhouse Matinee: Churchill Men's Poker (every Friday) Clubhouse Movie: Churchill	Skyview Room Rendezvous Restaurant Blue Spruce Room Sandberg Auditorium Skyview Room Sandberg Auditorium	10 am 12:15 pm 12:30-4 pm 1 pm 4-9:15 pm 6:30 pm
Sat 2	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
Mon 4	Mah Jongg (every Monday) Men's Bridge (every Monday) Ping Pong Singles/Advanced (every Monday) Men's Poker (every Monday) Pinochle - Open (every Monday)	Blue Spruce Room Skyview Room Game Room Skyview Room Mountainview Room	12:30-4 pm 1-4 pm 2-5 pm 6-9 pm 6:30-9:30 pm
Tue 5	Bridge (every Tuesday) Hand and Foot (every Tuesday) Mah Jongg (every Tuesday) Ping Pong Doubles/Intermediate (every Tuesday) B215 Happy Hour CP5 and CP6 Holiday Party Co-Ed Billiards Club (every Tuesday) NoteAbles Mixed Chorus (every Tuesday)	Skyview Room Mountainview Room Blue Spruce Room Game Room Rendezvous Restaurant Rendezvous Restaurant Billiards Room Sandberg Auditorium	12:30-4 pm 12:30-4 pm 1-4 pm 2-5 pm 5 pm 5 pm 6:30 pm 7 pm
Wed 6	Meet & Greet with General Manager Calvin White ACBL Duplicate Bridge (every Wednesday) Clubhouse Event: Estate Planning Pinochle (every Wednesday) Woodshop Club Men's Poker (every Wednesday) Square Dancing Club	Clubhouse Lobby Blue Spruce Room Skyview Room Mountainview Room Mountainview Room Skyview Room Sandberg Auditorium	8-9:30 am 1-4:30 pm 1 pm 1:30-4 pm 4 pm 4-9:15 pm 7:30-9:30 pm
Thu 7	HG Breakfast Optimist Club TOPS (every Thursday) Clubhouse Event: Great Rabbis, Great Insights Clubhouse Event: East Middle School Band/Choir HG Writers Club (every Thursday) Bunko	Rendezvous Restaurant Blue Spruce Room Blue Spruce Room Sandberg Auditorium Mountainview Room Blue Spruce Room	7:45 am 8:30-9:30 am 10 am 11 am 1-4 pm 1-3:30 pm

Advertised Activities and Seminars

Mon, Dec 4	Bayer Ear Clinic (every Monday)	Arts & Craft Room, 9 am-noon (see ad: p. 29)
Wed, Dec 6	Bright Health Plans	Mountainview Room, 10 am (see ad: p. 9)
Sat, Dec 16	Asset Protection Workshop	Secure Financial, Aspen Room, 10 am (see ad: p. 21)
Sun, Dec 24	Christmas Eve Morning	Heather Gardens Chapel, Sandberg Auditorium, 11 am (see ad: p. 4)

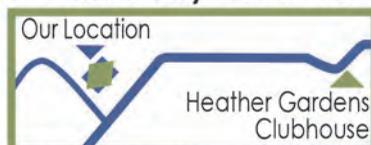
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Thu 7 (cont'd)	Cribbage (every Thursday)	Arts & Crafts Room	1–3:30 pm
	Ping Pong Doubles/Intermediate (every Thursday)	Game Room	2–5 pm
	CP4 Social	Rendezvous Restaurant	5 pm
	CP2 Holiday Dinner (Social and Meeting at 5 pm)	Rendezvous Restaurant	6 pm
	Kiwanis Club of Aurora (every Thursday)	Rendezvous Restaurant	6 pm
Fri 8	American Legion Post 2012	Mountainview Room	7 pm
	Men's 9-Ball Billiard Tournament (every Thursday)	Billiards Room	7–9:30 pm
	Clubhouse Event: Unique Sweater Party	Sandberg Auditorium	1 pm
Sat 9	Clubhouse Event: AARP Driving Course	Arts & Crafts Room	1–5 pm
	Karaoke Club	Aspen/Blue Spruce Room	6 pm
Tue 12	CP1 Holiday Dinner	Rendezvous Restaurant	5:30 pm
	50 and Who's Counting	Aspen/Blue Spruce Room	5:30 pm
	Clubhouse Event: Faith Presbyterian Chorus	Sandberg Auditorium	4–6 pm
Wed 13	Clubhouse Event: Chair Massage	Skyview Room	9–11 am
	VNA Clinic	Blue Spruce Room	1–5 pm
	Parkinson's Support Group	Aspen Room	1–3:30 pm
	HG Indivisible Group	Aspen Room	3:30 pm
	B203 and B204 Social Drinks/Dinner	Rendezvous Restaurant	5 pm
Thu 14	Clubhouse Event: NoteAbles Holiday Concert	Sandberg Auditorium	7 pm
	Clubhouse Event - Active Minds: New York City	Sandberg Auditorium	2 pm
Fri 15	Clubhouse Event - Denver Brass Ensemble	Sandberg Auditorium	7 pm
	Clubhouse Event: Watch Batteries	Lodgepole Lounge	9 am–1 pm
	Clubhouse Event: Great Rabbis, Great Insights	Blue Spruce Room	10 am
	Clubhouse Event - Holiday Potluck and Bingo	Sandberg Auditorium	11 am
Sat 16	Green Team	Skyview Room	noon
	Mobile Post Office	Circle Driveway	11:40 am–noon
	Men with Purpose Coffee	Skyview Room	10 am
Mon 18	Clubhouse Matinee: Glass Castle	Sandberg Auditorium	1 pm
	Clubhouse Movie Night: Glass Castle	Sandberg Auditorium	6:30 pm
Tue 19	Wine and Cheese Social Club	Aspen/Blue Spruce Rooms	3–5 pm
	VNA Clinic	Blue Spruce Room	1–3:30 pm
Wed 20	Photography Club	Aspen Room	3–5 pm
	Genealogy Swap Shop	Skyview Room	9–11 am
Thu 21	B205 and B206 Happy Hour	Rendezvous Restaurant	5 pm
	Colorado Symphony Guild (Hilltop SE Chapter)	Rendezvous Restaurant	11:30 am
	CP3 Social	Rendezvous Restaurant	5:30 pm
Fri 22	Square Dancing Club	Sandberg Auditorium	7:30–9:30 pm
	Bunko	Blue Spruce Room	1–3:30 pm
Sat 23	Residents' Open Forum	Rendezvous Restaurant	3 pm
	Clubhouse closes at 3 pm		
Mon 25	Christmas Holiday – Management Office and Clubhouse Closed		

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DECEMBER CALENDAR, Cont.

