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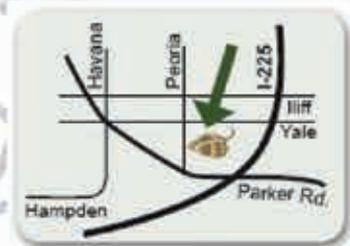
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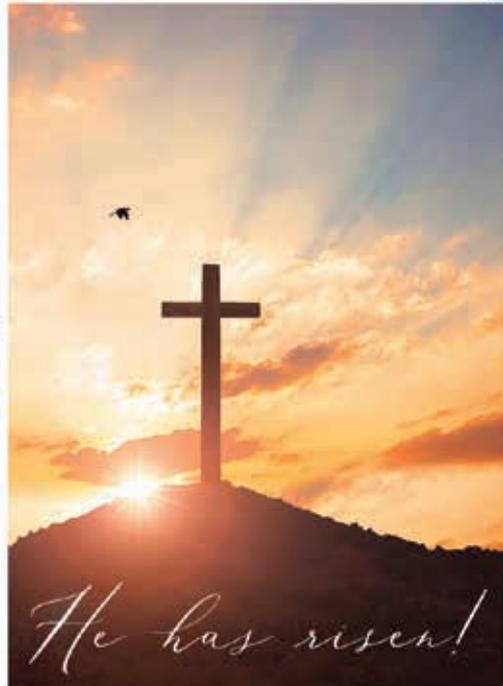
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**Easter Sunday**  
March 31 11am  
**Chapel Concert Choir**  
"Calvary's Love"

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10:00am  
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# Discord continues, Ivey no longer general-legal counsel for HGMD

On Thursday, Feb. 1, the HGMD held a special board meeting to discuss breach of contract issues between the HGMD and HGA boards and related attorneys fees. Most of the meeting was devoted to board directors outlining various instances of the homeowners association (HGA) failing to perform to HGMD's satisfaction, triggering the accusation of breach of contract (the management agreement).

President Daniel Taylor defended HGMD's use of attorneys while incurring their fees. He stated the "HGA has forced some of it," behaving in ways that required the use of attorneys to respond.

## Attorney fees

"Every time the election official, who is an attorney, is contacted, we [HGMD] get a bill," Taylor said.

Sue McBeth, HGA director, stated, "We've asked the HGMD to move forward. All I've heard today, are things from the past, which we can't do anything about."

A resident, who refused to identify himself, went further in his comments. "I'm hearing a pompous windbag [Taylor]. Pay off the bonds, and get rid of the HGMD. We can't have two boards in charge."

...

All directors attended the Feb. 15 regular meeting of the HGMD Board. Attorney Jennifer Ivey was not present, for reasons soon revealed.

The legal firm of Icenogle Seaver Pogue, P.C., withdrew as general legal counsel to the HGMD. In an effort to save money on legal fees, the HGMD switched the legal firm to an a la carte basis, electing to use the firm's legal services only when called upon, which Icenogle Seaver Pogue referred to, in a letter, as on a "truncated" basis, providing "solely limited and 'on-call' legal services regarding HGMD legal matters." The law firm would take direction solely from the board as a whole or the HGMD president (or other designated liaison person in writing), the letter said.

The letter noted the law firm could no longer be legally responsible for the outcome, if it was not to provide the range of services that it formerly performed. Former

services included reviewing agendas and legal notices before posting, and being consulted in advance or in conjunction with preparing various documents of legal import to HGMD. "...the firm has been directed not to attend any meetings of the board or perform any legal services, unless explicitly requested to do so by the board."

The board approved the addendum to its legal service engagement with Icenogle Seaver Pogue, changing to "an 'on-call' limited type representation." In the motion, the rationale said, "relieving the District's attorney from monitoring all documents, agenda or other District documents or communications." Craig Baldwin and Eloise Laubach voted no on the motion. Three directors approved the motion.

No change was discussed to the retainer of litigation attorney, Peter Forbes, who is HGMD's lead on the litigation with HGA.

Taylor displayed annoyance at the push-back on the change in legal representation. He noted that at a special HGMD meeting, two days earlier, the HGMD Board had been hammered by some in the audience for incurring such large legal fees.

HGA Director Linda Hileman commented, "I read [from this letter] that you've been dropped like a hot potato" by the law firm, which could "open the community to legal risk." She added that HGMD has higher legal standards to meet than the HGA.

HGMD Director Robin O'Meara responded, "I suggest you attend to your legal business with your board. We will do ours."

Baldwin offered a motion that proposed adding a Contracts Committee that would report to the Audit/Finance Committee. The new committee would "coordinate all capital expenditures between HGMD committees and the HGA Contracts Department when required."

## Contracts liaison

After extensive discussion, the board approved changing the motion to naming Baldwin as a contracts

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Left: HG's new General Manager Lary Herkal (third from left) met with HG residents and staff during a reception welcoming him on Feb. 2. He later told the HGA Board that he looked forward to meeting all HG residents.

**On Feb. 1, 2024, Heather Gardens Association issued the letter below in response to queries from various Realtors who represent sellers in the community. It has been referenced on page 10, 11 and page 31 of this issue.**

Owners and Prospective Owners

*Re: Disclosure of Pending Litigation*

Dear Owner/Prospective Owner:

The Heather Gardens Association (“HGA”) offers the following disclosure concerning pending litigation. This disclosure will be made available to any prospective purchaser as part of document disclosures and/or in response to a status request letter from a title company.

### **Lawsuit Disclosure**

Heather Gardens Association is currently the named defendant in the following lawsuits:

Heather Gardens Metropolitan District v. Heather Gardens Association  
Filed in the Arapahoe County, Colorado, District Court  
Case Number: 2023CV32439, Div. 15

The lawsuit states a breach of contract claim related to the management agreement between HGA and Heather Gardens Metropolitan District (“HGMD”). The Plaintiff has requested a declaratory judgment that HGA materially breached the management agreement and that HGMD may immediately terminate the contract. The Plaintiff requests alternate relief of accounting of funds, status of payments, disclosure of HGA employee salaries charged to HGMD, and transfer of HGMD funds to a different bank account. HGA filed an Answer to the Complaint on January 30, 2024.

United States of America ex. rel. Wade Riner v. Beaver Run Homeowners Association, et al.  
Filed in U.S. District Court for the District of Colorado  
Civil Action No.: 1:22-cv-02071-STV

The lawsuit states claims against multiple Colorado owners' association defendants, including HGA, related to application for and use of Paycheck Protection Program funds. Two causes of action are set forth in the Complaint, as follows:

Count I – Presentation of False or Fraudulent Claims (31 U.S.C. § 3729(a)(1)(A))  
Count II – Making or Using a False Record or Statement Material to a False or Fraudulent Claim (31 U.S.C. § 3729(a)(1)(B)).

Thomas Seaman v. Heather Gardens Association  
Filed in Arapahoe District Court; appealed to Colorado Court of Appeals  
Case Numbers: 2022CV31637; 22CA2103 and 23CA0372

Seaman seeks an injunction to compel HGA to produce banks statements as records of a unit owners' association under the Colorado Common Interest Ownership Act.

**Interested parties may obtain any additional information regarding these lawsuits through the public court records. HGA will not provide additional documents or details related to the litigation.** HGA will only update this disclosure if/when a final court decision is entered in any of the lawsuits listed, a matter is otherwise resolved, or other HGA action is deemed appropriate by the Board after consultation with legal counsel.

# New *Heather 'n Yon* publisher approved, biennial census insert

The HGA Board of Directors met with all directors present. President Larry Dávila introduced the new General Manager Lary Herkal, who had been on the job three weeks.

The board approved transferring the contract to publish *Heather 'n Yon* monthly newsmagazine to Bluefish Publishing LLC, under the ownership of Susan and Bryan Harman. Since 1991, Donaldsons, Inc., has been the magazine's publisher, first under Helen and Bob Donaldson, and — for the past 26 years — under Lynn Donaldson. Susan Harman has been *Heather 'n Yon's* Advertising Manager. She thanked the board for awarding her the contract, and outlined a few design updates she and her husband hope to make as publishers.

The board approved the format and distribution plan for the 2024 census (approximately \$2,000), which is performed every two years, in accordance with provisions of the HG Declaration of Condominium. Community Engagement and Communication Committee (CECC) Chair Linda Hileman announced the census form would be inserted into *Heather 'n Yon*, and would also be available online through Survey Monkey.

Discussion ensued over returning a completed census form being mandatory. The declaration requires a \$50 penalty to households that do not return the survey. Information is used to maintain HG's status as an official senior community through the Federal Fair Housing Act. Only senior communities can legally discriminate against children being in residence.

The board heard reports that several equipment and maintenance items had been replaced since the last board meeting. These included an emergency water-heater replacement for B221 (\$32,999); a new pickup truck (\$64,690) and a used pickup truck (\$44,920), to replace vehicles being retired; and sewer-camera equipment (\$9,348).

Maintenance Committee Chair Mike Pula announced that he wished to compile a list, for next month's board meeting, of items the board could okay in advance of purchase, versus items HG staff can make decisions about. Anything that is over budget, or has substantial changes to the scope of work requires board approval, as does any items that staff decided it wanted. Otherwise, he argued that if the item had been approved in the budget process the previous year, the board had, in fact, approved purchasing the equipment — then the general manager or controller could expedite ordering the capital project equipment.

Discussion ensued by the board and residents attending the meeting regarding what constitutes a "change in scope." Would these items still be reviewed by Budget &

Finance Committee (B&F)? Pula agreed that recommendations to purchase the equipment would still have to be initiated in the appropriate committee (e.g., Maintenance) and B&F will need to endorse the recommendation before the expedited purchase could occur.

Dávila named committee members to work on the by-laws revision that occurs every three years. Sue McBeth will chair, and Pula and Area Representative Organization (ARO) President Betty Bergeron will be committee members.

"If you have input," Dávila announced to the public, "contact one of these three people."

The board approved creating a Project Insight Subcommittee, under the auspices of the CECC. The focus is on distributing information via email or in *Heather 'n Yon* on any ongoing or future projects that are large enough to impact the budget. The committee will actively engage

## Project Insight Subcommittee

residents by presenting updates or status reports about Capital Reserve and operational projects on a quarterly or more frequent time schedule. Hileman added that "enthusiastic members" are being sought for the Project Insight Subcommittee.

Long Range Planning Committee Co-chair David Kennedy noted in the rationale for the subcommittee that Capital Reserves currently make up 22.5 percent of HG's 2024 budget. Understanding the necessity of this budget item is essential for the ongoing health of the community.

"We want people to understand their money is being well spent," Kennedy said.

After regular business, the board adjourned into executive session, to discuss litigation claims with its attorney.

Other actions by the board or in announcements:

...extended the terms of Pete Clarendon, B243, and Corby Kasten, B218, by one year, on the Maintenance Committee.

...approved the revised procedure memorandum for the Joint Long Range Planning Committee, increasing its numbers to nine members, and adding ex officio members from each HG board.

...the next ARO quarterly meeting will be Thursday, April 18.

...the HG Employee Handbook is being updated, to conform to new Colorado law.

**All HG residents should look for the 2024 Census Form in this magazine. Complete the required data, then return it by April 1 to HG Management. This biennial survey, also available on Survey Monkey, is required of all residents.**

## IMPACT OF THE LAWSUIT

Realtor and Lender  
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# Retirement Reception for Lynn



Friday, March 29  
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2:00-4:00pm

*Join in saying a fond  
farewell to Lynn Donaldson,  
Publisher and Editor of  
Heather 'n Yon*

*Refreshments will be served*



## HGMD Board President Reports

By Daniel Taylor

It's a tough time for HG owners trying to sort through the false allegations and rumors. HGMD has tried to make the source information available to all residents, keeping you informed on current community issues. I recommend taking a look at HGMD's website, [www.HGmetroDist.org](http://www.HGmetroDist.org).

