

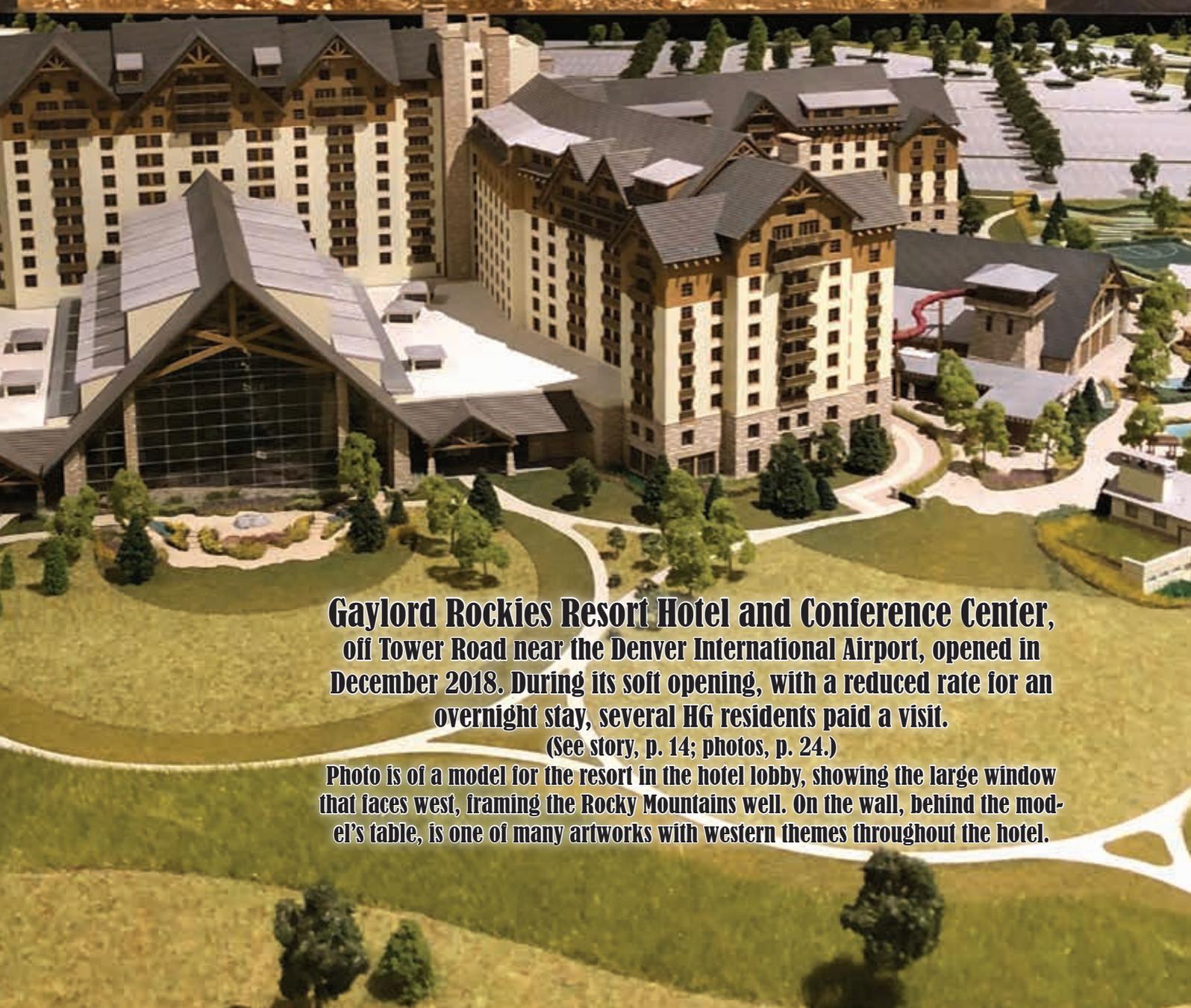


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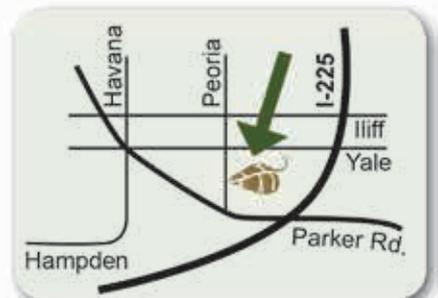
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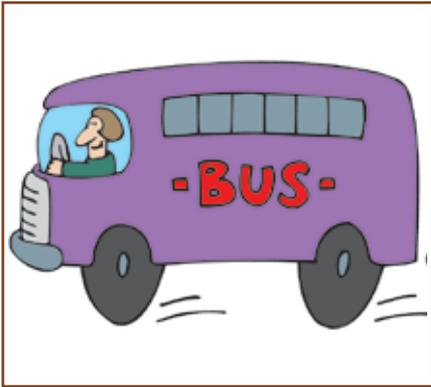


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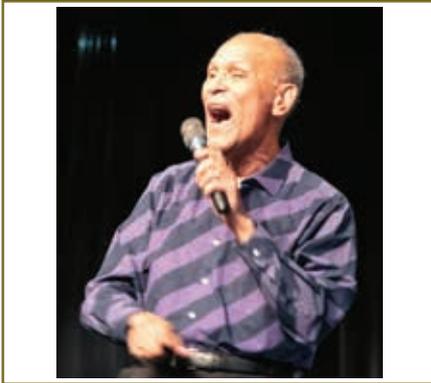
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\$3.9 million moved to capital reserves

All directors attended the Jan. 15 meeting of the HGA Board of Directors. An overflow crowd in attendance taxed the limitations of seating in the Board Room.

The board approved moving \$3.881 million of insurance funds into the Capital Reserve Fund. Holding the funds in capital reserves would save HG roughly \$1 million, because paying taxes is not required for capital-reserve funds, said General Manager Calvin White.

The money represents insurance funds not spent on roofs, siding and chimneys in CPs and THs, which were damaged by hail. Consolidating many small jobs into one big one, and obtaining good pricing on the planned repairs, HG was left with excess funds.

Art Mendoza, B222, offered the opinion that the funds should be earmarked to keep next year's HOA fees lower.

Treasurer John Coil responded, "That's exactly what happens to excess funds, although it happens two years later." Excess funds from 2019 are budgeted to be applied towards the 2021 budget, as the 2019 budget year isn't finished when the 2020 budget is prepared.

The board ratified spending an additional \$23,800 on repairing and renovating the elevator in B232. White explained that, when the cement floor of the elevator was jackhammered, repair people found the elevator had been installed differently from others in HG. Seven feet of sand surrounded the elevator jack, requiring more equipment and manpower to extract it. White added several other HG elevators might be found to have been installed the same way.

The board approved the distribution and publication of an extensive article on Committee recruitment. Communications Chair Bill Reynolds commented the article was intended to be a, "user-friendly, diplomatic, discreet document, to describe what is expected of those serving on a board or committee." (See page 11.)

Speakers representing B205 and B206 spoke about a resident conducting alleged illegal activities from a B206 unit, which resulted in a drug overdose to an individual on Christmas day. SEC chair Rex Engel urged residents to

continue to file written complaints with Security on such activities, to give HG a basis for investigating; and to also call the police, who investigate criminal activities.

Several residents expressed displeasure about the way the November 2018 annual meeting was handled, urging the board to do better in 2019. Ann Black, B235, said, "people had only four days to return everything [proxies]."

Candice Compton, B220, reported that HG could have rented the auditorium at Hinkley High School, with A/V equipment for about \$900, versus the \$9,000 that was spent at the Raddison.

Director Kim Deal responded, "Hinkley is about five miles away, and not everyone drives." A number of residents were observed walking to the Raddison on the day of the annual meeting.

Mendoza stated, "I think the information in *Heather 'n Yon* [on the meeting] was incomplete." He noted the number of votes against the budget was reported, as was the number of votes needed to veto the budget. "I didn't see the total number of votes cast."

Sawyer responded, "We'll look into that." Several directors reminded Mendoza that those who supported the budget knew they could skip the meeting and not vote, without consequence, as only votes to veto counted toward the simple majority needed to veto.

Sawyer announced an executive session for the HGA Board that would be at 6 pm that evening, in the Board Room. The subject of the session was not disclosed.

Other approvals by the board:

...correcting a typo/omission in a policy document, deemed "substantial," in an HG legal section regarding the enforcement of covenants, rules and fines.

...announcing a Jan. 22 training meeting for directors with HGA's attorney.

...extended the membership on the Communications Committee, by one year, for Nancy Henson, STH, and Keith Taylor, B211.



Snow in January ended most outdoor activities at HG



Golfers were celebrating a mild fall and winter that extended the golf season for the hardiest enthusiasts, but the new year brought several snow storms, separated by days, that kept the course covered. It is hoped that this hardy squirrel (left) remembered where he planted the nuts he gathered last fall.

Photos by Anne Hummel-Gillis

Extra! Extra! Information for you –

CP4 investigation update

Sticking to its policy, detailed in the December issue of *Heather 'n Yon*, HG management is issuing weekly updates regarding activity in CP4 after the explosion and fire on Nov. 16. These updates are posted in all buildings, and sent via email blast to residents who have joined the email list.

