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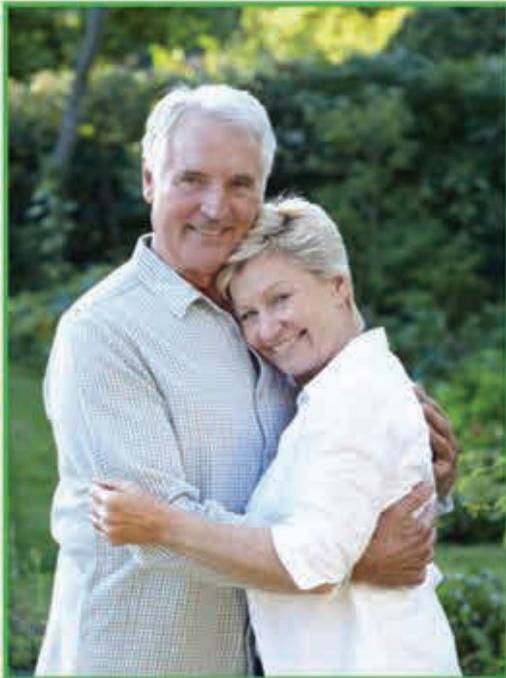


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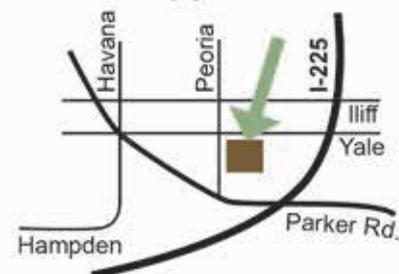
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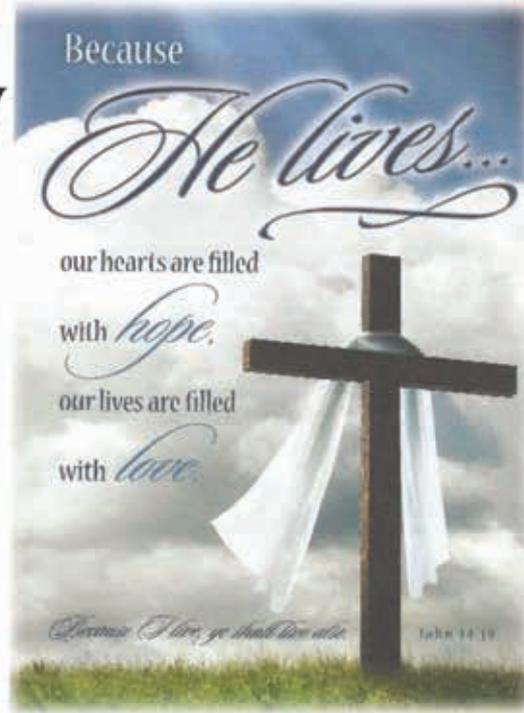
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Hostilities escalate, HGMD falls to three members, then springs back to five

The Heather Gardens Metropolitan District (HGMD) met three times in March, two special meetings and one regularly scheduled meeting. Each meeting will be described in order.

At a special meeting of HGMD, in the Board Room, on March 2, the five-member board met to evaluate proposed changes to the management agreement between HGA and HGMD. The agreement governs how HGA, using its employees, manages and staffs HGMD operations. The HGA proposed the changes following an altercation between an HGMD director and an HGA employee, who felt she was unable to comply with demands made by the director.

The director responded by demanding the employee be disciplined or fired. The new protocol called for individual HGMD directors to work through the HGMD president, who submits the request to HG's general manager and his staff, rather than having each director put demands on employees.

President Ed Kurtz remarked he had spent a great deal of time, working with HGA President Kay Sawyer and HG management, revising an earlier draft to amend the agreement. He explained, "We are trying to build 'good fences' here, so the boards can cooperate smoothly."

Director Candice Compton moved approval of the changes. She remarked, "I'm surprised this hasn't been done before — it's common to have a liaison."

Treasurer Bob Gullion — who had served one month on the HGMD Board — spoke against the changes.

He remarked, "It is impossible to access information necessary to perform the duties of each and every HGMD Board member here. The proposed amendments to the management agreement will only serve to increase this difficulty for all of us. Currently, the president of this board is not responsive to other board members. Currently, the general manager and the controller of the association are not responsive to all members of this board. To provide additional barriers to the directors of this board through the suggested amendments to the

management agreement is extremely counterproductive."

He added, "The management agreement should not be amended, but eliminated in its entirety."

Kurtz responded, "The attorney provided the opinion, saying [the management agreement amendment] is sufficient. Obviously, I disagree with Bob."

Craig Baldwin moved tabling the motion. The motion to table carried with three "yes" votes (Baldwin, Velasquez and Gullion).

Compton and Kurtz resigned from board after the meeting. A scheduled 2 pm special meeting of the HGA, to approve the amended management agreement, after the HGMD had approved it, was cancelled.

...and the discord continued

A special meeting of the HGMD Board, on March 10, convened in the Banquet Room, with a three-director complement and 90 residents. HGMD's attorney, Jennifer Ivey, attended. HGA's attorney, Mark Payne, observed from the audience.

Gloves appeared to be off, as Velasquez and Gullion voted on several motions, over the objections of Secretary Craig Baldwin, who presided over the meeting in the absence of a president. Craig commented that the meeting's agenda had not been prepared by him — the board secretary — before deferring to Treasurer Gullion.

Gullion moved that HGMD's attorney should provide each director with written copies of all correspondence that took place 2016–17, and all correspondence "from this day forward." He also specified that any communication between the attorney and any director should be

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With all seats occupied, and some residents left standing outside the Banquet Room (above and left), the HGMD Board met on March 10, in a special meeting requested by Director Vincent Velasquez and Treasurer Bob Gullion. All motions presented were theirs, not having been circulated in advance. HGMD's lawyer, Jennifer Ivey, was present, as was HGA's lawyer, Mark Payne. In top left photograph, from left: Velasquez, Acting President Craig Baldwin, General Manager Calvin White, Gullion (barely visible in this angle) and Jennifer Ivey.

Photos by Anne Hummel-Gillis

disclosed to every other director. The motion passed with two “yes” votes from Gullion and Velasquez.

Baldwin reminded, “This does not give any director the right to communicate with the HGMD attorney.”

Velasquez moved that money to fund the Golf Pro contract be removed from the 2017 HGMD budget. Ivey intervened, reminding the board, “You did not notify the public of your intention to amend the budget. I believe you have to publish it.”

Gullion made a motion regarding HGMD’s contract with the auditor, which is the same auditor HGA uses. Gullion objected to having access to the auditor only through HGA.

Former HGMD Treasurer Bill Archambault remarked, “The current engagement letter between HGMD and the auditor is made through HGA. There is no evidence of improprieties; however, if you have evidence, you should publish it.”

Bill DeWitt, STH, added, “The [HGMD] Board is to provide overall policy directions, but should stay out of the way of people trying to do day-to-day operations of the property.”

Gullion responded, “The audits have been filed late, due to the Controller (Su Chae). HGMD has been sanctioned.”

General Manager Calvin White said, “There have been no sanctions against HGMD. The audit was a few months late, but it was a non-issue. You’re making something out of nothing: it’s a witch hunt directed at staff. You [Gullion] have made no effort to get to know how system works, and have refused an orientation.”

Baldwin added, “Your comments show your ignorance about what it takes to be a director.”

Gullion responded, “I feel there is a conflict of interest in the controller handling both the HGMD and the HGA. There is an obvious lack of control in the Golf Shop. I pointed out to the auditor that Calvin has completely kept me out of seeing the books.”

White responded, “The auditor also told you there was an 180-degree turnaround [to the good, in financial reports] in the past seven years [while Chae has been controller]. HG is one of the strongest com-

munities [financially] in the region.”

Gullion moved that the management agreement between HGA and HGMD, for HGA to staff and operate HGMD entities (Restaurant, Golf Course and Clubhouse) be terminated. Velasquez seconded the motion.

Baldwin tried to rule the motion out of order, noting HGMD has a contract with HGA, and can only terminate at the end of the year, with 180 days written notice.

Ivey stated, “I think the board should get legal advice before taking this action,” adding she thought such advice should be confidential — not discussed at a public meeting.

The two directors did not heed her caution. Gullion moved that a written six month’s notice be given to HGA, to terminate the agreement after 2017. Velasquez and Gullion voted “yes,” approving the motion.

Several audience members urged the HGMD Board to reconsider their actions. Some of their points: having separate employees and contractors to perform HGMD and HGA functions would be more expensive; too many directors “trying to be the boss” of HG employees contributes to staff turnover, and more expense; history has shown it’s wiser to defer to HGA, and let them run things; and directors who do not work constructively for the good of HG citizens should expect reprisals at the election booth.

HGA President Kay Sawyer addressed the HGMD board. “All directors have a fiduciary responsibility to look out for the best interest of the community. I don’t understand what you’re doing here. I’d sure like to know the reason...”

After the meeting, Controller Su Chae tendered her resignation from employment with HG.

...Procedural gymnastics reverse the reversals

On March 16, HGMD held its regular monthly meeting, in the Sandberg Auditorium. The three board directors and 120 residents attended.

Secretary Craig Baldwin presided over the meeting, in the absence of a president. He announced that three eligible electors had filed self-nominations forms to fill the two vacant seats on the board. HGMD directors would hear a presentation of

credentials from each applicant, then vote to fill the spots.

Director Vincent Velasquez objected, saying the traditional method of filling vacancies — publishing a call for nominees — had not been followed. Baldwin replied that he had sought legal counsel, and learned that nothing prohibited the action he proposed.

The three nominees were Bonnie McMullen, B234, Gene Burns, B244, and Dave Bushman, B209. McMullen told the board that she is a part-time employee of HG Brokers, a past member of the Seville Recreation Board, and president of the HG Ladies Golf League.

Burns noted he had served on the HGA Board for 13 years, with a year’s gap between terms. He is a former AR of his building; on the HGA Board, he chaired the Golf Committee for one year.

Bushman said he was a former member of the Architectural Control Committee and briefly on the Golf Committee last fall. He spent many years, he said, in the banking business with CitiCorp.

Paper ballots to vote on two directors were distributed to directors. White counted the ballots, and presented them to Baldwin.

Velasquez and Treasurer Bob Gullion apparently declined to vote. Baldwin announced the winners were Bushman and Burns, with each receiving one vote.

Velasquez protested again, saying that two-thirds votes were required for a valid election. Baldwin said, again, that he had sought legal advice, and learned that a simple majority of the vote was sufficient. As neither Velasquez nor Gullion voted, Bushman and Burns were elected on a one-to-nothing vote.

A vote was held to elect a new HGMD president. Baldwin won over the other nominee, Velasquez, on a three-to-two vote. Burns was elected secretary, without opposition.

As president, Baldwin named Burns chair of the Foundation Committee. He named Bushman chair of the Golf Committee, a seat formerly held by Velasquez. He made no change to the chair of the Clubhouse/Restaurant Committee, a seat Baldwin holds.

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Security, emergency preparedness committee merge; Comcast wiring

The March 14 meeting of the HGA Board of Directors convened in the Banquet Room. All nine directors attended.

The board approved creating a revamped committee, to combine several functions into a targeted approach. Retitled SEP, for Security, Emergency Preparedness, the committee also might save HG some money, by streamlining tasks. The board approved the SEP's procedure memorandum (PM).

It also approved a four-page policy document, providing guidance from the board to management for operating HG's Security Department. The document reflects legal opinion regarding authorities and liabilities of a security function.

General Manager Calvin White outlined the features of the new agreement HG signed with Comcast for wiring into HG buildings. The agreement includes \$400,000 of revenue sharing, over 10 years; a one-time door fee; and fiber-optic cable offered to every unit.

"This is a more comprehensive wiring agreement than the old one [with Comcast]," he said.

Zach Spirytus, B232, suggested HG "get into the queue" for Google wireless, which is coming to Denver. The service should offer competition to Comcast, he said, at a lower rate.

The board approved a Red Cross facility-use agreement, enabling HG to consent to its Clubhouse being used as a disaster facility by the Red Cross, in certain cases. The approval anticipates that primarily HG residents would be housed when there is a local disaster, with HG retaining the right to refuse to be used as a disaster facility. The Red Cross would reimburse costs. Michael Lickteig voted against the motion.

The meeting closed with several audience members asking the HGA to bring to bear what influence they could in opposing some decisions made at the HGMD Special Meeting on March 10.

"You need to exert whatever power you have to rein in the HGMD

Board," stated Bud Dickstein, B219. Dickstein continued, "HGMD is out of control. There is chaos, which will effect our tranquility and, eventually, our property values."

