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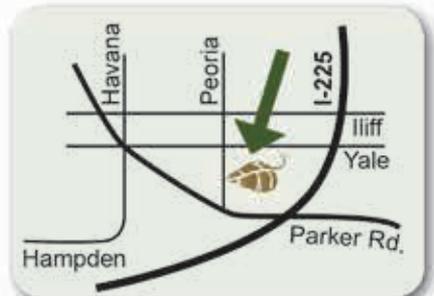
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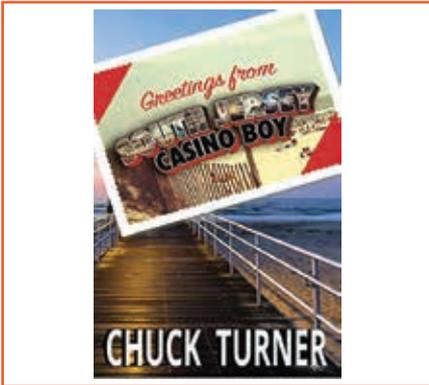
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Two meetings per month and multiple committees — HGMD to impact budget

The HGMD Board continues to hold multiple meetings and study sessions, each month, to garner resident and committee input, on fees and other issues, prior to finalizing the 2024 budget. Better resident communication and greater transparency are the board's stated goals.

A study session, on Aug. 15 and 16 included a review of the HGMD's portion of the proposed 2024 budget. Budget recommendations, as they affected the Clubhouse, Restaurant and Golf Course, were discussed by board, committee and community members. (For more details, see HGMD President's column, page 10.)

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All directors attended the Aug. 17 regular meeting of the HGMD Board of Directors. President Daniel Taylor made remarks regarding the HGMD's attempt to improve communications and increase transparency with residents, but noted some people had "abused this attempt to solicit feedback." Consequently, he said, the HGMD was going to adopt a more formal procedure for receiving input, noting that under the law, board members are not required to respond to questions on the spot in a meeting.

Director Craig Baldwin noted that the 2024 HG Budget workshop begins on Monday, Sept. 25; however, the session covering HGMD's budget will be Wednesday, Sept. 27. He added a detailed timeline was available, so residents can tune in for the section (e.g., Golf Course, restaurant) in which they are interested.

The board approved the Clubhouse Procedure Memorandum (PM), after deciding that Clubhouse fees should not be included in the document. Taylor remarked that any fee-change recommendations needed to be provided to the CFO by Aug. 28, to be included in the 2024 budget.

Attorney Jennifer Ivey commented, "It's not unusual to adjust a budget later," after the effect of one or more items on an overall budget can be gauged.

Discussion ensued over hours of Clubhouse operation in the PM, which stated the hours may not be changed without board approval. Directors agreed that, in case of emergency, the Clubhouse can be closed, after consulting the board president or — in his absence — any board director.

Taylor referenced the rage some residents expressed when the outdoor swimming pool was closed at 3:30 pm, on July 4, because the Clubhouse closed at that time, too. Baldwin remarked that some of the anger could have been mitigated if residents had been given plenty of notice about the early closure.

The board approved a motion to direct management to perform an assessment of HGMD property, as to its conformity to the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). Clubhouse Chair Rita Effler remarked the focus would be on access to the outdoor swimming pool and lift. The door to the outdoor pool from the indoor pool is not equipped with a door opener.

The motion called for a study of ADA compliance,

and cost estimates to fix any problems, but not the cost of actually fixing deficiencies. No costs were specified.

The motion noted its management agreement with HGA specifies that HGMD properties will be managed "in full compliance with the requirements of all applicable laws." HGA Director Larry Dávila commented that the building was fully ADA compliant, when the new Clubhouse was built.

The board approved changing the keypad codes to resident-accessible areas in the Clubhouse at least quarterly. The original motion specified a monthly change; after discussion, the board concluded that quarterly was more reasonable.

HGA Director Bill Gold, told the board that the last time the door code was changed, "within an hour of the change, it was posted on social media." The directors agreed that trying to keep residents from giving codes to guests is a challenge.

The board approved installing the HG 50th Anniversary Time Capsule and commemorative plaque on HGMD property, within the unpaved circle in front of the Clubhouse near the military monument. HG 50th Anniversary funds will defray any costs.

An agenda item regarding attachments to the RV Lot PM was deferred until the special board meeting, which Taylor announced would be held at 1 pm on Thursday, Sept. 7. This item hadn't been published as part of the announced agenda for Aug. 17.

Residents Linda Worthey, B250, and Candice Compton, B220, noted they had attended HGMD's study sessions, and offered praise. Worthey stated she was "very pleased" to have more input into the budget.

Compton commented that the "first study session was outstanding." Because she could not attend the second one, she hoped the "second one would be available for listening."

After the regular business meeting, the board adjourned into executive session.



Left: B223 gets a new roof. Debris from the old roof is sent to the roll-off waste bin through a six-story funnel. Several buildings in HG are scheduled for having their roof replaced this year. Photo by Lee Keene, B223.

Seven pursue four openings on HGA Board: here are their bios

Peter Cukale, B206, was appointed to the HGA board last year, but due to injuries he suffered at work, he decided to resign. He has been a business owner and consultant, with specialties in store management and human resources. His work background is largely in retail.

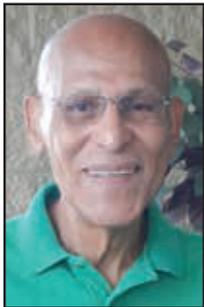


He also performed nonprofit work on the Aurora Public School Board, and with the Colorado and National Behavioral Health Councils. He is a past president of the Aurora Mental Health Center Board. He currently serves on the Aurora Key Community Response Team.

Cukale has a bachelor degree in business administration from Graceland University, and a master's degree in global leadership from Regis University. He recently added paralegal certificate from Community College of Aurora.

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Larry Dávila, B216 (incumbent), has served on the HGA board since 2021, and is running for re-election. In an earlier tenure, which began in 2003, he served



on the HGA Board and was its past president for several years.

Dávila was president of HGA, when the community revised its Declaration of Condominium for the first and only time. He has chaired the Clubhouse, Roads & Grounds and Personnel Committees. Today, he chairs the Personnel Policy Committee.

He is a 26-year resident of HG, and a retired Aurora Public Schools teacher.

"At one time or another, I served in the Aurora Educators Association Board, led a Citizens Advisory Committee, and became head of the

Foreign Languages Department at Rangeview High School," he said.

He was a longtime member of the Aurora Mental Health Center, serving as the board's president for 13 years. He was awarded the center's Lifetime Achievement Award in 2020.

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Linda Kolhouse, CP4, is a former business manager for Homestead in the Willows, a residential community in Centennial. Her work experience includes the bookkeeper for Heritage Cleaners, Third National Bank in Nashville, then more than 20 years in administration with Cherry Creek High School.



Kolhouse attended University of Mississippi, Indiana University, and graduated from Butler University.

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Sue McBeth, B224, moved to HG just 18 months ago. She is a past board member and president for a residential community in Cincinnati. She served on both governing boards within that community.



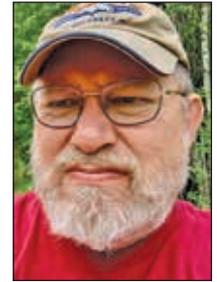
Her work experience includes being director of Pharmacy for a large multi-hospital system in Cincinnati. She has experience with financial statements, board proceedings and working with residents.

McBeth stated "she would enjoy being a member of the HGA board, and sharing the skills and abilities that I have — to make HG the best that it can be."

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Ray Nash, CP2, is a 10-year resident of HG who has served on the Budget & Finance (B&F) Committee six years. He chaired the committee

that wrote HG's investment policy, and has served on the ad hoc committee on Parking Structures, and the Capital Program Subcommittee. He spent two years as Area Representative (AR) of CP2.

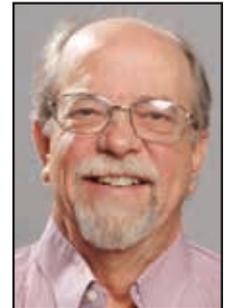


Nash was a bank chief financial officer for 10 years and is a retired CPA. He was audit-committee chair and the director of another bank.

He has supervised accounting, facilities and human-resources departments. Nash organized and was CEO of a land-development company, which developed a subdivision of 80 custom home building lots.

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John Recob, B236, serves on the B&F, Structure Maintenance, Parking Structure and Capital Programs Committees. He is his building's treasurer and serves on the Seville Recreational Association Board.



His work experience includes 35 years in commercial-construction management, with 14 years in commercial real estate. He has a civil engineering degree.

Recob stated he is good with numbers and budgets, which often become integral to contracts and other legal documents. He has owned apartment units — giving him asset and property-management experience. He is a former board member of the Pier Point HOA, as well as another HOA board.

Recob stated he is running for the board, because he believes the community can benefit from his experience with maintenance, property management and finance. He said he would like to help facilitate greater

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Changes to the budget-veto ballot approved, emergency repairs

All directors attended the Aug. 15 meeting of the HGA Board. President Jill Bacon announced there would be no discussion or vote on the Comcast Genesis project that had been presented to the HG community during a work session on Aug. 9.

The board approved changes to the wording of the annual budget-veto ballot, which had been blessed by HGA's attorneys. The revision has wording that is less confusing. Some found the old wording contradictory; voting "yes" meant you wanted to veto the proposed budget. In effect, it was saying "no" to the proposed budget.

The new wording is, "Cast your vote for one of the following:

- ___ I vote to approve the adoption of the 2024 Budget.
- ___ I vote to NOT approve (I want to veto) the 2024 Budget."

The board ratified an emergency repair to the elevator in B231, for \$8,213, performed by HG's elevator contractor, Custom Contracts Elevator Solutions. The door operator for the elevator was replaced.

The board ratified other emergency work, on B243's curb-stop valve in the fire main. The board previously had approved work on the fire-main leak (\$43,194), but discovered during a pressure test on the repair that the valve was faulty. The additional work cost was \$35,196, which brought the total project cost to \$78,390.

The board approved two additional change orders to previously approved repairs to PS1 and PS3. The motions added \$55,701 to the project cost, due largely to post-tension cable issues. Additional change-order amounts of \$25,946 had been approved on July 18. The total project cost for replacing stairs on the two PS is \$446,941.

The board approved an Audit Engagement Letter that retains RubinBrown as the auditor for 2024. The approval covered HGA only, not HGMD. CFO Jerry Counts estimated the cost of the audit would be \$68,750.

Civic Affairs Committee Chair Bill Gold reported that eight eligible candidates would compete for four open positions on the 2024 HGA Board. The eight are Dave Bushman, B209 (who later withdrew); Peter Cukale, B206; Larry Dávila, B216; Linda Kolhouse, CP4; Sue

McBeth, B224; Ray Nash, CP2; John Recob, B236; and Greg Winslow, B222. See story, page 6.

CEO Jon Rea reported he had met with all department managers to discuss their input on the 2024 budget. Rea said he is striving to get the draft budget posted online soon.

Rea said that a used Honda CRV had been purchased for the Security Department to replace a vehicle totaled in an accident. HG was waiting on a new vehicle to replace a vehicle that was being retired; Rea hoped it would arrive by Sept. 1. The board approved funding for the two cars on July 18. SEC Chair Greg Winslow noted that the Security Department was again fully staffed.

Architectural Control Committee (ACC) Chair David Baxter explained, when the committee meets, they do not review ACC requests. Rather, a review of requests occurs weekly on Wednesday afternoons, usually around 2:30 pm, in the Mountain View Room. Baxter reported that 30-40 requests per week are received, and the review sessions usually last 1.5-2 hours. The public is welcome to attend these sessions, he said.

Candice Compton, B220, told the board, contracts at HG are often being approved without legal review. She noted a protective clause should be included in contracts to safeguard residents from financial repercussions.

Compton continued, "I receive monthly newsletters from a local law firm that specializes in homeowner association (HOA) law. This month, they offered a webinar on HOA contracts. I attended the webinar, which outlined how an HOA should protect its community with protective clauses included in its contracts...I believe HG contracts must have protections against contract disputes...the current contract process must change."

After the regular meeting, the board adjourned into executive session to discuss collections with attorneys.

Other actions approved by the board:

...a mechanism and process for reporting capital expenditures on a quarterly and annual basis, recommended by the Long Range Planning Committee.

...made the CommUniTEAM a standing subcommittee of the Community Engagement and Communications Committee to improve and speed communications to the HG community.

transparency in the dealings of the board and committees.

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Greg Winslow, B222 (incumbent), served one year on the HGA Board of Directors, after being appointed to a vacancy. He chaired the Security/Emer-



gency Preparedness Committee (SEC) last year, after serving as a security-committee member for seven years.

He is a 12-year resident of HG. A past AR and floor representative in B222, Winslow continues as a point of contact for the building.

Winslow stated that security at HG has improved greatly in recent years. SEC members comprise a good team, with whom he would like

to continue working. He had similar praise for HG's Security Department.

Winslow remarked he would like residents to know that security at HG gets better and better every day.

"All I really want to do is keep our community safe, and keep the community moving forward."

His work experience encompasses being a paramedic for 30 years and a firefighter. He owned Auto Glass Company for 27 years.



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HGMD Board President Reports

By Daniel Taylor

I haven't wanted to waste time responding to rumors or denying false statements. An email was cited in the July issue of *Heather 'n Yon* that requested a public response. The article was written by Ray Nash and quoting an email from John Recob. I cannot publicly address the issues that relate to the duties HGA performs for the HGMD under the terms of the management agreement while we are in the process of renegotiating the agreement, but I can explain a few things relevant.

First, is the discussion over commingling of funds. HGA collects dues from the owners on behalf of HGMD. That money goes into the HGA operating account. Hence, it is commingled with HGA money. This is not a derogatory term. It's not a slander of anyone's integrity. It simply describes money held on behalf of two entities in the same account. Nash failed to mention that during the June 12 HGMD Special Board meeting that he reported on, we told Jerry Counts, HGA's CFO, that it was clear that he properly allocated money between the two entities. We have never questioned Jerry's ability. In fact, while campaigning we always praised the improvement in financial reporting since Counts was hired. By discussing HGMD's concerns over the potential risk to funds designated for HGMD from an HGA creditor, we have easily resolved the concern by proposing a change to one line in the management agreement. Problem solved.