Residents living nearby reported that demolition trucks and equipment were onsite as of Jan. 17.

On Jan. 18, this update was issued.

“Since the November incident in the Heather Gardens (HG) neighborhood, the Aurora Fire Rescue (AFR) and other investigators have been on scene probing the causes and circumstances of the fire. As of yesterday, Jan. 17, the AFR released the investigation site to HG.

“Final demolition and construction will commence in the near future as next steps are taken to select contractors, submit permit requests and determine a construction schedule. While we are making progress, there are still many tasks ahead to get ev-

erything done. This all takes time, so as always, your patience in these matters is appreciated.

“The AFR said its investigation will continue off-site, and a full report and explanation of the incident will take some time. There are still several steps that must take place before this is a publicly accessible area.

“First, HG will be working with the city, Xcel and others to restore power and related services. In the coming weeks, an owner’s representative will provide oversight of the construction process to manage budgets, production timelines and workmanship. HG is currently finalizing selection of this provider, which must be done before any of the demolition and construction can begin. This will ensure the Management Office and Security can remain focused on the needs of the full community, and that the clean-up and rebuild are completed as efficiently as possible.

“The fiber optic work by Xfinity has been put on hold until further details can be determined. At this time, HG is working collaboratively with the

associated organizations involved and doing their best to expedite repairs and construction so residents can return to their homes.

“Below is the statement from AFR.

“Aurora Fire Rescue continues to investigate the incident that occurred on Nov. 16, 2018, in the HG community. AFR has concluded the portion of the investigation requiring control of the incident location. That process included private investigators accessing the location to complete their scene examinations. The fenced-in location of the incident is no longer controlled by AFR and has been turned over to the homeowners’ association. Although AFR has concluded the examination of the incident scene, an extensive investigation into the origin and cause of the incident is still ongoing. We will not be making our findings thus far public at this time. AFR would like to thank the HG community members for their continued patience during this investigation process.”

Adapter cables for emergency batteries

Have you purchased an emergency backup battery for your cell phone yet? When you do, be aware that the emergency battery will come with an adapter cable that is a regular USB on one end and a Micro-USB on the other. This will work for many cell phones including many Android phones. The end of the Micro-USB is small and trapezoidal in shape.

However some of the newer Android phones may be using a USB-C type connector. The end of the USB-C connector is oval and symmetrical.

If you have an Apple iPhone or iPad, you will need to purchase an Apple Fire Connector cable at any store that sells Apple products. The Apple Fire connector is flat, white with multiple gold contacts on each side.

Here’s a simple suggestion, keep the emergency battery pack and both adapter cables in a zip-lock bag so your cables don’t disappear! Get two: one for home and personal use; one to keep in your car.

– Rudy Morris, B217, HGA SEC Committee



Cables to interface your cell phone with an emergency battery vary depending on the cell phone you use. Most emergency batteries have the two ends illustrated in left photo. Many Android phones can be connected to the battery with this cable, but some newer Android phones require the connector shown in the middle photo. The USB-C terminal replaces the micro USB terminal. Apple products, iPhone and iPad, need the cable shown in the right photo. Since this is the connector needed to charge your iPhone or iPad, you likely got this one when you bought the device. (Note: The USB terminal can be pulled away from the 120-volt adapter.)

HGMD adds fifth director; realigns committee chair assignments

At the Jan. 10 meeting of the HGMD Board, all four directors were present. The first item of business was to appoint a fifth director to the board, filling the vacancy created when Gary Hizer resigned in December. Hizer moved out of HG.

With only one applicant, the board approved appointing David Funk, B244, to the board. Funk ran for the HGA Board last October, 2018, but failed to be elected in the field of eight candidates. In the "Meet the Candidates" forum, Funk declared, "I'm not a member of any special-interest group, unless you consider square dancing."

In his introduction to the board, Funk reminded everyone that his wife's parents were original owners in HG. He purchased a unit in 2000 that he and his wife have resided in since 2016. Funk spent 24 years as a certified peace officer for cities and counties. Now retired, he has been a speaker, facilitator, and consultant on safety practices and emergency situations at local, state and national levels.

Funk will serve as an HGMD director for 16 months, until the next election in May 2020.

In reassigning committee chairs, Board President Craig Baldwin appointed Funk to head the Property Policy Committee, and Treasurer Bill Archambault to head the Golf Committee in addition to sitting on the joint HGA-HGMD Budget & Finance Committee.

Archambault, who previously chaired the Property Policy Committee, noted that Funk inherits an extensive agenda:

- 1) whether to relocate public gardens,
- 2) complete crosswalk to Maintenance Building (in coordination with the City of Aurora),
- 3) feasibility of installing electric car stations on HG property,
- 4) installing a new entrance to the RV lot that includes a deceleration lane and other entrance/exit safety features,
- 5) a no-smoking policy on HGMD property, and
- 6) adjusting overlap with HGA Board's Long Range Planning Committee.

In her Foundation Committee report, Director Bonnie McMullen stated, "The Foundation goes to the dogs,"

because the committee is considering a request by The Green Team to purchase additional bins, labels and cable locks for the Dog Stations Poop Project that recycles dog poop to useful mulch or fertilizer products. This project began last fall in HG, but no formal report of its success or challenges has been made. McMullen said the committee will make a recommendation to the board at a future meeting, after further discussion in the committee.

Other items approved by the board:

...Annual Transparency Resolution and Annual Administrative Resolution, both of which are required by the state for metropolitan districts. HGMD set the third Thursday as its regular meeting date.

...purchase a Chef's Table for Rendezvous Restaurant that has both warm and cooling sections that will keep buffet foods at temperature during the serving period (\$42,379.54). Director Sandra Rosenberg noted that the restaurant has three buffets during a normal week, and more when HG buildings or areas schedule parties/dinners, as they were at Christmas. She also noted that the Aurora Rotary Club has contracted with Rendezvous for a year of weekly luncheons.

...purchase a golf equipment lift for the Maintenance Shop (\$9,829). Item is under budget about \$1,700. This lift permits changing oil or tires that the current table lift cannot accommodate.

...purchase a Bernhard AngleMaster 4000 Bedknife grinder that sharpens the Golf Course mower knives (\$20,275). Because this was an unbudgeted capital expense in the 2019 HGMD budget, three items budgeted last fall for the Golf Course have been moved to later years to accommodate this purchase, releasing more than \$30,000 to replace existing equipment. Among the items deferred: vehicle hoist, top dresser and verticut reels.



Above: HGMD President Craig Baldwin congratulates David Funk after administering the oath of office to the newest director on the HGMD Board.

Reminder to All New HG Residents

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

– Chair Bill Reynolds,
Communications Committee



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HGA Board President Reports

By Kay Sawyer

HGA Director Bill Reynolds and the Communication Committee have revised this recruitment article for board committees. It answers most frequently asked questions about committee membership. Please read it. See if there is a spot for you. If you contribute your talents, it will begin a whole new outlook on HG.

Serving on a Heather Gardens (HG) Committee *An Invitation to Residents*

HG is a great place to live. We have wonderful neighbors, a beautiful campus, and extraordinary opportunities for activities and recreation.

Behind the scenes, however, we also have a large number of skilled and committed residents who serve on the boards and committees that make our community so vital. We invite you to consider serving as well.

Qualifications for Committee Membership

General qualifications for all committees include:

- a desire to make HG even better, and a willingness to devote some of your time to that effort.
- experience working in well-run committees and participating in collaborative decision-making processes.

• facility with computer-mediated communications, such as e-mail and electronic documents, and with using the web for gathering information.

Each committee also depends on members having experience, education, or skills relevant to that committee's work. Examples include a background in business, management, planning, finance, facilities operations and maintenance, real estate, communications, security, law enforcement, government, civic affairs, or engineering.

Where can you best share your talents? A list of the current HG committees is below. More detailed information about committees is available on the HG website.

Committees at Heather Gardens

HG has two governing bodies:

- HG Association (HGA), a homeowners' association, has general responsibility for the residential part.
- HG Metropolitan District (HGMD), a quasi-governmental body, has general responsibility for the nonresidential parts, such as the Golf Course, the restaurant, and the Clubhouse.

Each body has an elected Board of Directors and several committees whose members are volunteers.

Architectural Control Committee (HGA)

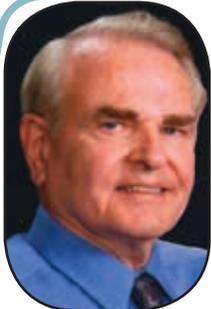
Monitors the structural integrity, appearance, and use of the residential properties. Evaluates plans for remodeling projects in residential units.

Budget and Finance Committee (HGA)

Develops and oversees the operating budget and the capital reserve budget. Manages financial reporting and auditing, insurance, contracts, revenues, and investments.

Civic Affairs Committee (HGA)

Monitors developments in the surrounding community.
See facing page



HGMD Board President Reports

By Craig Baldwin

In January, the HGMD Board welcomed its newest member, David Funk. David and wife Bonnie have lived in B244 for three years, but have been associated with HG for 40 years when Bonnie lived here with her parents.