Tue 26	Management Office Closed		
Wed 27	Resident Orientation	Skyview Room	9:45 am
Sun 31	Clubhouse Event: New Year's Eve Dance		
		Sandberg Auditorium	8–11 pm
Jan. 1	New Year's Day Holiday – Management Office and Clubhouse Closed		

Bible Study (Interdenominational), Wednesday 8–9 am
 We probe the Scriptures with an eye to practical applications for everyday living. It is a great mid-week boost. Women meet in the Aspen Room. Men in the Mountainview Room. For more information, call Daisy Hoeme, 303-752-2312.

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

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.

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 - 12/14

• Monthly Meetings •

Boards and Committees

- ad hoc Golf Staffing – 9 am Tue, Dec. 5
- Communications – 10 am Tue, Dec. 5
- Long Range Plan – 10 am Wed, Dec. 6
- Civic Affairs – 10 am Thu, Dec. 7
- Campus Technology – 10 am Tue, Dec. 12
- Foundation – 1 pm Wed, Dec. 13
- ~~Clubhouse/Rest – 1 pm Thu, Dec. 14~~
- Budget & Finance – 10 am Mon, Dec. 18
- HGA Board – 1 pm Tue, Dec. 19**
- SEC – 1 pm Wed, Dec. 20
- ACC – 10 am Thu, Dec. 21
- HGMD Board – 1 pm Thu, Dec. 21**
- Resident Open Forum – 3 pm Thu, Dec. 21 (Rendezvous)

Cancelled

FYI

Citizens Police Academy

Would you like to learn about the Aurora Police Department, its functions and operation? The Citizens' Police Academies (CPA), with evening or daytime sessions, give you the opportunity to meet and learn from APD officers in an interactive classroom setting. The next evening CPA will begin on Feb. 13 for 15 consecutive Tuesdays, 5:30–9 pm. Most classes will be held in the Aurora Room at the Aurora Municipal Center.

The next daytime CPA will begin on March 5 for 11 consecutive Mondays, 1–3 pm. The daytime classes are held at the Aurora Center for Active Adults. To apply, contact Alice Jackson, APD Volunteer/Intern Coordinator, 303-739-6346 or ajackson@auroragov.org. Applications are also available online at www.auroragov.org.

Aurora History Museum

18th Annual Festival of Wreaths
 Nov. 14–Dec. 8, 9 am–4 pm Tuesday–Friday

11 am–4 pm Saturday and Sunday
 Call to sponsor your own wreath, or place a bid on one that has been decorated by local businesses, organizations and individuals. Organized as an annual museum fundraiser, each wreath is sold through an online auction. 15051 E. Alameda Pkwy. 303-739-6660 or AuroraMuseum.org.

Aurora Symphony Orchestra

The Snowman, 3 pm Sunday, Dec. 10
 Heritage Event Ctr
 14401 E. Exposition Ave.

For tickets, AuroraSymphony.org or at the door. The orchestra will perform Howard Blake's beautiful score live with a showing of the Academy Award-nominated short film, "The Snowman." Tickets are \$35 (\$30 for seniors age 65 and older and military; \$20 for students age 18 and under).

VNA Senior Wellness Clinics

Charges: Toenail Cutting (includes blood pressure) \$45 (1st visit, 1 hour), \$35 (returning client); Fingernail trim \$15; Blood Pressures \$3; B-12 Shots (serum supplied by client) \$15, 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, Dec. 12, 1–3:30 pm, Blue Spruce Room, Barbara McShane, VNA 303-698-6496.

Monday, Dec. 18, 1–3:30 pm, Blue Spruce Room, Blanche McKinney, 303-751-6444

Note: Kaiser covers 100% medical foot care for some patients. Call 303-698-6496 to verify coverage.

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type of situation, do NOT engage with this person or challenge him. Leave as quickly as possible. Go to a safe area. Then call the Aurora Police Department, 911. Some women think they can shame this person, or make fun of him. That is about the worse thing you can do — it just angers a perpetrator.

Also, on another note, if you must walk your dog after dark, do not go alone. I recommend this not just because of this “flasher” looking for female walkers, but because HG has coyotes and foxes that tend to come out more at night than in the day. It has happened that a coyote has tried to take a small pet, even with the owner holding the leash in HG.

**Wanda Merritt
CP6**

Heather 'n Yon

In case you missed the announcement on page 54 of the November issue of *Heather 'n Yon*: the indoor swimming pool and hot tub will be open during the holidays! Encourage your family and friends to pack their swimsuits when they come to visit. A couple of laps in our pristine pool and/or a soak in the hot tub is the perfect way to start and/or end your day.

Don't forget the sauna! Check the signage posted in the Clubhouse for extended family swim days and times.

**Linda Worthey
B250**

Heather 'n Yon

A great opportunity benefiting *Children's Hospital* will help you get your Holiday Shopping started. A Holiday Card Project that benefits the Cancer and Blood Disorder patients at Children's Hospital will be selling Holiday Tins (filled with deluxe mixed nuts and soft chocolate caramels), Holiday Cards, and more in the HG Clubhouse. Please stop by to support your HG residents who are active in this project. At the same time, you can support Children's Hospital. Times for selling/purchasing are:

Right: Pat Nutting, B236, celebrated her 100th Birthday on Nov. 13, with friends and neighbors in her building at an afternoon tea. Joining her for a photograph with the cake are her daughters (from left): Joyce Wilson, Suzan Mitchell and Julie Kronbach.

Right below: Pat's condo door was festively decorated with age-appropriate balloons and signs. Daughter Julie thought her mom was doing well after six parties over the past week with friends and family.



- Monday, Dec. 11, 1–3 pm
- Friday, Dec. 15, 3–5 pm

All the cards are designed by the kiddos who are patients at Children's Hospital. Stop by and take a look. It will warm your heart. The Tins are wonderful gifts.

Invited out over the holidays? Take your hostess a holiday tin from Children's Hospital. Want to make shopping easy? Buy tins for all on your shopping list.