Bill Dewitt, STH, added, "You are our only hope, Obi Wan Kenobi."

Treasurer Susan Lambert sympathized, saying, "Your concerns are not unheeded. We have spent many hours discussing and meeting with our attorney. In many ways, our hands are tied by state law, but we are trying to find a way. Many of us are participating in the group," the ad hoc Committee to Protect Our Property Values (POPV).

Other approvals by the board:
...ratified the 2017 Budget (\$8,631,086).

...sealcoating asphalt surfaces in CP2 and CP3 (\$13,610 + \$3,500 change order reserve: total \$17,110). Part of a larger contract for asphalt-ing all CPs, \$17,177 under budget.

...amendment to bylaws, outlining who may serve on a committee. See President's column, page 11.

Ad hoc group interviews attorney, anticipates recalling directors

The ad hoc Committee to Protect Our Property Values (POPV) met in Sandberg Auditorium on March 17. One hundred people attended the POPV meeting.

Chair Al Lindeman introduced a new steering committee member. Sharon Hartenbach, B242, spent the majority of her career as a lawyer/staff attorney for the 10th Circuit Court of Appeals (Federal) in Denver. Lindeman noted Hartenbach had been instrumental in introducing the POPV to "a good lawyer," should the community feel the need to proceed with recalling two directors of the HGMD Board, Vincent Velasquez and Robert Gullion.

As Gullion is not eligible for recall until he has served six months on the board (he was appointed in February), any such election presumably would be held this autumn, when both directors could be included in the recall. An attorney, Eric Voogt, from the law firm Inman Flynn, has been interviewed, but not yet retained, which would trigger a \$10,000 retainer fee.

Despite the events of the day before (see HGMD Board story, page 5), which appeared to neutralize the voting majority of Gullion and Velasquez, Lindeman of-

fered the opinion, "This thing is not over, I don't think." He asked for a show of hands, voting in favor of the mission statement: "POPV seeks to remove any director whose actions tend to disrupt the long-standing relationship between HGA and HGMD." All audience members, except two, voted "yes."

The audience voted in the same numbers for the Plan of Action Lindeman presented: "Retain a relationship with Inman Flynn, and take swift action if Velasquez or Gullion tries to regain control of the HGMD Board."

Steering Committee Member Bill Archambault, B209, remarked the POPV would not ask for donations on that day: "The attorney said certain legal requirements need to be completed, and filed with the Secretary of State, before we can solicit donations. We will set up a method of refunding any leftover money."

Lindeman asked for a show of hands by audience members who approved of "what was done here today." Only one "no" vote was recorded.

Several audience members offered to volunteer,

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Colorado has mandated that medical professionals, long-term care personnel, bankers, clergy, social workers, police, even veterinarians report elder abuse and exploitation, according to Marc White, an investigator with the 18th Judicial District.

Exploitation from business scammers, telephone solicitors, caretakers and family members are increasing. Financial abuse from relatives, ranges from \$400 to \$2,400, according to White.

Telephone scams are lucrative and morphing, according to Barbara Martin-Worley, Consumer Fraud Protection, 18th Judicial District. There is no easy way to stop telephone scams. Land lines are obsolete. Caller ID works only if you recognize the phone number of the person who is calling. Even then, scammers may identify themselves with fake area codes, fake agency

names, or your own number.

"I call them predators," said Martin-Worley, "they think like a criminal." Phone scamming is lucrative and easy to execute.

On the rise in Arapahoe and Douglas counties are kidnap-type extortions. The scammer, perhaps displaying a Parker Adventist Hospital caller ID, identifies himself as an emergency responder calling to tell you that a family member was badly injured in an accident.

The best solution is to let every call you don't recognize roll into your voice mail. Picking up the phone lets the scammer know your number is in service, resulting in repeat calls or having your number sold on the scam market.

Michelle Fry, Chief of Staff and Policy Director to Representative Melton, explained how the cost of prescription drugs are marked up by wholesalers, pharmacy benefits managers, and insurance companies. See the video at www.bio.org/4Bio.

She emphasizes help is available at no cost for seniors looking for help with prescriptions, Medicare,

and other benefits. Seniors should never pay anyone to help them access benefits. "That would be a type of scam."

No one knows the future of the Affordable Care Act, Medicare and Medicaid, Kelli Fritz, Associate State Director Advocacy for AARP, acknowledged. She touched on the basics of how insurance companies manage risk: "Everyone has to be in the market," for insurers to be able to cover claims. Additionally, she cautioned: "Stand alone ERs come at a cost," and pointed out that the pharmaceutical industry spends a lot of money on advertising.

Reaching for her advocate's hat, Fritz advised on how to make your citizen's voice heard: Call U.S. Senators and Congress representatives. Don't send e-mails. Show up at their offices. Don't sign petitions. Write letters to editors. For updates on health care and medicine.

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— Dala Giffin

Capital Reserve Study

At the March 13 meeting of the Budget & Finance Committee, Reserve Subcommittee Chair John Coil presented a draft of his Capital Reserve plan. He noted that a work session had been scheduled, with the HGA Board, on March 27, to explain it to directors.

His presentation offered a breakdown about how a 30-year plan could work, to bolster what is acknowledged by many to be inadequate money in the bank (for capital reserve), to meet the probable expenses associated with HG's aging buildings — some of which are 45 years old.

Even the newest buildings are 35 years old, with the exception of HG's Clubhouse, which was demolished and rebuilt five years ago. The Club-

house construction was financed by issuing tax-exempt bonds, under the quasi-governmental entity, HGMD. Homeowners pay back the bonds through their property taxes.

Committee Member Harry Newman commented that HG dodged a special assessment several years ago, by borrowing money from its impound fund, to pay for replacing the roofs on the multi-story buildings, which had been uninsurable, due to the roofs' age. By repaying the loan over six years, homeowners are paying an average of \$8 per month in their HOA fees, rather than having had to come up with a lump sum for a special assessment.

HG dodged another bullet, when hailstorms in two consecutive years

triggered insurance payments, which funded the replacement of siding, roofs and chimneys in CPs and THs. These aging components inevitably would have required replacement at some time in the future, funded by homeowners.

Astute negotiations with the insurance company resulted in HG not having to pay a deductible on each hail-damaged building. It was a good thing, remarked General Manager Calvin White, because HG didn't have the money in reserves to pay for the deductibles.

The committee approved sending the plan to the board. Coil concluded, "The purpose of reserves is to avoid a special assessment."

— Mary Hafka



HGA Board President Reports

By Kay Sawyer

I am issuing a BIG THANK YOU to the many volunteers in Heather Gardens (HG)! They provide a huge service to all residents. From the folks who prepare and serve popcorn at the Friday movies, to the Reception Desk greeters and helpers, to board directors. Each of these people gains a better understanding about how the community works, and what issues the community faces, and have the added benefit of making many friends as they contribute. I would encourage each of you to volunteer and become a part of the process.

The homeowners association board (HGA Board) directors are chairs of the eight standing committees: (Architectural Control, Budget and Finance, Civic Affairs, Communication, SEP [Security Emergency Preparedness], Long Range Planning, Roads and Grounds and Structure and Maintenance). The committees meet once a month and consider topics pertaining to that committee.

Additionally the board may ask the committee to discuss a certain topic and respond to the board with their findings. Almost all motions that come before the board are motions passed by the committees first. Then, to become official actions, the motion needs board approval. Committee members are in on the ground floor of HG business. You'll know what the current issues are. Individual opinions do count!

Approved actions are generally carried out by the General Manager, at the board's direction. Then the GM will delegate to HG staff/employees.

Arapahoe County Assessor's Office will be mailing the 2017 Notice of Valuation to property owners on May 1. Members of the Arapahoe County Assessor's staff will be at HG to discuss property values with property owners, **9 am-3 pm Thursday, May 18 and May 25, in the Skyview Room**. If you have questions or concerns regarding your 2017 assessed valuation, you may speak with an appraiser on these dates.

Memorial Day celebrations at HG will focus on **women veterans** this year. Clubhouse Manager Linda Aluise is looking for all female residents who are veterans in order to honor you for your service. Call Linda, 303-751-1811, or email linda.aluise@heathergardens.com.

Several committees are looking for 1-2 new members. Please volunteer your expertise to committees and have a more direct voice in what happens at HG. Applications for committee membership are available in the Management Office. If you want to be a Clubhouse volunteer, those applications are accessible at the Reception Desk.

At its March 14 meeting, the HGA Board amended its bylaws to expand eligibility to more community members as volunteers. Now included, in addition to members [owners] who are in good standing, are a non-owner spouse, when both are in good standing, non-owner domestic partner when both are in good standing, a designee of an entity owner (such as an LLC, trust, etc.), when the entity owner is in good standing, and any other individual as deemed appropriate by the board.

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Every community has a few people who think the rules don't apply to them. Some would rather fight than comply. A court battle can be costly both in money and in emotional turmoil within the community. Win, lose or draw, it affects all residents. Remember, proponents of the other side are still neighbors, who may be building a bigger wall. Be reasonable. That applies to both the homeowners and homeowners who have volunteered to serve on the boards.

The HGA Board hears you! Our goal is toward a better community, one which has operated in harmony for the last 30 years or so. Our aim is to keep things cost effective, have a clean audit, and continue strong property values.

Important Reminder to all New HG Residents:

On the fourth Wednesday of each month, a Resident Orientation meeting is held at 9:45 am, in the Board Room, second floor of the HG Clubhouse. All new residents are provided a Resident Handbook, an indispensable publication and guide. It is filled with useful and helpful information that will greatly assist you as you transition to the unique HG lifestyle. Knowing where to find help will facilitate your access to its 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 also available on www.heathergardens.org.

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Publisher's Corner

In politics, as in sports, team building is key

by Lynn Donaldson, Editor of Heather 'n Yon

My friends know that I get excited annually during March Madness, the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) Basketball tournaments. Perhaps it helps that I graduated from Duke University, which in the last 20 years has been a frequent favorite team in the men's tournament. After all, they have won it five times, with the most recent being 2015.

So, with one eye on the games, I am compiling stories and advertising for this newsmagazine. What I want to comment on is teamwork — something that has undergone a change in men's college basketball over the years I have been watching.

Originally, you watched a team develop over years, knowing that the star players perfected their skills and interaction with teammates for at least three years before graduating. Each year, there was maybe 25 percent change in personnel as seniors graduated and high school players matriculated into a college program.

Now, it is "one and done" for the best players. Any player, who would be valued by a professional team, will leave college after a freshman year. I don't blame the choices these guys made — chasing the big payoff while still young, healthy and valuable.

Team building in this shorter time frame favors those teams that can do it successfully. This year, the University of Michigan had a rather unique event help.

The Michigan basketball team was in 8th place (of 14) in the Big Ten Conference after the regular season. Then the team got on a plane to go to the Big Ten tournament in Washington, D.C. The coach did not plan the team-building exercise that occurred — the plane aborted its takeoff, then slid off the runway, requiring all passengers to exit the plane.

No one was hurt. All players ex-

ited safely, but without luggage.

The team left for the tournament the next day on a chartered plane, and with just their practice uniforms. Although seeded low, the Michigan team won four games in four days to win the Big Ten tournament, getting an assured invitation to the NCAA tournament. Many commentators credited the team's cohesion during an adverse experience to have aided its ability to face opponents on the basketball court, and win.

As of this writing, they have surprised everyone further — winning two more times. The team will be playing at the end of March in the Sweet 16 round.

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In a nod to all politics is local, I will now try to draw some parallels to the recent turmoil in the Heather Gardens (HG) boards. Team building within the boards has usually taken three to four years, depending on which board you served. Rarely did a director get elected to the board, then successfully change the direction of the board within the first year. If a director tried, he or she became an outlier, and never successfully formed a coalition that could gradually sell the policy change.

Rarely can a director do "If you build it, they will come." (Borrowing from another sports movie metaphor, *Field of Dreams*, 1989.)

Can a coalition be developed in less than three years? Possibly, but first the message has to be communicated to all residents. You have to convince a majority that your proposed change is good for the community. If you don't first enlist wide support for your program in the community, you risk an opposition group coalescing against the policy change. This group will also oppose the director who is operating without a team.

Often, an opposition group is more widely based and more effective at communicating its goals. Thus, the opposition group becomes the stronger team because it feels threatened. HG homeowners value change if it keeps the community costs low and property values high.

Building a team is always worth the time and effort. In politics, when you see that the opposing team is larger, stronger and growing, then it might be time to reassess.