David will chair the Property Policy Committee. Director Bill Archambault will take on the responsibility of the Golf Committee.

At our meeting in January, the board passed its Annual Resolution and provided instruction for filing a Transparency Notice to six governing agencies. These are state requirements for metropolitan districts.

Besides these documents required by state law, HGMD directors are going a step further towards providing transparency to the community. All Board actions, except budget items and emergency decisions, will be

discussed at a meeting. It will be accepted by directors, then held until the next meeting for approval. This gives everyone in the community the opportunity to have a say in these decisions. You may contact directors at both meetings and during the month between to discuss the proposed actions.

We have scheduled a board work session at 10 am Thursday Feb. 21. The board's regular meeting will be held at 1 pm that day. We will be working on revising and rewriting HGMD Bylaws, Procedure Memorandum, and other documents; with the goal of presenting a first reading in the afternoon session.

With this action, I am hoping to follow state law, and to eliminate some redundancy. Work sessions are usually limited to discussion among board directors, staff and HGMD's attorney. However, I will open it up to limited discussion from the audience. You are all welcome.

Other projects the board will be working this year include; an extensive study of Capital Reserves, led by the two treasurers, HGA Treasurer John Coil and HGMD Treasurer Bill Archambault, and other areas in which HGMD can share committee responsibilities with HGA. The Budget and Finance Committee has begun the process by recommending revisions to their two Procedure Memorandums.

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nity and governments that may affect HG. Serves as an advocate for HG to the broader community.

Clubhouse and Restaurant Committee (HGMD)

Makes clubhouse and restaurant policy, and financial recommendations to the HGMD Board of Directors.

Communications Committee (HGA)

Monitors and assists HG communication activities, such as our website, *Heather 'n Yon*, and electronic communications with residents.

Foundation Committee (HGMD)

Receives gifts on behalf of the HGMD and recommends expenditures of those funds for community-improvement projects.

Golf Committee (HGMD)

Reviews policies, budgets, expenditures, operation, and maintenance of the golf course. Advises on selecting Golf Course personnel.

Long Range Planning Committee (HGA)

Develops long-range plans for maintaining HG structures, and for replacing structures when their useful life ends.

Property Policy Committee (HGMD)

Evaluates and recommends policies for the use, management, and development of HGMD-owned property other than the golf course, restaurant, and clubhouse.

Roads and Grounds Committee (HGA)

Oversees the maintenance and upkeep of all paved areas, grounds, and vehicular equipment.

Security, Emergency Preparedness, and Community Awareness Committee (HGA)

Supports the HGA Security Department in providing community security. Develops and implements an emergency-preparedness plan.

Structure Maintenance Committee (HGA)

Oversees the maintenance and repair requirements of HG properties, and the budgets for those activities.

How You Can Apply for Committee Membership

The application procedure is quite simple. First, you are encouraged to attend some meetings of the committee of interest before you apply for membership. This will help you understand that committee's responsibilities.

Next, get the one-page "Application for Membership" at the HG Management Office on the second floor of the Clubhouse or the HG website. After you have completed the application, you can return it to that same office.

The application will be passed to the chair of the committee you wish to join. In most cases, the chair will contact you within a few days to discuss the goals of the committee, its current issues, how much time you will need to devote to committee work, and how you can contribute. Assuming all goes well, you will be invited to join the committee.

Note, however, that at any given time, some committees may already have their full complement of members. The chair may keep your application on file until there is an opening on the committee.

What You Can Expect at Committee Meetings

Over the years, our most productive committees have set high standards for the conduct of meetings and the behaviors of members. Below are some examples.

- Each committee is chaired by an elected member of

the appropriate Board of Directors. This facilitates communication between the boards and their committees.

- Committee meetings are open to all HG residents. A specific part of the meeting is designated for participation by residents.

- The chair prepares and distributes in advance an agenda for each meeting. This not only allows members to prepare adequately for the meeting, but it allows residents to be made aware of the issues currently before the committee.

- The chair conducts the meeting according to accepted rules of order. This includes such practices as making and seconding motions, allowing discussion of motions by members, and voting on motions.

- The chair, or the committee's recording secretary, produces a written report of the meeting. This is provided to the members and published for all residents to see.

- Members arrive on time for each meeting. If a member expects to miss a meeting, the chair is notified in advance, if possible.

- Members are courteous and attentive during meetings. They allow the chair to control who has the floor during discussions. Side conversations are avoided.

- Members commit to collaborative decision-making. Committees rarely deal with issues with clearly defined right and wrong answers. Contributions from all members usually make committee decisions better for the whole community.

- Members who expect to bring a new issue to the committee, or expect to make a motion in the meeting, provide that information to the chair in advance. This allows the chair to add it to the agenda.

- Members who want to bring a significant or controversial new issue to the committee discuss the issue first with other members outside of the meetings. This can help improve everyone's understanding of the issue, and lead to a better motion ultimately being brought to the whole committee. On the other hand, it might show that there is little support for the idea, so it does not need to be brought to the committee.

A Final Note

Serving on a HG committee can be a rewarding experience. It gives you an opportunity to get to know many of your fellow residents, to understand their concerns, and to help make HG better for everyone.



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Publisher's Corner

Gaylord Rockies: a local adventure

by Lynn Donaldson, Editor of Heather 'n Yon

There are some new buildings, new openings, in metro Denver that I am happy to attend. When Gaylord Rockies Hotel and Resort announced a soft opening, with a reduced rate for an overnight stay during first months after Dec. 18, I saw my chance. Managed by Marriott, it did not hurt that my husband and I have been Marriott Rewards members for many years.

Our overnight came on Jan. 12, which coincided with four NFL playoff games. Based on reports I had from photographer Anne Hummel-Gillis, who had spent two nights at Gaylord Rockies in December, I knew it would be exciting to view the games on a big screen (75-foot) TV, of which there were three in the Mountain Pass Sports Bar. It was. However, it was just like sitting too close at a movie screen — my eyes started longing for more distance. I pondered trying the balcony.

Jim Gillis tried out the front row reclining chairs at one point (photo middle right). On the weekend that Bob and I stayed, the comfy chairs in the first two rows were reserved seating — \$100 per (not counting food). We declined.

Anne and Jim tried the hamburger offered at the bar. Husband Bob and I tried the chicken wings, and turkey wrap. Portions were plentiful — two people could share.

The rate during this initial shake-down for Marriott was \$119 per night. Fortunately, the woman I spoke to warned me there would be a resort fee, \$23 per night, and daily charges for parking (\$29 if you parked your car, \$39 valet), plus taxes. Final cost was about \$165. Rates after this soft opening look to be \$209 and up.

Drinks at the bar were \$7-8 for beer, drafts and crafts; \$9-13 wine (bottles were \$36-60). Playbook cocktails ranged from \$12 to 14. These had the best names: Mt. Elbert Manhattan, Mountain Pass Mule (vodka, lime, ginger beer, black

raspberry and sage), and more.

Besides the bar, there were four restaurants in the Grand Lodge area of the resort: Vista Montagne (Italian), Monte Jade (Asian inspired), and Old Hickory Steakhouse. I had not booked our dinner before check-in, because I was not sure what we would want and when. Too bad — the steakhouse was fully booked, but that was okay. Steak prices began at about \$50, a la carte. We chose the Italian restaurant, and got excellent service. Both Bob and I thought the choices on the menu were limited, but my bison with fettuccine was delicious. (Some came home with me.)

The Rockies Marketplace was our source for breakfast. We could get coffee and pastries to eat in our room. What else do you want to do when the next game began at 11 am on Sunday, and we were headed back to the bar?

The amenities in the resort were quite nice. There were indoor and outdoor pools with hot tubs. The lazy river (outdoors) is open May-September. The fitness center has a daily fitness class. It looked to have ample



treadmills and bicycles. There were free weights as well. Free WiFi everywhere. There are basketball and tennis courts (outdoors). You can rent a hotel bicycle. Store your skis. There was reportedly a jogging/fitness trail, but I did not seek that out (too much snow). We might have checked out the miniature golf — too cold.

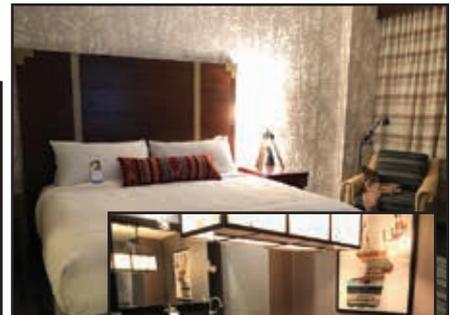
A Relache Spa offers massages, facials or manicures and pedicures when booked. Sorry, folks, this is not my thing — I can't give you pricing.

There was a Rockies Trading Post that had apparel, jewelry, and gift items. Nothing we needed, though.

I loved the areas in the lobby and Grand Lodge that had a fireplace surrounded by comfortable seating. It was warm and inviting. I loved the magical lights that lit up the Grand Lodge trees and plants at night. The western art throughout fascinated both Anne and me.

