



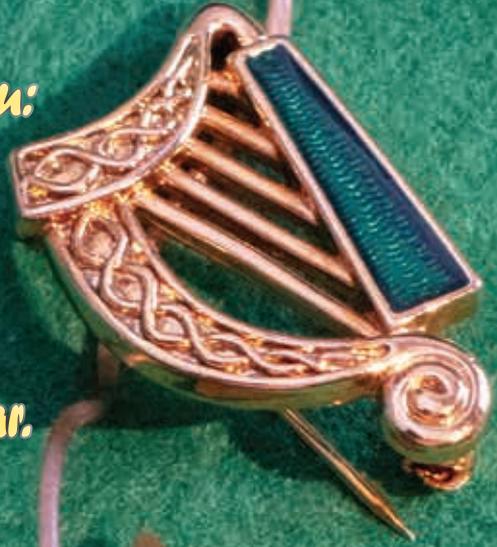
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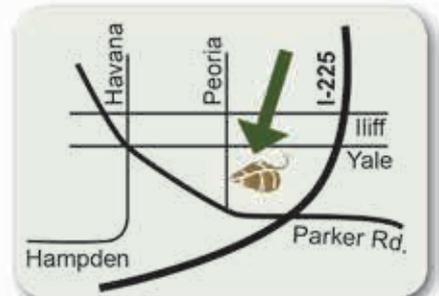
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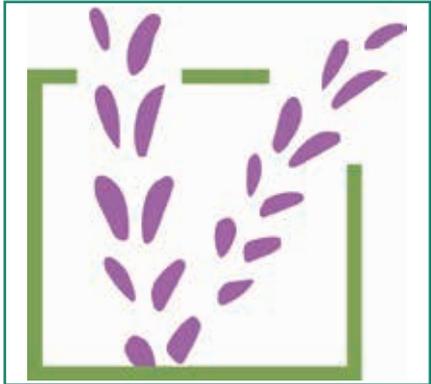


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# Pro Shop point of sale software, golf marshal program refined

All directors attended the Feb. 21 meeting of the HGMD Board of Directors. HGMD's attorney, Jennifer Ivey, also attended.

The board approved Golf Pro Greg Kohr's recommendation to install the foreUP All-in-One Golf Management software for use in HG's Pro Shop. The first year's cost will be \$4,495, which includes purchasing hardware. Subsequent years to renew the software will be about \$3,000.

Kohr selected the software, said Golf Committee Chair Bill Archambault, due to its low processing costs, ease of use, intuitive design that recognizes whether a caller is a resident or non-resident, and access to a 24-hour help line. Its credit-card-processing service would be the same company as the restaurant uses.

The board also approved establishing a program for volunteer marshals on the Golf Course, whereby a volunteer marshal who works four hours would get one free round of golf (nine holes). Kohr would train and coordinate the marshals, using them on an as-needed basis.

The marshals' primary function would be to improve pace of play, to include helping golfers find lost balls, mediate disputes, and enforcing course rules — when the golf course is the busiest.

Ed Bradley president of the HG Men's Golf Club, spoke in favor of the motion, saying, "I think we need to provide Greg with all the tools we possibly can, for him to be successful. It would improve HG's reputation."

The board approved forming a special committee "to study the feasibility and desirability of installing charging stations for electric vehicles on HGMD property." PPC member Gary Ford, B242, noted the study would examine if such a station could be profitable. It would be open to the public, not just by HG residents. What effect might the station have on HG's already overtaxed parking?

A proposal to add 100 additional parking spaces underneath the tennis courts was passed to Property Policy

Committee (PPC) Chair David Funk, for future study. Treasurer Archambault noted the cost of such a project would make its implementation anytime soon unlikely; he mentioned the number \$7 million.

Funk reported the city of Aurora had provided a new diagram for the ADA crosswalk between the Clubhouse and the Maintenance Building. The expected date of completion has slid from this spring to next autumn.

President Craig Baldwin announced a 75" television set would replace the screen/Smartboard installed on the wall of the Board Room. The TV would work as a display monitor, but could also be used to coordinate with the press, in case of an emergency.

Speaking for The Green Team, Wendy Pfaffhausen, NTH, told the board that a grant request to fund additional recycling containers for every Clubhouse room would be submitted to the Aurora Community Beautification program by March 28. Such a submission requires a letter of support from HGMD, which she asked Baldwin to sign at its March 21 meeting.

Clubhouse/Restaurant Committee Chair Sandra Rosenberg asked, what could be done to improve the appearance of the trash-dumpster area in the fire lane next to the restaurant? White replied his staff was investigating whether better, commercial-weight fencing and gates could be procured, to surround the dumpsters. Different dumpsters might be substituted as well.

Foundation Chair Bonnie McMullen reported the Foundation has approved spending \$1,791 to purchase containers, cable locks and labels, to expand The Green Team's program that collects dog waste to be composted into potting soil, from 10 to 26 collection receptacles.

Noting that past Foundation Chair Jeanne Hizer was called "The Tree Lady," for her efforts to raise money to plant more trees at HG, Baldwin asked McMullen what she would like her honorary title to be, for her efforts to expand the collection of dog waste. She demurred.



## B209 Water Leak

*First a water line was cut by the Com-cast contractor when underground lines for fiber-optic cable were being laid last summer. That left a large exploratory hole outside the entrance to find and staunch the leaking water (see photo at left).*

*Then, it was discovered that there was an additional leak within the building. Because*

*the water lines to the 4-story buildings were installed within the concrete of the ground floor, finding this secondary leak required breaking through the concrete, digging a deep hole within the entrance hallway of B209 (photo at far left). Note the man within the hole. Residents were restricted from using their front entrance while the work continued to repair the water leak in pipes under the entryway. Most had to use side doors to enter their building. When no workers were there, plywood covered the hole. Repair work was finally completed in February.*

*Photos by Kathy Liss, B209.*

# Extra! Extra! Information for you –

## The results are in (Part 2)

In October of last year, HG conducted a survey of residents (owners and renters alike) to understand how you feel about participating in the governance of our community (serving on boards and committees). A second inquiry asked respondents how they feel about crime and security in HG.

Many thanks to all who participated. We had a total of 568 responses, both online and from paper surveys. The survey took on average 10 minutes to complete. The results had an error rate of plus or minus 3.6 percent. To the layman, this means that if the same survey was conducted 100 times, the results for each survey would be within plus or minus 3.6 percent of the results with this particular survey.

The research had three major objectives:

- To understand why participation in HG boards and committees is declining. What might be done to reverse that trend?
- To determine whether residents who spend some or much of their time at residences outside of HG should be allowed or accommodated to participate in governance activities?
- To evaluate how concerned HG residents are about crime in the community? What security measures should be employed? How willing are residents to pay for them?

The first installment of this report talked about board and committee participation. That report appeared in the January 2019 issue of *Heather 'n Yon*. This article will report on the survey results on community security.

One of the more surprising results of this part of the survey was that many residents do not understand the role of HG Security Department. The survey asked whether a series of statements about security at HG is true, false, or the participant did not know the answer.

The table (right above) shows what survey participants said about each statement. The squares out-

lined in heavy black ink show the correct response to each statement.

| Survey Statement   | True | False | Don't Know |
|--|------|-------|------------|
| HG Security officers have the same credentials and training as Aurora or Denver police officers  | 5%   | 64%   | 31%        |
| HG Security officers have the same authority as Aurora police officers   | 2%   | 83%   | 15%        |
| One of the important roles of HG Security is to provide assistance to residents with things like lockout assistance, after hours emergency maintenance support, etc. | 93%  | 3%    | 4%         |
| HG Security officers cannot provide life support/CPR to residents.   | 33%  | 29%   | 38%        |
| If a resident sees possible criminal activity, he/she should call the HG Security office.  | 62%  | 35%   | 3%         |
| If a resident has a health problem that requires emergency assistance, he/she should call "911" first.   | 97%  | 2%    | 1%         |
| If the power goes out in a building, residents should report the outage to HG Security.  | 37%  | 52%   | 11%        |
| The primary role of HG Security is to protect the safety and property of HG residents.   | 87%  | 9%    | 4%         |
| If there is an emergency maintenance problem in your building or unit during the day, you should call HG Security.   | 30%  | 63%   | 7%         |
| Security officers can issue tickets to drivers for traffic violations if they are driving on HG property or streets.   | 9%   | 67%   | 24%        |
| There is a state-regulated process for dealing with violations within a homeowners' association.   | 47%  | 8%    | 45%        |
| HG Security officers wear uniforms, badges, etc. because they have the same authority as police officers.  | 4%   | 81%   | 14%        |

The Security, Emergency Preparedness and Community Awareness (SEC) Committee will include an article in a future *Heather 'n Yon* to try to dispel misunderstandings about the role of the Security Department at HG.

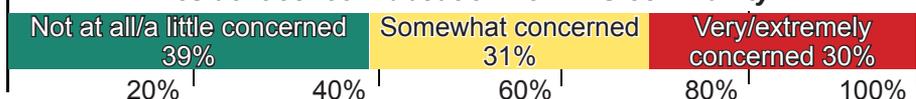
One of the questions the survey explored was how concerned residents are about crime in the commu-

nity. From the results, it appears that residents have differing views on this subject. The chart below shows how concerned our residents are about crime in HG.

One thing that residents often say is that they want certain amenities (including security measures) to be provided to the community. How-

See Survey...page 10

**Resident concern about crime in HG community**



# CP4 contractor approved; logo redesign proceeds cautiously

The HGA Board of Directors held a special meeting on Jan. 25, to approved using Jim Black Construction to perform demolition work on the CP4 homes destroyed in an explosion and fire in November (\$19,162). Jim Black was the contractor retained by Aurora Fire Rescue (AFR) to perform work when the site was being examined for safety, and for investigating the cause of the explosion.

HG elected to continue to use Jim Black Construction after AFR released the site to HG, enabling the community to begin work on restoring the homes that were destroyed. Jim Black already had its equipment on site, which was expected to speed the work by two weeks, versus going out for bids with a new contractor.

In addition, several residents formed a relationship with the company during the investigation phase, and indicated they trusted Jim Black Construction to continue work on their homes. HG's insurance adjuster also had been working with the company, and offered the opinion that the amount of the contract was reasonable.

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All directors attended the Feb. 19 regular meeting of the HGA Board of Directors.

Communication Chair Bill Reynolds moved that the board approve his request to proceed with a new community logo. After much discussion, the board approved the motion. (See page 19.)

Reynolds stated the amount to install the new logo throughout the community would cost roughly \$1,800. General Manager Calvin White agreed, saying replacing the logo on street signs and Security vehicles required only replacing decals. Using the logo on paper products, such as stationery, would occur only when the products needed to be re-ordered anyway.

Noting that some in the community opposed changing the logo, as an unnecessary waste of money, other directors urged proceeding cautiously. They asked for the Communication Committee to provide information to community members, to enable them to understand why an updated logo will be beneficial.

Reynolds said the more attractive logo could recoup a portion of the \$1,800 price tag in sales of logo apparel and golf balls in the Pro Shop alone — a circumstance he said Golf Pro Greg Kohr supports. A new logo would enhance sales.

The existing HG logo features a bunch of daisies, a motif that was popular in the 1970s. Companies routinely update their corporate logos, White said — Windsor Gardens has done it twice in the last 20 years — but HG's hasn't been changed in half a century.

Directors discussed holding a public meeting, so that the advantages of updating the logo could be outlined. The cost for such a meeting might be several hundred dollars, to pay the design consultant to attend, and describe the benefits of rebranding.

Costs to date, Reynolds said — such as for graphic design — have already been paid, using 2018 funds for promotion and marketing (about \$49,000 annually).

The board approved developing a contract, prepared by HG's general manager, HG's attorney and G.H. Phipps Construction, for repairs in CP4. The contract will include guarantees of performance, and remedies if HG's criteria are not met.

Directors discussed contrasts between hiring an owners representative versus using a general contractor who assigns a project manager to oversee CP4 repairs. The board decided to contract with a general contractor because HG's insurance company would reimburse all associated costs. If HG hired an owners representative, its insurance company probably wouldn't pay the \$100,000-120,000 it might cost to pay this independent contractor, White said.

The board approved replacing FDC hook-ups for B213, B214, B219, B221, B222, B231, B232, B233, B234 and B236 (not to exceed \$101,950). HG began replacing pipe stands in 2017, after the fire in B217, when a building pipe stand failed when the fire department tried to use it. This will complete the project for all HG buildings.

Long Range Planning Chair Al Lindeman introduced criteria for record keeping during executive sessions of the board. He also outlined the reasons why a board may meet in executive session. (See below) The board approved his format.