When I moved to HG 20 years ago, and experienced the fight between the two boards, 1995–1996, I wondered whether the community would be better off with just a single board. Many of you may ask the same thing? I now understand why it is useful to have a metropolitan board for a mechanism to issue bonds rather than borrow money for big ticket items. It costs less.

One big benefit of two entities was just won in the past two years — reverse mortgages. With HGMD owning the recreational facilities, not HGA, Federal Housing Association (FHA) approved HG homeowners for this kind of financing (see June 2015 issue of *Heather 'n Yon*).

Having a metropolitan district has also given the community a share in state lottery funds, which last year was about \$15,000 for the year. HG has a balance of \$61,178 in this fund as of the end of 2016.

Another benefit of HGMD is being able to purchase items for its properties — golf course, restaurant and clubhouse — free of sales tax, because it is a quasi-government entity. That saves residents money.

HG needs an HOA, HG Association. It is the only mechanism whereby the collective of homeowners in buildings, townhomes and patio homes can collect money to pay for community maintenance and landscape care, hiring employees to do the work. However, to return repetitively to a fight about who directs operational control of the community is tedious and discouraging. (See story, page 26.)



Management

HG two governing entities: HGA and HGMD

*By Calvin White
General Manager*

It seems as though it is time to provide some information for new members of the Heather Gardens (HG) community. It will refresh the memory for those who are not so new to the HG.

It is confusing to understand the relationship between the Heather Gardens Association (HGA) and the Heather Gardens Metropolitan District (HGMD). That is especially true when it comes to how the money flows between the two entities.

In an attempt to make it clearer, I present you with these facts:

1. The developer, EDI, created HGA to make money. HGMD was created by a vote of the HGA owners to purchase the Clubhouse, Golf Course, Maintenance Facility, RV Lot, Garden Plot, and some other parts of the community from EDI.
2. HGMD sold tax-free bonds for that purpose and paid for the initial bonds by collecting some property taxes from the homeowners. This is also true for the bonds sold to build the new Clubhouse.
3. HGMD has a contract with HGA to operate and maintain HGMD's properties. HG is currently on a second version of this contract with revisions made in 2015.

HGA	HGMD
Non-profit corporation	Quasi-governmental entity
Pays taxes	Pays no taxes
Governed primarily by Title 38-33 of the Colorado Revised Statutes, HG Declaration of Condominium and HGA Bylaws	Governed by Title 21-1 of the Colorado Revised Statutes

HGA	HGMD
Only homeowners vote for HGA Board of Directors (one vote per unit)	All HG residents registered to vote in Colorado vote for the HGMD Board of Directors
Oversees the maintenance and operation of all multi-story buildings, Townhomes and Country Places plus all of the landscaped areas surrounding those buildings.	Responsible for the maintenance and operation of the Clubhouse, Golf Course, Restaurant, Maintenance Facility, RV Lot and Garden Plot
Has full-time and part-time employees	Has no employees
Monthly, HGA collects funds from the homeowners to pay HGMD's Recreation Fee.	Monthly, HGMD bills HGA for its Operating and Capital Reserve dollars (Recreation Fee)
Monthly, HGA bills the HGMD for all labor and material it has expended towards operating and maintaining HGMD's property.	Monthly, HGMD pays the HGA for maintaining and operating its property.
At the end of the year, HGA is required by the Declaration to refund some unused Operations dollars to homeowners.	HGMD transfers all of its unused Operation dollars into its Capital Reserves.

The bottom line is that HG homeowners pay for and control the functioning of both boards, HGA and HGMD. They are not mutually exclusive!

HG is one community. Although there may be differences of opinions at times, HG goals should be in the common interest of the community. The boards' duties, though identified through different statutes, should be in the best interest of HG as a whole. Whenever possible, directors should do their best to listen to and understand the needs of those speaking out.

My hopes are that HG can move forward, looking past individual differences of opinions and work on the issues, instead of tearing down people.

To the residents of HG: Thank you for your devotion to your community.

GM's Report

General Manager

- Attended board and committee meetings.
- Reviewed payables and Capital Projects.
- Reviewed ACC Project Approval forms.
- Attended B217 luncheon.

- Toured B217 and met with owners and contractors on numerous occasions to discuss B217 rebuilds.
- Met with staff to discuss yearly objectives.

Controller

- Filed annual Lottery Fund spending report for 2016.
- Held annual 401K Trustee meeting.
- Attended Subcommittee on Re-

- Serves meeting.
- Hired Vanessa Spindle, Purchasing Assistant.
- Assembled working papers for audit.
- Finished compliance testing for 401K audit.

Paint

- Completed 36 work orders.
- Continued working on chair rail

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A Kansas native had a varied life experience before HG

Upon entering Krista Belle Bateman's home (B235), you'll receive country-warm hospitality. Coffee? Lunch? Kris's welcome is Kansas-big. She's ready for congenial conversation. "Tinker," a distinctive Scottish Fold cat with flattened ears, round eyes, and half-length tail, listens from his cushion. Blooming houseplants and nature-themed paintings add a light and airy mood. The ambience is reminiscent of Kris's upbringing in rural Kansas that had surrounded her with animals, agriculture and grounded her in self-reliance, and joyousness.

A prairie dust storm greeted Kris when she was born in 1937. Her parents made it to the hospital in time; the doctor did not. A nurse handled the delivery. Nurse Krista Bell Ryan was unable to have children of her own and reasoned: since the Weigands already had two children, maybe they would give their third child to her.

"No," said Kris's mother, "but I'll name her after you."

The family owned a farm near Ottawa. They grew produce for themselves, and wheat for cash crops. They raised dairy cows, pigs, chickens, goats, horses and Angus Bulls. Cats were a by-product of the barnyard. Watch dogs provided security. Kris loved to play in the barn. She'd climb the loft and listen for sounds of kittens being born. When milking, she'd squirt milk to the gallery of cats, aiming for their mouths. The cats didn't particularly like having warm milk hit them in the face, but they didn't leave, either.

Kris worked the garden and helped her mother can fruit and vegetables.

"Mom canned everything that didn't walk away."

Noontime meals were cooked on a wood burning stove for the family of five, plus all the seasonal hired help. The help were convicts leased from prison. They teased Kris and told her stories.

"It was work," said Kris.

Kris, herself, was a force to contend with. Her brother, older by five years, taught Kris how to wrestle, box and defend herself. She wrestled in a Boys Club program in Ottawa.

"Just for a short time to prove something. To prove that girls aren't always sissies."

Her confidence in self-defense measures guided her actions. The third time the school bully deliberately tripped Kris as she was riding her bike, she retaliated.

She grabbed his arm and twirled him into the cocklebur patch, "I got him, good." Kris was duly punished by the teacher.

When the boy's mother marched him over to Kris's home, her mother, "Cool and calm," asked to hear Kris's side of the story. When Kris finished, both mothers determined the score was settled.

Unknown to her mother, Kris took up riding "Bob the Brahma," a docile bull, in her home arena. She cared for that bull as a pet. She had to check her emotions when Bob was shipped off to Kansas City stockyards.

Music and painting were important pastimes. Kris taught herself to draw and paint. Elements from rural life were frequent subjects for her artwork. She taught herself to play the piano by ear, then applied the technique to playing the harmonica, guitar, xylophone, ukulele and accordion. She played along with Arthur Godfrey on the radio.

Kris and her sister, older by 10 years, inherited their mother's beautiful singing voice. The three would sing at school performances and, for years, Kris sang at numerous local functions. Her father would tap out a jig at performances. He was hard of hearing and kept time by feeling the vibrations through the floor. What embarrassed her mom was he didn't dress up for concerts. He remained in overalls.

Kris graduated 1955 in a class of 19 students and entered University of Kansas, along with her high school sweetheart Bob Sutherland. Partially through college, she dropped out and worked as an accountant in Kansas City.

One night while walking home through a dubious part of town she was followed by a group of males who slowed when she slowed, accelerated as she walked faster. Listening to their voices, she determined they were probably young and decided she could handle it.

"All of a sudden I stopped and did a cheerleader's four-point jump, whirled around with the flashlight and yelled "Shawwww." Kids scattered behind anything they could find. They probably thought I could hurt them."

She and Bob married. They had three children, Linda, now deceased, Michael, and Lori. The family moved to Denver, in 1972, when Bob accepted a job with Rose Hospital. Kris alternately worked at various jobs outside

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Above: Kris Bateman, B235, holds a trout painting she did on a barn board because canvas was too pricey.

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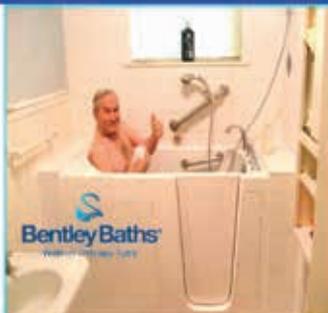
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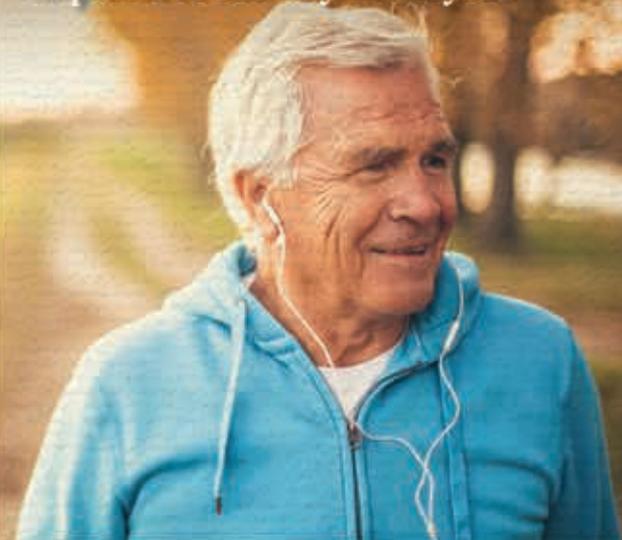
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Above: The steel work indicates the front of the clubhouse/office

Left: Note the circular formation of supporting steel girders. The main entrance area should be an unusual, modern design. It is hoped that such design features indicate a nice apartment community.

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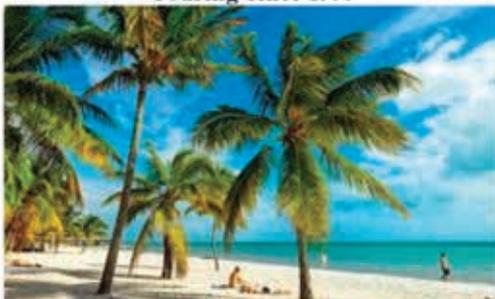
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The Month (March)



Prior to the movie on March 17, HG residents were treated to a musical interlude by a group of young singers, *The Treblemakers*.



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During discussion about closing Rendezvous Restaurant for large parties that are financially lucrative, Res-

taurant Manager Kevin Olson answered queries by HGMD Board directors. He noted that the restaurant has only closed to walk-in diners three times in three years. In fact, the most recent closure for a \$5,000 party did not, in fact, result in turning diners away because

they were served in the back of the restaurant.

...

Golf Committee Chair Vincent Velasquez notified members of the Golf Committee, via email, that no committee meetings would be held until further notice. Velasquez explained he was unable to hold a meeting, as certain financial information he requested had not been provided to him by the Management Office.

On March 16, Velasquez was replaced as chair of



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That Was...

the Golf Committee. The new chair, David Bushman, announced a Golf Committee meeting would be held in April.

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City Councilman Bob Roth, Ward V, brought his last town hall meeting to HG on Feb. 21. He said he is only doing seven this year, alternating between HG and Shalom Cares. He told constituents that he has been appointed to three of nine standing committees: Water Policy, Public Safety, and he chairs the Management and Finance Committee. He also chairs the Denver Regional Council of Governments Board of Directors.

Among the topics covered was an update about Regatta Plaza. A new name has been selected, "The Point at Mile High Station," although it has not won universal acceptance as yet. Plans for redevelopment can be found at www.auroragov.org, or on Facebook under Regatta Plaza Redevelopment.

Another topic was marijuana. Robin Peterson led the discussion. Aurora has issued 24 licenses for retail stores in the city; 20 are open. There are 10 locations licensed for growing marijuana and one custom facility. No drive throughs are permitted.

Roth pointed out that Aurora is known nationally for the manner in which it implemented its program for retail marijuana. Representatives from the city are often invited to answer questions or present the program in other states where retail marijuana is being considered.