Second, are questions over the numbers that I quoted at the June 1 HGMD meeting. The first number questioned was that in the 12 years I've lived at HG our dues have gone up 78.3 percent. For the same period of time, inflation was 37 percent. John Recob asked where I got that number? A large sign with the graph listing the dues for our unit by year sat in John Recob's living room for two weeks after a meeting there. Our dues stayed fairly flat, keeping pace with inflation until 2019. That is when HGA gave employees an average 15 percent raise, and dues have continued to rise at an increasing rate since then.

At the public budget review, I asked Jon Rea about this salary increase. He attributed the increase in dues to 1) inflation and 2) the need to catch up capital reserve contributions that had been previously insufficient for the future parking structures' replacement. I simply pointed out that our dues were increasing at twice the rate of inflation, and our capital reserves were reduced by over \$400,000 in 2023.

John Recob argued that HG capital reserve "budget" went up from 2022. The issue was not whether HGA spent more money on capital projects, it's whether the increase

in dues was to build up the reserves for the future to replace the parking structures as stated. On page 34 of the 2023 HGA budget is the capital reserves report. Capital revenues for 2023 are stated at \$4,300,704. Capital expenditures for 2023 are budgeted at \$4,756,915, resulting in a reduction to the capital reserve fund for future use of (\$456,211).

John Recob wrote, "I believe it is important for you to get your facts correct before making grossly misleading and inflammatory statements in public meetings." I agree. That's an excellent standard to follow.

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Now, to the good news and what's really happening. On Aug. 15 the HGMD Board had a meeting with CFO Counts and CEO Rea. We reviewed the proposed 2024 budget as HGMD had requested. The meeting went well. They answered all questions. The public was also able to ask questions. On Aug. 16, we met again with the restaurant, golf, and clubhouse managers. The Golf Course has been making great strides in lowering the subsidy required to keep it operating and improving resident services. The Clubhouse is undergoing a change in management. HGMD directors expressed a desire to increase resident activities. All managers in the meeting agreed.

HGMD directors met with the restaurant manager, who explained that he had been cutting back staff since 2019 to minimize the subsidy needed to support operations. Although admirable, cutting staff reduced customer service that has caused much discontent among patrons. HGMD expressed a desire to give him and his staff the support and budget they need to increase the restaurant hours, include breakfast, be open on most holidays, and improve the dinner service.

Several members of the Restaurant Committee attended the meeting. They offered creative and promising ideas to increase revenue and service. During this discussion, Counts made the appropriate changes to the proposed budget spreadsheet. I believe we achieved everything that HGMD had wanted. The links to audio recordings of these meetings have been placed on the HG website, www.heathergardens.org. These recordings are informative. If you were unable to attend these meetings, I hope you'll have the opportunity to listen to them.

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Finally, we've had some very loud, and confrontational dissenters since the May election. Keep in mind, it has been a small group — probably no more than 15 people since the new board was installed. The HGMD Board meets on the third Thursday of the month, 1 pm. We also have special meetings or study sessions on the first Thursday of the month, 1 pm. The board is happy to have a large group of residents attending.

Most of the new committees are full, and they have been working hard. Ignore the negative rumors or naysayers. HGMD is dedicated to representing the community as a whole and improving the services provided while holding expenses to what's necessary to create worthwhile, attractive amenities that will sustain your property values.



HGA Board President Reports

By Jill Bacon

Greetings everyone. Here it is, the beginning of the Fall season and budget time once again. I am reminding all residents to please attend the Budget workshops.

Remember, these are the workshops in which every stakeholder has the opportunity to ask questions and give your opinions about each line item in the proposed 2024 budget. The draft budget is presented to the Budget & Finance Committee (B&F) and all interested residents on Monday, Sept. 25–Thursday, Sept. 27. A detailed information sheet will be available before these meetings for your information. Then you can speak on the subjects that are of most interest to you.

This year is a particularly challenging year for the HG boards and staff. The Insurance Subcommittee has been told by HG insurance brokers that the premium rates may be increased by 35–40 percent; and notice has been made that the natural gas rate for heating HG buildings has doubled this year. HG contracts for multi-years for its natural gas and this year is the end of a three-year contract rate.

There is little that the boards or HG management can do about these increases.

With this initial information, HG managers CFO Jerry

Counts, CEO Jon Rea and other department managers have really sharpened their pencils to keep expenses down for next year. The effort is there to keep HGA and HGMD fees no larger than absolutely necessary.

This is why it is so critical that all interested residents take advantage of the budget workshops in late September. You can attend these via Zoom or in-person in the Clubhouse. You will learn a lot from the discussion between financial advisors (B&F) and HG financial managers. You should understand exactly how your monthly dues will be spent next year, as projected in these meetings.

Residents need to know this background because it does not work for you to suddenly say mid-year, “Why did my dues go up this year?” You need to be aware from this start.

Please watch for announcements in *Heather 'n Yon* (see schedule below), from Pitera emails, or on the website, www.heathergardens.org. Do not be afraid to ask your neighbors, friends or others who you are acquainted with the information about these meetings. I encourage everyone to attend.

You will also have the opportunity to cast a “Veto” vote in November when you receive your ballot. The verbiage has been simplified this year so it is easier to understand.

Now on to other things. I am hearing on the news that the fall leaves will be especially lovely this year as we have had such a mild summer and the extra rain. I hope that everyone who has the opportunity will take advantage of the good weather then tour the mountains to see the beauty of these especially colorful fall leaves. Word is, they will be spectacular!!

I think we all need something spectacular in our lives these days! Happy Fall everyone.

- Friday, Sept. 8** Manager’s Budget Draft and summary delivered to B&F Committee Members and the Board of Directors of both HGA and HGMD. The budget draft and summary are made available on the website, www.heathergardens.org.
- Monday, Sept. 25** B&F Committee conducts budget workshops beginning at 9 am.
- Tuesday, Sept. 26** Directors of HGA and HGMD are strongly urged to attend.
- Wednesday, Sept. 27** B&F Committee conducts budget workshop on the HGMD 2024 budget.
- Thursday, Sept. 28** During the budget workshops, the Joint Budget and Finance Committee encourages and will take questions from owners/residents after each section of the budget is reviewed. B&F Committee recommends 2024 budgets to both boards.

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*HG 50th Anniversary Finale
"Here's to the Next 50!"
Friday, Sept. 15*

- 1–2:30 pm *Chamber of Commerce Ribbon Cutting, Time Capsule* (videotaped)

We are fortunate to have the Aurora Chamber of Commerce attend, and several local businesses planning to come. This will be a limited attendance event, held directly in front of the Clubhouse. Standing at the entrance, HG leaders and invited guests will share a few brief words, followed by a ribbon cutting while proclaiming "Here's to the Next 50!"

We are proud of what HG has accomplished during these first 50 years, and it will be fascinating to see what the next 50 Years can bring to the community!

A Time Capsule will be buried at the front entrance. Due to limited

space and parking, this event will be primarily attended by invited guests. It will be videotaped and available for all to view!

- 3–5 pm *50th Community Celebration*, Sandberg Auditorium. Residents are invited to participate! (Reservations required. Call the Clubhouse, 303-751-1811.)

Original owners are invited to attend as honored guests. Short presentations by Jon Rae, Jill Bacon and Daniel Taylor (will be videotaped).

PowerPoint photo slide show will share photos of "HG Past and Present." A drone video of the property — "Above Heather Gardens"

Sparkling beverages and cake for all in attendance!

- 4–6 pm *Rendezvous 50th Celebration Dinner Buffet* by reservation only, 720-282-3443 or email cormac.ronan@HeatherGardensmail.com (\$25 plus tax and gratuity)

Buffet includes salad bar, baked salmon topped with a lemon dill sauce, beef tenderloin medallions topped with a rich cabernet bordelaise



sauce, rosemary, Parmesan baby baked potatoes, long grain and wild rice, light dessert.

- 7–9:30 pm *Music by Cindy and Bryce*, Sandberg Auditorium, \$10 (Reservations required. Call the Clubhouse, 303-751-1811)

Dance the evening away to the playful 70s and 80s music. Review the photo show drone video again. Sparkling beverages and cake for all in attendance!

Thanks to all residents who participated in the various 50th Anniversary events! You have made this a most successful anniversary, filled with laughter, fun, and memories. I look forward to seeing you at these final events!

– Nancy Linsenbigler, B243

HGMD Treasurer's Report

Highlights of HGMD Operations: For month ended July 2023

	Budget	Actual
Clubhouse Profit (Loss)	(\$56,736)	(\$55,975)
Clubhouse Revenue	\$20,126	\$18,939
Golf Profit (Loss)	20,966	\$3,372
Golf Revenue	\$84,627	\$78,569
Restaurant Profit (Loss)	(\$4,590)	(\$2,438)
Restaurant Revenue	\$59,878	\$66,068

Year to date through July 2023

	Budget	Actual
Clubhouse Profit (Loss)	(\$348,529)	(\$382,065)
Golf Profit (Loss)	(\$96,226)	(\$154,689)
Restaurant Profit (Loss)	(\$57,021)	(\$59,573)

Clubhouse: Management, boards and committees are working on the 2024 budget. Looking at spreadsheets on revenue and what an event costs, the HGMD Finance and Audit Committee should help to make some decisions for next year. New classes have already been proposed. Do you know there are 55 clubs that use the facilities? We are discussing inexpensive ID options for

residents. The latest one costs about 1 cent for each resident, plus 4 cents for their guests.

Golf: Kudos to the golf staff and HGA management for the profit earned in July! Beautiful weather helped. Revenue was over budget. So were expenses. The savings from wages and benefits occurred because the Golf Course grounds crew were transferred to HGA's Roads and Landscaping. The big savings for HGMD will come in the winter.

Restaurant: The restaurant is having a tough time. Budget restraints hinder staffing. Staffing hinders what the restaurant can provide. Sandwiches do not bring in the revenue that steak, prime rib, fried chicken, braised beef and smothered burritos can generate! Staff is working hard. Not enough booze is being sold, which generates a good profit. The average drink sale per customer is \$16.70. It would take one more cocktail per customer or a piece of cherry pie. Just a subliminal suggestion.

Enterprise Fund: This is an operating fund. When revenue here exceeds expenses for operations, the excess helps pay for capital projects. Such projects have

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Peggy Chong wins \$5,000 NFB award

HG resident Peggy Chong, B220, has just won a \$5,000 Bolotin award from The National Federation of the Blind (NFB). Known as the "Blind History Lady," Chong received the award to help inaugurate her new research project.

"I am honored by this award from my peers to continue my research at the Library of Congress in Washington, D.C. next winter," Chong said.

In July, NFB presented \$50,000 dollars in cash awards to six individuals and organizations that are a positive force in the lives of blind people and whose work advances the goal of helping transform their dreams into reality. Chong was



among those six. She was interviewed on Colorado Public Radio's "Colorado Matters" show on Aug. 15. That engaging interview described Chong's in-depth biographies of blind persons.

According to Chong, "I tell the stories of so many blind men and women who defied the stereotype of a poor blind person, living off public assistance. Relying on themselves, blind people found a place to contribute in their home communities and thrived."

Chong's books and handouts at her in-person presentations give teachers, community groups, professionals working with the blind, and all of us, an understanding of what the everyday blind person ac-

complished and the lives they led in the United States.

The namesake of the NFB awards, Dr. Jacob W. Bolotin (1888-1924), was the world's first physician who was blind from birth. He achieved that goal despite the tremendous challenges faced by blind people in his time. Not only did he realize his own dream, but he also went on to support and inspire many others. Winners of the awards:

- Break down barriers facing blind people in an innovative way.
- Change negative perceptions of blindness and blind people.
- Push past existing boundaries to inspire blind people to achieve new heights.

For more information about Peggy Chong, visit her website at: <https://theblindhistorylady.com/>

– Gloria Lesher
B212

HGA and HGMD explained

Heather Gardens Association (HGA)

In 1983, ownership of all residential buildings, equipment, and fixtures at HG was turned over to the HGA by the builder of the community (Environment Developers, Inc.).

The HGA Board, elected by the HG owners, is responsible for directing the affairs of the HGA. All homeowners association (HOA) dues received by HGA are directed towards ensuring HG remains a desirable community. Your HOA dues, the major part of HG's income, are handled by the HG accounting office with HGA oversight and annual review by auditors.

The HGA Board of Directors has the power to adopt bylaws to govern the affairs of HGA. The board amends the bylaws from time to time.

The HGA Board selects and hires

the Chief Executive Officer (CEO). The CEO's office hires all paid staff. The current CEO Jon Rea is doing an outstanding job of overseeing HG staff and running day-to-day operations at HG. Until recently, both presidents of the HGA Board and HGMD Board met weekly with the CEO to ensure close cooperation.

Heather Gardens Metropolitan District (HGMD)

HGMD was formed in 1983 to purchase the HG Clubhouse (including restaurant), Maintenance Building, RV lot, garden plot, and Golf Course from the builder (Environment Developers, Inc) by selling bonds. HGMD retains these physical buildings and properties.

HGA is the exclusive agent for the HGMD for the duration of the bond issue.

The HGMD Board must ensure that bondholders are paid on interest on schedule and redeem bonds that mature. The board ensures that its property is maintained in a condition satisfactory to the City of Aurora. On occasion, the HGMD Board issues new policies that relate to the properties that they retain.

HGMD receives a share of the proceeds from the Colorado State Lottery and from auto licensing fees. Lottery funds, designated for park improvements, are used to enhance HG recreational areas.

The HGMD Board does not hire employees. Employees working in the Maintenance Building, Restaurant, Golf Shop, and Clubhouse are hired by the manager of each of these amenities, with the assistance of the Human Resources Officer.

– Estelle Matus, B216

Caught in the act — civility and caring

Acts of civility are a shining example of how positive, caring, and constructive actions move us all forward. A big shout out to the bakers of HG who contributed their baked specialties to the bake sales in February,

May, and August — raising money to fund the 50th Anniversary of HG. Thanks to the bakers and to the people who bought the baked goods.

We raised \$1,840 in the three bake sales. The last bake sale

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– Community Engagement & Communications Committee (CECC) Linda Hileman, Chair



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Author writes about New Jersey places in Sci-Fi thrillers

Dressed in a blue ball cap with reflective PARCO stitched prominently above the visor, Chuck Turner is ebullient as he greets me from his doorway at B234. Pinelands paraphernalia adorn the room. *From the Pinelands* is his latest book. Pinelands Areomilitary Research Coastal Operations (PARCO) is one antagonist in this sci-fi thriller trilogy.

Chuck grew up adjacent to the coastal plain between Philadelphia and Atlantic Ocean — Pinelands territory. The sandy soils, rivers, woods, impenetrable marshes and brackish estuaries hold rich material for his vivid imagination.

