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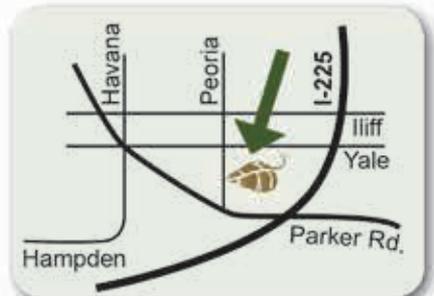
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# HGA focuses on big-budget items for 2024, GM candidate selected

The HGA Board of Directors met with all directors present. Larry Dávila presided over his first meeting as HGA president, a position he is holding for the second time.

Treasurer Ray Nash reported that the Insurance Subcommittee of the Budget & Finance Committee had a new chair — outgoing HGA Treasurer Terry Hostetler. Hostetler and another Insurance Subcommittee member will study the issue of HG insurance, which represents 20 percent of HG's annual budget.

In the past, as HGA's insurance-renewal period is October 1–September 30, board directors were asked to quickly approve the insurance proposal without having much time to study it. During 2024, Nash said, "In late summer/early August, we will need to call a quick board meeting, to evaluate the insurance proposal, before voting on it, for the October renewal date." In 2023, Nash chaired the Insurance Subcommittee.

Maintenance Committee Co-chair Mike Pula reported his committee is focusing on 2024 capital projects. These are defined as equipment costing more than \$5,000, and represent 24 percent of HG's annual budget. A number of capital projects from 2023 were carried over into the new year.

Maintenance Committee Co-chair John Recob said that new equipment in the restaurant would be inventoried, and added to the capital-equipment list for HGMD. He offered to take the lead, as the chair of the HGA Capital Program Subcommittee that reports to the joint Budget and Finance Committee. Once HG's new controller gets caught up, in a few months, she will resume the job of keeping the spreadsheet on capital items, Recob added. According to Recob, HGMD President Daniel Taylor had agreed to his offer to help.

The board approved proceeding in the process of hiring the candidate for general manager (GM) who was selected by the search committee. Dávila remarked — in theory — HG could have the candidate on board as early

as later this month (January).

He added the search committee had narrowed its focus to two excellent finalists. Choosing between them was difficult.

The board approved the 2024 concrete/handrail repairs and replacements project (not to exceed \$351,900). Pula explained that — as many repair projects were small — HGA has, for several years, approved a lump sum for jobs around the community, with the Maintenance Department identifying what projects were to be done each year.

The 2024 budget increased \$100,000, compared to 2023, due to needing more projects to proactively prevent ground water floods to basements.

Pula gave the board a report on the repairs stemming from the May 2023 flooding, caused by several days of heavy rainstorms. HG is still negotiating with its insurance carrier about what is covered. What HGA is responsible for, and what the homeowner is responsible for, has presented a dilemma.

The last time HG homes experienced major water incursion was 2013, when HG had no flood insurance. Homeowners were told their insurance must cover repairs. Now that HG has flood insurance, responsibilities are less clear.

Maintenance Facilities Engineer Jon Howell is studying the many jobs involved in flood mitigation, and their scope. He will then come up with a proposal for the board to consider, Pula said. He hoped that Howell's report might be available the following week for HGA directors to vote by email on a settlement offer to affected residents.

Several residents who dealt with flooding in May spoke, stating that they felt they were not being kept in the loop. Communication from HG had been good through September, then suddenly stopped. They also said they had received conflicting information about what

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*Left: Directors from both HGA and HGMD gathered for a joint Leadership Workshop open to residents on Jan. 12 in Sandberg Auditorium. Facilitated by former HGMD Director Bill Archambault, residents were invited to ask questions and offer comments. See report, page 6.*

# Extra! Extra! Information for you –

## *Two boards in leadership work session*

On Thursday, Jan. 11, directors of both boards held a work session in the Sandberg Auditorium. Its purpose was to work on resolving disputes regarding the management agreement, which propelled the HGMD Board of Directors to cancel the agreement, effective Dec. 21, 2024, and to file a legal complaint against the HGA Board.

The session attracted a large crowd, although not as big as it had been for a meeting five days earlier to answer questions about an effort to recall four HGMD Board members. On Jan. 11, the audience was there strictly to observe the work session.

Former HGMD Treasurer Bill Archambault announced he would moderate the meeting. He pointed to the session's agenda and explained, "Each director gets to vote on each [agenda] topic."

Any united front quickly fell apart, as HGMD Secretary Robin O'Meara announced that the agenda with which she had been presented was not "a shared agenda."

She added, "It's common practice to agree on a moderator," suggesting the HGMD had not agreed with the selection of Archambault.

"We did not agree on the protocol."

Her statement appeared to stun several HGA directors, who clearly felt consensus had been achieved on the agenda, moderator and format. While agreeing that several emails regarding these items had traveled back and forth between the boards, HGMD President Daniel Taylor indicated that HGMD had not given its final approval.

For example, Taylor said, "HGMD did not see the need for a facilitator."

Minutes earlier, O'Meara had asked Archambault to admonish the audience, when several people laughed out loud, after she stated, "I'm not trying to be contentious."

HGA President Larry Dávila noted that the existing management agreement was signed in 2018.

"The problem I personally have is, up to April, there was no problem between the two boards, and the management agreement seemed to be working. All of a sudden, it isn't working. It just doesn't make sense to me. If we want to communicate, we have to get away from, the HGA did this, the HGA did that."

Taylor responded that it was easy to get along if one side accedes

all its authority to the other. He listed a number of ways he said the HGA failed to meet the conditions of the management agreement.

Archambault interrupted Taylor, saying he had exceeded his allotted time. He suggested that all speakers work on moving forward, not looking backward.

HGA Director Linda Hileman agreed the purpose of the meeting was to work on points on the agenda.

"It's not supposed to be a — don't pardon my French — bitch session."

HGA Director Mike Pula expressed frustration that, after 40 minutes of the work session, the agenda points hadn't even been touched on. Some audience members who left Sandberg Auditorium, in frustration, commented that the public work-session format, with its large audience, probably wasn't the best place to hammer out fine details on rewriting the management agreement.

At HGMD's regular Jan. 18 meeting, Taylor announced that all 14 board members had attended the Jan. 11 work session. Since then, he said, board representatives had been meeting "two on two, going forward."

– Mary Hafka, CP6

## *Recall session draws overflow crowd*

On Saturday, Jan. 6, a group that is circulating a petition to recall four HGMD Board directors — President Daniel Taylor, Vice President Craig Baldwin, Secretary Robin O'Meara, and Treasurer Rita Effler — held a question-and-answer session in the Sandberg Auditorium. Petitions were available for residents to sign on tables in the Clubhouse Lobby.

The room was full, holding approximately 200 people, who came to hear more about the recall initiative. The start time was delayed to bring more chairs into Sandberg Auditorium.

Three residents initiated the recall action: Al Lindeman, CP5; John Harvey, B219; and Bonnie Fleming, B242. An earlier effort to launch a

recall-petition action was denied, in December, due to lack of documentation regarding the charges. The petitioners refiled, and were successful.

Attorney Martha Karnopp, B214, said she is providing free legal advice to the effort. Karnopp served as facilitator for the Jan. 6 meeting.

"We're here to talk about why [initiate a recall]," Karnopp said. Also present at the head table were Jill Bacon, B244, and Terry Hostetler, B216, who had left the HGA Board of Directors six days earlier, when their terms expired.

The meeting was unstructured, simply to take questions. Many were wide-ranging, extending beyond the recall effort and delving into the disagreements between the two boards.

Several of the individuals named in the recall attended, disputing the facts listed in the recall petition. One audience member commented that Karnopp had no authority to speak for either board.

The tone of the meeting frequently was contentious. Several audience members, through their comments, indicated that they'd prefer both boards simply lose the lawyers, drop the petition effort, and work out the dispute between them.

One week after the Jan. 6 forum, Lindeman reported the petition drive had netted roughly half the signatures it needed to trigger a recall election. Petition signatures are being accepted through mid-February.

– Mary Hafka, CP6

# HGMD lists accomplishments, discusses Security officer in Clubhouse Lobby

The HGMD Board of Directors held a special meeting on Thursday, Jan. 4, with all directors present — three in the board room, two on Zoom (Robin O'Meara, Eloise Laubach). President Daniel Taylor said the meeting was to provide a year-end report.

In 2023, the HGMD filed a complaint against HGA. Taylor said, for six months, the HGMD tried to negotiate changes in the management agreement with HGA, to no avail.

"Now, I believe, the only way to achieve our goals" is to take this step [legal action].

Taylor continued, "The HGA Board has failed to acknowledge the [HGMD's] authority...if the management agreement is terminated, HGA must negotiate with [HGMD] on a level playing field as equal partners...I believe, if we are responsible for the cost centers (restaurant, Golf Course, Clubhouse), we should have a little bit of say over those cost centers."

Treasurer Rita Effler said she had met with the new controller Carrie Toennis, who "seemed to think what I asked [for the HGMD] was possible. She is open to many of the things we feel are lacking."

Another accomplishment Effler mentioned was, "we put addresses on the RV lot and garden area." In the past, if there was an emergency in one of those areas, the EMTs didn't know where to go, Effler said.

The HGMD re-instituted the Golf, Restaurant and Clubhouse Committees, in 2023, then added some new ones, including the RV Lot Committee.

Chair Forrest McClure reported, "We are going with solar lights, in the RV lot, so there is no need for wiring or a power bill."

Craig Baldwin reported that a new Clubs & Activities Committee was formed, which led to creating a Woodshop Club, a Garden Club, and a Special Entertainment Club at HG.

Taylor said the restaurant was professionally cleaned and new equipment was installed during the holiday closure. A new Point of Sale system, which Manager Cormac Ronan requested, was installed.

Restaurant Committee Member Tom Merges, B242, told the board that Ronan expected to hire a new chef imminently. The chef might start as early as mid-January, Merges added.

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The HGMD Board of Directors held its regular meeting on Thursday, Jan. 18. All directors attended, and HGMD's attorney, Jennifer Ivey, was present.

A motion was made by Taylor that HGA be directed to station one armed Security guard at the entrance to the Clubhouse, and that HGA submit designs and costs to

the Clubhouse Committee, to construct the security desk, no later than March 1. The motion triggered pushback from the current and past chairs of the SEC Committee, as they said the motion took them by surprise.

SEC Chair Bill Gold noted, "This is the first I'm hearing about this. Some \$100,000 has been budgeted to revamp the [overall] security plan. I'd hate to see this pass without integrating it into the full security plan."

Greg Winslow, B222, was chair of the SEC Committee until Dec. 31, 2023. He commented, "If HGMD decides...to do this, I think we need [to hire] an extra officer." He added that the four newly elected HGMD board directors campaigned on a platform of saving the HGMD money, "but everything you've been proposing, since you got in, is costing more money."

Taylor noted that Clubhouse Activities Desk employees had stated they felt unsafe in the lobby. He said he felt the change could be accomplished without hiring additional Security staff.

Taylor added that, "HGMD certainly has the authority to [provide more security] if the HGA doesn't want to do so."

Several audience members asked about the need for this action, and its related expense. No potential costs were included in the motion.

Civic Affairs Committee Chair Sue McBeth remarked, "This is a perfect example of a better way for the two boards to work together, rather than see [a proposal] come up as a motion."

Taylor agreed to amend his motion, to state "investigate the cost and feasibility of stationing an officer at the Clubhouse Activities Desk, with possible alternatives, and to meet with the Clubhouse and SEC committees by March 1." The amended motion passed.

The board approved a motion to investigate the feasibility of moving the Activities Desk to the elevator wall, so staff can view the Clubhouse hallway as well as the front and rear entrances. A panic button for staff was to be included in the cost estimate.

The board approved \$55,000 in capital funds, to replace the 12-year-old swimming-pool filter with a sand filter. Parts can no longer be obtained for the old system, while the sand-filter system will negate the need to drain the pool twice a year for cleaning. HGMD Treasurer Rita Effler noted that the new filter would decrease labor costs for cleaning the pool and eliminate the unpopular pool closures.

The board approved its annual resolution regarding HGMD operations and procedures for 2024. Ivey noted Item 20, which added language about HGMD's new, dedicated email-communication system.

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# HGA Board President Reports

By Larry Dávila

Allow me to start this column with a personal note. As I write this (on Jan. 17), I am about to attend the memorial service for my wife of 54 years. She had been diagnosed terminally ill on Aug. 10 and was told she could die from that time on up to December.

She “fooled them;” she lived past December and died on Jan. 7 of this year.

There’s a reason why I am sharing this with you. I knew it intellectually, but now I’ve seen it factually — how caring so many of you are. I’ve been blessed with hugs, kisses, and acts of kindness that tell me how much you try to be of help when you see a grieving heart. I’d like to see that spirit not only at a time of sorrow, but also as the way we treat each other on a daily basis. Now, allow me to address a difficult issue.

Many of you have expressed concern with the ongoing discord between the HG Association (HGA) and HG Metro District (HGMD) boards that now includes a lawsuit filed by HGMD against HGA. We, the HGA Board of Directors, had hoped to resolve the issues between the two entities amicably and are continuing to pursue both small group and board-to-board discussions to resolve our disagreements.

Nonetheless, HGMD has filed a lawsuit against the HGA. The HGA Board is obliged to respond, which requires us to use legal counsel. The HGMD versus HGA

lawsuit could take many months, maybe even more than a year, to litigate and resolve. HGA’s legal counsel informed us that, if the lawsuit goes to trial, the litigation could cost HGA upwards of \$100,000, with a potentially similar amount for HGMD.

The Heather Gardens community will be responsible for all of these legal costs. Paying for these extra, unanticipated legal expenditures may require the HGA board and HG Management to make some tough choices about what the community needs to pay for and which projects to postpone.

The HGMD board separately gave notice that they will terminate the Management Agreement (the contract between the two entities that makes HGA responsible for the management of HGMD properties) at the end of 2024.

The HGMD versus HGA lawsuit is asking for early termination of the current Management Agreement. At this stage, we have no idea of the actual or potential costs for the community that the separation and division that the HGMD board is demanding. Bids for services, along with real costs for personnel changes, need to be studied and researched to determine how best to make the operational changes the HGMD’s actions precipitated.