Bob and I got a suite because our Marriott rewards gives us upgrades on rooms, if available. Our suite of two rooms permitted Bob to crash first in the bedroom, then I watched a movie in the other room.

For those who don't want to drive, there is shuttle service to and from the Commuter Rail Station at 61st and Pena. (See more photos, pages 24 and 33.)



Photos by Anne Hummel-Gillis and Lynn Donaldson



Management

Snow removal at HG

By Calvin White
General Manager

Each year HG welcomes many new owners and tenants. This number can be anywhere from 200 to 250 new residents. With the new faces throughout the community, I thought it was a good time to discuss snow removal, and how it is handled here at HG.

If you happen to be out and about during, or after a snowstorm, you will likely notice that HG tends to be one of the best maintained areas in the city when it comes to snow removal. Our staff does their best to keep walkways, streets, and parking lots safe for travel. With that said, every storm is different. I ask that you be patient and respectful of the hard work the employees and contractors are performing. We appreciate knowing if you see trouble areas. We will do all we can to meet your needs.

The Roads and Grounds Committee sets parameters and policies for snow removal. Those are located in the committee's Procedure Memorandum (PM) RG-1. Below are some excerpts from that PM. The entire PM can be found on the HG website, www.heathergardens.org. Comments or questions regarding snow removal may be brought to the Roads and Grounds Committee, which regularly meets on the last Tuesday of the month, 10 am in Board Room (second floor in the Clubhouse).

Snow removal priorities are:

Equipment (Trucks, plows, tractors, loaders, etc.)

1. Clubhouse parking and drives, Maintenance Building lot and Linvale Place.
2. All building entrances/exit drives to garages and drive to parking slabs..
3. Drives in Townhome and Country Place areas.
4. Aurora's streets: East Marina Drive, South Heather Gardens Way, South Wheeling Way and Abilene entrance. (In major storms, if Aurora is unable to plow).
5. Parking Structures 1-4 upper drive areas, ramps, entrances to lower areas.
6. Perimeter walk.
7. Golf Course cart path.

8. Spread sand as required.
9. Storm clean up at all locations as required.

Shovel Crews

1. Front walks at four- and six-story buildings.
2. Parking structure stairs.
3. Clubhouse walks.
4. Apply Ice melt to walkways.
5. End entrances in four-story buildings to main roads, six-story stairs and parking slab doors, trash door to pick-up point on four-story buildings.
6. Garage doors on upper parking structures.
7. TH and CP walks and mailboxes.
8. Back door to cart path and end stairs in four-story buildings.
9. Dig out storm drains.
10. Shovel between cars on Parking Decks (18 inches or more of snow).
11. Shovel the tennis courts.
12. Shovel walk at Seville recreation area.

Equipment Crews. The priorities that will be followed for equipment and shovel crews are detailed above. The general objective for equipment crews is to not allow more than four inches (4") of snow to accumulate in priority areas 1-4.

If the snowfall is heavy, this objective will be met in order of priority. Crews may only be able to plow high priority areas, or may have to repeatedly return to higher priority areas. The shift supervisor will continually assess the situation, and direct HG forces accordingly.

Safety

1. All snow removal operations will be conducted in a safe and efficient manner.
2. Personnel will not be directed to operate equipment unless they have been adequately trained.
3. The Roads and Grounds Supervisor will ensure that all personnel working on shovel crews have adequate cold-weather protection and will enforce that they are periodically relieved, and allowed to rest in warm facilities.
4. Equipment crews, contractor crews and shovel crews will not be directed to work more than 12 hours without rest.
5. After 12-hour shifts, at least eight hours of rest will be scheduled before returning to work.
6. No equipment will be put into operation with safety deficiencies.
7. No snow crews will be dispatched if the temperature is 25 degrees below zero or if blizzard conditions exist.

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GM's Report

General Manager:

- Attended board and committee meetings.
- Met with new board directors to discuss committee-chair responsibilities.
- Reviewed ACC Project Approval forms.

- Completed two site walkthroughs with potential owners representative at CP4.
- Reviewed Payables and Capitol Projects.

Controller:

- Completed coupons for 2019.
- Working with each department to input payroll rate increases.
- Completing year-end accounting.

- Completed month-end closing.

Paint:

- Completed 60 work orders.
- Painted yellow safety striping on steps.
- Completed chair-rail painting in B208, B211, B215.
- Completed painting Clubhouse walls.

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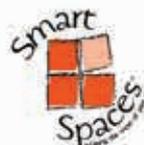


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A chance encounter at a Toyota dealer became this month's profile

During an unexpectedly long wait in a Toyota showroom, Sharon Schlotthauer, B233, agreed to this interview, a sure sign she has a sense of adventure. There is a certain risk to opening up your thoughts and life's story to a writer you've met by chance. But Sharon, a new Toyota Highlander owner, is game. Her vehicle, a hulking frame of electronically controlled gadgets, was newly damaged in a scrape with a parking garage post.

Toyota drivers had delivered the car to her HG garage. Unfamiliar with the Highlander's tight turning ratio, Sharon side-swiped a support post in the initial moments of its maiden voyage.

"If you tried parking in our basement, you'd understand," she said.

A long-time school bus driver for Aurora Public Schools, Sharon likes the height of the driver's seat. It allows her to stretch her long legs and see what's happening around her. Having developed her driving judgment long before vehicles came equipped with a

wide assortment of buzzes and beeps that sound when backing up, nearing an obstacle, crossing the lane, leaving keys in the car, shifting to the wrong gear, opening doors, it took some time to sort out the different sounds. Though she's come to like the blind-spot monitor, when asked about Siri radio, she winced before whispering:

"Oh, geez."

That's where she misses having a copilot companion the most. She had a 44-year marriage to Bill, who suffered from Alzheimer disease the last years of his life, followed by a 12-year partnership with John, whom she'd met when the two cared for their spouses at Garden Terrace Alzheimer's Center.

"You get to know each other in an Alzheimer's support group. You get their heart and their soul, and you know what kind of person they really are."

Schlotthauer grew up in Willamette Valley, Oregon, where she met and married Bill. She and Bill had three children, William, Linda and Paul, in the years Bill served in the US Air Force. After military service, he was employed in avionics electronics.

They lived in Okinawa, California, Nevada, and Kansas before returning to the Northwest when Bill took a job with Boeing in Seattle. The children, young teens by

then, were unhappy about yet another move when Boeing closed its doors. Still, the family moved when Bill's job was in Aurora.

Wanting to match her work to her children's school schedule, Sharon took a job as a bus driver with Aurora Public Schools. Savvy bus drivers have the additional

perquisite of knowing what goes on in the lives of the students. They hear about parties and behaviors that parents are unaware of. The most obstreperous kids would make their way to the back of the bus, away from authority, but their voices often rose to a pitch that overpowered chatter from the forward seats.

"Bus drivers know a lot," Sharon chuckles at the memory.

She was taken aback one morning when she heard the license plate number of her car announced over the bus radio. The car had run a school bus red light. Her son, Paul, was driving. When she arrived at the bus dock she arranged for administrators to send Paul a letter of warning about the consequences

of passing a school bus' red light. A contrite Paul admitted to being so busy talking that he did not see the red light.

Another time she was appalled by the conduct several students directed towards their teacher on their way an athletic event. Paul was in the middle of the rumpus. At home that night, she admonished him for inappropriately addressing his teacher in the same way that he treated his pals.

"That doesn't bode well with me."

Sharon's sense of adventure was taxed while on a cruise with Bill. Their ship crashed into a freighter in the mid-Atlantic. The impact stripped off the lifeboats, leaving passengers with only the protection of life vests as they remained inside a damaged ship that was five hours away from their port of call.

"The whole story around that shipwreck was just crazy." After the shipwreck, she confined her cruises to river boats.

Later, with companion John, she enjoyed taking road trips. For years, they lived as snow birds in California and summered at their home in Saddle Rock. He died in 2017.

"When John died, I just couldn't bring myself to go



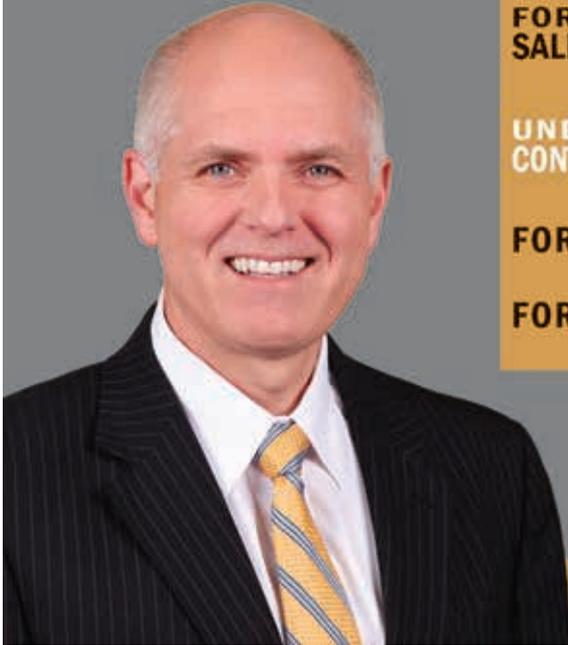
Above: Sharon Schlotthauer, B233, relaxes in her home with her dog, Mary.