The other advantage to the Aurora program — tax revenues from marijuana sales were kept in a separate budget line item, not added to the general fund. Some of the funds have been targeted to purchase a van to get homeless residents to a shelter, develop a homeless shelter in an old police and fire training building, and build a new recreation center on Tower Road.

...

On March 7, Chair Bill Reynolds told the Communications Committee that six HG condos had been sold in February, 18 were for sale, 21 were under contract. The average days on the market was eight.

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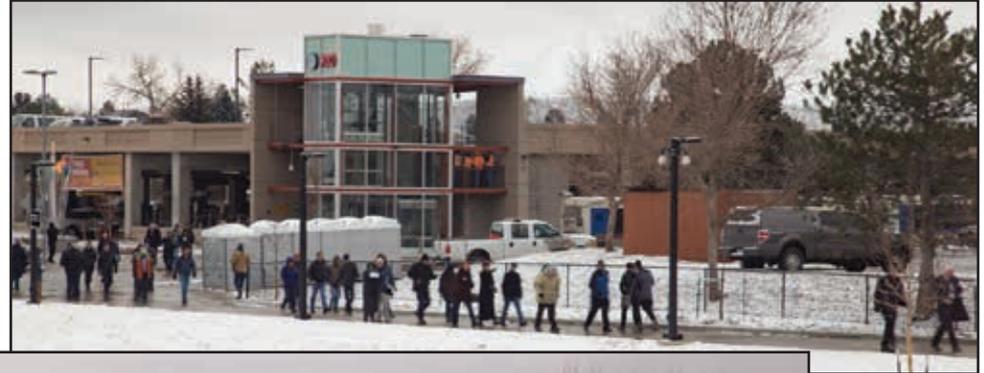


At the Grand Opening ceremonies of the RTD "R" line on Feb. 24, several residents braved the cold weather to see Mayor Steve Hogan and several City Council members cut the ribbon at Iliff Station. Then, everyone got free rides for the day on the line that goes from Peoria station near I-70 at the north to Lincoln Station near Park Meadows. Service will run every 15 minutes during peak hours; every 30 minutes in non-peak hours. At the Peoria Station, you can catch the A line to Denver International Airport.





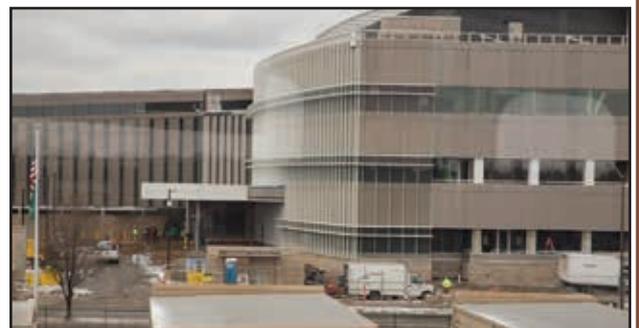
After leaving Iliff Station (above) going North, the light rail crosses Abilene to run east of I-225 (left). Below: Iliff Station parking lot from the train platform.



Sights you might see along the R line. Above: Several views of Iliff Station. Right: Aurora Metro Center Station. Below: Crossing Colfax Avenue at Colfax Station. Below right: Fitzsimons Station.



Photos by Anne Hummel-Gillis



Perspective: History of HGA and HGMD Boards

On Jan. 23, 1973, the developer who built Heather Gardens (HG), Environmental Developers, Inc. (EDI), created a non-profit corporation named the Heather Gardens Association (HGA). The articles of incorporation left all voting rights with EDI until 10 years after the date of incorporation. After 10 years (Jan. 23, 1983), all voting rights in the association transferred to owners of units in HG. (Source: *Articles of Incorporation*.)

On Jan. 24, 1983, residents elected nine members to the HGA Board. Norwood Jones was elected president of board. Work began almost immediately to create a metropolitan district to purchase the non-residential properties (clubhouse, golf course, maintenance building etc.) from EDI. In April, residents approved creating the Heather Gardens Metropolitan District (HGMD) by a vote of 1,835 to 10. A \$2.5 million bond issue was approved 1,505 to 14. Voters filled the five-member HGMD Board in April with individuals recommended by the HGA Board. Jones served as the president of both boards until the May elections.

In May, the first regular election of HGMD Board members took place. The two boards developed an agreement that called for HGMD "to see to it that bond holders are paid on schedule and maintain the property in a condition satisfactory to the City of Aurora."

The agreement also provided for HGA to be "exclusive agents" for the HGMD. The two boards worked harmoniously and cooperatively for 10 years. (Source: "HGA Created HGMD in '83 Amid Harmony and Trust," *Heather 'n Yon [HnY]*, May 1995, page 8)

The agreement between the two Boards was revised and updated periodically. An updated agreement between the two boards, signed March 23, 1990, contained a provision that HGA was to set fees. A schism between the two boards developed in December 1992, when HGMD tried to assess a \$2 fee for residents reg-

istering for winter classes. HGA insisted that setting fees was an association responsibility.

Fees were collected, but HGA and its attorney considered the 1990 management agreement to be inoperative because they considered the class fees illegal. Thus began a multi-year struggle between the two boards. Accounts of the sparring between the boards suggest that strong egos interfered with reaching a sensible compromise. (Source: "Attorneys recommend agreement, HGA votes YES, HGMD hesitates," *HnY* January 1994, p. 8)

In May 1994, it appeared that differences between the two boards would be quickly resolved when three former HGA Board directors were elected to the HGMD Board. These three had campaigned on promises to honor the terms of the 1990 agreement. (Source: "HGA candidates easy winners in contests for 3 HGMD seats," *HnY*, June 1994, p. 5)

However, the presidents of both boards wanted to develop an agreement that "will be so crystal clear that nobody in the future can ever find fault with it." (Source: "HGMD-HGA agreement [or contract] discussions slowed by differences," *HnY*, July 1994, p. 8-9)

Work on the agreement, although amicable, dragged on. In August 1994 *Heather 'n Yon* quoted board members saying that they wanted to create a document "that will survive any challenges brought by future boards." One of the HGMD directors was quoted as saying, "this agreement will carry out the original intent when the first agreement was reached in 1983." (Source: "HGA and HGMD near agreement, but..." *HnY*, August 1994, p. 8)

In the September 1994 issue of *Heather 'n Yon*, it was reported that the two boards had finally signed a mutually acceptable management agreement (p. 9). But almost before the ink on the agreement was dry, disagreements over bylaws and operating procedures re-emerged. (Source: "HGA President's column,"

HnY, December 1994, p. 25)

Conflict between the boards over how the 1994 agreement should be interpreted and implemented continued through 1995. The Area Representative Organization attempted to pressure the boards to settle their differences, because HG residents were thoroughly tired of the continuing disagreements between the boards. (Source: "Latest effort to settle HGA-HGMD Dispute fails..." *HnY* January 1996, p. 5)

(Also see the letter to *HnY* regarding "Heather Gardens History" by Jim Ahearn, starting on page 33 of the February 1996 edition.)

Continuing disagreements between the two boards over procedures for the flow of funds and other operational issues between HGA and HGMD led to the resignation of long-time HGA Treasurer Spencer Worley in March 1996. Worley's position had always been that HGMD should simply focus on paying off bonds and leave operational decisions to HGA. (Source: "A Resignation..." *HnY* March 1996, p. 8)

The following month, the HGA Board President Wallace Alspach resigned, rather than sign a revised management agreement that he felt allowed too much interference in HGA operations by the HGMD Board. His resignation followed an opinion from the HGA attorney that advised against signing the agreement.

The attorney stated in part, "Strict limitations are placed upon the functions which a special district may perform, and it can only act as allowed by its Statement of Purposes. It is our opinion that the only function that the district may exercise is to own the recreational facilities, and to hold, preserve and maintain the property; to repay by tax levy the bonded indebtedness of HGMD..." (Source: "No Agreement..." *HnY* April 1996, p. 8-9)

After Alspach's resignation, the new HGA president signed the revised agreement, dated April 4, 1996. The new agreement did not address the issue of which board

could set fees for use of HGMD property. (Source: "Agreement signed...," *HnY* May 1996, p. 8–11)

After the new management agreement was signed, there was no more public quarreling between the two boards until July 1998. At that time, the HGA Board approved a five-year contract extension with the Golf Pro. The HGMD Board objected and asked that the Golf Committee prepare a three-year business plan for Golf Course operations for review by the HGMD Board. (Source: "Boards differ on content of contract with golf pro," *HnY* August 1998, p. 9)

In December, the HGMD Board sent a letter to the HGA Board terminating the management agreement between the boards effective December 31, 1998. (Source: "District favors new HGA agreement," *HnY* December 1998, p. 10)

A new management agreement was signed by presidents of both boards on May 1, 1999. The new 11-page agreement replaced the five-page agreement signed in 1996. The agreement was reached through patient negotiation by representatives of the two boards. The agreement specified that "the District shall de-

velop and publish a policy statement setting forth the methods and reasons pursuant to which the various resident and non-resident User Fees relating to District properties are to be determined."

Actual fee setting was to be a cooperative effort involving both boards when developing annual budgets. (Source: "Two boards reach new management agreement...," *HnY* May 1999, p. 9. Also see agreement text Section IV.1.a and b. and Section V. 1. f.)

– Lynn Donaldson

HGMD...from page 6

Tense exchanges continued, as Gullion asked to present his Treasurer's report. He announced he could provide no financials. "Calvin has refused to let me examine the books."

White responded, "Bob asked for access to the [financial] software. I offered him printed copies. He cannot have access to association software — he's a renter, and not privy to [homeowner] information. Su asked if he had any questions about the information he received — he refused to answer her." [Most HGMD treasurers have found the multi-page financial reports provided monthly by Chae to be sufficient to assess and report the district's financial positions. Baldwin indicated that he had a copy of that report.]

Velasquez remarked that he had cancelled the Golf Committee meeting for March, because "I asked Calvin for information [regarding golf]. White said he would not respond until the management agreement was finalized."

White said, "Presidents Sawyer

and Kurtz came up with a protocol to go through me for requests [to staff]. That motion was tabled by this board [March 2]. I would like to see that protocol resurrected — it gave more access than you have now [under the old management agreement]. You didn't have to go to the board first [for access to staff] — the presidents were the liaisons."

On a three-to-two vote, the board approved bringing up the tabled protocol of the management agreement, then approved it. On a three-to-two vote, the board also reversed the decision to give notice to the HGA that its management agreement would not be renewed after this year.

The board considered withdrawing all golf-fee changes made after 2017 began. The motion was withdrawn, with Bushman and Gullion saying they would welcome studying golf-course revenues since the changes had been implemented, to confirm what the actual effect has been. White suggested that these two directors, he and a staff person research the golf data together.

Several residents addressed the

board, pleading for peace and harmony.

Velasquez closed the meeting, stating, "I think we did a disservice to the community by not posting these [board] openings."

The board also:

...renewed the contract with the Frolics Club, for 2017, for their spring show, with the same provisions as the 2016 contract.

...approved purchasing a fairway mower from L.L. Johnson (\$58,540, \$4,924 under budget).

...approved repairing the Clubhouse storm drain (\$27,940, \$1,640 under budget).

...approved that The Green Team's request to submit a grant application to the City of Aurora, to provide recycling receptacles at each tee on the golf course, as well as near the Pro Shop (\$1,173).

...approved a change to the restaurant procedure memorandum, allowing the restaurant to close for private parties, if the residents of HG are not inconvenienced by the closure, and the revenue from the party is beneficial to HG.

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{Editor's Note: The following letter was delivered to many HG residents via email on March 19, including the Heather 'n Yon editor. It was not necessarily a letter to the editor, so it is included separately from those.}

Combine HGA and HGMD

Why?

- One entity to manage the affairs of Heather Gardens (HG).
- Transparency protections provided in the special district act and other statutes. Open access to all financial information — salaries and bonuses, wages, expenses, revenues, etc.
- Eliminate an added layer of governance
- Eliminate disagreements between HGA and HGMD

- Eliminate confusion about HGA versus HGMD — who does what, who controls what, etc.

- Eliminate association assessments and realization of economies of scale by having just one entity (the District) perform the functions that the Association and District separately perform now.

Discussion: When HG was established it was necessary to create the homeowners association, HGA, to act as manager of the properties and to collect fees for common expenses, management fees and recreations fees. HGA was needed to repair and maintain the Association's properties.

Then when HGMD was estab-

lished, it was needed to provide a vehicle to obtain funds for the purchase of properties for HG.

Initially the District could not conduct certain of the functions retained by HGA. A change in the law in 2004 provided the ability for special districts to perform these functions.

It is now possible for the district to do all aspects required of the community. No longer is a separate HOA required.