Following the conclusion of regular business, the board met in executive session to deal with three covenant violations and a foreclosure.

Other items approved by the board:

...a contract to renew the irrigation system central software (\$7,155) for 36 months. The project is \$2,000 under budget; however, the actual contract price will be higher, due to an error in the computation of sales tax.

...purchase four Toto Grandstand mowers (\$24,647). The project is \$5,000 under budget; however, the actual contract price will be slightly higher, due to an error in the computation of sales tax (4.25 percent that should have been 8 percent).

...a contract with LL Johnson to replaced a master mower (\$11,431). The project is unbudgeted; however, a budgeted item will not be bought, using the money for this mower. The actual contract price will be higher, due to an error in the computation of sales tax.

...a contract with Denver Commercial Coatings to paint five buildings: B208, B209, B210, B121 and B242 (\$309,000). This \$118,000 under budget. The painting of buildings is now on a eight-year cycle. Previously it was seven years.

...continue the chair-rail project for B212, B219, and B231 (not to exceed \$59,202).

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## **Keeping Records at Executive Sessions**

HGA Board Secretary Al Lindeman presented a proposal for record keeping of executive-session board meetings, after meeting with HGA's attorney. Records would be kept confidential, but could be made available, See HGA...page 26

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# HGMD Treasurer's report

## Month of December 2018

|                          | Budget     | Actual     |
|--------------------------|------------|------------|
| Clubhouse Profit (loss)  | (\$36,992) | (\$50,429) |
| Golf Profit (loss)       | (\$34,884) | (\$23,048) |
| Restaurant Profit (loss) | (\$75,200) | (\$19,764) |

## Year to Date through December 2018

|                          | Budget      | Actual      |
|--------------------------|-------------|-------------|
| Clubhouse Profit (loss)  | (\$585,296) | (\$526,632) |
| Golf Profit (loss)       | (\$161,903) | (\$172,783) |
| Restaurant Profit (loss) | (\$138,211) | (\$129,550) |

### Enterprise Fund

Through December, Enterprise Fund revenue was \$2,317,000, which is about \$72,000 more than expected. Expenses, including the cost of goods sold, have been \$2,333,000, which is about \$40,000 more than expected. Year-to-date revenue from classes and trips have been more than budgeted. Clubhouse expenses and Capital Outlay expenses have been less than expected. Expenses for the Golf Course and Restaurant have been more than expected.

### Restricted Funds

- **Conservation Trust Fund (Lottery).** Year-to-date lottery income has been \$16,671 and year-to-date Lottery expenditures have been \$9,498. In December HGMD received a quarterly distribution from the Colorado lottery of \$4,505. At Dec. 31, the lottery bank account had a balance of \$111,042.

- **Foundation Fund** has received donations and interest on investments of \$7,566 for the year. HGMD projects cost \$18,035 this year. At the end of December, the Foundation checking account had a balance of \$38,329. In addition, \$150,000 has been invested in a CD.

- **The Debt Service Fund** received \$488,706 in property taxes, \$36,290 of Specific Ownership tax and Interest income of \$7,234 through December. At the end of December, the Debt Service bank account had a balance of \$242,295. For the year, HGMD paid \$235,000 for principal on maturing bonds, and \$346,738 for interest on outstanding bonds. During the year, HGMD refinanced a portion of the 2010 bond issue at a lower interest rate. As a result of the refinancing, HGMD saved more than \$54,000 of interest expense in 2018.

## Month of January 2019

|                          | Budget     | Actual     |
|--------------------------|------------|------------|
| Clubhouse Profit (loss)  | (\$76,032) | (\$43,986) |
| Golf Profit (loss)       | (\$36,428) | (\$21,711) |
| Restaurant Profit (loss) | (\$25,280) | (\$9,770)  |

### Enterprise Fund

Through January, revenue was \$199,800, which is about \$56,000 less than expected. The revenue shortfall is the result of the total annual miscellaneous revenue was allocated to the month of January budget rather than spread over the year. Expenses, including the cost of goods sold are about \$66,000 less than expected. Clubhouse, Golf Course, and Restaurant expenses are all less than anticipated.

### Restricted Funds

- **Conservation Trust Fund (Lottery).** The only activity in this fund for January was recording \$14 of interest earned on the bank account. At Jan. 31, the lottery bank account had a balance of \$111,056.

- **Foundation Fund** received donations of \$150 in January. There have been no expenditures of Foundation Funds for HGMD projects. At January end, the Foundation Checking Bank account had a balance of \$38,479. In addition, \$150,000 has been invested in a CD.

- **The Debt Service Fund** received no property taxes in January, which was expected. HGMD received \$2,908 of Specific Ownership tax and Interest income of \$410. At January end, the Debt Service bank account had a balance of \$245,613.

## Survey ...from page 6

ever, these services are not free — someone has to pay for them.

Therefore, the survey not only asked whether residents wanted certain security measures, but also whether they are willing to pay the additional costs for them as part of their HOA dues. The results were somewhat surprising. The majority of residents are very or somewhat *unwilling* to pay for most of the possible Security improvements that they evaluated. A major exception is an increase in the number of Security officers from seven to eight, with 49 percent saying that they would be somewhat or very willing to pay for this expense.

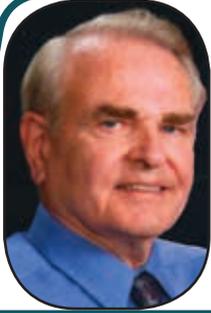
Almost equal proportions of residents are *unwilling* and *willing* to pay for surveillance cameras at the entrances to their buildings.

Because several comments indicated that residents believe that the whole community should not be paying for improvements in areas that do not impact them, the data was analyzed to compare attitudes about Security improvements of the community at large versus those in properties most affected by the improvements. With only one exception, those most impacted by an improvement had similar views to residents as a whole. The one exception was surveillance cameras for the CPs and Townhomes, where 74 percent said they are somewhat or very willing to pay for this improvement.

It is obvious from these results that the SEC Committee and the HGA Board have a big job ahead to develop consensus in the community about how security will function in HG. Some of their options are constrained by state and local laws. Some are constrained by the amount of money residents are willing to pay for security improvements. It will be interesting to see how planning for this aspect of our community evolves.

The full set of results from the 2018 Resident Opinion Survey, as well as the comments submitted, are available on the Resource page of the HG website, [www.heathergardens.org](http://www.heathergardens.org).

— Susan Lambert, B223  
Budget & Finance Committee



# HGMD Board President Reports

By Craig Baldwin

## HGMD 2019 Goals

I was asked about a month ago: "What are your goals?" All the years I have served as an HGA Director and, more recently, your HGMD president, I have never thought about what we do in setting goals on a year-to-year basis. But we do that every year, starting in the fall before the new year.

I believe we can categorize goal setting three ways:

- A. Capital Needs
- B. Daily Operations, and
- C. Managers' Goals

Planning for all three begin at the committee level.

A. The HGMD Board assesses the long-range needs of depreciated equipment, and

B. Through the general manager, directors consult with managers and supervisors on the day-to-day operational needs of each department, and

C. Managers present their yearly goals to HGMD committees, with the exception of the Foundation Committee.

Foundation Chair Bonnie McMullen's committee handles donations from residents, then makes recommendations to the HGMD Board on how to best spend the money. Her committee conducted a successful fundraiser selling baked goods and flowers last month, raising \$975. The money raised will help fund patio furniture at the Golf Shop.

### Clubhouse: Chair Sandra Rosenberg

#### A. (Capital Expenditures)

- New stage flooring \$12,145
- Sandberg Auditorium chairs \$28,800
- Outdoor pool heater \$20,345

#### B. (Operating Budget)

Revenue \$214,987; Subsidy \$635,801

#### C. (Goals) Manager Linda Aluise

- Two new classes

- Eagle Scout project
- Combining projects with the Rendezvous
- New logo for HG, working with HGA's Communications Committee.

### Rendezvous: Chair Sandra Rosenberg

A. Buffet table \$42,380 (partially paid from Parq apartment development funds)

- 2-sided Refrigerator \$5,378

B. Revenue \$685,656; Subsidy \$123,538

C. Manager Cormac Ronan

• Extended summer hours, including Saturday breakfast

- Daily lunch and dinner specials
- Reinstate volunteer host program

### Golf: Chair Bill Archambault

A. Golf course path, to be paid with lottery funds,

- Cart path work, to be paid with lottery funds,
- Lift scissor \$9,629
- Course equipment \$17,061
- Shop software \$10,000
- Bed knife grinder \$20,275

B. Revenue \$367,990; Subsidy \$207,275

C. Golf Pro Greg Kohr

- Install new software,
- Projects with Rendezvous,
- Volunteer course marshals,
- Schedule more tournaments,
- Increase marketing at Parq Apartments.

### Property Policy Committee Chair David Funk

A. New Clubhouse to Maintenance Building cross-walk, ADA sidewalk (\$18,000 paid from Parq apartment development funds)

- Resurface B250 parking lot \$13,639

B. New committee, no projections

C. Studying:

- Install electric-vehicle-charging stations,
- Further landscaping along Linvale Place,
- Planning new entrance to RV lot,
- Campus-wide no-smoking policy.

Finally, the board has allocated funds of \$35,297 this year for future a capital projects. The 2019 Total Capital Outlay comes to \$219,078. The HGMD's 2019 budget total comes to \$2,384,335.

Please plan on attending future committee meetings and board meetings to follow progress on these goals.

Feel free to contact me anytime, 720-535-1917, or [craig.baldwin@heathergardens.org](mailto:craig.baldwin@heathergardens.org).

## Important Reminder to all New HG Residents

On the fourth Wednesday of each month, a Resident Orientation meeting is held at 10 am, in the Board Room. All new residents are provided a Resident Handbook, an indispensable publication and guide. It is filled with useful information that will greatly assist you as you transition to the unique HG lifestyle. Knowing where to find help will facilitate your access to wonderful community resources. If you are unable to attend the orientation session, you can pick up a copy of the handbook in the HG Management Office. An electronic version of the handbook is available on [www.heathergardens.org](http://www.heathergardens.org).

– Chair Bill Reynolds, Communications Committee

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## Publisher's Corner

# A successful government agency: DARPA

by Lynn Donaldson, Editor of Heather 'n Yon

Having done research for the U.S. Army, I was always fascinated by the various research institutes established to advance the U.S. capabilities for national security in the Department of Defense (DoD). One of these is the Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency (DARPA), which celebrated its 60th year in 2018. A publication that heralds this agency's accomplishments over the past 60 years is the source for most of this column.

Originally christened ARPA when it was established in February 1958, after the Soviet Union launched Sputnik I, then Secretary of Defense Neil McElroy, under President Dwight Eisenhower, described its mandate: "to provide within the Department of Defense an agency for the direction and performance of certain advanced research and development projects." (ARPA acquired the "D" in 1972; returned briefly in 1993, but after 1996 has remained DARPA.)

ARPA's original three assignments were space, missile defense and the detection of nuclear weapons tests. Because Eisenhower wanted space to be under a civilian agency, the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) was created later in 1958. After the space programs were transferred to NASA, ARPA added programs in computer processing, behavioral sciences and materials sciences.

Some early work on a program called Transit (also NavSat), developed jointly with the Navy and Johns Hopkins University Applied Physics Lab, was a precursor to Global Positioning Systems (GPS), which all our car and smart phone maps use today to guide us to a destination.

DARPA achieves its advances in science and technology by a synergy between program managers who oversee contracts or grants to private or public companies and universities. Its budget is about \$3 billion per year. Once a prototype demonstrates "proof-of-concept," the technology is

transferred to other government organizations or companies that can develop it, commercialize or buy the product.

In 1964, ARPA and the Air Force funded work at the Stanford Research Institute for oN-Line System (NLS) that featured hypertext links, a wooden mouse controller, a raster scan video monitor with screen monitoring of information — all precursors to today's computing. In 1969, ARPANET was launched to share digital resources between geographically separated computers. It is considered to be a precursor to the internet that everyone who uses a computer today takes for granted.

There are too many achievements by DARPA to describe here. Some to note were improvements in the materials used to build aircraft, developing smaller GPS hardware, and introducing unmanned aerial vehicles (UAV) like the Predator used in Bosnia in 1995 that could fly at 25,000 feet altitude for up to 40 hours. In 1997, head-mounted displays (much like computer glasses) allowed soldiers to process information with ease and efficiency.

Needless to say, these are the programs that are shared publicly. Top secret research projects do not get public-information treatment.

