



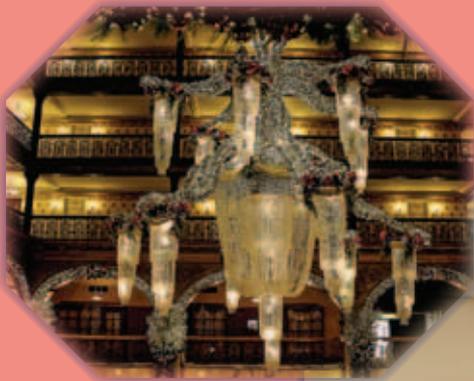
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Above: Holiday decorations in the lobby of the Brown Palace Hotel (Knight)

Below: Store decorations in the mall (Gravning)



Above: Patio dining on the 16th Street Mall

Left: Union Station Lobby

Below: Santas for sale at the German Christkindl Market

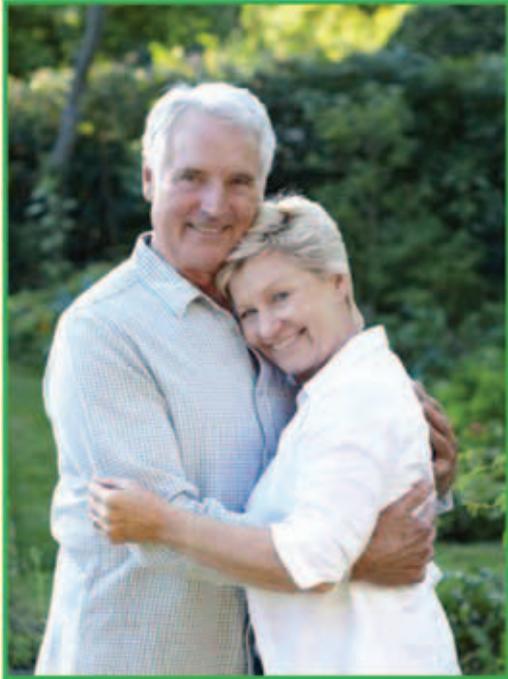
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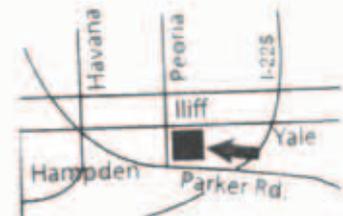


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HGA Board ends 2015 with flurry of year-end spending motions

The HGA Board of Directors meeting, for December, convened on Dec. 21, after having been postponed from Dec. 15, due to a snowstorm. All eight sitting directors attended the meeting. One seat is vacant.

President Forrest McClure introduced HGA's attorney Mark Payne. Payne's presence was required at the session's end, when the board adjourned into executive session to meet regarding former Director Mel Goldberg. During the meeting, when residents could speak on non-agenda items, Goldberg asked to be reinstated to the board. Goldberg's absence from the November board meeting was his third in a 12-month period, and triggered his automatic resignation under the HGA Bylaws. Goldberg repeated his reasons for missing each meeting: 1) surgery; 2) Rosh Hoshana, the Jewish New Year; and 3) a vacation with a recreational vehicle that had been scheduled a year in advance.

No director offered to make a motion to rescind Goldberg's removal. McClure reported that Goldberg had threatened to sue the board if not reinstated. Payne did not allow any board member to answer Goldberg publicly, reminding them of the executive session to follow.

The board approved transferring \$152,914 of miscellaneous income from 2014 to capital reserves. The action follows on a motion passed in December 2014 that removed the maintenance portion of surplus money, which previously would have been refunded to homeowners, and put it in capital reserves.

Under unfinished business, the saga of a Security vehicle ended with the purchase of a replacement car. The board ratified spending an addition \$513 added to the amount approved in September (\$18,727), to buy a replacement car, when the Chevrolet car used by the Security Department needed a new steering column.

HGA Board Vacancy

A vacancy on the 2016 HGA Board of Directors exists. Interested homeowners may apply to fill that vacancy. Obtain an "Application for Nomination" form from the Management Office. You must be a resident-owner in HG and have lived in HG for at least 12 months by January 2016. Return your application/résumé to the Management Office no later than Tuesday, Jan. 5, prior to the first meeting of the 2016 HGA Board.

The successful applicant will serve a 1-year term, through calendar year 2016. To continue on the board, the appointee will run for election to the board in October 2016.

For additional information, contact HGA President-elect Winnie Jennings.

The purchase was delayed when the steering column could be repaired under a manufacturer recall. Then, McClure explained, the Chevrolet's transmission failed. The newly purchased vehicle was more expensive than planned in September, because a better used car was located, a hybrid Toyota Camry, which should save on gas. The Chevrolet was sold for \$1,800.

The board narrowly approved making the HGA president a de facto member of HGA committees. Directors Jones, Serio and Sawyer voted against the motion, but it carried, meaning that the HGA president can now sit at the table for all committee meetings, and participate in discussion. The HGA president will be ex officio, thus unable to vote on actions taken by the committee.

The board approved ratifying six Structure-Maintenance repairs and actions, some of which already had taken place.

- Change order to contract with Sunny Day Concrete to mitigate water intrusion on Parking Structure #3. Original contract was for less than \$9,000. However, when the concrete sidewalk was torn up, there was a pool of water underneath, creating the source of water wicking through the cement blocks. Needed to create drainage for the water, create a water barrier and more work possible. New contract cost is \$21,562, under capital reserves.

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2016 Committee Chairs

At a special meeting after the regular December meeting of the 2015 HGA Board, President-elect Winnie Jennings named the following committee chairs for 2016:

- Architectural Control Committee: Dave Archer (continuing)
- Budget & Finance: Bruce Jones (Treasurer)
- Civic Affairs: Debra Stelle
- Communications: Kay Sawyer (continuing)
- Long Range Planning Committee*: Jay Bluestein
- Roads & Grounds: Linda Serio
- Structure Maintenance: Kathy Buhrman

Last year, the HGA Board named chairs of the Golf, Restaurant and Clubhouse for 2015. After these three "cost centers" committees transferred to the purview of HGMD on Sept. 2, HGMD President Ed Kurtz named HGMD directors to chair the committees.

Currently, HGMD Director Larry Francone chairs the Golf Committee. HGMD Treasurer Bill Archambault chairs Restaurant and Clubhouse Committees, which were combined into one joint committee on Dec. 17. HGMD Director Jeanne Hizer continues to chair the HGMD Foundation.

* Creating this committee is scheduled for 2016 board.

Extra! Extra! Information for you—

HGMD 2015 Budget approved

The 2016 budget for HGMD was presented to the public on Dec. 7, and subsequently approved. Besides the five HGMD Board Directors, there were nine residents attending the meeting. The total budget for the enterprise fund for 2016 is \$2,251,532, which is \$88,129 (4 percent) more than the 2015 budget.

Based on this total, the mill levy for 2016 is 16.797 mills, which represents a 35 percent decrease from 25.81 for 2015. The two reasons for the decrease are:

1) the total assessed valuation for all property within HGMD is about \$9 million more than 2015. As the assessed valuation increases, the mill

levy decreases.

2) Several months ago, the HGMD voted to move about \$380,000 of unneeded money from the project fund (Clubhouse construction funds) to the Debt Service Fund. This will reduce the amount needed from property taxes by about \$65,000 per year

See *HGMD Budget...page 10*

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HG residents may save \$ soon

The Campus Technology Committee (CTC) will be making recommendations to save money for Heather Gardens (HG) residents in cable TV and internet fees.

The CTC has solicited vendors who provide TV, Internet and phone services at a bulk discount rate that has the potential for reducing double play fees. Vendors have offered to design, fund, build, and maintain a HG Network, providing TV and internet for less than what residents are currently paying for Comcast services. The contractor will create a network that will handle future needs in the community. They offer higher speed internet connections and higher reliability. They also will have

servicemen and help desks geared towards assisting HG residents.

Residents will be able to sign up for a "double play" of TV and internet. You may then choose to add phone service as a separate item. HG residents will be able to continue using their current providers if they wish, but in general, this will cost more.

HG will collect the fee for the "Double Play" plan (which will include and administrative fee) from residents. HG HOA dues will not be increased, because the costs will come out of these additional fees charged to subscribers. Residents can purchase premium TV channels at an extra cost, which will be billed directly to them.

If and when the HGA Board approves the contract, the overall project will be done in overlapping phases with the total construction time taking about six months. Existing connections will remain in operation until the day when residents switch over, so there will be no lapse in service to you.

The CTC believes that this contract will provide TV and internet that is more reliable and faster at lower cost for everyone.

Stay tuned for more detailed information as the negotiations move forward.

— Rich Wall
Campus Technology Committee
B213

Clubhouse and Restaurant Committees combined, new Clubhouse roof approved

The Dec. 17 meeting of the HGMD Board of Directors convened with all members present. President Ed Kurtz announced that an attorney, specializing in matters regarding the Transit Oriented Development (TOD) had been engaged to focus on strategies dealing with traffic and safety issues along East Linvale Place (ELP) and extending as far eastward as the recreational vehicle lot. There was no progress to report at this time.

TOD update

He added HGA would continue to take the lead in dealing with Aurora officials on issues related to building the proposed apartment complex on the north side of Yale Avenue. The complex has been approved at the administrative level, and will be called up before city council in January. Kurtz encouraged interested residents to attend council meetings: the next one is 7:30 pm Monday, Jan. 11, at the Aurora Municipal Center.

Kurtz presented guidelines for a new Ad Hoc Committee on Yale Frontage, which was approved at last month's board meeting. See sidebar.

Treasurer Bill Archambault moved that HGMD join two committees – the Clubhouse and Restaurant Committees – into a single committee under his chairmanship. The membership of both committees will be combined, keeping all current members, and letting attrition pare the number of members down.

Archambault noted, “the Clubhouse and restaurant work together on many things.” The board approved the motion.

The board also approved a contract with Horn Brothers Roofing to replace the roof on the Clubhouse, as well as on the golf cart barn, the pavilion and the pool house (\$115,694). The contracted amount is approximately \$18,000 less than the amount awarded by the insurance company for storm damage. General Manager Calvin Eddy-White added, “HGMD is fully settled for damage” from both the 2013 and 2014 hail storms.

In an issue that spanned several months of discussion, the request to allow an exception to a resident wishing to use her personal golf cart on HGMD property, to travel to the Clubhouse, was quietly put to bed. The board decided that because the golf cart is for mobility, The American with Disabilities Act (ADA) covers her using the cart to travel the neighborhood, not unlike those who use mobility scooters.

Personal golf car

On facing up to adversity

I learned there are troubles
Of more than one kind.
Some come from ahead
And some come from behind.

But I've bought a
big bat.
I'm all ready, you see.
Now my troubles are going

To have troubles with *me!*

– “I Had Trouble in Getting to Solla Sollew,” *Seuss-isms*: quotes from Dr. Seuss' books.

The board approved using HGMD funds, not to exceed \$2,500, to publish the military yearbook, which was conceived during Memorial Day festivities earlier this year. The directors discussed recouping the amount, after the book is printed, through sales of the yearbook or by obtaining sponsors.

Military Yearbook

The board approved changes to the Golf Course procedure memorandum (PM), which reflected moving the Golf Committee to HGMD control. HGMD is charged with setting policies, which are implemented by HGA, its agent. Archambault questioned whether there was too much operational guidelines in the PM.

Golf PM

General Manager Calvin Eddy-White noted, “It may be a work in progress.”

Gaugenmaier commented, “Nothing is written in stone.”

The board authorized spending \$10,000 of the \$22,000 collected by the Foundation for tree replacement, during 2016. (\$12,000 from donations; \$10,000 matched by HGMD Foundation.) This action allows management to buy and plant trees without seeking approval for each purchase. Any portion not used in 2016 will be returned to the Foundation for tree replacement in future years.

Trees

Guidance to the Ad Hoc Committee on Yale Frontage

The committee will be chaired by HGMD Director Twyla Gaugenmaier, and will have five to nine members, including the chair. The chair will select the members from among residents, seeking to establish a membership base as broad as possible to give equal representation to residents, regardless of location or type of abode in the community.

Residents who wish to volunteer may obtain an application from the Management Office, complete it, and return it to the Management Office no later than Monday, Jan. 11.

The focus of the committee is to review and consider all issues related to traffic, safety and security along the Yale Avenue frontage, from the small section of frontage east of the Abilene entrance to East Linvale Place, and on to the RV lot. The scope of this instruction may be extended at the discretion of the chair.

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Somerset F **GC Views- New Listing** **\$278,000**
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Somerset F **Rare 3 Bedroom** **\$254,900**
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Atrium A **Golf Course View** **\$227,900**
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Atrium K **Fully Remodeled** **\$215,000**
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Somerset C **Beautifully Updated** **\$235,000**
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HGMD Budget...from page 6

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A detailed budget is posted on the Heather Gardens website, www.heathergardens.org, under the Resource tab, select "Financials." Some summary numbers are highlighted below.

The Enterprise Fund begins the year with a balance of \$1,029,421. Breakdown for 2016 is:

Enterprise Fund	2016	2015
Revenue		
Income Activities ¹	\$1,070,632	\$1,017,642
Recreation Fees	\$1,180,900	\$1,145,761
Total	\$2,251,532	\$2,163,403
Expenses		
Clubhouse	\$721,967	\$725,775
Golf Course	\$477,946	\$463,403
Restaurant	\$683,502	\$661,720
Capital Projects	\$260,442	\$234,799
Administration	\$107,675	\$77,706
Total	\$2,251,532	\$2,163,403

¹ Income activities include Golf Course, Restaurant, room rentals and classes in the Clubhouse and other income

produced by HGMD properties.

The Conservation Trust Fund (Colorado lottery revenue) has a fund balance of \$61,662. It is expected that HGMD will receive an additional \$15,212 for this fund in 2016. In 2015, it was \$15,073.

The Debt Service Fund mostly from the mill levy to HGMD properties (HG owners property tax). It has a beginning fund balance of \$380,363. Approximately \$65,000 of this balance will be used to cover expenses anticipated. Breakdown for 2016 is:

Debt Service Fund	2016	2015
Revenue		
Property Taxes	\$550,248	\$609,918
Specific Ownership Taxes	\$33,000	\$45,356
Interest Income	\$96	\$148
Total	\$583,344	\$655,422
Expenses		
Principal on Bond Issue ²	\$205,000	\$200,000
Interest on Bond Issue	\$434,116	\$439,116
County Collection Fee	\$9,227	\$9,148
Total	\$648,343	\$648,264

² Repay bonds with maturity date in 2016

HGA...from page 5

- B215 gets a water barrier where the parking slab meets the drive way (\$4,360) and engineering to repair the parking slab foundation and pillars (\$11,173). Both contracts are with Sunny Day Concrete.

