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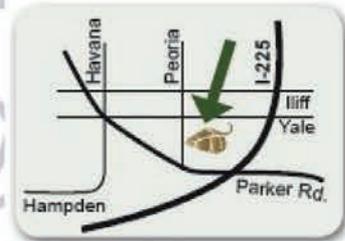
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## **HGMD holds acrimonious 3 1/2 hour meeting**

All directors attended the April 18 regular meeting of the HGMD Board of Directors. Treasurer Rita Effler was on Zoom.

The board took several actions that caused the Board Room to erupt into shouting, name-calling, and observable tensions between directors, HG employees who attended the meeting, and the audience. General Manager Lary Herkal was in the Board Room, and Controller Carrie Toennis joined the meeting near its end. The meeting ran three-and-a-half hours.

Also in attendance, on Zoom or in person, were several HGA Directors, as well as principles who are spearheading a recall election of four of the five HGMD Directors. Fighting recall are President Daniel Taylor, Secretary Robin O'Meara, Craig Baldwin and Effler. Vice President Eloise Laubach, who is the sole HGMD director not elected in May 2023 as one of the Candidates 4 Change slate, is not a recall target.

The board approved a motion to direct HGA to vacate the office behind the Clubhouse reception desk – used by the Acting Clubhouse Manager (Julie Racich) – by April 30, 2024, so HGMD can claim the office space. Office equipment for the space will be purchased, not to exceed \$5,000. Also part of the motion was HGMD hiring two staff members – an administrative assistant and an activities coordinator – each at \$23/hour, through the end of the year. The rationale stated: “HGMD is transferring two HGA employees as the first step in splitting employees between the two entities.”

The two “transferred” HGA employees were not named. Herkal stated, “You’re not communicating with us. Herkal added, he had read a letter on the subject, approved by HGA’s attorney. “HGA does not intend to vacate the office.” Herkal urged everyone to read the management agreement, which is still in effect, although the HGMD has sued HGA, to terminate it.

Taylor countered, “Our attorney has advised us we can take any office space we want.” He added, “Julie will do the work as she always has. She’ll just have to do it from another office.”

Laubach stated, “The first time I saw this was the end of last week, which means you just thought this up. That’s illegal.”

Some in the audience asked about the wisdom of changing current HGA employees who are full time to contract employees, through the end of the year. One asked about tax implications, to which Taylor responded, “I’ve been a tax attorney for 34 years. We can do this.”

Laubach asked, “If the four of you are recalled, what happens to the two employees?” O'Meara responded, “That’s up to the board.”

Martha Karnopp, who is legal counsel for the recall action, asked, “Doesn’t the current management agreement say HGA will hire employees?”

Taylor replied, “The management agreement doesn’t prohibit it (HGMD hiring its own employees.)”

The designated election official (DEO) for the recall election, A.J. Beckman, presented Taylor with recall petitions. On March 22, the DEO ruled the protests of those opposing the recall efforts were denied, and petitions and a certificate of petition sufficiency would be submitted to the HGMD Board of Directors.

Taylor, who is serving as legal counsel for those protesting the validity of the recall, stated that an appeal of Beckman’s finding had been filed, within five days of the decision. “We disagree with the DEO’s decision. We have a right to appeal. We’re going to continue to do our job in the meantime.” Beckman stated he was calling on the board to fulfill its obligation to schedule the recall election 75-100 days from “this meeting “ (April 18), making the election date July 2-17.

Taylor stated that no election date needed to be scheduled until 30 days after the appeal judges’ decision.

Laubach made a motion that the recall-election date be scheduled for Monday, July 8. Ignoring her motion, Taylor responded, “We’re not going to do that.”

The board approved a motion requiring HGA to remove dirt and landscape debris – including broken asphalt that HGA work caused – from the parking lot at 13692 E Marina Dr. A member of the Special Property Advisory Committee, which recommended the request, asked that the committee’s name be removed from the motion, as Taylor had reworded their motion to make it “more confrontational. We believe we have to work collegially with the HGMD and the HGA, making it clear that Maintenance needs to find a solution to this.”

The comment triggered another eruption from Taylor, who said, “I’m the one who made this more conciliatory.” He added, he took language out of the motion regarding payment from HGA. O’Meara began shouting, “We’re tired of being the bad guy. . .we can’t work with someone who won’t work with us. They treat the directors like we’re nothing. We are elected officials, and they treat us like we’re garbage.”

The board approved amending the RV Lot agreement, to enable an RV being moved to a different space, matching the space size with the vehicle; assessments to be made quarterly. RV Lot Committee Chair Forrest McClure explained that, when the lot was redesigned, RVs were allowed to occupy a space one size larger than needed – which eventually devolved into tiny RVs in large spaces. “We had just the situation we had hoped to avoid.”

Herkal remarked that it wasn’t the Resident Services Manager (RSM)’s fault, because she “didn’t have the power to move anyone, since 2020.” McClure replied, “I wasn’t accusing your staff of not doing their job.” Herkal replied, “Daniel was.”

McClure said, “I don’t think Daniel was either. We need to involve the RSM” in the rationale behind making space assignments, adding that someone familiar with the new lot layout could accompany the RSM to the lot, to clarify options. Herkal agreed that they could work toward resolving this.

A terse exchange about what spreadsheet to use for capital reserves occurred between Taylor and Baldwin. Baldwin said Taylor’s spreadsheet was not detailed enough, while Taylor favored his design. Baldwin remarked, “You have yours, I have mine.” Taylor disagreed. HGA Director Linda Hileman commented, “I just ask that, whatever spreadsheet you use, you post it on your website.”

Noting that the lawsuit against HGA regarding misuse of PPP funds had been dismissed, Laubach asked, “Could I suggest HGMD drop the lawsuit (over the management agreement), in the same vein?” Her suggestion was met with silence.

Other actions by the board:

. . . heard a report that HGMD is disputing that Comcast has a signed contract to install fiber optics on HGMD property (Clubhouse, Pro Shop and RV lot), with Taylor explaining he had signed permission for a site study, but not a contract, as he had no authority to do so.

. . . tabled a motion to approve the procedure memorandum (PM) for the Joint Long Range Planning Committee, pending resolving the management-agreement dispute.

. . . adopted the revised PM for the Audit/Finance Committee, following a 30-day comment period. approved installation of a dedicated cable by Impact Fire Services, from the sound room to the auditorium stage, to bring better reception during Zoom transmissions (\$1,800, a budgeted item).



## EXTRA! EXTRA!

On April 8, 2024, the court case filed by Wade Riner alleging that Heather Gardens Association fraudulently received PPP funding was dismissed. The U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ) agreed to the dismissal because they considered it to be in keeping with the public interest. The DOJ further stated that it had investigated the matter, consulted with the Small Business Administration, and did not find sufficient evidence to prosecute. As such, the DOJ concluded that dismissal of the lawsuit is appropriate.

# Multi-story building colors to remain unchanged

Seven directors attended the April 16 meeting of the HGA Board of Directors. Bill Gold and Mike Pula were absent.

Director Sue McBeth moved that HGA approved the new color scheme for painting multi-story buildings, using cool colors (grays) recommended by Denver Commercial Coatings. The proposed selection was based on voting by HG residents. The opportunity to vote went out over Pileria, and 476 residents responded. Director David Kennedy noted the number, while small, was large enough to be statistically valid, in that more than 10 percent of HG's population voted.

Director John Recob objected. "I prefer the colors we have. . .I'm not sure that enough people voted. But then, I'm an engineer, so if I don't like the colors, that's probably a good thing."

Discussion ensued over whether residents had been allowed enough time to respond with their choices. Other points – such as that the street signs are cream-toned, not gray, and that gray has been popular for 10 years, but now is becoming dated – were weighed. In the end, the motion failed, so colors will stay the same.

Treasurer Ray Nash remarked, "I wouldn't rule out bringing this (motion) back. I don't think we allowed enough time to vote."

The board approved authorizing Positively Charged to replace the house electrical panel, B218 (\$11,410, which is \$7,900 under budget). The existing electrical panel has a large burn mark on the outside of the panel. In addition, the Consumer Product Safety Commission has recommended replacing Federal Pacific Electric panels, a project HG has been pursuing for years.

General Manager Lary Herkal reported that the landscaping crew is busy getting ready to power wash buildings. He also noted that HG needs to hire a Clubhouse employee.

"We think we've narrowed down a work-management system using door hangers," he continued. "Our attorney is working on a form, that says, for this maintenance work, this is your (resident's) expense, this is ours (covered by HG)." HG work to residents is billed at \$55 per hour.

Nash reported that financials had not been available for the first quarter, for the Budget & Finance Committee Meeting, the day before. "Carrie (Toennis, the controller) is working on three months at a time, but had to spend lately a lot of time on field work. The (2023) audit is basically done."

Herkal added, "Carrie will have reports for January, February and March by the end of April." Recob asked Herkal, "You've talked about hiring another person in accounting?"

Herkal responded that HG has staff in accounting who are primarily clerical in nature. Toennis is the sole heavy-duty financial person. He added, "We have a temp filling in who's working out quite well." HGMD President Daniel Taylor asked Herkal, "Was fiber run to the Pro Shop?" by Comcast. Herkal replied, yes.

"Who signed off on it?" Taylor continued, as the Pro Shop is HGMD property. "You did," Herkal replied.

Taylor responded that he had not. What he signed off on, he said, was a site survey, not the actual installation.

Herkal responded that he would look into the matter.

Candice Compton, B220, told the board she had had a wonderful maintenance technician perform work in her unit. "Any maintenance manager (Richard Barowsky) who can hire such excellent staff is an asset to HG," she said.

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



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## HGMD Board President Reports

Daniel Taylor

In recognition of our first year accomplishments, by honoring our HGMD committee members who made it possible, we invite the community to the Rendezvous Restaurant on May 16th between 4pm and 6pm to thank committee members for their hard work and dedication. Take the opportunity to sample new menu items and review the menu proposed by our new chef. If you haven't been to the restaurant lately, you haven't been at all. Come enjoy the District's greatest asset – our community.