Casinos, mobsters, secret military operations, defectors from civilization, one vanished village, and a psychiatric hospital built on a former prison farm are all verifiable. Add to this mix the legendary Jersey Devil and you have a setting worthy of supernatural intrigue.

"You're going to get into something that's way beyond your thought," he said.

Chuck's own experiences are equally engrossing.

"My wife and I had a gun pulled on us in a Tampa hotel."

Astounded by Chuck's deft maneuvering through the situation, his family pumped him with questions: "How did you know what to do?" He had to tell them more about the story of his life.

When he finished, his daughter noted, "Daddy, you either have to get therapy or start writing."

He started writing four years ago. His first three books, *South Jersey Casino Boy*, are fictionalized anecdotes drawn from four years of observations and experiences as a security guard and craps dice dealer in Atlantic City casinos. It was a heady, high adrenaline world of money and excitement. The experience could easily compromise and devour its devotees. Eventually, values Chuck had learned as the youngest of eight

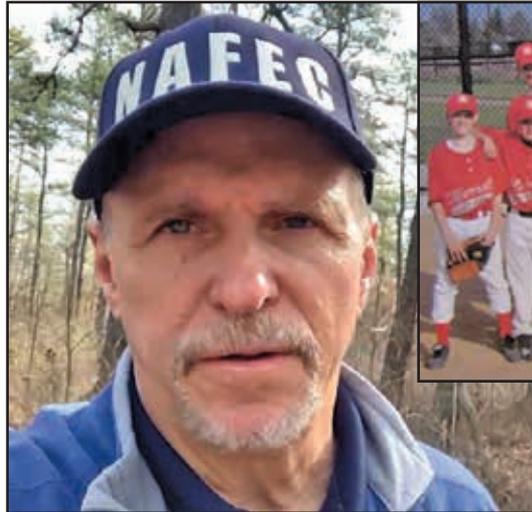
children, the son of an upholsterer, and uncles who worked in the construction business brought him to a healthier lifestyle.

Chuck hails from Linwood, New Jersey, a narrow strip of mainland between Atlantic City and Ocean City, and between Skull Bay with its assorted islands and the Pine Barrens. In the vernacular of Linwood boys,

minor girls on the film set that continued in their trailers.

He spoke out against the offenders until a buddy warned: "Chuck, you've got to shut up." He left.

He worked for an office supply company that was eventually acquired by Office Depot. He was transferred to Denver to help run the Havana Street Warehouse.



Left: Chuck Turner, B234, used his baseball experience as a player to coach his son's high school team.

he was an Ocean Boardwalk Kid and a Baseball Diamond Kid. He lived for baseball. His team won five championships in eight years. At age 17 he played AA semi-professional ball.

When not playing ball, he worked alongside his uncles and brothers in construction. Starting on small projects, he learned the tools of the trade that he applies still today in his David and Goliath Painting business.

Science fiction stories in books, film and television appealed to his imagination. They had him thinking "what if." What if there are aliens here already, mixed within human culture? What if earth is a perfect place for these aliens to bring their intelligence, their creativity, and their mischief? In time this wondering, conflated with Jersey Devil lore, formed the basis of his *From the...* series.

Chuck joined the Navy when he left Atlantic City. After discharge, he went to the west coast to surf with his brother. He worked brief stints as a cashier at a card casino and a security guard for a minor film production. He observed overt sexualization of

Combining construction skills he'd learned from his uncles and brothers with marketing skills he'd developed through experience, he formed his own construction business — David and Goliath Painting — a small company doing big things.

Once settled into a home in Centennial with his wife Linda and children Sara, Stephen and Zac, Chuck used his baseball experience when he coached his son's high school team. He applied the life lessons that he had learned from his coaches and mentors when younger.

Sportsmanship behavior is paramount. Winning is desirable, but players are expected to bring their best game to each competition. Playing the game with integrity and respect for opponents is the overarching goal. Win or lose, at the game's end when the players walk out on the field, they form a line, look each opponent in the eye, shake hands, and congratulate their competitor for playing a good game. Through the sport, his sons connected with boys

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Paul Spoutz: Loving the active life at HG

An active retirement life with lots of exercise, live music and engaging the HG community is what Paul Spoutz, B244, is all about.

He grew up in a large, tight-knit German Catholic family outside Detroit, Michigan, with one sister and five brothers. His father was a carpenter and built the house that Paul grew up in. Additionally, Dad constructed two greenhouses, with upwards of 6,000 square feet for growing African Violets.

Paul's mom grew the plants and distributed them in the U.S. and Canada. She had a process to keep the plants alive in the mail for a week, which included wrapping the African Violet into peat moss, soaking it thoroughly, rolling in corrugated cardboard, sealing it in plastic, and packing into shipping boxes. Paul worked hard in the business.

"It was an amazing enterprise and helped raise our family."

Because of the constant care the violets required, the family didn't take many vacations. But, they did enjoy family get togethers "up north," which meant about an hour away. And when we say, "big," those family events attracted around 100 individuals.

"With a large family, we had lots of weddings, birthdays and other happenings, along with the major holidays."

His love of music manifested early in life.

"I had attention-deficit hyperactivity disorder (ADHD) before most people knew what that was, and I wasn't a good student. I gravitated to doodling, daydreaming and music."

Enrolled in a Catholic school, he recalls that Sister John Catherine was "the only teacher who caught my attention, and she got me into performing in short operettas." With that start, Paul grew up singing through-

out school in operettas and choirs, "but I was never in a band," he notes.

That lifelong love of music inspired his interest in the Karaoke Club at HG. He teamed up with Paul Westfall in 2017 to start the Karaoke

ed with a degree in business from Denver's Regis University in 1984.

"I racked up 212 credit hours, but only have a bachelor's degree to show for it because the job I had at Automatic Data Processing, Inc. (ADP) kept moving me around to Denver, Detroit, Chicago and Columbus, Ohio."

During college, he played football and was president of Alpha Chi Fraternity at Macomb.

"At the time, Alpha Chi was the only social fraternity on campus, with a bit of an 'Animal House' vibe to it. Our partying got me in trouble a few times. I made frequent trips to the Dean's office. I still keep in touch with my frat brothers through email and Facebook."

At ADP, Paul started as a part-time balancing clerk in 1972. He was named executive vice president in 1976, serving in that capacity until 1981. He

then accepted a position as marketing manager at WANG Laboratories, a huge data processing company.

After 11 years in a job requiring a lot of travel, he moved on to Sequent Computer System — a mid-range computer systems company that competed heavily with IBM. In head-to-head tests when companies were considering spending millions of dollars on computers, Sequent always won.

"The IBM solution to that competition was to pay a fortune to acquire Sequent. At that point, I became an IBM employee for a short period of time."

Paul then got into recruiting at Source Services. He was with Source for eight years before moving to Plano, Texas, where his wife, Aletha, was executive assistant to the chief operating officer at Richmond American Homes. She had all her family in Texas that included her two



Above: Paul and Aletha Spoutz, B244, celebrate a birthday at a favorite restaurant.

Club. Spoutz has been in charge of the group for the last five years.

Right up at the top of the list of Paul's favorite things to do at HG is promoting the club to HG residents.

"People are so appreciative of these events. Some people even schedule their vacations around it. I'll keep doing this as long as I'm physically able."

Along with the fun of the Karaoke Club experience came a couple sad occurrences recently — the passing of Steve Wolther, a longtime supporter of the Karaoke Club, and Milton Larry — a musician known as Bimp.

"When Bimp sang, you could close your eyes and be sure that Lou Rawls was in the house. We miss them both dearly."

Paul started college at Macomb Community College in 1967, and then transferred to Wayne State University, both schools in Michigan. After studying at Ohio State University, he eventually graduat-

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The Month (August)

HG women golfers gathered to celebrate the 99th birthday of Lil Pickrel, B213, on Aug. 6, at a party organized by her daughters. With cookies and a souvenir golf ball, friends and neighbors celebrated Lil's milestone birthday. In photo below, Lil is seated, second from right. Surrounding her are the women she has played golf with at HG, members of the HG Ladies Golf Club and Golden Girls.

Right: the golf balls with "LP: Lil Pickrel, 2023" engraved on it — party favors that those attending could take home. (Photos by Anne Hummel-Gillis, CP1.)

Speaking at the August HGMD Board meeting, a resident of CP2 described a situation in his neighborhood that he thought a resident was violating the HG Declaration of Condominium because she was operating a business



out of her condo. He described how the resident was running a car/RV rental business with services advertised through social-media postings. A single RV and several autos are parked within his cul de sac, he said.

HGMD President Daniel Taylor told the speaker that this issue was not one that his board could address — it was an HGA issue. HGA President Jill Bacon, who was in the audience, concurred as it dealt with residential infractions. She assured the speaker that HG's Security chief was aware of the illegal business, and was researching options. Some constraints on homeowner association actions towards residents were introduced in a newly passed Colorado law, House Bill 22-1137.

During HGMD's Aug. 17 meeting, a resident of CP3 complained that Clubhouse staff had canceled, or tried to cancel, without notice several events that

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were popular with residents. Two events mentioned were the annual fashion show and the summer's Hippy Party.

"Please remember," she said, "that many residents volunteer their time to make those events successful. Who is our point of contact?" President Daniel Taylor responded that CEO Jon Rea was aware of the situation.

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We are so sorry to lose Clubhouse Manager Montrell Anthony! A luncheon in Rendezvous Restaurant to say goodbye was attended by Activities Desk staff, instructors and HGMD Board members. A brilliant idea emerged among guests to have a talent contest for residents. Acting Clubhouse Manager Julie Racich agreed it could be a fun time for all. Aerial artists, sword swallowers, ventriloquists, comedians, impersonators, dancers, musicians — imagine the fun a talent contest could be! (–Treasurer Rita Effler)

Photo below from Karen McClaury (taken by an assistant, not identified). According to McClaury, Anthony will be managing Hiawatha Davis Jr. Recreation Center in Park Hill (Denver).



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In its presentation to HG residents and the HGA Board on Aug. 9, Comcast announced a new approach to providing fast internet (10G) to HG, Project Genesis. Having completed burying fiber optic cable to all areas of HG, Comcast has tried to install boxes in all condo. It quickly became a challenge — how to gain access? Of 2,462 units, only 32 (STH) have boxes installed that potentially deliver TV, internet, phone and security features that the owner/customer can choose for their condo. Time to complete is projected to be too long. Project Genesis has limited construction, a shorter timeline, and requires unit access only when desired by the owner.

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The Seville water aerobics class has started learning how to do synchronized swimming in the outdoor pool. After the aerobics class, then noodle exercises, we are starting synchronized swimming on our noodles. Lots of laughs and so far, no sinking. Just more time to laugh and enjoy our

wonderful pool. Clockwise from lower left: Larry, B234; Barb, B233; Cheryl, B232; Eric, B231; Janet, B232; Gretchen, B235; and Diane, B232.

Photos by Connie Stewart, B233



Left: Nancy Henson, STH, shared her photo of new Security Manager Dave Mar-ri-s (right) meeting Security Officer Gabe Muchrison in Rendezvous.



Right: Donna Lippold, B232, photographed two bull snakes in flagrante delicto (mating) while on a walk. In her email, she wrote, "Grounds crew came to the rescue."

Below: Benches provide a place for casual conversation by neighbors. Photos by Patt Clark, B235.



After years of study and discussion, repairs on Parking Structures 1 and 3 began this summer. Photos by Janis Farrell.





Festivities surrounding the **50th Anniversary of HG** continued in July and August. Above and right: A buffet dinner and dance on July 29, asked attendees to wear their 1970s clothing.



A Country Western Golf Tournament on July 7

Thank You to all golfers and volunteers who made the tournament a "hole-in-one." Proceeds were added to the HG 50th fundraising coffers. The 14 teams started the morning with Country Golf and Goofy names, including the Chip Shots, Men from Mayo, Fairway Friends, Hole-In-One Heroes, Caddyshack Crusaders, Birdie Brigade, and Biden Busters, The (much feared) Mulligan Gang, Green Machine, 7-3/8, Sand Traps, (the equally notorious) Merula Gang, Tee-rifics and the fearsome CP4s! Thanks to Rendezvous for having a real country hoes-down buffet. The brisket was delicious. The setting was perfect with boots and flowers on all tables. In addition to having fun on the course — wearing cute hats and denim — the players all were winners one way or another! Tournament organizer Connie Burns led the charge on her trusty steed, SilverBlueSparkle, and made sure that prizes big and small were awarded to the deserving players — 55 in all! Time to ride off into the sunset, pardner!

— **Connie Burns, HG 50th Anniversary Team**

Photos by Anita Huddleston



Congratulations to all Flight winners (too many to name)

Longest drive, women

Alex Gilchrist

Closest to the Pin, women

JoAnn Fitch

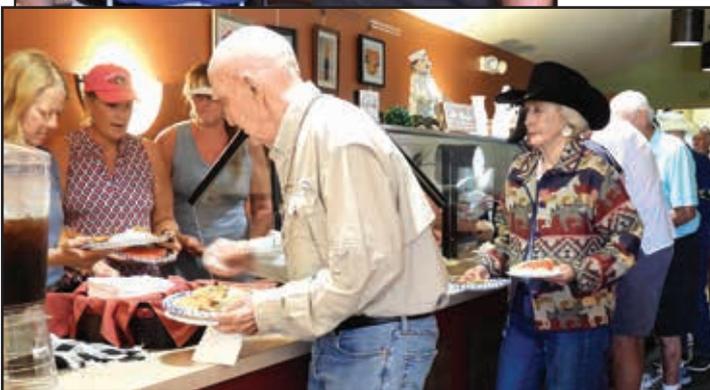
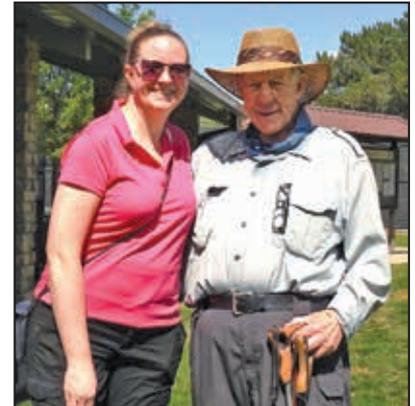
Longest drive, men

Dalton Champion

Closest to the Pin, men

Dalton Champion

Right: **Putting contest winners**



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who had played just as hard as they had.