- B231: Parking slab renovation (\$2,500) and engineering, replace outside stairs and landing (\$8,804). Sunny Day Concrete has done this job already.

- B217 got two new water heaters (\$22,290)

The board formalized a policy that has been practiced when a window develops a leak, noted by water vapor appearing between the panes — a repair that is HG's responsibility. If the homeowner replaces the window, HG will reimburse the owner in the amount it costs to repair the window.

A special meeting convened after the regular meeting, at which President-elect Winnie Jennings announced her committee-chair ap-

pointments (see sidebar page 5). The 2016 Board of Directors members approved her appointments.

Other approvals by the 2015 board:

- ...purchased two software modules from Jenark for Business Office administration, including training and IT support, plus five desktop scanners (\$15,900).

- ...amended the procedure memorandum (PM) for Roads & Grounds, removing mentions of the golf course, which now operates under the purview of HGMD.

- ...amended the PM for the Architectural Control Committee (ACC) to make it agree with the new Declaration and revised bylaws.

- ...tabled a motion from the ACC regarding patriotic displays in common areas of two buildings not becoming permanent displays. See photo at right. Does this display constitute using the American flag as "drapery?" Should its use be restricted to only three days surrounding patriotic holidays?





HGMD Board President Reports

By Ed Kurtz

HG Metro District Update

The TOD Development Project. As most everyone knows, this board has engaged a specialized attorney to represent the HGMD's interests relative to the Transit Oriented Development Project (TOD). The particulars of the legal advice sought involve negotiating strategy, but there is not a lot that I can say. This attorney is focused primarily on traffic and safety issues. I do not, as yet, have any progress to report.

HG resident's attendance at City Council meetings has been a huge influencing factor as far as City Councilmembers are concerned. As I understand it, the project has been tentatively approved at the administrative level. However, the issue will be called up for a Public Hearing,

in January. Stay tuned to communications from the HGA for exact dates and times. Your presence at City Council meetings makes a BIG difference!

Ad Hoc Committee on Yale Ave Frontage. The HGMD Board recently approved forming an Ad Hoc Committee to study and make recommendations regarding all of HGMD property along Yale Avenue. This includes not only Linvale Place issues, but also the strips of land between the North Townhomes and Yale as well as the land between B221 and Yale. Moreover, these are critical issues for ALL HG residents because there could be financial impacts for all. Please volunteer by obtaining an filling out an application for the committee in the Management Office.

HGMD Elections. We are quickly approaching the election season for the Metro District (May 2016). We anticipate two openings on the board. Since HGMD is governed by the State of Colorado, directors have term limits, as do all state officials. When initially elected, a director has a four year term. As an elected director, you will be expected to chair a committee or two. Most importantly, you will be asked to represent the best interests of the entire community. I hope you will give this opportunity some serious consideration as the time nears. Following state requirements, applications will be due in February.

Thank you! And Happy New Year!



HGA Board President Reports

By Winnie Jennings

It is a very strange feeling — writing a column as HGA Board president when my term only starts in January. First, I would like to thank the outgoing board members: Gene Burns, Larry Dávila and Forrest McClure. They have certainly performed exceptionally — above and beyond the call.

Next to welcome the new members: Jay Bluestein, Debbie Stelle and Kathy Buhrman. While they are new additions, they are anxious to fulfill their new positions.

I am sure we will have a very capable and efficient board. Hope you had some happy holidays!

To Those I Love and Those Who Love Me

When I am gone, release me and let me go. I have so many things to see and do, you mustn't tie yourself to me with tears. Be happy that we had so many years. I gave you my love; you can only guess how much you gave me in happiness. I thank you for the love you each have shown. But now it's time I traveled on alone. So grieve a while for me, if grieve you must. Then let your grief be comforted by trust. It's only for a while that we must be apart. So bless the memories within your heart. I won't be far away, for life goes on. So if you need me, call and I will come. Though you can't see or touch me, I'll be near.

And if you listen with your heart you'll hear, all my love around you soft and clear. And then, when you must come this way alone, I'll greet you with a smile and "Welcome You Home."

— Author Unknown (Read by a Catholic priest at a recent funeral mass. He commented that he is passing these out at every funeral where he officiates. Thus, when he dies, he expects everyone to already know this homily.)



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- Grover Cannon (former 207)
- Helen Davies (216)
- Lillian Kavanagh (former CP1)
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SOMERSET	C	1,400	2/2
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SEVILLE	C	1,212	2/2
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SEVILLE	AK	2,001	3/3

Atrium and Omega buildings offer the same floor plans with slight variations in the square feet. Call for more details and information on Patio and Town Homes.

MARKET STATISTICS

Month	# Prop. Sold	High Price	Low Price	Days on Market
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Oct.	11	\$363,000	\$120,000	16
Sept.	19	\$334,000	\$140,000	12

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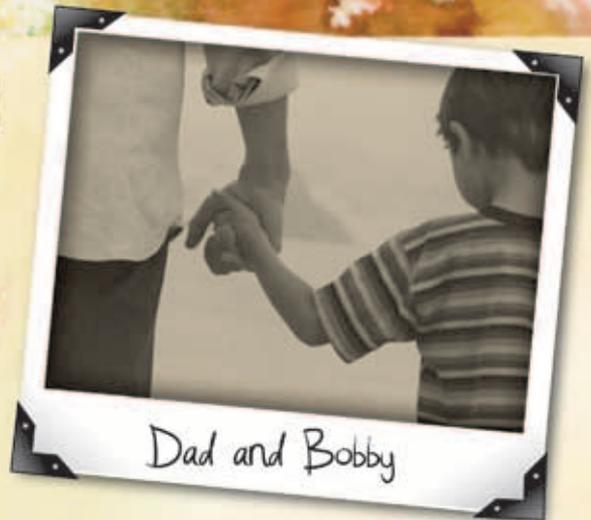
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Publisher's Corner

Obituaries tell a poignant story of a life

by Lynn Donaldson, Editor of Heather 'n Yon

I read obituaries. I don't quite know when it started. Maybe it was about five years ago when I thought I might have to write one about my mother and father, when they moved into a nursing home? Maybe it was when I realized it was another source for identifying when a HG resident died? Then I could list them in the "In Memoriam" box (see page 11).

Whatever caused me to start, it is still compelling to me because I love the stories some obits tell. For example, this morning an obit began:

"Our beautiful, rabble rousing wife, mother and sister..."

Don't you just want to read further?

"...will be remembered for her passionate spirit, unflagging devotion to her family, love of words and ideas, generous hospitality, legendary feasts and her bountiful organic gardens."

So the promise of that first line was finished by additional description of what was important to the person's life.

Writing an obituary is not always fun for the grieving survivor. You need to include the basics. Who died. When he or she died — which usually includes an indication of how old they were. What happened — is an optional choice. Where did he or she die. Why is deceased important — an element that usually leads to listing who survives the deceased, and sometimes listing family members who predeceased them.

But to answer the "why" completely, you have to write creatively about how you remember the deceased, or list what they accomplished. Those stories are the ones I enjoy the most.

"He wrote of his childhood, 'I had the happiest boyhood of my life, learning about this wonderful world

[in Black Hills, South Dakota]."

That same obit continues after listing surviving family:

"After Korea, [he] "worked for Shell Chemical, formerly Julius Hyman.... He wrote that he lost his job there 'due to a case of Big Mouth at a foreman's meeting, brought on by outspoken omniscience."

"After a career in chemistry and nuclear research and development, he made electric vehicles in his shop at home, one that he named Sparkle and the others called collectively electric turkeys...[He] could do anything, fix anything, make anything, and he had an answer for anything even if he had to make it up."

This obit just radiates the love that the son or daughter felt towards their Dad — making his life memorable in just a few column inches of the newspaper. He would have been a fun person to meet and get to know.

If you are writing an obituary, it becomes easy to include lots of detail (or so I found out when I drafted one for a close friend once). It was more than 600 words. When I put it into a draft form for The Denver Post, I learned, much to my chagrin, that it would cost over \$1,000 to publish that version. She would have "killed" me to spend so much on a newspaper announcement about her death. So I set about editing it.

In the end, I sent the longer version via email to her friends and family. She had used that to keep in touch with her extended acquaintances. Most of them did not need the expensive newspaper announcement.

I have to share some

more excerpts from obits this fall:

...had a thirst for knowledge and adventure, whether it be his voracious appetite for reading, history, scuba diving, driving sports cars or experiencing the running of the bulls in Pamplona....He practiced law as a defense attorney...well known for challenging the status quo and defending constitutional rights while always impeccably dressed and personally engaging."

"After retirement, he spent nearly 30 years volunteering in hospitals, nursing homes, and an elementary school, receiving numerous awards for his service....a man of abundant energy, enthusiasm, and wit, whose mission in life was to take care of family and friends, especially the elderly and those in need. He loved animals, birds, road trips and gardening, and Karo syrup on his sweet rolls. A great story teller and inveterate hugger, his friendly smile and kind words mixed with a ready laugh will be missed by all who knew him."

Where did that Karo syrup on sweet rolls come from? Note, it did interrupt a long list of laudatory experiences (and make you think).

Sometimes, when reading obits, you learn surprising things about people you knew. One former resident of HG, from whom I had purchased a water color painting several years ago, was a retired pilot for United Airlines. (See photo below)



Above: Phil Spicer titled this watercolor, "Windows 42." I loved the play on words, because the popular operating system for computers at the time, Microsoft Windows, had just begun naming its newest versions, Windows 95, which was followed by Windows 98.



Management

2015 Accomplishments by Department

By Calvin Eddy-White
General Manager

2016 is upon us, but before you and I move too far into the New Year, I wanted to take a moment to look back at some accomplishments in 2015.

Last year, Heather Gardens (HG) recorded a restated Declaration for the first time since 1973, which was the beginning of HG. The process to revise the Declaration, and bring it to a vote of the owners, twice, was a long and difficult road. The result has been well worth it. You now have a document that is easier for owners to use. It provides for a more equitable distribution of expenses.

In addition, HG created a new Management Agreement between the Association (HGA) and the District (HGMD). Along with this new agreement, many of the areas of responsibility for HGMD have been turned over to them, requiring that new committees be created.

Over the summer, 15 buildings got new roofs. Additionally HG began making repairs pending since the insurance claims from the 2013 and 2014 hail storms. Though not completely settled, HG has received funds that permitted some of the repairs to start. The Contracts and Maintenance Departments have taken on these projects with great expertise. Both have done a great job in seeing that all repairs are done in the most effective way.

The Rendezvous Restaurant began operating as another department of HG, exceeding budget expectation. We hope to see continued positive results from our efforts in the restaurant. Kevin Olson and his staff have worked above and beyond this year to make the restaurant a welcoming place for residents.

The Clubhouse saw some changes when Linda Aluise was hired as the new manager. Linda has done a great job bringing a pleasant, positive attitude to the Clubhouse. She has worked diligently to have plenty of activi-

ties and events for residents. She hit the ground running and has really made a positive impact on the community.

HG had another successful Financial Audit — as has been the case in all the years I've been here. HG Controller and Accounting Staff have, again, done a wonderful job of maintaining finances throughout the year. It was a productive year from all administrative staff, which includes Receptionist Carol Hash, who was employee of the year.

The Roads & Grounds Department worked tirelessly to keep HG beautiful. Mother Nature didn't always help with a heavy wet snowstorm on Mother's Day that severely damaged trees and shrubs throughout the property. But despite this late season storm, Roads & Grounds was able to maintain HG's pristine landscape.

The Golf Department, as always, maintained the course in fine fashion. They also completed some projects to improve the look of the course. The new putting green and retaining walls have really added to the presentation of the course. The Golf Course was also affected by the May snowstorm. Many trees on the course were removed this year — some because of damage by snow, others for other reasons.

The Paint Department continued to upgrade the interior décor of buildings as they oversaw the chair rail project in three buildings while also completing work orders throughout HG.

The Custodial staff had an incredible year, receiving the most positive comments I've seen in the five plus years that I've been here. There were two employees of the month from the Custodial Department. Please thank them for their hard work, as they have put in great efforts.

Security has been providing HG with continued community response to its needs. Larry Baker and his staff are here 24 hours a day. They answer calls relating to every possible need that arises. I am thankful to have them here for all residents and staff.

The staff deserves a great thanks for all they do. I'm sure that they help make HG the desirable place to live that it is. Please do not hesitate to let them know how much you appreciate their work when you see them.

I thank you for letting me continue to serve as your General Manager. HG is a place I am proud to say "I work there." I enjoy coming to HG every day.

GM's Report

General Manager

- Attended board, committee, and ARO meetings.
- Reviewed payables and Capital Projects.
- Reviewed ACC Project Approval Forms.
- Continued working on hail damage insurance settlement.
- Completed 2016 Budget.

Controller

- Hired Melissa Pacheco for Accounting Clerk position.
- Set up online filing for monthly sales tax return with City of Aurora and State of Colorado.
- Worked on getting Military Yearbook printed.
- Held insurance meeting for HGMD renewal.
- Set up garden plot accounting and contracts.
- Completed necessary paperwork

for HGMD Public Budget Meeting for 2016 budget approval.

- Held the annual inventory and equipment count.
- Met with auditor regarding upcoming audit.

Paint

- Completed 40 work orders.
- Continued working on B201 chair rail project.
- Painted garage ceiling in B234.
- Held safety meeting.

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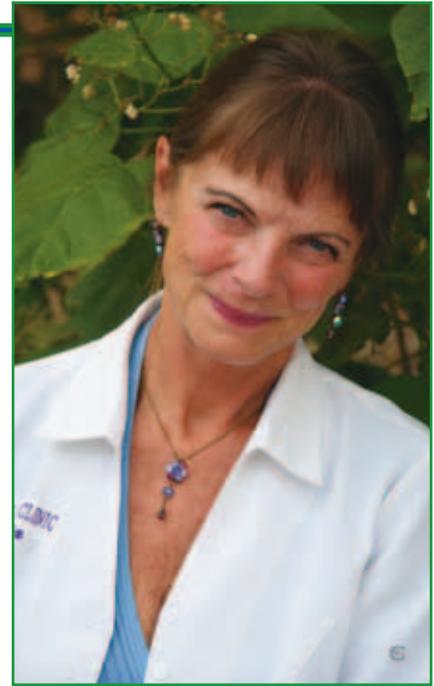


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In its 25th year, HG Foundation tackles making HG better

Past president of the HG Foundation, (Irene) Mary Lewis (former B241), remembers well when this organization was founded: 1991. "I married Bill [Lewis] that year," she explained.