Today, DARPA has added programs in cyber hacking — a necessary investigation given the vulnerabilities to digital information — artificial intelligence (AI) and biotechnology. DARPA's offices reflect an updated approach: Biological Technology, Defense Sciences, Information Innovation, Microsystems Technology, Strategic Technology and Tactical Technology.

Some of the current initiatives at DARPA are quite fascinating:

- A stealth "Silent Hawk" hybrid motorcycle for special forces. It creates only 55 decibels in electric mode that is about the same level of noise as an average conversation or a refrigerator's hum. (Logos Technologies and

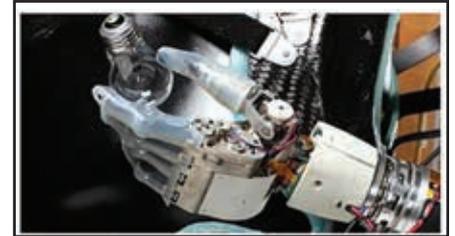
Alta Motors).



- An experimental space plane (XS-1) Boeing



- The biotech office is working on RNA vaccines, brain-machine interfaces, programmable organisms and robots/robotic parts for humans.



- An unmanned aerial vehicle for the Navy, Tern, that turns even small ships into aircraft carriers to increase the range and timeliness of UAV missions.



If some of these projects seem a little like science fiction — it is now. The history of DARPA shows that its research today often becomes useful and commonplace in tomorrow's world.



## Management

# Annual employee recognition

By Calvin White  
General Manager

I'd like to thank all of our employees for all of their hard work throughout 2018 and look forward to another great year in 2019.

I appreciate their dedication to Heather Gardens and I am proud of the many accomplishments they achieved last year.

The following two lists highlight the employee awards that were given on Feb. 11 at an employee recognition luncheon. One is for those employees celebrating tenure milestones. The other is highlights some fun awards for those employees recognized by their peers for their special contributions to HG.

### 5-Year Anniversary

|                |                   |
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| Patricia Clark | Jennifer Dechillo |
| Jean Klein     | Charles Milliser  |
| Maribel Soto   | Soledad Espinoza  |
| Carol Hash     | Joseph Willequer  |
| Jeff Howell    | Frank Tamayo      |

### 10-Year Anniversary

|                 |                |
|-----------------|----------------|
| Roger Bolieau   | Scott Brooks   |
| Francisco Anaya | Karen McClaury |

### 15-Year Anniversary

Ramiro Ruiz

### 20-Year Anniversary

Patricia Macintire

### 25-Year Anniversary

Jon Howell

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### The Fine 9

## 2018 Employee Recognition Awards

### 1. Employee of the Year: Brian Benko

### 2. Master Yoda: Dawn Fradkin

Honor a 10+ year employee whose hard work and dedication will continue to positively impact HGA for years to come.

### 3. Rookie of the Year: Courtney Haynes

Recognize an outstanding new addition in 2018 whose hard work and efforts have had a measurable impact on HGA in a short period of time.

### 4. Resident Whisperer: Judy Nelson

Recognize an employee who goes above and beyond to deliver exceptional customer service to residents.

### 5. Most Innovative: Jim Murzyn

Recognize a forward thinker who comes up with creative and innovative ideas and/or solutions.

### 6. A-Team Award: Rendezvous Restaurant

Recognize a team or group of employees who worked together to accomplish a project, while demonstrating how effective we can be if we work together as a team.

### 7. Undeniably Dependable: Carol Hash

Recognize a dedicated employee who can always be counted on, regardless of circumstances or obstacles.

### 8. Mr. or Ms. Congeniality: Joe Giacinto

Award an employee who keeps morale high and makes people look forward to a day at the office.

### 9. Most Productive Part-Time: Maria Anaya

Recognize someone for the quality and quantity of work they accomplish in a limited amount of time.

**Meet & Greet with General Manager Calvin White:** Wednesday, March 6, 8–9:30 am, Clubhouse Lobby — Join Calvin White for a roundtable discussion on a variety of topics. This is your opportunity to hear answers to your burning questions.

## GM's Report

### General Manager:

- Attended board and committee meetings.
- Attended mediation meeting.
- Reviewed ACC Project Approval Forms.
- Attended Committee Appreciation Luncheon.
- Reviewed Capitol Projects.

### Paint:

- Completed 72 work orders.
- Continued working on chair-rail project in B208.
- Began planning the chair-rail project in B231.

### Maintenance:

- Completed 1,207 work orders. Of those 139 were billable.
- Replaced boiler thermocouple in B214.

- Completed plumbing inspections in B201, B213, and B235.
- Implemented new serviceman and crew chief zones.
- Completed gutter cleaning in all Country Places and South Townhomes.
- Repaired leaking air-handler pump in B205.
- Replaced cast-iron drain pipes and tees in B215, B218, B221, and B224.
- Replaced light fixtures and installed new ones in B241 and B243.
- Replaced plumbing in a kitchen sink and mitigated mold in B212.
- Replaced hot and cold isolation valves in B224.
- Cleaned calcium sediment out of water heaters in B213.

### Clubhouse:

- Held 4 trips, 6 events, and multiple classes.
- Added Saturday night concerts for 2019.
- Coordinated and helped with 9Health Fair.

- Attended board luncheon and multiple meetings.
- Promoted open house and classes for woodshop.
- Set up Sandberg Auditorium for HG department meet and greet.
- Met with potential sponsor for NymbL.
- Began working with other departments for 2019 events.

### Contracts:

- Completed inspections for roofing project in B243.
- Working with Property Policy Committee on pricing for electric car charging stations.
- Working with engineer on B236 lanai evaluation.
- Working on B234 carpet warranty claim.
- Working on pricing for emergency phones for underground garages.
- Working with Maintenance and General

See GM Report...page 26

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# A proud gay man, Dave Hetzel initiated LGBTQ group at HG

Residents clustered around Dave Hetzel, STH, at the close of the Legislative Town Hall meeting with Colorado Representative Jovan Melton on Jan. 29, to discuss Dave's spirited rebuttal to the notion that public schools should omit homosexual and transgender matters in sexual education curriculum.

He emphasized the importance of sexual education that goes beyond the mechanics of reproduction. It should encompass emotions and appropriate expressions of sexual desires that students experience. Repressing children who are grappling with same-sex desires, or who feel trapped in a wrong gender body promotes bullying and ostracism. Ignoring Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender (LGBT) persons denies their fundamental right to exist. He concluded his remarks at the Town Hall meeting with an invitation for interested persons to attend a "Pride at Heather Gardens" gathering of LGBTQ and friends to gain an accurate understanding of alternative lifestyles and an opportunity to ask questions. (See page 35 for meeting details.)

"Everyone has a different coming-out story," said Dave.

Dave didn't emerge from the closet until he was 46, and been married 22 years. He had adopted five children with his wife, and was professionally employed in a field that fired homosexuals. It had been necessary to hide.

"That's what was eating me up."

He knew he was attracted to men as early as age six when his family moved from Colorado to a small farm in northern California. Being gay in high school in that small farming town was grounds for getting "the hell beaten out of you." Dave hid his secret by participating in clubs, sports, auto mechanics. He dated girls as friends. Through high school, he worked in the radiology department

of a medical clinic.

He enrolled at Chico University. Shortly thereafter, he was drafted into the Army in 1971. Working security communications, he spent two weeks in Vietnam before transferring to South Korea. After his discharge in 1973, he earned a Radiologist Specialist degree. He found work in Sacramento, California.

By then, Harvey Milk was gaining notice in the Castro District of San Francisco, growing gay community. Dave spent weekends in Castro, where he handed out flyers and attended meetings with his friends. They felt cared for among other gay men who were converging on Castro, many of whom were also from rural areas. They felt safe when Milk was elected District Supervisor in 1977.

The sense of well-being shattered when Harvey Milk was assassinated in 1978. Dave retreated to his job, married a woman whose



Left: Dave Hetzel and Joe Saman in their STH condo.

Below: Group photo at the first Pride at HG gathering, January 2019



three children he adored, and lived a straight life. He adopted her three children. In addition, the couple adopted Tony and Daniel, two brothers from an unstable family. They created a secure, loving home for all seven.

When the children reached adulthood, Dave questioned his marriage and, looking for a change, accepted a job in Anchorage, Alaska. His wife followed him to Alaska, but the marriage soon collapsed when two of his grown sons came out of the closet. His wife denounced all three

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The new logo under consideration for HG actually has a stylized image of heather, not the daisies that have been used for a logo since the 1970s. Various iterations show how it will be modified to be used in the Golf Course, with just a single color, or in black/white. Because Rendezvous Restaurant had already done some logo development for branding its name, the heather logo was melded with its name logo.

The HGA Board has not approved making the transition, choosing instead to do a slow rollout to residents. You may comment at a town hall meeting held to introduce this logo and the rationale for changing. Projected costs are less than \$5,000. Changes to uniforms will only occur when a new uniform is needed. Items with the old logo will continue to be used until replaced gradually, after wear and tear creates the need to replace. Signs and vehicles have decals that can be replaced easily. New signs will not have to be purchased.

The Collaborative Design group had this to say about rebranding in its presentation to the Communications Committee:

- Who is Heather Gardens? Let's revisit our mission, vision and values — as well as our purpose
- Alignment: Does the current brand (old logo) align with the above and how we would like to progress in the future?
- Competition: How do we currently stack up to the competition?

*"A rebrand has the power to create meaningful change in an organization by aligning marketplace perceptions, improving processes and increasing stakeholder ownership."*

Below: Four pages from a 12-page brochure, developed by Environmental Developers, Inc. (EDI) in July 1974, to entice buyers to Heather Gardens. Note the logo, still in use today, has four daisies and almost script-type font for Heather Gardens. The only update since then specified pantone colors for the yellow and green in the daisies.

- Only eight multi-story buildings were completed and occupied, B201–B208, in 1974. Some condos in North and South Townhomes were occupied.  
(See February 2013 issue of Heather 'n Yon)
- The restaurant was Howard House, with Hob Nob Lounge
- There was only bus service to downtown
- I-225 extended south only as far as 6th Avenue

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# The Month (February)

Approximately 80 persons filled the Clubhouse Arts & Crafts Room to overflowing for the Legislature Town Hall, Jan. 23 (see photos, right). Senators Nancy Todd, SD 28, and Jeff Bridges, SD 26, were detained at the Capitol. Representative Jovan Melton, HD41, convened the two-hour robust meeting. Of concern to HG residents were bills passed in 2016 (HB 16 1149) and 2018 (HB 18 1342). These bills have unintended consequences for large homeowners associations, requiring all eligible voters be accommodated in one meeting space to vote on the annual budget. Melton plans to revisit the language of HG 18 1342 later this term.



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The 2019 HG directory was delivered to all residents during the first week of February. Taking charge in producing this year's directory were Susan Lambert, B223, and Assistant Clubhouse Manager Lewis Boeve. Donaldsons, Inc., for the third year sold advertising with Advertising Tammy Sillstrop and Debbie Madril, NTH, assisting Lynn Donaldson. This year, Donaldson took over doing the layout for the directory and solicited additional quotes for printing. A lower bid was obtained that

saved HG about \$3,000 after all costs were covered.

Unfortunately, one mistake was discovered after printing had been done: B204 was listed in the alphabetical listings as 13618 East Bates Avenue, not 13618 East Bethany Place. You can annotate those entries, which are listed correctly on pages 21-22 for the building.

If you have changes to make to your listing, please notify Lewis Boeve, 303-751-1811, or Alica Murray, 303-755-0652. If you are not listed, but want to be, you must sign a release form, available at the HG Management Office, to permit that listing in next year's directory.

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Estate sales (like garage sales) are mostly not allowed in HG, for the reasons shown by the parking problems (right) created in CP6 on Jan. 25. A home in CP6

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# That Was...

held such a sale that blocked the lane in front of the house to through traffic, due to the parked vehicles of shoppers. No regular cars, much less emergency vehicles, could come through. A snow plow carefully navigated the road. Needless to say, it irritated neighbors who had difficulty getting their cars out of a garage.



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HGA Board Director Rex Engels told the board on Feb. 19 that Security cannot be authorized to carry Narcan injectors to be used when an individual is found unresponsive and a drug overdose is suspected. It was a suggestion made to the SEC Committee last month.

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A preliminary investment plan was described to the Budget and Finance Committee (B&F) on Feb. 19 by an ad hoc Investment Committee. The \$12 million that HG holds currently in cash accounts (Capital Reserve funds and impound funds) could be put to work for residents. Susan Lambert, who presented, noted that \$12 million, earning 1 percent yield could produce \$120,000 per year to HG. That equates to \$49.46 per unit per year.