Ending this decades-long management arrangement will take time to transition, regardless of a court order to do so immediately.

On a brighter note, an offer has been made to a potential HG General Manager. It is probable that by the time you read this column, HGA’s offer will have been accepted and the individual may be already working at HG.

I am also very impressed with the three new members of the HGA Board of Directors and the contributions they have made during their first month in office.

Have a Happy Valentine’s Day!

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HG would pay for, and what damage the homeowner would have to cover.

Resident Kevin Keator, B217, asked the board to stop using all lawyers, and work with the HGMD, to solve the management-agreement conflict between the two boards. He also suggested HGA ask those circulating recall [of four HGMD directors] petitions to stop, as the action is making matters worse.

Dávila responded, “The board can’t take an official position. As individuals, we can.”

Keator asked, “Where does that come from?”

Director Linda Hileman responded, “Ethics.”

The board adjourned into executive session, to discuss personnel matters — presumably extending an offer to the selected candidate for the GM position.

Other comments made to the board.

...the Civic Affairs Committee will move its regular meeting to the fourth Wednesday of the month.

...contractor Positively Charged has begun work on getting electrical power to all four parking structures to support installing and monitoring security cameras.



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## HGMD Board President Reports

By Daniel Taylor

Four of the five current HGMD directors were elected in May as the “Candidates 4 Change” by a significant majority. They weren’t the only choice for HG residents. Two of the incumbent directors also ran. HG residents could have maintained the status quo if they had wanted to.

In January last year, the former HGMD board consolidated the committees. As promised, we reinstated the former committee structure and created additional committees. These committees are filled with HG residents who have varied and considerable expertise. Projects and policy changes come from the committees to the board. This is how we put the management of HGMD into the hands of the residents.

Those who have control now, don’t want to share it. In the July 2023 edition of *Heather ’n Yon*, an excerpt from an August 1998 issue described a meeting with 275 residents attending a “...heated exchange. At issue was an across-the-board wage increase for HG’s 50-plus employees...” I estimate that current staffing is 130–140 employees. [Editor’s Note: Full time staff was 88 in 2023; 100 staff were budgeted for 2024 after HGMD changes. See 2024 proposed budget on HG website, [www.heathergardens.org](http://www.heathergardens.org).]

Nancy Henson’s article in the August 2023 issue of *Heather ’n Yon* states that, during 1983–1990, HG had a “two-person office.” Now, there are 11 employees in administration (with computers). The Management Office opens at 7 am; it closes at 4 pm and during lunch.

As a resident, I have asked why HG increases the number of employees while contracting out more and more functions. We campaigned on this issue. At the budget workshop, we asked management to account

for the number of employees it charges to HGMD. They could not. [Editor’s Note: In budget approved for 2024 last November, HG had 12 full time employees charged to HGMD in 2023. At HGMD’s request, the number was increased to 22 full time employees in 2024. Part time hours were increased by 10,000 for Clubhouse instructors and assistants, and restaurant wait staff.]

There are significant transparency and accountability issues at HG. A few residents have charged that HGMD only cares about itself, then asked how our questions help HG as a whole.

Shining a light on HGMD’s numbers, I expect transparency will help HGA as well. I believe we can streamline HGMD operations — that benefits everyone. We also need to change the culture that has existed here for too long. Those who questioned management were often attacked.

There were residents at a public meeting recently who stated that we didn’t need to know what employees are paid. HGMD reimburses HGA for the actual costs of operating HGMD properties, including wages paid to employees. It’s inconceivable that in any other environment these residents would question the HGMD’s right to ask for supporting data before paying a bill.

The board asked for a public meeting of the two boards in June. We negotiated with HGA for six months. We went to formal mediation. We even terminated the management agreement, effective December 2024, to force HGA to renegotiate the agreement. Then, the board filed a civil lawsuit to obtain the financial reports we have requested and to terminate the management agreement sooner. The result? Thursday, Jan. 11, the first public meeting with both boards was held.

It’s a positive sign. I’m hopeful that an agreement will come soon. The current costs due to the recall campaign to date are about \$9,000 without the attorneys’ bill for November and December. HGMD has to pay the costs of the recall. If an election is needed, the base cost is \$30,000 without protests, which we know there will be. We will keep you up-to-date on *HGmetroDist.org*.

If you want to save these costs, and not duplicate the election costs we just incurred in May, don’t sign the recall petition. If any of the petitions have 300 legitimate signatures, an election will be required.

## HGMD ...from page 7

RV Committee Chair Forrest McClure reported that he just finished meeting with two representatives of the Army Corps of Engineers, who indicated a willingness to cooperate with HG regarding the shared fence between the RV lot and the wilderness preserve. They asked HG to submit a letter, requesting to remove the fence and possibly the two cottonwood trees that thieves have climbed, in the past, to scale the RV lot fence.

“We hope to replace it with a seven-foot fence all around [the RV lot],” McClure concluded.

Taylor announced the next special meeting of the HGMD was 1 pm Thursday, Feb. 8. It signaled that HGMD intends to continue holding board meetings at least twice

a month, for the foreseeable future.

Other actions by the board:

...Waived the room deposit for the Frolics Club, which uses Clubhouse rooms to rehearse and perform its Spring Show (room-rental fees will be paid from ticket sales).

...Approved Nancy Linsenbigler, B243, as chair of the Clubs/Activities Committee.

...Reviewed its 24-item list of tasks requested by HGMD since August 2023 regarding Clubhouse and Golf Course maintenance and equipment with Acting General Manager Holly Shearer.



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## Publisher's Corner

### Lifelong learning classes — offered by universities are probably in my future

by Lynn Donaldson, Editor of Heather 'n Yon

Some universities are offering courses on retiring. Since I am seriously looking forward to not working, and not facing a monthly deadline to produce this magazine for HG, I was intrigued.

I knew that many universities offered “lifelong learning” opportunities, including my alma mater, Duke University. I never signed up for these classes because I could not commit to attending a regular “class” whether it was local, required travel to attend, or conducted virtually.

I worried that I could only attend when there were no meetings at HG to report on (that has changed dramatically this past year). What happens when I black out one week a month (no appointments, no travel) because I am finalizing *Heather 'n Yon* to get it to the printer?

I have often wished to join a class through Osher Lifelong Learning Institute (OLLI), at the University of Denver. Time was the deterrent. Maybe that will change for me now.

HG will soon have a more convenient alternative for Lifelong Learners. A few residents, led by Mike Boyd, CP2 and Cathy Martino, B221, are working to start a Lifelong Learners program at HG. (See page 31 in letters; and page 46 in Clubs and Organizations.) Bravo! It should provide the same benefits as OLLI while keeping you close to home.

Plans are to begin in April with four programs, led by HG residents as facilitators. The group has scheduled an Open House on March 20 (details to come in the next issue of *Heather 'n Yon*). I only regret that I won't be reporting on the classes/programs of this group in the future.

I was intrigued by an article in *The Denver Post* by Anne Button, who is the founding director of University of Colorado Denver's (CU Denver) Change Makers program. (“College course helps plan meaningful retirement,” *YourHub.com*, Dec. 7, 2023)

On the Change Makers website, it says,

“The CU Denver Change Makers program is designed for experienced professionals who are nearing, or at the end of their primary careers, and are navigating transitions in work and life. Change Maker fellows have the unique opportunity to come to CU Denver for a semester to explore possibilities, reset, and renew their purpose.

“Through expertly guided cohort discussions, seminars with practitioners, opportunities to audit CU Denver classes, and assistance identifying volunteer opportunities in a nonprofit or social enterprise, Change Maker fellows investigate areas of interest and growth and develop an actionable plan for using their wisdom in a new, fulfilling context.

“They're making change — in themselves and in their communities.”

The Change Makers program started in 2022 — making it a fairly new one for retirees. Interested individuals must apply to the program and commit to a semester of classes, either a fall or spring semester. It has only had three semesters since it began, and is currently in its fourth.

The fee for the one-semester program in 2024 is \$3,400. Need-based scholarships may be available. The fall semester (August–December) is accepting applications to be reviewed in February. [www.ucdenver.edu/change-makers/admissions](http://www.ucdenver.edu/change-makers/admissions)

According to Button, when she described the program in December 2023, there were 22 Change Maker fellows in that class who met twice a week, in person and virtually. Fellows are assigned readings, participate in group discussions and guest-speaker presentations. Everything is aimed at helping fellows design a meaningful next chapter.

Burton quotes columnist David Brooks, a favorite of mine, in an Atlantic article, “The New Old Age: What a new life stage can teach the rest of us about how to find meaning and purpose — before it's too late.”

“If these post-professional programs can help older people figure out what a fulfilling life looks like when work and career are no longer in the center, then maybe they'll have some lessons for the rest of us.” (*The Atlantic*, Aug. 25, 2023.)

Having investigated this “retirement class” through CU Denver, I decided to review again what OLLI at University of Denver is currently offering. From its website, “OLLI at DU is a membership program designed for adults 50 and over, who wish to pursue lifelong learning in a relaxed non-competitive atmosphere. There are no tests, grades, or academic requirements — only a desire to learn and a curious nature. We offer in-person courses at three campuses (Central, South, and West) and a host of online learning opportunities.

“Thanks to the generosity of the Bernard Osher Foundation, OLLI at DU joins a network of 125 Osher Lifelong Learning Institutes across the United States that believes that the development and delivery of quality educational programs for 50+ adults is important for sustaining quality of life and healthy minds.” (<https://universitycollege.du.edu/olli/>)

There are too many programs to list here. Suffice it to say, it covers a wide range of topics: music, theater, religion, politics, literature, history, economics and more. Perhaps the person to talk to is writer Dala Giffin, who wrote a feature on a HG resident in this issue (page 17). She has taken some of the classes offered.

OLLI has three 8-week sessions a year. The next one (Spring) begins in April. Classes meet weekly for four, six or eight weeks. Discussion classes are facilitated by OLLI at DU members who professionally know, or have a scholarly interest, in a subject. Lecture classes and webinars are taught by retired faculty members, community and civic leaders, or independent scholars.

It costs \$65 to be a member of OLLI annually (August–August). Class registration is an additional expense that varies.

Which one will I try first? I haven't decided. Change Makers at CU Denver appears to target those who are still working. The Lifelong Learners Club at HG might be the best value.

# Tribute to a veteran

Early in my lifetime, I became acquainted with a man who was born in 1842. I conversed with this man who had stood on the stage with Abraham Lincoln during the Lincoln-Douglas debates of 1858. I chatted, by the fire, with this veteran who had served in the Union Forces for four years. I read news articles of this veteran who was a prisoner of the Confederates during the Civil War, and survived the ordeal. This man was my 98-year-old neighbor, Edwin Wheeler. At the time, I was age 11 — the year was 1940. My visits with Wheeler were an exhilarating experience that stayed with me throughout my life.

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**Edwin “Dad” Wheeler** was a Civil War veteran. Somewhere in the 1920s, he was adopted by the American Legion Post of Slayton, Minnesota. Members of the post always helped Wheeler celebrate his birthday each year, and in turn, Dad Wheeler always gave the welcome address at the annual Memorial Day Program.

The Wheeler family had moved from Woodstock, Minnesota, after years of farming in South Dakota and Minnesota. Wheeler was a farmer, a school teacher, an ordained minister, a gifted speaker, and he loved to write. He brought his farm skills to Slayton, operating a small dairy, cultivating nursery stock for landscape planting, and experimented on improving seed quality.

Every year on Memorial Day, a “convertible car” would pull into the Wheeler driveway for Dad Wheeler as he was always the Grand Marshall for the annual parade down Slayton’s Main Street. He was a man of character and received visits from many: Minnesota State Senators, the Minnesota State Governor Harold E. Stassen, numerous local citizens, or a former school student he had taught some 50 years in the past. Recognition of Dad Wheeler was extensive.

Born in April 1842 in Illinois,

Wheeler moved to Chicago at a young age when his mother remarried. As a young teen, he joined the Lincoln Boys Club — 400 young men. Their function was to carry torches to light up the speakers’ platform and the audience area during debates. To quote from Dad Wheeler:

“Logan Post No. 164 G.A.R. (Grand Army of the Republic) had a muster roll of 49 members of which three, Messrs. Leeds, Elliot and Wheeler, had the distinction of having been present at both Freeport and Chicago, Illinois, discussions between Lincoln and Douglas. Mr. Elliot, if memory serves truly, at the time lived at or near Bloomington, Illinois. Mr. Leeds near Decatur, Illinois, and Wheeler at Chicago. The latter was torch bearer in the ranks of the north side Lincoln Boys’ Club and, in that capacity, was privileged to enjoy sundry contacts with the great statesman.” (Excerpt from an article written for the *Murray County Herald*, circa 1920s.)

Note: The “discussions” were the famous Lincoln-Douglas debates of 1858 — nine debates in all. Lincoln was the candidate in the newly formed Republican Party. Douglas was the Democrat candidate. The two were running for an Illinois senate seat. In the election, Lincoln lost to Douglas. Although Lincoln lost the Senate seat, the debates gave Lincoln national recognition. He became the first Republican President in 1860. The rest is history. Edwin Wheeler’s first presidential vote was for Lincoln (1864).

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## **Edwin Wheeler’s Military Service**

In June 1861, Wheeler enlisted in the 19th Illinois Regiment, Company G when he was 19. He reenlisted several times during the Civil War, totaling almost four years of service.

His baptism of fire was at the Battle of Shiloh. He saw service at Nashville, Franklin, Stone River, Chattanooga, and Chickamauga. Shortly after Chickamauga, he was

captured and ended up in Libby Prison. It gained its name from the sign over the building, “Libby and Son tobacco Warehouse.” Conditions were horrible, giving Libby the notoriety of being second only to the prison at Andersonville, Georgia. As part of a prisoner exchange after seven months, he was mustered out. He returned to Chicago only to reenlist again in Wisconsin. In November 1917, Edwin Wheeler submitted an article to the *Murray County Herald*, recalling his imprisonment.