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Tune-up

Yesterday could have been one of those days I dreaded most in life: sitting for hours in a car-repair shop. I've done it before, many times in my pre-enlightenment days. I wondered if I shouldn't have gone to the dentist instead. Being a physician, I did not learn much about cars except to expect a huge bill when you took them to the shop.

You are never too old to learn. An attitude adjustment is well within reach — no matter which decade you are living in. Yesterday proved my point.

An attractive young lady at the Subaru place recorded my concerns about my beloved 4x4. She did so with such genuine empathy that I could see tears forming. I could tell she knew what it was like to have a broken tail light and serious concerns about your brake fluid.

What's more, she did not burden me with the cost to fix the items. Of course, I waved a dismissive hand. Told her to do whatever she felt necessary.

She escorted me gently by the arm, as befitted an octogenarian client, into their plush waiting room. I don't exaggerate. It had chartreuse pile carpet. Deep, inviting armchairs had no spots of grease on the arms, Monet's Water Lily prints scattered tastefully on the wall. Mozart playing softly from the sound system. No wrenches anywhere on the floor. Even the petroleum scent had a citrus flavor to it.

With that ambiance, your worries about the bill tend to subside. My instinct was to fold my hands and dwell on more pleasant things.

Which I did.

I realized that, in the past, I had failed. Out of desperation, I would delve into the magazine rack. Invariably, I came up with something like *True Mechanics*. That is an excellent publication if you are looking for the best prices in five-speed transmissions, or modern developments in the super-charger.

It has limited appeal to a physician, or a professional writer. The average poet would be turned off completely.

In the past, I would struggle through such magazines — coming away no wiser. Not anymore!

This time I brought my writing pad. Immediately, I began a composition. I wrote several romantic poems about body parts. I did not give a thought to Subaru parts. To say that I was care free would be no exaggeration. It

turned into the kind of outing that glows in memory. You don't want it to end.

I did not.

After a mere three hours and 20 minutes, the gracious Subaru lady shimmered into the lounge and announced that the repairs were complete. My precious 4x4 was recovering nicely. She announced this with such grace, and lingering compassion in her lovely eyes that I did not catch what she said about the cost of parts and labor.

I just handed her my credit card as if in a dream.

Which is the kind of thing that happens to you if you are fortunate enough to become a poet. You see the romance in things. I abandoned the old habit of quibbling over things like a questionable bill.

I just saw the beauty in the whole experience and was inspired to write another poem.

Subarota Time

If you own a Subaru
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It's nothing like the days of old
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— Keith McDonald
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The Month (January)

At the HGA Board meeting, Pam Lowyns, B207, complained that the plowing of snow around garages and decks has been slow this season, while the streets are cleaned off promptly.

"I think priority should go to the property, not the streets," she said.

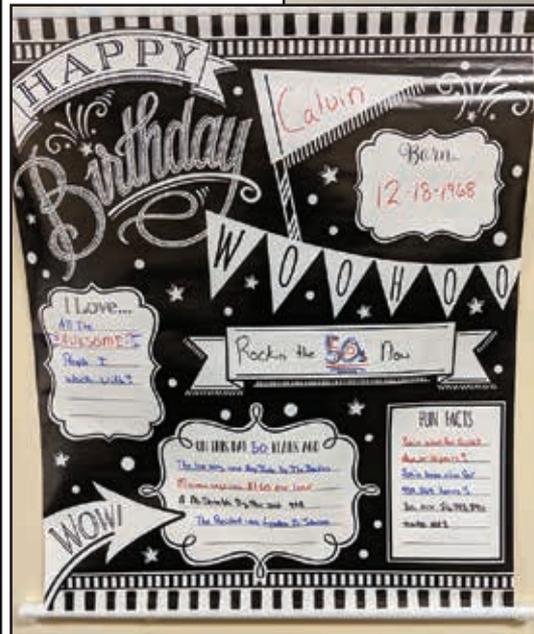
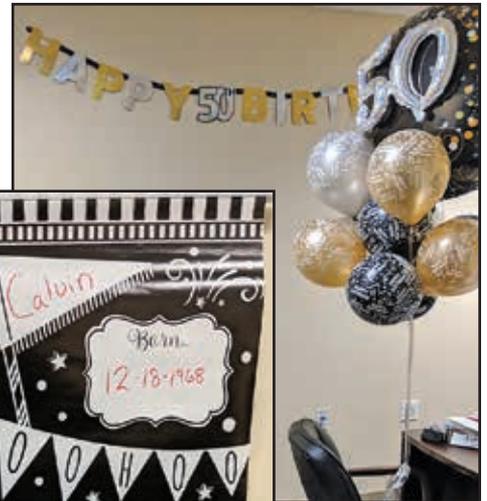
General Manager Calvin White promised to take the matter up with the supervisor for Roads and Grounds. He mentioned that the plowing crews are provided with schedules and priorities. See related stories, page 15 and 47.

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At the Jan. 17 meeting of the Clubhouse and Restaurant Committee, members discussed the problems with dedicating the Banquet Room to happy hours and building parties, if only 10-15 people attend. Restaurant Manager Cormac Ronan mentioned that larger groups would be more desirable to book the Banquet Room; moreover, servers having to run between the main dining room and the Banquet Room can't render good service to either.

If a group is in the Banquet Room, an extra server or two might be scheduled to work; however, if the group in the Banquet Room is too small, servers don't earn enough in tips to make their wages attractive enough to work at HG. Turnover of restaurant servers has been a recurring problem.

On Dec. 18, General Manager Calvin White turned 50 years old. He was serenaded by the HGA Board at



the beginning of its regular meeting. Employees decorated his office with balloons and a banner. (Photos by Alicia Murray.)

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The committee discussed several solutions: 1) set a dollar minimum that a group must spend on food and drinks to use the Banquet Room, or 2) have a minimum number of diners. Minimum numbers ranging from 25 to 40 diners were discussed, or \$300 in total sales, for a four-hour booking.

In the end, the committee passed just one recommendation: that the restaurant explore the cost of renting movable partitions, so that areas of the main dining room could be sectioned off to accommodate monthly happy-hour groups.

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Chair Bill Reynolds told the Communications Committee that 12 HG condos were sold in December. As of Jan. 9, there were 31 condos listed for sale, and an additional 15 were under contract. The time to sell a HG unit has lengthened to 46 median days. This committee is still short one member.

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Some committee-recruitment efforts have paid off, HGA directors reported at their January meeting. The Architectural Control Committee has two new members. Budget & Finance has one new member, and it is full.

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At the Jan. 14 meeting of the Budget & Finance Committee, Art Mendoza, B222, asked whether the survey data used to indicate that HG employees were competitively underpaid was evaluated by the same HG employees who subsequently received raises?

General Manager Calvin White responded, "I feel you are questioning the integrity of the staff." White explained that the data came from the Rocky Mountain Employers Council. He added that if the Council had been asked to fully analyze the data, rather than HG staff doing it, "that would have been an additional expense."

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In last month's *Heather 'n Yon*, the Green Team award winners were not listed with the photograph. Awardees were Clubhouse Manager Linda Aluise, Assistant Clubhouse Manager Lewis Boeve, Assistant Roads and Grounds Supervisor Dawn Fradken, Golf Course Supervisor Brian Benko, Restaurant Manager Cormac Ronan, Bill Schneider, B209; Pete Clarendon, B243; ARO President Diane Dean, B232; David Bushman, B209; Monty Strandt and Geri Adams, CP1; Ron Hileman, B223; Pat Peirson, B235; and John Perez.

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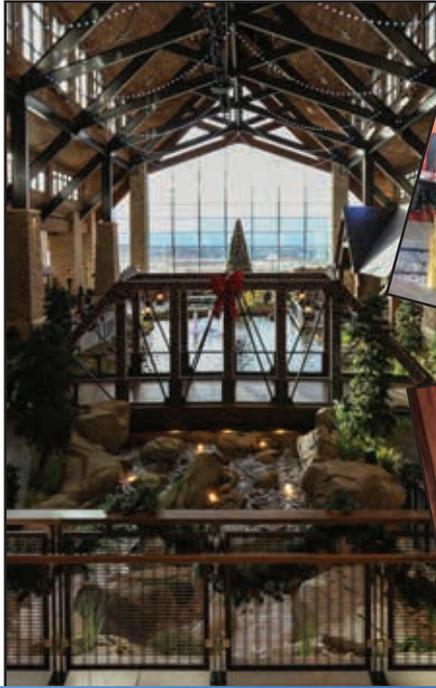
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GM Report *...from page 15*

Maintenance:

- Completed 790 work orders. Of those, 116 were billable.
- Completed plumbing inspections in B212, B224, B236, and B250.
- Worked with contractors to raise rooftop air-handling unit in B243.
- Completed gutter cleaning in CP2, CP3, CP5, and CP6.
- Replaced multiple ball valves and pipe fittings in Clubhouse mechanical room.
- Repaired leaking air-handler pump in B205.
- Replaced cast-iron drain pipes and tees in B215, B216, B220, and B221.
- Replaced light fixtures and installed new ones in B241 and B243.
- Repaired leaking boiler-backflow preventer in B211.
- Replaced boiler pump and PRV in B224.
- Replaced high-fire thermocouple on boiler in B214.