## HGMD FOUNDATION

Due to a number of issues the Foundation Committee did not meet in March or April. The committee will meet **May 8 at 1:00** in the board room and on zoom.

At the February meeting Matt Martella shared a list of possible projects. Among them is a marquee to promote HG activities, restaurant and golf news.

A group from the management team and relevant HGMD committees are researching what is needed/required to complete the project. In the mean time, the committee will consider smaller projects.

**Recent donations to the Foundation:** Somerset VIII in Memory of George Gillespie

-Eloise Laubach  
HGMD Vice President, Foundation Committee Chair

A red-tailed hawk visits HG



Photo by Christine Zippis, 223



## HGA Board President Reports

Larry Dávila

Would you believe it's already May? Do you have a favorite month? Now that the weather has begun to move away from freezing temperatures, many of you are already looking forward to the warm temperatures of our summer months. Many "winter birds" are beginning to return and enjoy our warm weather till it begins to get cold again. I like all four seasons and that's why I will stay here all twelve months. I actually believe "It's a privilege to live in Colorado."

As president, I'd like to address some issues that deserve our attention. This past month I received a couple of anonymous letters. I welcome your input but, let me clarify, letters without a name seldom achieve positive results. If you write to me, you may be sure I'm receptive to different points of view and you will be treated with the respect you deserve.

As most of you know, the Board is in the process of revising our bylaws. Although we had a Zoom session on April 8 in which the bylaws committee received many comments from you, we encourage further input before the Board probably takes action on May 21. Feel free to contact Sue McBeth, Mike Pula, Betty Bergeron, or me if you have any questions. It goes without saying that there will be different opinions and not everybody will be pleased with the final product. Nevertheless, this is a group effort and we should be willing to go along with the vote of the majority even if one's perspective did not prevail.

Keeping in mind I was a teacher for most of my professional life, at the end of each day I like to grade myself on how I did. Recently I read from the Basque tradition: "Four Rivers" which helped me to evaluate my doings. They are:

- When today was I inspired by someone?
- When was I surprised today?
- When today did I find myself challenged to think in new ways?
- When was I deeply moved today?

I invite you to keep these questions in mind as you go from day to day. They help me and I hope they help you also.

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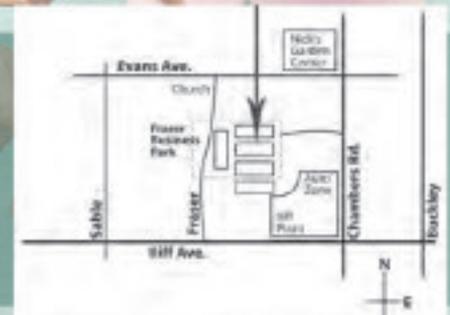
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## A NOTE FROM THE EDITOR



*Hello Heather Gardens!*

I love this time of year in Colorado (despite the occasional spring snowstorm). As our world starts bursting with color and birds chirp outside my office window, it fills me with excitement for warmer weather and the tranquility that comes with long summer days. When life gets a little stressful, I take a step outside and remember something my husband once said, “nature is good for the soul.”

During my visits to HG, I notice many share the same sentiment...lots of folks getting their daily walk around the beautiful grounds, enjoying a game of golf, or just savoring the gift of nature.

As you read through this issue, you'll find inspiring and interesting stories about your neighbors. Like LuAnn Mancini's work as a make-up artist for CBS reporter Dan Rather. And the Green Team's project with Bat Houses and how important bats are to our ecosystem. (I had no idea what a bat house was until I read the article).

Everyone has a story to tell and these are just some of the many examples of the rich tapestry that is Heather Gardens.

We hope you enjoy the May issue of *Heather 'n Yon!*

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Editor and Publisher

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# MANAGEMENT

Lary Herkal

Our sprinkler systems have been activated and our landscaping crew is working on the conversion to summer. Golfers are already enjoying the course. Mother's Day is considered the safe time to plant your exterior flowers which is when we will turn on the building exterior water.

The long-awaited pool filter is scheduled to arrive on June 28th. The pool will be closed for 10 days to install the filter.

PPP - Wade Riner voluntarily dismissed his lawsuit against Heather Gardens and the other 25 HOA's in Colorado, for alleged violation of the use of the PPP. The full dismissal document can be found in HGA's Resource Center. Allegations that HGA had committed fraud was proven to be false. The dismissal was without prejudice, meaning Mr. Riner could refile the lawsuit. This rarely ever occurs.

Recall - The DOE presented their findings and stated that the HGMD is required to set a date for HGMD to hold their board election within 30 days. The election is to be held within 75 to 90 days. The DOE stated that it would oppose any appeal of their findings. The recalled HGMD board members cannot reapply to be on the board.

The HGMD/HGA lawsuit hearing has been set for September 30th.

On Thursday, April 18th the HGMD held the most caustic meeting I have ever experienced. HGMD presented six motions for HGMD board approval.

The Management Agreement often referred to during that meeting can be found on HGA's website in the Resource Center.

### Fact Check.

- The contested Comcast agreement can be found on the HGA website in the Resource Center under Governing Documents.
- HGMD stated they do not have capital reserves.
  - HGMD has US Treasury notes totaling \$740,402 & Money Market Funds totaling \$1,865,317. HGMD's 2024 capital budget totals \$654,412.
- The RV committee felt a written SOP on assignment of spaces was not necessary and that the new Resident Manager had not been properly briefed.
  - Ashlei has been the Resident Manager since December and has been attending the meetings every month via Zoom. To-date Ashlei has not assigned a single RV space. The five trailers/RV's in contention were leased between 9/2019 – 8/2023.
- The lot on Marina Drive is being used without permission.
  - Permission was granted. Broken trees & branches are placed on the lot for chipping.
  - A simple solution, as well as use of the maintenance lot, is to transfer ownership to HGA.
- Lary refusing to provide specific employee wages.
  - Section IV Rights and Duties of the Association paragraph 3, of the Management Agreement states, "Association's employees will remain confidential between the Association" and "Association shall have no obligation to disclose such confidential matters to the District".
  - Upon hiring an employee, it is assured their salary will be confidential and will not be shared with the public, other employees, or the HGMD. Employees do not deserve to be publicly criticized and ridiculed by the HGMD or their salaries compared to other employees' salaries.
  - The accounting department provides a monthly report that details each department's full-time, part time, and over-time salaries.
- HGA has agreed to HGMD's plan to split HGA employees

with HGMD. No such plan has been approved by HGA. We do not "split" employees.

- There are 3 FT & 6 PT kitchen employees, 6 FT & 3 PT golf employees, 1 FT & 9 PT Clubhouse employees, 19 PT Instructors, 1 Custodial employee. All other employees are allocated to HGA.
- The benefit to this arrangement is the constructive collaboration of personnel utilization and minimizing contractor expense.
- HGA was not notified of HGMD's intent to hire a recreation manager and an administrative assistant, and convert two HGA employees to HGMD as of May 1st taking over Julie's office. This is a violation of the Management Agreement. Julie has been filling three roles at the front desk. When HGA stated our intent to hire a Clubhouse manager to assist Julie, the HGMD responded that they would not pay for that person's salary.
- HGMD claimed the security office was not being used and they wanted to occupy that office. The security office has been used by the security manager since 2020 prior to which it was occupied by the Assistant Clubhouse Manager. The HGA Board does not have an office in the clubhouse.
- Recently, HGMD removed the Controller as an authorized user on HGMD accounts. HGMD did not notify HGA of this action. This prohibits HGA's ability to manage and process HGMD's daily business transactions in accordance with the Management Agreement. Without this authority, it is virtually impossible for HGA to conduct business on behalf of HGMD as required by the management agreement.

HGMD gave notice that they were terminating the Management Agreement as of December 31st. Why would HGMD incur attorney's fees to terminate the contract early?

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# Behind the Scenes with LuAnn Mancini: Miss Americas, Presidents, First Ladies & More

A recent Heather Gardens resident, LuAnn Mancini, Atrium 243, built a business and career from the ground up that crossed paths with some of the most influential and impactful people of our day.

As a self-made makeup artist and business owner in Fort Worth, TX, she serendipitously found herself working as makeup artist for CBS Newsman Dan Rather.

It has been quite an adventure for LuAnn, which she recounts in her recently released book, "Through These Eyes: Behind the Scenes of Makeup Artist LuAnn Mancini, Her Journey and Relationships with the Powerful" (published October 2023).

Her career included working with politicians, such as George W. Bush, Bill and Hillary Clinton, Laura Bush, Ross Perot, Lady Bird Johnson, Vladimir Putin and Mikhail Gorbachev, and celebrities which included Gretchen Carlson, Andrew Lloyd Webber, Van Cliburn, Joan Rivers and the Dallas Cowboys Cheerleaders.

She witnessed history in the making during the student protests at Tiananmen Square, the Oklahoma City bombing, the Columbine shooting, the Discovery Launch with John Glenn, the death of James Byrd, Jr. in Jasper, TX, Hurricane Georges and World Youth Day. Her work settings included Air Force One, CBS News, Cape Canaveral, Tiananmen Square, and the jail cell of Jasper, TX.

“ I had a fabulous career at home and on the road. I was raising my child by myself and freelancing for CBS News.

“When I was growing up, I had Attention Deficit Disorder, so I wasn't a good student. But, I was creative and knew I was going to be an artist,” LuAnn explains. She upholsters chairs, makes jewelry and loved makeup. “I didn't know makeup would be my specialty, but I honed my



LuAnn Mancini and CBS Reporter Dan Rather

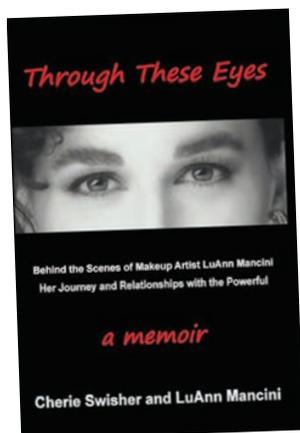
skills through a lot of hard knocks in theater and high school productions.”