Recently, a few questions have been raised about the HGMD lawsuit against HGA. The litigation may affect buyers when seeking loans from mortgage companies. Some mortgage companies will look at the lawsuit to determine if there are potential damages, and if the Homeowners Association has the ability to pay any judgment.

The HGMD lawsuit is not for monetary damages — it's for specific performance elements: requesting that wages HGA charged to HGMD be substantiated, and for performance management of HGMD properties. There is no risk of financial loss that would concern a mortgage

company. The complaint and answer are on the website under "What's Happening," then select the link to "HGMD Lawsuit Against HGA." Your lender can download the documents.

The same is the case for the lawsuit against HGA to produce bank statements regarding the PPP loan proceeds bank account. The appellate court found that the bank statements were Association records subject to production. The result is HGA will have to produce the records. The only financial risk is that HGA may be ordered to pay the attorney fees and costs of the suit.

HGMD had an informational meeting on Feb. 13 in which the board provided an overview of HGMD and HGA responsibilities and policy-making procedures. The basic slides and the PowerPoint presentation were uploaded on the website under "News/What's Happening/How HGMD Works."

In response to community concerns about increasing attorney fees, the HGMD Board requested that the district's attorney agree to an on-call representation, similar to how HGA has worked over the years. The attorney would no longer attend meetings, unless requested, or review agendas or other standard documents. This should minimize costs by only accessing legal assistance when needed.

Thank you for your attendance and participation at many board and committee meetings. Your support has been appreciated.

## HGMD ...from page 5

liaison, interfacing with the HG Contracts Department. Baldwin will assist in coordinating capital projects that are initiated and approved by the HGMD Board.

Treasurer Rita Effler asked if, as the liaison, Baldwin would have permission to speak directly with the Contracts Department, "which we don't have now."

Taylor responded, "We do have it now."

The board accepted the procedure memorandum (PM) document for the Clubs/Activities Committee. A 30-day comment period for the public will be observed, before the board approves the PM in its final form at the March 21 board meeting.

The board approved naming Baldwin as the new chair of the Clubhouse Committee. Former Chair Effler remarked, "I want to leave town for several months."

The board tabled a motion to award a contract for resurfacing the Sandberg Auditorium floor, pending further study on whether the floor should be resurfaced or simply replaced. The wood floor has been sanded and resurfaced every two years since 2012, Baldwin said. It is thin from sanding, and can only be resurfaced one more time. Effler suggested luxury-vinyl tile be researched. The cost of the resurfacing contract with Denver Dustless Hardwood Flooring Specialties would have been \$14,548.

Other actions by the board: ...approved a contract with Colorado Custom Flooring, to treat

the Sandberg Auditorium stage floor (\$2,621). Frolics President Arlene Krell had researched the companies that could provide a better floor for tap dancers, then made the recommendation.

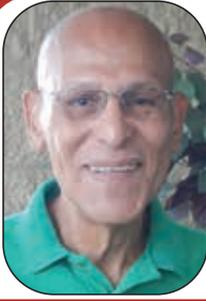
...dispensed with six unfinished business agenda items that were updates on a variety of projects on HGMD facilities when the newly hired General Manager Lary Herkal explained that he was not familiar with the list that had been generated before his time and requested an email to address the issues involved. Taylor agreed, "We'll deal with that through an email" to GM Herkal.

## IN MEMORIAM

- Lynnette Burke (250)
- Joseph Catlow (242)
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- Geraldine Gale (210)
- Kathryn Jones (former 211)
- Karen Stef (242)
- Bob Stone (former CP1)



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## HGA Board President Reports

By Larry Dávila

With your permission, let me pose a broad question: Why do you believe what you believe? This may apply to religion, politics, philosophy, or other fields. The simple answer may be it depends on when and where you were brought up. We tend to follow the thinking of our parents. If they were Protestants, more than likely you became Protestant. Similarly, if they were Republicans you became Republican. My premise is that, at an early age, we've become conditioned to agree or disagree with different points of view and thus form a mentality by which we make decisions. My premise considers also our affective disposition. Sometimes we decide mostly from what our gut level tells us.

"These are the times that try men's souls." (Thomas Paine, 1776, in "The American Crisis.")

I like history, especially American History. That's why I'd like to borrow this quotation and apply it to what is happening in Heather Gardens (HG). I have lived here for more than 26 years in which I've seen many controversies such as deciding to fund the building of a new Clubhouse, amending the Declaration of Condominiums,

or recalling an HGMD director.

We now are entangled in an ugly case of "he said—she said." After coming to this country I watched "To Tell the Truth," in which three individuals introduced themselves as the genuine character of their story but only one was telling the truth. Generally, the other two pretenders were so good that they frequently fooled the audience.

That was a game. What we have here is two entities in which we have no false contestants, both claiming "to tell the truth." Our members are hearing two different perspectives and have to decide whom to believe. My sense is that the great majority have made up their mind, with a small minority still "sitting on the fence."

I am fond of analogies. As such, I compare the problem of the Association (HGA) and the District (HGMD) to a marriage; it has been a good union. Unfortunately, one party wants a divorce and has decided to end the marriage by December 31, 2024. In fact, it wants a dissolution so badly it asked the court to grant a divorce "the sooner, the better." Despite such steps, the HGA directors continue to strive for some form of solution that may be possible in a give-and-take scenario. We'd like to "save the marriage, save the union."

A nice friend of mine sent me an email in which two norms are proposed for future meetings between the Association and the District. With emphasis on civility, #1 norm: each board says two complimentary things about the other board, and #2 norm: no individual is criticized at the meeting.

I am sure I speak for all the HGA directors as I second those norms. Let's dialogue.

## 13th Avenue and Colfax rail stations

In preparation for several potential development opportunities, the city of Aurora is updating the 13th Avenue and Fitzsimons-Colfax station area plan, creating an urban renewal plan for the area.

The community is encouraged to provide feedback in two ways as part of this process:

- Take a short survey at [EngageAurora.org/Colfax13thPlans](https://EngageAurora.org/Colfax13thPlans)
- Attend a public meeting 6–7 pm Wednesday, March 6, at East Middle School, 1275 Fraser St.

Once complete, the plans will capture the community's vision and collectively plan for new development and public improvements in this important area of Aurora.

A single station area plan was adopted in 2009 for the 13th Avenue and Colfax rail stations. Much has changed in the past 15 years.

Through an analysis of current conditions and community engagement, the goal is to create and adopt two plans that will reflect the city's current needs and address land use, transportation, housing, and public improvements.

The new station area plan will reflect recently updated city-wide plans and policies, and consider new input from the community that lives, works, shops and travels within the area.

This updated plan will serve as the foundation for creating an urban renewal plan for the area. The adoption of an urban renewal plan will allow the city to use tax increment financing to fund important public infrastructure that supports new development and investment in the area.

– *This is Aurora*, Feb. 22

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For more information, visit [EngageAurora.org/Colfax13thPlans](https://EngageAurora.org/Colfax13thPlans).



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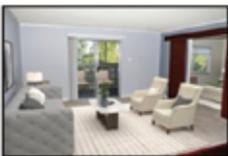
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## Publisher's Corner

### With this month's ending, I can endorse a new publisher

by Lynn Donaldson, Editor of Heather 'n Yon

Sunrise, sunset  
 Sunrise, sunset  
 Swiftly fly the years  
 One season following another  
 Laden with happiness and tears  
 - Lyrics from *Fiddler on the Roof*,  
 composed by Jerry Bock with lyrics  
 by Sheldon Harnick.

These lyrics seem to fit my mood this month as I prepare to say goodbye to a monthly exercise — collecting the stories, ads and announcements that comprise this magazine that my dad once christened, a “Heather Gardens newsmagazine.” In fact, I thought of these lyrics when I got two wonderful photos for the cover this month — one a sunrise and another a sunset.

I am pleased to announce that this issue has both an ending and a beginning. As I am writing this, I can report that HGA has agreed with me that there is a most appropriate company to take over publishing this magazine. Susan Harman has worked on *Heather 'n Yon* for almost two years as its advertising manager. She and her husband, Brian, bring a lot of experience to the effort.

In 2017, Susan started her own company, Bluefish Designs, to help clients develop their visual brands from logos, event collateral, marketing presentations and website design. For *Heather 'n Yon*, Susan marketed the magazine to local businesses, created and revised ads, provided customer service for advertisers and oversaw the financial interaction that included renewing contracts.

Prior to going independent, she worked at Pickens Technical College for 17 years (Aurora Public Schools, APS) where she was as graphic designer and marketing coordinator. Susan continued to provide contractor services with APS Print Services until 2022. She has an active website, [bluefishartdesign.com](http://bluefishartdesign.com).

I know less about Brian Harman but did learn he has been in the service side of the printer/copier business for more than 35 years. For close to 25 years, he has been a Service Manager. Since 2015, he has worked at AllCopy Products, which is the company that services Publication Printers Corp., *Heather 'n Yon's* current printer.

The Harmans have created a new company to manage the HG contract, Bluefish Publishing, LLC.



I have been asked often in the last two months — “who do we send our announcements, letters, or articles to when you retire?” I was reluctant to say anything until the HGA Board made their decision.

To contact Susan, beginning with the April issue of *Heather 'n Yon*, you can email, [bluefishpublishingco@gmail.com](mailto:bluefishpublishingco@gmail.com); or call, 303-521-8846.

In the last month, Susan has been spending more time at HG, attending meetings and getting introduced to residents. In fact, she got her photo taken with the new General Manager Lary Herkal and HGA Board President Larry Dávila at Herkal's introductory reception, Feb. 2 (see page 25).

A letter will be sent to all advertisers when they are invoiced for their ad in this issue. It will announce the change in the company managing their account. In the transition next month, all continuing advertising contracts will be transferred from Donaldsons Inc. to Bluefish Publishing.

I don't anticipate any major problems developing. All residents can

expect to get their monthly *Heather 'n Yon* on schedule.

I think I am leaving *Heather 'n Yon* in good hands — you should expect some changes to the “look” of this publication. I think that is a good thing to anticipate. Susan's talents in art design certainly exceed mine.

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Did I have a plan for this last column? Not really. Then I was reminded of this “life hack”:

“When you're beginning a writing project, give yourself permission to write badly. You can't fix it until it's down on paper.” – Kevin Kelley

I thanked the staff who helped produce this magazine in the January issue when I announced my planned retirement. I could not have done 26 years without them. They made it fun for me — did I say that?

I am immensely proud that the magazine is self-supporting. The residents of HG have never had to subsidize its publication. (Back in the 1990s, the HG business manager did not think that would continue.) In 1992, my parents delivered their first profit sharing check to HGA President Pat Pool for \$3,911.59. While the amounts have varied over the years as expenses have increased — I will be delivering my last licensing fee/profit sharing check in late March.

I will not miss the monthly deadlines that consumed my thoughts, efforts and time for one week each month. I have often likened it to writing a term paper every 30 days. In school, I was always relieved to finish a term paper, or later, my doctoral dissertation. Even now, I am relieved when the magazine is sent to the printer.

Then, I look at the product and realize — it came together and looks good. (That is not to say it is perfect every month, but it is interesting and is read by many of you who reside at HG. That has been Donaldsons Inc's goal — to produce something that people enjoyed reading.)

Thank you, HG residents, for being supportive of this monthly magazine. Your articles, letters, photos and comments on items that were printed were appreciated.

# A facelift for Rendezvous Restaurant

You may have heard the Heather Gardens (HG) Rendezvous Restaurant is getting a facelift but have not yet seen any physical changes. This article will describe the changes planned and currently accomplished. Chair Robin O'Meara and the Restaurant Committee have been working closely with Restaurant Manager Cormac Ronan since May 2023 to evaluate Rendezvous' status. Many of the committee members have vast experience in the restaurant industry; others have business or leadership backgrounds. All have a vested interest in making sure your restaurant remains open and successful.