Clubhouse:

- Held 7 trips, 10 events, and 6 classes.
- Created brochures and registration for winter classes.
- Planned Special Events for 2019.
- Assisted Optimist Club with Giving Tree.

- Attended Green Team Community Awards program.
- Met with contractor for stage curtain.
- Oversaw fitness-equipment repairs and locker-room cleaning.
- Completed track lighting for North hallway.

Contracts:

- Managing roofing project at B243 and Seville Pool remodel.
- Completed some warranty items for siding and roofing project.
- Replaced elevator jack in B232.
- Working with Maintenance on B222 fire mitigation and B244 TES directory format.
- Collecting pricing for emergency phones in underground garages.
- Awaiting BC&E report from B236 Lanai Evaluation.

Custodial:

- Completed 80 set-ups at the Clubhouse and 20 work orders.
- Cleaned Restaurant thoroughly.
- Waxed laundry room and storage rooms in B216-B220.
- Cleaned carpets in Restaurant and Clubhouse.
- Cleaned floors in Locker Room.

Roads and Grounds:

- Continue to clear snow and ice as needed.

- Completed winterizing irrigation system.
- Completed asphalt and concrete repairs.
- Removed four trees.
- Replaced retaining walls in STH and CP3.

Golf:

- Created marketing materials for February and March rules discussions.
- Researching ideas for power washer for cart barn.
- Finalizing a Point of Sale company.
- Removed snow and ice on golf path.
- Serviced batteries and washed golf carts.
- Received snow removal equipment.

Restaurant:

- Hosting weekly Rotary for lunch.
- Currently planning Superbowl party.
- Created schedule for group meetings and party requests for January.

Security:

- Total of 448 reports written; 3,618 miles patrolled.
- Signed contract with Tri-County Auto Recovery for towing services.
- Researched multiple property-management software programs.





Regatta Plaza Update

King Soopers grocery store has started construction of its new building at Regatta Plaza, which will open in late 2019. The photos at left show the new store as it looked in the third week of January.

King Soopers and Key Bank remain open at their current locations, during the construction of their new facilities in the first phase of the redevelopment at what is to be called The Point at Nine Mile.

- **The Point at Nine Mile Station** is a 22-acre mixed-use redevelopment project to include retail, entertainment, residential and office.

- The project is strategically located at the interchange of Parker Road and I-225, and will service a densely populated trade area with more than 412,000 residents and 83,000 daytime employees within a five mile radius.

- Located at the heavily trafficked intersection of Parker Road and Peoria Street with more than 89,000 cars per day, and 141,000 cars per day on I-225.

- **Phase I** will include:

- A new 78,464 square feet (SF) King Soopers
- Three multi-tenant retail buildings totaling 25,400 SF
- Retail buildings to be programmed for food uses, including large patios, common grease traps and restaurant standard utilities.

Schlotthauer ...from page 17

back [to California] where we had such happy times all the time.”

John’s death, clustered in time with her sister’s, her brother-in-law’s and best friend’s deaths, left a lasting sadness. She and John had talked of marriage, but taking into account his prior family, she decided against legalizing their union.

Lonely, she turns inward, musing over her life’s passages. Sessions with a Medium have helped ease her grief. It comforts her to still share her thoughts with John, and receive his solace.

She moved to HG in October 2017, and became involved with various social activities. Here she plays

cards, bowls and attends movies.

Mary, her miniature schnauzer, comforts her during this most poignant venture of her life. Snuggled in Sharon’s lap, Mary is included in conversations. Sharon laughs quietly, as she strokes Mary’s ears. They walk HG grounds daily. From the balcony they observe seasonal changes along Cherry Creek Spillway. The peace and quiet is healing. It carries her through the day.

“I think laughing helps anytime you can get yourself where you can laugh. People don’t want to hear about all our sadness.”

– Dala Giffin



- **Phase II** will commence construction following the completion of Phase I, and will include high-density residential and office, entertainment, restaurant and retail. This phase will also include a pedestrian bridge that will fly over Parker Road and connect with Nine Mile RTD Station and Park N Ride
- From brochure by David, Hicks & Lampert Brokerage, LLC. Koelbel Mile High Development

FEBRUARY CALENDAR

Fri	1	Men with Purpose Coffee	Skyview Room	10 am
		HG Indivisible Group (every Friday)	Rendezvous Restaurant	12:15 pm
		500 Club (every Friday)	Skyview Room	12:30–4 pm
		Men's Poker (every Friday)	Skyview Room	4–9:15 pm
Sat	2	Mexican Train Dominoes (every Saturday)	Arts & Crafts Room	noon–4:30 pm
		Ping Pong Doubles/Intermediate (every Saturday)	Game Room	2–5 pm
		Clubhouse Event - 1st Saturday Night Live Dance	Sandberg Auditorium	6:30–9:30 pm
Mon	4	Men's Bridge (every Monday)	Skyview Room	11:30 am–2:30 pm
		Mah Jongg (every Monday)	Blue Spruce Room	12:30–4 pm
		Ladies Billiards Club (every Monday)	Billiards Room	1–4 pm
		Ping Pong Singles/Advanced (every Monday)	Game Room	2–5 pm
		Men's Texas Hold 'em (every Monday)	Blue Spruce Room	5–9 pm
		Pinochle - Open (every Monday)	Mountainview Room	6:30–9:30 pm
Tue	5	Bridge (every Tuesday)	Skyview Room	12:30–4 pm
		Hand and Foot (every Tuesday)	Mountainview Room	12:30–4 pm
		Mah Jongg (every Tuesday)	Arts & Crafts Room	1–4 pm
		Ping Pong Doubles/Intermediate (every Tuesday)	Game Room	2–5 pm
		Co-Ed Billiards Club (every Tuesday)	Billiards Room	6:30 pm
		NoteAbles Mixed Chorus (every Tuesday)	Sandberg Auditorium	7 pm
Wed	6	ACBL Duplicate Bridge (every Wednesday)	Aspen/Blue Spruce Room	1–4:30 pm
		Pinochle (every Wednesday)	Mountainview Room	1:30–4 pm
		CP1 Happy Hour	Rendezvous Restaurant	5 pm
		Co-ed Poker (every Wednesday)	Blue Spruce Room	5–9:15 pm
		Square Dancing Club	Sandberg Auditorium	7:30–9:30 pm
Thu	7	HG Breakfast Optimist Club	Rendezvous Restaurant	7:45 am
		TOPS (every Thursday)	Blue Spruce Room	8:30–9:30 am
		Clubhouse Event: Great Rabbis, Great Insights	Arts & Crafts Room	9 am
		Clubhouse Event: Conditioning for Golfers (4 weeks)	Blue Spruce Room	10:05–11.05 am
		HG Writers Club (every Thursday)	Mountainview Room	1–4 pm
		Bunko	Blue Spruce Room	1–3:30 pm
		Ladies Billiards Club (every Thursday)	Billiards Room	1–4 pm
		Cribbage (every Thursday)	Arts & Crafts Room	1–3:30 pm
		New Open Bridge Club (every Thursday)	Arts & Crafts Room	1:30–4 pm
		Ping Pong Doubles/Intermediate (every Thursday)	Game Room	2–5 pm
		CP4 Social	Rendezvous Restaurant	5 pm

Advertised Activities and Seminars

Mon, Feb 4	Bayer Ear Clinic (every Monday)	Arts & Craft Room, 9 am–noon (See ad, p. 55)
Thurs, Feb 7	Lunch/Window Seminar, Renewal by Andersen,	Blue Spruce Room, 11 am–noon (See ad, p. 32)
Wed, Feb 13	Downsizing Done Right, Cherry Creek Retirement Village,	11:30 am–1 pm (See ad, p. 33)
Fri, Feb 15	Lunch; Reverse Mortgage, Fairway,	Mountainview Room, 11 am (See ad, p. 45)
Sat, Feb 16	Grand Re-Opening, Heather Garden Brokers, 3300 Building, Suite 330	1–4 pm (See ad, p. 4)
Wed, Feb 20	Medicare Minute Seminars, Kirsch Insurance Group,	Skyview Room 10 am (See ad, p. 40)