Call to action: The boards of HGA and HGMD need to move now to consolidate the entities and take advantage of rules now in effect.

Bob Gullion, B242
Vincent Velasquez, CP3
HGMD Board Directors

POPV ...from page 7

spreading the word to residents unaware of recent events, regarding the POPV's activities, and why the group is pursuing such action. A special joint meeting of the POPV and the Area Representative Organization (ARO) was scheduled for March 24. Lindeman stated he was working with ARO President Diane Dean, hoping to disseminate information through the ARs.

Hartenbach added, "We will talk to your buildings, face to face. If you

put a meeting together, I will come."

Bud Dickstein, B219, announced, "I'd be willing to make 72 copies, paying out of my own pocket, to hand out in my building. I believe the AR has the authority to distribute anything they think is appropriate."

New Golf Committee Chair Dave Bushman (appointed the day before), announced the Golf Committee would meet 3 pm Wednesday, April 12, to consider recommending nullifying some changes that had been sponsored by former chair Vincent Velasquez.

Dickstein added, "The [HGMD]

bylaws have to change. I believe a chair can remove any committee member without cause — that has to change."

Lindeman concluded, "I believe we have sufficient documentary evidence to demonstrate that the two members of the board did not exercise correct fiduciary responsibility." He urged audience members to continue to document examples of fiscal recklessness by the two directors, should the recall election be deemed necessary.

Bateman ...from page 17

the home while raising her children. Eventually she and Bob "grew apart," and are amicably divorced. They have three grandchildren and three great grandchildren.

Kris later married and divorced Bob Bateman. She moved to HG in 2008.

Today, she likes her ground floor apartment with lanai opening to a view of the spillway. She watches the activities of birds and deer, squirrels and rabbits. It is a peaceful view, reminiscent of the mood on the farm. For her, open space was a place where you "Always feel like you were at peace."

The farm was where "You appreciate where your very being came from, your food, the work that goes into providing food."

— Dala Giffin



Above: A painting that Kris Bateman did in 1974 that now hangs in the entry to her condo in B235.

Left: A younger Kris was photographed in the dress that her mother sewed for Kris to wear when performing. Kris, her mother and sister would frequently sing at school events.

GM Report...from page 15

project in B232.

- Completed work in lobbies of B204, B210, and B211 after FDC pipe installation.
- Scheduled painting interior walls in Clubhouse.
- Organized the paint shop with new shelves.
- Contacted the AR for B207 to discuss chair rail project.

Maintenance

- Completed 692 work orders. Of those, 81 were billable.
- Completed plumbing inspections at B203, B214, and B232.
- Completed replacing FDC pipes.
- Completed copper pipe repairs in numerous locations throughout the property.
- Recoded all of B221's garage door remotes.
- Replaced garage door header at B219.
- Started B219 return line project.
- Replaced and rebuilt boiler heat pump in B232.
- Replaced pressure relief valve in B204.
- Repaired copper pipe leak in B217/507.
- Replaced boiler backflow preventers in B204, B205 and B211.
- Installed two new floor outlets in Rendezvous Restaurant.
- Replaced heat zone valves, isolation valves and boiler drain on 6th floor of B217.

Clubhouse

- Attended committee meetings.
- Held two trips and nine events.
- Accepted Craft Fair applications and made table assignments.
- Soliciting sponsorships for 2017 events.
- Created 2017 Special Events calendar.
- Held book sale that raised \$170+ proceeds for the Foundation.
- Held Clubhouse staff and volunteer meeting.
- Created 2017 goals for Clubhouse.
- Scheduled Spring classes and events 2017
- Started planning for Memorial Day Celebration.
- Tallied transportation surveys. Developed a report.
- Researched the cost for improved screen/tint for the pool area and Sky-

view room.

Contracts

- Monitored siding, roofing and chimney replacement at CP1, CP4 and CP2.
- Worked with engineer and contractor for PS2 stair replacement.
- Worked with architect and contractor for Seville spa repairs.
- Worked with contractor for B217 carpet replacement.
- Worked with contractor for B222 roof re-coat.
- Worked with contractor for Clubhouse carpet.
- Worked with contractor for Clubhouse window tint or blinds.
- Worked with contractor for exterior painting for CP1 and CP4.
- Worked with Maintenance Connection on new work order software.
- Continued working on the Reserve Study.
- Reviewed bids received for elevator preventive maintenance contract.

Custodial

- Completed 14 work orders.
- Completed six set-ups at the Clubhouse.
- Completed inspections of the Clubhouse, Restaurant, and 19 multi-story buildings.
- Cleaned carpet in the restaurant.
- Completed high and low dusting at the Clubhouse.
- Completed window washing of all 36 multi-story buildings, Maintenance Building and Indoor Pool.

Roads and Grounds

- Completing leaf removal at Clubhouse.
- Continued with tree pruning.
- Removed four dead Pinion Pine trees.
- Pruned and cleaned up trees and shrubs from siding and roofing project.
- Continued to survey and plot trees. (2,700 completed)
- Completed 2017 capital expenditure requests.
- Continued maintenance and repairs to summer equipment.
- Cleaning up gravel in turf areas.
- Delivered community directories.
- Organized storage garages at PS3.
- Cleaned pump suction hoses at Marina Pond.
- Removed one Cottonwood tree at Seville Rec.

- Completed snow and ice removal as needed.

Golf

- Completed snow and ice removal at Clubhouse and golf path.
- Installed new tee signs warning golfers on holes #1, 2, 3, and 7.
- Completed new concrete path areas.
- Filled tree stump holes with top soil and grass seed.
- Installed conduit and pipe, and drain lines under new concrete.
- Installed new power cable and pull box for lake fountain and lights at the south pond.
- Hired one seasonal worker.
- Completed tree pruning along golf path.
- Installed pipe rack in storage garage.
- Completed Goosinator box for transport on golf cars.
- Began mowing and sweeping greens to improve putting surface.
- Repaired and moved irrigation sprinklers.
- Purchased drainage pipe and fittings for drainage by new concrete path.
- Prepared sand top dresser machine and fairway aerator for spring aeration.
- Removed dead Spruce tree near #6 green.

Restaurant

- Held 2 memorials, 1 wedding (170 people), annual church luncheon (90 people), Frolics brunch (50 people), and 3 Valentine's Day Parties.
- Hosted two Tony David Dances (Late night Saturdays).
- Installed new electrical outlet on floor for buffet.
- Cleaned grease trap.
- Started work on revising menu.

Security

- Total of 347 reports written and 4,086 miles patrolled.
- Completed and submitted 2017 objectives report.
- Began "Spring Clean-up" for violations of the Declaration and (PM) A-1.

Employee of the Month: Tom Leslie, Maintenance Crew Chief.



Letters

Heather 'n Yon

Seniors '88 New Director

We need your help! Seniors '88 Choir will find themselves, for the first time since 1988, without a choir director. We have been most fortunate to have our present director for 15 years. Because of personal reasons, he will not be able to continue his dedication to our choir.

Seniors '88 Choir is a most worthy cause: we sing for donations and often free for many elderly retirement centers and assisted living centers, many whom cannot leave their facility, so we come to them.

Please help us find a director who is as enthusiastic about sharing their musical talents as we are sharing our gift with those who love to hear us sing. It is rewarding to see our audiences sing along, clap their hands, and tap their toes to music that for a moment brings joy to their heart.

If you have choir director experience, or know someone who would be willing to assist in this noble cause, please call Jewell Gordon, 303-361-6748, or Judy Shormann, 303-974-0981.

The director's responsibilities would include: 1) rehearsals on Tuesdays. 1–2 pm, at Del Mar A.C.A.A. Center; 2) selecting music for monthly performances. The choir takes the summer months off, returning in September through May. The performances are generally within a 10–20 minute drive around Aurora.

Judy Shormann
judys85@hotmail.com

Heather 'n Yon

It's almost spring! One of the reasons I decided to live in HG was the beautiful grounds, trees and gardens. The Roads and Grounds (R&G) crews do an excellent job of nurturing and maintaining it all.

But along with the warmer weather and the spring flowers, come the

weeds. If you like "playing in the dirt" (read: gardening) as I do you might consider assisting the R&G crews by pulling a few weeds around your building or cottage. Specifically, digging thistles and pulling weeds by hand removes the pests without using harsh chemicals.

It doesn't have to be a second career. Just a few minutes a few times a week would help tremendously. However, do not try to trim or cut back bushes or trees. Leave that to our trained horticulturists and their crew.

I am a member of the Roads and Grounds Committee, and enjoy discussing with others how to enhance our area and assisting the crews that do so much for us. I invite you to attend a monthly meeting just to listen or share your ideas and concerns.

Bennie Webster
B223

Heather 'n Yon

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3 pm Friday, April 7

Rendezvous Banquet Room

Many of us are concerned, scared, worried, and bothered about changes coming to health care (possible increased premiums to those 50 to 65, and the loss of coverage by many millions); to our environment (loss of clean air and water); and many other issues as well.

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Linda Champ
CP4

Heather 'n Yon

On Feb. 4, a car outside my building was broken into. Their garage door opener was taken, which is how they got into the underground garage. Many cars were broken into including mine. Several tool chests were stolen, including mine that was

chained to a post, but the thieves cut the chain with bolt cutters. I personally lost over \$3,000 worth of tools.

One car was stolen out of the garage at the same time. The owner did get his car back, but had to have the transmission repaired because of damage the thieves caused to it. Many other items were taken from cars.

Everyone's car was locked but they still got doors open somehow.

There is video, but not clear enough to see a license plate on either the pickup or car used by the thieves.

Lynn Stanley
B221

Heather 'n Yon

This is an update of the activities of the HG District Board (HGMD). This board has had four resignations within the past three months. This is a clear sign that matters on that board are terribly askew and out of control.

Recall that all — I repeat — all of the workers that make HG functional and well-maintained are employees of the association, HGA. For many years HGA and HGMD have operated under the terms of a management agreement pursuant to which HGA's employees kept all facilities functioning and maintained. This includes the Clubhouse, restaurant, Golf Course, Pro Shop, Maintenance building and the RV Parking Lot, which are all owned by HGMD.

At the HGMD meeting on March 10, two of the remaining directors terminated the management agreement. They gave no information as to why they were terminating, nor as to how the facilities and buildings will be operated and maintained. Many serious problems arise.

For instance, if the Golf Course is shut down, the full cost of maintaining that "green space" will fall on all residents. It will be open to the public as a park. Anyone or any group may come here to picnic and/or otherwise enjoy themselves. Please understand that much of the space is now restricted to those who are willing to play and pay for playing golf. These payments help reduce the maintenance costs to the residents.

Moreover, will the employees of HGA be required to move out of the

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

APRIL CALENDAR

Sat 1	Clubhouse Event - Spring Craft Fair Mexican Train Dominoes (every Saturday) Ping Pong Doubles/Intermediate (every Saturday) Clubhouse Event - 1st Saturday Night Live Dance	Multiple Rooms Arts & Crafts Room Game Room Sandberg Auditorium	9 am–4 pm noon–4:30 pm 2–5 pm 6:30–9:30 pm
Mon 3	HG Frolics Ticket Sales (all week) Mah Jongg (every Monday) Men's Bridge (every Monday) Ping Pong Singles/Advanced (every Monday) Pinochle - Open (every Monday)	Clubhouse Lobby Blue Spruce Room Skyview Room Game Room Mountainview Room	10 am–noon 12:30–4 pm 1–4 pm 2–5 pm 6:30–9:30 pm
Tue 4	HG Ladies Golf Club New Member Meeting Bridge (every Tuesday) Hand and Foot (every Tuesday) Clubhouse Event: Living with Dementia Mah Jongg (every Tuesday) Ping Pong Doubles/Intermediate (every Tuesday) Grief Support Group (every Tuesday) B215 Happy Hour Co-Ed Billiards Club (every Tuesday)	Skyview Room Skyview Room Mountainview Room Aspen Room Blue Spruce Room Game Room Mountainview Room Rendezvous Restaurant Billiards Room	10 am 12:30–4 pm 12:30–4 pm 1 pm 1–4 pm 2–5 pm 4 pm 5 pm 6:30 pm
Wed 5	Mobile Post Office ACBL Duplicate Bridge (every Wednesday) Pinochle (every Wednesday) Woodshop Club Men's Poker (every Wednesday) CP1 Happy Hour Square Dancing Club	Circle Driveway Aspen/Blue Spruce Rooms Mountainview Room Mountainview Room Skyview Room Rendezvous Restaurant Sandberg Auditorium	11:30–11:45 am 1–4:30 pm 1:30–4 pm 4 pm 4–9:45 pm 5 pm 7:30–9:30 pm
Thu 6	HG Breakfast Optimist Club TOPS (every Thursday) HG Writers Club (every Thursday) Bunko Cribbage (every Thursday) Ping Pong Doubles/Intermediate (every Thursday) CP4 Social Kiwanis Club of Aurora (every Thursday) American Legion Post 2012	Rendezvous Restaurant Blue Spruce Room Mountainview Room Blue Spruce Room Arts & Crafts Room Game Room Rendezvous Restaurant Rendezvous Restaurant Mountainview Room	7:45 am 8:30–9:30 am 1–3:30 pm 1–3:30 pm 1–3:30 pm 2–5 pm 5 pm 6 pm 7 pm