Rendezvous Restaurant is an amenity that enhances our community and a key element in maintaining HG property values. It was always leased to various companies until 2013. Managing and maintaining a restaurant is fairly new to HG. Over

many years, I can only recall one period of time that we did not have a restaurant available in our community. You don't realize how important the restaurant is to your social life until it is no longer available.

The Restaurant Committee had numerous meetings and discussions with Ronan about the future of the restaurant, including replacing some of the equipment, bringing the menu choices up to date, increasing hours, hiring a chef, and expanding marketing efforts to make it more successful. After touring and evaluating the dining rooms and kitchen with Ronan, it became apparent the kitchen need-

ed to be the first area addressed. The equipment was several years old when HG took over the restaurant and way beyond the "expected life" for commercial equipment. Several major appliances needed to be replaced immediately. The prep area needed attention.

Professional advice was required, so O'Meara and Ronan spent many hours with the Colorado

the increases in homeowner association fees for 2024. The following is a breakdown of how those funds have been spent to date.

There was a total of \$99,270 spent on removing the old equipment and installing the new items: two gas countertop griddles, two chef bases, two conveyor toasters, a gas battery fryer, a gas combination oven, a gas salamander broiler, one French hot plate, a heat lamp, and six connector kits. The professional cleaning of the



*Above: The old kitchen grills in Rendezvous were replaced by new grills (right) during the Phase One renovations in December 2023.*



Restaurant Association and vendors, identifying qualified companies to present three bids for consideration. Of the three bids obtained, Battle Born & Company offered the best solutions: most timely delivery and pricing within the proposed budget. They had excellent references. The bids were forwarded to HGMD board with the recommendation that the Battle Born proposal was best. The board agreed and approved the renovation plan.

HGMD approved \$119,500 for the kitchen upgrades. It is important to note that HGMD funding was already available — it was not part of

kitchen, dining and banquets rooms was also included in the cost.

Restaurant renovation specialist, Joshua Bottini, of Battle Born and Company, was the project manager. His professional expertise and connections to the restaurant industry are highly respected. He saved the HGMD time and money by acquiring quality equipment and services at a good price, with timely installation. His service was included in the \$99,270 figure.

Then the seemingly impossible happened. The old kitchen appliances were removed. The kitchen, dining

*See Rendezvous...page 26*



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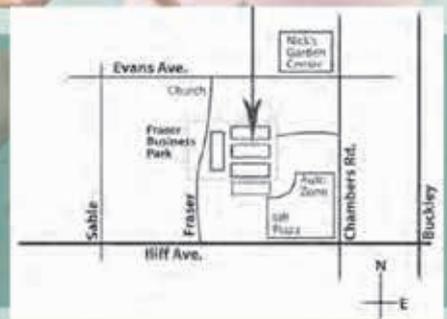
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# Lifelong learning coming to HG

A new group has been formed recently at HG: the Lifelong Learners. We are planning a program of classes led by residents for residents, which would provide in-depth presentations and discussions among class members on a variety of subjects.

For some time we have had excellent presentations by Kathleen Arnold and Active Minds. But these are one hour on a given topic once a month. The Lifelong Learners are going to offer multi-week classes led by residents. An emphasis will be placed on in-depth dives into a topic, or related topics, with active participation from class members in a lively discussion. Each class session will allow ample time for questions and discussions, in a more intimate setting than Sandberg Auditorium.

As a new resident, I started by seeking others who share my passion for continuing to exercise our brains. I came to HG in the middle of 2023 and noted immediately that while we had many clubs and activities, there was little devoted to our minds, and nothing of the in-depth nature that multi-week classes offer.

I found a group of eager learners and formed a committee to plan and organize the program. Committee members are Dr. Mike Boyd, Karen Buchanan, Paul Docktor, Madeline Hughes, Cathy Martino, Sandy McCurdy, and Jill Taylor. I am a former member of OLLI (Osher Lifelong Learning Institute of Denver University), where I was a Master Facilitator. The name OLLI derives from the Osher Foundation in San Francisco. Founder Bernard Osher endowed lifelong learning programs across the U.S., beginning in 2001. He made one stipulation to groups receiving an endowment — you had to use the name Osher. Today there are upwards of 125 OLLIs across the country.

After moving into the Wind Crest senior community in Littleton, I served in a learning program there. When I arrived in HG, I wondered why we

couldn't do a similar program here. The Wind Crest program has grown to 20–25 classes offered three times a year, all by residents. This, in my mind, proves we could replicate that. Since the committee and facilitators are all volunteers, and we don't have to pay for facilities, it can be done at a fraction of the cost of OLLI.

HG Learners will offer classes of four to 10 weeks, four times a year. The range of topics could include: art, technology, history, current events, literature, music, comparative religion, economics/finance, travel, crafts, writing, medicine, and science.

Residents are encouraged to consider sharing their time to prepare and lead a class. The stated goal is to offer residents of HG stimulating, informative and entertaining classes. Residents can work together as a team. Different individuals with closely related topics (e.g. medical specialties), could join together, to lead a class. You don't have to have a teaching background, just be willing to share your background and/or passion. For folks nervous about standing in front of a group for the first time — the committee will offer coaching and preparation tips in a seminar to be offered in April.

Having an existing quarterly schedule of classes makes it easy to fold in learning classes. So the HG Learners will follow the same schedule and registration procedure. Classes will be only \$10 per resident (\$35 for non-residents).

The first offering will start in April. Four classes will be offered: Technology Overview, U.S. Forestry Service, Memoir Writing for Seniors, and World Affairs.

The *Technology Overview* will be six weeks with a different topic each week on computers, phones and tablets covering what makes them tick, to how to protect yourself on the worldwide web (facilitators Karen Gold, Peter Cronas, Paul Mauro).

The *Forestry class* will deal with

history of the service and how it works here in Colorado in four sessions (facilitator Gary Wooldridge).

*Memoir Writing* will show class members in nine sessions how to organize their thinking, set a theme, develop a format, and begin the writing process (facilitator Gloria Leshner).

*World Affairs'* agenda includes eight foreign policy and global affairs topics, including: Climate Technology, US-China Trade Rivalry, and NATO's Future (facilitator Dr. Mike Boyd). Each week is a different video presentation followed by class discussion.

I speak highly of OLLI at DU, and the vast majority of facilitators in OLLI are just like residents of HG. (The title facilitator is used rather than instructor or teacher to emphasize they are facilitating learning with active discussion.) HG has many people with interesting backgrounds, experience and hobbies that others would love to know about. All it takes is a willingness to share one's knowledge and passion, and a little bit of time to organize a class.

Since room sizes in the Clubhouse are limited, classes can be repeated as there are likely to be more registrants than a room can hold. Compensation for HG facilitators will be in the form of profuse thanks from appreciative residents who join the class.

The planning committee has been working hard to plan, organize, recruit, and launch the classes. They all share this sentiment spoken by Henry Ford: "Anyone who stops learning is old, whether at 20 or 80. Anyone who keeps learning stays young."

Residents are invited to an Open House in the Clubhouse on March 20, 10:30 am, to meet the committee members and learn more about the program. The first term facilitators will be in attendance to talk about their classes. March 20 is in the middle of the registration period for spring

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# My invite to a friend, HnY editor

Lynn Donaldson: Let me welcome you into a creative, social and fun-filled retirement. There is a knack to retaining your joie de vivre once pressures of work are suddenly released. Lifelong learning classes, as you wrote in the February issue of *Heather 'n Yon*, will keep you keen. I have to admit one of the HG Lifelong Learning classes seems exactly what I need for greater self-reliance, but I'm rooted in Osher Lifelong Institute, (OLLI).

I'd be happy to introduce you to The University of Denver's OLLI program that offers classes at metro area locations south, central and west as well as online.

Central, at Universalist Church of Denver on Hampden and Colorado, is the closest location to us. Class topics I've taken range from weighty to fluff. Fluff is fun, but I tend to veer toward more substantive subject matters. My favorite three classes are categorized as STEM, History/Arts, and Public Affairs/Current Events.

These past four years I have become a follower of hydrologists/engineers Jim Kunkel and Tim Steele. They present water topics that provide a world perspective of water issues and consider scarcity, climate, hydrology, geology, history, chemistry, economics, politics, demographics and availability. Several courses looked at 30 of the world's longest rivers. Another year we looked at the world's largest lakes. Now we're exploring world aquifers.

In the "Words and Music of America's Wars," the facilitator doc-

umented, entertained and described people in certain cultural periods. The class ranged from the French and Indian War to more recent conflicts. After listening to ballads from the old countries, participants tapped their toes and snapped fingers to tunes from the 2016 Broadway show *Hamilton! the Revolution*. On my way home, I purchased the libretto, music and book, *Alexander Hamilton*, by Ron Chernow, that inspired Lin-Manuel Miranda to write the musical. His work opened me to a new perspective of America's formation. Plus, I gained respect for the rap genre of music.

The founding father, who appears on the \$10 bill, did not know his father. Hamilton got a lot farther by working harder and smarter, by being a self-starter. He was put in charge of a trading charter when he was 14. According to Chernow, Hamilton longed to be a part of something important.

Rounding out my most memorable classes is, "Consider the Source: The State of Journalism in the Age of 'Fake News,'" facilitated by a former columnist for *The Denver Post*, Fred Brown. I learned methods for distinguishing and guarding myself from misinformation. One tool is to use a regularly updated Interactive Media Bias Chart at <https://adfontesmedia.com/interactive-media-bias-chart/> that shows the biases of various news agencies.

The chart's vertical axis is a sliding scale from news value/reliability at the top to fabricated across the

bottom. Its horizontal axis skews from far left to far right.

Returning to a classroom offering stimulation and friendships is just part of a happy retirement. There's recess, too. I urge you to go outside to any one of Aurora's 103 developed parks and 8,000 acres of open spaces. Arapahoe County has lots more parks, open spaces and miles more of trails. You needn't go far from home to feel far from home.

It has been a pleasure writing for you these past 20 years. Each person I've profiled has broadened my perspectives and enhanced my life. I have fond memories of persons who welcomed me into their homes to discuss art, travel, history, culture, recreation, technology, or current issues.

Today as I was writing this piece, Lisa Mallory, whom I profiled in the November 2021 issue of *Heather 'n Yon*, called with the happy news she had been granted AARP's "Wish of a Lifetime." She met with a curator from Denver Art Museum who reviewed her etched photography. His suggestions inspired her to evolve her art. The granted wish was all the more special because curators rarely meet with artists themselves.

I treasure these friendships and thank you for the opportunity to write for *Heather 'n Yon*.

Lynn, I wish you health, happiness and energy in this next phase of your life. Hang on to my number. There's lots for us to explore.

– Dala Giffin

## Lifelong Learners...from page 17

term, so residents will still have time to register after the Open House if they haven't done so already.

When asked if this will be a success at HG, I tell people that we have all the elements to make it successful, and we will know if we are successful based on our classes being over-subscribed. Hopefully we will

grow to the point where the limit on offerings is based on Clubhouse room availability. I invite everyone to sign up where learning is for the fun of it! No tests, no grades, no hall passes, and your mother is not going to call the teacher!

– Paul Mauro, B217  
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# The Month (February)

In early February, word circulated that the HGMD-board-recall petition drive had gathered enough signatures to proceed. What comes next?

Al Lindeman, CP5, an author of the petition drive, stated that his "understanding of what comes next," was:

- The designated election officer (DEO) had until February 13 to determine whether enough valid signatures had been obtained.

- The HG Metropolitan District Board then had 15 days to challenge the DEO's findings that enough signatures had been obtained.