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Thu 7 (cont'd)	Kiwanis Club of Aurora (every Thursday) American Legion Post 2012 Men's 9-Ball Billiard Tournament (every Thursday)	Rendezvous Restaurant Mountainview Room Billiards Room	6 pm 7 pm 7-9:30 pm
Fri 8	Clubhouse Matinee: First Man Clubhouse Event: AARP Driving Course Clubhouse Event: National Kite Day Karaoke Club Clubhouse Movie: First Man	Sandberg Auditorium Arts & Crafts Room Sunburst Café Aspen/Blue Spruce Room Sandberg Auditorium	1 pm 1-5 pm 3-4 pm 6 pm 6:30 pm
Sat 9	Women with Dreams 50 and Who's Counting	Mountainview Room Aspen/Blue Spruce Room	2-4 pm 5:30 pm
Tue 12	VNA Clinic Parkinson's Support Group HG Indivisible Group B203 and B204 Happy Hour	Blue Spruce Room Aspen Room Aspen Room Rendezvous Restaurant	1-5 pm 1-3:30 pm 3:30 pm 5 pm
Wed 13	Meet & Greet with General Manager Calvin White Clubhouse Event - Active Minds: World War 1 Tennis Club Social Meeting Aviation Club	Clubhouse Lobby Sandberg Auditorium Rendezvous Restaurant Aspen Room	8-9:30 am 2 pm 5 pm 7 pm
Thu 14	Clubhouse Event: Watch Batteries Clubhouse Event: Great Rabbis, Great Insights Green Team	Lodgepole Lounge Arts & Crafts Room Skyview Room	9 am-1 pm 9 am noon
Fri 15	Men with Purpose Coffee Clubhouse Event - Chili Cook Off Pride at Heather Gardens	Skyview Room Sandberg Auditorium Aspen/Blue Spruce Room	10 am 2-4 pm 7 pm
Sat 16	Wine and Cheese Social Club	Aspen/Blue Spruce Rooms	3-5 pm
Mon 18	Presidents' Day Holiday – Management Offices Closed VNA Clinic Photography Club CP3 Dinner	Blue Spruce Room Aspen Room Aspen/Blue Spruce Room	1-3:30 pm 3:15-5 pm 5:30 pm
Tue 19	HG Republican Club B205 and B206 Happy Hour Ward V Town Hall Meeting with Bob Roth	Aspen Room Rendezvous Restaurant Aspen/Blue Spruce Rooms	1:30 pm 5 pm 6:30 pm
Wed 20	Clubhouse Event: Medicare Enrollment Colorado Symphony Guild (Hilltop SE Chapter) Square Dancing Club	Skyview Room Rendezvous Restaurant Sandberg Auditorium	10 am 11:30 am 7:30-9:30 pm
Thu 21	HG Breakfast Optimist Club Bunko	Rendezvous Restaurant Blue Spruce Room	7:45 am 1-3:30 pm
Fri 22	Mobile Post Office Clubhouse Matinee: Bohemian Rhapsody Clubhouse Movie: Bohemian Rhapsody	Circle Driveway Sandberg Auditorium Sandberg Auditorium	11:40 am-noon 1 pm 6:30 pm
Mon 25	Low Vision Support Group	Mountainview Room	1:30 pm
Tue 26	HG Democrat Club Sevillians Dinner Caregiver's Support Group	Blue Spruce Room Rendezvous Restaurant Aspen Room	4 pm 5 pm 7 pm

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FEBRUARY CALENDAR, Cont.

Wed 27

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Board Room 10 am
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Bible Study (Interdenominational), Wednesday 8–9 am

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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 - 2/15

• Monthly Meetings • Boards and Committees

- Property Policy – 9:30 am Mon, Feb. 4
- Communications – 10 am Tue, Feb. 5
- Civic Affairs – 10 am Thu, Feb. 7
- Long Range Plan – 10 am Tue, Feb. 12
- Golf – 1 pm Tue, Feb. 12
- Foundation – 1 pm Wed, Feb. 13
- Clubhouse/Restaurant – 1 pm Thu, Feb. 14
- Budget & Finance – 10 am Tue, Feb. 19
- HGA Board – 1 pm Tue, Feb. 19**
- SEC – 1 pm Wed, Feb. 20
- HGMD Work Session – 10 am Thu, Feb. 21
 (Rendezvous Banquet Room)
- ACC – 10 am Thu, Feb. 21 (Board Rm)
- HGMD Board – 1 pm Thu, Feb. 21**
- Resident Open Forum – 3 pm Thu, Feb. 21
 (Rendezvous)
- Roads and Grounds – 10 am Tue, Feb. 26
- Structure Maintenance – 1 pm Tue, Feb. 27

FYI

Ward V Town Hall Meetings

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

Colorado Legislature Town Hall Meetings

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

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- Install smoke alarms inside each bedroom, outside each sleeping area and on every level of the home, including the basement.
 - On levels without bedrooms, install alarms in the living room (or den or family room) or near the stairway to the upper level, or in both locations.
 - Smoke alarms installed in the basement should be installed on the ceiling at the bottom of the stairs leading to the next level.
 - Smoke alarms should be installed at least 10 feet (3 meters) from a cooking appliance to minimize false alarms when cooking.
 - Mount smoke alarms high on walls or ceilings (remember, smoke rises). Wall-mounted alarms should be installed not more than 12 inches from the ceiling (to the top of the alarm).
- Requests for free smoke detectors and

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

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Letters

Heather 'n Yon

{Editor's Note: The following letter from the Aurora Fire Chief was sent to all Aurora Council members on Jan. 17. Councilman Bob Roth forwarded it to those on his email list.}

Aurora Fire Rescue (AFR) continues to investigate the incident that occurred on November 16, 2018, in the Heather Gardens community. AFR has concluded the portion of the investigation requiring control of the location of the incident. That process included allowing investigators that represent the property owners access to the location to complete their scene examinations. AFR will be releasing control of the scene to the homeowners' association at approximately 1400 today. Although AFR has concluded the examination of the incident scene, an extensive investigation into the origin and cause of the incident is still ongoing and we will not be making our findings thus far public at this time. AFR would like to thank the Heather Gardens community members for their continued patience during this investigation process.

This update also serves as a notification that the department will be providing a similar release to the media. Thank you.

Fernando M. Gray, SR.
Fire Chief | City of Aurora

Heather 'n Yon

The HG Foundation is often a forgotten gem within our community. The Foundation has contributed so much to HG thanks to the many residents that support and contribute on a regular basis. Most of the new trees planted these past two years were funded by the Foundation.

The new waterfall along the walking path, the fire pits on the restaurant patio, and the xeriscape along South Heather Gardens Way are just a few of the projects that came to the community because of your support of the Foundation.

The Foundation will be holding a Bake Sale on Feb. 13, in the Clubhouse Lobby, 10 am–2 pm. We are raising funds to purchase new patio furniture for the Golf Pro Shop patio. We know that many residents don't

golf, but when you are out walking, it will be a welcoming spot to stop and enjoy a brief rest.

There will be a wide variety of baked goodies. We may even have some flowers you can purchase for your sweetheart. Remember, the more you love the Foundation, the more the Foundation can do for HG.

We would so appreciate your support and look forward to seeing you Feb. 13.

Mavis Richardson
CP3

Heather 'n Yon

I live in B216, and am the alternate floor rep for the second floor.

I have been asked to notify you...about the death of a previous resident....

Mary Pangle lived in B216, unit 206 for many years. She passed away on Friday, Jan. 11. The service for her will be a private family service. Her daughter, Shirley, lives in that unit now. If people wanted to send cards, they could be mailed to:

Mary Pangle
13691 East Marina Drive #206
Aurora, CO 80014

Laura Chapman
B216

Heather 'n Yon

I hope ALL the people in HG could read the recent three-part article on the disappearance of green space in the City of Denver that appeared in *The Denver Post*. Denver is being paved over and green space disappearing faster than in other cities in this country.

Denver residents are bemoaning the absence and continuing decline of places to go and enjoy nature. There is agreement, that spending time outdoors in nature is good for our health and good for our soul.

How blessed we are at Heather Gardens to have the large swarth of

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green space to look at, to play golf on, or to walk around. It makes such a difference in our lives in so many ways.

All of this is enhanced by the multitude of trees that are around this space and tucked in among and between the buildings that we live in. The maintenance of this space is well cared for and complimented by the activity of the "Green Team" here where we live.

I imagine we are the envy of many. I feel fortunate to live here.

Tom Fitzgerald
CP2

Heather 'n Yon

It is well known in the food industry that the bar is the profit center of most every restaurant. Why is that not the fact at the Rendezvous? The following plan is the way to make this happen so that residents do not have to support it.

Happy Hour 4–7 pm

All of our potential business passes by our front door every afternoon. And way too fast, if you ask me. Day one of the plan is to have watchers sitting out front counting cars. Just like direct mail, you can count on a 2 or 3 percent return.

Flyers: Print announcements with a bar menu to hand out to drive bys.

Signs that announce "Happy Hour turn here," preferably ones that can be mounted into the ground. I have several sources.

Two security people directing traffic until people get used to slowing down and turning into HG.

People will slow down, and even stop, when they are offered samples of the menu. So a couple of servers, one on each side of the road, offering samples and handing out bar menus.

And a photographer — because if there's an accident, we will be on the evening news. Good publicity.

As to the bar menu, people love shrimp cocktail, chicken wings, mussels, sliders, small dishes. Many of us don't want to eat much at night, so this is a great compromise, and won't cost much for a test run. I worked in a New York City restaurant for a few years, so I know a little about this stuff. Please feel free to call on me, I love doing promotions.

Jane Blomquist
B208

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Heather 'n Yon

Men with Purpose Discussion Group met for lunch on Dec. 20, in Rendezvous Restaurant. The members' wives and partners were included. Attached are photos I took of the gathering. Can news of our event be included in *Heather 'n Yon*?