Advertised Activities and Seminars

Mon, April 3	Bayer Ear Clinic (Every Monday)	Arts & Crafts Room, 9 am–noon (see ad, page 48)
Thu, April 8	Free Lunch/Window Seminar, Renewal by Andersen	Rendezvous Restaurant, 11 am, (see ad, page 40)
Wed, April 12	The NEW Reverse Mortgage Seminar, Shana Judd	Mountainview Room, 10:18 am, (see ad, page 13)
Thu, April 13	Aging in Place, Home Smart	Arts & Crafts Room, 10 am–noon (see ad, page 28)
Wed, April 19	Fun and Fashion	Harvard Square, 2–4 pm, (see ad, page 57)
Wed, April 26	Estate Planning Seminar, Kirch and Rounds Attorney at Law	Blue Spruce Room, 10 am, (see insert)
Sat, April 29	Asset Protection Workshop, Secure Financial Group	Aspen Room, 10:30 am–noon (see ad, page 8)

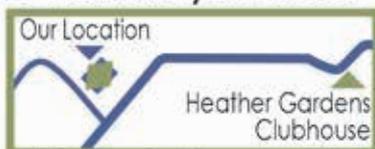
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Thu 6	Men's 9-Ball Billiard Tournament (every Thursday)	Billiards Room	7-9:30 pm
Fri 7	HG Men's Golf Scoring (every Friday) Men with a Purpose Coffee 500 Club (every Friday) Clubhouse Matinee: Moana Men's Poker (every Friday) Clubhouse Movie: Moana	Game Room Skyview Room Blue Spruce Room Sandberg Auditorium skyview Room Sandberg Auditorium	8 am-1 pm 10 am 12:30-4 pm 1 pm 4-9:45 pm 6:30 pm
Sat 8	Clubhouse Event: Fitness Orientation Clubhouse Event: Keeping Up with Technology Clubhouse Event: Beer Tasting 50 and Who's Counting	Fitness Center Blue Spruce Room Sandberg Auditorium Aspen/Blue Spruce Room	9-11 am 9-11 am 3-5 pm 5:30-9:30 pm
Tue 11	VNA Clinic B203 and B204 Social Drinks/Dinner	Blue Spruce Room Rendezvous Restaurant	1-3:30 pm 5 pm
Wed 12	Clubhouse Event - National Parks Tennis Club Social and Dinner Aviation Club	Sandberg Auditorium Rendezvous Restaurant Aspen Room	2 pm 5 pm 7 pm
Thu 13	Clubhouse Event: Watch Batteries Green Team Clubhouse Event: Bingo Residents' Open Forum <i>ARO Quarterly Meeting</i>	Lodgepole Lounge Skyview Room Sandberg Auditorium Rendezvous Restaurant Sandberg Auditorium	9 am-1 pm noon 1-3 pm 3 pm 7 pm
Fri 14	Clubhouse Event - Sugar and Spice Clubhouse Event: AARP Driving Course	Sandberg Auditorium Blue Spruce Room	1 pm 1-5 pm
Sat 15	Clubhouse Event: Keeping Up with Technology Wine and Cheese Social Club	Blue Spruce Room Aspen/Blue Spruce Rooms	9-11 am 3-5 pm
Mon 17	VNA Clinic Photography Club	Blue Spruce Room Aspen Room	1-3:30 pm 3-5 pm
Tue 18	Genealogy Swap Shop Clubhouse Event: RTD "R" Line B205 and B206 Happy Hour Capitol Update with Colorado Legislators	Skyview Room Aspen Room Rendezvous Restaurant Aspen/Blue Spruce Rooms	10 am 1 pm 5 pm 6:30 pm
Wed 19	Colorado Symphony Guild (Hilltop SE Chapter) Clubhouse Event: Healthy Habits CP3 Social Square Dancing Club	Rendezvous Restaurant Skyview Room Rendezvous Restaurant Sandberg Auditorium	11:30 am 1:30-2:30 pm 5 pm 7:30-9:30 pm
Thu 20	HG Breakfast Optimist Club Clubhouse Event - 5 Year Anniversary Bunko	Rendezvous Restaurant Clubhouse Lobby Blue Spruce Room	7:45 am 1 pm 1-3:30 pm
Fri 21	Men with a Purpose Coffee Clubhouse Matinee: Lion Clubhouse Movie Night: Lion	Skyview Room Sandberg Auditorium Sandberg Auditorium	10 am 1 pm 6:30 pm
Sat 22	Clubhouse Event: Keeping Up with Technology	Blue Spruce Room	9-11 am

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APRIL CALENDAR, Cont.

Mon 24	Low Vision Support Group	Arts & Crafts Room	1:30 pm
Tue 25	HG Republican Club HG Democrat Club Caregiver's Support Group	Aspen Room Rendezvous Restaurant Aspen Room	1:30 pm 4:30 pm 7 pm
Wed 26	Resident Orientation Clubhouse Event: Exercise is Medicine	Board Room Sandberg Auditorium	9:45 am 2:30 pm
Fri 28	Clubhouse Event: Lima Street Band Spring Frolics Show	Sandberg Auditorium Sandberg Auditorium	1 pm 7 pm
Sat 29	Spring Frolics Show	Sandberg Auditorium	4 pm
Sun 30	Spring Frolics Show HG Frolics Club Cast Party	Sandberg Auditorium Rendezvous Restaurant	2 pm 5 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 Mountainview 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 @ 10:30 am Tuesdays, Sept.–May, in the Mountainview Room. For information, call Geraldine Pochowicz, 303-740-6105, or email gerry.pochowicz@comcast.net.

Rosary Prayer Group - meets every Tuesday, 9 am, in the Aspen Room. For information, call Joe, 913-526-4177.

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 - 4/14

• Monthly Meetings • Boards and Committees

Communications – 10 am Tue, April 4

Long Range Plan – 10 am Wed, April 5

Civic Affairs – 10 am Thu, April 6

Budget & Finance – 10 am Mon, April 10

HGA Board – 1 pm Tue, April 11

Foundation – 1:30 pm Wed, April 12

Golf – 3 pm Wed, April 12

HGMD Board – 1 pm Thu, April 13

Resident Open Forum – 3 pm Thu, April 13
(Rendezvous)

Clubhouse/Rest – 9 am Tue, April 18

Campus Tech – 10 am Tue, April 18

SEP – 10 am Wed, April 19

ACC – 10 am Thu, April 20

Roads and Grounds – 10 am Tue, April 25

Structure Maintenance – 1 pm Tue, April 25

FYI

Ward V Town Hall Meetings

Councilman Bob Roth, who represents HG/Ward V on city council, has monthly town hall meetings on various topics. The next meeting will be 6–8 pm Tuesday, April 18, at Shalom Cares, 14800 East Belleview Dr., Aurora, 80015. Topic: PROS and Golf. Check www.auroragov.org, for details. Sign up for his weekly newsletter at broth@auroragov.org, or call him, 720-202-2695.

Colorado Legislature Town Hall Meetings

Once a month, the legislators who represent HG, Senator Nan-

cy Todd, Senator Daniel Kagan and Representative Jovan Melton, come to HG for a town hall meeting. With the Colorado Legislature back in session until May, these meetings are your opportunity to find out what is happening to laws being considered. It is also your opportunity to share your opinions on various topics. The next meeting is scheduled for 6:30 pm Tuesday, April 18, in the Aspen/Blue Spruce Room.

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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, April 11, 1–3:30 pm, Blue Spruce Room,
Rebecca Hodgkins, 303-728-4368, or
Barbara McShane

Monday, April 17, 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.

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offices in the Clubhouse, and out of the maintenance building? Will HGA be forced to bear the cost of building facilities to house those employees?

All of the foregoing is the result of actions taken by two HGMD Board directors who give no hint as to why this has been done, or what the future holds.

**Jim Regan
CP1**

Heather 'n Yon

The Ad hoc Committee for the Protection of our Property Values (POPV) has formed a "due diligence" subcommittee to investigate HG golf fees compared to nearby golf courses. It will investigate trends in golfing, and where HG can increase revenue. This is the first report of that subcommittee.

After a presentation that painted a bleak future for the HG golf course during the January HGMD Board meeting, the board approved canceling the non-resident senior rate and eliminating the 2 for 1 rate. It became apparent that HG's course was no longer competitive with surrounding Aurora or Denver golf courses. *Due diligence was apparently not done.* The chart below shows how important non-resident play is.

HG has the only golf course in the area that does not now have a senior rate. After the board's action in January, the Golf Shop has accumulated more than 100 names and telephone numbers of non-residents who have refused to play when told about the new rates, and have told employees that they will not be returning.

There is a notion that HG's so-called subsidy of the Golf Course is out of control. Some feel that it is quite reasonable. In fact, the director

who gave the bleak outlook presentation in January, wrote in the March issue of Heather 'n Yon: "While some residents may differ, I respectfully submit that we are getting one heck of a good deal for our money." What changed? Not much.

Figures obtained from the yearly HG owners' statements show that over nine years (2008–2017), there was a mere \$1 per month increase in Recreation Fees, which is hardly alarming. The Recreation Fees covers the cost of all amenities that are not covered by revenue. These amenities include: the Golf Course, Rendezvous Restaurant, and the Clubhouse.

**Gary Hizer
B232**

Heather 'n Yon

"Gerne-Gross" is a German expression for someone who has an inferiority complex, and wants to make up for it. The English equivalent is "Wannabe."

People so inflicted, say and do things to make themselves feel superior. They do not care about the hurt and trouble they inflict on others, thereby belittling themselves in the eyes of others.

A good example we all know, was Adolf Hitler. He was not tall and failed to become a famous painter in Vienna. You know how he ended

Do not be a "Gerne-Gross," if you can help it. And I hope you enjoyed a little German lesson from a retired teacher.

**Ingeborg K. Millett
CP3**

Heather 'n Yon

316,000,000 people can't be wrong. Just ask your HGA Board. Do you Skype? Skype has 300,000,000 active monthly users. Go to meeting hosts: 16,000,000 meetings per

month. However, your board would rather revise its bylaws than embrace modern technology and use an electronic meeting format as an alternative for the occasional instance that a committee member has to be away. You see and hear each other in real time. The fact that you cannot smell my coffee should not be the determining factor. These formats have gained enormous popularity and acceptance as society becomes more mobile.

We continue to add committees when the board has acknowledged that finding volunteers to fill committee seats is a problem. They propose to add spouses whose names are not on the deed, residents whose children own the property, residents whose property is held in trust, or renters. While these might be good ideas, they would require a bylaws change. To just outright refuse resident owners who could easily attend electronically when on vacation, out of town, in the hospital — is poor judgment.

Change the bylaws? Let's try this first. Some board members would rather have empty seats than modernize. A plethora of electronic meeting services exist, usually offering 30-day free trials with online help. Our committees are eight people sitting around a table in a room that already has the technology.

Directors will tell you it takes complex technology on both ends or that it is extremely difficult to participate in a meeting. It does not. I wonder how 16,000,000 folks manage to do so monthly? Members will take advantage and attend meetings from home. Please have more respect for your fellow residents. Such narrow-minded, progress-resistant thinking has no place on HG's board.

Deb Smith, CP2

	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	Average
Total Revenue (Greens fees only)	\$222,567	\$217,974	\$212,788	\$209,326	\$217,001	\$213,675	\$215,555
Non-resident play (all four categories*)	\$183,939	\$171,291	\$166,431	\$164,440	\$168,930	\$165,279	\$170,052
% of Revenue	82.64	78.58	78.21	78.56	77.85	77.35	78.87
Discontinued categories (non-resident senior; 2 for 1)	\$94,997	\$90,362	\$95,360	\$105,865	\$113,240	\$118,170	\$102,999
% of Revenue	42.68	41.46	44.82	50.57	52.18	55.30	47.64

* The four categories are: non-resident senior, non-resident guest, 2 for 1, and league

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St. Patrick's Day was celebrated by several HG buildings with colorful results! B217 was in Rendezvous. Photos by Anne Hummel-Gillis.