Lambert emphasized that the committee wanted HG money to be invested conservatively: U.S. government securities, cash instruments with FDIC or NCUA insurance, or bonds with investment grade ratings. The next step is to develop a formal policy and Procedure Memorandum to recommend for approval by the B&F Committee, then the HGA Board, before action is taken.

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Writer Dala Giffin was notified that she won a First Place Award in the National Federation of Press Women's At-Large Communications contest for her story about Anne Hummel-Gillis' trip to Italy, entitled "WW2 pilot remembered in Italy; surviving family present," which appeared in the January 2018 issue of *Heather 'n Yon*. Next step, to compete against other First Place contest winners nationally.

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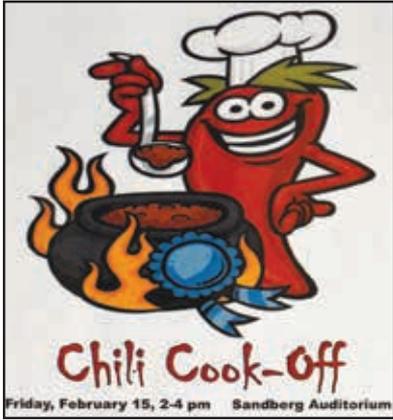






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HG vendors (*Heather 'n Yon* advertisers) cooked; residents sampled and voted. Winner of the Chili Cook-Off was Fred Smith, Re/Max Masters Millennium (left photo).

Other Chili participants were:

- Cormac Ronan, Rendezvous
- Richard Lindahl, Colorado Home Realty
- Gina Mortimer, Five Star Residences of Dayton Place.

*Donated door prizes included:*

- 32-inch TV from Gina Mortimer, Five Star Residences of Dayton Place.
- Gift basket from Cherry Creek Retirement Village
- Gift certificate from Elderlink Home Care
- Gift certificate and candle from Seniors Helping Seniors
- Cannabidiol creams, lotions and drops from Be Well Dexter
- Gift basket from St. Andrews Village
- Gift basket from MorningStar at Jordan
- Gift basket from Balfour Senior Living



Photos by Janis Farrell



The **HG Foundation** had a **Baked Goods and Flower Sale** on Feb. 13 to support the purchase of patio furniture outside the Golf Shop. With the help of the HG Ladies Golf Club, there were a variety of items for sale. Scheduled to start at 10 am, there were customers lined up at 9 am to get first choice of the delicacies. With proceeds of \$975, all participants declared the event a success!



With multiple **snow** storms in February, HG stayed beautifully covered in the white, frozen moisture. It did present a challenge to a squirrel retrieving its store of nuts. A small dog was well prepared with a sweater and paw mittens for its walk.

Photos by Anne Hummel-Gillis

# HGA...from page 7

if needed, subject to a lawsuit or a question whether the board had exercised proper business practices.

Only six reasons are allowed by Colorado law, he said, to hold a board meeting in executive session:

1) Employment matters pertaining to issues such as a promotion or dismissal of any officer, agent or employee of the association.

2) Consultation with legal counsel regarding disputes that are the subject of court proceedings or matters

of confidentiality between attorney and client.

3) Investigating proceedings about actual or possible criminal misconduct.

4) Protecting matters from public disclosure, when such protection is constitutionally or judicially imposed.

5) Matters that the disclosure of which would constitute unwarranted invasion of individual privacy.

6) Communications from legal counsel.

On Feb. 19, the board approved keeping three types of documents from an executive session, which

could be made available, if called for:

1) Public document stating only the subject of meeting, its date, and the time the meetings was called to order and adjourned.

2) More detailed document that talks about what happened in the session.

3) An exact written copy of any motion, action taken, and the business rationale for decision.

## GM Report...from page 15

Manager on B222 Fire Mitigation.

- Completing pricing for ventilation work in B223.

### Custodial:

- Completed 60 set-ups at the Clubhouse and 20 work orders.
- Cleaned Restaurant thoroughly.
- Waxed laundry room and storage rooms in Buildings 221-224.
- Cleaned all elevator tracks.

### Roads and Grounds:

- Removed holiday decorations.

- Completed winterizing irrigation system.
- Continued leaf cleanup as needed.
- Replaced bollards as needed.
- Ordered staff uniforms.

### Golf:

- Set dates and times for Rules Discussion in February and March.
- Created flyers and set dates for two free Resident Appreciation Clinics in March.
- Finalized clinic schedule for 2019 season.
- Signed up a new league for Thursday evenings.
- Added another Colorado Junior Golf Tournament to the calendar.

- Working on finalizing Point-of-Sale company.

### Restaurant:

- Held multiple events.
- Working on updating menu with new items.
- Planning future events for 2019.

### Security:

- Total of 453 reports written and a total of 3,258 miles patrolled.
- Attended Aurora Local Emergency Planning Committee meeting.
- Attended quarterly ARO meeting.
- Attended HG department meet and greet.

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# Hetzel...from page 17

of them. She prohibited them from contact with the remaining family.

Dave remained in Alaska for a few more years before his first move to Heather Gardens (HG) in 2007. He met Joe Saman when both sang tenor in Harmony Choir. They united in a civil union in June 2013, followed by a legal marriage in California, in November 2013. They lived in Joe's Sloan's Lake bungalow, but didn't feel a part of the community.

"You'd be happy if they even said, 'hello' to you," said Dave.



Above: Joe Saman at the piano with "Wreck of the Titanic" score, and certificate from Harmony in the background. Left: Dave holding his painting, "Fire Bear."



Joe is a retired elementary school music teacher. The music rack on his piano holds

In 2017, they decided to move into HG together and quickly found the South Town Homes a socially happening place.

"We moved into HG on a Friday," said Joe, "Fred Berliner and David Faris had us over for supper on Sunday."

"We'd never had this happen to us before," said Dave.

sheet music titled, "Wreck of the Titanic," a playful compilation of 21 musical scores, each section introduced by a whimsical one line voice-over launching with "Sailing, sailing, over the bounding main" and crescendoes when RMS Carpathia is sighted.

"I'm talented, too," announced Dave when we gave "Wreck" a flourishing finish. He pointed to his paint-

— everyone is welcome — they are also informational and serve, too, as support.

"No one was left out," said Joe.

Acceptance by the straight community is a gradual process. Many homosexuals in our age cohort wish to remain anonymous. They've lived with rejection, loss of loved ones, fear of losing their jobs. The openness in today's youth, the freedom of being out and enjoying friends of all persuasions is heartening, according to Dave.

"We've come a long way."

— Dala Giffin



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# MARCH CALENDAR

|                                      |   |                        |                  |
|--------------------------------------|---|------------------------|------------------|
| Fri 1                                | Men with Purpose Coffee                         | Skyview Room           | 10 am            |
|                                      | HG Indivisible Group (every Friday)             | Rendezvous Restaurant  | 12:15 pm         |
| Clubhouse Event - Clubhouse Showcase | 500 Club (every Friday)                         | Skyview Room           | 12:30-4 pm       |
|                                      | Men's Poker (every Friday)                      | Sandberg Auditorium    | 1-3 pm           |
|                                      |   | Skyview Room           | 4-9:15 pm        |
|                                      |   |                        |                  |
| Sat 2                                | Mexican Train Dominoes (every Saturday)         | Arts & Crafts Room     | noon-4:30 pm     |
|                                      | Ping Pong Doubles/Intermediate (every Saturday) | Game Room              | 2-5 pm           |
|                                      | Clubhouse Event - 1st Saturday Night Live Dance | Sandberg Auditorium    | 6:30-9:30 pm     |
| Mon 4                                | Men's Bridge (every Monday)                     | Skyview Room           | 11:30 am-2:30 pm |
|                                      | Mah Jongg (every Monday)                        | Blue Spruce Room       | 12:30-4 pm       |
|                                      | Ladies Billiards Club (every Monday)            | Billiards Room         | 1-4 pm           |
|                                      | Ping Pong Singles/Advanced (every Monday)       | Game Room              | 2-5 pm           |
|                                      | Men's Texas Hold 'em (every Monday)             | Blue Spruce Room       | 5-9 pm           |
|                                      | Pinochle - Open (every Monday)                  | Mountainview Room      | 6:30-9:30 pm     |
| Tue 5                                | Bridge (every Tuesday)                          | Skyview Room           | 12:30-4 pm       |
|                                      | Hand and Foot (every Tuesday)                   | Mountainview Room      | 12:30-4 pm       |
|                                      | Mah Jongg (every Tuesday)                       | Arts & Crafts Room     | 1-4 pm           |
|                                      | Ping Pong Doubles/Intermediate (every Tuesday)  | Game Room              | 2-5 pm           |
|                                      | Golf Pro Greg Kohr: New Rules of Golf           | Blue Spruce Room       | 4 pm             |
|                                      | Co-Ed Billiards Club (every Tuesday)            | Billiards Room         | 6:30 pm          |
|                                      | NoteAbles Mixed Chorus (every Tuesday)          | Sandberg Auditorium    | 7 pm             |
| Wed 6                                | Meet & Greet with General Manager Calvin White  | Clubhouse Lobby        | 8-9:30 am        |
|                                      | ACBL Duplicate Bridge (every Wednesday)         | Aspen/Blue Spruce Room | 1-4:30 pm        |
|                                      | Pinochle (every Wednesday)                      | Mountainview Room      | 1:30-4 pm        |
|                                      | HG Ladies Golf Club                             | Rendezvous Restaurant  | 3 pm             |
|                                      | CP1 Happy Hour                                  | Rendezvous Restaurant  | 5 pm             |
|                                      | Co-ed Poker (every Wednesday)                   | Blue Spruce Room       | 5-9:15 pm        |
|                                      | Square Dancing Club                             | Sandberg Auditorium    | 7:30-9:30 pm     |
| Thu 7                                | HG Breakfast Optimist Club                      | Rendezvous Restaurant  | 7:45 am          |
|                                      | TOPS (every Thursday)                           | Blue Spruce Room       | 8:30-9:30 am     |
|                                      | HG Writers Club (every Thursday)                | Mountainview Room      | 1-4 pm           |
|                                      | Bunko   | Blue Spruce Room       | 1-3:30 pm        |
|                                      | Ladies Billiards Club (every Thursday)          | Billiards Room         | 1-4 pm           |
|                                      | Cribbage (every Thursday)                       | Arts & Crafts Room     | 1-3:30 pm        |
|                                      | New Open Bridge Club (every Thursday)           | Arts & Crafts Room     | 1:30-4 pm        |
|                                      | Ping Pong Doubles/Intermediate (every Thursday) | Game Room              | 2-5 pm           |

## Advertised Activities and Seminars

|               |  |  |
|---------------|--|--|
| Mon, March 4  | Bayer Ear Clinic (Every Monday)                      | Arts & Craft Room, 9 am-Noon (See ad, p. 55) |
| Tue, March 5  | Reverse Mortgage Q&A, Retirement Funding,            | Mountainview room, 11:18 am (See ad, p. 13)  |
| Thu, March 7  | Lunch/Window Seminar, Renewal Andersen,              | Blue Spruce Room, 11 am-1 pm (See ad, p. 12) |
| Wed, March 20 | Medicare Minute Seminars, Kirsch Insurance Group,    | Skyview room 10 am (See ad, p. 16)           |
| Tue, March 26 | Estate Liquidation, Cherry Creek Retirement Village, | 11:30 am-1 pm (See ad, p. 21)                |