These are attitudes Chuck carries into his work today. A self-described "Golden Rule" contractor, he likes taking care of people and being part of a community. He's become a "fix-it" man by helping neighbors with

minor construction and painting projects.

"That's what makes me happy, being around other people and helping and working and coming home after a good day."

He and Linda sold their Centennial house and moved to a HG rental in 2020. It was an interim move while they developed plans to move permanently to Arizona. Covid shutdowns intervened. They realized they were happy here and bought their rented apartment.

"We love Heather Gardens. I absolutely love being around the Clubhouse. I love walking the Golf Course. I love seeing the smiling faces and the happy dogs. People are really cool. It's just a nice, calm place to be."



Above: Author Chuck Turner was photographed while being interviewed by Heather 'n Yon writer Dala Giffin. A poster of his latest book cover is in the background.

It's a good place from which to launch his science fiction thriller trilogy. He's having fun marketing his books, traveling back to south Jersey, and connecting with old friends. The second book, *From the Delaware*, comes out on Halloween.

— Dala Giffin

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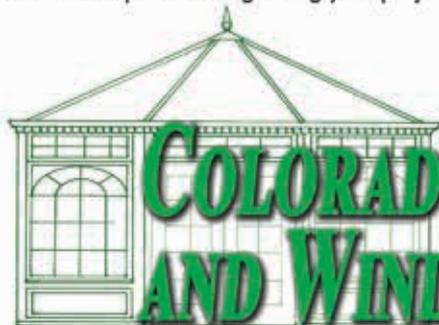
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daughters and grandchildren. Paul connected with the company president and was hired as head of the customer service and warranty department.

"We constructed around 1,000 houses before the crash of 2008."

In 2017, he and Aletha moved to Denver and into HG, partly to be close to his children. His son, Stephen, is a deputy sheriff in Jefferson County and was recently selected "Deputy Sheriff of the Year" by the department.

Daughter Brittany is retiring from the Air Force after 20+ years as a master sergeant. She will be moving to California for five months of training to become a certified dog trainer.

Paul and Aletha met in 2000 and married in 2003. Their relationship is built on common interests, such as grown children, travel, love of classical music and live music performances.

They love living at HG, "because it isn't 'senior living.' People here are so vibrant and active, plus I don't have to cut the grass." Paul is active in the HG Men's Golf League, Men's Poker Club, Pilates Class and is a frequent patron of Rendezvous Restaurant.



Above: After a karaoke competition, "A Night at the Oscars," Paul presented the trophy to Lisa Matthews, B244, for her "Best Vocal Performance" on "Moon River" from the movie Breakfast at Tiffany's.

Aletha has served as secretary for the last three years to the B244 board. She is an accomplished pianist and enjoys playing on her baby grand. She recently has discovered her creative skills in painting and is enrolled in the HG Painting Class.

Paul and Aletha have enjoyed travel, including three trips to Europe and cruising the west coast of Italy along the Mediterranean Sea. Additionally, they traveled extensively in their travel trailer, which provided comfortable accommodations for going back to Michigan for Paul's reunion, trips to Texas, and to

Yellowstone.

They enjoy kicking back and watching their favorite TV shows, such as "Heartland," "Master Chef," Samantha Brown's travel show, and "Survivor." Paul auditioned three times for "Survivor."

Paul and Aletha both love classical music and live performances. They are frequent patrons of the Denver Center for the Performing Arts. Aletha just recently arrived back from Vail and a Beethoven concert by the New York Symphony.

A couple of their favorite restaurants are the Bonefish Grill and Seasons 52 in Park Meadows. Seasons 52 changes its menu with the seasons, hence the name. It offers an added benefit that each menu item has less than 550 calories.

Additionally, the couple enjoys cooking.

"I'm the breakfast cook and Aletha whips up delicious and creative meals the rest of the day," Paul notes.

"We really love living at Heather Gardens," he adds. "We have so many friends here. There are so many activities and events to keep us fit and happy."

– Patricia McLaughlin
B215

HGMD Treasurer...from page 14

been minimal this year. A new freezer for Rendezvous is needed.

Restricted Funds

Conservation Trust Funds: These funds come from the state lottery profit. HG has received about \$12,000 this year with one more distribution expected. Current balance is \$151,845. A report must be made annually on how the funds are used, which, at HG, is primarily for recreational enhancements, one option set by the state.

Debt Service Fund: We still owe about \$7.7 million to bond holders. Principle and biannual interest is paid from property tax revenue.

Foundation Fund: The current balance is \$186,255. The Foundation Committee is passionate about how this money is used. Foundation money purchased much of the theater production equipment used in Sandberg Auditorium and the Veterans' memorial in front of the Clubhouse. The benches you enjoy as you walk the grounds were often purchased by the Foundation. The Foundation began in the early 1990s. Its main purpose was to use the funds donated by those who love HG in a way that honors them and the community.

– Rita Effler, Treasurer

An advertisement for Jewish holidays. On the left is a colorful apple with a green leaf and the text "SHANA TOVA!". On the right is a menorah, a glass of honey, and an apple with the text "YOM KIPPUR Day Of Atonement".

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Fri 1	Men with Purpose (1st and 3rd Friday)	Skyview Room	10–11 am
	Texas Hold 'em Poker_Reddy or Hill (every Friday)	Mountain View Room	12:30–5 pm
	Friday Afternoon Bridge (every Friday)	Skyview Room	1–5 pm
Sat 2	Mexican Train Dominoes (every Saturday)	Arts & Crafts Room	noon–4 pm
	Ping Pong (every Saturday)	Game Room	2–3 pm
	Karaoke Club	Aspen/Blue Spruce Rooms	3–5 pm
Sun 3	Fruit Shak (every Sunday)	Clubhouse Parking lot	9 am–3 pm
	Social Bridge (every Sunday, Joanne Turner)	Skyview Room	1–3:30 pm
Mon 4	Labor Day – Federal Holiday, Management Offices closed		
	Men's Bridge (every Monday)	Skyview Room	10 am–2 pm
	HG Women's Book Club (Arce)	Mountain View Room	10:30 am–12:30 pm
	Spanish Club (every Monday)	Aspen Room	11 am–noon
	Texas Hold 'em Poker_Reddy or Hill (1st Monday)	Aspen Room	12:30–5 pm
	Time4Tap Dance Novice Group (every Monday)	Sandberg Auditorium	1–2 pm
	HG Women's Book Club (Urias)	Mountain View Room	1–3 pm
	Mah Jongg (every Monday)	Blue Spruce Room	1–4 pm
	Men's Poker	Game Room	3:30–7 pm
	East Bates Game Night (Karen Gold; every Monday)	Aspen/Blue Spruce Rooms	4–6 pm
Tue 5	Guys Fun Golf	Golf Course	9 am
	Hand (Knee) and Foot (every Tuesday)	Mountain View Room	12:30–4 pm
	Heather Gardens Singers (every Tuesday)	Skyview Room	1–2:30 pm
	Mah Jongg (every Tuesday)	Blue Spruce Room	1–4 pm
	Ping Pong (every Tuesday)	Game Room	2–3 pm
	Billiard Club Co-ed 8-Ball (every Tuesday)	Billiard Room	6:30 pm
Wed 6	HG Ladies' Golf Scoring (every Wednesday)	Game Room	7:30 am–1 pm
	Cribbage (every Wednesday)	Sunburst Café	12:30–3 pm
	Men's Poker_Reddy or Hill (every Wednesday)	Skyview Room	12:30–5 pm
	Rummikub (every Wednesday)	Lodgepole Lounge	1–3 pm
	HG ACBL Duplicate Bridge (every Wednesday)	Blue Spruce Room	1–4:45 pm
	Pinochle (every Wednesday)	Mountain View Room	1:30–4 pm
	HG Republicans: Preventing Cyber Scams	Sandberg Auditorium	1:30–3 pm
	Men's Poker	Game Room	3:30 pm
	CP1 Social	CP1 cul-de-sacs	5:30 pm
	HG Men's Golf Club	Mountain View Room	6:30–8:30 pm
	Woodshop Club Meeting	Blue Spruce Room	5–7 pm
Square Dancing Club (every 1st and 3rd Wednesday)	Sandberg Auditorium	7–9 pm	
Thu 7	Tai Chi (every Thursday)	Tennis Courts	8–11 am
	TOPS (every Thursday)	Blue Spruce Room	8:30–9:30 am

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Mon, Sept. 11 Bayer Ear Clinic (every Monday, by appointment), Arts & Crafts Room, 9 am–noon (see ad, p. 55)



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Thu 7 (cont'd)	Fun Gals Golf (every Thursday)	Golf Course	9 am
	HG Optimist Breakfast	Rendezvous Restaurant	9 am
	Time4Tap Dance Group (every Thursday)	Sandberg Auditorium	11 am–noon
	Clubhouse Event: AARP Driver's Safety Course	Arts & Crafts Room	12:45–5 pm
	Bunko (1st and 3rd Thursday)	Blue Spruce Room	1–3:30 pm
	Social Bridge (every Thursday, Joanne Turner)	Skyview Room	1–3:30 pm
	HG Writers Club (every Thursday)	Mountain View Room	1–4 pm
	Ping Pong (every Thursday)	Game Room	2–3 pm
	Meditation Club (1st & 3rd Thursday)	Blue Spruce Room	4–5 pm
	CP4 Social	Picnic Pavilion	4 pm
	Grief Support (every Tuesday)	Skyview Room	4–6 pm
	Men's Poker (2nd & 4th Thursday)	Game Room	5:30–9 pm
	Kiwanis Club of Aurora Business Meeting	Skyview Room	6 pm
	9-Ball Men's Billiards (every Thursday)	Billiards Room	7–9 pm
Fri 8	Birding and Nature Club	Lodgepole Lounge	11:30 am
	HG Indivisible	Skyview Room	11:45 am
Sat 9	HGA Board "Meet the Candidates"	Sandberg Auditorium	6–8 pm
	The Breakfast Club	Rendezvous Restaurant	8:30 am
	HGA Board "Meet the Candidates"	Sandberg Auditorium	10 am–12 pm
	B204 Picnic	Picnic Pavilion	11 am–2 pm
Mon 11	Tennis Club	Aspen/Blue Spruce Room	1 pm
	Texas Hold 'em Poker_Reddy or Hill (2nd–4th Monday)	Mountain View Room	12:30–5 pm
Tue 12	9-11 Heroes Movie	Sandberg Auditorium	2:30–5:30 pm
	Clubhouse Event: Steady CBD Seminar	Aspen Room	9–11 am
Wed 13	Tuesday Evening Bridge (2nd & 4th Tuesday)	Blue Spruce Room	5:30 pm
	Clubhouse Event: Queen Elizabeth (Active Minds)	Sandberg Auditorium	2 pm
Thu 14	B219 Picnic	Picnic Pavilion	4–7 pm
	Clubhouse Event: Mobile Food Pantry	B243/B244 Parking Lot	10 am
	The Green Team	Blue Spruce Room	noon–2 pm
	Men's Poker (Jess Deal; 2nd and 4th Thursday)	Game Room	3:30–7:30 pm
Fri 15	RV Lot Club	Aspen Room	5–6 pm
	Men with Purpose (1st and 3rd Friday)	Skyview Room	10 am
	50th Anniversary Ribbon Cutting; Time Capsule	Clubhouse	1–2:30 pm
	Clubhouse Event: 50th Anniversary Celebration	Sandberg Auditorium	3–5 pm
Sat 16	Clubhouse Event: 50th Anniversary Dance	Sandberg Auditorium	7–9:30 pm
	Wine and Cheese Social Club	Aspen/Blue Spruce Rooms	3–5 pm
Sun 17	B221 Meeting	Picnic Pavilion	3–6 pm
	Frolics Club Improve Workshop	Aspen/Blue Spruce Room	2–5 pm
Mon 18	VNA Senior Wellness Clinics (1st & 3rd Mondays)	Blue Spruce Room	8:30 am–1 pm
	HG Photo Club	Aspen Room	3 pm
Tue 19	Clubhouse Event: Flu Shots	Arts & Crafts Room	8 am–noon
	Caregiver's Support Group	Aspen Room	2–4 pm
	Clubhouse Event: Mountain Man Fruit and Nut Co.	Clubhouse Lobby	2:15–3:15 pm

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Tue 19	B201 and B202 Monthly Social	Rendezvous Restaurant	4:30 pm
Wed 20	Square Dancing Club (every 1st and 3rd Wednesday)	Sandberg Auditorium	7–9 pm
Thu 21	HG Optimist Club Social Justice Discussion TOPS Picnic Clubhouse Event: The Blues by Kathleen Arnold Bunko Kiwanis Club of Aurora – Guest Speaker	Rendezvous Restaurant Skyview Room Picnic Pavilion Sandberg Auditorium Blue Spruce Room Skyview Room	9 am 10 am–noon 11:30 am–2 pm 1–2 pm 1–3:30 pm 6 pm
Fri 22	Fourth Friday Bridge Clubhouse Movie: POMS	Skyview Room Sandberg Auditorium	8:30 am–12:30 pm 2 pm
Sat 23	National Federation of the Blind, Aurora Chapter HG Republicans: Meet the Candidates, 2023 Election	Mountain View Room Sandberg Auditorium	10:30 am–12:30 pm 6–8 pm
Mon 25	HG Garden Club	Aspen/Blue Spruce Rooms	6 pm
Tue 26	Clubhouse Event: Flu Shots Sevillians Monthly Dinner Tuesday Evening Bridge (2nd & 4th Tuesday) HG Democratic Club: Aurora Candidates	Arts & Crafts Room Rendezvous Restaurant Blue Spruce Room Sandberg Auditorium	8 am–noon 4:30–6 pm 5:30 pm 6–9 pm
Wed 27	Resident Orientation	Board Room/Zoom	10 am
Fri 29	Clubhouse Event: Fall Craft Fair Green Team Doggie Bags	Multiple Clubhouse Rooms Lodge Pole Lounge	9 am–3 pm 9 am–noon
Sat 30	Clubhouse Event: Fall Craft Fair	Multiple Clubhouse Rooms	9 am–3 pm

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Join the men as they study the Bible in person with Pastor Bill Cheyne or online on Wednesday morning, 9 am. Saturday morning is only online at 9 am, <https://meet.google.com/vpk-rgxi-fja>.

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HG Women's Bible Study meets the first Thursday at 10–11:30 am, in the Mountain View Room and on Zoom. All other Thursdays are via Zoom only. Contact Carolyn Morris, 303-885-7807, or motoringmorris@gmail.com for more information. I can arrange help with Zoom if you need it.