“On the morning of the 20th of September, 1863, one thousand prisoners fresh from the Chickamauga battlefield marched under guards from the railway station to the front of this building, where they were halted while the rebel officers picked their pockets and took all of the valuables in their possession.

“Their task finished, the men came to attention, formed double ranks, head of column filed left and marched under a hanging sign, which read ‘Libby and Son tobacco Warehouse.’ Once more, head of column to the left, and a thousand men marched in on the first floor, and as the last man passed in, that door closed upon all that afforded hope for a timely deliverance.

“Five thousand square feet of floor space in all, where 1,000 men were to exist indefinitely and which constituted campus, mess and sleeping quarters, without any deviation from a most unpalatable and scant food ration. Without any relief from filth and vermin except the daily skirmish to exterminate the pestiferous allies of the Southern Confederacy.

“A man with a country is like an orphan in an orphanage. He has no place to lay his head that he can call his own. He is outside the law, he is outside the common justice, outside of respect. He has no rights that can command respect, and though he may have rights, he has no voice to state them.

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# After a lifetime of immigrating to various countries, HG is home

"I am an immigrant," Valerie Murray, CP6, chuckles as we talk about how people's beliefs and values filter how they learn about the world. Conversation flows easily as we sit in her home office. Back in the dining room, her husband Cameron and son Grant hover over a jigsaw puzzle.

Having lived as an immigrant in several countries while she was growing up, Valerie was exposed to worldwide perspectives. She developed keen interests in international economics, politics and interracial relations. She experienced world conflicts.

Seared into her earliest memories are Nazi bombing raids over munitions factories in Birmingham, United Kingdom. She was 18 months old when the raids started. At age seven her mother woke her up in the middle of the night whispering, "We won the War."

"Children remember the little things," she says. She recalls the concrete smell in the bunker, dropping hairpins in a container for recycled metal, and going to Catholic school and church. While playing close to home, Valerie recalls enemy flares landing in her yard and the loneliness of being an only child.

One night her father brought home a white Persian kitty from his Home Guard rounds. It was the sole surviving member of a family destroyed by a bomb.

Too young to be severely traumatized, she doesn't tolerate explosions to this day. Air raid sirens, trips to the back yard bomb shelter, her dad extinguishing bomb-drop flares were frequent events. Winston Churchill, prime minister at the time, frequently spoke on the radio to reassure British citizens. Not until she saw the 2017 film, *Darkest Hour*, which described Churchill's leadership in WW2, did Valerie grasp just how close England came to losing the war.

After the war, the family moved southeast to Kent County, on the coast that is closest to Europe. Valerie completed her schooling a



Above: Valerie Murray on her patio in CP6.

Right: Tiny antelope in Kruger National Park. This photo by Murray received honorable mention in an international "Wild Life Photographer of the Year" competition

sponsored by Animals Magazine in Johannesburg.

year early at age 15. She anticipated attending London University, but moved with her parents when her father's accounting work took them to Sao Paulo, Brazil. She picked up some Portuguese language but missed having siblings to help ease her into friendships with other teens. She took a laboratory job checking

for bacteria at an ice cream plant.

The family moved to Cape Town, South Africa's legislative capital, in 1956 when she was 18. Days brightened when she made friends in secretarial school. Schoolmate Coral invited her to come along on family hiking and camping trips, which opened new vistas for the immigrant. Energized by her immersion in outdoors activities, she slept in tents pitched alongside rivers and explored nature's plants and wildlife.

Valerie was 20 when again she moved with her family — this time to South Africa's executive and administrative capital in Pretoria. Her favorite job was with The British Foreign Office's Department of Economics and Trade. She had a front-row seat to world trade and economic development.

Her interest in South Africa's open space parks continued. She took up photography and most especially liked photographing wildlife: antelope, Vervet monkeys, elephants, buffaloes, and several varieties of



baboons. Led by a guide, she pony-trekged along the Drakensberg escarpment's panoramic views. She made several trips to Kruger National Park.

Loneliness ebbed when she met Cameron, her husband. She and Cameron honeymooned in a thatched-roof rondavel in Kruger National Park when they married in 1969.

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**Countdown 1945**, by Chris Wallace (2020) Large Print

An excellent book about the development of the atomic bomb, and the decision to use it. Truman, Groves, Oppenheimer, and others are quoted. Supply issues described. I've read elsewhere that when the Oak Ridge factory was going full blast, it consumed 10 percent of the electricity in the country. Think about that.

**A Tale of Two Cities**, by Charles Dickens (1859)

"It was the best of times, it was the worst of times, it was the age of wisdom, it was the age of foolishness, it was the epoch of belief, it was the epoch of incredulity, it was the season of Light, it was the season of Darkness, it was the spring of hope, it was the winter of despair, we had everything before us, we had nothing before us, we were all going direct to Heaven, we were all going direct the other way..."

What more do you need to read this book?

**Orthodoxy**, by G. K. Chesterton (1908) Large Print

From Wikipedia: Chesterton states the purpose is to "attempt an explanation, not of whether the Christian faith can be believed, but of how he personally has come to believe it." He presents an original view of the Christian religion — as the answer to natural human needs, the "answer to a riddle" in his own words, and not simply as an arbitrary truth received from somewhere outside the boundaries of human experience.

His writing style follows a right hook with a left hook. You'll feel like you should be wearing football pads.

**Father Brown Mysteries**, by G. K. Chesterton (1910-1936) Large Print

Many of the Father Brown stories were covered in two television series, but reading them in the original is a whole different experience. Try them. They are not as aggressive as Orthodoxy.

**D-Day, June 6, 1944**, by Stephen E. Ambrose (1995)

This book tells the stories of many individuals and units participating in the invasion. I can't even begin

to summarize the details in this book. You need to read all of them to get the big picture. On the other hand, every single soldier had a very sharp little picture to deal with.

**The Accidental President**, by A.J. Baime (2018)

Baime writes a fine biography of Truman. While he had many governing issues, the atomic bomb rises to the top here. Also a good description of the politics and negotiations at the Potsdam Conference. Describes how Truman got to the Senate, and the White House.

**Dreams of Terror and Death**, compiled by Arkam House (1995)

If you haven't read Howard Phillips Lovecraft, you are in for a treat. I'd say he is the greatest writer of terror in American history; not slighting Poe at all. I recommend "Ex Oblivione," "The Strange High House in the Mist," and "What the Moon Brings" to start. These stories are to be read slowly, not just skimmed through.

**The Arsenal of Democracy**, by A. J. Baime (2015)

This is a very detailed story of building up the armed forces in America. Ford Motor Co. built the city that was necessary to man the factory, which built the B-24 bomber. Two years after Edsel Ford predicted it — Ford could build a bomber per hour.

**Mickey Mantle**, by Mickey Herskowitz, with Mantle's sons (2006)

A great look at THE MICK that concentrates on his career, but also describes how he treated his family and how he eventually dealt with his drinking. Has 10 removable reproductions of various items. Please see that they all get put back before you return this book.

**The Quiet American**, by Scott Anderson (2020) Large Print

When I first started to read this book, it seemed more like fiction. I looked up the main characters in Wikipedia and sure enough, they're all real. It is amazing that the CIA ever got off the ground. It is amazing that decision-makers assumed you had to be a white male, preferably from an Ivy league background, to be included. The one guy who actu-

ally spent a lot of time in Viet Nam, and understood it, was just brushed aside. Any New York Yankees fan will want to read the life story of Michael Burke. He kept failing upwards.

**Mrs. Sherlock Holmes**, by Brad Ricca (2016) Large Print

An outstanding book about someone who otherwise would be lost to history. Grace Humiston got her law license in 1904. Her main story is the fight against white slavery and peonage. If you aren't sure what those are, well, read this book. It is one of the most uplifting books you'll ever read. There are people trying to do the right thing. The main difference between Grace and Batman is that she was real.

**Heere's Dusty**, by Dusty Saunders (2013)

Dusty Saunders writes about his decades working for *The Rocky Mountain News* and *The Denver Post*. There are a lot of interesting characters and situations recounted, along with a lot of Denver history.

**Seduction, Sex, Lies and Stardom in Howard Hughes' Hollywood**, by Karina Longworth (2018) Large Print

Rarely, if ever, has a title so perfectly summed up a book. I've read a few Hughes biographies, but this one goes into much more detail about Hughes and his effect on Hollywood. If the title doesn't make you want to read this book, just go on to the next one.

**Leonardo DaVinci**, by Walter Isaacson (2017)

If you want to know if a book is great, just check to see if Walter Isaacson wrote it. This is one of his best. You'll learn more about painting than you can imagine. Mona Lisa took 16 years, and was never finished. Leonardo took it with him wherever he went. He never delivered it to whoever commissioned it. He thought of himself more of an engineer than an artist. He wrote, and drew from right to left so as to not smudge his work. A really great biography. Not large print, but well-spaced. Give it a try.

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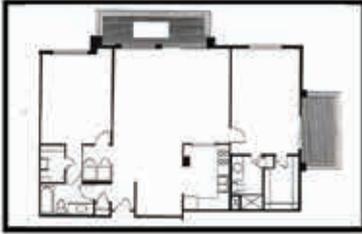
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**UNDER CONTRACT: 13711-B Marina Dr. Ranch Patio Home** 3BR/3BA 2,140 fin.sq.ft. Total remodel: Hardwood floor, 42" cherry cabinets. Back patio has insulated 4 season glassed enclosure. 3rd BR & extra egress windows downstairs. **\$499,500** [TinyURL.com/Ranch3](http://TinyURL.com/Ranch3)

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**SOLD: \*14001 Marina #510** 2BR/2BA 1,200 sq.ft. Somerset A Total remodel throughout. Flooring, cabinets, appliances, lighting, everything! **\$315,000** \*HGB brought Buyer

**SOLD: 13890 Marina #101** 2BR/2BA Seville F 1,320 sq.ft. Immaculate Seville, first floor, corner unit with enclosed lanai. **\$297,500**



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# The Month (January)

At the quarterly meeting of the Area Representative Organization (ARO), on January 18, Maintenance Committee Chair Mike Pula reported that HG's preferred painting contractor had recommended a new color palette, for the exterior of HG multi-story buildings. Pula told the ARO membership that the contractor is offering "new, updated color schemes." He added that HG would listen to the proposal, but will not necessarily make the changes the contractor is proposing.

At the same ARO meeting, Acting General Manager (GM) Holly Shearer announced HG had extended an offer to a candidate for the permanent GM position. He accepted the offer, she said, and was expected to start work in late January.

It was retirement time for Michelle Audet (right), Resident Services Coordinator, in the HG Administration Office, at the end of December 2023. As she put it, "Every day will be a Saturday." Anyone who



needed help with submitting a request to remodel their home; add air conditioners, or other queries about HG policies on owner or homeowner association responsibilities — their first discussion was with Michelle, who sent them to the correct website page or mailed them the form to submit to the Architectural Control Committee.

Ashlei Finney has been promoted from Receptionist to be the Resident Services Coordinator.

*Correction:* In the January issue of *Heather 'n Yon*, the insurance premium for HGMD was given as \$565,288. It should have been \$56,288. The editor regrets the typographical error.

For the first time in St. Paul, Minnesota, all seven City Council members are women. They also make up the youngest and most racially diverse council in the city's history. The new council was sworn in on Jan. 10, and immediately was reported widely.

In the *New York Times*, Jan. 11, Ms. Yang, who has represented the Ward 6 as a councilwoman since 2020, called the moment surreal and, "frankly, long overdue." Guiding the future in St. Paul are these members: Nelsie Yang, Rebecca Noecker, Cheniqua Johnson and Hwa Jeong Kim, Saura Jost, Anika Bowie and Mitra Jalali.

In her first Town Hall meeting at HG, Ward V Councilwoman Angela Lawson addressed HG resi-

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# That Was...

dents who braved the cold weather on Jan. 3. Also present was Aurora Par Officer Devin Drexel (below), who has HG in his district. Accompanying her were Arapahoe County Sheriff Tyler Brown (below right) and Captain Chris Gulli.



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The Frolics Club has been performing periodically in Rendezvous to stimulate interest in the club and its activities. These dancers performed Dec. 20, "Rendezvous Evening with Frolics."



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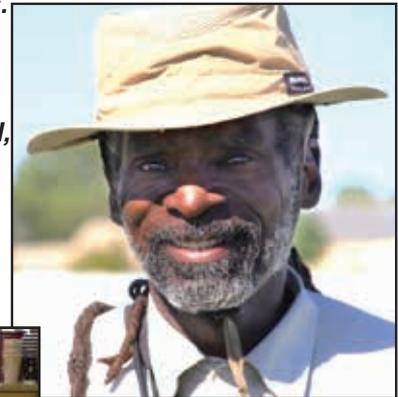
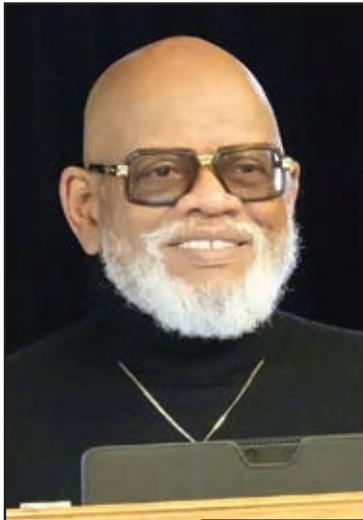
## Remembering Martin Luther King, Jr. on Jan. 15 at HG

Event theme:  
“Becoming the Beloved  
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Besides videos of King’s speeches, speakers at the Open House included (from above, clockwise): MC Bernie Hupperts, B244, Ashanti Black, Reverend Dr. Eugene Dawson, B244, and Reverend Dr. Thomas Mayes.

Despite the freezing temperatures, Diane Pritchard, B244, estimated there were 75–80 people attending.



Photos by Anita Huddleston



To join the Social Justice discussion, Bernie Hupperts and Diane Pritchard sponsor a monthly meeting at HG: 10 am–noon on the third Thursday (every month), in the Blue Spruce Room. (See Clubs and Organization, page 35.)