- If the challenge is unsuccessful, the Metropolitan District Board must meet within 30 days to set a date for the recall election

- The HG Metropolitan District Board must set the date for the recall election to occur between 75 and 90 days (so a maximum of 120 days after being notified that sufficient signatures have been obtained).

Restaurant Committee Chair Robin O'Meara told the HGMD Board of Directors at its February 15 meeting that the third chef hired to work at Rendezvous had quit. O'Meara stated, she felt that HG's inability to retain a chef was based in salary.

She said the last chef left, after 10 days, for a better-paying job. O'Meara noted that the going rate for a good chef is \$90-110,000 per year.

"We're offering \$45-70,000," she said.

...

At the same meeting, Treasurer Rita Effler announced that grants are available, related to safety and security, to HGMD. She said a 50-percent reimbursement – \$55,000 – was achieved for security cameras on HGMD property.

"I'll keep my eyes open for other grant opportunities," Effler said.

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During the HGA Board Meeting, on February 20, new General Manager Lary Herkal was asked for an opinion about whether all the nets on the tennis courts needed replacing, or just some?

He responded, "I have a brother-in-law who's a tennis pro. I'll invite him over for lunch."

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Security Manager wrote in his Feb. 9 Security Report: "If you didn't drop it, DO NOT pick it up." You all know the saying, "curiosity killed the cat." There was no place where that was truer than in Iraq. There were booby traps everywhere.

"Fortunately, we don't have to worry about THAT sort of thing here. Be careful what you touch or pick up... Last week, someone found a small cylindrical tube sitting on a window ledge in the pool table room .... Curious ...., the man picked it up. It had a little cap type thing on it, which he lifted and...SSSSSSTTTTTT. Long story short that

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She's scored 3,569 total points in her four years playing basketball at the University of Iowa, which is the scoring record for NCAA women (Feb. 15). Kelsey Plum had the previous high score, 3,527 points, 2013–2017, University of Washington. Caitlin Clark has potentially 13–14 more games this year. Who's record falls next? Pete Maravich's record of 3,667 points for NCAA men (Louisiana State University, 1967–1970)?

Two other scoring records by women are: Pearl Moore scored 4,061 with Francis Marion, 1975–1979;

and Lynette Woodard had 3,649 points with Kansas University, 1978–81. Clark could pass these too.

This year, Caitlin Clark averages 28.3 points/game; in 126 games has a field goal percentage of 0.468. She averages 34.6 minutes per game and leads in assists (throwing the ball to a teammate who scores), 8.1 per game. Is it any surprise that she sells out basketball arenas everywhere she goes? Young girls, still dreaming about their future, fill those seats.

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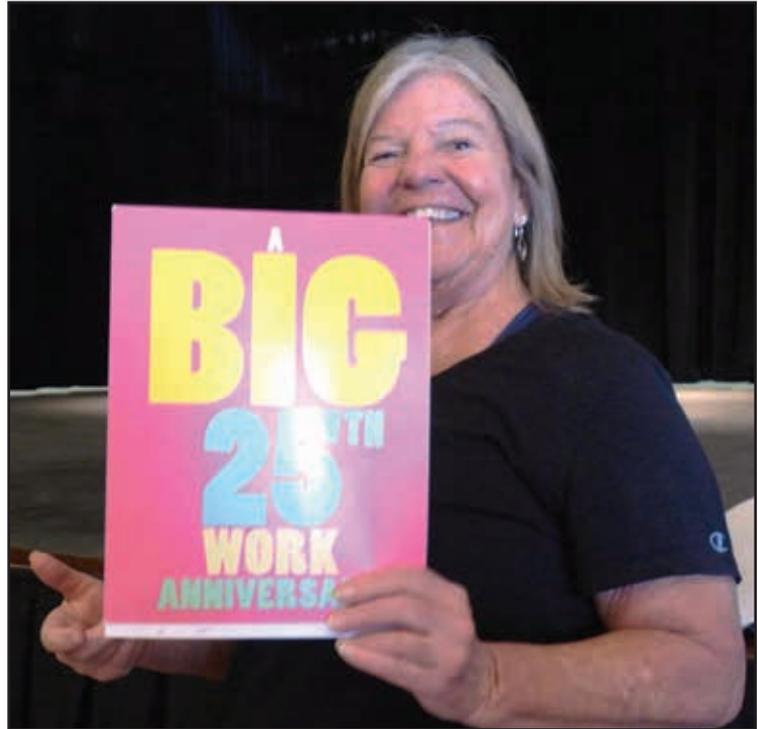
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**On Feb. 9, Patti MacIntire celebrated her 25th Anniversary as an exercise instructor at HG.**



Many of Patti's students and friends at HG (right) came to celebrate and bid Patti "goodbye" since she is retiring at the end of the current term in March. She has taught Pilates, weight strengthening, flexibility and functional fitness. The level of difficulty accommodated what her students needed, making her a popular teacher.



Punch and cupcakes (top right) were served after a class (above). The card that Patti is holding served as retirement card as well — signed by current and former students.

Photos by Anita Huddleston

# Downsizing

When a damaged airliner finally comes to rest on the tarmac, the flight crew leaps into action, urging panicked passengers to move quickly and orderly and to take nothing with them. Almost invariably, though, a few passengers disregard flight crew instructions. They grab their bags from under their seats or from the overhead bins, wasting precious seconds and endangering the lives of their fellow travelers. They haven't distinguished the difference between what they want and what they actually need.

Many people who retire (and whose kids have flown the coop) figure that milestone is a good time to downsize — to move from a larger house to a smaller dwelling that's easier to maintain. Such a move lacks the frenzied life-and-death drama of an airplane evacuation, of course. The time frame is weeks, if not months. And it's understood that,

unlike escaping passengers, you'll bring belongings with you. But when you've used your house and garage to store 30 years' worth of accumulated stuff, and the condo you've just closed on has limited storage space, you have to choose which of those belongings to bring.

My wife and I recently made that move from a southeast Denver house to a condominium at Heather Gardens. We calculated the new unit's square footage and shelving space, assessed our many belongings, and concluded that lots of them simply wouldn't make the cut. Then it came time to choose.

**Books, music, and girly magazines.** I've always been a reader, and I love books. (I was a nerdy lit major as an undergrad.) I'm loath to part with those books that have resonated strongly with me. When I was a pimply teen I read lots of science fiction and fantasy. And then came years of

reading literature in college, from the Greek playwrights to contemporary novelists. I prided myself in having read all those books. So I kept them all in cardboard boxes that I didn't revisit in literally decades.

Music has always been important to me. Back in the day, cassette tapes were a thing. I kept many in shoe boxes. Then my vinyl collection grew to contain hundreds of LPs. After CDs became the media of choice in the 1980s, I began a CD library (which included my wife's world music collection).

Years ago I made the painful choice to ditch my vinyl collection after copying the albums to CDs. This lightened the media footprint. But by that time our CD collection—classic rock, Americana, world music, jazz, soundtracks, classical—was extensive, and I hadn't listened to many of the CDs for years.

*See Downsizing...page 27*

**Heather Gardens hosted a reception on Feb. 2, in Rendezvous Banquet Room for HG residents to meet newly hired General Manager Lary Herkal.**

**Below: Herkal shares a laugh with Restaurant Manager Cormac Ronan**



**Above: Herkal was photographed with Heather 'n Yon's new publisher Susan Harman and HGA Board President Larry Dávila**

*Photos by Janis Farrell*



## HGMD Foundation

The Foundation Committee met Feb. 14. HG Controller Carrie Toennis and General Manager Lary Herkal attended the meeting. Both are new to HG.

The 2023 financial report and the January 2024 financial report were reviewed.

Golf and Landscape Manager Matt Martella presented six projects he would like the committee to consider. Matt will present more details and costs at future meetings.

At the end of 2023 Judy Brehmer made a generous donation for trees that was excluded from the previous article. Thank you Judy.

– **Eloise Laubach, HGMD Vice President  
Chair, Foundation Committee**

## Rendezvous...from page 15

and banquet rooms were professionally cleaned. The new appliances installed. All this took place while the restaurant was closed during the 2023 holiday break.

Phase One changes also included, on advice from experts, renting a new icemaker machine that will be more economical and practical than purchasing a new one. The servicing company will maintain and clean it on a regular basis. Finding a source for this item is still in process.

A new Point of Service (POS) named TOAST will be introduced during the first quarter of this year. TOAST is a system used by servers to record and send orders to the kitchen, track reward members, and print customer bills and receipts. This POS is the preferred system for restaurants as it vastly improves efficiency. There was \$8,000 approved for this system, but through negotiations the price was reduced to \$3,835. The monthly operating fee is already within Rendezvous Restaurant's operating budget.

There is \$30,000 reserved from the 2023 budget for the purchase and removal of the old and unreliable outdoor freezer, which will be the final step for the Phase One kitchen upgrades. It will be completed during the first quarter of 2024.

HG amenities are the heart of the community. The Clubhouse, Rendezvous Restaurant, and Golf Course are where residents meet friends, maintain their physical fitness, keep minds sharp, enjoy summers playing golf and pickleball, use the pools, and relax on Rendezvous' patio. All this results in the major reason HG is known nationally as a premier ac-

tive-retirement destination.

I believe we must continue to maintain and keep these amenities current and appealing, not only for our benefit, but also for future residents. Interesting fact you may not know — the restaurant generates more revenue for HG than any other amenity.

I encourage you to celebrate the new kitchen and look forward to some décor changes to make the dining areas more welcoming. The new menu and hours are yet to be determined, but expected to be in place by mid-April.

You should visit Rendezvous Restaurant to track the upgrades as they happen. Check *Heather 'n Yon*, the HGMD website, [www.hgmetrodist.org](http://www.hgmetrodist.org) and Pitera announcements for upcoming events and

*Right: The old ovens in  
Rendezvous' kitchen*

*(above)  
were  
replaced  
by a gas  
combination oven  
and a  
gas salamander  
broiler  
(below) in  
December 2023.*

special promotions coming your way soon regarding dining at Rendezvous.

Many people can be thanked for the hours put into making this upgrade successful, including Cormac Ronan and Robin O'Meara.

– **Mavis Richardson  
Restaurant Committee  
CP3**



# Downsizing ...from page 25

From my late teens to my mid-twenties I subscribed to *Playboy* magazine. Yes, as a reader of many genres, I did enjoy the interviews, stories and lifestyle essays. As a young guy, I liked the pictures tremendously. For decades I kept that collection in discolored cardboard boxes and in brown paper bags reinforced with masking tape. Over the years I resisted the occasional urge to uncover favorite issues (urges more infrequent as the years passed) so the boxes and paper bags remained mostly intact. That once-treasured magazine collection took up a sizable chunk of physical space.

These collections of books, CDs, and magazines were in boxes or bags, or easily placed in either. When the time came, unloading it all should be a breeze. Right?

**The ways we describe ourselves.** On the rare occasions I visit someone's home, I'm drawn to the bookshelves to review the titles. We book lovers do love to display our books, and display them with a goal in mind: these books you see tell you who I am. So when I scan the spines I look for titles or authors that I too have read, or want to read. When I see them — in an instant — I've developed bonds of some kind with that person. Lovers of books share an intimacy of sorts with others who treasure the same works.

Given the opportunity, I do something similar with someone's music collection. Of course the collection will reflect different decades depend-

ing on the collector's age. We all can reasonably expect to see popular artists from different periods, but what about the lesser-known releases from lesser-known artists? Or a collection that displays the collector's eclectic taste across different genres? I look for both commonality and divergent opinion, for shared appreciation and the chance to learn something new.

I don't recall ever seeing another person's *Playboy* collection. Even if I had, I'm not sure whether I'd have gained any insight into the owner, beyond one guy knowing what most guys like.

**Abandonment issues.** As it turned out, some of the books I'd stored in boxes for years were in good condition. I separated those and donated them to the local library.