Catholic Mass St Michael's Catholic Mass is held weekly at 1 pm Saturday, Sandberg Auditorium.

Chapel (Interdenominational Church Service) 11 am Sunday, Sandberg Auditorium. Pastor Bill Cheyne. We will continue the service on ZOOM for those who are unable to attend in person. Email Carolyn Morris for the link, motoringmorris@gmail.com.

- **Sunday Bible Study:** 10 am, Mountain View Room. Leader: Pastor Bill Cheyne.

- **Coffee Time:** 3rd Sunday, prior to Chapel Service

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• **Monthly Meetings** •

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Listed meetings will be in the Board Room or Zoom.

Clubs & Activities (BR/Zoom) – 1 pm Fri, Sept. 1

~~CECC (Zoom) – 1 pm Tue, Sept. 5~~

Joint Long Range Plan (BR/Zoom) – 10 am Wed, Sept. 6

SEC (Zoom) – 10 am Thu, Sept. 7

HGMD Special Board (BR/Zoom) – 1 pm Thu, Sept. 7

Personnel Policy (Zoom) – 10 am Fri, Sept. 8

Civic Affairs (BR/Zoom) – 2:30 pm Fri, Sept. 8

RV Committee (BR/Zoom) – 10 am Mon, Sept. 11

Maintenance (Zoom) – 10 am Tue, Sept. 12

Clubhouse (BR/Zoom) – 1 pm Tue, Sept. 12

Foundation (BR/Zoom) – 1 pm Wed, Sept. 13

Budget & Finance (BR/Zoom) – 10 am Mon, Sept. 18

HGMD Audit/Finance (BR/Zoom) – Mon, Sept. 18

HGA Board (Zoom) – 1 pm Tue, Sept. 19

Joint Long Range Plan (BR/Zoom) – 10 am Wed, Sept. 20

Resident Open Forum (BR/Zoom) – 3 pm Wed, Sept. 20

ACC (Zoom) – 10 am Thu, Sept. 21

HGMD Board (BR/Zoom) – 1 pm Thu, Sept. 21

2024 Budget Workshop – 9 am Mon, Sept. 25

2024 Budget Workshop – 9 am Tue, Sept. 26

2024 Budget Workshop – 9 am Wed, Sept. 27

2024 Budget Workshop – 9 am Thu, Sept. 28

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cash amount, credit card, or checks made out to "VNA." The clinic has no change. Call VNA, 845-418-4006

- Monday, Sept. 4, no clinic, Labor Day

- Monday, Sept. 18, 8:30 am–1 pm, Blue Spruce Rm

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Letters

Heather 'n Yon

Thank you, Cormac, Cara and staff! A number of HG residents are members of the Sports 'n Social Connections Club (SSC), a Denver-based non-profit (501-c7) club for active seniors. On July 22, the SSC had their annual Summer Dinner Dance at Rendezvous, where 50 members enjoyed dancing to Bryce and Cindy and their jukebox music.

Everyone raved about the superb dinner selections. The evening was such a great success. SSC has booked the Rendezvous for their Holiday Dinner Dance as well. All of us are looking forward to another great evening!

NOTE: Sports 'n Social Connections (SSC) welcomes new members. See website: <https://denverssc.org/>

– Bob Geraghty
B211

Heather 'n Yon

Electing the best candidates for the HGA Board is important to me because they will largely determine how the roughly \$6,000 I pay in HGA dues each year is spent — and whether that amount will increase. I've served on both the HGA and HGMD Boards and know first-hand how important those boards are and how much work, knowledge and common sense is required of board members. For that reason, I urge all owners in HG to re-elect Larry Dávila to the HGA Board.

I've known Larry since we worked together on the committee tasked with evaluating whether the old Clubhouse should be continuously repaired or replaced. That was

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about 15 years ago. Larry is friendly and approachable. He is the epitome of common sense and good judgment. He is thoroughly familiar with HGA governing documents and the management agreement with HGMD. He knows how much work is involved and is willing to do it. In short, he is a most valuable asset for this community. Please join me in voting to re-elect Larry Dávila to the HGA Board this fall.

– Allen Lindeman
CP5

Heather 'n Yon

The new HGMD Restaurant Committee met recently with Chair Robin O'Meara to conduct a SWOT analysis (Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities, Threats) of Rendezvous Restaurant. We agreed that Rendezvous (meaning both a gathering of people and the place they gather) is an amenity that contributes to HG residents' quality of life and the value of our homes. Our SWOT results matched those of a 2020 HGA Resident Survey.

There has to be investment in the restaurant to get anywhere on the list of opportunities that will satisfy both customers and employees. The major threat is most homeowners don't understand how the budget and operation of this significant amenity is determined.

Although HGMD owns the Clubhouse and the restaurant, it contracted with HGA to manage the restaurant in all ways pertinent to the HG community. The revenue from the restaurant is approximately 65 percent of its expenses and the remainder is an amenity charge. The HGA bills HGMD for the monthly expenses of all amenities it manages. The 2023 budget includes subsidies for the Clubhouse, (\$684,753), Golf Course (\$255,986), and Rendezvous Restaurant (\$104,100).

Divided by 2,426 HG units, the subsidy budget for the restaurant becomes \$3.60 per month/\$42.91 per year for each unit, not each person. The revenue and subsidy dollars give us a "good enough" restaurant; a more adequate subsidy would support one that is "just right" with longer hours, increased servers, a chef and bartender, and more.

Suggestions the committee makes to enhance the Rendezvous

will go through a process of approval (or rejection) by the HGMD Board, then the HGA Board, and finally to CEO Jon Rea. He will pass the successful suggestions on to the restaurant manager.

I'm hoping some of our committee suggestions make it through the process and make a difference.

– Gwen Alexander
B215

Heather 'n Yon

Volunteers provide services to residents all through Heather Gardens: HGA, HGMD, ARs, AARs, POCs, some staffers on the Activities Desk, and residents offering computer help. These are or should be positions of service to benefit HG and the residents, not positions of power.

Three of the new HGMD board directors haven't received that message. Before the election, the new HGMD Board President Daniel Taylor, crafted a six-page election interference complaint against the former HGMD president, the HGA president, and the ARO president that were filled with inaccuracies. He has a habit of writing lengthy complaints against those who oppose him: HGA Board members, a former security manager, and most likely more.

The HGMD Board has made a motion to remove the Security Manager from his office to make it an office for them — requiring computers for each director, a printer, a scanner, and paper for the multitude of documents they produce. They also want 24/7 access to the Management Office. The HGA Board members don't have an office with the equipment HGMD wants, and they don't have 24/7 access to the Management Office.

At the Aug. 3 HGMD Special Meeting, residents reminded directors that they are volunteers, not paid staff. No board directors before today have made demands like these. Security needs two offices so sensitive issues can be handled privately.

During the August meeting, the president interrupted and argued with speakers. The secretary chided one speaker for her comments. These are not examples of service. They show a desire for power.

Instead of bombarding HG management staff with demands, the board directors need to listen to what

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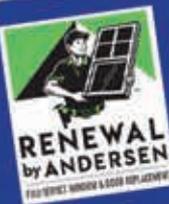
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HGMD Foundation

Based on a report to the Foundation at its last meeting, two projects recently funded are being done at less cost than anticipated. The landscape project, requested by Roads & Grounds Manager Matt Martella, and the outdoor umbrellas, requested by Restaurant Manager Cormac Ronan, will finish below the funded amount.

The committee reviewed its Procedure Memorandum. There is no reference to being a 501(c)(3) organization.

After a resignation, the committee has two openings for new members. Applications are available in the Management Office or online, www.heathergardens.org. Projects for 2024 are being discussed.

Recent Donations to the General Fund:

- B219 in memory of Carol Czomak and Russell McDaniel
- HG Ladies Golf Club in memory of Tandy Rackerby
– **Eloise Laubach, HGMD Vice President
Chair, Foundation Committee**

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residents want, cooperate with staff employees and all other board directors, go paperless, and strive to serve the community instead of wielding power. They will find more cooperation and be able to accomplish more.

– **Betty Bergeron
B236**

Heather 'n Yon

How disappointing to see our HGA president again writing an article with negative undertones. HGA and Management have numerous things that need to be addressed. Volunteers were told they were no longer needed; employees forced to wear uniforms; the Management Office closed during lunch. The Human Resources Manager is hiring her friends and relatives. How can residents or staff complaints regarding these employees be investigated fairly and impartially?

HG property is the same size as it was 20 years ago, but the administrative staff has almost doubled. A new grounds supervisor is arrogant and disrespectful to residents. HGA has hired more management staff, yet the HGMD directors have no office privileges. They must get an HGA assistant's approval to get official HGMD paperwork copied, or to check their mailboxes. These things have never before been an issue.

Neither board should be afraid to embrace new ideas or implement new procedures. If we keep doing the same things, our restaurant will close, our Clubhouse will continue to lose money and HOA fees will continue to go up. A few years back, changes were made in the Golf Shop, and guess what? The Golf Shop is doing better financially than at anytime in the last 20 years.

Residents voted both boards into office because their platform

appealed and wanted to see their ideas put into action. Management and HGA have childishly stonewalled the HGMD Board. Residents, please speak up — you have a right to see if the new HGMD Board can make a difference.

The committees within HG have members with broad education and experience — why is this free talent not being utilized? Do HGA and Management not understand that when you have talented people on board it makes you better?

There are many issues that need to be resolved. This can be accomplished if HGA works with HGMD.

– **Mavis Richardson
CP3**

Heather 'n Yon

Interesting thing I've heard. "The HGMD wants to take the Security Chief's office." Really? I've attended several meetings when they talked about this. That's not what I heard!

Let's flash back about three years — the current office of the Security Chief was formerly the office for the Assistant Clubhouse Manager. The Clubhouse Manager and Assistant Manager currently work in the Clubhouse for their entire shift. They arrange trips, sign-up residents for classes, take care of Clubhouse room reservations and all activities that happen in and around the Clubhouse. There are often four people in that office trying to conduct business. It is a hotbed of activity. Two desks are squeezed into one little room, which also serves as storage for current activities.

Looking at the Security offices, almost all their work is outside the Clubhouse. There are only two security personnel working each shift. I love our security in HG. There is no legitimate reason that they need two offices because residents aren't even allowed in those offices. Please do

not tell me they need a private room to interview residents with issues. Residents must stand at the Dutch door to talk with any security officer.

For HGMD to request that space sounds reasonable since HGA has refused them access to making copies, a mailbox for official distribution, etc. (HGA has full access in the Management Office.) The Clubhouse is owned by HGMD. Why would they not have an office to conduct official business? They should not be using their personal copiers, computers.

Solution: take half of the Lodge Pole Lounge, then frame it out and turn it into an office. Give the Security Chief's office back to the Clubhouse. Security only needs one office. Move HGMD into the new Lodge Pole office. Two issues solved.

– **Crystal Guise
B217**

Heather 'n Yon

We, the members of the HG Birding and Nature Club were distressed to see this season's long grasses around the waterfall below the HG Golf Course 9th tee cut down to the ground (July 24-28). This is unprecedented pruning at this time of summer since the waterfall and wild landscape plants around it were built and installed.

The landscape grasses this year rebounded in a healthy way from last fall's trim. We have observed new Mallard ducklings (rare to see these young!) and widgeons, mergansers, hunting bugs, sheltering from the hot midday sun in shady areas where vegetation overhangs the water.

Great Blue Herons returned from years past to wade and feed as well in tall reeds by the bridge. Plants also are protective cover for birds to avoid persistent predation from foxes and coyotes.

We are unaware of any compel-

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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 information, contact Gene Dawson, 720-535-9672.

Karaoke Club

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

HG Women's Book Club

The club meets on the first Monday of each month in the Mountain View Room, to discuss the chosen book of the month. There are two sessions: at 10:30 am and 1 pm. Call Janet Arce, 720-774-3368, for the 10:30 am group; or Joanne Urias, 251-518-5781, for the 1 pm group.

Spanish Club (Club en Español)

Practica y conversacion en español, 11 am–noon every Monday, Aspen Room. Miriam Colón, 303-261-2057.

Heather Gardens Singers

The group meets every Tuesday, 1–2:30 pm, Skyview Room. Everyone welcome to come and sing for fun. For information: Tom Kappel, 720-377-5756.

CP2

We meet on the first Tuesday in October, December, April, June and August. In October and April, we will meet in the Aspen/Blue Spruce Rooms. In June and December, we meet in the Rendezvous Restaurant.

The months that we are not meeting in Rendezvous Restaurant will be potluck and BYOB. Please mark your calendars! – Jake Flint

HG Republican Club

There will be no regularly scheduled meeting on Sept. 25. Other club news:

Wednesday, September 6, Preventing Cyber Scams, 1:30–3 pm, Sandberg Auditorium with Karen Gold. Bring your laptops, tablets and phones, and learn how to avoid being trapped by online scammers.

Saturday, September 23, Meet the Candidates Night 2023 Election, 6–8 pm, Sandberg Auditorium. Candidates running for Aurora City Council and the school boards of Cherry Creek and Aurora have been invited to participate. Candidates who attend will be introduced, and each will have time to share their platforms, answer questions from the audience and socialize. A Taco Bar is available prior to the candidate presentations. Please join us. Family, friends and guests are welcome to attend.

CP1

Our outdoor cul-de-sac gatherings meet at 5:30 pm, weather permitting. Generally, our happy hours are on the first Wednesday of the month. Watch your emails for details. – Tammi, 303-618-5345; Carolyn, 720-290-9908.

TOPS

TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) meets 8:30–9:30 am every Thursday, Blue Spruce Room. With a sense of teamwork, we encourage each other to eat healthy, lose the unwanted pounds and have fun along the way.

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

Men and women are welcome. For information, contact Lisa Jackson, 469-323-5434, mijacson812@gmail.com.

Optimist Club

The club meets on first and third Thursday of each month for breakfast in Rendezvous Restaurant, 9 am. A continental breakfast buffet is served, \$10 per person. Optimist Clubs are dedicated to “bringing out the best in kids” through various ser-

vice projects. We welcome anyone interested in finding out more. Contact Darlene Park, 303-798-5088, or Bob Schlageter, 303-751-2205, with questions.

HG Writers Club

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

CP4

Our monthly get-together will be a picnic, 4 pm in Picnic Pavilion on the first Thursday. Call David Crum if you plan to attend.