The HG Foundation has changed in form several times, since the group was incorporated in 1991. Lewis recalled the Foundation's formation occurred, largely, in response to the offer of a resident to donate \$25,000 for lighting along HG golf pathways.

The Foundation was set up as a Colorado corporation, in 1991, to receive gifts on behalf of HG. Over the next 10 years, the Foundation redistributed donations to HG by funding projects such as functional and decorative lighting throughout the neighborhood, buying musical instruments to be used in the community center, and installing benches and other amenities on HG grounds.

The late George Sayer was the Foundation's first chair, Lewis said. Other Foundation-corporation trustees included Bill Lewis, Elton Carter, Frank Coley, Jack Cullinan and John Heil, B215. When Mary was invited to become a trustee, she demurred, saying it would be a conflict of interest, as she was marrying Bill. No one else agreed, so she became the group's first secretary.

Not surprisingly, many gifts given to the Foundation were in memory of deceased residents. HG had a strict "no-memorial-plaque" policy, so the Foundation established a "memorial book" in which to record "in memory of" donations, and constructed a wooden display stand, so that the book's contents could be viewed by the public. The display case stood for many years in HG's old Community Center.

Over the years, the Foundation conducted several special programs to raise money earmarked for a specific project. In 1996, a rally to raise money to install automated (handicapped) doors at two east entrances of the Community Center caused a local group of musicians to contribute their talents, on Valentine's Day, in the form of a benefit concert. The HG chapter of AARP (since disbanded) also contributed money, as did a resident who raised \$117 by holding a December cooking demonstration at which she sold candy canes and cookbooks.

The project engendered its own brand of controversy, as the Foundation recommended that sliding horizontal doors (think grocery stores) be installed at the east entrances. These were three times as expensive, however, as the swing doors that were installed. The swing doors could be adapted by adding a push-button function for

automatic opening. After several years, the project hadn't raised enough money to fund the sliding doors.

The project stalled for a year, because some HGMD Board directors were unwilling to okay a style of automated door that the Foundation didn't have money to cover. In the end, in 1997, swing doors prevailed.

A 1997 Foundation special project was to raise money to purchase a Baldwin Theater Organ for use in the Community Center Auditorium. Residents, including members of the HG Chapel and Catholic church groups, helped beat the drum for the project, which ultimately raised \$5,600, the price of the organ. (In 2011, the Foundation again raised funds for a new organ to replace the one purchased in 1997.)



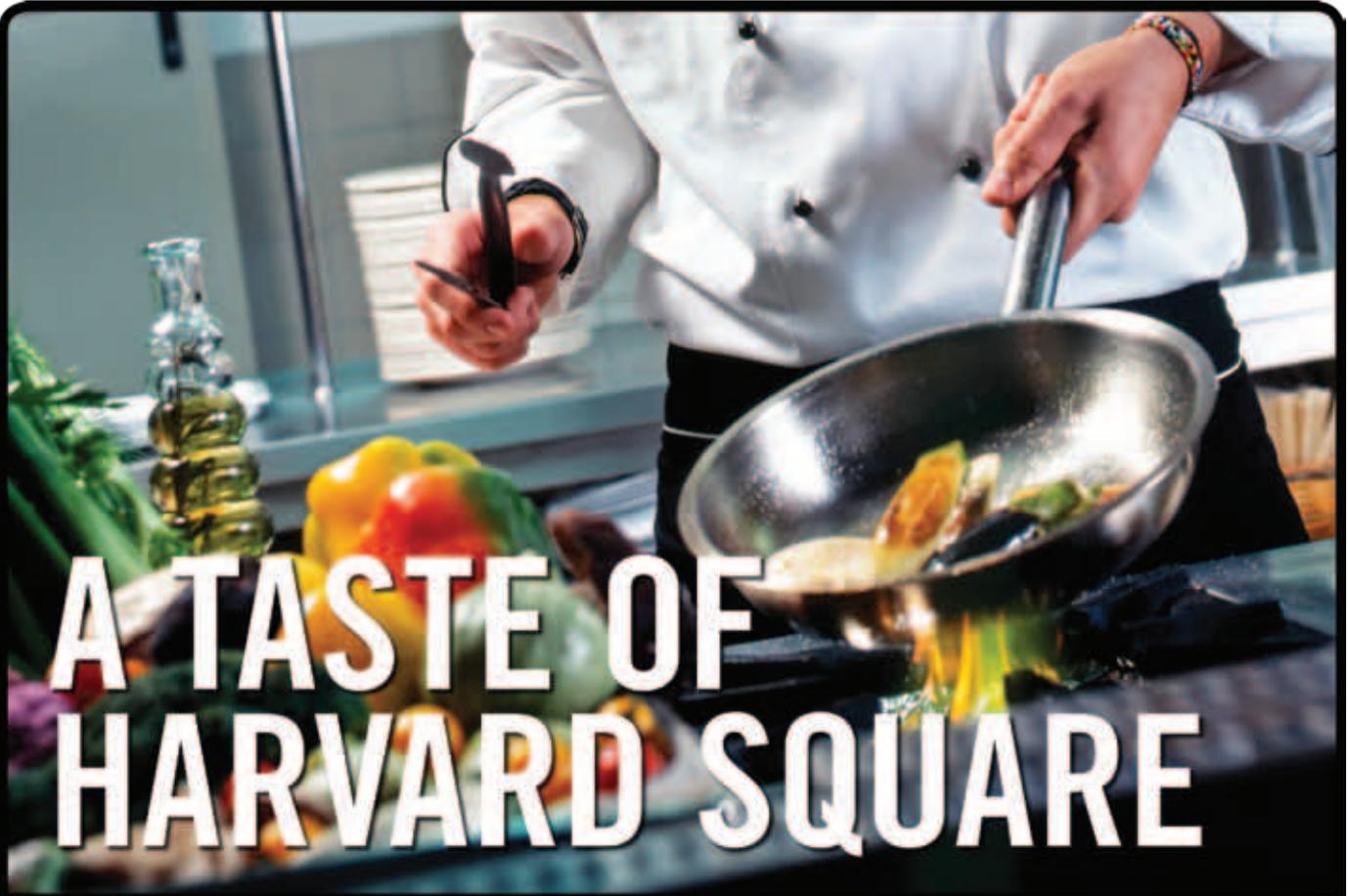
Above: Two early purchases by the HG Foundation were a piano and an organ, mostly used for church services in the Auditorium.



Left: A microphone purchased by the Foundation.

A fundraising project that lasted 1997–2001 raised money to place red-white-and-blue lighting on the aeration fountain in the south lake on the Golf Course. The lit fountain was dedicated lakeside in July 2001, with a patriotic ceremony and performance by the Denver Concert Band. The glowing fountain was a mixed success, as residents of a nearby four-story building complained the

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A centennial for the National Park Service: Watch for special events

The National Park Service will celebrate its 100th birthday in 2016. In 1916, there were only about 12 national parks, operating under the jurisdiction of various departments: Agriculture, Interior and War, according to filmmakers Dayton Duncan and Ken Burns. No one was effectively in charge.

Enter a wealthy, gregarious businessman who admired John Muir, Stephen T. Mather. His wealth came from selling Borax brand laundry cleaner, using Death Valley in his marketing. Mather came to Washington from Chicago in January 1915 as special assistant to Secretary of the Interior Franklin K. Lane for national park concerns.

His vigorous efforts to build public and political support for the parks helped persuade Congress to create the National Park Service (NPS) in August 1916. Appointed the first NPS director in May 1917, he continued to promote park access, development, and use. Mather said, the parks were “an economic asset of incalculable value,” and “vast schoolrooms of Americanism.” He contributed generously to the parks from his personal fortune.

During his tenure, the service’s domain expanded eastward with the addition of Shenandoah, Great Smoky Mountains, and Mammoth Cave National Parks.

Periodically disabled by manic-depression, Mather left office in January 1929, after suffering a stroke, and died a year later.

{ “An Empire of Grandeur” by Dayton Duncan and Ken Burns, USA Today, June 16, 2015; www.nps.gov }

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ing ideas — not only about preserving our nation’s “crown jewels,” but also extending the National Park Service’s mission to some of the nation’s other uniquely American treasures. Because of them, the agency today manages a range of cultural sites including monuments, parkways, battlefields, cemeteries, and recreation areas. This rich variety has created a portfolio of more than 400 parks, all with their own special contribution to the American story. {www.nps.gov}



Above: National Park Service Director Stephen Mather, park superintendents and their families at a Superintendents Conference in Mesa Verde, 1925.

Photographer: James V. Lloyd

Right: Saddlehorn Visitor Center at Colorado National Monument, located near Grand Junction.



In honor of the National Park Service’s Centennial in 2016, the theme for the 127th Rose Parade will be “Find Your Adventure.” The Rose Parade will take place Friday, Jan. 1, 2016, in Pasadena, California, and will be followed by the 102nd Rose Bowl Game.

The Rose Parade is a part of America’s New Year Celebration — a treasured tradition that attracts millions of television viewers annually around the world. Rose Parade float designers will be encouraged to use the National Park Service’s natural, cultural, and historic sites and cultural programs as inspiration for their floral masterpieces.

The “Find Your Adventure” theme is a nod to “Find Your Park,” a two-year public

engagement campaign in which the National Park Service and National Park Foundation, the official charity of America’s national parks, aim to increase awareness and excitement about the National Park Service’s Centennial celebration. The Rose Parade is just one of the ways the National Park Service will kick off a second century — which officially begins on August 25, 2016 — of protecting treasured places, telling American stories, and engaging communities through recreation, conservation, and historic preservation programs. {www.nps.gov}

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Of the 59 National Parks, Colorado has four. From

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The Month (December)

Confused about the Regatta Plaza Redevelopment Project? A vote by the Aurora City Council, at the end of 2015, to remove 22 acres of Regatta Plaza from the city's Nine Mile Station urban renewal plan, might add more confusion.

The vote was spurred by a pending change to the state's urban renewal laws, set to go into effect in 2016. It gives counties, school districts and special districts more say in urban renewal projects. City planners favored removing the 22-acre parcel and dividing the rest of the project into four distinct parcels, citing uncertainty surrounding the new law.

(In fact, two Arapahoe County Commissioners spoke in opposition to the change. Their objections focussed on using tax breaks. They seemed concerned the county might not receive its fair share of property taxes.)

The project's master developer, Mile High Development and Koelbel and Company, apparently requested the change. The section removed from the plan is an irregular-shaped area beginning at the Peoria-Dartmouth entrance to Regatta Plaza and extending into the area's center.

Property covering the four corners of Regatta plus some connecting property have been divided into four "plazas," each area to be developed separately. City planners intend to create these separate urban renewal areas, to coincide with the phasing of the redevelopment proposed by the master developer.

The change to the state's urban renewal laws states that any amendment to an urban renewal plan can cause the project to be reconsidered. Developing Regatta as four separate parcels might shield the developer from a change to one plaza triggering a reexamination of the full project.

The new King Soopers store plus surface parking will go on 11 acres of the northern-most half of Regatta — designated Plaza 1, with 122,000 sq. ft. of retail and mixed-use development. Plaza 1 should be completed three years after the urban renewal area is approved.

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Communications Committee Chair Kay Sawyer told the committee that 11 HG condos were sold in November with an average of five days on the market. As of that date, there were 21 condos for sale and one for rent. Realtor Nancy Henson added that 10 condos were under contract to be sold. However, she noted that some of those still available have been on the market for a while, thus the average days will increase dramatically when these sell.

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The Aurora Police Department conducted, "Operation Choose Your Ride" on Dec. 18 and 19, 9 pm–2:30 am. One driver and one passenger, 21 years or older, were offered the opportunity to request a ride home from the police if the driver felt unable to drive, due to being impaired/under the influence. Officers transported par-

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ticipants from any location in Aurora to the participant's home, within 10 miles of the City of Aurora border.

The DUI taxi was used as one of the transport vehicles, and the rest were marked police cars, to get the most exposure for the program. Those requesting a ride were asked to provide valid ID, agree to an outstanding warrant check, and sign a waiver.

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Beverly Havens, CP2, and Harry Newman, B244, have joined the Budget and Finance Committee, replacing Bill Archambault, HGMD treasurer, and Bill Dale, CP6.

Two HGA Board Committees are seeking new members. Architectural Control Committee Chair Dave Archer reported at the HGA Board meeting on Dec. 21 that his committee needed one more member.

Outgoing President Forrest McClure, who chaired the Civic Affairs Committee, noted that this committee is short three members.

Residents interested in serving on these committees should obtain an application from the Management Office, returning it to the office or the chair of the committee.

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Resident Candice Compton, B220, asked McClure to explain his comment at last month's HGA Board Meeting regarding "urban renewal" for HG's four-story buildings. She suggested it was news to HG residents that such a plan was being considered.

McClure explained, "There is no plan – just a vision, which is that the Alpha Buildings have aged out. [Problems] can only be rectified by building new units.

"And the parking structures are money holes," he continued. "We've been putting hundreds of thousands of dollars into them [over the years]. They are sinking. It's not a matter of if they will be replaced, but when."

Pete Clarendon, ARO president, remarked that Alpha Buildings have electrical wiring that is aluminum. General Manager Calvin Eddy-White agreed, saying that some insurance companies won't even bid on covering HG, due to the aluminum wiring.

McClure said he had asked Norris Design – which designed the landscaping for HG's new Clubhouse, and currently is involved with the proposed apartment development, across Yale – for information on potentially "renewing" the Alpha buildings. "The first thing that has to happen is the community voting on changing the map. Without such a vote, we can only replace like with like."

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Getting Ready for Chanukah – Make Your own Candles

On Dec. 9, several Jewish residents gathered to discuss with Rabbi Fleisher how Chanukah connects to Thanksgiving. Then participants made their own candles to use on a menorah.