Many of the CDs my wife and I actually purchased, not digital copies. I donated those too.

Otherwise, though, my collection of aging paperbacks (nearly all) and collection of CDs (over half) and collection of late 1970s—early 80s *Playboys* (every last one) joined other items in the garage that didn't make the downsizing cut: dusty tarps, a worn-out screen door, barely-functional yard tools, oily coils of rope, an old patio grill.

My wife and I loaded it all into the back of my little Toyota pickup truck, tied the load down, and then drove to the "transfer station" on South Santa Fe. It is a dusty, squawking-seagull limbo for all kinds of trash that will eventually disappear under the

smelly soil of a landfill. We paid the fee, donned our hi-vis vests, backed the little truck up to the "residential" pile, and started tossing. In only minutes the books and CDs and *Playboys* I'd kept for years officially became garbage.

## Honesty is the best policy.

Maybe it was the finality of it that made me sad: gone were items that defined, in part, a much younger me. Wisdom holds that in the bigger picture this paltry loss of things is — or absolutely should be — easier to accept than other, more poignant kinds of loss. These losses loom for all of us, or have already left their sorrowful mark, when we enter the autumn of our years.

I didn't need them, but it still pains me to realize that those keepsakes of literature, and of music, and of fine airbrushed photography are gone. Silly, I know. Even sillier is that it's taken me this long to realize that by clinging to those relics for years and years, I was stubbornly keeping alive a dishonest but much more appealing version of myself — a more literate, more worldly, more potent version that I should have allowed to wither away decades ago.

Downsizing indeed means jettisoning belongings to fit a smaller space. But for me it's also personal: to recognize pretensions and try, like a snake shedding its skin, to leave them behind. I'm not done yet by any stretch, but as my wife and I just left the familiar for the unfamiliar, it seems like a good time to start fresh.

— Bill Kaluza  
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# MARCH CALENDAR

Fri 1	Men with Purpose (1st and 3rd Friday)	Skyview Room	10–11 am
	Texas Hold 'em Poker_Reddy or Hill (every Friday)	Mountain View Room	12:30–5 pm
Sat 2	Friday Afternoon Bridge (every Friday)	Skyview Room	1–5 pm
	Mexican Train Dominoes (every Saturday)	Arts & Crafts Room	noon–4 pm
	Ping Pong (every Saturday)	Game Room	2–3 pm
Sun 3	Karaoke Club	Aspen/Blue Spruce Rooms	3–5 pm
	Social Bridge (every Sunday, Joanne Turner)	Skyview Room	1–3:30 pm
Mon 4	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
	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
	HG Game Night (Karen Gold; every Monday)	Arts & Crafts Room	4–6 pm
	Tue 5	Hand (Knee) and Foot (every Tuesday)	Mountain View Room
Mah Jongg (every Tuesday)		Blue Spruce Room	1–4 pm
Ping Pong (every Tuesday)		Game Room	2–3 pm
<b>Clubhouse Event: Mountain Man Fruit and Nut Co.</b>		Clubhouse Lobby	2:15–3:15 pm
Tennis Club		Rendezvous Restaurant	5 pm
Billiard Club Co-ed 8-Ball (every Tuesday)		Billiard Room	6:30 pm
Wed 6	Life Spark (every Wednesday)	Skyview Room	8 am–noon
	Cribbage (every Wednesday)	Sunburst Café	12:30–3 pm
	Men's Poker_Reddy or Hill (every Wednesday)	Skyview Room	12:30–5 pm
	Woodshop Club Meeting	Aspen Room	1 pm
	Rummikub (every Wednesday)	Lodgepole Lounge	1–3 pm
	HG ACBL Duplicate Bridge (every Wednesday)	Blue Spruce Room	1–4:45 pm
	Pinochle (every Wednesday)	Mountain View Room	1:30–4 pm
	Woodshop Orientation	Woodshop	4–5 pm
	CP1 Meeting	Aspen/Blue Spruce Room	5:30–8 pm
	Square Dancing Club (every 1st and 3rd Wednesday)	Sandberg Auditorium	7–9 pm
Thu 7	Tai Chi (every Thursday)	Tennis Courts	8–11 am
	TOPS (every Thursday)	Blue Spruce Room	8:30–9:30 am
	HG Optimist Breakfast	Rendezvous Restaurant	9 am
	Time4Tap Dance Group (every Thursday)	Sandberg Auditorium	11 am–noon

## Advertised Activities and Seminars

- Mon, March 4 Bayer Ear Clinic (every Monday, by appointment), Arts & Crafts Room, 9 am–noon (see ad, p. 55)  
 Fri, March 8 Realtor and Lendor Panel Discussion, Sandberg Auditorium, 1–2:30 pm (see ad, p. 8)  
 Fri, March 29 Retirement Reception (Lynn Donaldson), Sandberg Auditorium, 2–4 pm (see ad, p. 9)



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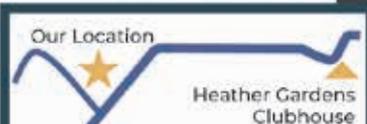
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<b>Thu 7</b> (cont'd)	Bunko (1st and 3rd Thursday) Social Bridge (every Thursday, Joanne Turner) HG Writers Club (every Thursday) Ping Pong (every Thursday) Meditation Club (every Thursday) Republican Caucus for Precincts: 440, 441, 442, 443 Kiwanis Club of Aurora Business Meeting 9-Ball Men's Billiards (every Thursday)	Blue Spruce Room Skyview Room Mountain View Room Game Room Skyview Room Sandberg Auditorium Skyview Room Billiards Room	1-3:30 pm 1-3:30 pm 1-4 pm 2-3 pm 4-5 pm 6 pm 6 pm 7-9 pm
<b>Fri 8</b>	Birding and Nature Club HG Indivisible Realtor and Lendor Panel Discussion	Lodgepole Lounge Skyview Room Sandberg Auditorium	11:30 am 11:45 am 1-2:30 pm
<b>Sat 9</b>	The Breakfast Club Voice for Residents Club	Rendezvous Restaurant Sandberg Auditorium	8:30 am 3-4:30 pm
<b>Mon 11</b>	Texas Hold 'em Poker_Reddy or Hill (2nd-4th Monday)	Mountain View Room	12:30-5 pm
<b>Wed 13</b>	HG Ladies Golf Club, new members <b>Clubhouse Event: Buddhism</b> Aviation Club	Skyview Room Sandberg Auditorium Aspen Room	10 am 2 pm 7 pm
<b>Thu 14</b>	Men's Poker (Jess Deal; 2nd and 4th Thursday)	Game Room	5:30-8:30 pm
<b>Fri 15</b>	Men with Purpose (1st and 3rd Friday) <b>Clubhouse Event: Bingo</b>	Skyview Room Sandberg Auditorium	10 am 1-3 pm
<b>Sat 16</b>	Wine and Cheese Social Club	Aspen/Blue Spruce Rooms	3-5 pm
<b>Mon 18</b>	VNA Senior Wellness Clinics (1st & 3rd Mondays) HG Photo Club	Blue Spruce Room Aspen Room	8:30 am-1 pm 3 pm
<b>Tue 19</b>	<b>Clubhouse Event: Economic Outlook 2024</b> Caregiver's Support Group	Aspen/Blue Spruce Room Aspen Room	10 am 2-4 pm
<b>Wed 20</b>	<b>Lifelong Learners</b> HG Ladies Golf Club Annual Meeting <b>Frolics Traveling Troupe</b> Square Dancing Club (every 1st and 3rd Wednesday)	<b>Aspen/Blue Spruce Room</b> <b>Sandberg Auditorium</b> <b>Rendezvous Restaurant</b> Sandberg Auditorium	<b>10:30-11:30 am</b> <b>1 pm</b> <b>4 pm</b> 7-9 pm
<b>Thu 21</b>	HG Optimist Club Social Justice Group The Green Team <b>Clubhouse Event: Irish History</b> Bunko Kiwanis Club of Aurora – Guest Speaker	Rendezvous Restaurant Blue Spruce Room Blue Spruce Room Sandberg Auditorium Blue Spruce Room Skyview Room	9 am 10 am-noon noon-2 pm 1-2 pm 1-3:30 pm 6 pm
<b>Fri 22</b>	<b>Clubhouse Event: Craft Fair</b>	multiple Clubhouse rooms	9 am-3 pm
<b>Sat 23</b>	<b>Clubhouse Event: Craft Fair</b> National Federation of the Blind, Aurora Chapter	multiple Clubhouse rooms Mountain View Room	9 am-3 pm 10:30 am-12:30 pm
<b>Mon 25</b>	Low Vision Support Group Garden Club	Mountain View Room Aspen/Blue Spruce Room	1:30 pm 6 pm
<b>Tue 26</b>	HG Republican Club HG Democratic Club	Sandberg Auditorium Sandberg Auditorium	1:30 pm 4-5:30 pm

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<b>Tue 26</b>	Sevillians Social	Rendezvous Restaurant	4:30 pm
<b>Wed 27</b>	Resident Orientation	Board Room/Zoom	10 am
<b>Fri 29</b>	Green Team Doggie Bags	Lodge Pole Lounge	9 am–noon

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

Join a lovely group of caring women dedicated to the study of the word of God. We welcome everyone, just show up. Call Joyce Smith, 918-586-2954.

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

## Heather 'n Yon Deadline - 4/17

### • Monthly Meetings •

#### Boards and Committees

Listed meetings will be in the Board Room or Zoom.

Clubs & Activities (BR/Zoom) – 1 pm Fri, March 1 (TBD)

SEC (BR/Zoom) – 4 pm Mon, March 4

CECC (BR/Zoom) – 11 am Tue, March 5

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

Maintenance (Zoom) – 1 pm Wed, March 6

**HGMD Board** (BR/Zoom) – 1 pm Thu, March 7

Personnel Policy (BR/Zoom) – 10 am Fri, March 8

RV Lot (BR/Zoom) – 1 pm Mon, March 11

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

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

HGMD Audit/Finance (BR/Zoom) – 1 pm Fri, March 15

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

**HGA Board** (BR/Zoom) – 1 pm Tue, March 19

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

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

ACC (Zoom) – 10 am Thu, March 21

**HGMD Board** (BR/Zoom) – 1 pm Thu, March 21

Golf (BR/Zoom) – 1 pm Tue, March 26

Resident Orientation (Zoom) – 10 am Wed, March 27

Civic Affairs (BR/Zoom) – 11:30 am Wed March 27

Restaurant (BR/Zoom) – 3 pm Thu, March 28



### VNA Senior Wellness Clinics

Charges: Toenail Cutting (includes blood pressure), \$55 (returning client); Fingernail trim \$15. If you cannot keep your appointment, please cancel or you

will be charged \$5. Have exact cash amount, credit card, or checks made out to "VNA." Call VNA, 303-698-6496.

- Monday, March 4, 8:30 am–1 pm, Blue Spruce Rm

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

### Aurora Fox Arts Center

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," June 1–23.

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

penseful 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 information on these and other fantastic shows and to get your tickets, visit [AuroraFoxArtsCenter.org](http://AuroraFoxArtsCenter.org).

### High Twelve Club #11

High Twelve Club #11 of Denver is a Colorado Masonic Appendant group that meets monthly in the HG Clubhouse. The group believes in public education, patriotism, and our youth. Our philanthropy is the Wolcott Foundation at George Washington University, in Washington, D.C. Our website is <https://h12.org>. We hold public meetings 11 am Wednesdays, Rendezvous Restaurant, with a luncheon following. Our next meeting is March 27. The speaker will be Security Manager Dave Marris about ongoing security issues.

We hope to see you. Enjoy the interesting topics and support our cause. Contact is Walter Martin @ 303-810-6189, and or email: [wltrmtrn@yahoo.com](mailto:wltrmtrn@yahoo.com).