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| Fri 8  | <b>Clubhouse Event: Irish Spring with Kathleen</b><br>CP4 Social<br>Kiwanis Club of Aurora (every Thursday)<br>American Legion Post 2012<br>Men's 9-Ball Billiard Tournament (every Thursday) | Sandberg Auditorium<br>Rendezvous Restaurant<br>Rendezvous Restaurant<br>Mountainview Room<br>Billiards Room | 3 pm<br>5 pm<br>6 pm<br>7 pm<br>7-9:30 pm   |
|        | <b>Clubhouse Matinee: A Star is Born</b><br>Karaoke Club<br><b>Clubhouse Movie: A Star is Born</b>  | Sandberg Auditorium<br>Aspen/Blue Spruce Room<br>Sandberg Auditorium   | 1 pm<br>6 pm<br>6:30 pm                     |
| Sat 9  | Women with Dreams<br>50 and Who's Counting  | Mountainview Room<br>Aspen/Blue Spruce Room  | 2-4 pm<br>5:30 pm                           |
| Tue 12 | VNA Clinic<br>Parkinson's Support Group<br>HG Indivisible Group<br>Grief Support Group (every Tuesday)<br>B203 and B204 Happy Hour  | Blue Spruce Room<br>Aspen Room<br>Aspen Room<br>Aspen Room<br>Rendezvous Restaurant                          | 1-5 pm<br>1-3 pm<br>3:30 pm<br>4 pm<br>5 pm |
| Wed 13 | <b>Clubhouse Event - Active Minds: Tobacco</b><br>Tennis Club Social Meeting<br>Aviation Club   | Sandberg Auditorium<br>Rendezvous Restaurant<br>Aspen Room   | 2 pm<br>5 pm<br>7 pm                        |
| Thu 14 | Green Team  | Skyview Room   | noon  |
| Fri 15 | Men with Purpose Coffee<br><b>Clubhouse Event: Texas Hold 'em</b><br>Pride at Heather Gardens   | Skyview Room<br>Aspen/Blue Spruce Room<br>Arts & Crafts Room   | 10 am<br>6 pm<br>7 pm                       |
| Sat 16 | Wine and Cheese Social Club<br><b>Clubhouse Event - Elite Dance Academy</b><br><b>Clubhouse Event - Cliff Spratt and Marta Burton</b>   | Aspen/Blue Spruce Rooms<br>Sandberg Auditorium<br>Sandberg Auditorium  | 3-5 pm<br>3 pm<br>7 pm                      |
| Mon 18 | VNA Clinic<br>Photography Club<br>CP3 Dinner  | Blue Spruce Room<br>Aspen Room<br>Aspen/Blue Spruce Room   | 1-3:30 pm<br>3:15-5 pm<br>5:30 pm           |
| Tue 19 | HG Republican Club<br>B201 and B202 Happy Hour<br>B205 and B206 Happy Hour<br><b>Ward V Town Hall Meeting with Bob Roth</b>   | Aspen Room<br>Rendezvous Restaurant<br>Rendezvous Restaurant<br>Aspen/Blue Spruce Rooms                      | 1 pm<br>5 pm<br>5 pm<br>6:30 pm             |
| Wed 20 | <b>Clubhouse Event: Emergency Coverage</b><br>Colorado Symphony Guild (Hilltop SE Chapter)<br>Square Dancing Club   | Skyview Room<br>Rendezvous Restaurant<br>Sandberg Auditorium   | 10 am<br>11:30 am<br>7:30-9:30 pm           |
| Thu 21 | HG Breakfast Optimist Club<br>Bunko<br>Garden Club  | Rendezvous Restaurant<br>Blue Spruce Room<br>Aspen/Blue Spruce Room  | 7:45 am<br>1-3:30 pm<br>6 pm                |
| Fri 22 | Mobile Post Office<br><b>Clubhouse Matinee: The Green Book</b><br><b>Clubhouse Movie: The Green Book</b>  | Circle Driveway<br>Sandberg Auditorium<br>Sandberg Auditorium  | 11:40 am-noon<br>1 pm<br>6:30 pm            |
| Mon 25 | Low Vision Support Group<br><b>Clubhouse Event: Stepping On Workshop</b>  | Mountainview Room<br>Arts & Crafts Room  | 1:30 pm<br>1:30 pm                          |

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# MARCH CALENDAR, Cont.

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|---------------|--|---|-----------------------|
| <b>Tue 26</b> | HG Democrat Club<br>Sevillians Dinner<br>Caregiver's Support Group | Blue Spruce Room<br>Rendezvous Restaurant<br>Aspen Room | 11 am<br>5 pm<br>7 pm |
| <b>Wed 27</b> | Resident Orientation<br><b>Colorado Capitol Updates</b>            | Board Room<br>Mountainview Room                         | 10 am<br>6:30 pm      |
| <b>Thu 28</b> | HG Men's Golf Spring Banquet                                       | Rendezvous Restaurant                                   | 5 pm                  |
| <b>Fri 29</b> | <b>Clubhouse Event - Resource Fair</b>                             | Multiple Clubhouse Rooms                                | 10 am–2 pm            |
| <b>Sat 30</b> | <b>Clubhouse Event - Craft Fair</b>                                | Multiple Clubhouse Rooms                                | 9 am–3 pm             |

## Bible Study (Interdenominational), Wednesday 8–9 am

We probe the Scriptures with an eye to practical applications for everyday living. It is a great mid-week boost. Women meet in the Aspen Room. Men in the Blue Spruce Room. For more information, call Daisy Hoeme, 303-752-2312.

**Six Stone Jars Catholic Bible Study**, Please join us for a journey through the Scriptures. Only requirement is your Bible. We meet @ 9:30 am Tuesdays, Sept.–May, in the Mountainview Room. For information, call Geraldine Pochowicz, 303-740-6105, or email [gerry.pochowicz@comcast.net](mailto:gerry.pochowicz@comcast.net).

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

**Chapel** (Interdenominational Church Service) - 11 am, Sunday, Sandberg Auditorium. Reverend Bill Cheyne.

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

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

Prayer Meeting - 2nd Thursday, 2 pm.

## Heather 'n Yon Deadline - 3/15

### • Monthly Meetings •

### Boards and Committees

- Property Policy – 9:30 am Mon, March 4
- Communications – 10 am Tue, March 5
- Civic Affairs – 10 am Thu, March 7
- Long Range Plan – 10 am Tue, March 12
- Golf – 1 pm Tue, March 12
- Foundation – 1 pm Wed, March 13
- Clubhouse/Restaurant – 1 pm Thu, March 14
- Budget & Finance – 10 am Tue, March 19
- HGA Board – 1 pm Tue, March 19**
- SEC – 1 pm Wed, March 20
- ACC – 10 am Thu, March 21 (Board Rm)
- HGMD Board – 1 pm Thu, March 21**
- Resident Open Forum – 3 pm Thu, March 21 (Rendezvous)
- Roads and Grounds – 10 am Tue, March 26
- Structure Maintenance – 1 pm Tue, March 26

# FYI

## Ward V Town Hall Meetings

Councilman Bob Roth, who represents HG/Ward V on city council, has monthly town hall meetings. The next one will be 6:30–8:30 pm Tuesday, March 19, at Heather Gardens, Aspen/Blue Spruce Rooms. Topic: TBD. Check [www.auroragov.org](http://www.auroragov.org). Get Roth's weekly newsletter, [broth@auroragov.org](mailto:broth@auroragov.org), or, 720-202-2695.

## Colorado Legislature Town Hall Meetings

Once a month, the legislators who represent HG, Senator Nancy Todd, Senator Jeff Bridges and Representative Jovan Melton, come to HG for a town hall meeting. It is your chance to share your opinions on various topics with your legislators. The next meeting is 6:30 pm Wednesday, March 27, in the Mountainview Room.

## Free Residential Smoke Detectors

Aurora Fire Rescue will install free smoke detectors for residents who need them and will offer to check existing smoke detectors to ensure proper placement and working condition.

Each day, seven people die in home fires nationwide, and most of those deaths happen in homes without working smoke alarms, according to the American Red Cross. Aurora Fire Rescue will install smoke detectors in homes based on the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) standards.

Requests for free smoke detectors and

See FYI...page 43

## VNA Senior Wellness Clinics

Charges: Toenail Cutting (includes blood pressure) \$45 (1st visit, 1 hour), \$35 (returning client); Fingernail trim \$15; Blood Pressures \$3; B-12 Shots (serum supplied by client) \$15, Glucose \$5. *If you cannot keep your appointment, please cancel or you will be charged \$5.* Have exact cash amount or checks, made out to "VNA." The clinic has no change.

### Schedule:

Tuesday, March 12, 1–3:30 pm, Blue Spruce Room, VNA 303-698-6496.

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

**Note:** Kaiser covers 100% medical foot care for some patients. Call 303-698-6496 to verify coverage.

# Letters

## Heather 'n Yon

I wish to express my thanks to those who come to the Reception Desk (in the Clubhouse) with a smile and a "thank you." Those of us who volunteer to work at that desk make every effort to meet your needs, and solve problems. Your patience and understanding is greatly appreciated.

As a member of the community myself [a resident], I have manned that desk for approximately 12 years. I want to acknowledge what a pleasure it has been to get to know so many of my neighbors.

**Karen McClaury  
CP3**

## Heather 'n Yon

*{Editor's Note: The following announcement was made via email from the Aurora Police. It was forwarded by Gary Ford, B242}*

"Hi, my name is Officer Susan Condreay. I am the new Area 23 Police Area Representative Officer for the Aurora Police Department (APD). I have been with APD since 2003 and most recently a School Resource Officer for the past nearly nine years.

"I am looking forward to this new assignment as your PAR officer. I will be posting upcoming dates and information in the near future. In the meantime, you can contact me at my department email, [condrea@aurora-gov.org](mailto:condrea@aurora-gov.org).

**Susan Condreay  
Area 23 PAR Officer  
Aurora Police Department**

## Heather 'n Yon

The HG Optimist Club is collecting toiletries for local children who will be attending the 2019 Summer Camp hosted by the Salvation Army.

We will have a collection box in the HG Clubhouse lobby labeled "SPRING SHOWERS," April 15-19. Toiletries can be dropped off at any time.

Items needed: shampoo, conditioner, toothbrushes, toothpaste, comb or brush, bar soap, body wash and lotion. We can accept hotel or regular size, but *all items must be new and previously unused.*

As always, Thank You.

**Pat Dingfelder  
B241**

## Heather 'n Yon

All Heather Gardens residents, friends, and neighbors — let your voices be heard

You have a voice and here is an effective and good way to let the HGA Board, HGMD Board and the General Manager hear your voices without leaving HOME. Look on pages 10 and 11 of your new 2019 Directory; there you will find a listing of the HGA Board's and HGMD Board's members' names, phone numbers and email addresses. If you have a concern, compliment, or an opinion — your voice can be heard. Silence is not an option.

**Ann Black  
B235**

## Heather 'n Yon

In mid January, someone stole the realtor box with all the lock boxes in it (ripped it off the wall). Who knows how many building keys and unit keys were included? It has been over a [month] now and NOT a word from HG as to what they are going to do about it.

One resident in our building (221) told me she was going to take out the trash last Sunday night around midnight (knowing Monday is trash pick-up day), but as she was going to the door — remembered someone out there has building keys. The person decided it was NOT safe to go out at night by herself into the halls.

We moved to HG 5+ years ago. One reason for moving here was knowing HG had 24/7 security. But since I have found that there really is not much security here. Our building has been broken into more than three times in the few years we have been here. One break-in cost me \$3,000 in stolen tools and tool boxes.

What and when is HG going to do something about the stolen lock box and the other break-ins?

*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 4 letters per year.*



*Above: Kudos to the HG Maintenance Department for the extra effort in finishing up the snow removal. Here a crew works a full half day removing the packed snow on the B217 parking lot. What's the big deal? With cars parked on the pad, truck-mounted plows can't remove very much snow right after a storm, so a lot gets driven on, packed down, re-freezes and has to be removed later by hand.  
Hard Work!*

*Photo by Rudy Morris, B217*

It is pretty bad when building residents are afraid to go out into the halls at night because HG is not doing anything about having REAL security for us.

**Lynn Stanley  
B221**

## Heather 'n Yon

I miss our old Security team, the ones you saw driving by, day and night, every 25 minutes or so. I miss the ones that would wave, or say hello. They provided a strong presence. I really miss that.

I miss Security — who would not let a wrecked car sit in a parking spot for over four weeks, even though it was reported by several residents. Action required, but not taken.

I miss Security that did not rely on residents to call in when something seemed wrong. Shouldn't Security notice it themselves?

I miss seeing Security. At the Clubhouse, residents must knock on a closed door to find out if anyone is there.

I just think we are getting a lot less, but they sure do dress "purdy," more than they used to.

**Wanda Merritt  
CP6**

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

## Uke Crew

Are you interested in playing a fun instrument — the ukulele — and having a great time singing? The HG Uke Crew is an up-and-coming club. Members get together on the first and third Friday afternoons, 4–5 pm, B218, #407. New members are always welcomed.

All you need is a ukulele, and to be willing to learn and practice the music. Call Darlene Park, 303-798-5088.

## Joppa Daylight Lodge AF & AM

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

We are the only lodge that meets during the day in the Denver metro area. For information, call Bill Rapp, 303-953-1021.

## HG Grief Support

If you have lost a loved one, our Grief Support Group can help you. We offer eight-week sessions twice a year. The Spring module starts Tuesday, March 5. Registration is required.

Please contact Joanne Brand, 303-750-9722, for information. Brand has been offering support groups for more than 12 years. Individual contact is available if you need help at other times.

## The NoteAbles Mixed Chorus

It's a great time to join the NoteAbles chorus, because music that invokes memories of important events experienced throughout everyone's life has been selected.