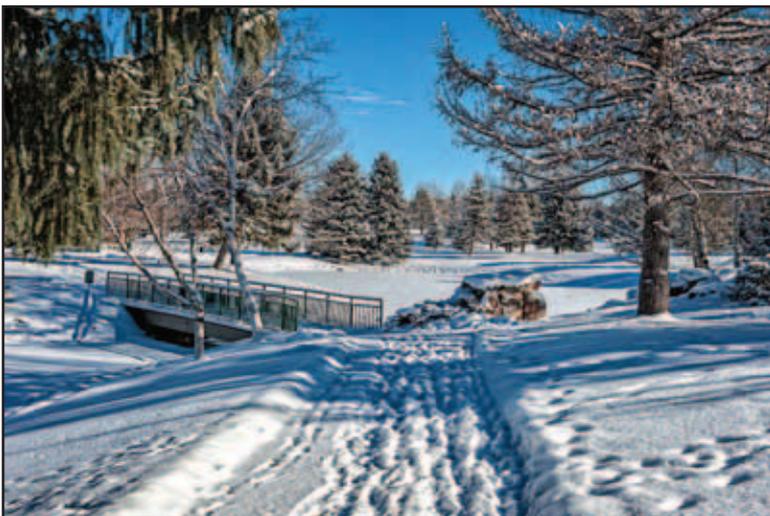


Photos by Anne Hummel-Gillis



Snow in HG!

On Dec. 15, a major snowstorm led to many cancellations, including the HGA Board meeting. Aurora got 11 inches in about 12 hours. Photos show what it can look like during a blizzard, and the next day when the sun comes out. HG photographers captured the fierceness and the beautiful aftermath.



Photos of the Dec. 15 blizzard by Dottie Gravning, B220; others by Sandra Knight, CP3; and Jeannie Girard, B213

Foundation ...from page 17

lights kept them awake at night. The solution — to turn the fountain lights on at dusk, then switch them off at 8 pm — left those wishing to view the fountain at night with a fairly short period each evening to see it lit.

Following the 2001 9-11 attack, the Foundation hosted a project to raise money to erect a flagpole and huge American flag at the Yale-Abilene entrance to HG. The size of the flag ended up being downsized, due to city zoning, but the project was completed in 2002.

A motion in the HGA Board to establish the Foundation as a subcommittee of the Civic Affairs Committee failed, back in 1996 (during the sliding versus swinging door controversy). In 2002, however, the Foundation was re-organized as a committee under the auspices of HGA.

One issue that had plagued the Foundation since its inception was the corporation's inability to offer tax-deductible status to its contributors. Even the original \$25,000 donor from

1991 had wanted a tax deduction for her contribution, Lewis said.

In 2002, the HGA Board took the Foundation under its umbrella, with an eye toward pursuing non-profit status for the committee. The question of whether a tax deduction could be taken, even so, lingered for the next two years.

An audit revealed that 95 percent of projects the Foundation funded were for HGMD properties. It was generally agreed that donations given to HGMD projects ought to be tax deductible.

Because the Heather Gardens Metropolitan District (HGMD) enjoyed tax-exempt status as a quasi-governmental agency, moving the Foundation committee to HGMD's purview could settle the question of whether or not gifts to the Foundation were tax deductible, once and for all. In 2004, the Foundation was moved from HGA to HGMD.

Its structure was changed slightly, to put a director of HGMD at the head the committee, mirroring the makeup of HGA standing commit-

tees. Uncomfortable over loss of autonomy, several long-time committee members resigned, in protest.

[The Foundation became the first standing committee of the HGMD. In 2015, three others would follow when Golf, Restaurant and Clubhouse Committees were moved from HGA to HGMD.]

Long-time HG Foundation Committee member Rita Wells, B216, also sat on the HGMD Board of Directors in 2004. Wells became the first HGMD Director to chair the Foundation Committee, serving in this capacity until 2010, when her last term on the HGMD Board ended.

HGMD Director Mavis Richardson succeeded Wells as Foundation chair. Richardson implemented several fundraising practices to add to the Foundation's coffers, which typically had only a few thousand dollars in the account. She had note cards designed, using the HG Gazebo on the cover, which were sold to residents at various HG fairs and events. Men and women's sweatshirts were

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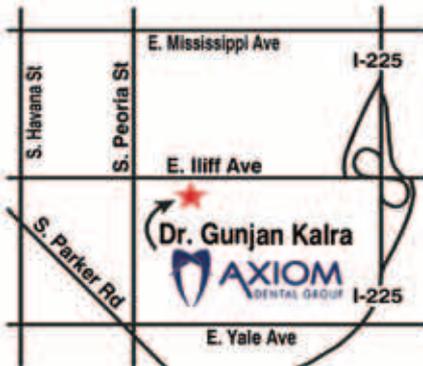
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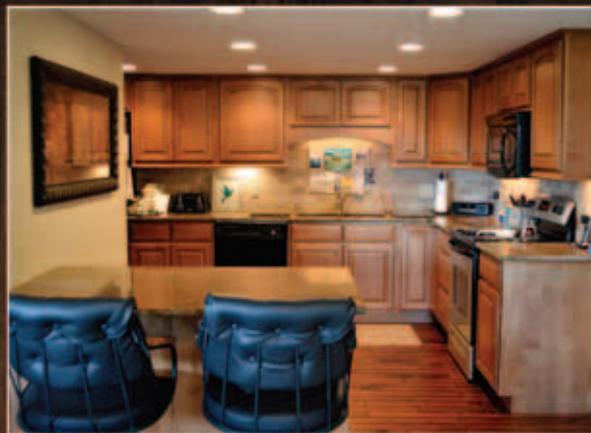
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- To get help for someone who is hurt
- If you see someone taking something that belongs to someone else or breaking into a home or business

When not to call 9-1-1:

Calling 9-1-1 as a joke or knowing that an emergency situation does not exist is a crime and subject to prosecution. If you call 9-1-1 to see if it is working, stay on the line and advise the operator you are just testing. Non-emergency situations, include:

- For information
- For directory assistance
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- Abandoned vehicles
- Asking for directions
- Parking complaints
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{Provided by Doug Edwards, B202, from the Aurora Police Department website.}

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Clubhouse

- Re-defined goals for committees/advisory teams; events, classes, dance.
- Healthy Habits class presented by Alzheimer's Association.
- Implemented new programs for Jewish heritage: Great Rabbi, Great Insights, Chanukah.
- Met with Clubhouse Reception Desk staff and volunteers.
- Decorated the Clubhouse for the holidays.
- Worked with Security for avoiding holiday scams program.

Restaurant

- Held a 70th Birthday Party and a Quinceanera for 80 people.
- Hosted the Thanksgiving buffet.
- Decorated for Christmas.
- Finished booking holiday parties.
- Winterized patio.

Custodial

- Completed 24 work orders.
- Completed 10 set-ups at the Clubhouse.
- Completed building inspections.
- Continued to clean carpet in B208, B209, B210, B212.
- Help department safety meeting.

Maintenance

- Completed 837 work orders. Of those, 96 were billable to owners.
- Completed various copper pipe repairs in nine different buildings.

- Completed plumbing inspections at B211, B223, B235, and B236.
- Continued inspecting electric meter panels for hot spots and problems.
- Installed a new air handler heat pump and bracket assembly in B217.
- Started hallway asbestos abatement and renovation in B202.
- Completed hallway renovation, corner moldings, and carpet base repairs in B201.
- Completed roof and skylight leak repairs at B242.
- Installed a new TV antenna on roof of B223.
- Trenched a drain under the north side stairwell enclosure wall at B207.

Roads and Grounds

- Continued leaf removal when weather permitted.
- Winterized irrigation system.
- Removed three dead trees and ground 23 tree stumps.
- Completed annual concrete repairs.
- Sealed asphalt surfaces with cracks at B217-222.
- Installed Christmas lighting and decorations.
- Began annual asphalt repairs.
- Constructed 16 replacement bollards.
- Assisted Structure Maintenance with the replacing three window wells.
- Completed annual equipment inventory.
- Completed snow and ice removal.

- Installed bench pad at B232.
- Removed large snow piles.
- Swept up excess road sand.

Golf

- Applied fungicides to greens and applied winter fertilizer to fairways.
- Began winterization of irrigation system and golf course equipment.
- Continued removing dead trees.
- Wrapped trunks and watered new trees.
- Prepared and lacquered Golf Pro Shop picnic tables.
- Completed snow removal at the Clubhouse and on the cart path.
- Continued leaf mulching and sweeping.

Contracts

- Engineer continued working on post tension cable repairs at B231.
- Worked on the siding contract for the North and South Townhomes.
- Received bids for replacing the Clubhouse roof.
- Met with Xcel and Heba to review led lighting project.

Security

- Wrote a total of 364 reports and patrolled 2,925 miles.
- Held Safety Committee Meeting on winter safety.
- Continued training new officer.
- Sponsored bank fraud seminar with Key Bank.
- Purchased used Toyota Camry hybrid to replace Chevy Malibu.

Employee of the Month: Maria Anaya, Custodial Department.

Letters

Heather 'n Yon

The Clubhouse Potluck was a great way to kick off the holiday season. A huge thank you to Linda, Lewis, staff and volunteers! I love to eat, but my "very most favorite" time was the sing-along with Larry O'Connor. Fabulously fun! Hopefully, we can do this again.

**Yolanda Lickteig
B233**

Heather 'n Yon

Voter registration will be open on Jan. 22 in the Clubhouse. This will give Heather Gardens' voters a chance to register to vote, change their address and/or make a name change. All of this information must be current with the Clerk & Recorder's office by 30 days prior to the Precinct Caucuses to be held on March 1. Any questions, please call, 303-632-7873.

**Ruth Prendergast
B235**

Heather 'n Yon

Thank you, residents, for your fine support of the Optimist Club's annual food drive. Because of your generosity, we collected nearly 25 percent more food than last year. This was our best effort ever.

The nearly 100 boxes of food will be distributed through the food pantries of Aurora Interchurch Task Force and Mississippi Avenue Baptist Church.

Also thanks to the HGA staff, especially Jessica Martinez, Resident Services Coordinator, who promoted employee participation. This effort contributed greatly to our collecting more than we had hoped for.

Another thanks goes to the residents of the town homes and country places, who allowed us to place the

orange totes at their homes.

Thanks again to everyone. Your efforts will make Christmas just a little merrier for several Aurora families.

**Peter Ebner
HG Optimist Club
B231**

Heather 'n Yon

Nearly one year ago, a highly publicized campaign urged all HG veterans to submit data about their military service to the Management Office.

The following is quoted from *Heather 'n Yon*, March 2015 issue, page 6: The data "to be included in the HG Military Yearbook. In this publication, HG will acknowledge your service to your country and provide it as information to other residents."

Deadline for submission was March 31, 2015. Publication was scheduled for July 4, 2015.

Now, six months later, and no official word has been made by the Management Office. The many vets who submitted data are wondering what happened to this project. More importantly, when, if ever, will the promised HG Military Year book be produced?

**Calvin Tabor
B219**

{General Manager's Note: The HG Military Yearbook was a project started by Denise Kester as part of this year's Memorial Day Celebration. After Denise left HG due to her husband being transferred by the Air Force, the project had to be transferred over to other employees. Though an important project, it was not something staff was able to get back to right away. However, the project was not forgotten. It has been worked on over the past few weeks. By the time this edition of Heather 'n Yon is delivered, the Yearbook will be ready for printing, and may even be in print. I appreciate everyone's patience as my staff have tried their

best to complete this valuable project in a timely fashion.}

Heather 'n Yon

Thanks to everyone for their patience while HG closed the pool for a thorough cleaning. Many have asked why the pool has to be closed for so long. I thought it would be helpful to explain the process.

The pool takes two to three days to drain completely. Then the HG crew deep cleans the wall and tiles of the pool, which takes about 3-5 days. Please understand that all of this is done by hand with a power sprayer. It is an opportune time to clean the pool deck and make minor repairs.

The Pool Technician and staff clean the gauges, pumps, and filters. If you've never seen the pump room, it contains substantial machinery that needs to be cleaned and maintained.

It takes another three days to refill the pool and get it regulated to the correct temperature. Unfortunately, HG had the holidays to work around as well.

Many residents ask why these particular dates are chosen. The pool is deep cleaned two times per year. It is preferable to schedule when there is a break in the class sessions, so classes do not have to be canceled. While there is never a good time to close the pool, it is something that is critical to operating the pool effectively the rest of the year.

Feel assured that you have one of the cleanest public swimming pools in the metro area. I appreciate your comments and suggestions.

Feel free to stop by and ask questions. I'll find the answer if I don't know it readily. Again, thanks for your patience.

**Linda Aluise,
Clubhouse Manager**

Heather 'n Yon

Last year the HG Board of Directors voted to refund some funds to residents. I received all of \$10. Now, I understand residents' monthly dues will go up approximately \$30 or more. So, does the board think the refund we received was worthwhile? I know
See Letters...page 35

Heather 'n Yon welcomes letters concerned with community issues. Letters must be signed, dated and include the writer's address and phone number. Letters may be edited for clarity. The HGA Board requires that letters longer than 300 words be returned to the writer to shorten if editing cannot do it. Letters will not be run from the same individual in successive months. Writers may publish only 4 letters per year.