Kathleen McBride
Kathleen.mcbride@
childrenscolorado.org
720-777-6489

Heather 'n Yon

I wonder if I am the only resident who has questioned for years why HG doesn't have an annual meeting? I was once told the reason was that HG didn't have a room large enough to hold all residents.

We all know not ALL residents attend annual meetings. Not only did we have enough room in the old Community Center Auditorium but we surely have enough room now.

The HGA Board amends by-laws on a whim, and if a resident doesn't read the *Heather 'n Yon*, he/

she doesn't know they have been amended.

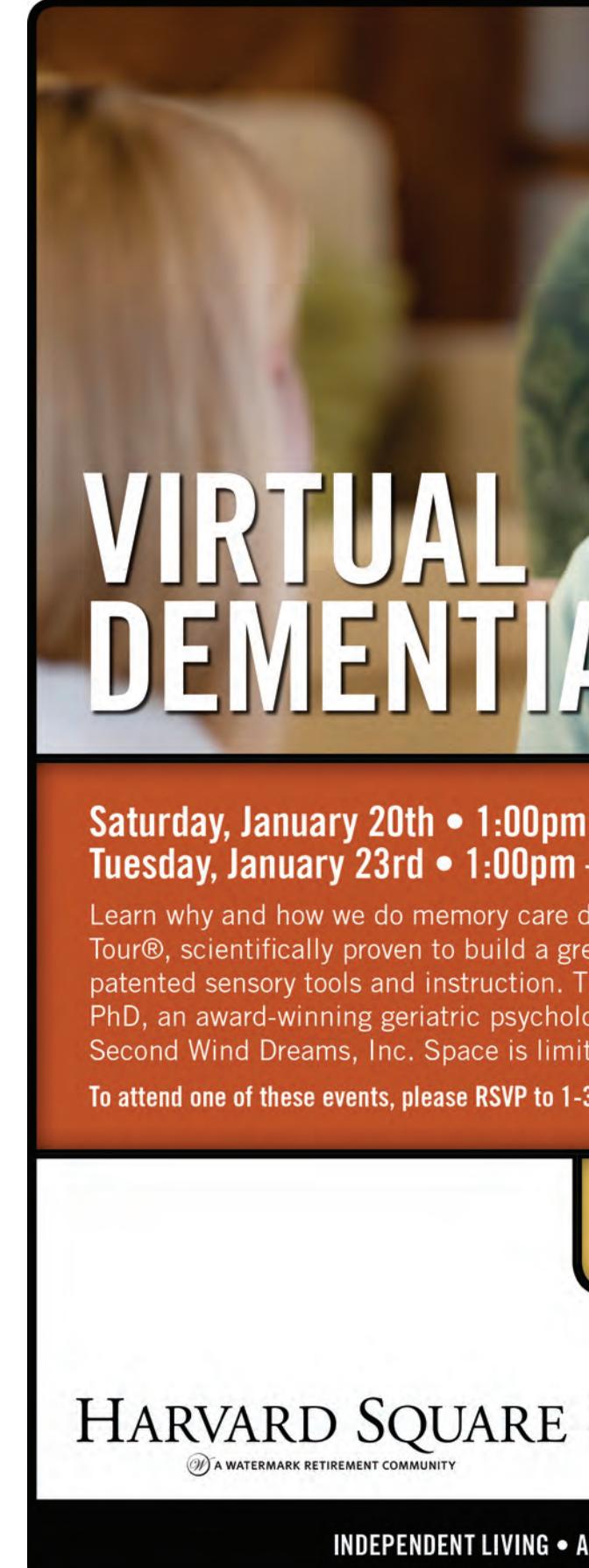
This is the only homeowners association that I know of that doesn't have an annual meeting. I've lived here for 16 years. Come on HGA, let's do the right thing.

**Carol Miller
B234**

Heather 'n Yon

What actions have been taken from the resident survey? In 61 pages of comments, there was one comment on the Woodshop. Users were quickly ordered to clean up their act.

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Letters...from page 35

There were some Golf Pro comments. HGMD board immediately formed an investigative ad hoc committee.

There were quite a few comments on the grounds. HGA board immediately formed an investigative ad hoc committee.

There were more than 50 negative comments on the general manager. At least 30 negative comments on the board. And?

One building requested an ad hoc committee be formed to study a change in management. Your board flat out refused to do so. No reason — just refusal.

At the survey meeting, a new board member suggested residents would complete both an online and paper survey. What a sad attitude toward the residents with which to start your tenure.

Another member felt it was unfair to allow residents to evaluate the general manager unless they actually knew him. Those who knew him gave him a 3.4; those who didn't, a 3.2. Not much difference.

The board tried to shore up the general manager by comparing ratings from committee/board members to residents. The general manager fared somewhat better, 3.8 versus 3.2 average. HG Boards: when are you going to address the elephant in the room? This community is being failed by its management. Maybe the board is right. HG doesn't need an ad hoc committee, we need new management and a new board — people

with a healthy respect for the residents.

Please email or phone your board members and demand a change. The board's job is to represent, not control, the residents. Feel free to copy me as residents attempt to restore HG to its previous glory. desmith14@gmail.com, or 303-747-7574.

**Deb Smith
CP2**

Heather 'n Yon

Kidde is recalling a vast majority of their home and vehicle fire extinguishers. The extinguishers can become clogged, fail to discharge or have nozzle detachment during a fire emergency. Go to their website and see if you own a recall (134 models are in the recall). If so they are replacing them with a safe model at no charge! www.kidde.com, 855-271-0773.

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In the September issue of *Heather 'n Yon*, I introduced the Eton FRX3 Red Cross Hand Generator Emergency Radio.

After a couple months, I have found one weakness. When I turned the radio off, it is really in a "monitor" mode, looking for a weather alert tone to warn you of an upcoming weather event. This means the radio is not "fully off" and is drawing a small electric current that will run your bat-

Rendezvous Restaurant will have special operating hours for December. Please make note of the following:

- Closing at 6 pm on all Saturdays
 - Closed all day on Saturday, Dec. 16 for Christmas Parties
 - Closed Monday, Dec. 25—Thursday, Dec. 28.
- Rendezvous will reopen @ 4 pm on Dec. 29.

teries down in a couple weeks!

If that happens, you can use the hand-crank generator, but I would rather have some battery capacity when the power goes out. There is a built-in three-element light that can come in handy while locating your emergency lanterns and flashlights.