We are beginning to rehearse these songs on Tuesdays, 7 pm, in the Sandberg Auditorium, preparing for a spring concert.

School, work, leisure, community activities, and friendships we've made are subjects in Broadway hits, Disney songs, movies and popular standards. Songs you remember. Music is a powerful thing when we can hear and, better yet, sing these tunes that we have enjoyed for so many years.

This music is fun and memorable — enhancing the joy of singing. Make singing a highlight of your week. — Oralene Winchell

## CP1

Our monthly Happy Hour is on the first Wednesday of the month, 5 pm in the Banquet Room. See you March 6!

## HG Breakfast Optimist Club

This club is a service organization that focuses on youth in the community. It is always looking for folks interested in joining us. Our projects this year include 6th Avenue Elementary School, the Salvation Army, Childhood Cancer Outreach, Type 1 Diabetes, the Aurora Cooks and Aurora Warms the Night.

We meet on the first and third Thursdays of every month at 7:45 am, in Rendezvous. Please join us — we'll treat you to a complementary buffet breakfast at your first visit. For reservations, contact Jeannine Montgomerie, 309-310-5315, or [jmntg.1229@gmail.com](mailto:jmntg.1229@gmail.com). Like us on Facebook.

Don't do breakfast? We're interested in starting a group that meets later in the day. Call me for more details! Get ready for the 3rd annual "Nite at the Races," Saturday, April 13! — Jeannine Montgomerie

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The HG TOPS Club meets from 8:30 to 9:30 am every Thursday, in the Blue Spruce Room. Men and women are welcome, so come in around 8:15, so we can say "hi!" For more information, contact Vicki Queen, 303-489-0409, or visit [www.TOPS.org](http://www.TOPS.org).

## HG Writers Club

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

We currently meet 1–4 pm every Thursday in a Clubhouse room. Contact Joanne Brand, 303-750-9722, for further information. We look forward to meeting you.

## CP4

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

— Carol Drollinger

## Kiwanis Club of Aurora

The club is a member of a global organization of volunteers, dedicated to changing the world, one child and one community at a time. The club meets 6 pm Thursdays at HG Rendezvous Restaurant. We also are on the web: [Aurora-co.kiwanisone.org](http://Aurora-co.kiwanisone.org). For more information, call Rich Richardson, 303-368-5747.

## American Legion Post 2012

We meet in HG, at 7 pm on the first Thursday of the month in the Mountainview Room. We would love to have you join us, and help your community grow stronger in support and unity.

The American Legion is about you, and how we can be of service to you. What ideas do you have that we may bring in to your community? If you are interested in learning more about The American Legion, please contact District 6 Commander Annette Johnson, 303-627-0892.

## Karaoke Club

The Karaoke Club meets 6–8 pm

on the second Friday of every month in the Aspen/Blue Spruce Rooms. BYOB and snacks.

Great songs to choose from and sing. Sing solo or with a group. For information, call 303-398-3998 or 309-310-5315.

### **Women with Dreams**

We meet on the second Saturday of each month, 2–4 pm, in the Mountainview Room. – Charlotte Haymore

### **50 & Who's Counting**

Join us Saturday, March 9, for the Wearing of the Green to celebrate St. Patrick's Day. The meal will be a potluck; bring your own beverage. If you have Irish specialties, please share them. We meet at 5:30 pm for social time, dinner at 6 pm. After dinner, we will have activities related to St. Patrick's – Sandy Brent

### **A Circle of Friends**

Do you need to meet new friends and find new activities? Give us a call. This group is the original Ports of Call Singles (OPOCS) group, 55+. We will meet and greet you, and learn what you like to do.

Monthly activities include Senior Ric's, 4–6 pm, second Monday of the month. Panera's, 9–11 am on the third Monday: coffee, social time. Birthday Lunch Brunch: poker, pinochle, bridge plus social times. Bakers St. Pub, 4–6 pm, fourth Thursday. Call Joann Cunningham, 303-751-5195, HG resident, for more information and monthly newsletter.

### **Aurora Christian Women's Vital Network Brunch**

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

We have brunch, which costs \$15, including tax and tip. Everyone is welcome. For information, call Karen, 303-888-3555.

### **Parkinson Support Group**

This group meets on the second Tuesday of each month, 1–3 pm in the Aspen Room. Please contact Meredith, 303-731-4620, with questions.

### **Heather Gardens Indivisible**

The purpose of HG Indivisible is

to protect and preserve our democracy by empowering active citizens in taking actions that will impact public policy. We are nonpartisan and inclusive, issue-oriented rather than candidate-oriented.

Our monthly educational meeting is the second Tuesday of each month, 3:30 pm in the Aspen Room. We also have weekly lunch meetings at 1 pm in the Rendezvous Restaurant, to discuss issues and share articles, books, thoughts.

At our meeting on March 12, we will be discussing the electoral college, and alternatives. Questions? Call or email Jim Chaput, 720-312-4846, or [jpchaput5@msn.com](mailto:jpchaput5@msn.com).

### **B203 and B204**

B203 and B204 hold a combined social, meeting at Rendezvous on the second Tuesday of each month, 5 pm, for drinks and dinner. – Laurel McClaren, 303-337-2685.

### **HG Aviation Club**

The club will hold its March meeting on the second Wednesday, March 13, 7 pm on, in the Aspen Room. The program this month will be on the Lockheed SR-71 Blackbird, the most exotic jet-powered airplane ever built. Designed to replace the U2 Spy Plane, it could fly at 80,000 to 85,000 ft. at speeds of Mach 3.0 to 3.1. This spy plane literally flew faster than a speeding bullet.



A 30.06 rifle muzzle velocity is around 1200 fps: the SR-71 flew over 3,000 fps. It flew so high and so fast, missiles could not hit it. An estimated 2,100 missiles were fired at the SR-71s over its service life. Come watch a VG video on how the SR-71 was designed and how it flew. – Rudy Morris

### **The Green Team**

Our group meets every second Thursday at noon in the Skyview Room. Mark your calendar for March 14, and join us. We would love to meet you!

Have you heard these words recently: Biodegradable and

Compostable? I would like to take this space to explain what they are.

*Biodegradable* refers to the ability of materials to break down and return to nature (soil here in Colorado).

*Compostable* materials are similar, but go one step further. They possess nutrients that are absorbed into the earth, once completely broken down.

So, it's easy to get them confused. Both can go into landfills, and will not hurt our environment. HG recently incorporated the Puppy Poop Project, however, which includes special compostable bags (made of corn starch) for dog waste. These bags cannot be interchanged with biodegradable bags. The compostable bags with dog waste are collected on a regular basis to be properly processed into fertilizer. If the wrong bag is included in the collection, the entire batch of fertilizer is ruined.

We are asking all HG dog owners to help by not placing your poop bags in the specifically marked bins, unless you have signed up to participate in this project. If you would like to take part in the project, however, we will happily supply the free special compostable bags for your use. Contact Janet, 626-248-0162, or Marsha, 720-535-5224. – Wendy Pfaffhausen.

### **League of Women Voters**

The League of Women Voters of Arapahoe and Douglas Counties WANTS YOU! Women AND men.

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Our program this month: "Welcome to America. Who Should We Welcome? What Should We Do?" See online link: [www.nifi.org](http://www.nifi.org) for background. Meet with us 4:30-6 pm Thursday, March 14, in the Skyview Room. Contact? Gladys Hodges, 915-525-4982, [hgladys5066@yahoo.com](mailto:hgladys5066@yahoo.com).

### **PRIDE at Heather Gardens**

We will meet 7 pm Friday, March 15, in the Arts & Crafts Room. Let's do a potluck. The main entrée, See Clubs...page 41

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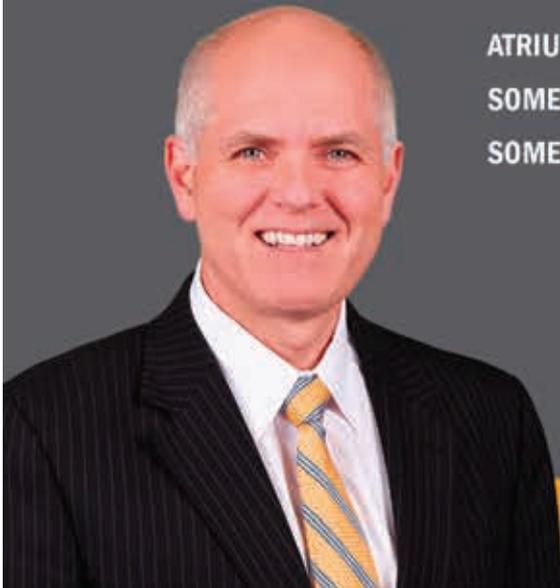
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## Men's Poker

We welcome all interested men poker players to join us at our regular poker sessions. On Monday and Wednesday of each week, we play Texas Hold 'em in the Blue Spruce Room. Ladies are invited to join us at the Wednesday sessions.

On Fridays, we play friendly, small-stakes poker, in the Skyview Room, usually including a variety of "dealers choice" games. All play is 5-9 pm. Please call Larry Hill, 720-272-7765, or Milt Merrick, 303-829-7188.

## Mexican Train Dominoes

We play noon-4 pm every Saturday, Arts & Crafts Room. Games start at noon and at 2 pm. For information, call Viola Stafford, 720-535-5638.

## Men's Bridge

This group meets every Monday, 11:30 am-2:30 pm, in the Skyview Room. Call Maris Kuga, 720-748-0590.

## Mah Jongg

We meet 12:30-4 pm every Monday, Blue Spruce Room, except the third Monday of each month, when the VNA has Blue Spruce. Then we meet in the Arts & Crafts Room, where three card tables are set up.

You must have the latest Mah Jongg League card. We play for a maximum of \$3 — bring your nickels, dimes and quarters. All HG players are welcome. For information: Bobbie Klapp, 520-743-6849.

## Ladies Billiards

We have started a Ladies Billiards Club to learn and practice 1-4 pm on Monday and Thursday afternoons in the Billiards Room. Please come and join in the fun of a challenging game. Call Elaine, 303-745-4567, for additional information. — Elaine Blinder

## Ping Pong

Fun and free, great exercise. Come join us in playing ping-pong doubles, 2 pm Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays in the Game Room. Beginners may meet on Fridays at 2 pm, but you must call Bob Schlageter, 303-751-2205, to make arrangements, and you will need to bring someone to play with. See you there. — B. Schlageter

## Pinochle

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

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

## Hand and Foot

Hand and Foot is a card game that is fun, and easy to learn. We meet every Tuesday, 12:30-4 pm, Mountainview. With questions, call Phyllis Lann, 720-535-8531.

## Mah Jongg

We meet 1-4 pm every Tuesday, Blue Spruce Room, except the second Tuesday, when we play in the lobby (behind fireplace).

All players welcome, including beginners. You must 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. Call Carol, 720-628-4051, or Pat, 720-535-4603, for information.

## Billiard Club

The club meets for co-ed 8-Ball at 7 pm Tuesdays, and Men's 9-Ball at 7 pm Thursdays. Annual dues of \$9 are payable on Jan. 1 of each year. All new players are welcome. Questions? Call Sean Kelliher, 720-427-6174, or Connie Burns, 303-695-0766.

## Co-ed 8-Ball January 22

- 1st Chuck Finder, Judy Brehmer
- 2nd Rita Cusack, Gil Lochhead
- 3rd Lindy Davenport, Barb Schneller

## January 29

- 1st Dee Moore, Joe Ozorkiewicz

- 2nd Lindy Davenport, Rita Cusack
- 3rd Gil Lochhead, Rosalie Littrell

## February 5

- 1st Lindy Davenport, Judy Brehmer
- 2nd Roger Goldstein, Barb Schneller
- 3rd Chuck Finder, Rosalie Littrell

## February 12

- 1st Chuck Finder, Dee Moore
- 2nd Lindy Davenport, Charlie Kachadoorian
- 3rd Brian Bucenec, Elaine Blinder

## Men's 9-Ball January 17

- 1st Doug Miller
- 2nd Gail Gibson
- 3rd George Hoffman

## January 24

- 1st Lindy Davenport
- 2nd George Hoffman

## January 31

- 1st Maynard Kurtz
- 2nd Hi Reynolds
- 3rd George Hoffman

## February 7

- 1st George Hoffman
- 2nd Brian Bucenec

## February 14

- 1st Brian Bucenec
  - 2nd Lindy Davenport
  - 3rd Hi Reynolds
- Judy Brehmer

## HG ACBL Duplicate Bridge

This club plays 1 pm Wednesdays in the Blue Spruce Room. Help setting up is appreciated, so come early. For more information, call Merriyl VanZevern, 720-282-3199, or John Osterberg, 720-535-1038. For partnership information, call Linda Harder, 303-369-2032.