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# Letters

## Heather 'n Yon

I am closing soon on my HG patio home. However getting under contract has been difficult. Due to the open lawsuit between HGMD and HGA, I lost two serious and qualified buyers who both loved the home and were planning to write offers. This loss is due entirely to the concern and uncertainty in the buyer's mind about moving into a new place with so much upheaval and friction. The time frame for a confusing lawsuit could stretch on indefinitely.

I ended up accepting a significantly lower price than I expected when a third buyer made an offer. The cost to me was having my condo on the market longer and lost cash equity because of this legal action. I was fortunate to get an offer in the end.

If this action drags on, it will be even harder for sellers to attract buyers. I encourage all parties to drop this unnecessary suit for the good of residents and the value of HG homes. This is not why directors are elected to represent us.

Thank you for the opportunity to present my experience and the impact of the ongoing litigation.

**Tony Taylor**  
CP3, former HGMD Director

## Heather 'n Yon

I have been reading the letters to the editor and the various columns in the *Heather 'n Yon* magazine and have attended one meeting where questions were answered about why we are probably going to have a Recall Election of HGMD directors.

My solution is laws that address the way HGMD and HGA operate. It was mentioned in the meeting that they are regulated differently. Well, let's change that. Someone mentioned petitions and citizen initiatives. I thought we voted on that to make it easier for residents to present petitions to the state. Let's address the idea of where we gather to get the petitions signed and how some folks feel "strong armed" to sign them.

In a union strike, you can't harass anyone who crosses the picket line to do business with the company under strike. You can't force anyone

to sign a petition, and there should be certain areas where it is forbidden. We need a law for that.

Where are our homeowner association fees going? I believe a state audit by an independent auditor should be done to see where this money is really going. Look at the "lint between the toes" of management for both HGMD and HGA.

Some folks are upset about the fees going up every year. Well, for God's sake, vote. You can't just sit on your hands and expect everybody else to do things for you. I don't care if you vote yes or no. Vote.

We also need a law that addresses the way the budget election is handled. Counting people who don't vote as yes votes is the incorrect way to do things. That is what they are arguing about in Washington. Rigging the vote.

Angela Lawson is our new city council person. I have approached her about these issues. She is holding townhalls in the Clubhouse every other month. Please come to those meetings and tell her your concerns. She is open to listening. Let's stop the fighting and try some options.

**Fran Dollard**  
B208

## Heather 'n Yon

Civility: The Bible says being a people of civility is at the heart of our character. The commitments and steps necessary to be of true and consistent character have to be from being a person of the truth. (Proverbs 6:16-17, Proverbs 26:28, Psalms 12:2-6).

Civility: Webster's Dictionary defines civility as "formal politeness and courtesy in behavior or speech. Professional, ethical, respectful, and courteous interactions."

Civility in Heather Gardens: Whatever you want to say about your

*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.*

*neighbors* and it becomes *fact!*

I'm writing in response to the letter on page 51 of the February 2024 issue of *Heather 'n Yon*. This is a prime example of the standard for how some in HG show *civility* to their neighbors. One of the letter writers is on the B217 Executive Committee.

A video for the main entrance of B217 on Jan 16 clearly shows the "neighbor from another building," Linda Savage, bringing petitions to be signed. No one ever approached or had a conversation/interaction with her at any time!

I, being one of the three, never tried to accost/harass anyone.

The video recording of Jan 16 is available for anyone who would like the truth, or you can continue living with the plethora of misinformation poisoning our community.

**John Guise**  
B217

*{Editor's Note: For obvious reasons, Heather 'n Yon cannot provide the video for residents to review. However, I have seen a photo of you and two other B217 residents sitting in the third floor lobby although none of you live on that floor. Colorado law states that voters may NOT advocate for the election or defeat of a candidate or a ballot measure next to a polling place/dropbox. Signing HG recall petitions at a private HG residence could reasonably be considered an equivalent situation. The February 2024 letter writers construed the presence of HGMD supporters as voter intimidation. You, like them, are allowed to express your opinions in Heather 'n Yon, while respecting everyone's First Amendment rights without disparagement.}*

## Heather 'n Yon

Recently I learned of the resignation of a most valued employee, Cheryl Greenman.

Cheryl worked at the Clubhouse Activity Desk for many years and was known for her wealth of knowledge of the traditions and values of our community. She used this wealth of information not only to serve residents but also to assist new employees including new Clubhouse management employees.

Cheryl's work ethic was top notch. It was apparent to many of us that she was dedicated to serve the

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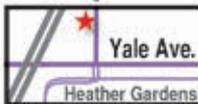
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community. Cherryl will be greatly missed and will be difficult if not impossible to replace!

Thank you Cherryl for your years of outstanding service!

**Donna Morin, B203**

## Heather 'n Yon

I know your retirement is coming up soon and I wanted to thank you for all you have done for our community. Happy Trails! How much longer before the official last day?

Also I wanted to thank you for mentioning our new HG Lifelong Learners program in the Publisher's Corner, and for saying we are the best value! OLLI is our biggest competitor, and they are so well known throughout the country.

**Cathy Martino  
B221**

## Heather 'n Yon

I decided to write this letter because our homeowner association (HOA) fees have increased about 28 percent since last year.

There is a new law in Colorado that was issued by the General Assembly of Colorado in 2022 because many people experienced an unbelievably high increase in the HOA fees.

The bill prohibits the unit owners' association of a common interest community "from increasing by more than 10 percent in any 12-month period the amount of any fee that is charged on a regular and ongoing basis for the use, rental, or operation of one or more common elements unless a majority of the unit owners of the common areas will vote for the increase of more than 10 percent."

In the fall we received a big white envelope with a small blue piece of

paper in it. There was a check box where we were supposed to vote for the increase of the HOA fees. There was no place for a signature on this paper and I think it is illegal to vote with no signature.

If you didn't vote, you were counted as if you agreed to the increase in HGA fees. The General Assembly Law came into effect in 2022 because HOA fees started to increase dramatically. If you would like to find out more about this law or to complain about our HOA fees, you can write directly to Senator Janet Buckner, Senate District 29, e-mail [janetbucknersd28@gmail.com](mailto:janetbucknersd28@gmail.com) and to House District 42, Representative Iman Jodeh, email: [jman.jodeh.house@coleg.gov](mailto:jman.jodeh.house@coleg.gov).

**Svetlana Kandidova  
B203**



### Faces at HG: from the photo archive

- A wedding in the Picnic Pavilion that started with tennis rackets providing an arch, imitating the military sabers (or rifles) welcoming a wedded couple
- Rendezvous Holiday Dinners
- Celebrating a raffle prize at a Clubhouse Event

More archived photos, see page 43



Photos by Janis Farrell, Anita Huddleston, and Anne Hummel-Gillis

# Clubs and Organizations

## Men with Purpose

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

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

## Karaoke Club

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

## HG Women's Book Club

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

## Spanish Club (Club en Español)

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

## Woodshop Club

The club promotes use of the Woodshop and better care of its equipment. With a focus on safety within the Woodshop, the club helps develop new classes, fellowship between members, and training new users. Meetings are the first Wednesday of the month, 1 pm, Aspen Room.

Member experience varies from beginner level to experienced woodworkers. You are invited to join this great energetic club and share your ideas and initiatives relating to woodworking. Learn why the members all love working with wood — from designing writing pens to wall hangings and furniture. Questions? Email President Dave Woods, [heathergardenswoodshopclub@gmail.com](mailto:heathergardenswoodshopclub@gmail.com).

## CP1

Our happy hours are on the first Wednesday, 5:30 pm, Aspen/Blue Spruce Rooms. At our social hour on March 6, we will be thanking Steve Everitt, retiring AR, and Linda Cox, retiring secretary, for the years they have served on our CP1 board.

We will introduce Charlie Cooper, CP1's new AR and Susan Osman, our new secretary, as well as recognize our continuing board members. Watch for more details. — Susan Osman, [susanosman21@gmail.com](mailto:susanosman21@gmail.com).

## TOPS

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

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

Men and women are welcome. For information, contact Lisa Jackson, 469-323-5434 or [mljackson81@gmail.com](mailto:mljackson81@gmail.com).

## Optimist Club

The club meets on first and third Thursday of each month for breakfast 9 am, in Rendezvous Restaurant. 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 everyone. 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 a 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, and on the third Thursday, 6 pm, with a guest speaker, both in the Skyview Room. If interested in participating, contact the club at [jwmkiwanis@gmail.com](mailto:jwmkiwanis@gmail.com) — James Martin, President

## Birding and Nature Club

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

## HG Indivisible

The HG Indivisible group will meet on March 8 (second Friday) in the Skyview Room, 11:45 am. Those who wish, may have lunch after at the Rendezvous.

Our topic will be "The Many Resources and Tools of Indivisible." If you are even curious about Indivisible, we invite you to join us for this presentation.

Indivisible is a community of neighbors who want to make a difference in the world, addressing the many problems we see with positive, forward-thinking actions. We address issues that concern us, such as wealth inequality, racial injustice, women's reproductive rights, gun safety, etc., with both education and action. Although people of any political affiliation are welcome, our approach is progressive and, in the upcoming election, we will be supporting legislation and candidates whose values echo these goals.

Save the date for Friday, April 12, when we will learn ways to effectively influence our legislators. Whether you can attend the meetings or not, you are welcome to also sign up for our newsletter, which includes both information and action items. Contact Gina Abegg, 303 923-3415, or [ginaabegg2020@gmail.com](mailto:ginaabegg2020@gmail.com).

## The Breakfast Club

The Breakfast Club (TBC) for Singles 50 Plus meets at 8:30 am on the second Saturday in Rendezvous Restaurant for breakfast. Call 303-794-3332 to make your reservation. Cost is \$20.

This is just the tip of the iceberg. TBC has grown in the past 20 years. We have ongoing activities, such as bowling, the Birthday Bash, eating at a new restaurant, and Happy Hour.

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

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

Our next meeting will be Saturday, March 9, 3-4:30 pm, Sandberg Auditorium. An overview of the HGA and HGMD management agreement will be provided by Forrest McClure.

The purpose of this club is to provide a forum for HG residents to stay current and informed on issues facing HG. If you have a topic you would like to have presented at a meeting, please email me with your suggestion. In the subject line of your email, please put "Voice for Residents." Contact: Vickie Hoffman, [vhoff920@gmail.com](mailto:vhoff920@gmail.com).

The first two meetings of the Voice for Residents Club were held in Sandberg Auditorium, with a presentation covering the HGMD and HGA websites. Karen Gold did an excellent job showing the attendees how to find contact information for board and committee members, locations of documents such as board packets, how to use the calendars, and a host of other functions of the websites. If there is interest, Karen has consented to schedule other website overviews for residents. Please contact Vickie Hoffman if you are interested in attending.

### **B201 and B202**

B201 and B202 meet at 4:30 pm on the second Wednesday of the month. For more information, please call Nancy Grossman, 714-470-5660.

### **Aviation Club**

The club meets on the second Wednesday of the month, at 7 pm, Aspen Room. This month, we'll gather on Wednesday, March 13, to acknowledge John Luckadoo, who is now 100 years old.

Ward Carroll, famous Navy F-14 RIO, Navy journalist and internet podcast host, interviews WW2 B-17 Pilot John "Lucky" Luckadoo. His war history is enlightening and educational, especially the statistics of sur-

vival in those famous bombing runs against Germany. Those bombing runs finally crippled Germany's production facilities enough that the U.K. RAF and our U.S. Army Air Corps got the upper hand, and turned the tide of WW2 in Europe to the Allied Forces favor.