# Murray ...from page 17

The couple moved to the United States in 1970 when the Missile Tracking Project Cameron worked on closed its Pretoria base. They settled in Boston's outskirts and started their family. As their sons Grant and Craig grew, the family got involved in orienteering, a sport that involves the use of a compass and highly detailed maps to hike in the wilderness.

They practiced at the Nobscot Scout Reservation nearby, which offered miles of trails of varying challenges. Weekends and vacations were spent orienteering in state parks throughout the region. Craig won a U.S. championship. He and Grant have international friendships they made from orienteering competitions in Europe.

Grant lives in the family home outside Boston. Craig and his family live in Denver. Valerie and Cameron bought their Heather Garden's home

in 2010 to spend summers doing "grandparent duty" with Craig's two daughters. They remain active with their now young adult granddaughters.

Valerie continues following current events in world affairs. She understands perspectives of people from countries outside the U.S.

"People in Britain are much more affected by thoughts of doom from the Ukraine war. So Britain has been a great support to Ukraine. Israel/Hamas war is more distant and doesn't have the same impact on countries like France and Britain."

After a long pause she resumes, "What's happening in Ukraine is too close to home to what happened in the second world war."

When talking about Hamas and Palestinians, she says, "People confuse Hamas [a terrorist agency] with Palestine, but Israel's response is unacceptable to me." Israel is destroying people's homes and people haven't done anything to deserve

that. It parallels World War 2 distinctions between Nazis and Germans.

"It's the Nazis we were fighting, not the Germans."

She recalls the day her high school German language teacher, who was reared in Germany, cried when she announced King George VI had died. That a German would cry for a British king deeply surprised and touched Valerie. This was the moment she recognized the difference between individuals and national ideologies.

The interview conversation returns to South Africa Apartheid policies, rich versus poor, educated/skilled workers versus non-educated/non-skilled workers.

Then Valerie and I share thoughts on nationalism and immigration. She wishes people could understand the boost immigrants can bring to economies if they are given the chance.

- Dala Giffin

Representatives from different organizations exhibited books, videos and information. Organizations on this page included Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCU) and National Council of Negro Women.

On facing page: National Association for the Advancement of Colored People



(NAACP), Arapahoe-Douglas League of Women Voters, Equal Justice Initiative and black authors of "Black Magnolia: An Unequivocal Southern Belle," and "Taste of the Past."

# Civil War veteran...from page 15

"You know you have certain rights — but you have no voice to enforce them. If you would know the only comfort of an exile's life, go listen to the babbling of the brook, the dashing foreign waves on the rockbound coast, the rustling of the leaves in the tall trees overhead, listen to the thrilling notes of the song birds; these speak the language of your longing heart; they alone speak the language of your own native land.

"In the winter of 1863-64, while in Libby prison, I had a dear comrade. He was in the prime of life. I had a blanket, he had none; but I shared it with him to the last. One cold night in February, he took a chill. He could not get warm. The cold, bare floor was like a cake of ice to him. So I wrapped him up in the blanket and covered his hands, but all to no purpose. Steadily, he became worse. At last, the dawn of day came creeping into our prison, then he turned to me, saying, "Comrade, if you live to get out of this prison, here is my testament. Promise me to take it or send it to Mary — tell her to be brave, it is all for our country."

Dad Wheeler's words are profound. Today, we take our freedoms for granted — freedom to walk the streets, freedom to speak your mind,

freedom to choose a job, freedom of religion, and freedom to run and laugh. In our daily travels, we should take a moment and give thought to what we have in this country — a country founded and based on a well-written Constitution that has served each citizen extremely well for 245 years.

And, perhaps we should think twice about these freedoms and the Constitution whenever we go to the polls and vote.

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### Final Thoughts

As a 10- and 11-year-old, I was ushered into the parlor where Dad Wheeler spent most of his day whenever I was in his home. If the weather was on the cold side, Wheeler would be seated near the wood-burning parlor stove. Our conversations were brief, but he always made a restless kid welcome. Over time, I looked forward to the visits.

As I reached my teens and later, I became more aware of the stature of the man who had lived next door. Here was a man who was prideful, yet humble, who had served his country in trying times, and as a young teenager, had stood on the stage with Abraham Lincoln, had spoken with Lincoln, and had voted for him as the

first Republican president. I was privileged to be a neighbor and to have known and spoken with Wheeler.

He was our neighbor. Most important, he was a veteran of high stature and a true Slayton pioneer. As I now near the age that Mr. Wheeler was when I first met him, I visualize his time as a Union soldier, his trials and tribulations as he walked life's path.

I reflexively render a silent salute for his contributions to our great nation and his experiences.

His presence for almost 100 years and his military sacrifices made our country and the world better.

A final note: Edwin "Dad" Wheeler died on June 6, 1940. Our brief conversations started in 1939; and ended in spring 1940.

Just 10 years later, the Korean War began. It was late June 1950. Along with seven boyhood friends, I enlisted in the United States Air Force — and never looked back. The Air Force became my adventure for the next 23 years, enjoying the lifestyle and the various duty assignments from Korea, to Hawaii, to South America. I retired in 1974 as a Senior Master Sergeant. I am currently compiling data for a third book covering past duty in Korea, titled "The Golden Goats of Panama Relay."

— Charles Toner  
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Rendezvous Restaurant and the outdoor swimming pool. The next Foundation meeting will be Feb. 14, 1 pm in the board room and on zoom.

## Recent Donations to the General Fund:

- B204 in memory of Patricia Archuleta
  - B218 in memory of Bob Yoakam
- **Eloise Laubach, HGMD Vice President Chair, Foundation Committee**

## My Walker, My Friend

As an old man I write poetry as a couch potato from my sofa to get some gusto and improve my memory and disposition.

My upright walker is a good friend. It helps me stand and scale the trail around our Golf Course. It lightens the load on my back and legs, helps maintain my balance and is my wagon for carrying stuff down the road. It goes over the stones and reduces the moans in my sore muscles and bones.

And believe it or not, sometimes for fun, I take it for a run. Despite these obvious benefits, some stigmatize walkers but let's be bold and take the "dis" out of disabled.

– **Russell William Fitch  
B215**



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<b>Thu 1</b>	Tai Chi (every Thursday)	Tennis Courts	8–11 am	
	TOPS (every Thursday)	Blue Spruce Room	8:30–9:30 am	
	HG Optimist Breakfast	Rendezvous Restaurant	9 am	
	Time4Tap Dance Group (every Thursday)	Sandberg Auditorium	11 am–noon	
	Bunko (1st and 3rd Thursday)	Blue Spruce Room	1–3:30 pm	
	Social Bridge (every Thursday, Joanne Turner)	Skyview Room	1–3:30 pm	
	HG Writers Club (every Thursday)	Mountain View Room	1–4 pm	
	Ping Pong (every Thursday)	Game Room	2–3 pm	
	Meditation Club (every Thursday)	Skyview Room	4–5 pm	
	Kiwanis Club of Aurora Business Meeting	Skyview Room	6 pm	
	9-Ball Men's Billiards (every Thursday)	Billiards Room	7–9 pm	
	<b>Fri 2</b>	Men with Purpose (1st and 3rd Friday)	Skyview Room	10–11 am
		Texas Hold 'em Poker_Reddy or Hill (every Friday)	Mountain View Room	12:30–5 pm
		Friday Afternoon Bridge (every Friday)	Skyview Room	1–5 pm
<b>Sat 3</b>	Mexican Train Dominoes (every Saturday)	Arts & Crafts Room	noon–4 pm	
	Ping Pong (every Saturday)	Game Room	2–3 pm	
	Karaoke Club	Aspen/Blue Spruce Rooms	3–5 pm	
	Voice for Residents Club	Sandberg Auditorium	3:30–5 pm	
<b>Sun 4</b>	Social Bridge (every Sunday, Joanne Turner)	Skyview Room	1–3:30 pm	
<b>Mon 5</b>	VNA Senior Wellness Clinics (1st & 3rd Mondays)	Blue Spruce Room	8:30 am–1 pm	
	Men's Bridge (every Monday)	Skyview Room	10 am–2 pm	
	HG Women's Book Club (Arce)	Mountain View Room	10:30 am–12:30 pm	
	Spanish Club (every Monday)	Aspen Room	11 am–noon	
	Texas Hold 'em Poker_Reddy or Hill	Aspen Room	12:30–5 pm	
	Time4Tap Dance Novice Group (every Monday)	Sandberg Auditorium	1–2 pm	
	HG Women's Book Club (Urias)	Mountain View Room	1–3 pm	
	Mah Jongg (every Monday)	Blue Spruce Room	1–4 pm	
	Men's Poker	Game Room	3:30–7 pm	
	CP2 Meeting	Aspen/Blue Spruce	4:30–8 pm	
	HG Game Night (Karen Gold; every Monday)	Arts & Crafts Room	4–6 pm	
<b>Tue 6</b>	Hand (Knee) and Foot (every Tuesday)	Mountain View Room	12:30–4 pm	
	Mah Jongg (every Tuesday)	Blue Spruce Room	1–4 pm	
	Ping Pong (every Tuesday)	Game Room	2–3 pm	
	Tennis Club	Rendezvous Restaurant	5 pm	
	Billiard Club Co-ed 8-Ball (every Tuesday)	Billiard Room	6:30 pm	
<b>Wed 7</b>	Life Spark (every Wednesday)	Skyview Room	8 am–noon	
	Cribbage (every Wednesday)	Sunburst Café	12:30–3 pm	

## Advertised Activities and Seminars

Mon, Feb. 5 Bayer Ear Clinic (every Monday, by appointment), Arts & Crafts Room, 9 am–noon (see ad, p. 55)  
 Fri, Feb. 16 Alzheimer's & Dementia Care, Mature Living Seminar, Smoky Hill Library, 10–11:30 am (see ad p. 8)

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<b>Wed 7</b>	Men's Poker_Reddy or Hill (every Wednesday) Woodshop Club Meeting Rummikub (every Wednesday) HG ACBL Duplicate Bridge (every Wednesday) Pinochle (every Wednesday) Woodshop Orientation CP1 Meeting Square Dancing Club (every 1st and 3rd Wednesday)	Skyview Room Aspen Room Lodgepole Lounge Blue Spruce Room Mountain View Room Woodshop Aspen/Blue Spruce Room Sandberg Auditorium	12:30–5 pm 1 pm 1–3 pm 1–4:45 pm 1:30–4 pm 4–5 pm 5–8 pm 7–9 pm
<b>Thu 8</b>	RV Lot Club Men's Poker (Jess Deal; 2nd and 4th Thursday)	Aspen Room Game Room	5–6 pm 5:30–8:30 pm
<b>Fri 9</b>	Birding and Nature Club	Lodgepole Lounge	11:30 am
<b>Sat 10</b>	The Breakfast Club	Rendezvous Restaurant	8:30 am
<b>Mon 12</b>	Texas Hold 'em Poker_Reddy or Hill (2nd–4th Monday)	Mountain View Room	12:30–5 pm
<b>Tue 13</b>	<b>Clubhouse Event: Mountain Man Fruit and Nut Co.</b>	Clubhouse Lobby	2:15–3:15 pm
<b>Wed 14</b>	<b>Clubhouse Trip: Bally's Casino in Blackhawk</b> <b>Clubhouse Event: Boost Your Energy</b> <b>Clubhouse Event: Van Gogh (Active Minds)</b> Aviation Club	B243 and B244 Mountain View Room Sandberg Auditorium Aspen Room	7:45 am–3 pm 10 am 2 pm 7 pm
<b>Thu 15</b>	HG Optimist Club Social Justice Group The Green Team <b>Clubhouse Event: AARP Driver's Safety Course</b> Bunko <b>Clubhouse Event: Norman Rockwell by K.Arnold</b> Kiwanis Club of Aurora – Guest Speaker	Rendezvous Restaurant Blue Spruce Room Blue Spruce Room Sandberg Auditorium Blue Spruce Room Sandberg Auditorium Skyview Room	9 am 10 am–noon noon–2 pm 12:45–5 pm 1–3:30 pm 1–2 pm 6 pm
<b>Fri 16</b>	Men with Purpose (1st and 3rd Friday) <b>Clubhouse Event: Bingo</b> <b>Clubhouse Event: MountainAires</b>	Skyview Room Sandberg Auditorium Sandberg Auditorium	10 am 1–3 pm 7:30 pm
<b>Sat 17</b>	Wine and Cheese Social Club <b>Clubhouse Event: Comedian Randy Riggle</b>	Aspen/Blue Spruce Rooms Sandberg Auditorium	3–5 pm 7–8:30 pm
<b>Mon 19</b>	<b>Presidents' Day Holiday – Management Offices closed</b>		
<b>Tue 20</b>	HG Republican Club Caregiver's Support Group	Sandberg Auditorium Aspen Room	1:30 pm 2–4 pm
<b>Wed 21</b>	HG Photo Club Square Dancing Club (every 1st and 3rd Wednesday)	Aspen Room Sandberg Auditorium	3 pm 7–9 pm
<b>Thu 22</b>	<b>Clubhouse Event: Watch Batteries</b> <b>Ward V Town Hall Meeting with Angela Lawson</b>	Sunburst Café Sandberg Auditorium	9 am–1 pm 10 am–noon
<b>Fri 23</b>	Fourth Friday Bridge Green Team Doggie Bags <b>Clubhouse Movie: A Million Miles Away</b>	Skyview Room Lodge Pole Lounge Sandberg Auditorium	8:30 am–12:30 pm 9 am–noon 2 pm
<b>Sat 24</b>	National Federation of the Blind, Aurora Chapter	Mountain View Room	10:30 am–12:30 pm



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<b>Mon 26</b>	Low Vision Support Group	Mountain View Room	1:30 pm
<b>Tue 27</b>	HG Democratic Club Sevillians Social	Sandberg Auditorium Rendezvous Restaurant	4–5:30 pm 4:30 pm
<b>Wed 28</b>	Resident Orientation	Board Room/Zoom	10 am

**Bible Study** (Interdenominational) on every Wednesday, 9–10 am, Aspen Room (women); Blue Spruce Room (men).

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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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- Monday, Feb. 5, 8:30 am–1 pm, Blue Spruce Rm

### Aurora Townhall Meeting

Councilwoman Angela Lawson, who represents HG in Ward V, will be at HG for her Townhall Meeting, 10 am Thursday, Feb. 24, Sandberg Auditorium. Visit [AuroraGov.org/TownMeetings](http://AuroraGov.org/TownMeetings) to find links for joining virtual meetings.