I've developed a work around. Remember, this radio has two sets of batteries. One is a three-cell rechargeable pack similar to a cordless phone battery pack. This pack is charged by the hand-crank generator, wall charger or the built-in Solar Panel. I place the radio on my kitchen bar underneath an LED light bar that has bright LEDs.

I can start the charging process by selecting the Dyno batteries, and holding the radio's solar panel up close to the LED lamp. The charging will continue as long as the LED light bar is turned on.

I remove the AAA batteries and keep a fresh set in a Zip Lock sandwich bag near the radio so they are fresh when needed.

**Rudy Morris
B217**



Left and above: HG resident Tammi Thompson, CP1, has loaned her collection of decorated eggs to the Aurora History Museum for display in its "Collector's Corner." Some of the eggs were hand painted by her uncle.

Clubs and Organizations

Men with Purpose

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

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

Joppa Daylight Lodge AF & AM

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

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

CP5 and CP6 Christmas Party

Join your neighbors at 5 pm Tuesday, Dec. 5 in the Banquet Room. The wonderful holiday buffet will include carved beef filet, turkey with stuffing, and grilled salmon with caper lemon butter.

The price is \$28.99 per person, which includes tax and gratuity. RSVP to Betsy Brauer for CP5, 303-693-1205, or Judy Lippert for CP6, 303-369-2324, by Dec 1.

Woodshop Meeting

The next Woodshop Club meeting will be 4 pm Wednesday, Dec. 6, in the Mountainview Room. We will see you then. – Jim Sollecchio, Woodshop Club president

HG Breakfast Optimist Club

We are a service organization that focuses on youth in the community. We are always looking for folks interested in joining us.

Our projects this year include Yale Elementary School, Childhood Cancer Campaign, Type 1 Diabetes, the Aurora Cooking School, and

Aurora Warms the Night.

We meet at 7:45 am in Rendezvous on the first and third Thursdays of every month. Due to the holidays, we only will meet once in December.

Please join us – we'll treat you to a complementary buffet breakfast at your first visit. For reservations, contact Jeannine Montgomerie, 309-310-5315 or jmntg.1229@gmail.com

Dec. 7 program: Gateway High School Choir

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The HG TOPS Club meets 8:30–9:30 am every Thursday in the Blue Spruce Room. Men and women are welcome, so come in around 8:15, so we can say “hi!” For more information contact Vicki Queen, 303-489-0409, or visit www.TOPS.org.

HG Writers Club

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

We currently meet 1–4 pm every Thursday in a Clubhouse room. Please contact Gloria Leshner, 720-315-9925, 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 neigh-

bors. Ordering food is optional.

– Carol Drollinger

CP2 Holiday Party

This annual event will be 6 pm Thursday, Dec. 7, in Rendezvous. Come at 5 pm for social time and a business meeting. – Sylvia Bayer

Kiwanis Club of Aurora

The Kiwanis 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 Rendezvous Restaurant at HG. We also are on the web: Aurora-co.kiwanisone.org. For information, call Rich Richardson, 303-368-5747.

American Legion Post 2012

We are a small post, chartered in 2012, and have now moved to HG. We are always looking for veterans interested in helping veterans in our community. We offer friendship, community service, fellowship and fun with other vets and their families. Members reach out to homeless vets. Come to a meeting, and check us out. We meet on the first Thursday of every month at 7 pm in the Mountainview Room.

Karaoke Club

The Karaoke Club meets 6–8 pm on the second Friday of every month in the Aspen/Blue Spruce Rooms. BYOB and snacks.

Great songs to choose from and sing. Sing solo or with a group. For information, call 303-398-3998, or 309-310-5315.

CP1

No Happy Hour in December, as our annual Christmas Party is 5:30 pm Saturday, Dec. 9. Cash bar followed by dinner. RSVP to Mary Lewis.

CP1 Cares: Each unit is invited to bring cash or check to be donated, payable to Children's Hospital.

50 & Who's Counting

We will be celebrating the holidays on 5:30 pm Saturday, Dec. 9. Social time followed by dinner at 6 pm, in the Aspen/Blue Spruce Room. Bring your favorite holiday dishes for a special potluck.

After dinner, we will have a White Elephant Gift Exchange. Bring a gift to exchange, and do not put your name on it. It is great fun and a good way to kick off the season. See you there! – Sandy Brent

A Circle of Friends

Do you need to meet new friends and find new activities? Give us a call — A Circle of Friends is the original Ports of Call Singles (OPOCS) group, 55+. We will meet and greet you, and learn what you like to do.

Monthly activities include Senior Ric's, 4–6 pm, second Monday. Panera's, 9–11 am on the third Monday of the month: coffee, social time. Birthday Lunch Brunch, poker, pinochle, bridge plus social times. Bakers St. Pub, 4–6 pm, fourth Thursday.

Call Joann Cunningham, 303-751-5195, HG resident, for information and monthly newsletter.

Aurora Christian Women's Vital Network Brunch

We invite you to join us the second Tuesday of the month, 9:30–11 am, at Blossoms in Windsors Gardens. We have an interesting feature, and a speaker who has an uplifting story.

We have brunch, which costs \$13, including tax and tip. Everyone is welcome. For information, call Karen, 303-888-3555.

Parkinson Support Group

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

Heather Gardens Indivisible

Our group is an informal network of citizens concerned about the increasing role of anonymous big-money organizations in our democratic processes. We focus on providing information that individual citizens can use to communicate effectively with elected officials. We view such individual involvement as the only way to counter-balance the role of big money in setting the governmental agenda at both the national and local levels.

We are concerned about the environment, the shrinking middle class, health care, quality public education, and all the fundamental factors needed to ensure that a government of the people, by the people, and for the people can survive in this era of big-money politics.

We hold an informal information sharing meeting every Friday in Rendezvous at 12:15 pm, and a monthly general meeting on the second Tuesday of each month at 3:30 pm in the Aspen Room. We are developing a closed (safe) Facebook group to share information. Please join us if you share our concerns. Our web site is: <https://sites.google.com/view/hg-indivisible>. – Al Lindeman

B203 and B204

B203 and B204 hold a combined social, meeting at Rendezvous on the second Tuesday of each month, 5 pm, for drinks and dinner. – Laurel McClaren, 303-337-2685.