As a student at Auraria College in Denver, she spent a whole lot of time at the theater. “I was a “C” student, but I was a go-getter. I thought that if I love this, I'll get good at it. Over and over through my life, I was at the right place at the right time.”

In Fort Worth, TX, she opened LuAnn Mancini Studio in the 1980s, dealing almost exclusively in makeup. In addition to perfecting the LuAnn Mancini line of cosmetics, she crafted one of the first airbrushes in the cosmetics industry.

LuAnn operated the business for 38 years, employing a staff of 10, including five makeup artists. She had a clientele of more than 10,000 people, including dermatologists, debutantes, plastic surgeons, beauty pageant contestants, hair salons, photographers and the Dallas Cowboys Cheerleaders.

In 1988, LuAnn was in Las Vegas at a real estate convention when she met the wife of the Bureau Chief for CBS News in Dallas. She asked for LuAnn's card. “It was over a year before they called, and after a couple false starts, CBS phoned and said, ‘You make up



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# Bat Houses Stand Ready to Welcome New Residents

Drivers, cyclists and walkers easily spot them: On the south side of East Marina Drive, east of Seville, in the strip of grass between the sidewalk and the spillway boundary fence, stands a trio of rectangular wooden structures.

They look a bit like narrow, miniature pagodas. They're perched high atop sturdy metal poles, well above the barbed wire of the fence. Fixed support cables extend diagonally downward from the poles to the ground. Farther to the east, a smaller structure of similar design stands apart.

Closer up, one notices more details. Outside panels on the structures alternate in hue: some are dark, some are light. Openings to the structures are hard to distinguish. Under each structure is a transitional section that narrows in diameter, and under that section a kind of geometric, reinforced netting surrounds the pole.

A casual observer might think the netting is there to deter climbing squirrels, so then wonders: What are these things? Elevated beehives? Dwellings for rare birds? Shelters for owls?

"I told one woman that they were civil defense sirens," chuckles Mitch Albert, a member of Heather Gardens' Green Team. "When I saw she was believing me, I told her they were bat houses."

Albert should know. He was the driving force behind the bat house project, spending hundreds of hours researching, designing, building, and erecting the bat houses, a collaborative Green Team initiative that was two years in the making.

## Pesticides and habitat.

Why launch the bat house project? "Pesticides and habitat," say Mitch Albert, Patricia (Pat) Nugent, and Janet Arce. The three Green Team members discussed the bat house project while sitting around a kitchen table on a recent morning.

They explain that a bat's voracious appetite for mosquitoes and other insects means far fewer toxic pesticides are needed to combat swarms of flying bugs (one bat can eat thousands of gnats, mosquitoes, and other pests in a single night). Farmers in areas where bat populations are healthy consider bats to be much more effective than pesticides at controlling insects.



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In addition, the members note, bat populations in some sections of North America are declining significantly due to White Nose Syndrome. This fungal disease has killed millions of bats since its introduction in 2006, and the Green Team hopes that its bat houses will provide a safe refuge for

*See page 36*

## IN MEMORIAM



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As you can see from the photo, the Shopper Special bus provides us with a handy on-and-off ramp. This lets us use those carts we are all so fond of at HG. It also allows riders in motorized wheelchairs and those using walkers to easily board the bus.

Except for the Friday grocery bus, RTD no longer services former bus-route stops inside our community. (RTD Bus 130, however, does stop along Yale Ave. at Abilene St. and E. Marina Dr. on a regular, daily schedule for HG residents. You can go to Aurora Metro Center on that bus.)

Back in April 2012, an article in *Heather 'n Yon* explained that RTD gave HG six benches at old bus stops around HG. General Manager at the time, Calvin Eddy-White, said the benches were provided free from RTD, but HG had to agree to maintain and paint them. I believe they are all painted green nowadays.

## What’s the Grocery Bus Cost?

A discount fare of \$1.35 for a 3-hour pass gets you onto the Shopper Special grocery bus if you are 65+ or an individual with a disability. Standard fare is \$2.75. You must have the exact amount, because the driver cannot make change.

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-Gloria Lesher, B212



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# LUNCH WITH A COP

In June of 2011, I began volunteering with the Aurora Colorado Police department doing some of the survey calls in the Professional Standards Section. In 2014, I put together the "Lunch With a Cop," and for five years I managed to do 30 lunches; three districts with two lunches per district per year. My intention was to get rid of the "fear of the cop" and the cop's fear of answering calls. I hoped to create friendships and eliminate enemies.

After restaurants were found and managers contacted to see if they were willing to do the lunches there, I negotiated menus and one price that included tax, tip and drink. I made sure that I had permission to use the restaurant's logo on the flyers and then created the flyers and distributed them. The lunches were a hit, and I had one cop say that he liked them, because he got to sit with people who liked him. My volunteering ended with COVID-19 in 2020.

I joined The SEC Committee here in Heather Gardens, and the ones who attended some of my first lunches asked me to do them here in the Rendezvous restaurant. Cormac was okay with it, and this year was the second one done here. Security Manager Dave Marris came to the luncheon and introduced Officer Jim Seneca and the luncheon began with questions asked and answered afterward.

This year I was contacted by Mark Mbabaali of the Rocky Mountain Ugandan Initiative to find out what these lunches are like and he wants to start one in his community.

All in all, I think the lunch was a hit and I'm ready for next year.

-Eilene Hogan, B203



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## The Month That Was April

Speaking at the April 18 quarterly meeting of the Area Representative Organization (ARO), HGA President Larry Davila made a plea to the ARs for more civility in the community. He repeated a statement that he's made publicly before, that he believes in The Golden Rule.

Treat other people the way you would like to be treated, he urged.

"Today's HGMD Board Meeting was very contentious – very nasty."

At the ARO meeting, volunteers were requested to serve on the Nominating Committee, to find HGA Board candidates, to serve in 2025.

Davila continued, "I hope, among the new slate of electors we have in 2025, we can have people who can dialog. We can be very, very civil."

Clubs & Activities Committee Chair Nancy Linsenbigler reported, at the April 18 HGMD Board Meeting, that an examination of amenities in the Clubhouse Auditorium have yielded some revelations. Thirteen years ago, when the Clubhouse was new, many state-of-the-art amenities were fitted into the Clubhouse. Among these was a system for hearing assistance in the auditorium, which was the "gold standard" of such equipment.

But when the Clubhouse opened, people resumed business as usual, and the system was rarely used. Thirteen years later, it is possibly obsolete.

Linsenbigler promised an update when the examination is complete.



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guys, don't you?" Dan Rather would be in Dallas to do a segment on the 20th Anniversary of the John F. Kennedy Assassination and would be launching "48 Hours."

"Wherever Dan was, he had to do the Evening news. He liked my work and was comfortable with me. It kept going on from there."

Before she knew it, LuAnn was on her way to Russia when CBS was covering the Moscow Summit. "I didn't even see the ocean until I was 19, and now at age 28 I was getting my passport and flying to Russia. As Dan's makeup artist, any news coverage he did, I did the makeup, and the crew would accompany him wherever he needed to go.

"I had a fabulous career at home and on the road. I was raising my child by myself and freelancing for CBS News. They wanted me to move to New York, but I was used to working for myself and the everyday structure of a corporation wasn't appealing to me. If Dan was on a private plane on the way to an assignment, I was there, too."

At the same time, her work at LuAnn Mancini Studio included several Miss America contestants. Three of them became Miss America--Gretchen Carlson, 1989 winner, Debbye Turner, 1990, and Shawntel Smith, 1996.

On assignment with CBS, she worked with First Ladies such as Lady Bird Johnson, who proudly proclaimed that she wanted to be done up by the person who did makeup for Miss America.

LuAnn did Hillary Clinton's makeup before Rather interviewed her about Bill's reported transgressions where Hillary asserted "I'm not sitting here some little woman standing by my man like Tammy Wynette."

In 1998, LuAnn was doing Mikhail Gorbachev's makeup when he was a keynote speaker at Southern Methodist University in Dallas.

"Television had gone high definition by then, and makeup had to change along with it. People had to look good on 48" screens, so I invented my portable airbrushing system. Gorbachev, through his translator, said it looks like machinery and to make him look healthy.

And yes, they did ask that I leave the birthmark.

"I specialized in women and glamour, but a lot of my career was taking care of men's makeup. With women, you have to prove yourself. With men, they just want to know if it will be fast, painless and when can they take it off."

Of all the news assignments with Rather, the student protests and massacre in Tiananmen Square in Beijing certainly was the most dangerous. As the violence broke out, the crew had to run, jump into the back of a truck, and evacuate. "We were the last broadcast out of China," she notes.

Did she ever turn down an assignment? "Just once," LuAnn

recalls. "I got a call saying 'how fast can you get to the airport?' But, I was on the road home to Denver for our big Italian family to celebrate three birthdays, one of which was my daughter's. Shannon had never had a birthday with all her cousins. I called the network back and declined.

"I've had so many interesting experiences come to me that I wanted to put them on paper. But I didn't have the writing ability. That's where my sister, Cherie Mancini Swisher, came in. She had lived these stories with me, and she's a wonderful story teller.

"We grew up in Denver, latchkey kids in a blue collar home. We didn't have a lot of material support, but did have lots of love. In creating the book, our desire is that it gives people hope and maybe some laughter and tears."