JANUARY CALENDAR

Fri 1	<i>New Year's Holiday — Management Offices and Clubhouse Closed</i>		
Sat 2	Mexican Train Dominoes (every Saturday)	Arts & Crafts Room	noon–4:30 pm
	Ping Pong Doubles/Intermediate (every Saturday)	Game Room	2–5 pm
	<i>Clubhouse Event - 1st Saturday Night Live Dance</i>	Sandberg Auditorium	6:30–9:30 pm
Mon 4	Mah Jongg (every Monday)	Blue Spruce Room	12:30–4 pm
	Men's Bridge (every Monday)	Skyview Room	1–4 pm
	Ping Pong Singles/Advanced (every Monday)	Game Room	2–5 pm
	Pinochle - Open (every Monday)	Mountainview Room	6:30–9:30 pm
Tue 5	Bridge (every Tuesday)	Skyview Room	12:30–4 pm
	Hand and Foot (every Tuesday)	Mountainview Room	12:30–4 pm
	Special Republican Club Meeting	Aspen Room	1:30 pm
	Ping Pong Doubles/Intermediate (every Tuesday)	Game Room	2–5 pm
	B215 Happy Hour	Rendezvous Restaurant	5 pm
	Co-Ed Billiards Club (every Tuesday)	Billiards Room	6:30 pm
Wed 6	<i>Mobile Post Office</i>	<i>Circle Driveway</i>	<i>10:45–11 am</i>
	ACBL Duplicate Bridge (every Wednesday)	Aspen/Blue Spruce Room	1–4:30 pm
	Pinochle (every Wednesday)	Mountainview Room	1:30–4 pm
	Men's Poker (every Wednesday)	Game Room	4–9:45 pm
	CP1 Happy Hour	Rendezvous Restaurant	5 pm
Thu 7	Square Dancing Club	Sandberg Auditorium	7:30–9:30 pm
	TOPS (every Thursday)	Blue Spruce Room	8:30–9:30 am
	<i>Clubhouse Event: Great Rabbis, Great Insights</i>	Blue Spruce Room	10 am
	HG Writers Club (every Thursday)	Mountainview Room	1–3:30 pm
	Bunko	Blue Spruce Room	1–3:30 pm
	Cribbage (every Thursday)	Arts & Crafts Room	1–3:30 pm
	Ping Pong Doubles/Intermediate (every Thursday)	Game Room	2–5 pm
	CP4 Social	Rendezvous Restaurant	5 pm
	ACBL Duplicate Bridge (every Thursday)	Blue Spruce Room	6:30–9:30 pm
	Kiwanis Club of Aurora (every Thursday)	Rendezvous Restaurant	6:30 pm
Fri 8	Men's 9-Ball Billiard Tournament (every Thursday)	Billiards Room	7–9:30 pm
	Mah Jongg (every Friday)	Blue Spruce Room	12:30–4 pm
	<i>Clubhouse Event: HG Roadshow</i>	Sandberg Auditorium	1 pm
	Men's Poker (every Friday)	Game Room	6:30–9:30 pm

Advertised Activities and Seminars

Mon, Jan. 4	Bayer Ear Clinic (every Monday), Arts & Crafts Room, 9 am–noon (see ad, p. 16)
Wed, Jan. 6	HG Property Tour, Your Castle Real Estate, noon–2 pm (see ad, p. 56)
Thu, Jan. 7	Hearing Rehab Center, Skyview Room, 10 am–noon (see ad, p. 21)
Mon, Jan. 11	A Taste of Harvard Square, 10200 E. Harvard Ave., 11:30 am–1 pm (see ad, p. 18)
Thu, Jan. 14	Creating a Vision Board, Home Smart, Arts & Crafts Room, 6–8 pm (see ad, p. 29)
Fri, Jan. 15	Don't Fall for Falls, Wendy's Team, Mountainview Room, 1 pm (see ad, p. 9)

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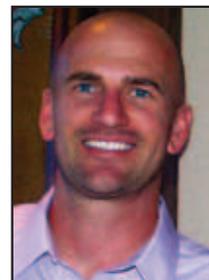
Sat 9	Clubhouse Event - Laughter Yoga 50 and Who's Counting	Arts & Crafts Room Aspen/Blue Spruce Room	10 am 6–9:30 pm
Sun 10	Frolics Club Auditions for Spring Frolics	Sandberg Auditorium	1–4 pm
Tue 12	VNA Clinic B203 and B204 Social Drinks/Dinner	Blue Spruce Room Rendezvous Restaurant	1–3:30 pm 5 pm
Wed 13	Clubhouse Event - Active Minds: Mendelssohn	Sandberg Auditorium	2 pm
Thu 14	Clubhouse Event: Great Rabbis, Great Insights Green Team Residents' Open Forum <i>ARO Quarterly Meeting</i>	Blue Spruce Room Skyview Room Rendezvous Restaurant Sandberg Auditorium	10 am noon 3 pm 7 pm
Fri 15	Men with a Purpose Coffee 500 Club Clubhouse Matinee: Ricki & the Flash Clubhouse Movie: Ricki & the Flash Clubhouse Event: Texas Hold 'em	Skyview Room Skyview Room Sandberg Auditorium Sandberg Auditorium Aspen/Blue Spruce Rooms	10 am 12:30–4 pm 1 pm 6:30 pm 2 pm
Sat 16	Wine and Cheese Social Club	Aspen/Blue Spruce Rooms	3–5 pm
Mon 18	VNA Clinic CP4 Liverpool Rummy	Blue Spruce Room Mountainview Room	1–3:30 pm 2–5 pm
Tue 19	Genealogy Swap Shop Photography Club B205 and B206 Happy Hour	Aspen Room Aspen Room Rendezvous Restaurant	10 am 12:30 pm 5 pm
Wed 20	Colorado Symphony Guild (Hilltop SE Chapter) CP3 Social Capitol Update with Colorado Legislators Square Dancing Club	Rendezvous Restaurant Rendezvous Restaurant Aspen/Blue Spruce Rooms Sandberg Auditorium	11:30 am 5 pm 6:30 pm 7:30–9:30 pm
Thu 21	HG Breakfast Optimist Club Clubhouse Event: Tu B'Shvat Bunko	Rendezvous Restaurant Blue Spruce Room Blue Spruce Room	8 am 10 am 1–3:30 pm
Fri 22	Clubhouse Event: Sugar and Spice	Sandberg Auditorium	2 pm
Sat 23	Clubhouse Event: Chili Cook-off	Sandberg Auditorium	10 am
Mon 25	Low Vision Support Group	Arts & Crafts Room	1:30 pm
Tue 26	HG Republican Club HG Democrat Club Caregiver's Support Group	Aspen Room Rendezvous Restaurant Aspen Room	1:30 pm 4:30 pm 7 pm
Wed 27	Clubhouse Event: Don Morreale	Sandberg Auditorium	1 pm
Fri 29	Clubhouse Matinee: A Walk in the Woods Clubhouse Movie Night: A Walk in the Woods	Sandberg Auditorium Sandberg Auditorium	1 pm 6:30 pm



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

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

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

Prayer Meeting - 2nd Thursday, 2 pm.

FYI

Do You Know?

Do you know the family of James T. Wall and his wife Mickey, previous residents of B219/108? While cleaning out a storage room in the building, AR Al Julch found a box of WW2 memorabilia belong to Jim Wall. While old directories could confirm that the couple lived there. Mickey survived her husband. She was still listed in the 2012 HG Community Directory. No one in the building knew how to contact his/her next of kin. If you do know who to contact, please call Al, 720-863-8161.

Special Republican Club Meeting

Urgent meeting regarding the Iliiff Light Rail Station TOD, Yale Apartment Project!

Learn more about the negatives of this project and the way it is being presented to the Aurora City Council. Please join us, as a concerned citizen, in the Aspen Room, 1:30 pm Tuesday, Jan. 5.

Retired State Senator Bruce Cairns will address this vital subject. The plans that the builder has submitted to Aurora City Council proposes 424 three-story walk-up apartments. Statistics show that the more rentals equal more crime in the area. There are many more negatives (parking and traffic) in the plan submitted by the builder. This plan has not had any input from local citizens, including HG.

The plan must be rejected by the city council at the January meeting. Then the project can start over with HG citizens working with the builder to have the best results. Your input to the City Council will stop the project as it is now designed. – Larry Swift, a concerned citizen, 303-369-5642.

Heather 'n Yon Deadline - 1/15

• Monthly Meetings • Boards and Committees

Communications – 10 am Tue, Jan. 5

Golf – 1 pm Tue, Jan. 5

Civic Affairs – 10 am Thu, Jan. 7

Budget & Finance – 10 am Mon, Jan. 11

HGA Board – 1 pm Tue, Jan. 12

Foundation – 1:30 am Wed, Jan. 13

HGMD Board – 1 pm Thu, Jan. 14

Resident Open Forum – 3 pm Thu, Jan. 14
(Rendezvous)

ARO Quarterly – 7 pm Thu, Jan. 14

Campus Tech – 10 am Tue, Jan. 19

ACC – 10 am Thu, Jan. 21

Clubhouse/Restaurant – 1 pm Mon, Jan. 25

Roads and Grounds – 10 am Tue, Jan. 26

Structure Maintenance – 1 pm Tue, Jan. 26

Resident Orientation – 10 am Wed, Jan. 27

Security Subcom – 2:30 pm Wed, Jan. 27

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The city of Aurora has 28 boards, commissions, committees and/or authorities that have volunteers appointed to the board or commission by city council.

The job of board or commission members is crucial to the success of Aurora's representative government. By sharing their experience, expertise, and time, citizens provide valuable insight — the citizen's point of view — to the operations of the city and city council's decision-making process. Boards and commissions review new and existing operations in specific areas and suggest an appropriate course of action to city management and city council.

Applications are available at the City Clerk's Office on the 1st floor in the Aurora Municipal Center, 15151 E. Alameda Pkwy, on the City's web page under Boards and Commissions or by calling 303-739-7637. For information about individual boards and commissions, go to www.auroragov.org/CityHall/BoardsandCommis-
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VNA Senior Wellness Clinics

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

Schedule:

Tuesday, Jan. 12, 1–3:30 pm, Blue Spruce Room,
Barbara McShane and Trudy
Schneider, 303-755-2683

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

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they wanted residents to think well of them but I, for one, thought it was a foolish thing to do. I am wondering how much it cost to cut checks and spend postage to mail them. What a waste, not only of money, but of time spent by employees.

Those of us on Social Security will not receive an increase in 2016. Many who receive pensions might not be receiving an increase. (I won't.) Hopefully the new board will spend the resident's money wisely. In my view, things that should be done aren't done. Things that are done are not most important.

Let's make sure employees remain at HG for years like they used to, instead of new ones being hired as often as they seem to be now. HG needs to once again be a great place to live and work.

**Carol Miller
B234**

{General Manager's Note: The HG Board of Directors did NOT vote to refund funds to residents in the 2015 budget process, as this letter states. The board approved a budget that was less than the previous year resulting in lower fees. In your case, it was \$10 per month. This was NOT a refund. For clarification, the monthly HOA fees for 2016 are going up, on average, by \$20 not \$30.

The board at that time felt it was more



Above: Three women energetically got together after Thanksgiving to decorate a lobby in B224 for Christmas. From left: Ellen Winn, Kathy Rodwell and Nancy Slinkard. Photo by Deana Davis, B224.

important to lower the fees for 2015 than other options available to them.

There is a completely different process done each year to refund/bill owners after the year-end audit. These yearly refunds had been a part of HG since the original 1973 Declaration and were not voted on by the board, but rather were required under the original Declaration of Condominium.

The board and community agreed that the expense to process the year end refunds/bills was a waste of resources, so beginning in 2017, under the new Declaration, refunding/billing will not be done. In the future, the net results of the year-end audit will be used against the following year's budget.

As for the comment regarding employees, the board and management has made great strides to retain employees in this competitive job market. Competitive salaries and benefits are offered, which lowered turnover in the past couple years, especially in among full-time, year-round positions.}

Heather 'n Yon

If you need more information about the 424 apartments proposed north of Yale, there is a new website by HG Concerned Citizens, a volunteer group, <https://sites.google.com/site/hgconcernedcitizens/home>.

You may have heard the con-

cerns about crime, safety, density, design, traffic, parking, lights, crosswalks, speeding, water drainage, noise, using HG as a park, etc. This website will tell you about these issues, outlines a timeline.

The second box has a red letter "this link," and be prepared to be shocked at the design. Following box contains all your comments after HG residents went to city council.

Bravo, for a great job! Go to the safety concerns box, and you will learn the crime statistics where the crime is almost twice as much in the district north of HG. As you know from living here, that district has many rentals around Aurora Mall and Mississippi. You might find the "water issues" box entertaining.

On Dec. 21, the Aurora City Council should put the Iliff Station on the agenda for a Jan. 11 or Jan. 28 meeting to approve or deny it. Please STAY TUNED to information tables in the Clubhouse, the website, or may be an email blast from the HGA.

When the exact date is known, it will help to have hundreds of residents attend the city council meeting. Many of you wrote the city planning department about your concerns.

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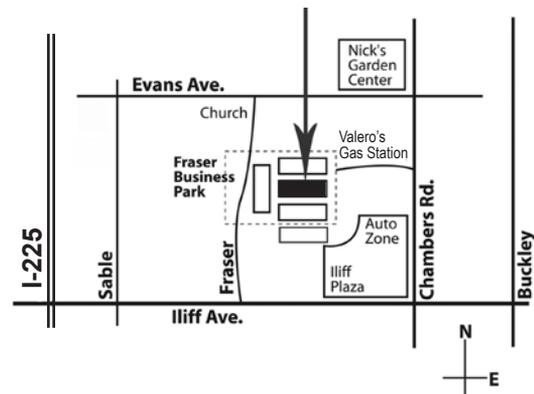
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Now please write city council again this week. Write or email, citycouncil@auroragov.org.

**Bruce Cairns
CP4**

Heather 'n Yon

YOU, as a resident of HG have been left out! The Iliff Station project north of Yale Avenue has been planned with no consideration to their neighbors in HG. You can change that now. A plan has been presented to the Aurora City Council by the builder to meet his goals, not yours. As you have read, there are many negatives to their design — ideas that will effect the HG life style NEGATIVELY!

Please attend a special Republican Club meeting about this vital subject and HG future. Bruce Cairns will address the details of this project at 1:30 pm Tuesday, January 5, in the Aspen Room. The details of the January City Council meeting will be announced, so you may attend and make your voice heard by all of the councilmembers. In the mean time, contact your Ward V City Councilman Bob Roth, and your City Coun-

cilmember At-large Angela Lawson. They must vote NO on the present plan. This will allow a new and community-sensitive design to be presented to council.

Read Duff Stewart's article about the present design and it's effect on your community.

A concerned resident of HG.

**Larry Swift
B232**

Heather 'n Yon

Good Grief! What happened? I called handyman JS, whose name I got from a person who posted a letter in the *Heather 'n Yon* newsmagazine. J did several jobs for me, putting in a new dome ceiling, fixing an electric outlet. I was happy with his work and changes — therefore I wrote a letter praising his workmanship! Three different women called me, and I passed J's phone number along.

One of the women works in the Clubhouse. I saw her today, and asked how things were going. E-gods! What a horrible nightmare she related. What little work he did was marginal. Work ethics were horrible — promising to be at her house at a certain time, then not showing up!

Shoddy work, shoddy material. She has contacted Tom Martino's help line. She's suffered verbal abuse from J's wife. Her dreams of remodeling devastated. J had become a partner with W. One was bad, the other worse.

I am so embarrassed, and heart sick. Never did I think he was such a no good! I even gave him a ride to another job, and once to his home. I now feel like the world's biggest sucker!

I am so proud of Marge's moxy. She is a fighter, and will not be cheated. I am sure this episode is fatiguing — mentally and physically — dealing with such a rotten situation. Needless to say I am no longer in the referral business.