Above: B232 had a chili/soup cookoff. Winners were (from left): Diane Dean, 2nd; Bill Schmit and Dave Simmons tied for 3rd; Anna Metzsch was the 1st place winner! Below: B233 gathered to show off their Irish (?) hats.



Photos by Kathy Simmons, B232; Connie Stewart, B233.

Clubs and Organizations

Frolics Club

Rehearsals for the 2017 Frolics production are in full swing, and the cast is preparing to bring an energetic performance for the pleasure of our audiences. Ticket sales will start on Monday, April 3. Purchase tickets Monday through Friday, 10 am to noon, in the Clubhouse Lobby. If you cannot get to the Clubhouse during those hours, call Joyce Laman, 720-535-4323, to arrange for purchasing tickets.

The cast and production crew will have their party 5:30 pm Saturday, April 29, after the 4 pm show, at Rendezvous Restaurant. Participants and their guests are welcome to attend; further details will be given to the cast at rehearsal time. – M. Mines

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. Lodge 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.

Meditation Group

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

Woodshop Meeting

The next Woodshop Club meeting will be at 4 pm on Wednesday, April 5, in the Mountainview Room. Please join us and bring your ideas, concerns and expertise. – Jim Sollecchio

CP1

Our monthly happy hour is on the first Wednesday of the month, 5 pm, in the Banquet Room. See you on April 5!

HG Breakfast Optimist Club

We are a service organization that focuses on youth in the community, and are always looking for folks interested in joining. Our projects this year include Yale Elementary School, Childhood Cancer Campaign, and Type 1 Diabetes.

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

April programs:

April 6: Dr. Ashley Crampton will speak on Immunity Health.

April 20: Cheryl Pershey will present, "The Lost Superpowers of the Club Sandwich Generation."

Please put Saturday, May 6, on your calendar for the next Pancake Breakfast. Proceeds will support the Optimist campaign to fight childhood cancer.

TOPS

Are you ready to stop dieting, and start making real changes? TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) can help you reach your weight-loss goals by providing the tools, information, support, and accountability you need to be successful. After all, this has been a winning formula for TOPS members over the last 60-some years.

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tact Krista Loetscher, 303-330-0322, or visit 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 1-3:30 pm every Thursday in a Clubhouse room. Please contact Joanne Brand, 303-750-9722, for further information. We look forward to meeting you.

CP4

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

– Carol Drollinger

League of Women Voters

The League of Women Voters of Arapahoe and Douglas Counties (LWVADC) is a cadre of dedicated volunteers whose mission is to educate, advocate, and empower our fellow citizens in the democratic processes. Membership is open to women and men. Call Charlotte Faris, 303-690-8466, for information on meetings.

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 the Rendezvous Restaurant at HG.

We also are on the web: Aurora-co.kiwanisone.org. For more information, call Rich Richardson, 303-368-5747.



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American Legion Post 2012

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We offer friendship, community service, fellowship and fun with other veterans and their families. We also do outreach to homeless veterans.

Come to a meeting, and check us out. We meet on the first Thursday of every month, 7 pm, in the Mountainview Room. For more information, contact Commander Don Clair, B243, 720-219-8707, or copost2012cmd@gmail.com

Men with Purpose

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

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

50 and Who's Counting

On Saturday, April 8, we will have a potluck. Please bring a dish to share. We will also play Mexican Train Dominoes, so bring a few nickels and some change.

Please meet us at 5:30 pm for social hour; dinner will follow at 6. Any questions, call Dottie, 720-939-7169, or Marge, 303-369-9726. We look forward to seeing you there!

– Dottie Gravning

HG Aviation Club

The club will meet 7 pm Wednesday, April 12, Aspen Room. The April program will feature a "sequel" of the March program on the Battle of Midway.

This month's program is a *National Geographic* documentary, which chronicles the Bob Ballard expedition to find the sunken carriers, U.S.S. Yorktown and the Japanese Carrier Akagi. The ships

sank in 17,000 feet of water, deeper than the Titanic or the Bismarck, and deeper than any of Ballard's previous expeditions.

The video also features outstanding combat footage and history of the actual battle, narrated by Peter Coyote, with personal interviews of U.S. Navy and Japanese survivors. This is a great sequel to the March showing of the Hollywood movie by the same name. The personal stories of the survivors are most intriguing, informing, and touching.

The Battle of Midway was the greatest Naval Battle of the Pacific theatre during WW2. Midway turned the tide of WW2 in the Pacific for the U.S. – Rudy Morris

The Green Team

Tip for the Month: Plastic shopping bags may have the recycle symbol, but don't let that fool you. Here, in HG, they must go in the trash. Those bags get tangled in the Waste Management machinery, causing everything to come to a screeching halt. Please think before you throw.

Another material that might confuse you is the styrofoam take-out box that you may get from a local restaurant. Although it may have that triangle logo, it needs to be put in with your trash, too. In fact, nothing made of styrofoam should ever be included in your recyclables.

If you would like to know more, join us for the next meeting noon–2 pm Thursday, April 13, in the Skyview Room. Call Wendy, 303-306-0066.

Ports of Call Singles

The original Ports of Call Singles (POCS) group is seeking new members. We recently celebrated our 35th anniversary.

The club holds two social hours per month. The first is 4–6 pm on the second Monday of each month, at Senior Ric's.

The second monthly social is 4–6 pm, on the fourth Thursday, at Baker St. Pub. Call JoAnn Cunningham, B241, 303-751-5195, Membership Chair, for the monthly newsletter and additional information.

Parkinson Support Group

This group meets on the second Tuesday of each month, at the Life Care Center of Aurora, 1–3 pm, at 14101 E. Evans Ave.

B203 & 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.

Wine & Cheese Social Club

Join us on the third Saturday of each month, 3–5 pm. We get together in the Aspen/Blue Spruce Room. Everyone is welcome. Bring a bottle of wine and a snack. Enjoy socializing with other HG neighbors.

Entertainment is provided. If you have a talent you want to share, we invite you to join in. – Karen McClaury

Photo Club

The Photo Club meets on the third Monday of each month, 3–5 pm in Aspen Room.

Aurora Christian Women's Vital Network

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

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

Genealogy Swap Shop

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

B205 and B206

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

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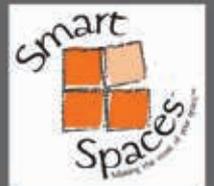
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Men's Bridge

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

Ping Pong

Fun and free; great exercise. Come join us in playing ping-pong doubles 2 pm on 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. – M. Mines

Mah Jongg

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

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: Estelle, 303-750-0936.

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.

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.

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 Room. With questions, call Phyllis Lann, 720-535-8531.

Billiard Club

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

Annual dues of \$9 are payable on January 1 of each year. All new players are welcome.

Questions? Call Sean Kelliher, 720-427-6174, or Connie Burns, 303-693-0766.

Co-ed 8-Ball February 21

1st Chuck Finder,

Joe Ozorkiewicz
2nd Hi Reynolds,
Charlie Kachadoorian
3rd Roger Goldstein, John Murphy

February 28

1st Bruce Bucenec, Ray Binder
2nd Chuck Finder, Geri Bartolini
3rd Hi Reynolds, Larry Schneller

March 7

1st Ray Binder, Sean Kelliher
2nd Lindy Davenport,
Charlie Kachadoorian
3rd Judy Brehmer, Bruce Bucenec

March 14

1st Joe Ozorkiewicz,
Lindy Davenport
2nd Barb Schneller,
Greg Kachadoorian
3rd Hi Reynolds, Judy Brehmer

Men's 9-Ball February 16

1st Lucky Highfill
2nd Greg Kachadoorian
3rd John Murphy

February 23

1st Greg Kachadoorian
2nd Hi Reynolds
3rd John Murphy

March 2

1st Gail Gibson
2nd Chuck Finder
3rd Ron Spry

March 9

1st Lucky Highfill
2nd Gail Gibson
– 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 Merriely VanZevern, 720-282-3199. For partnership information, call Corley Freisen, 303-872-3308.



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Ladies Golf Club

Are you ready for some fun? Please join us for the Spring Luncheon on Wednesday, April 5, at the Rendezvous Restaurant. Social hour starts at 11:30 am, with lunch served at noon.

Annual dues need to be paid as soon as possible, and no later than April 10, for you to be included in the 2017 golf booklet. The first day of play will be Wednesday, May 3: sign-up sheet will be available at the Spring Luncheon.

We still have openings on various committees. Please consider volunteering — your help and support are greatly appreciated.

Something new this year: the Membership Committee is having a contest for recruiting new members. Each new member will be asked to identify a member who has encouraged them to join our golf league. The names of those individuals will be placed in a box, and a winner drawn. The winner will receive a free lunch for two at the Rendezvous Restaurant — how cool is that? See you soon — looking forward to a great 2017 season.

Below is a quick update of events that have been scheduled so far for this season. As the season progresses, additional details will be provided along with additional scheduled events.

- Annual dues are \$40 for residents and \$50 for non-residents.
- Dues can be paid at the Spring Luncheon, or by leaving your check payable to HG Ladies Golf in the Pro Shop.
- If your email/address/telephone number has changed since the 2016 booklet, please let Mary Frevert know as soon as possible.
- The Spring Luncheon to welcome everyone and to kick off our 2017 season is Wednesday, April 5 in Rendezvous Restaurant.
- First day of play is May 3 with tee times starting at 7:30 am. (Tee times will start at 7 in June.) The 2017 season will be every Wednesday from May 3 to September 27.
- HG Men's and Women's Mixer will be held on June 12 with a Shot-

gun start and lunch to follow.

- HGLGC will join the Optimists Club to host a bake sale to sponsor two junior golfers.

- Our annual Battle of the Gardens tournament with Windsor Gardens, along with a new tournament with Heather Ridge, are currently being finalized.

- HGLGC Tournament of Champions is scheduled for Aug. 28 and 30, with a luncheon and election of 2018 officers to follow.

- Our Awards Luncheon will be Oct. 4 in the Rendezvous Banquet Room.

- Helpers Tournament is scheduled for Oct. 11.

- The next board meeting will be 1 pm Wednesday, April 26.

For membership information, please contact Carolyn Manly, 303-745-1060, or Karen Huber, 303-246-3859. Also, check our website at www.heathergardensladiesladiesgolfclub.com for additional details and our membership application.

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.

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.

Tennis Club

Warm weather! Hurray! Join us Monday through Saturday 1–3 pm on the courts.

We have monthly socials in Rendezvous Restaurant on the second Wednesday. A brief meeting kicks off at 5 pm, followed by the dinner social.

Please join us April 12: all are welcome! For more information, call Wendy, 303-306-0066. — Wendy Pfaffhausen

Pickleball

The schedule for Pickleball will be emailed to everyone on the Pickleball email list for April. We will be playing outdoors in the afternoon, when the weather is nice, but mostly indoors, when Sandberg Auditorium is available and the weather is colder. We are planning to have beginner lessons again this year, outdoors, if you are interested in learning to play Pickleball.

We always welcome new Pickleball players, so come out and join us. Enjoy this fast growing sport!

To see this fun sport in action, check out: plaidflannel.com/Pickleball. If you want to learn more about Pickleball, or get on the Pickleball roster, call Rosalie, 303-751-1226, or Judy, 303-369-6258.

Men's Golf Club

Well, here we go! As you are reading this, we have already had our spring banquet. Hope you made it, and enjoyed the dinner provided by the great staff of the Rendezvous Restaurant.

Our first tournament of the year will be held Friday, April 7. If the weather is as nice as it was during February and March, we will all be playing in shorts. Be sure and check with the Pro Shop or our web site (heathergardensmensgolfclub.com) for tee times.

New members are always welcome. See our website or check with the Pro Shop staff.

There may be some rules changed for the club, most especially regarding pace of play. Check on this when you check in.

As we start our tournament season, be sure and check out the ongoing course projects, tree and stump removal, and path improvements. There also is new signage concerning housing adjacent to the course and errant golf shots.

In the near future, the greens and tee boxes will be aerated and top dressed. Asphalt paths will also be topped off.

So here's to the new season and may yours be great! Respect other golfers! Respect the course! Keep swinging! — Ed Bradley

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Employee Recognition

Employee of the Month

Tom Leslie has been with HG Maintenance Department since September 2013. He was hired as a Serviceman, then was promoted to a Crew Chief in September 2015. He was proven to be very knowledgeable in all aspects of building repair. He is a great problem solver, coming up with ideas and solutions to fix some difficult issues. Tom has received numerous compliments from building residents and Area Representatives.