-Patricia McLaughlin, B215



Above: LuAnn at Tiananmen Square and LuAnn with sister and co-author, Cherie Swisher

# MAY CALENDAR

<b>Wed 1</b>	Cribbage (every Wednesday)	Sunburst Café	12:30-3pm
	Texas Hold'em Co-Ed Poker	Skyview Room	12:30-5pm
	ACBL Bridge	Blue Spruce Room	1-1:45pm
	Rummikub (every Wednesday)	Lodgepole Lounge	1-3pm
	Woodshop Club Meeting	Mountain View Room	1pm
	Pinochle (every Wednesday)	Mountain View room	1:30-4pm
	ACC (every Wednesday)	Skyview Room	3-4pm
	Cp1 Meeting	Aspen/Blue Spruce	5-8pm
	Square Dance (1st & 3rd Wednesday)	Sandberg Auditorium	7-9pm
	<b>Thu 2</b>	Tai Chi (every Thursday)	East Court
Optimist Club		Rendezvous Restaurant	9am
TOPS (every Thursday)		Blue Spruce Room	8:30-9:30am
Civic Affairs Committee		Board Room	10-11am
Time 4 Tap Dance Novice Group (every Thursday)		Sandberg Auditorium	11 am-noon
Bunko (1st & 3rd Thursday)		Blue Spruce Room	12:30-3pm
AARP		Arts & Crafts Room	12:45-5pm
HG Writers Club (every Thursday)		Skyview Room	1-4pm
Social Bridge (every Thursday, Joanne Turner)		Skyview Room	1-3:30pm
Ping Pong (every Thursday)		Game Room	2-3pm
<b>Fri 3</b>	Mediation Club (every Thursday)	Mountain View Room	4-5pm
	Kiwanis Club of Aurora Bus Meeting (every Thursday)	Skyview Room	5-6pm
	VNA Clinic (1st & 3rd Friday)	Blue Spruce Room	8:30am-1pm
	Men with a Purpose (1st & 3rd Friday)	Skyview Room	10-11:15am
	HGRC: Imprimis	Lodgepole Lounge	10-noon
	Texas Hold'em Co-ed (every Friday)	Mountain View Room	12-7:30pm
	Friday Afternoon Bridge (1st & 3rd Friday)	Skyview Room	1-5pm
	Social Bridge (every Friday)	Library	1-3:30pm
	Frolics: "Broadway in Our Hearts"	Sandberg Auditorium	2pm
	<b>Sat 4</b>	Green Team: Shred Event	Golf Parking Lot
Building 202 Meeting		Blue Spruce Room	10-noon
Mexican Train Club (every Saturday)		Arts & Crafts Room	12-4pm
Community Bible Study		Lodgepole Lodge	1-3pm
Frolics: "Broadway in Our Hearts"		Sandberg Auditorium	7pm
<b>Sun 5</b>	Karaoke (1st Saturday)	Aspen/Blue Spruce	3-5 pm
	Social Bridge (Turner)(Every Sunday)	Skyview Room	1- 3pm
<b>Mon 6</b>	Frolics: "Broadway in Our Hearts"	Sandberg Auditorium	2pm
	HG Women's Book Club (Arce)	Mountain View Room	10-11:30am
	Men's Bridge (every Monday)	Skyview	10am -2pm
	Spanish Club (every Monday)	Aspen Room	11am-noon
	Texas Hold 'em Poker (Reddy or Hill, 1st Monday)	Banquet Room	12:30-5pm
	Time 4 Tap Dance Novice Group (every Monday)	Sandberg Auditorium	1-2pm
	Social Bridge (every Monday, Joanne Turner)	Library	1-4pm
	Mah Jongg (every Monday)	Blue Spruce Room	1-4pm
	Afternoon Book Club	Mountain View Room	1-3pm



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<b>Mon 6</b>	HG Low Vision Support Group	Aspen Room	1:30-3pm
	Men's Poker	Game Room	3:30-7:30pm
	Building 218 Dinner Party	Aspen/Blue Spruce	5-9pm
	Heather Gardens Game Night (Every Monday)	Arts & Crafts Room	4-6pm
<b>Tue 7</b>	Men's Book Club	Mountain View Room	6-8:30am
	Hand & Foot (every Tuesday)	Mountain View Room	12:30-4pm
	Golf Committee Meeting	Board Room	1-2 m
	<b>Clubhouse Event: Mountain Man Nut &amp; Fruit Co</b>	<b>Clubhouse Lobby</b>	<b>2:15-3:15pm</b>
	Mah Jongg (every Tuesday)	Blue Spruce Room	1-4pm
	Ping Pong (every Tuesday)	Game Room	2-3pm
	Frolics: "Broadway in Our Hearts"	Sandberg Auditorium	5-7pm
<b>Wed 8</b>	Billiard Club Co-ed 8-Ball (every Tuesday)	Billiard Room	7-8:30pm
	<b>Clubhouse Event: Active Minds: Lebanon</b>	<b>Sandberg Auditorium</b>	<b>2-3pm</b>
<b>Thu 9</b>	Aviation Club	Aspen Room	6-8pm
	The Green Team	Blue Spruce Room	11:30-2pm
<b>Fri 10</b>	RV Lot	Aspen Room	5-6pm
	HG Birding & Nature	Lodgepole Lounge	11:30-2:30pm
<b>Sat 11</b>	Indivisible Meeting	Skyview Room	11:45am-12:45pm
	Texas Hold'em Co-Ed Poker	Mountain View Room	12:30-7:30pm
	<b>Clubhouse Event: Sip and Paint</b>	<b>Sandberg Auditorium</b>	<b>1-3pm</b>
	Breakfast Club	Rendezvous Restaurant	8:30am
<b>Mon 13</b>	Tennis Club Picnic	Picnic Pavilion	11-2pm
	Town Hall: Jason Crow	Sandberg Auditorium	4-5pm
<b>Tue 14</b>	Garden Club	Aspen/Blue Spruce	5-8pm
	Stock Shopping	Aspen Room	10-noon
<b>Wed 15</b>	Xfinity Bill Review	Library	9-noon
<b>Thu 16</b>	Social Justice Discussion	Blue Spruce Room	10am-noon
<b>Fri 17</b>	<b>Clubhouse Event: Bingo</b>	<b>Sandberg Auditorium</b>	<b>1-3 pm</b>
<b>Sat 18</b>	Aurora Republican Forum	Aspen/Blue Spruce	9-11am
	Town Hall Meeting: Angela Lawson	Aspen/Blue Spruce	10-11:30am
	Wine Cheese Social Club	Aspen/Blue Spruce	3-5pm
<b>Mon 20</b>	HG Photo Club	Aspen Room	3-5pm
	Left Right & Center	Skyview Room	5:30-7:30pm
<b>Tue 21</b>	Caregivers Support Group	Aspen Room	2-4pm
<b>Thu 23</b>	HG Democrats	Sandberg Auditorium	4-5:30pm
<b>Fri 24</b>	<b>Clubhouse Event: Movie: TBA</b>	<b>Sandberg Auditorium</b>	<b>3:00pm</b>
<b>Sat 25</b>	Aurora Chapter for the Blind	Mountain View	10-noon
<b>Mon 27</b>	<b>Clubhouse Event: Memorial Day Celebration</b>	<b>Sandberg Auditorium</b>	<b>10-noon</b>
	HG Low Vision Support Group	Aspen Room	1:30-3pm
<b>Tue 28</b>	HGRC: Executive Meeting	Aspen Room	9-11:30am
	HG Republican Club	Sandberg Auditorium	1:30-3pm
<b>Wed 29</b>	HG Women's Golf Club Meeting	Board Room	1pm
<b>Thu 30</b>	Meet & Schmooze	Aspen/Blue Spruce	5-7pm
<b>Fri 31</b>	Green Team: Doggie Bags	Lodgepole Lounge	9 am-noon

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Mon, May 6 Bayer Ear Clinic (every Monday, by appointment), Arts & Crafts Room, 9 am–noon (see ad, p. 55)  
Thu, May 23 Renewal by Anderson, Lunch and Learn, Rendezvous Restaurant, 11am-1pm (see ad, p. 8)  
Sat, June 1 Fitness to Drive Event, Clubhouse Lobby, 8am-noon (see ad, p. 9)

## Boards and Committees Monthly Meetings

SEC (BR/Zoom) – 4 pm Mon, May 6  
CECC (BR/Zoom) – 11 am Tue, May 7  
Joint Long Range Plan (BR/Zoom) – 10 am Wed, May 1  
Maintenance (Zoom) – 1 pm Wed, May 1  
**HGMD Board (BR/Zoom) – 1 pm Thu, May 16**  
Personnel Policy (BR/Zoom) – 10 am Fri, May 10  
RV Lot (BR/Zoom) – 1 pm Mon, May 13  
Clubhouse (BR/Zoom) – 1 pm Tue, May 7  
Foundation (BR/Zoom) – 1 pm Wed, May 8  
Budget & Finance (BR/Zoom) – 10 am Mon, May 20  
**HGA Board (BR/Zoom) – 1 pm Tue, May 21**  
Joint Long Range Plan (BR/Zoom) – 10 am Wed, May 1  
Resident Open Forum (BR/Zoom) – 3 pm Wed, May 15  
ACC (Zoom) – 10 am Thu, May 16  
Golf (BR/Zoom) – 1 pm Tue, May 28  
Resident Orientation (Zoom) – 10 am Wed, May 22  
Civic Affairs (BR/Zoom) – 11:30 am Wed, May 22  
Restaurant (BR/Zoom) – 3 pm Thu, May 30

## Heather 'n Yon Deadline: 5/16

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# Letters

*Heather 'n Yon,*  
Restaurant should have CONTEST for its renaming.

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My suggestions:

The Other Restaurant

Couples Restaurant

You Know the Restaurant

Restaurant Down the Street

Hidden Gem Restaurant

Ready When You Are Restaurant

New Olde Cuisine Restaurant

Not Your Parents Restaurant

Next Menu Restaurant

Changing Menu Restaurant

-T. Lee Keene, 223

*Heather 'n Yon,*

Thank you to the residents of Heather Gardens for supporting the new Lifelong Learning activity. We had 60 folks show up at our Open House in March to learn about the program and meet our first term facilitators. Then we started our first 3 classes the first week of April with an enrollment of 83 and a wait list in one course of 8. What a great rollout for a brand new activity! We are delighted that HG residents have embraced "learning for the fun of it". Next up will be several all new classes in the summer term including the Supreme Court, Non-Violent Communications, and a class on Healthy Bodies.