My sincere apologies to all who called me regarding JS!

**Maggie Ruby
B216**

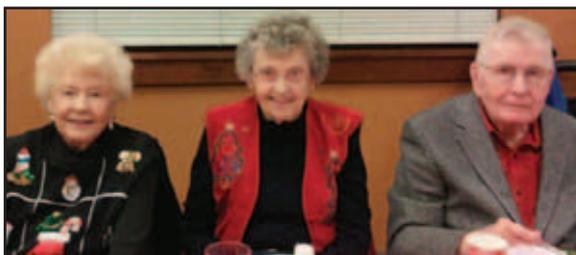


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sions. The following vacancies are available as of Dec. 21:

- ...4 volunteers on the Art in Public Places Commission.
- ...1 volunteer on the Aurora Commission on Seniors.
- ...3 volunteers on the Aurora Fox Arts Center Board.
- ...6 volunteers (youth and adult) for the Aurora Youth Commission.
- ...1 volunteer on the Board of Adjustments and Appeals.
- ...4 volunteers on the Cultural Affairs Commission.
- ...4 volunteers on the Historic Preservation Commission.
- ...4 volunteers on the Housing and Community Development.
- ...8 volunteers on the Human Relations Commission.
- ...1 volunteers on the Judicial Performance Commission.
- ...1 volunteer on the Library Board.
- ...1 volunteer on the Local Licen-

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Left and below: Members of the HG Chapel Sunday School gathered for a Christmas party on Dec. 1, in the Aspen Room. Photos by Dean Tudehope.



Clubs and Organizations

Joppa Daylight Lodge AF & AM

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

We are the only lodge that meets during the day in the Denver metro area. For information, call Bill Rapp, 303-632-4515.

Meditation Group

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

CP1

Our happy hour is held 5 pm in Rendezvous' Banquet Room on the first Wednesday of each month. See you on Jan. 6!

TOPS

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

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around 8:15 am, so we can all say hi and welcome you.

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

HG Writers Club

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

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

CP4

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

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

Kiwanis Club of Aurora

This club is a member of a global organization of volunteers, dedicated to changing the world, one child and one community at a time.

The club meets 6:30 pm Thursdays at the Rendezvous Restaurant at HG. We also are on the web: Aurora-co.kiwanisone.org.

org. For more information, call Rich Richardson, 303-368-5747.

50 & Who's Counting

We meet on the second Saturday of each month 6 pm in the Aspen/Blue Spruce Room. This is a social group — singles and couples welcome.

Bring a dish to share and your own drinks. We'll be electing officers for 2016 at this meeting. Call Steve, 303-601-7858, with any questions.

Frolics Club

Auditions for the upcoming Spring Frolics Club Show will be held 1–4 pm on Sunday, Jan. 10, in the Sandberg Auditorium. Your membership dues must be paid for you to audition.

For vocal auditions, please bring 1.5 minutes of background music — no voice over. A monologue for speaking parts, and dance numbers, are always welcome.

The Spring Frolics Show will be held in the Sandberg Auditorium on the evenings of April 28, 29, 30. A matinee performance will be on May 1. – Judy Shormann

Parkinson Support Group

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

B203 and B204

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

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The Green Team

The next meeting of The Green Team will be noon Thursday, Jan. 14, in the Skyview Room. Please contact Wendy Pfaffhausen, 303-306-0066, for information.

They wouldn't sell it if it wasn't safe, would they? The answer is yes.

No law requires manufacturers to list the exact ingredients on the labels of common household or personal care products that many people use every day. Many carcinogens, and chemicals such as formaldehyde, cresol, phenol, ammonia, ethanol, and chlorine, can cause multiple health problems, such as asthma, cancer, ADD, central nervous system disorders, and others.

Just as one cigarette is not likely to give anyone cancer, one-time use of these chemicals probably won't cause harm, either. Cumulative exposure over many years, from products such as mouthwash, shampoos, laundry detergent, window cleaners, etc., may explain some of health problems experienced by seniors like many HG residents.

Alternative products are available. Part of the mission of the Green Team is to provide information to you about how you can avoid these toxic chemicals in your environment. You will be hearing more about that in the future. (Submitted by Viola Stafford, member of the Green Team)

Reminder: Never put styrofoam in recycle bins, and remember that it never decomposes in the landfill. The team urges you not to buy or use styrofoam products.

Also, flexible plastic bags should never go in the Waste Management Recycle bins. They get caught in the giant recycle machinery, and cause it to break down.

Wine & Cheese Social Club

Join us on the third Saturday of each month, 3–5 pm. We get together in the Aspen/Blue Spruce Room. Everyone is welcome.

Bring a bottle of wine and a snack. Enjoy socializing with other HG neighbors.

Entertainment is provided. If you have a talent you want to share,

we invite you to join in. – Karen McClaurry

Aurora Christian Women's Vital Network

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

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

Genealogy Swap Shop

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

Photo Club

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

B205 and B206

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

Colorado Symphony Guild–Hilltop/Southeast Chapter

The Hilltop/South unit of the Colorado Symphony Guild meets over lunch the third Wednesday of each month at Rendezvous. A business meeting starts at 11:30 am. We invite new members to join us.

RSVPs are required. For further information, call Connie Reger, 720-535-6485.

CP3

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

Men with Purpose

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

Leadership is shared. Men With Purpose meets the first and third Fridays of each month, 10–11 am, in the Skyview Room. For further

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

HG Breakfast Optimist Club

In January, our club will have one breakfast meeting. There is no meeting January 7.

On January 21, Dr. Lixin Zhang will speak, at 8 am, in Rendezvous Restaurant. He will demonstrate acupuncture. For reservations and a free first-time breakfast, call Craig Baldwin 720-535-1917. – Ralph Romero

Seville Recreation Association

SRA meets the fourth Monday of every month, 10 am, in a different Seville building each month. For information: Pam Howlett, 303-695-9527.

Low Vision Support Group

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

HG Republican Club (HGRC)

Welcome to 2016. It has already been interesting and provocative to see how the GOP presidential candidates evolve. We will follow them throughout the spring and summer as the race tightens.

Meanwhile, a new race is starting in Colorado, for U.S. Senate. The HG Republican Club will bring as many of these candidates as we can, to speak at our monthly meetings.

We have already scheduled two candidates for 1:30 pm Tuesday Jan. 26, in the Aspen Room: Charlie Ehler and Ryan Frazier. Come and learn their stories, ask them questions. We welcome all, regardless of political persuasion. I am confident in your willingness to give the speakers a polite hearing. – Duff Stewart, HG GOP Program Director

Caregivers Support Group

This group meets on the last Tuesday of every month, 7 pm. If you have any questions, please call Elle Pope, 720-535-1667, or Nancy Fuhr, 303-337-4890.

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Mah Jongg

We meet 12:30–4 pm every Monday and Friday, Blue Spruce Room, except the third Monday of each month, when the VNA has Blue Spruce. Then we meet in the Arts & Crafts Room, where three card tables are set up for us. No session Jan. 1

You must have the latest Mah Jongg League card. We play for a maximum of \$3 — bring your nickles, dimes and quarters.

All HG players are welcome. For information: Lorraine Solomon, 303-696-8771.

Men's Bridge

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

Pinochle

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

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

Hand and Foot

Hand and Foot is a card game that is fun, and easy to learn. We

meet every Tuesday, 12:30–4 pm, Mountainview. With questions, call Phyllis Lann, 720-535-8531.

Ping Pong

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

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

Advanced and intermediate players are welcome on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays, 2–3:30 pm, in the Game Room. See you there.

Billiard Club

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

Annual dues (\$9, effective Jan. 1) are payable each year. New players are welcome.

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

Co-ed 8-Ball November 11

- 1st Gordon Richards,
Charlie Kachadoorian
- 2nd Cathy Schmit, Hi Reynolds
- 3rd Cyndi Angelu,
Roger Goldstein

November 24

- 1st Cathy Schmit, Gil Lochhead
- 2nd Sean Kelliher, Dee Moore
- 3rd Geri Bartolini, Bill Miller

December 1

- 1st Ann Dhority, Sean Kelliher
- 2nd Darlene DePue, Hi Reynolds
- 3rd Dee Moore

December 8

- 1st Darlene DePue, Gil Lochhead
- 2nd Roger Goldstein,
Lindy Davenport
- 3rd Geri Bartolini, Hi Reynolds

Men's 9-Ball November 19

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

December 3

- 1st Greg Kachadoorian
- 2nd Gail Gibson
- 3rd Chuck Finder

December 10

- 1st Greg Kachadoorian
- 2nd Hi Reynolds
- 3rd Lindy Davenport
– Cathy Schmit

HG ACBL Duplicate Bridge

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

For more information, call John Osterberg, 720-535-1038, or Dona Kozak, 720-384-5717. For partnership information, call Corley Freisen, 303-872-3308.

Square Dancing

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

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

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50 Bowling League

Our HG 50 Bowling League is going strong. We're really rolling along. We need two bowlers, however, to round out our teams. I know there has to be two people out there who would just love to bowl with us. Bowlers don't have to live in Heather Gardens, so if you know of someone or have a friend who would love to bowl, please have them contact Larry Schneller, 303-923-3992.

We bowl every Thursday morning at 9:30 at Heather Ridge Lanes. Bowling ends the middle of April. So come on and join the fun. – Barbara Schneller

Bunko

Bunko is played 1–3:30 pm on the first and third Thursdays of each month in the Blue Spruce Room. For information: Debbie Brooks, 303-923-3809.

Pickleball

The schedule for Pickleball will be emailed to everyone on the Pickleball email list for January. We will play Pickleball mostly indoors — in the Sandberg Auditorium — and out-

doors, if the weather is warmer, on the HG Pickleball Courts.

We always welcome new Pickleball players, so come out and join us. Enjoy this fast growing sport! To see this fun sport in action, check out: plaidflannel.com/pickleball. If you want to learn more about Pickleball, or get on the Pickleball roster, call Rosalie, 303-751-1226, or Judy, 303-369-6258.

Tennis Club

The tennis club is on winter hours. We play 1–3 pm when the courts are dry, and the temperature is above 45 degrees.

For more information regarding the tennis club, contact Donlie Smith, at 303-745-3210. – JoAnn Fitch



Above: Winners at the Texas Hold 'em Tournament, on Nov. 20, were (from left): 3rd Place Bruce Tweten; 1st John Osterberg, B243; and 2nd Viola Stafford, B206

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...3 volunteers on the Veterans Affairs Commission.

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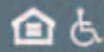
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Employee Recognition

Employee of the Month

Maria Anaya started at HG in May 2015. In the seven months Maria has been here, she has had continual compliments from residents for the wonderful job she does. Many residents have nominated Maria for employee of the month.

Mrs. Loomis, B221, stated "I have lived here since August 2011. In that time our building has had five different custodians. Maria is, by a very large margin, the best we have had. The building has never been cleaner. When we see her she is always working and she greets us with a friendly smile and a cheerful 'good morning.'

"If a resident should find something that needs ad-

ditional attention (which is rare) she immediately addresses the problem.

"We recently held our annual building meeting, and her name was brought up for her exceptional work. It was agreed by all that she deserves special attention for her dedication to duty. So, it is not only I, but the entire building, believe she deserves the honor for Employee of the Month."

Maria is a hard working, dedicated employee. I am pleased to announce Maria Anaya as Employee of the Month for November 2015.



Maria Anaya
Custodial Department

– Calvin Eddy-White
General Manager

HGMD Foundation

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

It doesn't seem possible that 2015 has ended, and we are starting 2016! I hope that everyone enjoyed the Holidays and now it's DIET time! Have a safe new year.

Donations for November 2015

Clubhouse:

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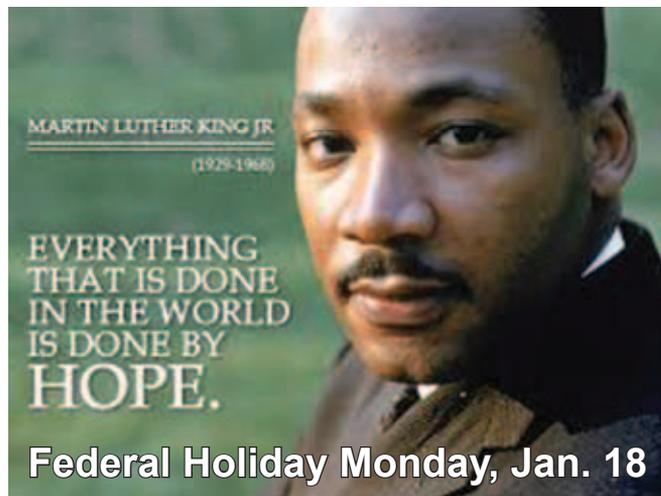
- B215

General Fund:

- B221 in memory of Jack Segreat
- B221 in memory of Althea Paine
- Craig and Jean Baldwin in memory of Kelly Baldwin

The next meeting for the Foundation will be 1 pm Wednesday, Jan. 13, in the Board Room.

– **Jeanne Hizer** (aka *The Tree Lady*)
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National Parks...from page 19

the NPS website, here are the areas in Colorado that are protected and administered by NPS. Maybe you can "Find Your Park" in Colorado to visit during this centennial year {findyourpark.com/find}:

- Rocky Mountain National Park
- Great Sand Dunes National Park and Preserve
- Black Canyon Of The Gunnison National Park
- Mesa Verde National Park

- Florissant Fossil Beds National Monument
- Colorado National Monument
- Dinosaur National Monument
- Hovenweep National Monument
- Yucca House National Monument

- Cache La Poudre River National Heritage Area
- South Park National Heritage Area
- Sangre de Cristo National Heritage Area

- Bent's Old Fort National Historic Site
- Sand Creek Massacre National Historic Site

- Curecanti National Recreation Area

If you have visited all of these places, then there are some nearby parks or monuments in neighboring states that might be fun to visit:

Utah (close to Colorado border)

- Arches National Park
- Canyonlands National Park
- Natural Bridges National Monument

New Mexico (close to Colorado border)

- Aztec Ruins National Monument
- Capulin Volcano National Monument

It is more than a day trip away from HG, but if you have not been to the Grand Canyon yet, then you should go. It was one of the first places I took my husband, who had never been west of St. Louis before we moved to Colora-

do. I always love viewing the vistas from the top. (My husband was less interested because, as I soon learned, he gets vertigo from looking down at great heights.)