### Aurora Fox Arts Center

The new season at the Aurora Fox will begin with the quick-witted comedy "ART" by Yasmina Reza, playing Feb. 3 to 25 in the Studio Theatre. In this fast-paced, biting comedy, long-time friendships are put to the test when an expensive white painting upends everyone's prior assumptions. Hailed as one of the most successful comedies of all time, "ART" is the winner of the Tony Award (Best Play), Olivier Award (Best New Comedy), and NY Drama Critics Award (Best Play).

## Heather 'n Yon Deadline - 2/16

### • Monthly Meetings •

### Boards and Committees

Listed meetings will be in the Board Room or Zoom.

**HGMD Board** (BR/Zoom) – 1 pm Thu, Feb. 1

Clubs & Activities (BR/Zoom) – 1 pm Fri, Feb. 2 (TBD)

SEC (BR/Zoom) – 10 am Mon, Feb. 5

CECC (BR/Zoom) – 11 am Tue, Feb. 6

Joint Long Range Plan (BR/Zoom) – 10 am Wed, Feb. 7

Personnel Policy (BR/Zoom) – 10 am Fri, Feb. 9

RV Lot (BR/Zoom) – 1 pm Mon, Feb. 12

Maintenance (Zoom) – 10 am Tue, Feb. 13

Clubhouse (BR/Zoom) – 1 pm Tue, Feb. 13

Foundation (BR/Zoom) – 1 pm Wed, Feb. 14

ACC (Zoom) – 10 am Thu, Feb. 15

**HGMD Board** (BR/Zoom) – 1 pm Thu, Feb. 15

HGMD Audit/Finance (BR/Zoom) – 1 pm Mon, Feb. 16

**Presidents' Day Holiday – Management Office Closed**

Budget & Finance (BR/Zoom) – 10 am Tue, Feb. 20

**HGA Board** (BR/Zoom) – 1 pm Tue, Feb. 20

Joint Long Range Plan (BR/Zoom) – 10 am Wed, Feb. 21

Resident Open Forum (BR/Zoom) – 3 pm Wed, Feb. 21

Golf (BR/Zoom) – 1 pm Tue, Feb. 27

Resident Orientation (Zoom) – 10 am Wed, Feb. 28

Civic Affairs (BR/Zoom) – 11:30 pm Wed Feb. 28

Restaurant (BR/Zoom) – 3 pm Thu, Feb. 29

The second production of the season will be August Wilson's "Gem of the Ocean," playing from March 23 to April 14. A 2005 Tony Award Nominee for Best Play, "Gem of the Ocean" is the first in Aurora Fox's commitment to produce August Wilson's 10-play "The American Century Cycle."

In partnership with Aurora Public Library, the Aurora Fox will present the family friendly fantasy adventure "The Lightning Thief: The Percy Jackson Musical," from June 1 to 23.

In another library partnership, fall brings the classic Jules Verne adventure "Around the World in 80 Days," adapted by Mark Brown, playing Oct. 5 to 27. Traveling by boat, train and elephant, Phileas Fogg and his trusty valet, Passepartout, set the timer on a riotous and suspenseful race-against-the-clock romp around the globe.

The final production of the season, playing Nov. 30 to Dec. 22, is the regional premiere of "Ebenezer Scrooge's Big Christmas Show!" written by Gordon Greenberg and Steve Rosen, based on "A Christmas Carol" by Charles Dickens. Wacky fun for the entire family, five nimble actors play dozens of roles in this hilariously fast-paced and highly imaginative Dickens mashup.

For more information on these and other fantas-  
See FYI...page 48

# Letters

## Heather 'n Yon

I want to thank the Social Justice group, the organizers, and the volunteers, who presented a wonderful program for Heather Gardens on the birthday of Martin Luther King, Jr. It included videos, speeches, songs on video, and songs sung by the people in attendance, booths of information and opportunity, plus snacks and birthday cake. And I want to thank all the residents of Heather Gardens who attended despite temperatures being below zero. It was a fitting tribute to this important American.

**Jim Chaput  
B214**

## Heather 'n Yon

Colorado citizens MUST file a Colorado state tax return in order to receive the \$800 TABOR refund in 2024. Seniors should file for state taxes even if they have no additional income to report. Don't miss out on your TABOR refund! For more information call Smoky Hill Tax Service, 303-680-6794.

**Rhonda Brown  
See ad, page 53**

## Heather 'n Yon

The HG Green Team is pleased with residents' participation in our PPP (dog waste compostable bag) handouts. Our grounds are cleaner and more pleasant for your effort.

You may not know that Green Team members monitor the bins weekly and remove non-compostable waste bags and garbage — even the occasional tin can. None of these belong in the big black bin. Please put those things in the smaller metal container attached to the pole.

We are writing today to ask dog owners to conquer two other problems that have recently cropped up. Over the last few months we have discovered loose, unbagged dog waste in the bins. We've also found tissue that has been used to pick up someone's dog's waste and is then put in the big, plastic bin. Both of these actions seem to be by people who care about both our program and keeping our grounds clean. They are cleaning up after their pet and sending the waste to be composted. So, what's the problem, you ask.

The problem is that tissue is not compostable and loose dog waste stinks and is unsanitary for HG Maintenance crews and Green Team members to deal with.

Our Maintenance and Roads & Grounds crews work hard for all. We are asking all dog owners to please bag your dog waste. If you join the PPP, you can put it in the large plastic bins, and if you prefer not to join, please put your non-compostable plastic bag in the smaller metal bin.

Thank you,

**Janet Arce, B232  
Pat Nugent, B221**

## Green Team president, secretary

## Heather 'n Yon

The Lifelong Learners are kicking off their spring term. Classes will begin the first week in April with these four offerings.

- *Technology Overview.* How your devices work, internet efficiency and security, effective passwords, and more.

- *U.S. Forestry Service.* A look into this federal agency — its history, and operations in Colorado.

- *Memoir Writing.* How to plan and tell the story of your life.

- *World Affairs Discussion.*

Explanation and discussion of eight great issues in global affairs and foreign policy for the United States.

Come to the Kick-Off/Open House event on Wednesday, March 20, 10:30 am–12:30 pm, in the Aspen/Blue Spruce Rooms to learn more about Life Long Learners. Members of the Planning Committee and course facilitators will be present to talk about the courses. Complete course descriptions will be available.

See more details in the March issue of *Heather 'n Yon* and in the Spring term class schedule publication.

**Mike Boyd, CP2**

*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 do not exceed 300 words. Letters will not be run from the same individual in successive months. Writers may publish only four letters per year, but not in consecutive months.*

## Heather 'n Yon

I am starting my second term as an HGMD Director. Three years of my first four year term were elected as the District President. I have been credited with handling my fiduciary duties appropriately.

Now I along with three other directors are being recalled. If you read the second attempt at a petition you will find everything stated in my petition is either half truths or blatantly false.

1) My suggestion regarding Foundation funds was one of many suggestions the committee receives nearly monthly. It states the HGMD has spending authority for Foundation funds. That is correct.

2) I am accused of causing the resignation of a number of employees. I have had good working relationships with the following employees right up until their departure. It includes Jon Rea. CEO, Jerry Counts, CFO and Security Chief T.J. Jones.

Please do not sign any of the petitions. They all contain false information.

**Craig Baldwin  
B242**

## Heather 'n Yon

This is my reply to Al Lindeman, seeking our Recall. What would we do with that maintenance building? Just a thought. It is true that HGA has commandeered more and more of it; District equipment is relegated to sitting outside in the elements. The District owns several enclosed garages where we could store less used equipment. Does Al think we were wrong to "complain"—HGA word, or to express "concern"—our word—that expensive equipment was sitting outside in the elements deteriorating needlessly.

If you were told the staff of the company hired could not do your job, what would you do? We've been doing it ourselves. Not the answer. Recall the employer! Pretty stupid answer.

There should be no duplication of positions or responsibilities if we split. With cooperation, we can do this at no additional (maybe less!) cost to our residents. Yes, we will need some office room, not a lot, I think. Yes, we will "charge rent"

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with a written contract with express expectations of tenant and landlord. We will have a contract for shared employees and an invoice for services provided. There will be some changes in accounting procedure, changes that should be seamless! The goal is for HGA to focus on operations and maintenance of the residential property and HGMD to focus on the amenities and their operation and be more effective. This should be a win, win, win. HGA-HGMD-Constituents. Attorney fees will eat us alive without cooperation.

One thing many people forget — for most of the 50 years, management did manage golf or the restaurant. These were contracted to outside professional concessionaires. HGMD facilities' needs have fallen through the cracks since the execution of the existing Management Agreement. Toilets, sinks, showers, locks, floors, lights, doors.

**Rita Effler, Treasurer  
HGMD, B232**

### Heather 'n Yon

Regarding the dispute between the HGMD and HGA Boards and the existing lawsuit: any sellers or real estate brokers who are in the process of listing or selling a home here have obligations to disclose this litigation to potential buyers.

Also, the Lender-required survey (at [HeatherGardens.org](http://HeatherGardens.org) website under Resources/Condo Questionnaire) has forms used by FHA/VA as well as for conventional loans by other lenders. Both forms have questions about "active or pending litigation." Once these reach a lender, marked in the affirmative, this becomes a relevant fact and will adversely impact the ability of the lender to fund loans inside this community. This affects ALL loans in HG, which make up about half of the sales here.

Lenders still willing to loan may ask for a larger down payment and will certainly charge a higher rate of interest to offset their perceived risk.

Buyers, on their own part, may hesitate to make their new home in a community where there is turmoil among the entities whose job it is to govern the annual budget and main-

tenance here.

When lenders and buyers avoid an area and demand for HG properties drops, this inevitably affects property values negatively.

We, as homeowners, business owners, and real estate brokers with a commitment to the success of this community, are alarmed at this recent turn of events. We urge all parties to resolve this matter quickly and to dismiss this lawsuit.

Please use mediation and the best interest of your constituents to resolve any issues. Failure to do so will cause immediate and lasting damage to the values of every home here.

**Nancy and Bruce Henson, STH  
Heather Gardens Brokers**

### Heather 'n Yon

Vote NO on the recall. Why? It is common to only recall elected officials for serious transgressions, such as unethical conduct, misfeasance, malfeasance, or violations of civil or criminal laws. The Recall Petition Committee has not alleged any of those transgressions. Instead, they allege that the HGMD directors have caused employees to resign. The reality is that employees come and go on a regular basis.

Jon Rea, CEO, was asked in an open public meeting why he was resigning. It was a perfect opportunity for him to claim it was because of HGMD, but he didn't. He instead stated he didn't feel he was "a good fit" for HG. The CFO Jerry Counts, moved out of state. The Resident Services Coordinator stated she was retiring. The Clubhouse Manager was given the additional duty of managing custodial but without extra pay. He left for a better paying job with the city.

Back when GM Calvin White resigned and Jon Rea took his place, there was a complete turnover of personnel in Accounts Receivable/Payable. What caused that? It was so bad that management had to persuade a former employee to come out of retirement to teach the new employees how to use the aging and difficult Jenark property management software.

I would note that in the last 12 years there has been only two elections with six elections canceled due to a lack of applicants. For the major-

ity of over a decade, HGMD directors have either been appointed or elected by acclamation, meaning they ran unopposed. Last May was the first competitive election we've had in a long time. The Recall Committee is seeking to undo that. This is simply vindictive. Their vengeance will easily cost the homeowners more than \$40,000. *Decline to sign or Vote No* on the recall.

**Forrest McClure  
CP2**

### Heather 'n Yon

I have lived in HG 4.5 years and now realize that I should have paid more attention to what was going on in the board meetings. January 6 was the first time I heard about the potential Recall of four HGMD Board directors. At first, it did not make sense; the new board was just established. After reading both the current and the proposed Management Agreements (M.A.), I thought every organization needs financial oversight. So, to make the right decision, I immersed myself in data, had some sleepless nights, displayed obsessive behavior to neighbors and friends, and developed a pimple on my chin.

The effect of the conflicts between HGA and HGMD Boards has rippled out across HG employees and residents. Whatever the initial intent was, chaos now reigns.

Excessive expenditures are now being brought to the forefront and the sleeping giant has awoken. As such, residents have only two paths of recourse: 1) Election, and 2) Recall. Simply stated, failure to use common sense means draining our common cents!

It seems that HGMD's litigating attorney is being used as a cudgel to force HGA to "bend the knee" in submitting to the updated M.A.

Intelligence does not guarantee good communication or people skills. The loss of 7 or 8 of the top level HG employees will cost *all* residents big money for replacement, loss of knowledge, time, efficiency, and morale.

Generating fear by seeding doubts and questioning the results of a qualified CPA firm, which concluded there was "no fraud," is more than just counterproductive.

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# Clubs and Organizations

## 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 at HG 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 [mijackson81@gmail.com](mailto:mijackson81@gmail.com).

## Optimist Club

The club meets on first and third Thursday of each month for breakfast in Rendezvous, 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, Mountain View 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).

On Feb. 15, there will be a special program presented by the Kiwanis Club of Aurora, “Care and Choice at the End of Life,” features Diane Carter of *CompassionandChoices.org*. She will present an interesting program that discusses the different care and choices an individual has for the end of life.

Carter is a retired RN and college professor, who has been involved in the health field for many years. She currently runs a non-profit called Compassion and Care, which presents programs to the community. Come see her, and learn many helpful tips. — 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.

## 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.

## The Voice For Residents Club

Announcing a new club for HG residents: The Voice for Residents Club. First meeting is 3:30–5 pm Saturday, Feb. 3, Sandberg Auditorium. Subsequent meeting schedule TBD.

Purpose: to provide a forum for residents to stay current and informed on issues facing HG. These issues will include — but not limited to — the governance for HG, activities occurring outside HG that will impact our community, and other concerns residents may want to explore. Contact: Vickie Hoffman, [vhoff920@gmail.com](mailto:vhoff920@gmail.com).