-Paul Mauro, 217

*Heather 'n Yon,*

The HGA and HGMD Boards need to settle their differences immediately. Mediation is the way to compromise. The Boards need to stop jeopardizing peace and stability in the Heather Gardens community. The letter written by Nancy and Bruce Henson in the February, 2024 issue of *Heather 'n Yon* contains a clear warning of the serious damage these legal disputes are causing to the reputation, property values, welfare and the future of our community.

The two Boards need to move forward and stop fighting over past issues. They need to prevent devaluation of the investments of

hundreds of residents and work to manage HG harmoniously so we can attract new residents, instead of discouraging them, from living here. Both Boards need to set an example to current residents that Heather Gardens is still a wise investment for the long term.

-Ruth and Steve Baxter  
Building 236

*Heather 'n Yon,*

I am a member of the Association Board of Directors; however, I am writing this letter as an individual resident of Heather Gardens and not as a member of the Board.

On April 4th the HGMD held a special meeting. The primary purpose of the meeting was to consider a single motion, the details of which are not important to the reason for my letter. After the motion was made, seconded, and discussed by the HGMD Directors, the floor was opened for other comments from the public. At that time Lary Herkal, the General Manager for HGA, asked to make a few comments. As a resident of HG, I was embarrassed by how our General Manager was treated by the HGMD Directors. I am sure that Lary, like all guests, was expecting the allotted 5 minutes to make his points and comments. However, less than 45 seconds into his time, he was interrupted and talked over by four of the five Directors. Lary asked not to be interrupted, but that request was ignored, and the four continued to interject comments, sometimes even talking over each other. The interruptions were not only disrespectful, but in my opinion, some were derogatory and condescending.

I understand that the Directors may not have agreed with Lary's comments, but that doesn't mean he does not deserve to be treated with respect and heard without interruption, just like any resident would expect to be treated. The By-Laws for the District state that Directors, like all meeting attendees, are not to become disruptive or disorderly. Evidently, I am sorry to say, this does not seem to apply when an HGMD

Director disagrees with a speaker.  
-Mike Pula, B243

*Heather 'n Yon,*

You're delusional if you ever think HOA fees are ever going to go down.

But, there might be a chance.

What if you eliminate one organization and combine the two and have some cost cutting measures. Economy of scale?

A committee should be formed to come up with a plan to do just that.

The question is what is the enabling legislation that creates both and or do they need to change the legislation to create one cohesive entity?

Whoever's running the HOA could care less about reducing cost because they're gonna get their fees whether you're dead or alive it's built into the HOA and there is no way you can opt out of paying. A change may be possible it's worth the effort.

-James Travis Busby, B215

*Heather 'n Yon,*

After listening and reading what is happening. I think we are recalling the wrong people.

The way HGA is acting and the outrageous and petty things they are doing to HGMD is unbelievable! From the beginning HGA has shut down HGMD. They didn't want them to have office space, stalled on giving them information, could not talk to employees, even to use copy machine. These are just a very few. We elected HGMD, but because they weren't in the 'good 'ol boys' group, I guess HGA wants them out.

Regarding Recall: Many residents don't want the recall. It will increase HOA fees again. They are already at the point of pricing some out.

Martha said recall would cost \$23,000 but it has already cost \$35,000. Those who initiated and those who signed the recall are the

ones who should pay for it.  
Sincerely,  
Gregg Foster, CP3

Heather 'n Yon,

I need to apologize publicly to Daniel Taylor. At the January 26 meeting in the auditorium, I had stated that Daniel was part of an alleged confrontation in the third floor lobby of B217 with three protestors to the recall, petition circulators, and those wishing to sign the petitions. I was on the phone with a resident in the building, I heard the shouting in the hall during the confrontation, and at the time, I was told that Daniel was part of the confrontation. I learned after the January 26 meeting that Daniel, in fact, had not been present at that time. Daniel, I apologize for stating that you were present during the confrontation.

In keeping with acknowledging accuracy in our statements, there have been comments from protestors to the recall stating that a majority of the residents of Heather Gardens voted to elect the 4 directors being recalled. That's not an accurate statement. Approximately 3,800 residents live in Heather Gardens. Approximately 1,300 eligible voters voted in the election, and the 4 were elected by a majority of those who voted. Close to one third of those eligible voted in that election. The 4 were not elected by a majority of Heather Gardens residents.

It's important to be an informed voter, to listen to both sides, and to determine accuracy. Please don't let apathy determine the outcome of the recall vote. Be an informed voter, not an emotional voter.

-Elizabeth Bergeron, B236



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

**Six Stone Jars Catholic Bible Study.** Meetings will re-start after the holidays at 9:30–11:30 am Tuesday, Jan. 16, Mountain View Room, and every Tuesday after. First topic will be the Book of Acts. We welcome everyone — Catholic and non-Catholic. Just show up. Call Dr. Eric Cline, 720-839-4289, or email [clinecellars57@gmail.com](mailto:clinecellars57@gmail.com).

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

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

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

- **Sunday Bible Study:** 10 am, Mountain View Room. Leader: Pastor Bill Cheyne.
- **Coffee Time:** 3rd Sunday, prior to Chapel Service

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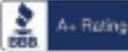
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## Woodshop Club

The Woodshop Club promotes use of the Woodshop and better care of the equipment, focuses on safety within the Woodshop, and helps develop new woodworking classes, fellowship, and training. Meetings are the first Wednesday of the month, 1pm, Mountain View Room. Member experience varies from beginner level to experienced woodworking individuals. You are invited to join this great energetic club, and have an opportunity to share your ideas and initiatives relating to woodworking. Come learn why the members all love working with wood — from designing writing pens to wall hangings and furniture. Direct questions to President Dave Woods, [heathergardenswoodshopclub@gmail.com](mailto:heathergardenswoodshopclub@gmail.com).

## CP1

Our happy hours are on the first Wednesday, 5:30 pm, Aspen/Blue Spruce Rooms. – Susan Osman, [susanosman21@gmail.com](mailto:susanosman21@gmail.com).

## TOPS

TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) meets 8:30–9:30 am every Thursday, Blue Spruce Room. With a sense of teamwork, we encourage each other to eat healthy, lose the unwanted pounds and have fun along the way. TOPS Chapter 0366 in HG Clubhouse has celebrated 45 years of providing members with information and support in making healthy eating choices. TOPS is an International diet club. We have

many success stories to share. Please visit us during one of our meetings to see what we are about. Guests are always welcome. Real People. Real Weight Loss. Men and women are welcome. For information, contact Lisa Jackson, 469-323-5434 or [mljackson81@gmail.com](mailto:mljackson81@gmail.com).

## Optimist Club

The club meets on first and third Thursday of each month for breakfast in Rendezvous Restaurant, 9 am. A continental breakfast buffet is served, \$10 per person. Optimist Clubs are dedicated to “bringing out the best in kids” through various service projects. We welcome anyone interested in finding out more. Contact Darlene Park, 303-798-5088, or Bob Schlageter, 303-751-2205, with questions.

## HG Writers Club

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

## CP4

We have our monthly get together on the first Thursday of the month. Please look for an email from your AR to let you know when and where the get-together will be held. – David Crum

## Kiwanis Club of Aurora

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

## Men with Purpose

A group of men, with diversified backgrounds, gather to discuss timely topics regarding healthy aging and purposeful retirement. Books and articles relating to these topics are discussed by group members. Leadership is shared. Men With Purpose meets the first and third Fridays of each month, 10–11 am, in the Skyview Room. For information, contact Gene Dawson, 720-535-9672.

## The Green Team

The Shred Event is Saturday, May 4, 9-11am, Golf Parking Lot. If you were wondering what the Shred-It company actually does with all that shredded paper, here is the answer to that question.

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If you would like to join us, our monthly meeting takes place on the second Thursday at noon in the Blue Spruce Room. Call Wendy Pfaffhausen, 303- 587-9797, with questions.

### **Karaoke Club**

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

### **Frolics Club**

The 2024 Annual Spring production, “Broadway in Our Hearts,” is happening Friday-Sunday, May 3-5. The Frolics Traveling Troupe will not be performing at the Rendezvous Restaurant in May, but we will be back on Wednesday, June 19, 4 pm. If you’re interested in joining this fun, frolicking club, please contact Susie Hayes at 303-745-1816.

### **HG Women’s Book Club**

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

### **Spanish Club (Club en Español)**

Practica y conversacion en español, 11 am–noon every Monday, Aspen Room. Miriam Colón, 303-261-2057. B201 and B202 B201 and B202 meet at 4:30 pm on the second Wednesday of the month. For more information, please call Nancy Grossman, 714-470-5660.

### **Aviation Club**

Come join us for some fantastic highlights from last summer’s blockbuster film, Top Gun Maverick. Enjoy some of your

favorite episodes, plus one very interesting segment of how Tom Cruise trained the actors to handle hard-hitting flight in an F-18 Super Hornet pulling 6 to 8 G’s of force during maneuvers.

We meet the second Wednesday of each month in the Aspen Room, 7pm on Wednesday, May 8. Come, buckle up and enjoy some amazing aerial photography. Naval aviation at its finest!

### **RV Lot Club**

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

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

### **Birding and Nature Club**

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

### **HG Indivisible**

Indivisible – Reclaiming Our Democracy: the Heather Gardens Indivisible group will meet on May 10 (second Friday), Skyview Room, 11:45 am-1 pm. Those who wish may have lunch after at the Rendezvous. We will learn how citizens can take action, based on their values, from Sam Daley-Harris, sharing ideas from his new book, Reclaiming our Democracy/ Every Citizen’s Guide to Transformational Advocacy.