Kiwanis Club of Aurora

Kiwanis meets on the first Thursday, 6 pm, for a business meeting, and on the third Thursday, 6 pm, with a guest speaker, both in the Skyview Room. If interested in participating, contact the club at jwmkiwanis@gmail.com – James Martin, President

Birding and Nature Club

The club meets at 11:30 am, on the second Friday of each month, Lodgepole Lounge.

HG Indivisible

The HG Indivisible group meets on the second Friday of the month (Sept. 8), 11:45 am–12:45 pm, Skyview Room. After the meeting, we go to lunch at 1 pm, Rendezvous Restaurant.

The HG Indivisible group is concerned about the interlocking catastrophes of a rigged democracy, growing wealth inequality, racial injustice, and the escalating impacts of the climate crisis.

The group also sends out a newsletter several times a month with events and action items relating to local and national issues. Contact me if you want to receive the newsletter.

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

The Breakfast Club

The Breakfast Club (TBC) for Singles 50 Plus meets at 8:30 am on

the second Saturday in Rendezvous Restaurant for breakfast. Call 303-794-3332 to make your reservation. Cost is \$20.

We have ongoing activities, such as bowling, the Birthday Bash, eating at a new restaurant, and Happy Hour.

Each month, there are also different activities planned, such as museums, sports events, plays, concerts, and day trips, to name a few. Come see! – Suzanne Harmes

Aviation Club

The September meeting will be in coordination with the 9/11 Heroes Tribute, 2:30 pm Monday, Sept. 11, Sandberg Auditorium. Watch this remarkable story of two 9/11 heroes on that sad day, as Air National Guard pilots of F-16 Fighters searched for Flight 93 that was headed for our nation's capital. – Rudy Morris

The Green Team

Change is good, and we are in for a big one. 5280 Waste Solutions will replace Waste Management, starting Oct. 1, as HG's trash/recycling collector. We welcome this local company and are optimistic it will be receptive to the needs of HG.

They got off to a great start in August, when the 5280 Director of Sales attended our meeting to answer questions and develop a relationship with our club. We look forward to learning more about what will be accepted for recycling, and passing that information on to each of the HG buildings/areas. We encourage every Area Representative to call Janet Arce, 720-774-3368, to schedule an informational session before the end of the year, so that each and every resident can be updated.

Our club welcomes all interested folks to attend the next meeting at noon on Sept. 14. For more information, call 303-587-9797. – Wendy Pfaffhausen

RV Lot Club

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

We meet the second Thursday of each month, 5–6 pm, Aspen Room. Happy trails and safe travels!

Wine & Cheese Social Club

We meet on the third Saturday of every month. Join us 3–5 pm Saturday, Sept. 16, Aspen/Blue Spruce Room. Bring a beverage and snack to share. Entertainment is provided. For information, call the Clubhouse Activity Desk, 303-751-1811, ext. 5.

Frolics Club

We are accepting scripts for the 2024 Spring Frolics production. All scripts are due to Susie Hayes by Sunday, Oct. 1.

On Sunday, Sept. 17, 2 pm, the Frolics Club will have an Improv Workshop presented by Dr. Renee Ostertag and Dr. Robyn Gisbert in the Aspen/Blue Spruce Room. We will have a lot of fun, be silly, and reconnect with one's playful self. Seating is limited, reservations are required — no walk-ins please. Registration closes 6 pm Wednesday, Sept. 13. Contact Susie Hayes to register, susiehayesnow@gmail.com. You may discover invaluable skills that can enrich your everyday life, foster better communication, strengthen collaboration and expand creative thinking. – Barb Schneller

HG Photo Club

If you want to learn more about photography, get inspired, meet others who share your passion, and make new friends, try the HG Photo Club. Using an iPhone or an Android, you can learn ways to get a great shot and edit on your cell phone. If you are interested in learning more about your cell phone, check us out. We meet on the third Monday, 3–5 pm, in the Aspen Room. Contact Larry Renshaw (Larry_Renshaw@msn.com), 303-648-0049, or Anita Huddleston (anvid7@hotmail.com), 303-718-6676.

Caregivers Support Group

The group meets on the third Tuesday of the month, 2–4 pm, Aspen Room. All caregivers are welcome. For information, call Nancy Fuhr, 303-337-4890.

B201 and B202

B201 and B202 meet at 4:30 pm on the third Tuesday, in Rendezvous. For more information, please call Nancy Grossman, 714-470-5660.

Social Justice Discussion

You are invited to participate in a Social Justice Roundtable Discus-

sion that meets the third Thursday of each month, 10 am–noon, Skyview Room. On Sept. 21, a HG resident will share her story of growing up in segregated Troy, Ohio. Discussion of our personal experiences with equity and inequity will follow.

Reading suggestion:

The Warmth of Other Suns, by Isabel Wilkerson

Facilitators are: Bernie Huperts, marlynber@gmail.com and Diane Pritchard, dianekritchard@gmail.com.

NFBCO Aurora Chapter

NFBCO Aurora meets once a month, on the fourth Saturday, 10:30 am–12:30 pm, in the Mountain View Room. Our chapter is open to all blind and low-vision persons interested in learning more about living the life you want with limited vision. For more information, contact Dale Holden, chapter president, B213, 303-905-9738.

Low Vision Support

On Sept. 25, we will not meet in HG Clubhouse. A field trip to the Colorado Center for the Blind for a tour.

The October meeting will return to the Aspen Room, 1:30 pm Questions, call Marsha Bengen, 720-535-5224.

HG Garden Club

Members have been hard at work, harvesting and collecting seeds to share. The 6 pm Monday, Sept. 25 meeting, in the Aspen/Blue Spruce Rooms, will cover cleaning the garden plots for winter and planning for an end-of-season meeting, which will be Oct. 23. This will be the last meeting of the year — mark your calendars.

All who are interested in gardening are invited to join in the conversation at meetings, sharing your experience and suggestions. Gardeners who are interested in joining the Club's email notification list, contact Nancy Linsenbigler, Nancy@nancy-linsenbigler.com.

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- 3rd Vinny Razanskas, Calvin Green

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- 1st Tom Fitzgerald
- 2nd Doug Miller, Paul Zipps
- 3rd Vern Thomason, Henry Ulibarri

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- 1st Gary Kessler
- 2nd Dave Bushman, Eric Neel, Brian Bucenec
- 3rd Russ Gates

A flight

- 1st Dave Schmit
- 2nd Casey Williams, Pete Profera, Eli Henrie
- 3rd Dick Baker, Phil Marquis, Chris Hughes, Bob Bengen, Tom Parko

July 28

E flight

- 1st Phil Haas
- 2nd George Madonna
- 3rd Larry Maitland
- 4th Wayne Wharton

D flight

- 1st Joe Rook
- 2nd Tim Bessey
- 3rd Al Reasoner, Ben Chavez, Vinny Rozanskas, Ted Cowan, Bill DeSonier

C flight

- 1st Fred Skirde, Vern Thompson
- 2nd Jim Stebbins, Doug Miller, Paul Zipps

B flight

- 1st Frank Leydens, Gary Kessler
- 2nd Jon Freyer, Mark Ruhl
- 3rd John Good, Dave Bushman, Randy White

A flight

- 1st Eli Henrie, Don Daily
- 2nd Jake Flint
- 3rd Chris Hughes, Bob Bengen

August 4

E flight

- 1st Joe Robinson, Mike Guise
- 2nd Mike Connolly
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D flight

- 1st Bill DeSonier
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- 3rd Tim Bessey, Paul Spoutz

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- 2nd Steve Smith
- 3rd Tom Kappel

B flight

- 1st Mike Meagher
- 2nd John Good
- 3rd Frank Leydens, Rob Ledford, Brian Bucenec

A flight

- 1st John Bender
- 2nd Chris Hughes, Phil Marquis, Bob Bengen, Eli Henrie

August 11

E flight

- 1st Joe Robinson
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- 4th Richard Apt

D flight

- 1st Phillip Corliss
- 2nd David Croak
- 3rd Al Reasoner, Tim Bessey
- 4th Glenn Riggs

C flight

- 1st Jim Jensen, Paul Zipps, Bob McElfresh
- 2nd Tom Fitzgerald, Jim Stebbins, Nick Streno

B flight

- 1st Rob Ledford, John Good, Brian Bucenec
- 2nd Jim Parkikes, Gary Kessler, Mike Benowitz

A flight

- 1st Phil Marquis, Dave Bushman
- 2nd Don Daily
- 3rd Chris Hughes, Pete Profera

Pickleball

Come out and try the fastest growing sport in the country! We have loaner paddles and pickleballs for you, so show up any time we are playing. Court shoes are recommended.

Last year, we grew to more than 80 club members, and have regularly added members this year. We are continually finding ways to encourage beginning players, which includes our new and exciting "Pickleball Light" program.

Club play will be 9–11 am, and

often later, every day, weather permitting. We also offer instruction and drills and/or play on Wednesday, by request, 4–6 pm, if it's not too hot. We have added events, such as Round Robin. We also are enjoying Ladder Play on Saturday or Sunday. Visit our club's website <https://www.hgpickle.org/> for much more information. Contact Phil Hughes, 303-503-7633, or Ron Hileman, 720-256-7477, ronhileman@gmail.com with questions or to schedule a private, free orientation.

Mexican Train Dominoes

We play noon–4 pm, every Saturday, Arts & Crafts Room. It's a game for everyone. – Bernadette (Bee) Hass, 303-923-3877.

Social Bridge

Open, casual, intermediate-level bridge is played on Thursdays and Sundays, 1–3:30 pm, Skyview Room. No reservations or partner needed. Please call before you come the first time. – Joanne Turner, 719-641-3644

Men's Monday Bridge

This group meets every Monday, 10 am–2 pm, in the Skyview Room. Questions: Tom Melton, 303-570-6584.

Time4Tap Dance Group

If you've ever wanted to learn how to tap dance, or you'd like to renew your tap skills, Time4Tap Group (Beginning) is for you. We meet on Mondays, 1 pm, Sandberg Auditorium. With questions, call or text Julie Whalen, 303-550-5985; email jwhalen97@comcast.net. Or just drop in on a Monday.

If you are a seasoned tap dancer, you might want to join Time4Tap Dance Group (Intermediate/Advanced) at 11 am Thursdays, Sandberg Auditorium. Make Time4Tap!

Monday Mah Jongg

We meet 1–4 pm every Monday, Blue Spruce Room. If that room is not available, ask at the Activities Desk for our location. We play for a maximum of \$3, so bring your coins.

All players are welcome, but you must have the latest Mah Jongg League card. If you are just curious about the game, feel free to drop by to observe. For information: Bobbie Klapp, 720-708-6738.

Men's Poker & Texas Hold 'em

On Mondays, we play Texas Hold 'em (12:30–5 pm) in the Mountain View Room, except on the first Monday of the month, when we play in the Aspen Room. On Wednesdays, we play Men's Poker (12:30–5 pm) in the Skyview Room. On Fridays, we play Texas Hold 'em (12:30–5 pm) in the Mountain View Room.

Our Texas Hold 'em games are open to the ladies. Our men-only poker games consist of a variety of dealers' choice games. For information please call Paul Reddy, 303-750-0442, or Larry Hill, 720-272-7765.

Games Galore!

Join us for a night of gaming for all HG residents and friends. We've got the space. Bring your own games, drinks and snacks! Every Monday, 4–6 pm, in the Aspen/Blue Spruce Rooms. For information, Karen Gold, 712-301-2284.

Tennis Club

Our play times in September are Monday, Wednesday, Friday, and Saturday, 1–3 pm; and Tuesday and Thursday, 4–6 pm. Please consider dusting off your racquet and playing with this friendly group. Instruction and brush-up play is available.

We have monthly business/social meetings at the Rendezvous Restaurant; however, there is no scheduled meeting for September. Our Fall meeting is 1 pm Saturday, Sept. 9, Aspen/Blue Spruce Room. Elections will be held for officer positions, followed by a social gathering. If you have any questions, call Mark Merrill, 941-350-8455. – Jill Taylor

Guy's Fun Golf

Here's your chance to get a round of golf in on a weekly basis with no fuss, no muss and no pressure. We will have three tee times (more, if needed) reserved, starting at 9 am each Tuesday morning. Just let me know if you want to play. We will use a blind-draw system to decide the tee time to which you will be assigned.

To register, call Jake Flint, 303-845-0541, by noon the day before, to reserve your slot each week. We will meet on the Rendezvous Patio, after golf, for those who are thirsty or hungry, or both, to cuss and/or discuss our rounds of golf, and other worldly issues. – Jake Flint

Hand (Knee) and Foot

Also known as Tripleplay, this is a variation of Canasta. Fun and easy to learn. We meet every Tuesday, 12:30–4 pm, Mountain View Room. Call Kevin Keator 303-699-4641, or just show up.

Tuesday Mah Jongg

We meet 1–4 pm every Tuesday, Blue Spruce Room. All players are welcome. Please have the latest Mah Jongg League card. Social game: we do not play for money, only glory.

Never played Mah Jongg? Come and observe, to see if you wish to learn. Free lessons can be arranged. Call Laurie, 720-210-8033, or Bobbie, 520-743-6849, for information.

Afternoon Cribbage

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

Rummikub

A rummy-like tile game that is played in tables of four. Easy to learn, fun to play. Lodgepole Lounge on Wednesdays 1–3 pm. Joanne Turner, 719 641-3644.

HG ACBL Duplicate Bridge

We play at 1 pm Wednesdays in the Blue Spruce Room. For partnership information, or with questions, call 303-369-2032, or meek045@outlook.com. – Linda Harder

Pinochle

We play for fun and friendship. We start at 1:30 pm, and end at 4 pm, every Wednesday in the Mountain View Room. Join us if you'd like to play, learn, or just sharpen your skills. Call Diane, 707-799-6449 or 6446. We look forward to seeing you.

Tai Chi

The tai chi club practices on the tennis courts Thursday mornings. Although tai chi was originally developed for self-defense, it has evolved into a slow form of exercise used for stress reduction and improved posture, flexibility, and balance.

Tai chi consists of deliberate, flowing movements that are grouped into forms. It has been described as "meditation in motion."

Because we meet outside, the start time is weather dependent. Interested? For information about or to sign up, contact Dean Uyeno, dean.uyeno@live.com, before attending.

Fun Gals Golf

Fun Gals Golf is for women who are interested in some casual, non-competitive golf. It is not a league, has no dues, no handicaps, no pressure, and no judgment. Fun Gals Golf is on Thursday mornings, with the first tee time starting at 9 am. To participate, call the HG Pro Shop, 303-751-2390. When the message starts — press 1. When they answer, specify you want to play "Fun Gals Golf."