## HG Women's Book Club

The club meets on the first Mon-

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

## Spanish Club (Club en Español)

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

## Woodshop Club

The club promotes use of the Woodshop and better care of the equipment. It focuses on safety within the Woodshop and helps develop new woodworking classes. Meetings are the first Wednesday of the month, 1 pm, Aspen 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. Questions may be directed to President Dave Woods, [heathergardenswoodshop-club@gmail.com](mailto:heathergardenswoodshop-club@gmail.com).

## CP1

Monthly social hours resume on the first Wednesday of the month, in February. — Tammi, 303-618-5345; Carolyn, 720-290-9908.

## 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.

## 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.

This is just the tip of the iceberg. TBC has grown in the past 20 years — it is larger with 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 Harnes

### Aviation Club

The club meets on the second week of the month, at 7 pm, Wednesday, Feb. 14, Aspen Room. Our program will be a documentary of Clarence “Kelly” Johnson and the Lockheed Aviation Company. Johnson was Chief Aeronautical Designer for the P-38 Lighting of WW2 fame, P-80/T-33 Lockheed T-33A “Shooting Star” jet trainer. The equipment has trained more jet pilots than any other training aircraft in the world!

In addition, Johnson was the chief designer of the F-104 Starfighter, OV-10 Bronco, U2 Spy Plane, F-117A Stealth F/A, the SR-71 Blackbird Spy plane, and the F-22 Raptor (the world’s greatest 5G fighter/interceptor). His genius and skill enhanced U.S. aviation design immensely, and kept America at the forefront of aviation advancement for more than 50 years. His secret design team at Lockheed became known as the “Skunk Works.”

Come and watch the history of one of America’s true heroes and genius aviators. His works were truly amazing. — Rudy Morris

### 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.

### Social Justice Discussion

You are invited to join the roundtable discussion group, “Unpacking the Society in Which We Live,” on Thursday, Feb. 15, 10 am–noon, Blue Spruce Room. We will honor Black History month with stories and information. NASA’s first Black astronaut candidate and renowned sculptor, Denverite Ed Dwight, will be featured in a short video. Contact: Diane Pritchard, *di-*

*anekpritchard@gmail.com*, or Bernie Hupperts, *marlynber@gmail.com*.

### The Green Team

We meet on the third Thursday of every month, at noon, Blue Spruce Room. If you missed our America Recycles Day event, circle Nov. 15 on your new 2024 calendar, so you won’t miss it again.

Spring Back Colorado, one of the 13 vendors who attended, is extremely impressive. This company is based in the City of Commerce and recycles 3,000 mattresses monthly. The company’s first mission is to lessen the impact of 30 million units going into landfills nationwide. Its second mission is to offer redemptive employment opportunities to men in transition following incarceration. These employees take apart more than 90 percent of each mattress, and either recycle or repurpose the components. We strongly recommend utilizing this company by calling for pick-up or taking your extra mattress to its location. Call 303-587-9797 for information. — Wendy Pfaffhausen

### Wine & Cheese Social Club

We meet on the third Saturday of every month. Join us at 3–5 pm Saturday, Feb. 17, Aspen/Blue Spruce Room. Bring a beverage and snack to share. Entertainment is provided. For information, call the Clubhouse Activity Desk, 303-751-1811, ext. 5.

### 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.

Normally, we meet on the third Monday, but due to the Presidents’ Day holiday, we will meet 3 pm Wednesday, Feb. 21, in the Aspen Room. Contact Anita Huddleston, *anvid7@hotmail.com*, 303-718-6676.

### HG Republican Club

Our general meeting is on Tuesday, Feb. 20, 1:30–3 pm. This month, we’re meeting on the third Tuesday.

Club News: Presidential Primary Preview. The Presidential Primary in Colorado is Tuesday, March 5, quickly followed by the Arapahoe County Republican Party Precinct Caucus on Thursday, March 7. This general

session is focused on the presidential primary and the purpose and process of caucuses held by precincts in HG and nearby. Help select your candidates for the primary and determine the platform for our party. Be an informed voter and become a delegate for the district, state and, possibly, the National Convention.

Membership 2024: Membership dues are \$20 for the year. Our dues support candidate events, caucus, county, district and state assemblies, postage, advertising and other administrative costs for the club. Please feel free to contact Robin O’Meara, president, for more information: 303-949-4916, *rlomeara1@gmail.com*.

“Success is not final, failure is not fatal: it is the courage to continue that counts.” — Winston Churchill

### 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.

### Frolics Club

The club is planning a group “field trip” to the Vintage Theater on Friday evening, Feb. 23, to see “The Legend of Georgia McBride.” Guests are welcome. Cost is \$31 for seniors. Please call Arlene Krell, 720-284-9774, by Monday, Feb. 5, if you want to join us. It promises to be an entertaining, poignant show.

### NFBCO Aurora Chapter

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

### Low Vision Support

The Low Vision Support Group meets on the fourth Monday of the month, 1:30–3 pm, Aspen Room. Questions, call Marsha Bengen, 720-535-5224.

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# Sports and Recreation

## 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.

## 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.

## HG Bowling League

The calendar continues to flip, but the Pin Busters (Summer Dunbar, Dorothy Hunter, Tony Ormsby) continue their grip at the top of the team standings. But several teams have made a new year's resolution to make their move on the leaders in the new year.

There have been a few changes this month to the season leaderboard:

- High Scratch Series (Men and Women): Glenn Riggs, 612; Sue McBeth, 544
- High Scratch Game: George Madonna, Steve Hesser (tie), 246; Mary Jo Prichard 201
- High Handicap Series: Larry Hill, 751; Charlane Pluckeck, 710
- High Handicap Game: Scott Cole, 287; Barb Gierscher, 263
- Team Scratch Series (1618): Les Miserabowls (Mary Jo Prichard, Steve Hesser, Glenn Riggs)
- Team Handicap Series (2025): Easy Rollers (Lee Boland, Carol Strickland, Dave Walstrom)
- Team Scratch Game (554): Clean Livin' (Bill Peters, Karen Johnson, Bill Singer)
- Team Handicap Game (693): Bow Wows (Colleen Kreft, Dick Apt,

## Keith Tipton)

Please contact Glenn Riggs, *gvriggs@yahoo.com*, if you would like to add your name to the list of substitute bowlers, or be placed on our waitlist to be a regular bowler, if we have an opening.

## Social Bridge

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

## 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.

## Time4Tap Dance Group

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

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

## Monday Mah Jongg

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

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

## Tennis Club

Our play times, February through April, are Mondays, Wednesdays,

Fridays, and Saturdays, at 1 pm. Please come out and give us a try. We welcome all levels of players. We offer free lessons, and training on the ball machine.

Our next get-together is the monthly meeting at Rendezvous Restaurant, 5 pm Tuesday, Feb. 6. We are friendly and welcoming. If you have any questions, call Wendy Pfaffhausen, 303-587-9797.

## Men's Poker and Texas Hold 'em

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

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

## Games Galore!

Game night is every Monday 4–6 pm, Arts & Crafts Room. Bring your own game, your own drinks, and your own snacks. Join HG residents and friends, for a fun night. Play your favorite game or learn a new one. It's all for fun. For information, Karen Gold, 712-301-2284.

## Hand (Knee) and Foot

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

## Pickleball

We offer a free "Pickleball Light" program with free instruction and/or play on Tuesdays and Thursdays, noon to 1 pm for beginners and those who enjoy a slower and easier pace of play. The club provides loaner paddles and pickleballs. Call Phil or Ron in advance (see below) to be sure a club member will be there if you are arriving at noon for instruction.

Club play runs 10 am–noon, and often later, every day when wind chill is above 32°F and wind gusts are below 20 MPH. We add events such as Round Robin and Ladder Play occasionally on Saturday or Sunday.

Visit our club's website [www](http://www).

[hgpickle.org/](http://hgpickle.org/) for more information. Contact Phil Hughes, 303-503-7633, or Ron Hileman, 720-256-7477, [ronhileman@gmail.com](mailto:ronhileman@gmail.com), with your questions, or to schedule a private, free orientation.

### **Tuesday Mah Jongg**

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

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

### **Ping Pong**

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

### **Billiard Club**

The club meets for Co-ed 8-Ball at 6:30 pm on Tuesdays. Check in before 6:15 pm to play. Men's 9-Ball is at 7 pm on Thursdays.

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

### **8-Ball Results December 19**

- 1st Ed Harvey, Don Gunnarson
- 2nd Gil Lochhead Team
- 3rd Jack Doherty, Sean Kelliher

### **January 2**

- 1st Brian Bucenec, Judy Hein
- 2nd Jack Doherty Team
- 3rd Roger Goldstein, Judy Brehmer

### **January 9**

- 1st Dee Moore, Roger Goldstein
- 2nd Scott Crowl, David Worden
- 3rd Jack Doherty, Steve Olsen

### **9-Ball Results December 28**

- 1st Steve Hesser
- 2nd Brian Bucenec

### **January 4**

- 1st John Manzanares
- 2nd Jack Doherty

### **January 11**

- 1st Jack Doherty
- 2nd Brian Bucenec
- 3rd John Manzanares

### **Afternoon Cribbage**

Afternoon Cribbage meets

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

### **Rummikub**

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

### **HG ACBL Duplicate Bridge**

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

### **Pinochle**

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

### **Square Dance**

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

### **Ladies Golf Club**

January's arctic-cold snap has left the members of the HG Ladies Golf Club tiring of winter hats, boots and mittens, while dreaming about wearing visors, golf shoes and a single glove. With just two months before starting the 2024 season, everyone is excited to get the year underway.

#### *Important Dates*

- Feb. 15: Non-resident dues of \$55 must be received. This date allows time to determine if any non-resident spots are available to those on the waiting list. League rules allow for 30 non-residents.
- Feb. 28: HGLGC board meeting, 1 pm, Board Room. All members are welcome.
- March 16: Resident dues of \$45 must be paid to be included in the league's golf directory. Payment can be dropped off in the Pro Shop.

Please mark the envelope "Attention Mary Jo Prichard." If any of your information has changed, please download a membership application from the HGLGC website, and include it with your payment.

- Weather allowing, preseason play will begin in April (exact date TBD), with formal league play commencing in May.

A comprehensive 2024 calendar with tournament dates and social activity listings will be published as event details are finalized. All women who are interested in league play are invited to join, regardless of skill level. Learn about the club and get a membership application at the Pro Shop or on our website, [www.heathergardensladiesgolfclub.com](http://www.heathergardensladiesgolfclub.com). Minutes from all board meetings are posted on the site.

#### *New Golf Simulator*

The new golf simulator is a great way to get the winter cobwebs out of your game. This updated version has an overhead launch monitor that provides more detailed and accurate shot information. With a few more months of winter before the golf season begins, check out the more than 100,000 golf courses available to play on the simulator, or just drop in for some practice. For details and available times, contact Kohr at the golf shop.

*Golf Trivia:* The first handicap system was invented by a woman, Issette Pearson, in 1893. The system leveled the playing field, and allowed golfers who had less experience to play. It also allowed male and female players with mixed skills to compete. – Suzi Stolte, Publicity Chair

### **Men's Golf Club**

Our club would like to express its sincere appreciation to outgoing President Ed Bradley, for his leadership over the past few years. I especially remember Ed's enthusiasm for our annual Match Play tournament. He designed and provided an improved scoring board for the outside bulletin board, making it easier to list entrants. Then each player could chart everyone's results, following the flow of winners to the four semifinalists and the ultimate pair competing for the victory. He typically played well in this tournament, placing in the top four at least twice, and making it

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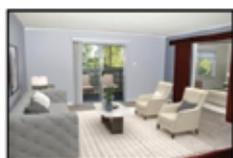
### FOR SALE – 14050 E. Livale Pl. #603 - \$315,000

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### FOR SALE – 13961 E. Marina Dr. #313 - \$315,000

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### \*Heather Gardens Sales Stats For 2023

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6-Story: 123 Homes Sold / Average Sales Price \$321,548 / Average Days on Market 24

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**If you would like more specific information, please email or call me.**

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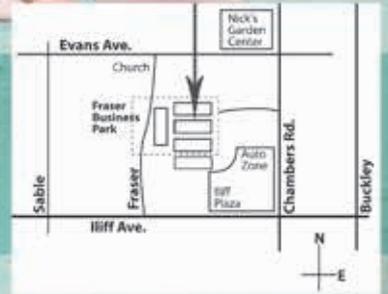
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# HG Clubhouse Events

## 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

### Mountain Man Nut & Fruit Co.

Tuesday, Feb. 13, 2:15–3:15 pm, Clubhouse Lobby  
Nuts, seeds, snacks, candies, dried fruits, trail mix.

### Boost Your Energy by Benn Torrez

Wednesday, Feb. 14, 10–11 am, Mountain View Room  
FREE: Reservation required, 303-751-1811, x5.

Explore 10 practical tips to elevate your energy levels— regardless of age! Join Ben Torrez, 720-501-7912, for strategies spanning diet, exercise, and mental well-being practices. Learn how to conquer common energy zappers to maintain your vitality.

After the class, stick around for an exclusive Q&A session on maximizing Medicare benefits for 2024. Bring a friend and make staying active a shared journey! Snacks provided.

### Active Minds: Van Gogh

Wednesday, Feb. 14, 2 pm, Sandberg Auditorium  
FREE: Reservation required, 303-751-1811, x5.

Enjoy a journey into the life and art of Vincent Van Gogh, whose painting career spanned only 10 years, during which time he produced over 900 paintings, selling only one. We will explore the many challenges of his relatively short and troubled life as well as explore the mystery of his death and the lasting impact of his art.

### AARP Driver's Safety Course

Thursday, Feb. 15, 12:45–5 pm, Sandberg Auditorium  
Fee: \$20 AARP members (with membership card), \$25 non-members (cash or check to instructor, no credit cards); registration required, 303-751-1811 (extension 5). Class size is limited to 25. Bring your driver's license with you.