The NoteAbles Mixed Chorus

The chorus has been preparing for a Christmas Party, to which all are invited. Caroling and conversation at 7 pm Tuesday, Dec. 12, Sandberg Auditorium, for your holiday pleasure.

Familiar songs and new ones, too, will be sung to celebrate the holiday season, making this time of year special to all. Parties, winter weather, shopping, twinkling lights, decorations, traditions and family gatherings will be included, through the songs and words the NoteAbles have prepared for you.

This will be our debut performance. No admission, but a goodwill donation will help fund new music and future performances.

Thanks to Linda Aluise and the Clubhouse staff for their support and service to our organization. On Tuesday, Jan. 9, NoteAbles will begin the New Year with new music, and a new year's wish that you will become a member of our chorus.

The Green Team

The holiday season has arrived, so here are a few things to keep in mind. Tissue paper, metallic wrap-

ping paper and all ribbon should go in the trash. It's rare to find wrapping paper that is truly paper; most have been treated with a coating to make it more durable, or is a form of fine plastic. Keep that in mind when the grandchildren are visiting.

Also, tinsel or anything shiny you use to decorate should not be recycled. If you own a pet, please be sure to keep those items high out of reach, and not played with. Every year, at this time, animals are taken to veterinarians because they swallowed something foreign. Save yourself anguish and expense by thinking ahead.

When the holidays are over, if you celebrate with a live tree, please call the HG Management Office first. Then put the tree outside your building. It will be picked up by HG Roads and Grounds employees. It should never be placed in either trash or recycle bins. Enjoy a safe and happy Holiday Season!

The Green Team will meet at noon, Thursday, Dec. 14, Skyview Room. All are welcome. For information, call Wendy, 303-306-0066.

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

Photo Club

Residents of HG, who enjoy photography, get together the third Monday of the month, 3–5 pm, Aspen Room, to Learn, Shoot and Share. The club is a good venue for meeting people with the same interest as yours. You can form new friendships, and enjoy learning new things about the craft.

The club is open to persons without regard to their photographic knowledge, experience or type of equipment (Iphones do take very

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Sports and Recreation

HG Men's Golf Club

We are in the middle of the fall golf season and November continues to have fantastic weather!

Warm weather has allowed many golfers to continue playing on HG's gem of a course. The maintenance team continues to give players great conditions. They are working hard to tidy up and complete projects before the weather prevents them.

The fall banquet took place early in October. A fine meal was provided by the Rendezvous Restaurant staff. We thank them. Trophies were presented to club champion, flight champions and all who had hole-in-one shots. Congratulations to all. Well played. A good time was had by all!

If you didn't earn a trophy this year (like me), take heart. There is always next year.

Keep your eye on the website for updates. Plan to renew your membership early. 2018 will be another great year of competition and fellowship. I can't wait!

Results from recent tournaments are:

September 15:

A flight

- 1st Gene Barth
- 2nd Jerry Joy
- 3rd Vern Thompson, Bob Bengen

B flight

- 1st David Croak, Bob Neu
- 2nd Paul Zipps, Larry Francone, David Krell
- 3rd Russ Gates, Ed Bradley, Manny Gallegos, Gary Hizer, John Densmore

C flight

- 1st Jim Jensen, Rich Richardson
- 2nd Ted Cowan, Robbie Robertson

- 3rd Tom Merges
- 4th Phillip Corliss

D flight

- 1st John Good, Al Reasoner
- 2nd Henry Hein, George Wiemann
- 3rd Ray Binder
- 4th Ralph Romero, John McMullen, Gil Tellis

E flight

- 1st Neil Wilkins, Bill Riley
- 2nd Bob Budden, Clyde Robinson
- 3rd Neil Miller, Joe Heugel

September 22:

A flight

- 1st Tom Parko
- 2nd Eli Henri
- 3rd Vern Thompson
- 4th Jerry Joy, Bob Bengen

B flight

- 1st Frank Leydens, Mike Meagher
- 2nd Dave Bushman, Tom Fitzgerald, Jess Deal
- 3rd Manny Gallegos, Larry Francone, Bob Neu

C flight

- 1st George Dipaolo
- 2nd Len Liss, Jim Jensen
- 3rd Tom Merges, Ted Cowan, Steve Galambos, Dave Hartenbach

D flight

- 1st John Good
- 2nd George Brown
- 3rd Henry Hein
- 4th George Wiemann
- 5th Al Reasoner, Ray Binder
- 6th John McMullen, Bob Budden

E flight

- 1st Jon Erion
- 2nd Richard Apt, Neil Miller
- 3rd Bob Budden
- 4th Keith Gilchrist
- 5th Bill Riley

6th Clyde Robinson

September 29:

A flight

- 1st Bob Bengen, Tom Parko
- 2nd William Schmit, Brian Bucenec
- 3rd Vern Thompson, Randy White
- 4th William Schmit, Tom Parko

B flight

- 1st Ed Bradley, Tom Fitzgerald
- 2nd Milton Larry
- 3rd Larry Francone
- 4th Mike Meagher, Russ Gates, Bob Neu
- 5th Tony Maestas, Neil Buck

C flight

- 1st Joe Mares
- 2nd Mark Marquardt
- 3rd Bob Riley
- 4th Jim Jensen, Owen Williams, Tom Merges
- 5th Len Liss, Mike Connolly

D flight

- 1st George Wiemann
- 2nd Ray Binder
- 3rd Sam Lozano

E flight:

- 1st Bill Riley
- 2nd Joe Heugel
- 3rd Neil Wilkins, Jon Erion
- 4th Blair Kittelson, Richard Apt, Bob Bell

As always, respect other players, respect the course and keep on swinging. Special thanks to the Golf Pro Shop and course maintenance teams for all their hard work. It shows every day! – Ed Bradley

Men's Poker

We welcome all interested men poker players to join us at our regular poker sessions. We play 4–9:15 pm on Wednesday and Friday evenings in the Skyview Room. We play Texas Hold 'em 6–9 pm Mondays, in Skyview.

We play friendly, small-stakes poker, usually including a variety of



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Mexican Train Dominoes

We play noon–4 pm every Saturday, Arts & Crafts Room. Games start at noon and 2 pm. Information? Call Viola Stafford, 720-535-5638.

Mah Jongg

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

All HG players are welcome. For information: Estelle, 303-750-0936.

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

Pickleball

The schedule for Pickleball will be emailed to everyone on the Pickleball email list for December. We play Pickleball outdoors on the HG tennis courts every Tuesday, Thursday and Sunday afternoon, 1–3 pm. We also will play indoors when there is available time.