For more information, please text Linda Hileman at (303) 514-5379 or email Lshileman1958@gmail.com. For more information, text Linda Hileman, 303-514-5379, or email, Lshileman1958@gmail.com.

HG Bowling

Welcome back, Bowlers! The new season begins 10 am (practice 9:50) Thursday, Sept. 7. We will again be at Arapahoe Bowl, 6850 S Dayton.

We are a Mixed Senior League (over 50). If you were not able to attend our meeting Aug. 31, simply show at the bowling lanes Sept. 7. We will get you started on a team. Or bring your own team, if you have one.

We have bowlers of all levels, so no need to be intimidated if you are new to leagues, or may be a bit rusty. We use a 100 percent handicap, so everyone is on an equal playing level. We just like to have fun. With additional questions, text or voice mail Glenn Riggs, 303-956-6688, or email gvriggs@yahoo.com.

Bunko

Bunko meets the first and third Thursdays each month, 1–3:30 pm. We gather in the Blue Spruce Room at 12:45 pm, and start play at 1 pm. For information: Carli Williams, carliwilliams@hotmail.com, 303-518-7337.

Ping Pong

Fun and great exercise. Come join us in playing doubles, 2 pm on Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday in the Game Room. You can also play by contacting the Activities Desk in the Clubhouse. If you have questions, call Bob Schlageter, 303-751-2205 – B. Schlageter

Billiard Club

The club meets for Co-ed 8-Ball at 6:30 pm on Tuesdays. Check in *Sports...page 46*



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HG Clubhouse Events

Clubhouse Hours

Monday–Saturday 6 am–9 pm; Sunday 7 am–7 pm

Phone 303-751-1811, x5

Acting Clubhouse Manager Julie Racich

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

AARP Driver's Safety Course

Thursday, Sept. 7, 12:45–5 pm, Arts & Crafts Room
Fee: \$20 AARP members, \$25 non-members (cash or check to instructor, no credit cards); registration required, 303-751-1811 (extension 5). Class size is limited to 25.

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

Steady CBD Seminar

Tuesday, Sept. 12, 9–11 am, Aspen Room

Learn how Steady CBD products will help relieve pain. Steady CBD also has products that will help relieve anxiety and help you sleep. Steady CBD representatives will recommend the right product for your specific needs. Coffee and donuts will be served. Enter for a door prize. No need to sign up, just come on in.

Active Minds: Queen Elizabeth

Wednesday, Sept. 13, 2 pm, Sandberg Auditorium

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

Born in 1533, the daughter of King Henry VIII and his second (and soon to be executed) wife Anne Boleyn, Elizabeth I became a central figure in the political and religious upheaval that began with her father's reign. Taking the throne in 1558, Elizabeth I reigned as Queen of England for 44 years, establishing an era of political stability and strength that would position her country as a global economic and cultural power. Join Active Minds as we examine the fascinating life of one of the most powerful women in history and the era that would take her name.

Mobile Food Market

- **Outside Pool** closes Wednesday, Sept 6 for the season. There will be no access to the outdoor pool after it is closed because the pool will be drained.
- **Indoor Pool** and hot tub will be closed for cleaning Sept. 18–Oct. 1
- **Class Registration** is Tuesday, Sept 19. Get a number at 6 am to join a queue for calls that will start at 9 am. *New classes begin Oct. 2.*
- **Fruit Shak** will be in the Clubhouse parking lot every Sunday in September, 9 am–3 pm. The farmers' market Fruit Shak is back in the Clubhouse parking lot. Get your fresh fruit and vegetables from local farmers.

Thursday, Sept. 14, 10–11:30 am (or until food runs out), Parking Lot B243 and B244 on East Marina Drive
FREE

Aurora, in partnership with SECORCares, is bringing a mobile food pantry for seniors. No cost for the food. Sample food may include but is not limited to: rice, beans or pasta, cereal/oatmeal, various canned items, fresh produce, dairy, eggs, and protein. *Food will be modified to accommodate senior needs as best as possible, i.e., low sodium, low fat, softer foods. Questions? Call 303-739-7281. Please do not line up before 9:45 am. For safety, stay within the boundaries of the cones set up. If you have reusable bags, please bring them to shop!

50th Anniversary Celebration

Friday, Sept. 15, 3–5 pm, Sandberg Auditorium

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

Ribbon cutting, recognizing dignitaries and refreshments.

Cindy & Bryce: 50th Anniversary

Friday, September 15, 7–9:30 pm, Sandberg Auditorium

Fee: \$10. Reservation required, 303-751-1811, x5.

Jukebox style dance.

Flu Shots

Tuesday, Sept. 19, 8 am–noon

Tuesday, Sept. 26, 8 am–noon

Arts & Crafts Room

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

David Zazhitskiy PharmD, Pharmacy Manager of Sam's Club, will have a team available to administer shots for: Flu, Covid, Pneumonia and Shingles. Members of Kaiser — please confirm with your healthcare provider if you need to have shots at a Kaiser facility. Everyone must have their insurance cards to receive these shots.

Mountain Man Nut & Fruit Co.

Tuesday, Sept. 19, 2:15–3:15 pm, Clubhouse Lobby

Nuts, seeds, snacks, candies, dried fruits, trail mix.

The Blues with Kathleen Arnold

Thursday, Sept. 21, 1–2 pm, Sandberg Auditorium

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

The color Blue is symbolic of many things. Today we are going to experience the color in a historical way and visit blue places, see blue things, and yes, meet some blue people! We might even listen to a little bit of The Blues. Sponsored by Cherry Creek Retirement Village & Garden Plaza of Aurora.

Movie Matinee: POMS

Friday, Sept. 22, 2 pm, Sandberg Auditorium

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

Reservation required, 303-751-1811, x5

POMS is a comedy about a group of women who form a cheer leading squad at their retirement community, proving that you're never too old to "bring it!"

Craft Fair

Friday, Sept. 29, 9–3 pm, various Clubhouse rooms

Saturday, Sept. 30, 9–3 pm, various Clubhouse rooms

FREE

Over 80 crafters will be selling handmade items. Embroidery, knitting and crochet, and wood crafts too numerous to name. This will be a great opportunity to start your Christmas shopping.

Comedy Night

Saturday, Oct. 7, 7 pm, Sandberg Auditorium

Back by popular demand! Harvest the funny with Karyn Ruth White. An evening of uplifting comedy! Pack your Depends, grab some tissues, and get ready to laugh! Karyn always draws a great crowd so get your tickets soon! You will not be disappointed with this show.

The Denver Gents

Friday, Oct. 13, 3 pm, Sandberg Auditorium

The Denver Gents are Denver's own Vintage Trio! These three handsome gents bring you the best of your favorite musical tunes from decades past in a handsomely harmonic and polished package. Vocal stylings span decades, including music from Frank Sinatra, The Four Seasons, The Beach Boys and everything in-between, The Denver Gents deliver sounds as classic as your favorite gin martini...and just as spirited.

Heather Gardens Trips

Day with the Rockies!

Colorado Rockies versus Chicago Cubs

Wednesday, Sept. 13, bus leaves at 11:15 am

Fee: \$43, no wheelchair accessible seating left

HG special charter trip. Sign up at the Activities Desk, online, or call 303-751-1811, ext 5.

Deadline: Wednesday, Aug. 30. Only 1 seat left.

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Trips for the Fall/Winter are now available

These tickets will go fast. Make your plans and register. All cancellation dates are firm.

Dreamgirls

Wednesday, Oct. 25, Lone Tree Arts Center

Fee: \$75. Reservations required, call 303-751-1811 ext 5.

Deadline: Monday, Oct. 9. No refunds or cancellations after this date.

HG chartered bus will load 12:30 pm, between B243 and B244 on E. Marina Drive, returning around 6:30 pm.

With dazzling storytelling and iconic musical numbers, *Dreamgirls* is a musical about the allure of fame and how it transforms the relationships of stars with their friends, lovers, and families. The Lone Tree Arts Center's triumphant return to producing theatrical events will bring audiences to their feet.

Murder for Two

Thursday, Nov. 2, 2 pm, Parker Arts Center Schoolhouse

Fee: \$56. Reservations required, call 303-751-1811 ext 5.

Deadline: Friday, Oct. 6. No refunds or cancellations after this date.

HG chartered bus will load at 1 pm between B243 and B244 on E. Marina Drive, returning around 6:30 pm.

Officer Marcus Moscovicz is a small-town policeman with dreams of making it to detective. One fateful night, shots ring out at the surprise birthday party of great American novelist Arthur Whitney and the writer is killed fatally. With the nearest detective an hour away, Marcus jumps at the chance to prove his sleuthing skills — with the help of his silent partner, Lou. But whodunit? Marcus has only a short amount of time to find the killer and make his name before the real detective arrives...and the ice cream melts!

Murder for Two is the perfect blend of music, mayhem and murder! In this hilarious 90-minute show, two

performers play 13 roles (and the piano) in a witty and winking homage to old-fashioned murder mysteries.

Bally's Blackhawk Casino. Last trip for 2023!

Tuesday, Nov. 14, bus leaves at 7:45 am

Fee: \$20, reservations required, call 303-751-1811 ext 5.

Deadline: Friday, Nov. 10. No cancellations or refunds after this date. The casino requires all registrants to provide birthdays, please provide this information to the Activities Desk when registering.

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

This bus is an ADA/lift accessible.

We are heading to Blackhawk's Bally's Casino. Players will receive:

- 50 points or 1 hour of tracked table play and receive a \$15 food coupon.

- \$10 Free Slot Play (Guests will need to set up a pin number and update account information upon arrival.)

Meet at 7:45 am between buildings B243 and B244 on East Marina Drive. The bus will leave the casino at 2 pm, arriving back to HG around 3 pm.

Cinderella

Wednesday, Nov. 29, 1 pm, Arvada Center

Fee: \$74, reservations required, call 303-751-1811 ext 5.

Deadline: Friday, Oct. 27. No refunds, or cancellations after this date.

HG Chartered bus will load at 11:45 am between B243 and B244 on E. Marina Drive, returning around 6:15 pm.

Music by Richard Rodgers, lyrics by Oscar Hammerstein II. New book by Douglas Carter Beane. When a young woman is forced to be a servant by her evil stepmother, it takes knowing her worth, some wonderful friends, and a little magic to help her. Rodgers and Hammerstein's *Cinderella* takes a whimsical turn in the Arvada Center's production, creating a mysterious but playful world where magic is real and dreams come true. This contemporary take on the fairy tale classic promises fantastical costumes, hilarious dialogue, romantic lyrics, and unforgettable music for a truly magical experience.

Holiday Light Seeing Tour

Wednesday, Dec. 6, 5–9 pm

No cancellations after Friday, Dec. 1

Wednesday, Dec. 13, 5–9 pm

No cancellations after Friday, Dec. 8

Fee: \$23 pre-register, \$25 on day of event

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

HG Chartered bus will load at 5 pm between B243 and B244 on E. Marina Drive, returning around 9:45 pm.

The bus will take residents downtown to see the holiday lights — viewing Union Station, Zoo, Denver Civic Center, Denver Botanic Gardens, 16th Street Mall, and more — all from the comfort of the bus. We have added another bus this year because this trip always fills up quickly. Register early — limited seats.

Home for the Holidays

Date: Wednesday, Dec. 20, 1:30 pm, Lone Tree Arts Center

Fee: \$67, reservations required, call 303-751-1811 ext. 5.

No cancellations after Monday, Dec. 4.

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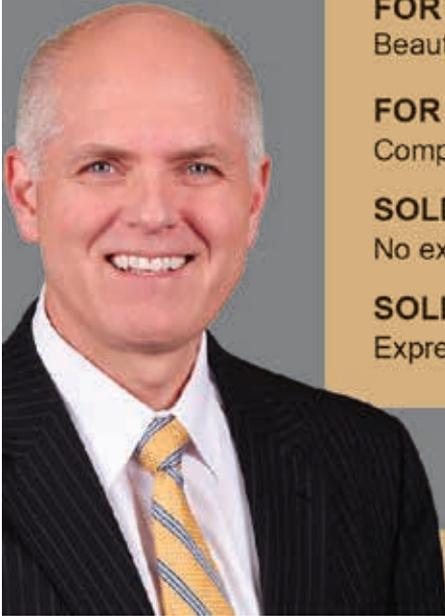


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ling reason to cut this important habitat back at all during the breeding and growth months for our wetland birds. We request a common-sense restraint by HG from this practice, ex-

cept for one trim performed at the annual end of landscape maintenance (October?), which would be appropriate. The baby birds will have long since grown to adolescence.

Our acreage has a few important habitats for the wildlife we all enjoy.

– **Members of the HG Birding and Nature Club, including Bob Schlageter, Bernadette Sonefeld, Bruce and Nancy Henson, Ginny Anthony, Janet C. Arce, John Webb, Karen Gold**

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SRA

The Seville Recreational Association meets the fourth Monday of every month in a different Seville building. For time and location, contact your AR or Seville building representative.

Sevillians

Mark your calendar for 4:30–6 pm, the fourth Tuesday of the month, for the Sevillian dinner at Rendezvous. This is a wonderful way to connect with fellow residents of Se-

ville, make new acquaintances, and find out about important happenings within the Seville. Sign-up sheets will be provided in the mailroom of your building. – Patt Clark, B235.

HG Democratic Club

The club meeting in September will be a forum for the candidates for Aurora mayor and city council and school board candidates for Aurora Public Schools and Cherry Creek School District. It will be held in the Sandberg Auditorium, 6–9 pm, Tuesday, Sept. 26. All voters are invited. Be prepared for the Nov. 7 election. Our club stands for the Constitution,

the rule of law and good government. – Marty Karnopp, chair

OPOCS Singles Club

Pinochle and bridge groups are meeting, and social gatherings are ongoing. For information, call Jackie Clements, 303-988-3555. – Bernice Lucero

HG Grief Support

Grief Support has two-hour weekly meetings that convene twice yearly, for eight-week sessions. The current session began in August, and ends in September. Contact Barbara Creswell, 651-485-3608, bcrewell6@gmail.com.

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before 6:15 pm to play. Men's 9-Ball is at 7 pm on Thursdays.

Annual dues of \$12 are payable on Jan. 1 of each year. All new players are welcome. Questions? Call Connie Burns, 303-693-0766, or Judy Brehmer, 303-369-6258.