Did you know that we lost more airmen in Europe than all the ground forces combined? Join us for this look back into history, and the gallantry of *The Greatest Generation* in defeating Hitler's Nazi Germany. – Rudy Morris

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

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

### **HG Photo Club**

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

We meet on the third Monday, 3-5 pm, Aspen Room. Contact Anita Huddleston, [anvid7@hotmail.com](mailto:anvid7@hotmail.com), 303-718-6676.

### **Caregivers Support Group**

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

### **Lifelong Learners**

We are hosting an Open House on Wednesday, March 20, 10:30-11:30 am, Aspen/Blue Spruce Rooms. Join us for coffee and donuts, and meet the facilitators to learn more about our classes starting in April. The options are U.S. Forestry Service in Colorado, Writing Memoirs for Seniors, Technology Overview and Great Decisions. Learners' classes use the same easy, convenient system for registration as all other classes. – Cathy Martino, 303-872-3283

### **Social Justice Discussion**

We meet on the third Thursday each month, 10 am–noon, Blue Spruce Room. On March 21, our

speaker is Patricia Raybon, author of *My First White Friend*, and a mystery series that explores the Ku Klux Klan activity in Colorado. Contact: Diane Pritchard, [dianekpritchard@gmail.com](mailto:dianekpritchard@gmail.com), or Bernie Hupperts, [marlyn-ber@gmail.com](mailto:marlyn-ber@gmail.com).

### **The Green Team**

Shred Event is coming Saturday, May 4, 9–10:45 am.

We know you have boxes filled with old personal papers hidden away in a closet, basement or a cowboy storage. It's time to get rid of them. Stop procrastinating. No more excuses. Before bringing them for shredding, check inside those boxes. Dig deep. Look for jewelry, prayer beads and other items that are not paper. Yes, believe it or not, we have found these items and even *fireworks!*

We are unable to take plastic, metal spiral bindings, bound books, or metal clamps (paper clips are okay.) Please *Do Not Bring Plastic Bags*. They cannot be recycled.

We meet on the third Thursday of every month, at noon, Blue Spruce Room. Need more information, call 303-587-9797. Wendy Pfaffhausen

### **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.

### **SRA**

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

### **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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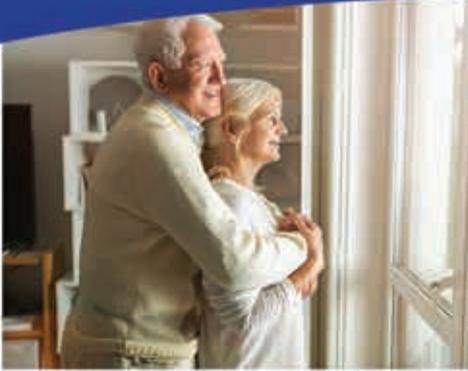




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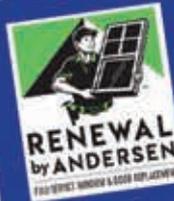
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# Sports and Recreation

## 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.

## 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

## 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 are a seasoned tap dancer, you might want to join Time4Tap Dance Group (Intermediate/Advanced), 11 am Thursdays, Sandberg Auditorium. With questions, call or text Julie Whalen, 303-550-5985, [jwhalen97@comcast.net](mailto:jwhalen97@comcast.net). 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, March and 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 our monthly meeting at the Rendezvous Restaurant. This will be 5 pm Tuesday, March 5. We are friendly and welcoming. If you have any questions, call Wendy Pfaffhausen, 303-587-9797

## Men's Poker & Texas Hold 'em

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

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

## Games Galore!

Game night is every Monday 4–6 pm, Arts & Crafts Room. Bring your own game, your own drinks, and your own snacks. Join us, 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 Lite" program with 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.

Club play runs 10 am–noon, and often later, every day when wind chill is above 30 degrees F and wind gusts are below 15-20 mph. We add events such as Round Robin and Ladder Play occasionally on Saturday or Sunday.

Visit our club's website [www.hg-pickle.org/](http://www.hg-pickle.org/) for wind chill and much 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 free orientation or lesson outside of Tuesday or Thursday at noon, as described above.

## Tuesday Mah Jongg

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

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.

## Billiard Club

The club meets for Co-ed 8-Ball at 6:30 pm on Tuesdays. Check in before 6:10 pm to play. Men's 9-Ball is at 7 pm on Thursdays.

Annual dues of \$12 are payable on 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 January 23

1st Jack Doherty, Ted Herrera  
2nd Dee Moore, Scott Crowl  
3rd Doug Miller, Judy Hein

## January 30

1st Jack Doherty, Connie Burns  
2nd Gil Lochhead, Judy Brehmer  
3rd Chuck Toner, David Worden

## February 6

1st Brian Bucenec, Tony Ormsby  
2nd Don Gunnarson, Ted Herrera  
3rd Scott Crowl, Judy Brehmer

## February 13

1st Dee Moore, Ed Harvey  
2nd Ted Herrera, Connie Burns  
3rd Gil Lochhead, Don Gunnarson

## 9-Ball Results January 18

1st John Manzanares  
2nd Scott Crowl  
3rd Roger Goldstein

## January 25

1st Ed Harvey  
2nd Ted Herrera  
3rd Jack Doherty

## February 1

1st Ed Harvey  
2nd Steve Hesser  
3rd John Manzanares

## February 8

1st Ed Harvey  
2nd John Manzanares  
3rd Jack Doherty

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

### Square Dance

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

### 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](mailto: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](mailto:carliwilliams@hotmail.com), 303-518-7337.

### Ladies Golf Club

March is a busy month in the world of professional golf. This year's overall purse for LPGA events is a

record-setting \$118 million. While the payouts for the winners of the HG Ladies Golf Club are significantly less, club members are still excited to see the new season begin in April.

#### Important Dates

Mark your calendars:

- March 13 – New member meeting, Skyview Room, 10 am.
- March 20 – Annual membership meeting
- March 20 – Dues from residents to be listed in the 2024 membership booklet. April Preseason play begins: No payouts during April.

Exact times and locations for some activities are still being finalized, as are dates for the club's outside tournaments.

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

The next HGLGC board meeting will be held 1 pm Wednesday, March 27, Board Room. All members are encouraged to attend. Minutes are posted on the website.

#### Meet A Member

Board Secretary Linda Savage has lived at HG since July 2014. She joined the HG Ladies Golf Club in 2015, encouraged by another club member who saw her playing alone. Since joining the club, she has been active on the board, serving two terms as Social Chair, three terms as Handicap Chair, and as Board Secretary since 2022.

Asked about her favorite memories since joining, she mentioned the annual luncheons, when everyone is together, enjoying each other's company. Another favorite is the club's Shamble Scramble, where participants putt with a hammer and wear oven mitts as golf gloves.

When asked what she would tell others who are looking to join the club, she said, "Please come! There are lovely women in our club. Everyone works to lift each other up, and everyone enjoys the sport and the social time." – Suzi Stolte, Publicity Chair

### HG Bowling League

Here are some of the highlights as of February 15:

- The Pin Busters (Summer Dunbar, Dorothy Hunter, Tony Ormsby) continue their grip at the top of the league standings. Time is running out, or has already for some of us, to make that leap to the top. But there are still plenty of individual and team achievements to be conquered. So, keep rollin' for those big scores.
- 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 Plucheck, 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](mailto:gvriggs@yahoo.com), if you would like to add your name to the list of substitute bowlers, or be placed on our contact list for the new season in September.

### 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



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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, March 5, 2:15–3:15 pm, Clubhouse Lobby  
Nuts, seeds, snacks, candies, dried fruits, trail mix.

### Active Minds: Buddhism

Wednesday, March 13, 2 pm, Sandberg Auditorium  
FREE: Reservation required, 303-751-1811, x5.

Buddhism is the fourth largest religion in the world with some 500 million adherents. Join Active Minds for an examination of its origins, teachings, beliefs and practices. We will discuss the life and teachings of Siddhartha Gautama (Buddha) and discuss the various types of Buddhism, including Zen Buddhism, Tibetan Buddhism, and others.

### Bingo!

Friday, March 15, 1–3 pm, Sandberg Auditorium  
FREE: Reservation required, 303-751-1811, x5.

Snacks provided. Register early, this event fills fast!

### Market and Economic Outlook 2024 by Benn Torrez

Tuesday, March 19, 10 am–noon, Aspen/Blue Spruce Room

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

Join Ben Torrez, CIMA, AIF, for a concise presentation on the Market and Economic Outlook for 2024. We will delve into recent economic conditions and their impact on you. We will cover equity, fixed income, and broad markets. Also discussing inflation, interest rates, retirement considerations, and the rising cost of health

### Spring Class Registration:

Tuesday, March 18, 9 am, Clubhouse Lobby

You can get a number starting at 6 am. We start calling numbers at 9 am. Online registration opens at 9 am. Brochures will be available Friday, March 1. Classes are from Monday, April 1–Friday, June 14.

Online Registration Directions:

1. Visit [heathergardens.org](http://heathergardens.org).
2. On the green bar at the top of the Home page, click tab for Clubhouse, pull down options and choose Classes and Schedules. Click the site: <https://apm.activecommunities.com/heathergardens> and follow instructions.

DO NOT log in under “Resident Sign-in” on the top of the Home page.

3. After you create your username and password for the first time, you must call the Clubhouse and get your account verified. If you do not get your account verified, you will automatically be charged the non-resident fee, as this is the default for any new account.

care. Finally, stick around after the class for Q&A and some highlights on Medicare and the Medicare industry.

### Irish History with Kathleen Arnold

Thursday, March 21, 1–2 pm, Sandberg Auditorium  
FREE, reservations required, call 303-751-1811 ext. 5

Ireland is soaked with rich ancient history and culture, including those catchy limericks! There once was a girl named Kathleen, who really ought to be seen, talking blarney and history and a wee bit o’ mystery, so put on your orange or your green!

### Spring Craft Fair

Friday, March 22, 9 am–3 pm, various Clubhouse rooms  
Saturday, March 23, 9 am–3 pm, Clubhouse

Free to the public. Over 80 booths featuring crochet items, fused glass items, woodwork, hand-made jewelry, hand-painted pots, embroidery items, decoupage bottles, author signed books, watercolor paintings, home-made cards, and more.

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Getting older isn't really so bad.  
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Ladies won't shave as often, since leg hair won't grow.  
You can say what you think, no agendas to hide.  
Be blunt and outspoken, Lord knows, I've tried.  
When you're forgetful, you can blame it on age.  
Give advice to those younger as a "wizened old sage".  
Girls, you can toss out the Wonder bras, bikinis, and tubes.  
Stock up on sweatshirts that hide sagging boobs.  
There is comfort in knowing that you're among friends  
When you're shopping at Walgreens for drugs and Depends.  
To laugh at ourselves is the very best part.  
If we can do this, we'll always be YOUNG AT HEART.

- Judith Smith, B234

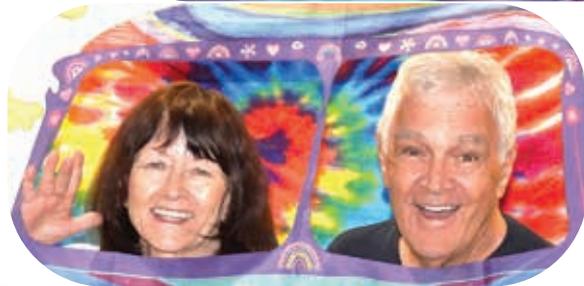


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# Faces of HG Residents having fun at Clubhouse Events



Photos by Janis Farrell,  
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# Clubs *...from page 35*

## Garden Club

Spring is just around the corner, so the HG Garden Club is calling members and guests to the first 2024 meeting, 6 pm, Monday, March 25, Aspen/Blue Spruce Rooms. Beginning with hearing about plans for the new season, we'll elect officers, review the club's Procedure Memorandum, and organize events for the new year.