Free Pickleball lessons for HG Residents will be offered again next spring (2018). To see this fun sport in action, visit the “Pickleball at Heather Gardens” website: plaidflannel.com/Pickleball. The website offers detailed information on play schedule, instructional videos, and the game's history, rules and equipment.

If you want to learn more, or get on the Pickleball roster, call Rosalie, 303-751-1226, or Judy, 303-369-6258, or contact us by email at pickleball@plaidflannel.com.

Mah Jongg

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

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

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

Billiard Club

The club meets for co-ed 8-Ball at 7 pm Tuesdays, and Men's 9-Ball at 7 pm Thursdays. Annual dues of \$9 are payable on Jan. 1 each year.

All new players are welcome. Questions? Call Sean Kelliher, 720-427-6174, or Connie Burns, 303-693-0766.

Co-ed 8-Ball October 24

1st Brian Bucenec,
Joe Ozorkiewicz

2nd Chuck Finder, Dee Moore
3rd Hi Reynolds, Judy Brehmer

November 14

1st Lindy Davenport, Rita Cusack
2nd Roger Goldstein, Geri Bartolini
3rd Dee Moore, Sean Kelliher

Men's 9-Ball October 19

1st Roger Goldstein
2nd Greg Kachadoorian

October 26

1st George Hoffman
2nd Chuck Finder
3rd Lindy Davenport

November 2

1st Lucky Highfill
2nd George Hoffman
3rd Jim Crabb

November 9

1st Brian Bucenec
2nd George Hoffman
3rd Lindy Davenport
— Judy Brehmer

HG ACBL Duplicate Bridge

This club plays 1 pm Wednesdays in the Blue Spruce Room. Help setting up is appreciated, so come early.

For more information, call John Osterberg, 720-535-1038, or Merrily VanZevern, 720-282-3199. 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.

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.

Pinochle

Evening Pinochle meets 6:30–9:30 pm Monday nights in the Mountainview Room. For information, call Ann Gagliardi, 303-332-2163.

Afternoon Pinochle meets Wednesdays, 1:30–4 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.

Tennis Club

The Holiday Party will be Saturday, Dec. 16. The two main entrees will be catered, and supplemented with the usual delicious appetizers, side dishes and desserts supplied by our members. This is the first time we have done something like this, so there are high expectations for the party to be the best ever. Naturally, prizes will be awarded, once again, for the trivia challenge.

We ask all members to pay their dues prior to the party. For anyone wishing to join the Tennis Club, it is recommended to do so ASAP so that you will be able to participate in the merriment of this evening. Dues are just \$15 for residents; \$20 for non-residents.

Drop-in play is continuing Monday through Friday at 1 pm throughout the winter months, depending on the weather.

Our next scheduled meeting/social will be Wednesday, Jan. 10. For more information, contact Wendy, 303-306-0066.

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Employee Recognition

Employee of the Month

Daniel Tamayo began working for HG in March 2016 as a part-time grounds worker. He demonstrated an exceptional work ethic, and in May 2016, was promoted into a Plant Healthcare Technician position.

When Daniel joined Heather Gardens, he had little experience in the care of plants, shrubs and the techniques involved in proper pruning. With his positive attitude and eagerness to learn, he quickly adopted the techniques and mastered the Plant Healthcare Technician skill set.

With Daniel's exceptional ability to visualize proper growth habitat, he has incorporated these techniques to consistently maintain the health and beauty of a variety of shrubs and trees in the areas where he works.

Daniel works to maximize value and has been a key player in many other facets of the Roads and Grounds Department. These include removing trees and shrubs, and preparing and maintaining flowerbeds, as well as helping with snow removal in HG. Both HG building Area

Representatives and residents continuously compliment Daniel's work and the value he adds.

Daniel is always polite and energetic. He has a great rapport with the residents and his fellow employees. He is an asset to HGA, and we appreciate all his efforts and hard work.

Please join me in congratulating Daniel Tamayo as the October 2017 Employee of the Month.

Calvin White, CMCA
General Manager



Daniel Tamayo
Plant Healthcare Technician
Roads and Grounds

HGMD Foundation

On a previous agenda for the Foundation Committee, there was discussion about a statue for the Golf Course. The item was tabled. After more information was obtained, this project has been tabled permanently as it does not represent an improvement that benefits the whole community, only the golf course.

Financial report as follows:

- \$1,385 donations through October 2017
- \$166,269.60 is the balance in the General Fund through October
- \$14,805.56 is the balance in the Tree Fund through October.
- \$192,459.62 Total Deposit at end of October

Under new business, the committee discussed the financial status of the Foundation, including the cost of the water fall and how it was funded.

One resident suggested that donors could make a \$10 on a month-to-month basis until a total amount is



reached. A committee (Jeanne Hizer and Mavis Richardson) will look into this ongoing contribution, and report back at the next meeting.

Many residents preferred to donate the remaining balance of their donation to the recall election fund to the Foundation for either the tree removal, tree fund or the general fund. I thank all who made those donations.

Donations to the Tree Fund

- Eileen Schilling, Barbara Rauzi, Ruth Guy, Marion Florman, Edward and Joanna Urias, and Dorothea Whalen in memory of Jackie Patterson
- B215, Blanche McKinney, Leanna Skogen, Jane Moore in memory of Rita Vago

Donations to the General Fund

- Carol and Cheryl Branch in memory of Axel Johnson
- Carol and Cheryl Branch and Virginia Butler in memory of John Murphy
- Carol and Cheryl Branch and Virginia Butler in memory of Rae Mona McBride
- Carol and Cheryl Branch of Carolyn Hartman
- Carol and Cheryl Branch of Sue Graham
- B221 in memory of Michael Cate, Phillip Kingsbury, Marie Loomis and Karen Rowe
- B217 in memory of Laudia "Wally" Wallace and Darlene Giardina

There will not be a meeting in December. The next meeting will be January 10, 2018.

Bonnie McMullen
HGMD Foundation Chair
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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, 9–11 am, Skyview Room. For information, contact Harold Thompson, 720-748-7090, or Ruth Miller, 720-535-4954.

B205 and B206

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

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 further information, call Connie Reger, 720-535-6485.

CP3

The CP3 social meets 5:30 pm the third Wednesday of each month

in Rendezvous Restaurant. Join your neighbors for this get-together.