For the more adventurous, I recommend taking a river rafting trip down the Colorado River through the Grand Canyon. I took this trip with my sister in the late 1970s to celebrate finishing graduate school. It was fully organized by the expedition outfitter: guide, rafts, food, life jackets and itinerary. All you had to bring was your clothing, toiletries and sleeping bag. You got a list of recommended items. It could not have been easier.

You entered the river near Las Vegas. It was most exhilarating to watch the canyon walls grow as you went deeper into it. The guide knew how to navigate the rapids safely, and where to ground the raft on a beach for meals or camping overnight. A couple times, those on the raft trip were pointed to nearby pools of water that were warmer than the Colorado River, which normally runs quite cold.



Characterized by clean mountain water surrounded by mountains, mesas, and canyons, Curecanti National Recreation Area is located 16 miles west of Gunnison, Colorado. Blue Mesa Reservoir is the largest body of water in Colorado with 96 miles of shoreline and stretching more than 20 miles along the Gunnison River. Besides fishing, you can hike, camp, hunt, boat or have a picnic.

In 1965, the National Park Service and the Bureau of Reclamation created Curecanti for visitors and, more importantly, to produce power and water storage for numerous households.

There you could swim without worrying about hypothermia.

Whatever your interest in National Parks, 2016 could be an excellent time to visit. Last year, it was Rocky Mountain National Park's centennial. This year — try a new park, monument or area. You might be pleasantly surprised.

— Lynn Donaldson

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HG Democrats

Please plan to attend our first-of-the-year Democratic Club meeting 4:30 pm on Tuesday, January 26, in the Rendezvous Banquet Room. Our speaker will be Andrew Romanoff.

Andrew is now the President & CEO of Mental Health America of Colorado. The issue of mental health has filled the news outlets and the TV media for many months as it relates to some of the violence in our country. Andrew will talk about what his work does in this important

arena, and the importance of that work in addressing this terrible problem.

I hope all of you can attend. This meeting is open to everyone in HG. Questions? Call Tom Fitzgerald 303-338-4360.

Wood Shop Meeting

The next Woodshop Club meeting will be at 4 pm on Wednesday, Feb. 3, in the Mountainview Room. Current events, including available training sessions and classes, will be discussed. Everyone interested in woodshop operations is encouraged to attend. — Jim Sollecchio

HG Grief Support

If you are grieving the loss of a loved one, the Grief Support program can help you. I guide you through the grieving process, give you the means to cope, and help you make it through your terrible loss. You get educational as well as support sessions. The group cares.

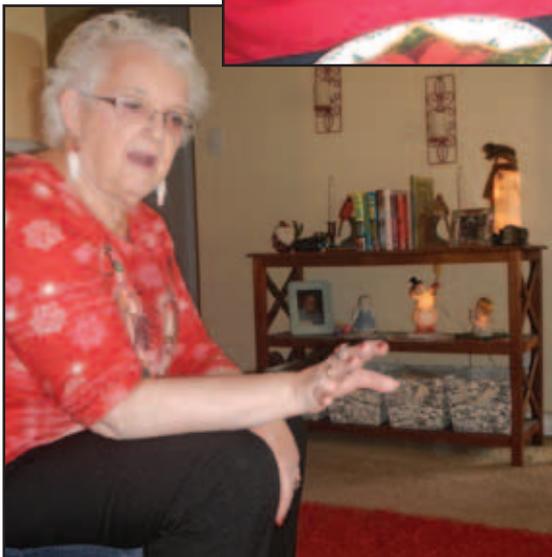
Support and assistance begins here. Call Joanne Brand, 303-750-9722, for information. A new Grief Support Group will begin on March 1.



It's a Holiday Tea for Four Generations!

In her home, all decorated for Christmas, Gwen Skilling, B205, hosted a Holiday Tea for four generations, her family. Invited guests donned hats and gloves for the event, which included (from left in the center photo): Daughter Becky Franklin, Granddaughter Jessica Ramsour with her children

Hannah and Noah, and Gwen. She had a festive table set that included a snowman teapot. Note the Christmas tree designed using jewelry worn by Gwen's mother and grandmother (middle left photo) — an inventive way to keep cherished items.



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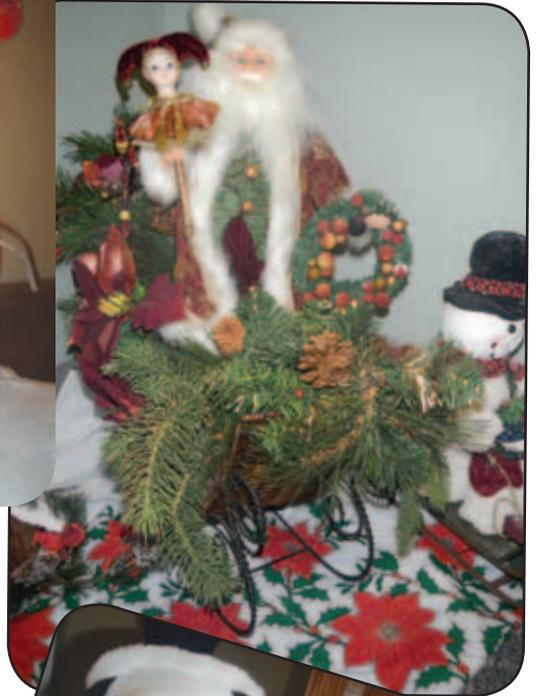
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Indoor and Outdoor Holiday Decorations at HG are festive and varied. These, from B205 and B216, demonstrate some of that variety. Hope you enjoyed many different displays during December.

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Trips and Tours

Club Manager's Note: Trip reservations cannot be refunded. Please think carefully before registering. If there is not a waitlist, you must sell your own ticket and notify the Reception Desk. All trips with sign-up deadlines that have past may still have tickets available.

Call 303-751-1811 to find out.

Effective January 1, 2016,

RTD local fare for SeniorRide is \$2.60 round trip. Please have exact change. Bus passes accepted.

National Western: Pro Rodeo

Thursday, Jan. 21, 10:30 am

Cost: \$20

Signup deadline: Dec. 30

Bulls and broncos, cowboys and cowgirls — rodeo's biggest superstars perform amazing feats of athleticism during each performance of this professional rodeo. Whether you prefer thrills and spills, or speed and agility, the National Western's Pro Rodeo is the event for you. Grounds admission included with ticket.

All The Way

Sunday, Jan. 31, 1:30 pm

Cost: \$36, Stage Theater

Signup deadline: Jan. 9

Called a "jaw-dropping political drama" (*Variety magazine*), this 2014 Best Play Tony-winner vividly portrays one of the most controversial, ambitious and ruthless figures of the 20th century — President Lyndon Baines Johnson.

Addams Family

Saturday, Feb. 6, noon

Cost: \$40, Boulder Dinner Theater

Signup deadline: Jan. 15

The weird and wonderful family comes to devilishly, delightful life in *The Addams Family*. Wednesday Addams, the ultimate princess of darkness, has grown up and fallen in

love with a sweet, smart young man from a respectable family, a man her parents have never met. And if that weren't upsetting enough, she confides in her father and begs him not to tell her mother. Now, Gomez Addams must do something he's never done before — keep a secret from his beloved wife, Morticia. Everything will change for the whole family on the fateful night they host a dinner for Wednesday's "normal" boyfriend and his parents.

Murder For Two

Saturday, Feb. 20, 2 pm

Cost: \$36, Garner Galleria Theater

Signup Deadline: Jan. 29

Everyone is a suspect in *Murder For Two*, a hilarious musical murder mystery with a twist: one actor investigates the crime, the other plays all of the suspects and they both play the piano!

IMAX: Living in the Age of Airplanes 3D

Wednesday Feb. 24, 10:30 am

Cost: \$20, Denver Museum of Nature & Science

Signup Deadline: Feb. 2

The airplane changed the way we see the world, but do we really realize how much it changed the way we do just about everything? The new IMAX film, *Living in the Age of Airplanes 3D* reminds us how challenging it once was to travel between continents. Now, on any given day, 100,000 flights transport people and products between any two points on Earth in a matter of hours. Filmed in 18 countries across all seven continents, this film features wondrous sights that show how far we have come and how fast we got there. Narrated by Harrison Ford. Ticket includes museum admittance.

Dazzle

Thursday, Feb. 25, 11:30 am

Thursday, March 24, 11:30 am

Cost: \$23 per person

Signup deadline: Feb. 3, March 2

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

Alice in Wonderland

Saturday, Feb. 27, 2 pm

Cost: \$60 per person,

Ellie Caulkins Opera House

Signup deadline: Feb. 5

Fall down the rabbit hole and join Colorado Ballet on an adventure with Alice (in Wonderland). This is a Colorado premiere of a ballet based on Lewis Carroll's books. Experience a wonderland of the whimsical and absurd with beloved colorful characters including the White Rabbit, Cheshire Cat, Caterpillar, Mad Hatter and other exotic creatures as young Alice escapes the clutches of the wicked Queen of Hearts. Performed live, this ballet will charm adults and children in a theatrical extravaganza!

Colcannon

Wednesday, March 9, 1:30 pm

Cost: \$21 per person,

Lone Tree Arts Center

Signup deadline: Feb. 16

Authentic and joyous Irish music make this concert perfect for an early St. Patrick's Day celebration. Colcannon plays with panache, warmth, and wit. Timeless songs and great musicianship transport the audience to another time and place across the sea. Refreshments are provided as a part of your ticket, so please stay after the performance to talk with performers, reflect on what you saw, and enjoy social time.

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No transfers or refunds. *Non-residents may only attend as the guest of a resident.* Note that RTD trip times listed are not actual departure times. Courtesy calls are made 2-3 days prior to trip to give check-in times and any other pertinent information. Please call if unable to attend. Bring your receipt

to trip check-in. **All times are approximate (RTD).**

Please note the payment deadline for each trip. Don't wait until just before the trip departure date to register or you'll miss it!

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

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All HG trips include an escort and small administrative fee. RTD fares are not included in trip fees and are to be paid to RTD bus driver at time of pickup. Exact change required. Drivers and HG staff do not have change available.

Denver MountainAires

Saturday, March 12, 2 pm
Cost: \$13 per person,
Wheat Ridge HS Auditorium
Signup deadline: Feb. 19

Wear your green and celebrate St. Patrick's Day with the Denver MountainAires Barbershop Chorus, "It's A Great Day For The Irish," at Wheat Ridge High School Auditorium. Enjoy memorable tunes from the Emerald Isle, such as "When Irish Eyes Are Smiling," "I'm Looking Over A Four Leaf Clover," "Danny Boy," "My Wild Irish Rose," "Water Is Wide," "MacNamara's Band," "Irish Blessing," "Irish Lullaby," "Harrigan," and many more, all in the rich four-part harmony of the barbershop style.

Sound of the Rockies

Saturday, March 19, 2 pm
Cost: \$26 per person,
Newman Center
Signup deadline: Feb. 26

Come celebrate spring as the Sound of the Rockies chorus presents their concert, Come on, Get Happy! Enjoy Colorado's premier men's a cappella barbershop chorus, who placed fourth in the 2014

International Barbershop Harmony contest. They will sing fabulous arrangements of many memorable songs. Knowing the type of music that audiences love, the Sound of the Rockies has invited the International Champion Quartet, Vocal Spectrum.

Newsies

Thursday, March 31, 2 pm
Cost: \$64 per person, Buell Theatre
Signup deadline: Jan. 14

Newsies has audiences and critics alike calling it "A musical worth singing about!" (*The New York Times*). Filled with one heart-pounding number after another, it's a high energy explosion of song and dance you just don't want to miss.

Casino Trips

Bull Durham Casino – Blackhawk

Tuesday, Jan. 19, 8:30 am–3 pm
Tuesday, Feb. 16, 8:30 am–3 pm
Cost: \$6

Passengers receive coupons for \$5, a free hot dog, cookie and drink. After earning 100 points on their player's card, they receive another \$5. Please park in lot B250, carpool, or walk.

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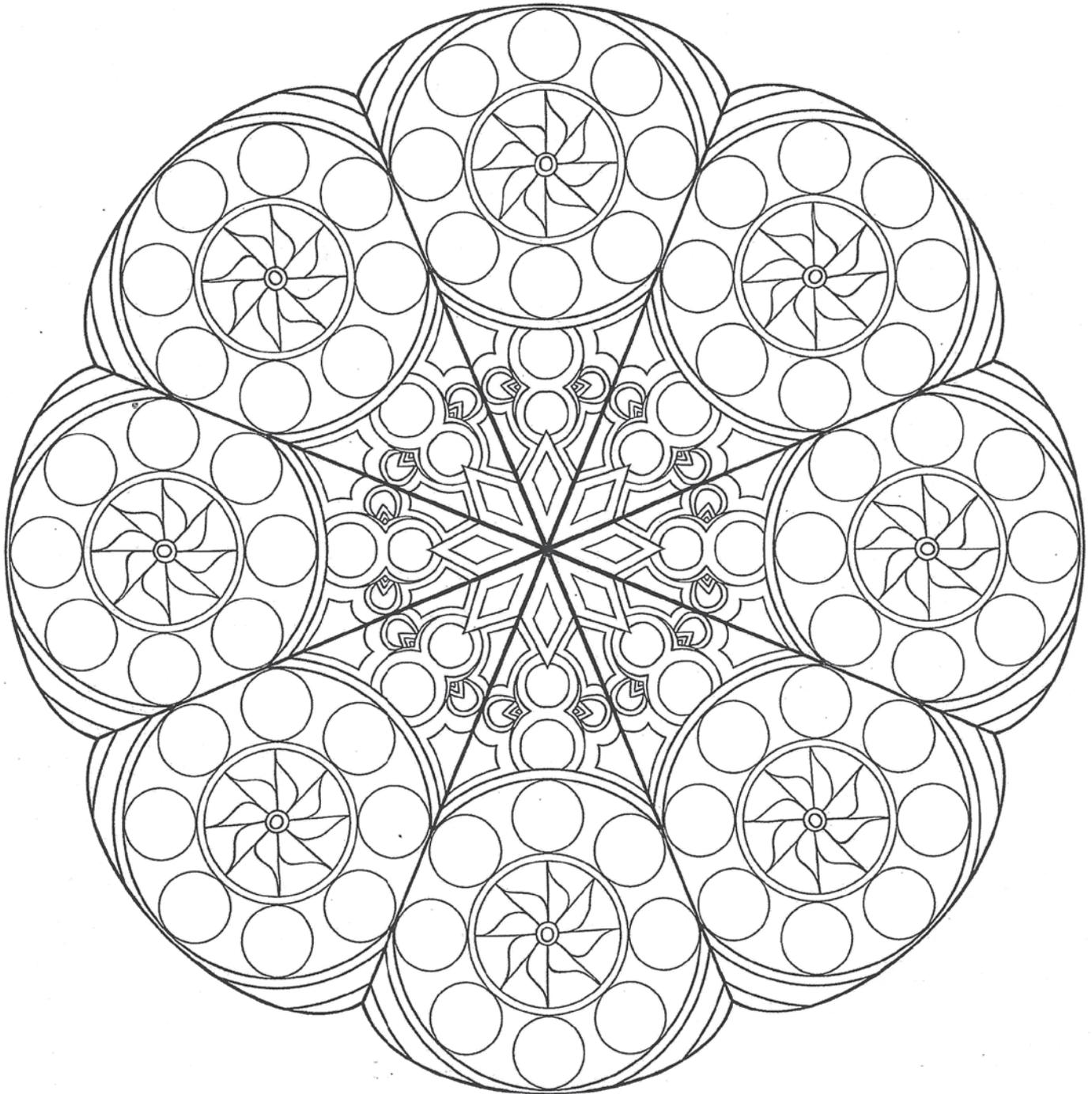
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Doctors today continue to follow Jung's lead and still

recommend coloring to combat anxiety. Because coloring is structured, it activates the logic part of the brain and generates a creative mindset. Above all else, coloring lets stressed-out adults feel like a kid again, channeling a worry-free lifestyle — at least for a little while.