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

### Norman Rockwell with Kathleen Arnold

Thursday, Feb. 15, 1–2 pm, Sandberg Auditorium  
FREE, reservations required, call 303-751-1811 ext. 5

In the world of fine arts and art critics, some have never understood how Norman Rockwell could become the most well-known and beloved American painter.

### Bingo!

Friday, Feb. 16, 1–3 pm, Sandberg Auditorium  
FREE: Reservation required, 303-751-1811, x5.

Snacks provided. Register early, this event fills fast!

### Denver MountainAires — Colorado Chord Company

Friday, Feb. 16, 7:30 pm, Sandberg Auditorium  
COST: \$15 pre-register; \$16 at the door. Reservations required, call 303-751-1811 ext. 5.

Enjoy this wonderful barbershop chorus — more than a couple dozen men singing together! A few years ago, two choruses merged. One was called the Denver MountainAires, the other called Colorado Chord Company. Both were part of the Barbershop Harmony Society. Now you can sit back and enjoy this fantastic barbershop chorus who have performed at HG several times. Sponsored by Care Patrol, Laura Moreno

### Randy Riggle Comedian

Saturday, Feb. 17, 7 pm, Sandberg Auditorium  
COST: \$10

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

Randy has been a seasoned veteran of the comedy scene since 1982 as a nationally touring comedian. His combination of innovative style, quick wit, and brilliant impressions has made him popular with all types of audiences for many years.

### Watch Batteries Replaced

Thursday, Feb. 22, 9 am–1 pm, Sunburst Café  
Cost: \$8 per battery

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

### Movie Matinee: A Million Miles Away

Friday, Feb. 23, 2 pm, Sandberg Auditorium  
Cost: \$5 pre-register; \$6 on the day of the event.

Reservation required, 303-751-1811, x5

*A Million Miles Away* is a 2023 American biographical drama film detailing the life of José M. Hernández, a Mexican-American astronaut, who is played by Michael Peña. It was directed by Alejandra Marquez Abella from a screenplay written by Bettina Gilois and re-written by Hernán Jiménez and Abella, based on Hernandez's autobiography, *Reaching for the Stars*.

### Heather Gardens Trips

#### Bally's Blackhawk Casino

Wednesday, Feb. 14  
Fee: \$48, reservations required, call 303-751-1811 ext 5.  
Deadline: Friday, Feb. 9. No refunds or cancellations after this date.

Players will receive: 50 points or 1 hour of tracked table play and receive a \$15 food coupon. \$10 Free Slot Play. (Guests will need to set up a pin number and update account information upon arrival.) This bus is an ADA/lift accessible.

Meet at 7:45 am between B243 and B244 on E. Marina Drive. The bus leaves the casino at 2 pm, arriving back to HG about 3 pm.

#### Cebollas

Saturday, March 9, 1:30 pm, The Singleton Theatre at Denver Center Performing Arts  
Fee: \$67 Reservations required, call 303-751-1811 ext 5.  
Deadline: Friday, Feb. 16. No refunds or cancellations after this date.

Three Latinas are forced to take an unexpected road trip from Albuquerque to Denver. Making their way north on I-25, they don't travel for business or for pleasure.

They just need to transport a dead body across state lines. But, then again, what are sisters for?

Bus will pick up residents at noon between B243 and B244 on E. Marina Drive. Returning to HG around 5 pm.



*Returning to HG for a concert on Feb. 16, the Denver MountainAires-Colorado Chord Company were photographed at its last concert on Dec. 1. It won't be Christmas carols in February, but its renditions of many favorite tunes demonstrates the barbershop harmony for which they are known. You'll want to sing along!*

*Photos by Janis Farrell*



**Plumber Marcus Drake retired on Dec. 28 after 21 years at HG.** At a reception in Rendezvous Restaurant, co-workers from HG Maintenance and residents gathered to "Wish him well."



On Pitera: "There's a leak in HG, and it's not in the plumbing. Marcus Drake, plumber extraordinaire, left HG when he retired on Dec. 28 after 21 years on the job. "Marcus has been unfailingly polite and kind, always ready with a smile, even when working on messy clogs. For 21 years at HG, Marcus has helped keep the water flowing freely. He deserves the rest, but he will be missed."

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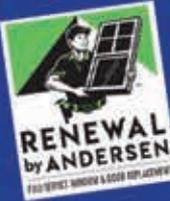
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## Clubs...from page 35

### SRA

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

### HG Democrats

The next meeting of the HG Democratic Club will be 4–5:30 pm on Tuesday, Feb. 27, Sandberg Auditorium. Our meeting this month will focus on the election process in Colorado, starting with the caucuses in March, with training on how to participate fully. You do not need to live in HG or be registered as a Democrat. Our meetings are free.

As Democrats, we support the Constitution, the rule of law, and good government that works for the benefit of all and not special interests. We meet on the fourth Tuesday of each month, with speakers and discussions to learn about candidates and current issues affecting

our city, county, state and country. Some of us go to the Rendezvous after the meeting. Please join us for good fellowship and conversation. – 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. – Patt Clark, B235.

### OPOCS Singles Club

Pinocle and bridge groups are meeting, and social gatherings are ongoing. Call Jackie Clements, 303-988-3555. – Bernice Lucero

### HG Singers

The group will not meet in February. We are looking for an accompanist/director. For more details, call Tom Kappel, 720-377-5756.

### HG Grief Support

Grief Support has two-hour week-

ly meetings that convene twice yearly, for eight-week sessions. Contact Barbara Creswell, 651-485-3608, [bcreswell6@gmail.com](mailto:bcreswell6@gmail.com), for information on future sessions.

### CP2

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

### Lifelong Learners

Coming soon in April: Lifelong Learners will offer classes that exercise your brain and broaden your knowledge on a wide variety of subjects. Lifelong Learners will host an Open House event at the Clubhouse on Wednesday, March 20. Meet our facilitators — who are HG residents — and learn about our first four classes available in April. – Cathy Martino, 303-872-3283

## Sports...from page 39

to the finals once.

As winter continues, we are making progress on the 2024 tee times schedule, and the deadline is rapidly coming for preserving your group's tee-time choice. If you haven't completed registration by Thursday, Feb. 15, your time slot then becomes available to the early-registrant group that requested it as their desired second choice.

There have been improvements and upgrades made to the indoor bay used for lessons and practice

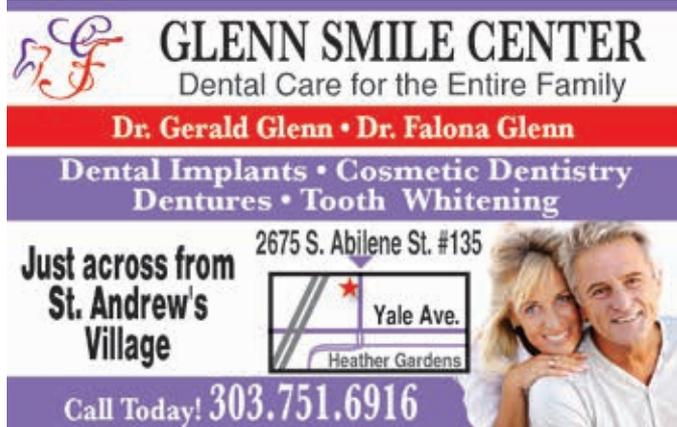
sessions. Greg Kohr and his staff will happily book a time slot for either — just give the Pro Shop a call.

From the land of “fun things to know about our golf course”: slated for this winter, the challenging 5th hole's front center sand bunker has long had an unnatural upslope mound on its greenside edge, which has consistently been annoying for anyone hitting into it. In fact, the original design from 1972 show that this edge was built low enough to be at the same height as the borders on either side of the bunker. The gradual growth of the mound has been caused by each shot out of the bun-

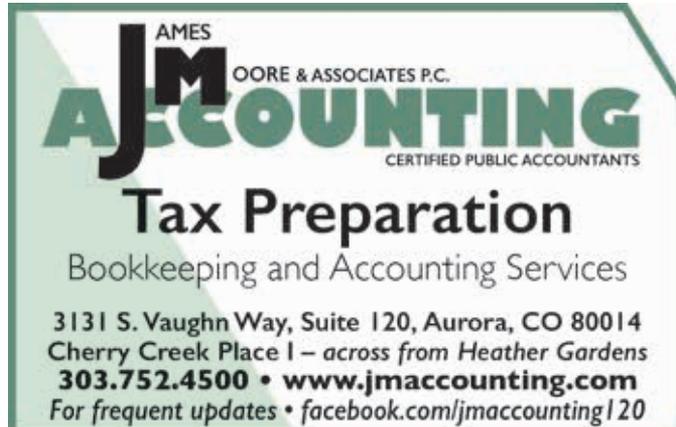
ker spraying more sand onto that zone, which provided a curved slope for grass to flourish.

Now the time has finally come for it to be scraped down low and returned to its original glory. This change, along with the huge amount of new sand Bob added onto the lowest area of the bunker, to raise the hitting area, will mean no more whining about anything unfair to do with this provocative little feature.

Perhaps some players will decide they need to sharpen their sand skills, and take a lesson with Greg. Cheers, and happy new golf season, everyone! – Chris Hughes



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**Heather Gardens Photographers shared their winter photos. Below: Ron Hileman, B223, found the colors at sunrise perfect for highlighting the Golf Course and a frozen fountain.**

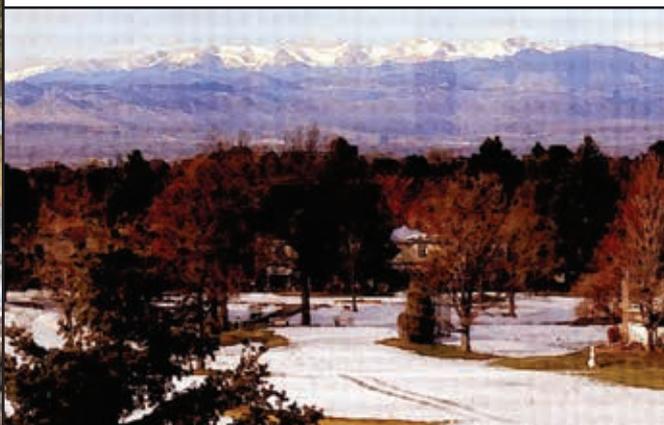


**Below and center: Janis Farrell, B201, photographed the snow family with an extra layer of snow, and the Golf Course fountain before it froze with #9 fairway behind (Dec. 26).**



**Bonnie Williams, B232, photographed all fountains in their frozen state (Jan. 22)**

**Below: Joan Obeslo, B210, photographed a visiting coyote on Jan. 5, during her morning walk.**



**Above: Christine Zipps, B223, photographed the mountains from her lanai on New Year's Day 2024, then turned it into a "watercolor."**



# Donated books...from page 19

## John Wayne, by Scott Eyman (2014)

Like most cumulative biographies, this one has a lot more detail and insight than previous books about Wayne. He comes across as much more human than heroic. Whatever your politics, you'll enjoy this book.

## Approaching Ali: A Reclamation in Three Acts, by Davis Miller (2016) Large Print

Miller was a sports writer who by circumstances became a good friend of Muhammad Ali. This book does not dwell on the details of fights or the legal battles. It is very much a behind-the-scenes look at Ali through his family life, charity work and very personal conversations. His gigantic world-wide fame is another theme. A very personal and inviting book.

## Charles Chaplin, by Peter Ackroyd (2015) Large Print

Very nice book that goes into his artistry, his marriages, his politics, and the onset of talkies. There is also a lot describing his relationship with his mother. A great introduction to Chaplin if you haven't read his autobiography.

## The Life and Work of Henry Fonda (The Man Who Saw a Ghost), by Devin McKinney (2012)

McKinney does a good job with the psychology of Fonda. Detailed recounting of the movies, family life, and WWII service. Fonda comes across as a solid mid-westerner whose movie roles let that quality shine through. The opening quote is from Emerson's "Fate" (1860):

"Great men, great nations, have not been boasters and buffoons, but perceivers of the terror of life, and have manned themselves to face it."

Well said. Describes this book perfectly.

## Home: A Memoir of My Early Years, by Julie Andrews (2008) Large Print

A recounting of her life up until going to Hollywood for *Mary Poppins*. Kind of like Judy Garland, she was "the little girl with the great big voice." She performed a lot in British vaudeville, progressing to major stage roles and into the movies. I'm looking for a follow-up.

## Robert Redford, by Michael Feeney Callan (2011)

Not an outstanding book, but a solid chronicle of Redford's life. Good descriptions of the roles he played. Not a lot outside of his career. If you are a Redford fan, you'll love it.

### In the Golf Pro Shop Library

## Golf Dreams, by John Updike (1996) Large Print.

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- Bill MacDonald  
B241

*{Editor's Note: Bill remained patient with me this past year although there never seemed to be space to run his book summaries for residents after he donated them to HG libraries. This story represents three emails from him. It describes many of his donations to HG in 2023. It is always great to share someone's love for books — a favorite pastime in my household too.}*

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George McJunkin was a remarkable man. He was born on January 9, 1851, in eastern Texas. Enslaved until the end of the Civil War, in 1868, he moved to New Mexico to start a new life as a free man and lived there for more than half a century. He was a champion cowboy, an outstanding ranch manager, a self-taught reader and naturalist, and a collector of

ancient stone tools, ceramics, animal bones, and other interesting objects he found while working. In 2019, he was inducted into the Hall of Great Westerners at the National Cowboy and Western Heritage Museum.

It is important to celebrate how McJunkin's initial dis-

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covery and advocacy for the site set in motion the later work that led to the new history of humans who lived during the ice age in North America.

To read more about George McJunkin's story: [www.sapiens.org/column/curiosities/george-mcjunkin/](http://www.sapiens.org/column/curiosities/george-mcjunkin/)

## Denver Art Museum

The Russells in Denver, 1921, presents 18 works by Charles M. Russell, highlighting paintings and sculptures displayed at his solo art show at The Brown Palace Hotel in 1921, organized by his wife Nancy Russell.