Mr. Daley-Harris is the founder of RESULTS, a citizen lobby committed to creating the political will to end hunger and the worst aspects of poverty. He also

founded the Microcredit Summit Campaign, which provided loans to women in world’s poorest families, and is involved with Citizens’ Climate Lobby. His most recent organization is Civic Courage, designed to bring the best aspects of RESULTS to leadership of other organizations. Thank you, Marty Karnopp and Jim Chaput, RESULTS area coordinators, for bringing this this wisdom to us.

Plan ahead to join Indivisible members on Saturday, June 1, 9 am-noon, for a free training session from National Indivisible on how to effectively advocate for democratic values, overcoming wealth inequality, injustice, women’s reproductive rights protection, gun safety, etc., and support candidates who share our values.

Whether you can regularly attend the meetings or not, you are welcome to also sign up for our newsletter of information and action items. Questions? Contact Gina Abegg, facilitator, ginaabegg2020@gmail.com. Receive regular mailings? Contact C. C. Carson, membership, cccarson287@gmail.com.

### **The Voice For Residents Club**

The Voice for Residents Club was formed as a forum for Heather Gardens residents to stay current and informed on issues facing HG. Our next meeting will be Saturday, May 4, 3-4:30 pm, Sandberg Auditorium. More information will be announced in our May flyer. Contact: Vickie Hoffman, vhoff920@gmail.com.

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*Bat Houses from page 19...*

different species of bats, including little brown bats, a common and threatened species in Colorado, to live and breed. If these bats choose to hibernate through the winter months in their new houses, so much the better: In the winter little brown bats typically hibernate in small caves or crevices in the mountains. The white noise fungus is common on rocky surfaces, and the fungus can spread to a bat that makes contact with it. But if the bats hibernate in their fungus-free bat houses, the Green Team hopes, it might slow the spread of the disease and give bat populations a chance to rebound.

### **From idea to reality.**

The notion of building multiple bat houses (also called “bat boxes”) at Heather Gardens first came up at a Green Team meeting in 2022, according to those around the kitchen table.

“Somehow Ruth Miller knew I had built previous bat houses,” recalled Mitch Albert. “So I showed up at a Green Team meeting and then the co-president, Ginny Anthony, started pushing [the idea] . . . “

“So the Green Team glommed onto Mitch,” laughed Nugent.

“The first three or four months was pure research,” Albert continued. He studied a large bat house project undertaken in Indiana, when he learned how certain bat house construction techniques would affect temperature ranges within the dwelling. “It turns out that temperature control was key to getting and keeping the bats,” said Albert, so he used those build techniques when assembling the houses.

Albert described the bat houses he built. Each exterior side has multiple entrances. The dwellings are insulated and multi-chambered, with passages linking the chambers. Interior walls are “rifled” to enable secure handholds. This rifled wood also makes up the transitional section between the bottom of the dwelling and the pole, to make it easier for baby bats, called “pups,” to climb back up to the house if they happen to fall out and land in the netting (the netting is there to catch them, not to deter squirrels). Albert took special care to ensure that all screws used to

fasten or secure interior or exterior pieces had no “sharp points” that might injure a bat.

Many of the “custom” parts of the houses, Albert says, he made himself during the many hours he spent in his garage. Albert’s approach to a project is to “find the experts, find out what they know, and then interpret it,” he says. This means he often opted to put his own custom pieces into the end product to make it better.

Albert wasn’t always in the garage. To get the components needed to anchor the mounting poles, for example, he drove north to a place near Greeley to retrieve “sleeves” to secure the poles. The sleeves were sunk 40 inches into the soil and encased in cement. (He also dug the holes.) Albert’s dedicated efforts have not gone unrecognized by the Green Team: “That’s why we call him the Batman,” Nugent says.

Building and erecting the bat houses was time-consuming, but so were months-long efforts to secure approvals and permissions to land on a workable location. Early in the project, Bruce Henson and Ginny Anthony spent many hours “doing bureaucratic stuff,” and in the end the Green Team erected the bat houses on land owned by the Heather Gardens Metropolitan District (HGMD). The “middle house” of the trio of houses went up first, in May 2023. Others were erected in the following months.

### **Keeping fingers crossed.**

Little brown bats tend to look for new habitats once the weather warms. Bat behavior, though, isn’t entirely predictable. Green Team members are collectively crossing their fingers that their bat houses, conceived to promote a healthy environment and then hand-made with loving care, will soon attract different kinds of bats on the lookout for prime real estate. If the bats cooperate, Heather Gardens will soon be a safe haven for many generations of these threatened mammals—and our community will be known too as a place where mosquitoes become dinner before they can dine on us.

The Heather Gardens Green Team is planning an event to celebrate the completion of the bat house project and the efforts of all those involved. Details will appear in a forthcoming issue of *Heather n’ Yon*.

-Bill Kaluza, B232



# SPORTS & RECREATION

## Ladies Golf Club

May 1 marks the beginning of the Ladies Golf Club official play. After “tuning up” in April, everyone is anxious to get the season underway, and to log a win or two in their flight.

The club is starting the year with 100 members, and is excited to welcome 11 new players. To ensure that new players feel welcome, we are continuing the Ambassador Program, which assigns a league member to support new players, helping them learn the on- and off-the-course procedures needed to be successful golfers.

### Starting Times

Again this year, the club is doing shotgun starts on the first and third Wednesday of each month. All shotguns begin at 8:30 am. Following shotguns, the Rendezvous will be open, and hosting a special “Ladies Golfer Lunch Special.” Additional information regarding these lunch specials will be published as details are finalized. Starting tee times for the other weeks in May are 8 am.

### Scorecards

A reminder to all club members: when turning in your scorecard, be sure it contains the required information, the writing is legible, and the math is correct. Scorecards not meeting these requirements risk being disqualified for that week’s play.

### Pro Shop News

Have you ever wondered how far you hit your driver or the accuracy of your iron shots? A full evaluation of how you hit the clubs in your bag is now possible using the technology available through the golf shop’s golf

simulator. For more details and pricing information, see Club Pro Greg Kohr.

Want to improve your game? Greg is offering several golf clinics during May. Check the Pro Shop for details and don’t forget to subscribe to his YouTube channel for the “Kohr Fundamentals of Golf” instruction videos.

All women interested in league play are invited to join HGLGC, regardless of skill level. Learn more about the club and get a membership application at the Heather Gardens Pro Shop and our website, [www.heathergardensladiesgolfclub.com](http://www.heathergardensladiesgolfclub.com).

The next HGLGC board meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, May 29 at 1 pm, Board Room. All members are encouraged to attend. Minutes from all board meetings are posted on the site. Meet A Member

Creative is the appropriate word to describe club member Connie Burns who currently chairs both the Outside/Non-League Tournaments and Courtesy Committees. Hitting your driver while wearing an oven mitt or putting with a hammer are just some of the fun and unusual activities she introduced to the league during her favorite event – the Shamble Scramble. Connie has lived at HG for nearly 20 years and belonged to the golf league for 18 of those. She has always been an active member of the board, and her past board positions include chairing the following committees: Weekly Tournaments, Social, and New Members. When asked what makes the League so

special, she said, “The amazing, awesome women that we play with each week. We have a good time and the friendships I’ve developed over the years are invaluable.”

## Afternoon Cribbage

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

## Rummikub

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

## HG ACBL Duplicate Bridge

We play at 1 pm Wednesdays in the Blue Spruce Room. For partnership information, or with questions, call Linda Harder, 303-369-2032, or [meeek045@outlook.com](mailto:meeek045@outlook.com). – Linda Harder, Director

## Pinochle

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

## Square Dance

Heather Twirlers invites all square dancers to join us every first and third Wednesday, 7–9 pm, Sandberg Auditorium. The cost is \$7. If you are an experienced dancer, a newer dancer or feel a little rusty in your dancing, it is an excellent chance to both experience the

joy of dancing and improve your skills, while meeting new and old friends. You meet other dancers, have a lot of fun, and get your exercise. Any questions, call Beverly Nelson, 303-750-6632.

### **Tai Chi**

The tai chi club practices on the tennis courts Thursday mornings. Although tai chi was originally developed for self-defense, it has evolved into a slow form of exercise used for stress reduction and improved posture, flexibility, and balance. Tai chi consists of deliberate, flowing movements that are grouped into forms. It has been described as "meditation in motion."

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

### **Fun Gals Golf**

Fun Gals Golf has begun, on Thursday mornings, with the first of three tee time starting at 9. To participate, call the HG Pro Shop, 303-751-2390. When the message starts, press 1; when they answer, specify you want to play "Fun Gals Golf."

Fun Gals Golf is for ladies who are interested in some casual, non-competitive golf. It is not part of the HG Ladies Golf Club, is not a league, has no dues, no handicaps, no pressure, and no judgement.

For even more fun and socializing, we can take advantage of Rendezvous' earlier opening time of 10:30 am, and enjoy a drink or a bite together after play.

For more information, please text or leave a voicemail for Linda Hileman, 303-514-5379.

### **Bunko**

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

### **Time4Tap Dance Group**

If you are a seasoned tap dancer, you might want to join Time4Tap Dance Group (Intermediate/Advanced), at 11 am-noon, Thursdays, Sandberg Auditorium. With questions, call or text Julie Whalen, 303-550-5985; email jwhalen97@comcast.net. Make Time4Tap!

### **HG Bowling League**

Here are the final results for the 2023/2024 bowling season: Congratulations to the Pin Busters (Summer Dunbar, Dorothy Hunter, Tony Ormsby), who were new to the league this year, but were able to conquer the competition and become league champions. They managed to stay atop the standings nearly every week from the beginning to the end of the season. Following are the other individual and team achievements. Congratulations to all.