The Society of Military Widows Chapter 22

We meet the fourth Saturday of the month at Blossoms in Windsor Gardens. We have lunch, which is \$13.50, and includes tax and tip.

For information, call Sally, 303-751-7299. For a reservation, call Monica, 303-341-2482. – Mae Shockley

Seville Recreation Association

SRA meets the fourth Monday of every month, 10 am, in a different Seville building each month. For information: Charles Goodgain, 303-481-8412.

Low Vision Support Group

Our no-cost meetings are held the fourth Monday of the month, 1:30 pm, Mountainview Room. We hope you will join us. Marsha Bergen, 720-535-5224. Because Christmas falls on the fourth Monday in December, we will not meet.

HG Republicans

The club will not meet in December.

HG Democrats

The club will not meet in December.

Frolics Club

We welcome all new members who attended the Open House. The date for auditions for the 2018 Frolics Spring Show has been changed to 2–5 pm Sunday, Jan. 7, in the Sandberg Auditorium. Please bring a recorded CD or an instrument of your choice for the audition.

In addition to performers, we welcome other talented residents.

A lot goes on behind the stage and everyone has something to offer. If you have a talent that could be used in the production, please contact Sheila Bluestein, 303-745-5646. – M. Mines

League of Women Voters

The League of Women Voters of Arapahoe and Douglas Counties (LWVADC) is a cadre of dedicated volunteers whose mission is to educate, advocate, and empower our fellow citizens in the democratic processes. Membership is open to women and men. Call Charlotte Faris, 303-690-8466, for information on meetings.

HG Aviation Club

The HG Aviation Club will not meet in December. We will resume meeting 7 pm Jan. 10, in the Aspen Room. Program TBA. – Rudy Morris

Caregivers Support Group

This group does not meet in December, but will start up again in January. For more information, call Nancy Fuhr, 303-337-4890.

HG Grief Support

If you have lost a loved one, our Grief Support Group can help you. We offer eight-week sessions to help participants through their grief. Registration is required. Please contact Joanne Brand, 303-750-9722, for information.

We meet in the spring and fall for the eight weekly groups. There is no charge. Individual contact is available if you need help at other times.

Joanne Brand has been offering support groups for more than 12 years. Call 303-750-9722.

Important Reminder to all New HG Residents:

On the fourth Wednesday of each month, a Resident Orientation meeting is held at 9:45 am, in the Skyview Room, second floor of the HG Clubhouse. All new residents are provided a Resident Handbook, an indispensable publication and guide. It is filled with useful and helpful information that will greatly assist you as you transition to the unique HG lifestyle. Knowing where to find help will facilitate your access to its wonderful community resources.

If you are unable to attend the orientation session, you can pick up a copy of the handbook in the HG Management Office. An electronic version of the handbook is also available on www.heathergardens.org.

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Many owners followed their dog's lead and wore complimentary costumes. Which is your favorite?



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Halloween Fun in Rendezvous Restaurant

The sun went down, the dogs went home, then it was time for HG residents to cavort in their costumes!



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Wednesday, Dec. 6, 11 am
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- RTD provides HG with a list of trips on a quarterly basis. HG then selects from the trips offered, making a reservation.

Why are the deadlines so far in advance?

- RTD requires a three week deadline prior to a trip to be notified
- Deadlines are dictated by the venue; for example, Denver Center for the Performing Arts.
- RTD requires a minimum of 10 residents to qualify for a trip.

What time will the bus pick us up?

- RTD will notify HG two days prior to a trip
- Residents will be called and given a check-in time.
- The bus will leave on the time of its scheduled arrival. All residents are encouraged to be on time.

Can I drive myself to the venue?

- Residents are discouraged from driving themselves rather than ride the RTD bus. Due to limited tickets, you are taking away a seat from someone who can't drive.

How much does the bus cost?

- The local fare is \$2.60 round-trip. Regional fare (Boulder area) is \$4.50 round trip

What if a trip is full?

- Residents can be put on a "Wait List" at no cost. If there is a cancellation, the first person on the wait list will be called.

TRIPS POLICY

No transfers or refunds. Note that RTD trip times listed are not actual departure times. Please call if unable to attend. Bring your receipt to trip check-in. **All RTD times are approximate.**

Please note the payment dead-

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The local fare for SeniorRide and Senior shopper is **\$2.60 round-trip for passengers 65 years or older** and \$5.20 round-trip for all other passengers. Regional fare is \$4.50 round-trip for passengers 65 years or

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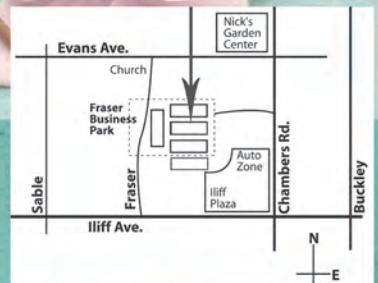
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Clubhouse Holiday Hours:

Sunday, Dec. 24 – Close at 3 pm

Monday, Dec. 25 – Closed all day

Monday, Jan. 1 – Closed all day

Movie Matinee and Night: *Churchill*

Friday, Dec. 1, 1 pm and 6:30 pm, Sandberg Auditorium
Fee: \$4 pre-register, \$5 on day of event

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Saturday, Dec. 2, 6:30–9:30 pm

Music by Tom and Shirley Yook

Fee: HG resident, \$6

Non-resident and on the day of event, \$8

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.

Estate Planning: How To Protect Your Heirs And Avoid Probate

Wednesday, Dec. 6, 1 pm, Skyview Room

FREE, No registration required

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Thursday, Dec. 7, 11–11:30 am, Sandberg Auditorium

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Thursday, Dec. 7, 10 am, Blue Spruce Room

Thursday, Dec. 14, 10 am, Blue Spruce Room

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Unique Sweater Party with Senior88 Chorus

Friday, Dec. 8, 1–3 pm, Sandberg Auditorium

Fee: \$3 pre-register, \$4 on day of event

Show your holiday spirit by putting on your favorite holiday sweater, vest, tie, or other garment to show off. Contest for best sweater and other categories will be awarded. We'll be entertained by Senior88 Chorus. Holiday goodies will be served. Sponsored in part by Cherry Creek Retirement Community

AARP Drivers Safety

Friday, Dec. 8, 1 pm, Arts & Crafts Room

Fee: \$15 AARP Member/\$20 non-member

A certified AARP instructor teaches this course. Class size is limited, so registration is required. Pay the instructor on the day of the class.