## Square Dancing

Fun, exercise, and friendship. Come square dance on the first and third Wednesdays of each month, 7:30-9:30 pm, Sandberg Auditorium. Bob Riggs is the caller. All square dancers are welcome. Call Dolores Bendekgey with questions, 720-747-4666. Cost: \$5 per person.

## New Open Bridge Club

The group will meet every Thursday, 1:30-4 pm, in the Arts & Crafts Room. Come join us. Please call or text Freddie Schroeder, 303-437-4255, to RSVP, so we can tell how many tables set up.

## Bunko

Bunko is played 1-3:30 pm on the first and third Thursdays of each month in the Blue Spruce Room. For

information: Debbie Brooks, 303-923-3809.

### Pickleball

The schedule for Pickleball will be emailed to everyone on the Pickleball email list for March. The times to play Pickleball outdoors on the HG Tennis Courts will be every Tuesday, Thursday and Sunday, 1–3 pm. We also will play indoors when there is available time.

To see this lively sport in action, visit "Pickleball at HG" website: [plaidflannel.com/Pickleball](http://plaidflannel.com/Pickleball). The website offers detailed information on our current playing schedule, instructional videos and information on the game's history, rules and equipment.

If you want to learn more about Pickleball, or get on the roster, call Rosalie, 303-751-1226, or Judy, 303-369-6258, or contact us by email at "[pickleball@plaidflannel.com](mailto:pickleball@plaidflannel.com)."

### Ladies Golf Club

Snow may be on the ground, but the HG Ladies Golf Club is working hard, preparing for its 45th year of league play. With new rules just introduced by the U.S. Golf Association, and a new golf pro overseeing the course, we are looking forward to a fun and successful season.

This year's first membership meeting is 3 pm Wednesday, March 6, in the Rendezvous Banquet Room. Dues will be collected, and the group's updated Bylaws and Operating Procedures will be presented for approval. Those documents can be reviewed prior to the meeting by visiting the club's website. [www.heathergardensladiesgolfclub.com](http://www.heathergardensladiesgolfclub.com). They are also posted on the Ladies Club bulletin board outside the Golf Shop. We are grateful to Charlane Pluckeck for the work she did to ensure the accuracy of these documents.

Our new PGA Golf Professional Greg Kohr will be introduced at the membership meeting. The season will kick off with the annual spring luncheon on Wednesday, April 3. The event, which is an opportunity for all club members to get acquainted and for new members to be introduced, will begin at 11:30 am, in the Rendezvous Restaurant. Details regarding costs will be announced in early March.

The league plays on Wednesday mornings, and preseason rounds begin on April 10. The season officially



Above left: Winners at the Texas Hold 'em tournament on Jan. 18, were (from left): 3rd Place Bruce Tweten, CP1; 1st Donna Osterberg, B243; and 2nd George Brown, B212.



Above right: The 2018 Championship Tournament winners were (from left): 1st place Vern Thompson, CP3; 2nd Sandra Sweeney, B206; and 3rd Walter Adamczyk, B242

kicks off on Wednesday, May 1. Official play ends on Sept. 25. Anyone interested in joining the league can get an application at the HG Golf Shop, online at the club's website, [www.heathergardensladiesgolfclub.com](http://www.heathergardensladiesgolfclub.com), or by contacting membership chairs Gini Klein, [gaklein@comcast.net](mailto:gaklein@comcast.net), or Mary Jo Prichard, [mjpinsurance@hotmail.com](mailto:mjpinsurance@hotmail.com).

Golfers of all skill levels are welcome, and handicaps are used for league play. The league is a great opportunity to see old friends, make new friends and, of course, play some golf on our beautiful course.

The cost is \$45 for residents and \$55 for nonresidents. To ensure that we have accurate contact information for all members, we are asking everyone, regardless of how long they have been a league member, to complete an application.

To help ensure that everyone understands how the new golf rules will impact play, Greg Kohr is hosting an information session 4-5 pm Tuesday, March 5, Blue Spruce Room. Greg plans to hold chipping and putting clinics, to help everyone get ready for the season. The chipping clinic is noon Thursday, April 4, and the putting clinic is noon Thursday, April 11.

The club's new monthly "Birthday Celebration" luncheons have been well received by members. The March event will be held at noon on Wednesday, March 13, in Rendezvous. Anyone with a March birthday and all members planning to attend should RSVP by March 8 to the club's social director, Kathy Liss, [kathyliss@comcast.net](mailto:kathyliss@comcast.net).

The next meeting of the HG Ladies Golf Club Board is 1 pm

Wednesday, March 27, in the Board Room. Board meetings are always held on the last Wednesday of the month. Everyone is encouraged to attend.

Fun Golf Fact: The 18-hole course dates to 1754, when Scotland's St. Andrews Golf Club renovated its grounds and dropped four holes from its 22-hole course.

– JoAnn Fitch and Suzi Stolte

### Men's Golf Club

Gentlemen, I don't know about you, but I am fed up with winter. It's difficult to look out the window, and see our beloved golf course locked in snow and ice for another month. It seems the geese are the only ones using the course.

Still, even if my clubs are accumulating dust and cobwebs, I know that balmy weather is coming. Take heart in the fact that, as sure as the sun comes up in the east, warmer weather and golf are coming soon.

As a matter of fact, our Spring Banquet/Membership meeting is at the end of this month: Thursday, March 28, at Rendezvous. Our first tournament is scheduled the following week, Friday, April 5.

So what should you be doing? Go to our website or visit the Golf Pro Shop, to get your membership application. Fill the application out, and return it to the pro shop.

Next, find a place to swing a club, hit a ball, brush up on the rules — or just watch a little golf on TV. Do whatever you do to get through the winter, while still getting your golf fix in. Until I see you at our banquet, stay positive and stay golfy! – Ed Bradley

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which is chicken, will be provided. Bring a side dish and drinks. Any questions, please call or text 303-570-7529. – David Hetzel

## **Wine and Cheese Social Club**

Come join us on the third Saturday, 3–5 pm. We get together in the Aspen/Blue Spruce Room. Everyone is welcome.

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

Entertainment is provided. If you have a talent you want to share, we invite you to join in. – Debbie Brooks, 303-923-3809.

## **Photo Club**

The club meets on the third Monday, 3 pm, in the Aspen Room. All are welcome to attend, and enjoy and learn about good photography.

## **CP3**

Come to our monthly potluck gathering, at 5:30 pm on Monday, March 18 in the Aspen/Blue Spruce Rooms. Plan to eat around 6 pm.

We've moved to the third Monday, for the rest of the year. RSVP with your menu selection, so we'll know how many places to set: [cindycrockett5@gmail.com](mailto:cindycrockett5@gmail.com) or call me – my number is in the directory. – Cindy Crockett

## **HG Republicans**

The club will meet at 1:30 pm, Tuesday, March 19, Aspen Room. Everyone welcome, refreshments will be served. – Ruth Prendergast, President

## **B201 and B202**

B201 and B202 hold a combined social at Rendezvous on the first Tuesday of each month, 4–6 pm, for drinks and/or dinner – Anne Marie Dziemian, 303-877-9455, Nancy Grossman, 714-470-5660.

## **B205 and B206**

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

## **Colorado Symphony Guild–Hilltop/Southeast Chapter**

The Hilltop/Southeast Chapter of the Colorado Symphony Guild meets over lunch the third Wednesday of each month at Rendezvous. A business meeting starts at 11:30 am, fol-

lowed by lunch and a program. We invite new members to join us.

RSVPs are required. For information, call Ruth Guy, 303-750-3981.

## **Garden Club**

HG's Garden Club will hold its first get-together party 6 pm Thursday, March 21, Aspen/Blue Spruce Rooms. We will elect club officers, and establish goals for the garden for 2019.

Taco night: Tacos will be prepared and provided by the Garden Buddies! The rest of the meal will be potluck: all attendees are encouraged to bring a dish of their choice, preferably with a Mexican-food theme in mind. Salads, side dishes or desserts — whatever is your favorite. BYOB.

Please join us for a great get together, to get to know your fellow gardeners and just have a good time. RSVP to Bob Gullion, [rgullion65@gmail.com](mailto:rgullion65@gmail.com), or call 303-434-4357.

## **The Society of Military Widows Chapter 22**

We meet the fourth Saturday of the month at Blossoms in Windsor Gardens. We have lunch, which is \$13.50, and includes tax and tip. For information, or to place a reservation, call Sally, 303-751-7299.

## **SRA**

The Seville Recreation Association meets the fourth Monday of every month, 10 am, in a different Seville building each month. For information: Vicki Wolfe, 360-589-9502.

## **Low Vision Support Group**

Our no-cost meetings are held the fourth Monday of the month, 1:30 pm, Mountainview Room. We hope you will join us. Free transportation to meeting is available. Call Marsha Bengen, 720-535-5224.

## **HG Democrats Club**

We meet on the fourth Tuesday of each month, 4–5:30 pm, Aspen Room. Our meeting this month will be March 26.

Our main speaker will be Omar Montgomery, candidate for mayor of Aurora. Please join us for a lively

discussion. You are welcome to join those of us who like to continue the discussion, afterwards, over dinner at the Rendezvous. – Martha (Marty) Karnopp, Chair, 303-353-9640, [mjkarnopp@gmail.com](mailto:mjkarnopp@gmail.com).

## **The Sevillians**

The Sevillians' next dinner social will be 5 pm Tuesday, March 26, in the Banquet Room.

Thanks to all who have enjoyed our monthly socials, making it a wonderful opportunity to meet other Seville residents, enjoy occasional musical entertainment, and learn all the latest happenings from a member of the SRA Board. – Patt Clark

## **Caregivers Support Group**

This group meets on the last Tuesday of the month in the Aspen Room, 7 to 8:30 pm. All caregivers are welcome to attend.

This is an opportunity to share our joys, challenges, successes, solve problems, and share helpful information with each other.

If you cannot leave your care receiver alone, we have an experienced caregiver who will spend the time with your special person in another room in the Clubhouse during our meeting. For more information, call Nancy Fuhr, 303-337-4890.

## **Frolics Club**

The club is looking for a videographer to record one of four performances of the Spring Show this year. If you are a video enthusiast, or know someone who could do the job, please contact Barbara Schneller, 303-923-3992.

This year's first show will be 7 pm Thursday, April 25. This will be a dinner/show, with a buffet dinner to be served in Sandberg Auditorium before the show.

Other performances are: 7 pm Friday, April 26; 4 pm Saturday, April 27; and 2 pm Sunday, April 28. Details on purchase of tickets will be available at a later date.

Look for further advertising in the Clubhouse in the upcoming weeks. – M. Mines



# Trips and Tours

**Please Note:** 2019 RTD Senior Ride bus fare for local fare is \$3. Regional fare (trips to Boulder Dinner Theatre) has increased to \$5.25.

- Please tell the volunteers at the Reception Desk if you require wheelchair-accessible seating, because wheelchairs take up three seats on the RTD bus. The event you are attending has special seating for wheelchairs, which we need to reserve when tickets are purchased.

- Residents should not plan to drive themselves on an RTD trip. This leaves open seats on the bus for non-drivers who wish to attend the event. It also creates confusion when

distributing tickets. The trip leader, who is responsible for all residents on a trip, may mistakenly delay the bus, not realizing that travelers have already left in a car.

**Arts in the Afternoon – Fiesta Colorado,** Lone Tree Arts **Sold Out**  
Wednesday, March 6

**Cinzzetti's,** Northglenn **Sold Out**  
Tuesday, March 12

**Dazzle**  
Thursday, March 28, 11:30 am  
Deadline: Three weeks prior to event, Downtown  
Cost: \$28

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**Rockies — Spring,** Coors Field  
Sunday, May 12, 11:15 am  
Cost: \$38

Deadline: Monday, May 6  
This is a special HG trip, with chartered bus, on Senior Day! Rockies will play the San Diego Padres. Seats are along the 1st base line! Cost includes coach fare and game ticket. Bus will pick up residents between B243 and B244 on East Marina Drive.

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

## TRIPS POLICY

*Please note the signup/payment deadline for each trip. Space is limited.*

The local fare for SeniorRide and Senior shopper is **\$3 round-trip for passengers 65 years or older.** Regional fare is \$5.25 round-trip for passengers 65 years or older. Fare paid to driver.

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

Questions about trip availability? Call the Clubhouse, 303-751-1811.