8-Ball Results July 18

- 1st Judy Hein, Scott Crowl
- 2nd Connie Burns, Sean Kelliher
- 3rd Chuck Toner, Tammy Beeman

July 25

- 1st David Worden, Tammy Beeman
- 2nd Dee Moore, Roger Goldstein
- 3rd Doug Miller, Connie Burns

August 1

- 1st Jack Doherty, Judy Hein
- 2nd Scott Crowl, Tammy Beeman
- 3rd Don Gunnarson, Bob Schlageter

August 8

- 1st Dee Moore, Brian Bucenec
- 2nd Shannon Boyd, Lindy Davenport
- 3rd Don Gunnarson, Rita Cusack

9-Ball Results July 20

- 1st John Manzanares
- 2nd Brian Bucenec
- 3rd Roger Goldstein

July 27

- 1st Jack Doherty
- 2nd Brian Bucenec

3rd Roger Goldstein

August 3

- 1st Kenny Diaz
- 2nd Brian Bucenec
- 3rd Scott Crowl

August 10

- 1st Tammy Beeman
- 2nd Brian Bucenec

HG Ladies Golf Club

September marks the last weeks of tournament play as well as the much-awaited Club Championship, which takes place on Sept. 6 and 13. The winners in all flights and the 2023 Green Jacket recipient will be announced at the end-of-year banquet.

To be eligible to play in the club championship, a member must: have an established handicap, and have played in five regular Wednesday tournaments. Players are assigned by flight. Every flight will have payouts for the top four places in both gross and net scores. All members are encouraged to participate.

On average, 55 members have played each week, and as of this writing, we have recorded 44 chip-ins and 23 birdies, since May.

Battle of the Gardens, July 10 and 18: 13 members represented the club in the Annual Battle of the Gardens, a tournament where we compete against players from Windsor

Gardens. We are proud to have retained the championship trophy again this year.

A Shamble Scramble is planned for Wednesday, Sept. 20.

The next HGLGC Board meeting is 1 pm Wednesday, Sept. 27, Board Room. All members are welcome to attend.

Tournament Results July 12

Flight A

- 1st Colleen Kreft
- 2nd JoAnn Fitch, Margie Francone
- 4th Charlane Plucheck, Kathy Stebbins

Flight B

- 1st Mary Kay Mauro
- 2nd Lucy Alder, Bonnie McMullen
- 4th Flo Madonna, Barb McShane, Judy Nelson

Flight C

- 1st Sally Kopek
- 2nd Cecily Kittleson
- 3rd Corrine Crum, Carol Ann Mayne

Flight D

- 1st Pam Acosta-Watson
- 2nd Linda Fondacaro, Sharon Weiss
- 4th Lisa Matthews

July 19

Flight A

- 1st Barb Tucker
- 2nd Kathy Stebbins
- 3rd Glenda Pitts

See facing page



Colorado PGA Junior Golf is committed to introducing and promoting the game of golf to children of all ages throughout Colorado, Eastern Wyoming, and a small part of South Dakota. The CPGA Junior Golf is designed to provide playing opportunities for juniors at all levels. Players ages 6-18 may participate in this event.

On July 27, 25 contestants competed on Heather Garden's Executive Course. Photos by Chris Zipp, B223.



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4th Nancy Bonniwell, Judy Phillips, Debbie Madril, Nancy Wilson

Flight B

1st Linda Savage
2nd Jan Belt
3rd Rosalie Einspahr, Bonnie McMullen

Flight C

1st Anne Gillis, Carol Ann Mayne
3rd Pat Profera, Sue Robertson, Sharla Sheets

Flight D

1st Sharon Weiss
2nd Pam Acosta-Watson, Gwen Alexander
4th Susan Craig

July 26

Flight A

1st Glenda Pitts
2nd Nancy Bonniwell, Barb Tucker, Margie Francone,

Flight B

1st Carol Gilbert
2nd Jan Belt, Bonnie McMullen, Judy Nelson

Flight C

1st Connie Burns
2nd Anne Gillis, Mavis Richardson
4th Carol Gumpert, Mo Klick, Sue Robertson

Flight D

1st Lisa Matthews
2nd Susan Craig
3rd Sharon Weiss
4th Linda Fondacaro, Joan McGary

August 2

Flight A

1st Nancy Bonniwell
2nd Debbie Madril
3rd JoAnn Fitch
4th Jan Belt, Nancy Wilson

Flight B

1st Betty Parko
2nd Bonnie Woman
3rd Linda Savage
4th Susan Brennan, Carol Gilbert, Rosalie Einspahr, Carol Strickland

Flight C

1st Myra Lansky
2nd Bev Nelson

3rd Carol Gumpert, Pat Profera, Mavis Richardson

Flight D

1st Sheryl Menger
2nd Lisa Matthews
3rd Gwen Alexander, Susan Craig – Suzi Stolte, Publicity Chair

Square Dance

Heather Twirlers invites all square dancers to join us every first and third Wednesday, 7–9 pm, Sandburg Auditorium. The cost is \$7. If you are an experienced dancer, a newer dancer or feel a little rusty in your dancing, it is an excellent chance to enjoy dancing and improve your skills, while meeting new and old friends. You have a lot of fun and get your exercise. Any questions, call Beverly Nelson, 303-750-6632.

Evening Tuesday Bridge

This group meets on the second and fourth Tuesdays of the month, 5:30 pm, Blue Spruce Room. Questions? Contact DJ Vrooman, 303-204-4105.



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Perhaps you have heard the adage, “The first year they sleep, the second year they creep and the third year they leap.” This is so true about the Seville gardens. The Seville Sunflowers, a dedicated team of Seville residents, manage all the flowers in the Seville common area.

We are now celebrating our third year as a team. The gardens and enhanced grounds certainly bring this statement to light. Our team grew from 12 in 2021, to 16 in 2022, and 17 in 2023.

With volunteer assistance, the gardeners created great gardens, expanded creativity, and provided visual interest for the residents and all who stroll through the Seville area. It is so rewarding for the group to hear the accolades of appreciation! All “Thank-yous” go a long way.

The Sunflower team managed the design, planting, weeding, watering, fertilizing and controlling litter in the flower beds and flowerpots. Sometimes, general clean-up of the Seville common area was required.

This year more in-ground gar-



dens and flowerpot solar lighting were added. Solar lights reflected on the pond. Solar lights were to be added to the flowerpots and the wheelbarrow garden. Mother Nature was abundantly generous with rainfall this year — showcasing all the work of the Sunflower team.

A special thank you to: Todd Reid, B231, who voluntarily manages the weeds atop the entrance boulder; Ross Stout, B235, who handily manages the lighting at the Seville entrance; and, Owen Muntz, B235, who does the heavy lifting.

We thank the HG Golf & Landscaping team for providing a wonderfully kept lawn, edging, mowing, trimming, pruning, and vigilant irrigation. Their outstanding work showcased the Sunflowers’ efforts in Seville.

“If you’ve never experienced the joy of accomplishing more than you can imagine, plant a garden”. (Robert Brault)

Old gardeners never die, they just spade away!

– **Patt Clark,**
“The Flower Lady,” B235
– **Gretchen Simone,**
SRA, R&G, B235

Clubhouse Events

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HG Chartered bus will load at 12:30 pm between B243 and B244 on E. Marina Drive, returning around 6:30 pm.

There’s something for everyone in this holiday spectacular: dancers, singers, holiday songs, and of course, a celebrity appearance by Santa and Mrs. Claus. With an updated storyline for 2023, and a few spectacular surprises, this show is sure to delight and put you in the holiday spirit. After 10 years, Home for the Holidays will be going on a break — don’t miss your last chance to see this beloved holiday tradition.

National Western Stock Show and Rodeo

Thursday, Jan. 18, 2024

Fee: \$51, reservations required, call 303-751-1811 ext 5.

No refunds or cancellations after Friday, Dec. 1.

HG Chartered bus will load at 12:30 pm between B243 and B244 on E. Marina Drive, returning around 6:30 pm.

HG has secured tickets to the National Western Stock Show Rodeo matinee at 1:30 pm. Enjoy watching world champion bulls and broncos, cowboys and cowgirls for the first major pro rodeo competition of the season. Your

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Breckenridge International Snow Sculpture Championships

Monday, Jan. 29, 2024

Fee: \$34, reservations required, call 303-751-1811 ext 5. Deadline: Friday, Jan. 19. No cancellations, or refunds after this date.

This annual, world-renowned snow sculpting competition attracts teams from around the world to hand-carve 25-ton blocks of snow into enormous, intricate works of art. Artists are only allowed to use hand tools, to bring their creative ideas to life. No power tools! Teams sculpt countless hours across five days (totaling around 94 hours), resulting in a temporary outdoor art gallery in historic downtown Breckenridge. Lunch will be on your own. Visit local restaurants or bring your own. HG charter will leave HG at 8:45 am, returning around 4 pm. Bus will pick up between buildings B243 and B244 on E. Marina Drive.

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Aloha to Summer

Join your HG neighbors on the Seville lawn, 4-5:30 pm Tuesday, Sept. 12, for a celebration of music and dance. Location: 13952 EMD, by the Seville tennis court. Bring your own lawn chair and money for the food truck.

Woodshop Club

A club was recently formed, meeting the first

Wednesday of each month at 5 pm in the Clubhouse. Members' experience varies from beginner level to extremely experienced. You are invited to join this great energetic club. Come learn why these members love working with wood — from designing writing pens to wall hangings and furniture. Questions may be directed to President Dave Woods, heathergardenswoodshopclub@gmail.com.

New American Arts Festival

The festival is a two-week event that promotes diversity and inclusivity in the performing arts. The Time4Tap Dance Group will open the show, on Sept. 21, 6:30-7 pm, Sandberg Auditorium. Free program until 8:30 pm.

High Twelve International

Our next meeting is 11 am Wednesday, Sept. 27, at the Rendezvous Restaurant. Will have a guest speaker.

Agriculture Festival

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As summer comes to a close: a recap

by Mary Hafka

If you're reading this, I guess you made it through another summer. I did too. Before the autumn leaves start falling, I'd like to revisit some remembrances of summer.

Minion Land opened in August, at Florida's Universal Orlando Resort. Just what we needed: another theme park, this one with a *Despicable Me* theme, prominently showcasing yellow, wacky cartoon figures. Wasn't Dollywood enough for us?

My curiosity got tweaked, recently, by the summery news headline: "Woman gored by buffalo in Yellowstone." And I thought, "Margie?" Because I knew my neighbor was vacationing that week, in Yellowstone, with her grandchildren.

The story offered no names, but stated that female buffaloes were grumpy due to having calves in tow. I figure my neighbor would know better than to come between a buffalo and her calf, but who can tell? Maybe these crafty buffalo tiptoe up to unsuspecting tourists, then try to put the blame on them, extorting great piles of settlement money.

It reminded me of some conventional wisdom my mother used to voice: "They say a snake won't bother you if you don't bother it. But who knows what bothers a snake?"

The official corn season arrived in Kansas in July, according to the farm news. I thought it was always corn season in Kansas. Maybe I'm thinking of Iowa.

Headline in *The Denver Post*: "Airlines are thriving as people keep traveling." Yet neither group is happy. The airlines keep experiencing delays and cancellations, due to bad weather, as well as congestion in the skies and on the ground. Technology problems, staffing shortages and the domino effect — cancellations triggering more cancellations — exacerbated the problem.

But still people won't stay home, now they are freed from COVID restraints. The July 4 weekend set a

record for travel. More Americans are going overseas, rather than traveling domestically. Demand has driven up ticket prices.

But airline profits more than doubled from the same time last year. So not everyone is sad.

My Toyota RAV 4 and I entered our 27th year of partnership. I bought it new, in 1997, largely to serve the needs of transporting my big dog.

That was two dogs ago. I always tried to not tool around in the car frivolously — it's an ecology thing. In August, my odometer finally rolled over to 100,000 miles. I should have thrown a party.

I once again survived a trip to Costco without hauling off and punching someone. It was doubly difficult, due to the summer heat and my having only one-and-a-half working arms (still rehabbing a dislocated shoulder).

I continued to encounter the phenomena of the Costco "Gaze." This is a state in which a shopper propels themselves through the aisles of Costco, in a trance, looking into the distance as though seeing a mirage. Perhaps they're just trying to view a fabulous bargain in an aisle far, far away.

The maneuver often includes a shopper twirling round and round, with a shopping cart, doing pirouettes in the center aisle, as though not sure in which direction to head. I've found it's best to give these folks a wide berth, rather than join in with the shopping-cart chorus line.

The Costco Gaze should not be confused with cell-phone blindness, with which I think everyone is familiar. Nor with food-sampling myopia. This occurs when shoppers gather like cows at food stations, trying to cop a free lunch, but blocking the aisles to serious shoppers who just want to get in and get out of the building.

I've written about this problem before, but it's apparently my problem. Everyone else in the universe, apparently, just goes to Costco to

hang out. Not my idea of how to spend one's summer vacation.

August was the month I returned to the outdoor pool. I was a regular fixture there in days past, before jobs gradually edged out the extensive pool time I once insisted upon.

I missed the HG outdoor-pool uproar that occurred on July 4. Apparently — as often is the case for holidays — the Clubhouse closed early to enable employees to retain part of the day for themselves.

Unfortunately, someone forgot to factor in that residents who never darken the door of the outdoor swimming pool often will on July 4 with grandchildren in tow. Shuttering the Clubhouse, including the swimming pools at 3:30 pm that day presented an unwelcome shock to would-be swimmers. Their red-white-and-blue spirit took a morale hit in the face of locked gates and dark facilities. That formation you saw over the Clubhouse on July 4 wasn't a fireworks display. It was the steam escaping from disappointed residents.

Since mid-summer, stores have been trotting out pumpkins and other harvest-themed decorations. Shoppers can get an early jump on their Halloween displays. Personally, I find this a bit offensive. I'm still Bactine-ing mosquitoes bites and aloe vera-ing sunburn, which make me crabby enough, without being greeted by a grinning, fake-straw scarecrow, every time I pass by a store's display window. He seems to be mocking me.

A neighbor has been declaring since June, that she's ready for snow. She doesn't like heat. It used to be that people who didn't like heat moved to Colorado. These days, it seems, there's nowhere to hide.

Don't go to Hawaii, unless you have a deep interest in the effects of raging forest fires. Same statement for visiting Canada.

Don't go to Florida, unless you've got the urge to play golf amid the alligators — who will try to extort great piles of money if you conk them with a golf ball. Or unless you have a hankering to visit Minion Land.

Guess we'll just sweat it out in colorful Colorado. Avoid the airport. Wait for snow. And hope the swimming pool doesn't close when you want to entertain grandchildren.

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