The King of Love, A Christmas Musical

Saturday, Dec. 9, 4–6 pm, Sandberg Auditorium

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Brass for the Soul: Denver Brass Ensemble

Wednesday, Dec. 13, 7-8:30 pm, Sandberg Auditorium
Cost: \$7 in advance; \$9 on the day of event

This annual visit from the nationally known Denver Brass will include many old favorites, some new tunes, and will provide some humor for an enjoyable evening.

Watch Batteries

Thursday, Dec. 14, 9 am-1 pm, Lodgepole Lounge
Fee: \$6 per battery.

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

Holiday Potluck & Bingo

Thursday, Dec. 14, 11 am-1 pm, Sandberg Auditorium
FREE: Registration requested, call 303-751-1811 (Helps for knowing how many table settings are needed.)

Everyone welcome to this year's Holiday Potluck. We'll provide the turkey, you provide the trimmings. Bring a potluck dish to share, according to your last name:

- A-G: Vegetable dish
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- U-Z: Dessert

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Movie Matinee and Night: *The Glass Castle*

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Saturday, Dec. 31, 8-11 pm, Sandberg Auditorium
Fee: \$18

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Clubhouse Events included activities for residents like Expressive Drawing and Making Holiday Cards for your use (bottom photo).



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The Indoor Pool will be closed for annual cleaning Dec. 4-20. It will re-open on Dec. 21 in time to enjoy Family Swim time during the holidays.

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Overheard @ HG

Doggy kisses on Mondays

by Mary Hafka

One of the many ways I can tell I'm growing old is a phenomenon that I've labeled *The Grump Factor*. During particularly hectic times, *The Grump* increases exponentially. I've also noticed, with some alarm, that often *The Grump* is predictable, attributable to the day of the week.

I usually don't suffer from *Serious Grump* on Sundays because Sundays can generate a let-it-go, let-it-be, state of mind.

The exception to the easy-going vibe is when I work a shift in the Golf Pro Shop on Sundays. As all golfers know, Sunday is when the duffers come out. More serious golfers cower in their basements, hoping the sunny, Sunday golfers soon will go away.

People who play golf on Sundays often are infrequent golfers. To them, golf etiquette is just a suggestion. Sunday golfers also are in a let-it-go, let-it-be, state of mind. They don't want anyone to kill their buzz with too many rules.

Heard the expression, "herding cats?" Try herding cats driving golf carts.

Some resident golfers, if reminded they have just set a record for violating the most golf rules in the shortest space of time, respond with the time-honored defense: I own this Golf Course.

To which I occasionally answer, "I own this Golf Course, too, and I don't want you doing what you're doing on my 1/3,700th of it. (If my logic doesn't floor them, my command of fractions does.)"

But Sunday golfers are a fact of life, not unlike mosquitoes. They aren't onerous enough to ruin a good, laid-back Sunday mood.

Monday still is a mellow day. The week is just beginning. The *New York Times* Crossword Puzzle is easy. I'm happy to curl up in my easy chair, and allow the dog to cover my just-moisturized face with doggy

kisses. The coffee from the Keurig machine is hot and tasty.

Tuesdays are play days. A little errand-running ought to be accomplished; nothing too serious.

By Wednesday, a few "ought tos" begin to rear their ugly heads. A person really needs to do some laundry. The carpet could stand a few haphazard swipes with the vacuum. It's time to either dust those bookshelves, or just give up and pretend they are covered in velvet upholstery.

Thursdays feel more oppressive. The week is more than half over, and where did it go?

By Friday, I'm snarling at the pooch, "Stop licking me. Get off the newspaper. What you are, a right-wing opponent of the free press?" The Keurig machine is acting up, and needs to be de-clogged with a flattened paper clip.

By Saturday, all bets are off. The Saturday *New York Times* Crossword Puzzle is simply impossible — obviously contrived by Russian trolls who are plotting to conquer the west by giving us brain block.

Days of the week have always felt like tricky things, to me. When I used to work a 40-hour-a-week job, I hated Tuesdays. Something always went wrong on the job. A promised delivery didn't show up. A project deemed to be completed blew up, and had to be redone.

A department housed in the neighboring cubicles registered complaints about my department — always on Tuesday — and my department's suggestion that they could solve their problems by moving to another floor in the building didn't seem to placate them. (In the Publications Department, all employees were smart alecks.) As sure as the sun rose in the east, I could expect that, at the end of the workday every Tuesday, I would go home with a splitting headache.

Apparently, Days of the Week (DOTW) underwear was a thing in the 1950s. I can understand this. When a person pulled on her Tuesday shorts, she also would be prompted to pack the Tylenol.

The apparel was colored coded, and often imprinted with figures that reflected days of the week (1 for Sundays, 2 for Mondays, etc.). A lady's pair for Tuesday was baby blue, and printed with tiny ballerinas dancing on the number 3. You can buy a set of vintage DOTW panties, in an unopened package, on eBay for \$115.

In 2017, DOTW underwear apparently has made a comeback. You can purchase new ones, a set of seven, online for \$23.50.

DOTW tee shirts can express a person's feelings, when she is too affected with *The Grump* to speak:

"Yay, it's Monday...said no one ever."

"If you listen closely, you can hear Monday sharpening its claws."

"It takes twice as long for me to not get anything done on Monday, as it does the rest of the week."

"Tuesday — Monday's ugly sister."

"It's my favorite day: throat-punch Thursday."

"It's Saturday. Movement is optional."

"I always give 100 percent at work — 13% on Monday, 22% on Tuesday, 26% on Wednesday, 35% on Thursday, 4% on Friday."

I stand in solidarity with these purveyors of snarky apparel, though I differ with their viewpoints. Mondays are fine.

It's Friday we have to watch out for. *The National Insurance Report* found that Fridays are the most dangerous day of the week, when car accidents and cyber attacks most often occur. It's also the most likely day for a despot to stage a coup d'etat, and for war to be declared.

With a lifetime of experience under my belt, I feel qualified to dictate that we should not just be casual on Fridays. We should be absent.

My advice? Hunker down in your home on Friday. Make another cup of coffee. Kiss your doggie back. Work another crossword puzzle. It's a jungle out there. I have *The Grump* to prove it.



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