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Cost: \$38

Deadline: Monday, Sept. 6

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**Madama Butterfly**

Central City Opera House

Thursday, Aug. 1, 12:15 pm

Cost: \$73

Deadline: July 25

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Due to age of Opera House, there may be stairs to the seats purchased. It is not wheel-chair accessible. Seating is on the first level.

This is a HG chartered trip. The bus will pick up residents in the Atrium parking lots between B243 and B244; return to HG around 7 pm.

**Casino Trips**

**Mardi Gras or Golden Gate – Blackhawk**

Tuesday, March 19, 8:30 am–3:30 pm

Cost: \$6

Get a \$5 food voucher upon arrival redeemable at either Mardi Gras Casino or Golden Gate Casino. You get \$5 free play on a Players card (existing or register for one at the casino). Earn 600 additional points and receive another \$5 food voucher. Bus will pick up travelers in the Atrium parking lots between B243 and B244.

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smoke detector testing can be submitted online at [www.AuroraGov.org/ContactUs](http://www.AuroraGov.org/ContactUs) (click on "Free Smoke Detector"). The program is only available for residential dwellings in Aurora. If you have any questions, call 303-326-8999.

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**Sharon Young**  
1950-2019

Sharon passed away February 2, 2019

Sharon grew up in Texas, attended college at Baylor University getting a BA and MBA in accounting, married and divorced, and worked for a CPA firm all before coming to Colorado. She came to Denver in the 80s and changed her focus to real estate. She continued to take courses to improve her real estate knowledge and she had numerous certifications in the field. She was a very compassionate and caring person and always said her clients became her friends – and they did. She was a mentor and counselor to many people.

Sharon was a very active person in both Texas and Colorado. She used to skydive – until she broke both ankles in a single landing. Then she became an avid tennis player and competitor - until her knees couldn't do it anymore. She had knee replacements in both knees in one surgery; her friends returned her kindness by signing up to drive her to doctors. Then she turned to golf – and was still playing – and would walk courses rather than use a cart.

Your friends, associates, and co-workers miss you.

The love of her life was Mr. Studley, her Yorkie. The name she chose showed her sense of humor; who would consider a 8 pound dog to be 'studley'? Mr. Studley has been adopted by a friend and has a good home.



# HGMD Foundation

The Foundation did not hold a formal meeting this month. Instead, we held a Bake Goods and Flower Sale to raise money for furniture for the golf patio. This was a huge success! We raised \$975. Amazing!

This successful venture was due to the HG Ladies Golf Club. I want to thank everyone of those who baked for this fundraiser. Hats off to all of you!

I also want to thank all of the Foundation committee for all their hard work making this possible. It goes without saying that everyone who bought and donated to this event also played an integral part in making this a success. Thank you.

### Donations to the General Fund in January 2019

- B217 in memory of Tony Giardina
- Kathy Trone in memory of Harley Fouts
- B221 in memory of Carole Tavares

### Donations to the Tree Fund in 4th Quarter 2018

- Blanche McKinney for trees in memory of Winifred Jennings

The next meeting is 1:30 pm Wednesday, March 13, in the Board Room.

**Bonnie McMullen**  
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## Clubhouse Showcase

Friday March 1, 1–3 pm, Sandberg Auditorium  
FREE: No registration required.

Learn about all the activities offered at the Clubhouse. We'll have demonstrations, special interest tables, entertainment and refreshments. Stop by and see what the Clubhouse has to offer.

## 1st Saturday Night Dance

Saturday, March 2, 6:30–9:30 pm, Sandberg Auditorium  
Music by Terry Norona

Fee: HG resident, \$6

Non-resident and on the day of event, \$8

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

## Irish Spring with Kathleen

Thursday March 7, 3 pm, Sandberg Auditorium  
FREE: Registration requested, call 303-751-1811.

There once was a girl named Kathleen, who should really be seen, talkin' blarney and history, with a wee bit o' mystery, so put on your orange or your green! Ireland is soaked with rich ancient and religious history, myth and folklore! Join Kathleen for an Irish Spring!

## Movie Matinee and Night: A Star is Born

Friday, March 8, 1 pm and 6:30 pm, Sandberg Auditorium  
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## Active Minds: Tobacco

Wednesday March 13, 2 pm, Sandberg Auditorium  
FREE: Registration requested, call 303-751-1811.

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## Texas Hold 'em Poker

Friday, March 15, 6 pm, Aspen/Blue Spruce Room  
Fee: \$5

Registration deadline: Wednesday, March 13

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

## Elite Dance Academy Performance

Saturday, March 16, 3 pm, Sandberg Auditorium  
FREE: Registration required, call 303-751-1811.

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## Saturday Night Concerts:

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April 20: Lenny K

May 18: Lima Street Band

June 15: Swing Time

July 20: John Philip Sousa Band; Ice Cream Social.

More dates to be announced.

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## Dogs of HG, Unite!

by Morticia Hafka

This is Morticia Hafka, guest columnist, coming to my faithful readers a full month late, due to circumstances beyond my control. Each year, I am expected to write this column in February, as the usual columnist — a very self-indulgent writer, if you ask me — pleads she has SAD (Seasonal Affective Disorder) during February.

I am expected to jump in each February, and write the column, and, fortunately, I am a prodigious jumper. I can clear the kitchen counter easily, which can come in very handy — but more about this later.

Last month, however, though I had my work all neatly written, and double-spaced for easy editing, my column got pre-empted. It seems that someone thought it would be a better idea to ramble on about her bout with the flu — as if anyone would find a column on this topic interesting.

Without even a kiss my paw, my masterpiece got bumped for a month. This is yet another example of a disturbing trend of ethnic demonization, which will be the topic of this column. It seems as though some people think that anything a human does is more important than everything that a dog produces.

Last month, the writer even blamed me for making her flu worse, due to having to walk me in freezing weather. I am a humble dog from modest beginnings, and any old newspaper on the floor actually would have worked just fine for me.

Now that the month of March is upon us, my human has settled comfortably into enjoying her bout of SAD, and all the perks that come with it. I can barely get her to stir out of her easy chair, to prepare my meals, which is why my ability to launch myself onto the kitchen counter is such a valuable talent. One of

these days, I might have to spring into action, and start whipping up meals myself.

When last I looked, the neglectful pet valet was buried in a book entitled, *The Travelling Cat Chronicles*, by Hiro Arikawa, translated from Japanese. Right away, I detected something a little off about this book. Granted, the only cat I know much about is my adopted brother Tytus, who is a Siamese. But it strikes me that no self-respecting Siamese cat would write a book in Japanese. No sensible American shorthair would either. I'm going to go out on a limb, and speculate that no Persian cat would write a book in Japanese.

This tome impresses me as very shady. Better to read a book entitled, *The Travelling Dog Chronicles*. A person might actually learn something useful, and gain a more respectful impression of the canine.

We all need to work harder at becoming caninists. Here are a few carefully fact-checked life philosophies to guide self-absorbed humans into a more fulfilling existence.

*Woofs to Live By:*

- Dogs laugh, but they laugh with their tails.
- The best therapist has fur and four legs.
- Money can buy you a fine dog, but only love can make him wag his tail.
- The world would be a better place if everyone had the ability to love unconditionally, like a dog.
- Such short, little lives our pets have to spend with us, and they spend most of it waiting for us to come home to them.
- A dog is the only thing on earth that loves you more than he loves himself.
- If I could be half the person my dog is, I'd be twice the human I am.

Every human afflicted with SAD should consider inviting a dog to become his or her room mate. The therapeutic value of living with a pet is well established.

As my human has both a cat and a dog, she ought to be doubly well adjusted. And yet she claims her right to this seasonal depression each year, and wallows in it thoroughly. The cat and I are thoroughly exasperated, and suspect this is simply a ploy to cocoon at home and catch up on her reading.

Contributing to her SAD symptoms is the fact she has a daily habit of perusing the column, "Dear Amy," in *The Denver Post*. Recently, a letter writer has complained she had a difficult mother-in-law (MIL) who had a compulsive habit of showing up at her house, unannounced, and cleaning obsessively, without permission.

My human finds this, and letters from other readers who write in with comments, quite depressing. She doesn't have a MIL.

Still, daily, she checks her front porch, to see if anyone else's has accidentally come to her house, with the expectation of breaking in and cleaning compulsively. Sadly, no one has, as yet. This only makes her burrow into her Laz-Y-Boy more grumpily.

In addition to their value as comfort pets, civic-minded HG dogs are making a real difference on the planet through their participating in the HG Puppy Poop Composting Project. Humans might wish to claim credit for obtaining grant money and performing the legwork to set up this valuable program; however, let's face it. No dogs, no program.

In addition, lap dogs save their people a fortune in the costs of heating pads. Service dogs should be saluted, and thanked for their service.

We also are keen observers of the world's economy. For example, the price of a can of Alpo has risen to \$3, which is cause for concern. That's \$21 per can in dog money. For all the services I provide my human, I'm worth it. Don't you agree?

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- Hearing Testing and Demos
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**We've got the coffee on!**

## Under Contract

- **Under Contract!** 13601 E. Marina Drive #107  
Somerset B 1BR/1BA 868 sq.ft. .... \$239,950  
Total remodel of unit by Expressions in Flooring.
- **Under Contract!** 13850 E. Marina Drive #301  
Seville F 2BR/2BA 1344 sq.ft. .... \$292,500  
Pike's Peak view-3rd floor end unit with double patios
- **Under Contract!** 13800 E. Marina Drive #409  
Seville A 2BR/2BA, 1092 sq. ft. .... \$225,000  
New carpet/paint, updated cabinets and flooring.
- **Under Contract!** 14301 E. Marina Drive  
Patio Home 2BR/2BA 1172 sq.ft. .... \$449,500  
Rare garden level basement and large patio looking out on pond and fountain. Total remodel throughout with custom cabinets, granite, wood floors and more.



## Sold in the last 30 Days!

- **Sold!** 3184 S. Heather Gardens Way #312  
Alpha E 2BR/1BA 930 sq.ft. .... \$212,500
- **Sold!** 13952 E. Marina Drive #404  
Seville A 2BR/2BA 1092 sq.ft. .... \$215,000
- **Sold!** 13739 B E. Marina Drive  
Patio Home 2BR/3BA 1172 sq.ft. .... \$339,990

## For Rent

- 3184 S. Heather Gardens Way #205  
Alpha G 2BR/2BA ..... \$1450

# New inventory weekly.

Call for updates and property tours.



**Concierge services include:**  
home valuations, updating advice, and referrals.

## Active Listing! End Unit - Move In Ready!

**3124 S. Wheeling Way #302 Alpha E**  
2BR/1BA 940 sq.ft. .... \$175,000  
Super end unit w/ good quality carpet and appliances. Lanai overlooking mature trees. Clean/move-in ready. Spacious closets in both bedrooms & extra pantry storage in kitchen.



## Active Listing! Golf course/view enclosed lanai!

**13631 E. Marina Drive #307 Somerset B**  
1BR/1BA 865 sq.ft. .... \$189,900  
Rare corner 1 BR in Somerset-only a few of these built. Brand new carpet throughout unit. Stackable washer/dryer, underground parking, Golf course view from the glass-enclosed lanai.



## Active Listing! Price Reduced!! Don't wait!!

**13635 E. Bates Ave. #103 Alpha A/d**  
2BR/2BA 1200 sq.ft. .... \$194,500  
Lovely south-facing ground floor-door to outside-enclosed lanai with tile floor. Updated kitchen cabinets w/Corian counters, laminate floor in dining area/entry. Newer windows & patio door.



## Active Listing! Ground Floor-Golf Course Views!!

**13609 E. Cornell Ave. #107 Alpha A**  
2BR/2BA 1200 sq.ft. .... \$197,500  
Generous walk-in closets. Ground floor with access to green space & golf course view from patio door. Glass-enclosed patio features custom tile. Steps away from covered parking.



## Active Listing! Golf Course Views!!

**13635 E. Bates Ave. #210 Alpha A**  
2BR/2BA 1200 sq.ft. .... \$208,000  
New carpet and paint. Tile counters and flooring in entry and kitchen. Cool patio with view of golf course. Closest building to clubhouse. Walk to classes, activities and restaurant.



## Active Listing! Priced to add your own touches!

**13992 E. Marina Drive #505 Seville A**  
2BR/2BA 1059 sq.ft. .... \$210,000  
This unit is priced to add your own personal touches. Lovely NW view of mature trees. Unit is comfortable all year long. Spacious walk-in closet and laundry in unit.



LOCATED: In the 3300 Building, Suite 330- next to the HG Community Garden.

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