By the 1920s, Charles had painstakingly devoted almost three decades of his life

to painting "the west that has passed," chronicling the vast landscapes, mountain ranges, and peoples he observed as a young man working in Montana in the 1880s. After he and Nancy married in 1896, she became his business and marketing manager, helping Charles grow into one of the greatest narrative artists of the American West.

Organized and curated by JR (Jennifer R.) Henneman, Ph.D., Director of the Petrie Institute of Western American Art, the exhibition maintains the institute's commitment to telling stories yet untold in the western American art canon and to celebrating the city of Denver and its art history. 10 am–5 pm, daily. \$15 Seniors. (720) 865-5000

# Letters...from page 33

It would be helpful if both boards stop spending excessive time looking in the rear-view mirror, or you are going to drive all of us into a head-on collision with a future for which we are not prepared.

**Nancy Gomond  
B201**

## Heather 'n Yon

I have been trying to put into words and to understand what the HGMD's goal is for the HG community. I have listened in on meetings and attended the townhall on Nov. 9 and the information meeting on Dec. 6. I know that you want to make changes quickly to management, HGA agreement and to many things about HGMD property. Please consider slowing down and look at flexing your "civic muscle" instead of your "ego muscle."

I've lived here for almost 10 years and have witnessed and voted for the recall of an individual on the HGMD board seven years ago. It was also when Calvin was HG manager.

I had appreciated what had been CEO John Rea's efforts. I also applauded work by CFO, clubhouse manager, maintenance manager, resident coordinator, etc. I find it so disturbing that key, good people have left.

The HGA Board has been a congruent working group. I looked forward to the four new members this year and will continue to support them.

I would also like to offer you my support but cannot with such a division in this community. I look at what has been taking place the past six months here and find that it all looks so similar to the "chaos at the Capital" over the past few years and it seems it has trickled down into our lovely, sweet community.

Please consider better ways to work with the HGA Board and HG Management team.

**Linda Savage  
B243**

## Heather 'n Yon

I am against the Recall because it is a simple-minded way of trying to solve deep-seated long-term problems. Shooting the messenger rather

than dealing with the message is as old as humanity.

Hundreds of directors, committee members, staff, and residents have contributed to making HG better or worse. Publicly recalling four directors who were fairly elected and who have committed no theft or financial/social misconduct borders character assassination. The Recall is an ill-conceived response. Dealing with issues makes more sense.

There is no "us" and "them." We are all owners in the Association and HG Metro District. Money that comes in belongs to "us" (the Foundation excepted). Expenditures come from "our" funds. Labeling transactions from one fund or another does not hide the truth.

I am tired of paying for anything we don't need or want whether it's breakfast, excessive legal fees, or costs that favor one group over another. There is plenty of blame to go around. There is also plenty of praise for improvements made and money saved because someone spoke up.

The HOA increases are pocket change for some and a hardship for others. But the wealth gap does not determine who cares about waste, unfair distribution, ecology, conflicts of interest, or bad planning. Those are ethical and moral issues. People conserve and operate with precise cost-benefit analyses because it is the right thing to do, not because some people have less or more.

What divides us is three-fold: A) our priorities; B) what we take for evidence to support our priorities, and C) how we decide and execute plans to achieve our priorities.

For 20 years, I have watched instances of chaos because goals are not defined and means are confused with ends. When all HG leadership gets on the same page, we can hope for peace and for keeping the budget within reason.

Thousands of hours of owners' time and money have been wasted. I believe HG leadership can serve with patience, civility, compromise, and clear thinking. It will find a peaceful way to manage well and reduce costs. To all who serve, thank you!

**Dawn Wooderson  
B206**

## Heather 'n Yon

On Jan. 16, a third floor resident of B217 invited neighbors to her home to sign the HGMD recall petitions. A neighbor from another building, delivering the petitions was met in B217's main entrance by a resident who supports HGMD. This person, who was not invited, insisted on attending to speak about HGMD's side. The neighbor delivering the recall petitions declined and let the hostess know.

When people got off the elevator on the third floor lobby, three neighbors who support HGMD were sitting in the lobby and asked the visitors where they were going? One of these was the same person who insisted on attending to speak about HGMD's side.

The Hostess requested the building AR come to her unit.

Some guests were upset by this behavior, and after signing the recall documents, waited to leave to avoid being accosted by the three HGMD supporters in the lobby.

These three waited in the lobby to do just that — accost and harass their neighbors. After numerous requests by the AR to stop this behavior, the three HGMD supporters left.

The three HGMD supporters had no right to try to stop or intimidate people from signing the recall petitions. Heather Gardens residents have a legal right to recall elected officials without being intimidated or harassed.

**Susan Miller, Nonean Price,  
and Mary Ann Stuart  
B217**

## Heather 'n Yon

Rendezvous: NO discounts for veterans; plenty of nice, used commercial dishes available; chicken pot pie — two versions for lunch and dinner; vegetable plates.

Dues: our 3 percent social security is paltry to HGA 10.9 percent raise. Set your raises to cost of living — not some *outrageous* percentages!

Future: HG is placing itself on a path for high net worth clients, not folks living on one or two social security checks.

A Regibus Amicis,

**Lee Keene, B232**

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# Letters...from page 51

## Heather 'n Yon

The Garden Vine is a new entity that will provide residents an opportunity to share with other residents. It will serve as a repository of ongoing topics, concerns, and issues — matters with which residents are dealing. I and a few other residents will organize and cache your submissions. Please email [beckymeyer11@gmail.com](mailto:beckymeyer11@gmail.com) with a brief synopsis of a situation or complication you are facing. This effort will also provide an opportunity to share suggestions, methods, and strategies that you have utilized as you have tried to mitigate various obstacles.

This could also serve as a platform to perhaps share recently released books and DVDs.

It will not be political in nature. We are looking forward to hearing about both success stories as well as ongoing efforts to address your heartfelt predicament.

**Becky Meyer**  
CP3

## Heather 'n Yon

Denver High Twelve Club #11,

a Colorado Masonic Recognized Appendant Group has been in service for nearly a 100 years and has 11 members. The club meets at HG Rendezvous Restaurant at 11 am on the fourth Wednesday of all months, except November and December (third Wednesday). The club does not meet in June, July, and August.

The 2024 president is Jim Miles, a Jefferson County School District retired teacher.

The following speakers over time have kept us involved: The three Masonic youth groups, Colorado Masonic Band Camp, recognition of three first responders, a District Attorney, Civil Air Patrol, history of The Sand Creek Massacre, history of NASA retired Neurosurgeon, and holiday music by a Masonic group, "The Colorado First Volunteers".

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## Heather 'n Yon

I read the notice in the January issue of *Heather 'n Yon* about your up-coming retirement. *How stinking exciting!* Dean and I both believe you will wonder how you ever had time to work.

Your neighbor and buddy,

**Mary Axtell**  
Ceramics Class Assistant

## Heather 'n Yon

Say, congratulations on your upcoming retirement — we'll miss you around here! Warm regards,

**Christine Zipp**  
B223

## Heather 'n Yon

First of all, I am sorry to hear that you are retiring from the magazine but I know certain freedoms will offer a fun new chapter in your life. I've always enjoyed reading your editorials and have learned so much from you. Hope you're considering coming back to golf.....both you and Bob!!

**Linda Savage**  
B243

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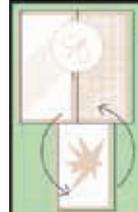
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## **Sue someone! You'll feel better**

**by Quill and Jelli Hafka**

It's February, dear readers, and you know what that means. Our human, Mary, does not do columns in February.

She claims she has Seasonal Affective Disorder (SAD) in February, but lately, I've noticed she starts planning her month off in July. This doesn't sound like a legitimate excuse, to me, but we conscientious felines will assume the mantle of columnist this issue. No one can accuse us of being cat slackers.

The current national pastime at HG — and, indeed, nationwide — seems to be lodging legal complaints against one another. We, of the non-human persuasion, thought we would jump on the bandwagon. We intend to start by suing the human in our household.

It is our position that our human has exhibited dereliction of duty in meeting our important needs. The beauty of our suing her is — as our guardian — she gets to be the one to pay for our lawyer. The dog will need her to pay for Mortie's legal representation, as well.

We have a number of grievances and we bet, before this column is complete, we can think up a few more.

For starters, she has provided us with no pet insurance. It's true that if one of us falls ill, she'll have to pay the bill for all the veterinary care. But that's not the point. Once we figure out what the point is, we'll get back to you.

She has failed to provide each of us with our own bedroom. This makes life confusing, because — although we each do have our own set of beds, upstairs in the house and downstairs — her failure to designate separate rooms means that, in a sleepy daze, we often fall asleep in one another's bed. Sometimes, one of the cats even falls asleep on top of the other one, which is undoubtedly hazardous for both safety and hygienic reasons.

Then, there was the matter of unequal Christmas gifts. Last December, Quill and Jelli received a mammoth cat tree/condo/gymnasium.

Mortie got a new leash and harness. It's sort of the equivalent of getting underwear while we (the boys) got a great toy — the cat condo. This constituted clear discrimination, based on gender and species, which must enter into litigious territory.

The discrepancy also can lead to dangerous behavior in pets. This is because, in frustration, Mortie will try to get her own back, and start to play with unsuitable cat toys. Then Mortie will mistake an actual cat for a toy. (Mortie doesn't agree with the old adage that herding cats is a waste of time.)

Next, in retaliation, a cat might try to steal a dog toy. This act can enrage Mortie even more.

The dog is a jealous creature. Just try putting a paw on one of her toys or — even worse — going anywhere near her food dish. Pandemonium results, creating a stressful situation for all pets involved.

This provocative behavior can clearly be laid at the feet of the human. If she got her act together, the dog might also get hers together. As it stands, forcing sensitive cats to live in close proximity to a clearly sociopathic dog must make our human the person at fault.

The human also forces the felines in the family to eat their kibble from a common bowl. Common? Is someone casting dispersions on our ancestry?

It's true we were all rescue animals, in our earlier days. To imply we are common enters into a slanderous adversarial position that we scarcely know how to characterize. But our attorney will.

In addition, the cats are asked to share the feline-eating area in the laundry room. We're not sure even

Dickens' *Oliver Twist* was forced to dine alongside the washing machine.

Our human also subjects us to verbal abuse. Her letting loose with less-than-ladylike language usually accompanies such innocent activities on our part as prancing on the computer keyboard, and shutting off the Zoom meeting she's trying to report on, for this magazine.

Or we might step on the TV remote control on her bedside table, and blast her out of bed, by turning on a noisy episode of *Morning Joe*.

The best trick we ever pulled — I mean — the most inadvertent accident that ever occurred, with cats involved, was the time Jelli pounced on the recliner remote, and fired our human across the room. In our defense, it was time for her to get out of the recliner, anyway, and start dishing up our dinner.

Our human also uses colorful language if a cat knocks over and breaks any of the countless pieces of glassware and pottery she has strategically located throughout the house. We believe she has created an attractive nuisance, bound to draw the attention of any self-respecting feline.

The attractive nuisance doctrine is when a landowner has a dangerous condition on his/her property "especially alluring to children of tender years." We believe it could be argued that the same danger applies to inquisitive kitty cats. As a result of her negligence, one of us could be injured by flying glass, or cut by a sharp shard of broken porcelain.

As you can tell, we're now on a roll. Given time, we could come up with countless other examples of the human neglecting her responsibilities to us.

There's just one fly in this proverbial ointment: we would need the help of our human to contact legal counsel. Given that she's spending large portions of the month, in her recliner, enjoying the countless TV offerings on BritBox, we sort of doubt it's going to happen.

Oh, well, maybe next spring, we'll have a more opportune moment to pounce. In the meantime, we'll just keep adding to our running list of grievances.

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< **13789 B Marina** 2BR+Flex/2BA Ranch Patio Home 2,117 fin.sq.ft. WOW! Right on 6th Fairway! Updated kitchen, baths. Wood floors, super finished bsmt, w/bar, open family rm, 3/4 bath. Covered patio for entertaining. Short walk to club! Quiet area w/guest parking. **\$465,000**



**2782 SHGW** 2-story N.Townhome 3BR/3BA 1,633 sq.ft.+ unfin. open bsmt. Fully updated kitchen, baths. Full glass enclosed patio overlooks quiet greenbelt, fenced courtyard 2 car attached garage. Don't miss this one! **\$455,000 >**

< **2784 SHGW** 2-story N.Townhome 3BR/3BA 2,374 fin.sq.ft. with prof. finished bsmt. Lovely location on private greenbelt. Full glass enclosed sunroom, open plan, vaulted ceilings, gas fireplace. New A/C and new furnace in 2023. Laundry already moved upstairs! Tour both NTHI! **\$445,000**



**13850 Marina #606** 3BR/3BA Seville AB Exec 1,839 sq.ft. Stunning panoramic mountain views! Bright w/double glass-enclosed lanais for natural light. Spacious plan w/ two lg. primary bedrooms. New carpet and 2 reserved underground parking spaces just off the elevator. **\$409,500 >**

< **14001 E Marina Drive #101** Somerset F 1,560 sq.ft. Gorgeous end unit w/ lovely full glass lanai looks to mature trees. Bamboo floor, new carpet in both bedrooms. Updated kitchen & baths. Golf course views. Price reduced **\$390,000**



**14050 Linvale #102** 2BR/2BA Somerset F 1,560 sq.ft. Gorgeous end unit w/golf course views! Bright kitchen has white cabinetry & granite countertops. Open living room, and formal dining room. Vinyl plank flooring in both baths. Washer/dryer and fully enclosed glass lanai. **\$385,000 >**

< **13991 Marina #403** 2BR/2BA Atrium C 1,410 sq.ft. Gorgeous w/granite kitchen, oak cabinets, custom tile walk-in shower. Encl. lanai overlooks mature trees, greenbelt. Full sized IN-UNIT laundry (stacked). Open floorplan and dining area make this great for entertaining. **\$369,000**

**14091 Marina #412** 3BR/2BA Somerset J 1,390 sq.ft. Updates! Rare 3 bed/2 bath plan. Quartz countertops, elegant backsplash, large kitchen peninsula and so much more. Remodeled bathroom with walk-in showers. Screen lanai, amazing view of the wildlife area. **\$367,500 >**



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