The Clubhouse and *Heather 'n Yon* is joining this nationwide trend by providing you with this page to color. Other coloring sheets are available at the Clubhouse. In February, the Clubhouse will have a day of coloring. Please color this sheet and bring it to the Clubhouse for display. How original can you be? — **Linda Aluise**

HG Clubhouse Events

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Please bring your receipt to the event.

Clubhouse Hours: 6 am to 10 pm, Monday–Saturday

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Clubhouse Manager Linda Aluise

Assistant Clubhouse Manager Lewis Boeve

New Year's Eve Dance

Thursday, Dec. 31, 8–11 pm, Sandberg Auditorium

Dinner and Dance Ticket: \$32

Dance Only Ticket: \$15, Perfect Harmony

Dinner: 6–8 pm (Rendezvous Restaurant)

Bring in the New Year at the HG Clubhouse with an elegant dinner and dance to live music. Celebrate the “ball drop” on New York City time. The New Year's Eve menu includes: Choice of Poached Salmon or Prime Rib served with Garden Salad, Potato, Vegetables, Rolls, and a complimentary glass of champagne. Cash bar will be available. Due to limited seating — only 110 can be accommodated. You must pre-register for this event at the Reception Desk. No walk-ins.

Holiday Closure: Friday, Jan. 1, 2016: New Year's Day

1st Saturday Night Live Dance

Saturday, Jan. 2, 6:30–9:30 pm, Sandberg Auditorium

Music by Tom and Shirley Yook

Fee: HG resident, \$5

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

Enjoy an evening of dance, good music and good friends. There will be dance hosts, mixer dances and light refreshments. Alcoholic beverages can be purchased at the restaurant bar prior to 7 pm. Bar opens at the dance at 7 pm. Note: Dance hosts receive complimentary admission, and the event can always use more volunteers for that pleasant task. Call Valerie Van Matre for more information, 303-752-8152.

Great Rabbis, Great Insights

Thursday, January 7 and 14, 10 am, Blue Spruce Room

FREE: Registration requested. Call the Reception Desk, 303 751-1811

A weekly exploration of a great Torah leader and some of his thoughts on the weekly Torah reading. Rabbi Fleisher will discuss the weekly Parsha in the context of telling the story of a great Rabbi and then share some of his insights on the Parsha.

HG Roadshow

Friday, Jan. 8, 1 pm, Sandberg Auditorium

Free, please sign up so we know you are coming! See your neighbors and friends perform just for you. HG has many talented folks who live here. Fun for all.

Laughter Yoga

Saturday, Jan. 9, 10 am, Arts & Crafts Room

Wednesday, Jan. 27, 10 am, Arts & Crafts Room

Fee: \$5 per class

Laughter yoga is a unique exercise where you laugh for no reason, but with a purpose. HA! That purpose is the scientifically proven health benefits of boosting the immune system, increasing serotonin and endorphin levels, and reducing depression. The yoga part is the deep breathing exercises. Invite a friend and give it a try!

A Matter of Balance

Tuesday, Jan. 12–March 1, 8:30–10:30 am

FREE: Registration requested. Call the Reception Desk, 303-751-1811

Do you have concerns about falling? Class participants will learn to view falls and concerns about falling as controllable. You'll set realistic goals for increasing activity. Learn how to change your environment to reduce risk factors for falls. Exercises to promote increase strength and balance will be described. Trained coaches teach the eight two-hour sessions. Those with vision impairment are encouraged to attend. Must commit to the full eight-week session. Presented by Tri-County Health Department.

Active Minds: Mendelssohn's Melodic Magic

Wednesday, Jan. 13, 2 pm, Sandberg Auditorium

FREE: Registration requested. Call the Reception Desk

Felix Mendelssohn had it all — good looks, a gorgeous wife and a talent for composing beautiful music. Born in 1809 into a family of well-to-do intellectuals, he displayed remarkable musical gifts in chamber and orchestral masterpieces when he was a mere 16. Traveling through Europe, he found inspiration everywhere — capturing his experiences in exquisite drawings and unforgettable music. In this Active Minds presentation, a man who clearly loved turning the world's beauty into music will be explored.

Movie Matinee and Night: Ricki and the Flash

Friday, Jan. 15, 1 pm and 6:30 pm, Sandberg Auditorium

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

\$12 for Dinner and Movie (pre-register for German buffet only)

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Friday, Jan. 15, 6:30 pm, Aspen/Blue Spruce Room

Everyone starts with \$2,000 in chips. Sign up by 5 pm on Wednesday, Jan. 13, get \$500 in extra chips. Only HG residents may participate. Practice session at 5:30.

Tu B'Shvat

Thursday, Jan. 21, 10 am, Blue Spruce Room

Fee: \$3

Tu B'Shvat is the New Year for the Trees. It is customary to acknowledge the great things we receive from trees and to eat dried fruit. Rabbi Fleisher will lead a discussion regarding Tu B'Shvat and the fruits of the Land of Israel. You will then eat dried fruit, which is customary to do on Tu B'Shvat. Open to all.

Sugar and Spice, along with a Hot Cocoa Bar

Friday, Jan. 22, 2 pm, Sandberg Auditorium

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Saturday, Jan. 23, 5 pm, Sandberg Auditorium

Tasting Fee: \$5, pre-registration, \$7 Day of Event

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The book's appeal comes as no surprise, considering its subject matter. It is, after all, a book about Colorado people written for Colorado people, by a guy who grew up in the Centennial State.

"There's a natural curiosity among people to know about their fellow humans — what they believe, what makes them tick, how they're getting on in life — which is probably why everyone seems so fascinated by the lives of celebrities these days," Morreale said. "But celebs are not the only ones with interesting lives. Ordinary folks also have stories to tell, often surprisingly compelling ones as it happens. I think in the end what I want my readers to know is that personal transformation is a viable option for each and every one of us."

Movie Matinee and Night: A Walk in the Woods

Friday, Jan. 29, 1 pm and 6:30 pm, Sandberg Auditorium

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

\$12 for Dinner and Movie (pre-register for Fish and Chips buffet only)

In this new comedy adventure, celebrated travel writer, Bill Bryson (Academy Award winner Robert Redford), challenges himself to hike the Appalachian Trail, instead of retiring to enjoy his loving and beautiful, large and happy family. The trail is 2,200 miles of America's most unspoiled, spectacular and rugged countryside from Georgia to Maine. The peace and tranquility he hopes to find, though, is anything but, once he agrees to being accompanied by the only person he can find willing to join him on the trek — his long lost and former friend Katz (Academy Award nominee Nick Nolte), a down-on-his-luck serial philanderer who has spent a lifetime relying on his charm and wits to keep one step ahead of the law. Katz sees the trip as a way to sneak out of paying some debts and sneak into one last adventure before it is too late. The trouble is, the two men have a completely different definition of the word, "adventure." Now they're about to find out that when you push yourself to the edge, the real fun begins.

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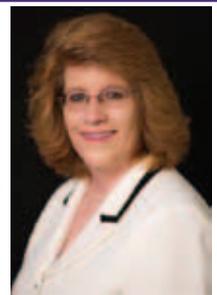
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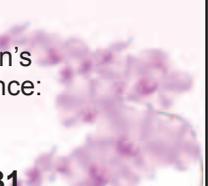
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My extreme sport

by Mary Hafka

I'm sure many readers within HG enjoy participating in extreme sports. Paragliding, anyone? Skydiving? Aerial skiing?

Yeah, me too. My favorite extreme sport is dumpster diving.

Love of dumpster diving probably is an acquired taste. I never participated in the activity when growing up in St. Louis. The reason was simple: we lived in the suburbs. There were no dumpsters.

There also were no potlucks. I never attended a potluck dinner in my life, until I moved to Colorado. Potlucks were something we simply didn't do in St. Louis. To this day, I find potlucks a quaint notion.

After moving to Colorado, I participated in a lot of previously inconceivable activities. In addition to attending potlucks, I took up horseback riding.

Naturally, my citified mother was horrified. "You'll break your neck! Why would you want to break your neck?"

She was completely wrong. Actually, it was my ankle I broke. The horse — who I later learned was blind in one eye (he should have come with a warning label) — had a difference of opinion with me over how we should negotiate a snake hurtle during a show-jumping class. We parted company entirely on the backside of the jump.

When Neil Armstrong walked on the moon, in July 1969, I saw the event on television, with my broken ankle in a cast propped up on a pillow. I remember watching the moon walk alone, back home in St. Louis, on summer break from the University of Colorado, Boulder. My safety-conscious mother didn't approve of moon walks. Neither, apparently, did anyone else in the family.

My initial foray into dumpster diving occurred while working at my first job after college. I got a job at

the University of Denver, and lived in a nearby modestly outfitted apartment that my even-more modest salary, at DU, afforded me.

In those days, DU paid horribly, and they knew it. They compensated by offering employees and their families a number of hours of free classes. While working at DU, I took a tennis class, and completed a number of courses at the Graduate School of Mass Communications.

The dumpster-diving began at the end of the first spring term. I was a working stiff, but a number of my fellow apartment-complex dwellers were DU students. When summer break began, they promptly vacated their apartments, and left Denver. In their wake, they also left all of their furnishings, which they tossed into the apartment dumpster.

I had equipped my apartment on starvation wages, so I needed to be neither a rocket scientist nor a brain surgeon to realize that the stuff the better-heeled college students were throwing away was vastly superior to the pots, pans and other household equipment I had. On that fateful day, an intrepid dumpster diver was born. I've never looked back.

A number of years ago, while motoring to the drive-through window at Bank of the West, I happened to cast my eye upon the dumpster behind the former Spice of Life Pharmacy, then vacant. Beside the dumpster was a pristine, white greeting-card holder, with moveable vinyl-covered metal racks, for the different sized cards they once held.

I made and sold arts & crafts at the time, and figured I could somehow use this display fixture in my business. It only took seconds to load the apparatus into my car, and make off with it (after completing my banking, of course).

I used the rack a time, or two, but mostly it sat in my garage. I final-

ly realized its setup wasn't conducive to the sorts of wares I made, but no worries. Ultimately, I resold the rack, at the HG Flea Market.

Some day, they're going to find my lifeless body protruding, feet first, from the dumpsters behind HG's restaurant. This is because I often find in them the small-size cardboard boxes I prefer to ship my eBay sales.

If folks would give unwanted items to charity, rather than toss them in the trash, they would greatly pave the way for me to maximize my other favorite sport, thrift-store shopping. People could donate, and I could buy the things, respectfully — like a solid citizen — at a store.

As it is, the perfectly good items that tossers throw away, leave me little choice but to dumpster dive. I'm drawn to recycle like a moth to the flame.

While foraging for yet more cardboard boxes on a recent HG recycling day, I came across an unsought treasure. A lovely, scratch-free 2½ quart Pyrex® mixing bowl — decorated in the ©Amish design with quaint turquoise rustic figures painted on white — was under the boxes in a trashcan.

Quicker than you can say, "Why would the Amish be turquoise?" I listed that sucker on eBay. It sold within 48 hours.

For those who think dumpster diving isn't an edgy enough sport, with sufficient workout potential, I propose the X-version, winter dumpster diving.

The winter style of dumpster diving usually involves trying to retrieve boxes and discards from dumpsters while lifting up a dumpster lid covered in snow and ice, with the occasional fallen tree branch.

The execution requires both delicacy and poise, in addition to the physical attributes needed to lift the now-heavy cover. Failing to maintain one's balance or not keeping a square tilt on the dumpster lid can result in having a load of snow slide onto your head.

This is stuff they didn't teach me during high school gym class in St. Louis.



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Heather Gardens Brokers listed or sold over 50 HG homes this year.

(see insert in this issue for your annual 2015 SOLD report of HG homes)

We look forward to serving you in 2016 with your Real Estate Needs

Under Contract! Alpha A 3144 S. Wheeling #110, 2BR/2BA, 1200 sq.ft. Walk out to the 8th tee, first floor convenience. Tile entry, kitchen, dining area and hall. Glass enclosed lanai, English garden. **\$177,000**

Under Contract! Somerset C 14152 E Linvale #603 2BR/2BA 1400 sq.ft. Maple cabinets in Kitchen, laminate flooring and new carpet. Updated baths. Penthouse open view from glass-enclosed lanai. Gorgeous décor – a pleasure to visit! **\$246,000**

Under Contract! Somerset F 14000 E. Marina #402 2BR/2BA, 1550 sq.ft. Double Patio with Golf course views. New carpet and paint. Updated kitchen with granite counters and light wood cabinets. **\$278,500**

SOLD! Atrium AK Executive 13991 E. Marina #411, 3BR/3BA, 2305 sq.ft. 32 foot lanai over 3rd fairway, sweeping mountain views. Huge kitchen. **\$299,500**

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Outside of HG

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*2 story townhome with basement and 2-car garage. Fresh paint and new flooring. Possible income property. Contact us for details. **\$179,500***

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