### **High Scratch Series**

(Men and Women)  
1st Maury Smith, 615; Sue McBeth, 544  
2nd Glenn Riggs, 612; Florence Madonna, 507

### **High Scratch Game**

1st Steve Hesser, George Madonna (tie), 246; Karen Johnson, 236  
2nd Mary Prichard, 201

### **High Handicap Series**

1st Larry Hill, 751; Carol Strickland 740  
2nd Les Grosshans, 743; Lee

Boland, 702

### **High Handicap Game**

1st Scott Cole, 287; Charlane Pluckeck, 268  
2nd Bill Singer, 282; Barb Gierscher, 263

### **Team Scratch Series**

1st Les Miserabowls (Mary Jo Prichard, Steve Hesser, Glenn Riggs), 1618  
2nd Sam I Am (Sue McBeth, Ann Agee, Maury Smith), 1506

### **Team Handicap Series**

1st Easy Rollers (Lee Boland, Carol Strickland, Dave Walstrom), 2025  
2nd Old Casanovas (Pat Brinkman, Cliff Creswell, Larry Hill), 1978

### **Team Scratch Game**

1st Clean Livin' (Bill Peters, Karen Johnson, Bill Singer), 557  
2nd Fire Flies (Florence Madonna, Barb Gierscher, George Madonna), 527

### **Team Handicap Game**

1st Bowlers R Us (Joyce Laffea, John Manske, Les Grosshans), 716  
2nd Wammos (Peggy Lux, John Patterson, Dean Lux), 701

### **High Averages**

Steve Hesser, 175.4; Sue McBeth, 154.42

### **Most Improved Averages**

Tony Ormsby, +15.35; Dorothy Hunter, +13.93

Please contact Glenn Riggs, gvriggs@yahoo.com, if you would like your name added for communications about next season, which will begin early September.

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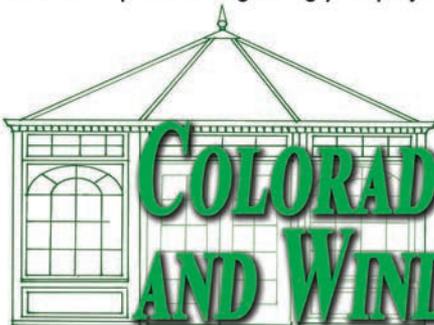
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# HG Clubhouse Events

## Clubhouse Hours

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

Phone 303-751-1811, x5

Acting Clubhouse Manager Julie Racich

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

### AARP

Thursday, May 2, 12:45 pm – 5 pm, Sandberg Auditorium

Reservations required, call 303-751-1811 ext. 5 or stop by the Activities Desk.

Are you a driver aged 50 and over? Would you like to receive a discount on your auto insurance?

Would you like to learn the current rules of the road, defensive driving techniques and how to operate your vehicle more safely in today's increasingly challenging driving environment?

If so, then consider attending the AARP Driver Safety Class here at the Heather Gardens Clubhouse. The class is 4 hours long and the cost is \$20 for AARP members (please bring your membership card) and \$25 for non-members (cash or check only, credit cards cannot be accepted). Please be sure to bring your driver's license with you to class. Class size is limited to 25 people.

### Mountain Man Nut & Fruit Co.

Tuesday May 7, 2:15 – 3:15 pm, Clubhouse Lobby. They will be selling Nuts, Seeds, Snacks, Candies, Dried Fruits, and Trail Mix

### Active Minds: Lebanon

Wednesday, May 8, 2-3 pm, Sandberg Auditorium

FREE, reservations required, call 303-751-1811 ext. 5 or stop by the Activities Desk

Join Active Minds as we trace the history of the nation of Lebanon. We will provide the background necessary to understand the rise of Hezbollah, Lebanon's Shiite militia, and Lebanon's role in the current Arab-Israeli conflict, including the complex relationship with its neighbor Syria. Come learn how this important country fits into the puzzle that is the Middle East. This program is being brought to you by Heather Gardens, Humana, Cherry Creek Retirement Village, The Inn at Greenwood Village, Five Star Residences of Dayton Place, and Active Minds®. Expanding lives and minds with community based educational programs.

### Sip and Paint with Kaitlyn

Friday, May 10, 1-3pm, Sandberg Auditorium

COST: \$5, reservations required, call 303-751-1811 ext. 5 or stop by the Activities Desk. Come to the clubhouse to paint, sip wine or non – alcoholic beverages and socialize with your neighbors. The price includes painting equipment. \$6 wine can be purchased, provided by the Rendezvous.

### Xfinity/Comcast Bill Review

Wednesday, May 15, 9 am- Noon, Library

Sign-up sheets are now available. There are 10, 20 minutes slots.

FREE, reservations required, call 303-751-1811 ext. 5 or stop by the Activities Desk.

### Kathleen Arnold:

There won't be a presentation this month as Kathleen will be out of town.

### Bingo

Friday, May 17, 1-3 pm, Sandberg Auditorium

FREE, reservations required, call 303-751-1811 ext. 5 or stop by the Activities Desk.

Snacks will be provided. Register early, this event fills up fast!

### Memorial Day Celebration

Monday, May 27, 10 – noon, Sandberg Auditorium

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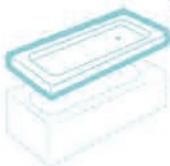
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### **The Breakfast Club**

The Breakfast Club (TBC) for Singles 50 Plus meets at 8:30 am on the second Saturday in Rendezvous Restaurant for breakfast. Call 303-794-3332 to make your reservation. Cost is \$20. TBC has grown in the past 20 years — it has three other chapters along the Front Range. We have ongoing activities, such as bowling, the Birthday Bash, eating at a new restaurant, and Happy Hour.

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

### **Social Justice Discussion**

You are invited to join the roundtable discussion focused on the unhoused dilemma in our community and the nation, on Thursday, May 16, 10 am-noon, Blue Spruce Room. A book has been recommended by one of our presenters: *Housing First: The Pathways Model to End Homelessness for People with Mental Health and Substance Use Disorders*, by Sam Tsemberis, Ph. D. Facilitators: Bernie Hupperts, marlynber@gmail.com, and Diane Pritchard, dianekritchard@gmail.com.

### **Wine & Cheese Social Club**

We meet on the third Saturday of every month. Join us at 3–5 pm Saturday, May 18, Aspen/Blue Spruce Room. Bring a beverage and snack to share. Entertainment is provided. For more information, call the Clubhouse Activity Desk, 303-751-1811, ext. 5.

### **HG Photo Club**

If you want to learn more about photography, get inspired, meet others who share your passion, make new friends, and learn how to share those great trips, try the HG Photo Club. We discuss the different ways of taking photos, and how things have changed in the photo world.

We meet on the third Monday, 3-5 pm, Aspen Room. The next meeting will be May 20. Contact Rudy Morris, 303-506-8070, rudymorris4@gmail.com.

### **Caregivers Support Group**

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

### **National Federation of the Blind, Aurora Chapter**

Meet other blind and low-vision people at the monthly meeting, held on the fourth Saturday of each month, 10:30 am-12:30 pm, Mountainview Room. We discuss new medical options, accessible games, transportation, and idea-sharing. Contact Dale Holden, bldg. 213, 303-905-9738SRA. The Seville Recreational Association meets the fourth Monday of every month in a different Seville building. For time and location, please contact your AR or Seville building representative.

### **HG Republican Club**

Our regular meeting/general session is Tuesday, May 28, 1:30-3 pm, Sandberg Auditorium. The focus of this session will be the June 25 Primary Election. Candidates invited to appear are:

#### **Single County Districts**

House District 37 Danny Moore  
House District 40 Darryl Gibbs  
House District 41 Rob McKenna  
Senate District 29 Robert Tate

18th Judicial District

Carol Chambers

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District 5 Eliseo Gonzalez

#### **Multi-County Districts**

House District 3 Michaela Neal

House District 38 Jeff Patty

Senate District 16 Robyn Carnes

Senate District 26 Robert Lane

Senate District 28 Pedro Espinoza

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#### **Constitution Class**

Wednesday, May 1 and 8, 9-11 am, Mountain View Room.

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Robin O'Meara, president, if

you have any questions about

caucus. rlomeara1@gmail.

com, or call or text 303-949-

4916.

### **HG Democrats**

The HG Democratic Club meets the fourth Thursday of each month, 4-5:30 pm, Sandberg Auditorium. Our purpose is to support and defend the U.S. Constitution and the rule of law; and to promote democratic values such as truth, justice, and equal rights. We educate ourselves, our candidates and our elected officials, and take an active part in our democracy. Our meetings are free and open to all, whether or not you are a resident of Heather Gardens or registered as a Democrat.

On May 28, our speaker will be from STOP FRAUD Colorado, a partnership between the Colorado Attorney General and AARP Elder Watch, and will address common scams targeting older Coloradans. Some of us have dinner at Rendezvous after the meeting. Please join us for a lively discussion. – Marty Karnopp, Chair.

**Sevillians**

Mark your calendar for 4:30–6 pm, the fourth Tuesday of the month, for the Sevillian dinner at Rendezvous. This is a wonderful way to connect with fellow residents of Seville, make new acquaintances, and find out about important happenings within the Seville. Sign-up sheets will be provided in the mailroom of your building. – Vickie Wolfe

**CP2**

We meet on the first Tuesday in June, August, October, December, and April. In April and October, we will meet in the Aspen/Blue Spruce Rooms. In June and December, we meet in the Rendezvous Restaurant. The months that we are not meeting in Rendezvous Restaurant will be potluck and BYOB. Please mark your calendars! – Jake Flint

**OPOCS Singles Club**

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

**May 27 (fourth Monday)**  
**Low Vision Support Group**  
 will meet in the  
 Aspen Room, 1:30 pm.  
 Questions? Marsha Bengen,  
 720-535-5224

**Lifelong Learners**

Our spring classes are underway. We hope that both facilitators and participants are finding the courses to be stimulating and rewarding. Now we are looking forward to the summer session. Do you have an area of interest or experience in a subject that you would like to share with our community? Consider being a facilitator. Any questions, contact HeatherGardensLearners@gmail.com. – Cathy Martino, 303-872-3283

**HG Singers**

The mixed-chorus group is looking for an accompanist/director. The group cannot schedule May practices at this time. Please check the bulletin board in the Clubhouse for the latest information. Interested in joining or for more details, call Tom Kappel, 720-377-5756.