Tom has a positive attitude and is always the first to volunteer to help in any situation. He has taken on the newly established Special Projects work group. He organizes, and schedules special project repairs around the entire property. He has helped come up with a repair plan to put into action modifying a multi-story boiler room to

help prevent workers from being scalded by hot water.

We are happy to have Tom as part of the Maintenance Staff. He is a true team player and a great asset to the department and HGA.

For these reasons, I am pleased to announce Tom Leslie, Employee of the Month for February 2017.

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AARP is sponsoring free assistance in completing federal and state income tax returns for 2016 for anyone over age 50 who has low-to-moderate income (generally less than \$50,000) and no business or rental property income of any kind. Appointments are required and must be made in advance.

Call 303-739-7962 between 9 am and 3 pm Monday through Friday to schedule an appointment. Only Mondays or Tuesdays are scheduled at the Aurora Center for Active Adults, 30 Del Mar Circle. No call backs will be made.

Remember to bring all income reporting forms for interest, dividends, pensions, wages and social security as well as a list of potential deductible items. Also, bring copies of your 2015 tax returns and your packet for 2016 tax filing. A list of what to bring and an itemized deduction worksheet may be picked up at the Aurora Center.

Additional free tax-site information is available by dialing 2-1-1 or visiting www.piton.org/tax-help. If you make less than \$64,000 and have access

to the internet, you may file your taxes online for free at myfreetaxes.com.

Metropolitan Opera in cinema

Tchaikovsky's *Eugene Onegin*

10:55 am Saturday, April 22

Tchaikovsky's setting of Pushkin's timeless verse novel is presented on the Met stage in Deborah Warner's moving production, starring Anna Netrebko as Tatiana and Mariusz Kwiecien and Peter Mattei sharing the title role. Alexey Dolgov sings the role of Lenski, and Robin Ticciati conducts.

Closest theaters:

- Century Aurora 16, 14300 E. Alameda Avenue, Aurora, 303-363-0300
- Greenwood Plaza 12, 8141 E Arapahoe Rd, Englewood, 844-462-7342

Tickets \$22 (seniors); \$24 (adults); \$18 (children), in advance or at the door. www.metopera.org/Season/In-Cinemas

Antique Appraisal Fair

9 am-3 pm Saturday, April 22

Aurora Central Library

14949 E Alameda Pkwy

Hosted by the Aurora Museum Foundation, local appraisers evaluate your antiques and collectibles. Call 303-739-6705, for an entrance time.

No walkings accepted. \$5 per item (five item limit). All proceeds benefit the museum.

FAA Public Meeting

5:30 pm Tuesday April 4

Aurora Municipal Center

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Arapahoe County Bicycle Plan

Eastern Public Meeting

5-7 pm Thursday, April 6

Arapahoe County Fairgrounds,

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Several HG painters enjoyed a late Friday afternoon (March 10) in the Arts & Crafts Room, creating a new painting while enjoying snacks and punch (alcoholic and nonalcoholic), at **A Paint and Sip Afternoon**. No one described which drink provided the most creativity. The model painting, combining the Colorado logo and a snowy mountain scene at night was interpreted differently by each painter.





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The RTD Spring trips will be available the week of March 20. Look for the trip brochure or go online at www.healthgardens.org. Select the Activities page. An email will be sent to subscribers as soon as trips are released.

The following trips are tentative only; please see the final list available in the Clubhouse and online.

Jesus Christ Superstar

Wednesday, April 12, 1 pm,
Main Stage
Signup Deadline: March 22
Cost: \$60

Evita

Wednesday, April 19, 1:30 pm,
Lone Tree
Signup Deadline: March 29
Cost: \$40

Dazzle

Thursday, April 27, June 29, 10 am,
Downtown
Signup Deadline: April 6
Cost: \$23

The Kingston Trio

April 29, 7 pm, Paramount Theatre
Signup Deadline: April 08
Cost: \$54

Secret Garden

Sunday, April 30, 1:30 pm, Stage
Theatre
Signup Deadline: April 9
Cost: \$37

Rockies Game: Special Charter

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Sunday, May 7, noon, Coors Field
Signup Deadline: April 16
Cost: \$33

Please join us for a special trip to a Rockies game on a Senior Day! Rockies versus Arizona Diamondbacks. We will charter a coach to the game and back. Our seats are along the 1st base line! Cost includes coach fare and game ticket.

Celestial Seasonings / Sculpture Garden Tour

Tuesday, May 9, 10 am, Boulder
Signup Deadline: April 18
Cost: \$3

Denver Concert Band

Sunday, May 14, 2:30 pm,
Lone Tree
Signup Deadline: April 23
Cost: \$18

National Geographic Live – Mars

Wednesday, May 17, 10 am,
Lone Tree
Signup Deadline: April 26
Cost: \$22

The Bernice Murders

Saturday, May 20, noon,
Adams Mystery Playhouse
Signup Deadline: Sunday, April 30
Cost: \$44

Heavenly Harp

Wednesday, May 24, 1:30 pm,
Lone Tree
Signup Deadline: May 3,
Cost: \$22

Joseph & the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat

Saturday, June 3, noon,
Boulder Dinner Theatre
Signup Deadline: May 13
Cost: \$44

First Ladies of Jazz

Wednesday, June 14, 1:30 pm,
Lone Tree
Signup Deadline: May 24
Cost: \$22

Curious Incident of the Dog

Thursday, June 15, 2 pm,
The Ellie
Signup Deadline: May 25
Cost: \$43

Casino Trips

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Tuesday, April 18, 8:30 am–3:30 pm
Tuesday, May 16, 8:30 am–3:30 pm
Tuesday, June 20, 8:30 am–3:30 pm
Cost: \$6

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Colorado Symphony Guild—Hilltop/Southeast Chapter

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

RSVPs are required. Information, call Connie Reger, 720-535-6485.

CP3

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

Seville Recreation Association

SRA meets the fourth Monday of every month, 10 am, in a different Seville building. For information: Joe Moore, 303-671-4653.

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. Marsha Bergen, 720-535-5224.

HG Republican Club

The newly elected and installed Arapahoe County Republican Chair Rich Sokol is the guest speaker at the HG Republican Club (HGRC) meeting 1:30 pm Tuesday, April 25, Aspen Room. Sokol is a graduate of the Harvard School of Economics, and an active member of the Colorado Republican Party.

In addition, the HGRC will elect officers for 2017. Nominations will be accepted before the election. Members, make your voice heard. All are welcome. Please join us. – Larry Swift, President

HG Democrats

Please plan to attend our monthly Democratic meeting 4:30 pm Tuesday, April 25, in the Rendezvous Banquet Room. The all-you-can-eat buffet is offered, for dinner. Everyone is welcome!

Caregivers Support Group

HG Caregivers Support Group meets on the last Tuesday of the month, 7–8:30 pm, in the Aspen Room. The group is open to all

residents of HG who provide care for family or friends.

The object is to meet for fellowship, fun, education, and to solve our problems together. It is a chance to meet others in the same situation, and to learn how we each meet the challenges of caregiving.

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

HG Grief Support

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Saturday, April 1, 6:30–9:30 pm, Sandberg Auditorium

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

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Tuesday, April 4, 1 pm, Aspen Room

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Thursday, April 20, 1 pm

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Friday, April 28, 1 pm, Sandberg Auditorium

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Overheard @ HG

My Easter bonnet looks suspiciously like a golf cap

by Mary Hafka

Easter is on April 16 this year. Everybody have their new Easter bonnets purchased?

Easter is one of those holidays I barely notice each year, primarily because I'm often working at the Golf Shop on Sundays. It wasn't always so. Having been raised in very-Catholic St. Louis, Easter was a bigger deal to me.

My indulgent mother always prepared Easter baskets for her children, stuffed with green artificial "grass," a big, solid-chocolate bunny from Mavarkos Chocolates (a St. Louis chocolatier, Mavarkos was founded in 1913 by a Greek immigrant), and several smaller Mavarkos solid-chocolate bunnies.

(None of those hollow bunnies, my mother scoffed. And settling for a chocolate bunny made by Brachs Confectioners was a sure sign one's standards had slipped.)

The bunnies were flanked, in the basket, by plenty of colorful jelly beans, yellow marshmallow chicks and dyed hard-boiled eggs. Easter was nearly as good as Christmas, at our house. Halloween, with all of its candy inducements, wasn't even a close second.

Also, there were new Easter outfits each year. Shopping in the weeks before Easter for a new dress was a tradition I enjoyed with my mother, until I turned into a teenager, and wanted to shop for myself.

The magic of Easter, to a child, naturally faded over the years — although I think my mother continued to mail me Easter "care packages" after I left home. Even as an adult, I simply had to have a big Mavarkos chocolate bunny to celebrate the season.

For a while, one of my Easter traditions was re-watching *Easter Parade*. Some local television station re-ran the movie each year, and I watched it every time.

The movie featured elegant folks in wide-brimmed hats and swirling skirts, dancing up and down Fifth Avenue, in the annual Easter parade, to the jaunty music of Irving Berlin. I think I imagined that's how glamorous people in New York City actually celebrated the holiday.

It was with surprise, some years later, when I read that the sterling cast of the golden movie was a bunch of second stringers, not the first choice of the studio. The role so debonairly inhabited by Fred Astaire had been meant for Gene Kelly, who broke his ankle at an inopportune time, playing volleyball.

The retired Astaire — who came out of retirement to accept the role — had been deemed to be a little long in the tooth to play a high-stepping Broadway dancer.

The role of second-female lead, Ann Miller, was supposed to be played by Cyd Charisse, who broke her leg. (1948 apparently was a bad year for fracturing extremities.) Even Judy Garland, who played the role of a naive chorus girl so indelibly, was considered a risk by Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer, due to her unreliable emotional behavior.

Easter Parade turned out to be both Garland's and Astaire's most financially successful picture ever. It also was the highest-grossing musical of the year.

By the time I was in college, in Boulder, the Easter dresses had gone by the wayside. I journeyed to an Easter sunrise service at Look Out Mountain, dressed in blue jeans and lots of warm coverings. I was in the company of a group of my friends, several of whom were Evangelical Christians. Prior to the service starting, the sound system blared out the soundtrack to *Jesus Christ Superstar*.

One of my college pals was deeply offended. His Lord wasn't

a "superstar," he growled. Easter apparently affects different people differently.

Nearly 20 years ago, a friend and I decided it was time both of us got to view, for the first time, that annual phenomenon: the cherry blossoms, in full bloom, in Washington, D.C. We dutifully made reservations for a vacation, in April, and sojourned to our nation's capital.

The cherry blossoms turned out to be a bust. They had chosen to bloom early, that year, in March, so we missed the entire event.

Undaunted, we set out, on foot, to explore other touristy sites in D.C. The Franklin Delano Roosevelt Memorial, with its impressive outdoor-rock corridors, had opened since each of us had last visited the city. So had the Korean War Veterans Memorial, south of the Reflecting Pool, featuring 19 stainless-steel statues of Americans fighting the Korean War.

The Newseum, which chronicled the history of American news and media, welcomed visitors on Pennsylvania Avenue. And the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum was receiving tourists at the National Mall.

In our fervor to "do Washington," both of us forgot about Easter. But Easter wasn't done with us.

On our Sunday trek to the Holocaust Museum, we chose to stroll by the White House. After rounding the corner of the fenced abode, we were confronted by a steam-roller-like crowd of determined mothers in imposing-looking athletic wear, pushing Baby Jogger™ strollers containing a virtual army of toddlers. The horde bore down on us — who were coming the other way on the sidewalk — like an angry herd of charging buffalo.

It was the day of the annual Easter Egg Roll on the White House lawn. That stroller motorcade ran all pedestrians right off the sidewalk.

Still, it was good to know that the tradition of mothers trying to make special Easter memories for their children hadn't gone out of style. It just changed form a little.



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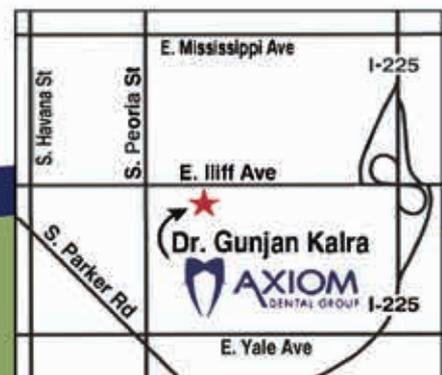
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