If you are a new tenant of a garden plot, this is the time and place. You will meet new friends, enjoy potluck suppers at the beginning and end of the season, have your gardening questions answered by long-time gardeners, and share your tips on gardening. All gardeners who are interested in becoming a member or joining the club's email notification list are encouraged to contact: *Nancy@nancylinsbigler.com*.

## HG Republican Club

March is coming in like a lion — many events kicking off the 2024 General Election.

- March 5: Presidential Primary — be sure your ballot is in by 7 pm
- March 7: Republican Caucus at HG for Precincts 440, 441, 442, 443, and guest precincts. We will begin the evening at 5 pm with a baked potato bar. Caucuses begin at 6 pm in Sandberg Auditorium. The focus will be to elect delegates to represent each precinct at the Congressional District Assembly and the State Convention in Pueblo. We will also pass resolutions regarding the GOP Platform for 2024. Be sure to bring your checkbook to pay fees to attend the various events.

On Tuesday, March 26, John Fabbriatore, candidate for U.S. House of Representatives Congressional District #6, will be our featured speaker. Contact Robin O'Meara, if you have any questions about the caucus, *rlomeara1@gmail.com*. Call or text 303-949-4916.

"May we think of freedom, not as the right to do as we please, but as the opportunity to do what is right."  
— Peter Marshall, former Chaplain of the United States Senate

## HG Democrats

The club meets the fourth Tuesday of each month, 4–5:30 pm, Sandberg Auditorium. The meeting is free, and all are welcome.

You do not have to be registered as a Democrat nor live in HG. Our purpose is to support the Constitution, the rule of law, and good government. We have a variety of speakers who inform us on current political issues and races.

Some of us like to have dinner in the Rendezvous after the meeting. Please join us for lively discussion and good company. — 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.

## Frolics Club

Rehearsals are in full swing now. *Mark your calendar* for our 2024 Annual Spring Production — "Broadway

in Our Hearts" — Friday, May 3, 2 pm; Saturday, May 4, 7 pm; and Sunday, May 5, 2 pm.

Remember our Frolics Club Traveling Troupe performs every third Wednesday at the Rendezvous Restaurant. Our next performance is Wednesday, March 20, 4 pm. — M. Mines

## OPOCS Singles Club

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

## HG Singers

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

## HG Grief Support

Grief Support has two-hour weekly meetings that convene twice yearly, for eight-week sessions. Contact Barbara Creswell, 651-485-3608, *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 the Rendezvous Restaurant. The months that we are not meeting in Rendezvous Restaurant will be potluck and BYOB. Please mark your calendars! — Jake Flint

## Free Days for March

<b>Molly Brown House</b>	Tuesday Mar. 5
303-832-4092, <i>mollybrown.org</i>	5–7 pm
1340 Pennsylvania St, Denver	
<b>Buffalo Bill Museum and Grave</b>	Wednesday, Mar. 6
303-526-0744, 10 am–5 pm, <i>www.buffalobill.org</i>	
987 1/2 Lookout Mountain Road, Golden	
<b>Denver Botanic Gardens</b>	Saturday, Mar. 9
720-865-3500, 9 am–2 pm	
<i>www.botanicgardens.org</i> , 1007 York St, Denver	
<b>Denver Art Museum</b>	Tuesday, Mar. 12
720-865-5000, 10 am–9 pm	
<i>www.denverartmuseum.org</i> , 100 W 14th Ave Pkwy	

<b>Longmont Museum</b>	Saturday, Mar. 9
303-651-8374, 9 am–5 pm	
<i>www.longmontcolorado.gov/departments/departments-e-m/museum</i> , 400 Quail Rd 80501	
<b>Dinosaur Ridge</b>	Friday, Mar 15
303-697-3466,	9 am–4 pm
<i>www.dinoridge.org</i> :	
16831 W. Alameda Pkwy, Morrison	
<b>Four Mile Historic Park</b>	Friday, Mar 22
720-865-0800, 10 am–4 pm	
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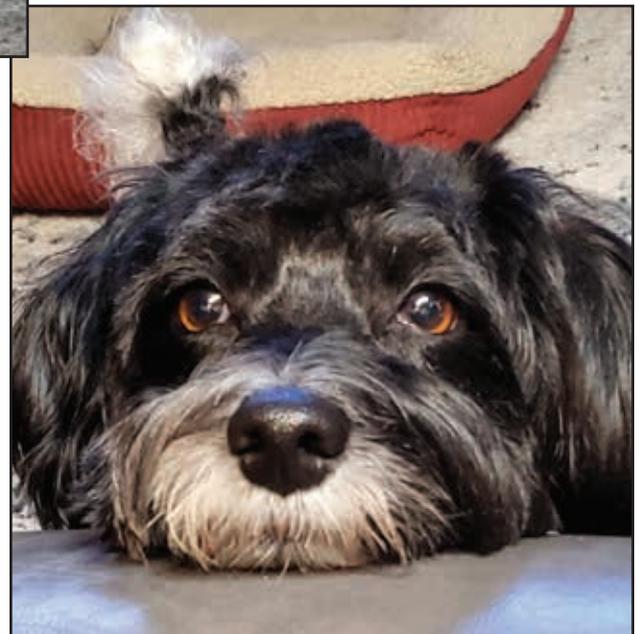
***Left: Anita Huddleston, B223, photographed the turtles lined up on a partially submerged log on the South Platte River Park. (Who called this meeting?)  
Above: Anne Hummel-Gillis, CP1 caught the turtle laying its eggs on the HG Golf Course.***



***Left: Jay Bluestein, B223, shared his photo of the geese scratching for food on the snowy Golf Course (December 2023).***

***Below left and middle: Many photographers loved the Kestrel Hawks that searched for prey in HG. Linda Hileman, CP1, photographed the hawk on the building ledge. Anne Hummel-Gillis provided the hawk on the fence to the wild life area.***

***Below: A proud owner of Puppy, Anne Hummel-Gillis, CP1, could not resist the soulful eyes of her dog, which is named "Puppy." Is he saying, "Well done!"***



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# Hafka...from page 54

brother-in-law moved to Heritage Eagle Bend, and joined us in the theater party. We are a foursome again. (Bob still falls asleep at 8 pm, presumably in front of the television.)

Time marches on. The Harmonizers disbanded years ago, although I know some HG choirs have come and gone during the ensuing years.

I haven't played golf since I dislocated my shoulder and tore my rotator cuff last May. I'm not sure Lynn plays golf any longer, after having both knees replaced.

We still go to the theater. During one particularly loud performance, I complained about the sound to Lynn, who admitted she'd had to turn down her hearing aids.

I no longer sell tidbits on eBay, after having a few disagreements with the U.S. Post Office, over shipping fiascoes. The shared activities have come and gone.

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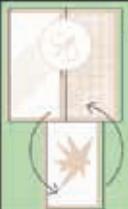
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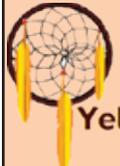
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## Overheard @ HG

### *I just sing in the choir*

by Mary Hafka

Since this is the final issue of *Heather 'n Yon* that Lynn Donaldson will publish, I thought it appropriate to use the occasion to review my 25+ year friendship with Lynn. I didn't know her when I first moved to HG.

I moved in with my mother after my father's death, and a few months later, was laid off from my job. Comcast bought out the cable systems of Jones Intercable. I was one of many Jones' employees who were sent cheerfully on their way, with a fat severance check burning a hole in their pockets.

I immediately cast my eye around among HG's array of activities for a few to fill my empty days. Because singing in a choir is cheaper than therapy, healthier than drinking, and more fun than working out (anonymous), I joined HG's mixed chorus, The Harmonees.

A fellow Harmoneer was a friendly lady who looked liked everyone's favorite grandmother. I soon learned, though, she possessed a wily side.

Helen Donaldson quickly encouraged me to tell her my life story. When I mentioned that my career had been as a corporate writer, creating newsletters, brochures and annual reports, her eyes lit up like Christmas trees.

"My daughter needs you," she said. And so it was I found myself working for *Heather 'n Yon*. I only fielded non-controversial assignments, at first, such as writing stories about residents — because I quickly bumbled my way onto the HGMD Board of Directors, as well. It wouldn't have been appropriate for me to write about board business while serving as a member of a board.

The then-president of the HGMD Board was a fanatical golfer who clearly felt that HG's golf course was — far and away — the community's greatest asset. He immediately told me — a lowly appointee to the board — that any HGMD director really

should play golf.

I imagine HGMD directors today would be surprised to hear that they have no business on the board unless they are golfers. Things were different 25 years ago.

I had played golf briefly as a teenager, and hadn't much liked it. Sweating in the hot sun, on the fairways of Missouri, was a sticky and mosquito-filled experience. But I was willing to try it again in non-humid Colorado.

Immediately, I ran into another golf-course fixture, Bob Neu, who is married to Lynn Donaldson. Knowing his proclivity, I mentioned I was about to take some golf lessons.

With customary delicacy and tact, Bob responded, "Take Lynn with you. She's terrible."

The next time I encountered Lynn, I told her that Bob had suggested she and I take golf lessons together. I omitted the part where he intimated she was disgracing him on the course — I didn't know her well at that point.

Exhibiting customary efficiency, Lynn scared up a golf instructor, with an impressive name — something like Winston Howell, the Third. Winston came from a long line of golf pros — his father, Winston Howell, the Second, also taught golf. His son, Winston Howell, the Fourth, was still a child, but was, no doubt, expected to carry on the family tradition.

This was the first I'd ever heard that being a golf pro was an hereditary occupation. Still, Lynn and I drafted a third friend, Jane — so that we could qualify for a group-lesson rate — and off we cantered to learn golf. The three of us played as a regular group for years on the HG Golf Course.

Occasionally, we let Bob join us as a fourth, since we no longer presented an embarrassment.

One time, our golf group, minus Bob, decided to blow out of HG — blasting "Girls Just Want To Have Fun" on the car stereo. We ventured

to the Evergreen Golf Course to try our luck. For me, it didn't go especially well. The course was roughly like playing through Sequoia National Forest. I lost every golf ball in my bag. If Lynn hadn't loaned me a few balls, from her stash, I wouldn't have been able to complete 18 holes.

Also among her golf-bag accessories was a bright red, plush-lobster club cover. It seems Bob had presented this to Lynn, in memory of a memorable dinner, when they were dating. Trying to impress, Bob ordered Lynn a lobster tail. Struggling to detach the lobster from its shell, Lynn had applied a little too much muscle. She managed to shoot the shell across the classy-restaurant dining room into the back of a well-dressed woman enjoying a special night out. Apologies were offered and the uneaten lobster retrieved.

Bob never tired of telling this story to anyone who would listen. But Lynn did get tired of the saga, and eventually gave the lobster club cover to me. (Or maybe Bob gave it to me, after she threw it at him.) I believe I sold the club cover on eBay.

Lynn easily became the best golfer of we three. That didn't mean her golf was mistake free. Once, on the first hole of the HG course, she hit off into the rough. Trying to hit back onto the fairway, she struck a tree. Her ball rolled up the tree trunk and backwards beneath a tree limb, returning to its original position, and clunking Lynn on the head. Jane and I watched in awe. Neither of us ever duplicated Lynn's gift for the trick shot.

Early on, the Donaldson family had season tickets to the Denver Center for the Performing Arts (DCPA) — four seats for Lynn and Bob, Helen and husband Bob Donaldson. Helen and Bob founded Donaldsons Inc. to publish *Heather 'n Yon* in its present form. They passed the magazine on to Lynn. They eased out of the late nights of theater-going, too, as did Bob Neu, who really liked to be in bed by 8 pm. He's an early riser — 5 am tee times, and other such nonsense.

I joined Lynn as a Broadway-show season-ticket holder. Her seats at the DCPA were and are fabulous. A few years ago, Lynn's sister and

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