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3rd Wayne Wharton  
4th Tom Jackson, John Guise

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3rd Reg Craigo, Mark Ethridge

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2nd John Good, Rob Ledford,  
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Williams.  
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Jim Mathews, Don Daily  
April 12

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**Special Note:** For Friday, May 24, we are having a Shotgun Start in two waves at 7:30 and 10:30 am, followed by a social gathering, with lunch at the Pavilion. Preprinted scorecards require reorganizing, so we need to know who will be signing up for this special day. Signup sheet will be available at the golf shop around May 1. Blue, White, Red Tees for the round, and lunch right after you finish. Please sign up as soon as possible for this fun event.

Please sign up as early as you can, on clipboards available in the pro shop, for two June events. First is the Ladies/Men's Mixer on Monday, June 10—details to follow, with pairings and shotgun start. Second is the Garden Cup, on Tuesdays, June 18 and 25. – Chris Hughes/Paul Zipps

**Mexican Train Dominoes**

We play noon–3 or 4 pm, every Saturday, Arts & Crafts Room. It's a game for everyone. – Bernadette (Bee) Hass, 303-923-3877.

**Men's Monday Bridge**

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

**Monday Mah Jongg**

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

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

**Tennis Club**

Our play times for May are Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays, and Saturdays. Check the bulletin board at the courts for play times, or call Wendy at 303-587-9797.

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**Men's Poker & Texas Hold 'em**

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

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Visit our club's website, <https://www.hgpickle.org/>, for updated schedule information, or contact Phil Hughes, 303-503-7633, or Ron Hileman, 720-256-7477 or [ronhileman@gmail.com](mailto:ronhileman@gmail.com), with

your questions, or to schedule a free orientation or lesson outside of Tuesday or Thursday at 11, as described above.

### **Tuesday Mah Jongg**

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

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The club meets for Co-ed 8-Ball at 6:30 pm on Tuesdays. Check in before 6:10 pm to play. Men's 9-Ball is at 7 pm on Thursdays. Annual dues of \$12 are payable on January 1 of each year. All new players are welcome. Questions? Call Connie Burns, 303-693-0766, or Judy Brehmer, 303-369-6258.

### **8-Ball March 19**

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### **March 26**

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2nd Dee Moore, Doug Miller  
3rd Sean Kelliher, Connie Burns

### **April 2**

1st Kit Carstens, Ted Herrera

2nd Sean Kelliher, Tony Ormsby  
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### **April 9**

1st Doug Miller, Barb Schneller  
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3rd Ed Harvey

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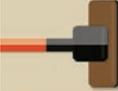
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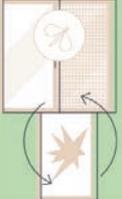


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*Prioritizing being a senior*

Mary Hafka

One of the luxuries I grant myself, being the age that I am, is to refuse to participate in certain activities I consider to be incidental to maximizing whatever time I have left on this earth. This recent, airy addition to my attitude can take many forms.

During my frugal years – the great majority of my life – I would go to great lengths to operate as inexpensively as possible. These days, though, I'm happy to pay for the privilege of not being inconvenienced.

Fight my way to Walmart, and have to turn left into oncoming traffic on Chambers, so I can stand in the aisle for endless minutes, waiting for someone to unlock the glass case that contains an over-the-counter drug I want, before fighting with the self-checkout station that doesn't believe I'm over 18 years of age? Or ordering everything from Amazon, and having it delivered to my front door? You be the judge.

Many of us got used to this "cheerfully delivered to your doorstep" option during COVID, and I suspect I'm not the only one finding the habit hard to break. I'm willing to patiently wait for delivery. I don't much care what day it is. Or how long delivery takes. I'm thrilled to tip. I'll meet delivery people at the door with a mug of hot coca for them. Anything to avoid waiting in Walmart for a glass-case-unlocking clerk who never comes. (I pushed the red button. Really. I did.)

I still drive at night, and pretty much everywhere else, but my attitudes on this are evolving,

too. I once skied, in my car, all the way from Amarillo, Texas, to Dallas, during a December ice storm, not finding dry pavement under my tires until I drove into the garage of the home I had there. After that adventure, I told myself I'd never be afraid to drive in any conditions, anywhere, ever again.

But that was years ago. Time passes, and stuff changes. I now have Uber and Lyft apps on my phone.

One thing I never want to spend another second of my life doing is being in on-hold hell, when calling the doctor's office, cable company or pharmacy. I haven't figured out a way to defeat this yet, but outwitting these systems remains a priority of my life.

(Where do they find that hold music? Recorded at the junkyard, while cars are being crushed?) From the been there, done that, department, I've asked the editor of Heather n Yon to find a replacement for me as the reporter who writes about the board of directors' meetings for HG. After 20 years of covering this beat, I feel that I've seen it all and heard it all.

Some topics, like a carousel, go 'round and 'round, resurfacing at predictable five- or seven-year intervals – just long enough for everyone to have forgotten why the suggestion was a terrible idea the first time (or second, or third).

Then there was the time when a public meeting – in the auditorium of the old community center – grew contentious. One resident took offense at what another one said, and advanced on him, with fists clenched. The then-general manager – a retired Marine – threw himself between the two, and ordered the advancing one, "Sit down, sir! Sit down!" I guess I haven't seen that occurrence repeated, but some of the board meetings, lately, have reminded me of verbal smackdowns, with memorable

statements from the annals of the World Wrestling Federation – lines such as, "We're fighting for a belt, when no one wears pants."

I'm pretty sure someone said something like that, at an April HG meeting. Or maybe I dozed off, during a fascinating section, and dreamt it. In any case, whatcha gonna do, when Hulkamania runs wild on you?

But I digress. I'm not a fan of extending hours in the HG swimming pools to accommodate small children. I prefer to enjoy swimming without the background noise of shrieks and splashing. I don't want to dodge small, aquatic creatures venturing into my lap lane.

Besides, with all the drainage problems I hear we have here, at HG, it seems to me that the property should be littered with non-golf-course water hazards during rainy season. Playing in mud puddles, and pretending it's the shores of Gitche Gumee, is good for children's imaginations. I heartily encourage this.

I've developed a recent fascination with purchasing un-boring socks. I never was a particular sock fan before, but I imagine this is another manifestation of old age creeping up on me. I recently bought some socks, printed on the bottom of one: If you can still read this. . . The other sock was printed with: . . .bring me more wine.

I got socks the other day with pink flamingos, hearts, and slices of watermelon all over them. Another pair features guinea pigs. I have two pairs of socks decorated with pugs, in honor of my dog.

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**2782 SHGW** 2 story Townhome 3BR/3BA 1,663 sq.ft.+bsmt Warm, beautiful home boasts birch cabinets, granite counters, & contemporary fixtures. Glass enclosed patio overlooks quiet greenbelt. Fenced courtyard, 2 car attached garage. **\$455,000 >**



< **2784 SHGW** 2 story Townhome 3BR/3BA with finished basement. Lovely location on private greenbelt. Glass enclosed sunroom, vaulted ceilings, gas fireplace. New AC and Furnace in 2023. Laundry on bedroom level. **New Price! \$435,000**



**3144 S Wheeling #410**, 3BR/3BA 2,145 sq.ft. Alpha Executive Double patios have panoramic look over 8<sup>th</sup> tee box and 9<sup>th</sup> hole. Generous dining room, large living space. End unit for great breezes, also available for lease/option. **\$372,500 >**



< **14050 E. Linvale Pl. #411** 3BR/2BA Somerset J 1,380 sq.ft. Lovely end unit with loads of natural light and beautiful views. Full glass-enclosed lanai. Granite countertops in kitchen. Luxury vinyl plank flooring. Parking space right off the elevator! **\$338,500**



**13901 E Marina Drive #302** 2BR/2BA Atrium L 1,410 sq.ft. Rare "Double Master" floorplan at each side of generous great room. 2 glass-encl lanais. Ready to update. **New Price! \$319,900 >**

< **3082 S Wheeling Way #408** 2BR/2BA Alpha F 1,550 sq.ft. 2 Parking spaces! Golf course views from the top floor with vaulted ceilings. Fresh paint, full glass-enclosed lanai. Spacious rooms are great for entertaining! Loads of space for \$\$ **New Price! \$307,000**

**13618 E Bethany #303** 2BR/2BA Alpha A-dinette 1,200 sq.ft. Charming, bright and remodeled with wide open plan and hard flooring. Stainless appl. So Cute!! Move in ready! **\$274,900 >**

< **13626 E Bates Ave #305** 2BR+Den/2BA Alpha G 1,382 sq.ft. Spacious floorplan with extra den space. Upgraded windows and sliding glass doors. Enclosed lanai. Newer refrigerator & dishwasher and vinyl plank flooring in kitchen. **\$265,000**

**13500 E Cornell Ave #301** 2BR/1BA Alpha E 930 sq.ft. with 2 parking spaces. Newly enclosed lanai. Pond and Golf course views. Updated kitchen with stainless steel appliances, updated bath, upgraded vinyl windows. **\$234,500 >**

< **3164 S Wheeling Way #102** 2BR/1BA Alpha E 930 sq.ft. First floor end unit with walkout perfect for you and your pup! Full glass-enclosed lanai. Freshly painted, new carpet and new luxury vinyl plank flooring. **\$233,500**

**13635 E Bates Ave #406** 1 BR/1 BA Alpha B 870 sq.ft. Granite countertops, glass subway tile, vinyl planking, vaulted ceilings. Bath has marble vanity and custom shower/tub. Next to the clubhouse with 9th fairway view. **\$207,000 >**



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