Have a great Holiday Season.

**Tony Taylor
CP3**



Above and below: More Gaylord Rockies photos



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Clubs and Organizations

Men with Purpose

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

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

Uke Crew

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

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

Joppa Daylight Lodge AF & AM

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

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

The NoteAbles Mixed Chorus

With 2018 receding in the rear-view mirror, the NoteAbles are looking forward to rehearsing and performing new music with enthusiasm. Broadway, Disney, folk songs, and old popular and familiar hits are on the horizon for rehearsals on Tuesday nights, 7 pm, in Sandberg Auditorium.

This community chorus invites all people who enjoy group singing. There is no audition to qualify. If you choose to perform with the group, then rehearsing and individual preparation is recommended.

The dues are \$10, payable at the beginning of each month. However, as HG and non-resident seniors like

to do, if going on an extended trip for a month, payment for that month is not required. Your membership can resume the following month. The money collected for dues purchases music, pays for public announcements and advertising, and the director's and performing guests' fees.

Friendships revolving around shared music are fulfilling and lasting. Put singing with the NoteAbles on your New Year's 2019 Resolution bucket list.

CP1

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

HG Breakfast Optimist Club

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

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

Don't do breakfast? We're interested in starting a group that meets later in the day. Get in touch for more details! — Jeannine Montgomerie

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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, and support that you need to be successful.

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The HG TOPS Club meets 8:30–9:30 am every Thursday in the Blue Spruce Room. Men and women are welcome. Come in around 8:15, so we can say “hi!” For information, contact Vicki Queen, 303-489-0409, 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 1–4 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

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

American Legion Post 2012

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

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

Karaoke Club

The club meets 6–8 pm on the second Friday of every month in the Aspen/Blue Spruce Rooms. BYOB and snacks.

Great songs to choose from and sing. Sing solo or with a group. For

information, call 303-398-3998 or 309-310-5315.

Women with Dreams

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

50 and Who's Counting

Join our gathering on the second Saturday, Feb. 9, Blue Spruce Room. We will have a potluck dinner at 6 pm, followed by some fun and games. Social time begins at 5:30.

Dinner will be a potluck, featuring everyone's favorite appetizer, main dish, side dish, or dessert. Bring your own drink of choice. – Sandy Brent

A Circle of Friends

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

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

Aurora Christian Women's Vital Network Brunch

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

We have brunch, which costs \$13, including tax and tip. Everyone is welcome. For information, call Karen, 303-888-3555.

Parkinson Support Group

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

Heather Gardens Indivisible

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

Our monthly educational meeting is the second Tuesday of each

month at 3:30 pm in the Aspen Room. We also have weekly lunch meetings at 1 pm in the Rendezvous Restaurant, to discuss issues and share articles, books, thoughts.

Our next meeting will be 3:30 pm Tuesday, Feb. 12, in the Aspen Room. We will discuss affordable housing, a high-priority issue for Colorado state legislators. Questions? Call or email Jim Chaput, 720-312-4846, jpchaput5@msn.com.

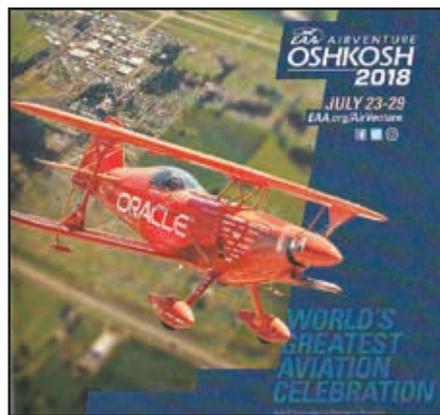
B203 and B204

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

HG Aviation Club

The HG Aviation Club will hold its February meeting on the second Wednesday of the month, 7 pm, Feb. 13, in the Aspen Room. This month's program will be the official DVD from Oshkosh 2018 Air Show.

The Oshkosh Air Show is the



biggest in the world, and has something of interest for everyone who loves airplanes: new, old, home built, War Birds and antiques. All are welcome. Come watch a really neat program! – Rudy Morris

The Green Team

Do you pick up paper on the path as you walk? Have you removed a plastic bag from the recycle bin and placed it in the trash? Does it bother you to see someone walking a dog without retrieving its waste?

If you answered "yes," then you are a perfect match. We are a small, but mighty, club of like-minded individuals who are passionate about protecting the environment at HG. We are always looking for additional

members to help with projects, such as Shred Events and City of Aurora Beautification Grants.

Interested? Please call 303-306-0066, or come to our meeting every second Thursday at noon in the Skyview Room. Mark your calendar for Feb. 14, and join us. We would love to meet you!

The HG Green Team is happy that it is continuing the Dog Waste Composting Program. We will soon have 16 more waste-collection bins, which will be attached to the regular dog-waste stations, making a total of 26 altogether. We are looking for more owners of dogs to participate in the program. Contact Janet Arce, 626-248-0162, or Viola, 720-535-5638, for more information and to register your dogs.

Those of you who already participate in this program, please tell your friends and neighbors. Meanwhile, free compostable doggie bags will be available for pick up the last Friday of each month, 9 am–noon, at the Clubhouse. Janet and Marsha will be there to answer your questions.

– Janet C. Arce, B232

PRIDE at Heather Gardens

Come and join us at 7 pm Friday, Feb. 15, for the second gathering of the LGBTQ and Friends. We look forward to seeing you. We had an exciting gathering in January.

Please bring something to drink or an appetizer to share. Some will be provided.

I hope to have a guest speaker at our February gathering, held in the Aspen/Blue Spruce Rooms. With any questions, you can contact me, 303-570-7529, or text me. – David Hetzel

Wine and Cheese Social Club

Join us on the third Saturday, 3–5 pm. We get together in the Aspen/Blue Spruce Room. Everyone is welcome. Bring a bottle of wine and a snack. Enjoy socializing with other HG neighbors. Entertainment is provided. If you have a talent you want to share, we invite you to join in. – Debbie Brooks, 303-923-3809.

Photo Club

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

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Sports and Recreation

500 Club

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We play at 1 pm every Friday in the Skyview Room. Don't know the game? It's easy to learn, and we are happy to teach. See you Friday! Linda Serio, 303-368-8123.

Men's Poker

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

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

Mexican Train Dominoes

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

Men's Bridge

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

Mah Jongg

We meet 12:30-4 pm every Monday, Blue Spruce Room, except the third Monday of each month. Then we meet in the Arts & Crafts Room.

You must have the latest Mah Jongg League card. We play for a maximum of \$3 — bring your nickels,

dimes and quarters. All HG players are welcome. For information: Bobbie Klapp, 520-743-6849.

Ladies Billiard Club

We meet in the Billiards Room 1:30-4 pm Monday and Thursday afternoons. Don't know the game, no problem. It is easy to learn, and fun to play. Stop in and check us out. Call Elaine, 303-745-4567, for additional information. — Elaine Blinder

Ping Pong

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

Pinochle

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

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

Hand and Foot

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

Mah Jongg

We meet 1-4 pm every Tuesday, Blue Spruce Room, except the sec-

ond 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.

Never played Mah Jongg? Come and observe, to see if you wish to learn. Call Carol, 720-628-4051, or Pat, 720-535-4603, for information.

Billiard Club

The club meets for co-ed 8-Ball at 7 pm Tuesdays, and Men's 9-Ball at 7 pm Thursdays. Annual dues of \$9 are payable on Jan. 1 each year.

All new players are welcome. Questions? Call Sean Kelliher, 720-427-6174, or Connie Burns, 303-695-0766.

Co-ed 8 Ball December 18

- 1st Doug Miller, Bimp Larry
- 2nd Dee Moore, Roger Goldstein
- 3rd Sean Kelliher, Judy Brehmer

January 8

- 1st Lindy Davenport, Elaine Blinder
- 2nd Doug Miller, Shannon Boyd
- 3rd Chuck Finder, Dee Moore

January 15

- 1st Sean Kelliher, Judy Brehmer
- 2nd Dee Moore, Carlo Toner
- 3rd Gil Lochhead, Larry Schneller

Men's 9-Ball December 20

- 1st George Hoffman
- 2nd Hi Reynolds

December 27

- 1st Maynard Kurtz
- 2nd Brian Bucenec
- 3rd Paul Mall

January 3

- 1st George Hoffman, Maynard Kurtz
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4–5 pm Tuesday, March 5

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I will be hosting three one-hour sessions to discuss the 2019 rule changes, and how they will affect everyone here at Heather Gardens and other courses you may play.

Please join me in the Blue Spruce Room of the Clubhouse.

PGA Head Golf Professional Greg Kohr

days in the Blue Spruce Room. Help setting up is appreciated, so come early. For more information, call Merily VanZevern, 720-282-3199, or John Osterberg, 720-535-1038. For partnership information, call Linda Harder, 303-369-2032.

Square Dancing

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

New Open Bridge Club

The group meets every Thursday, 1:30–4 pm. in the Arts & Crafts Room. Join us. Call or text Freddie Schroeder, 303-437-4255, to RSVP. Need to know how many tables are needed.

Bunko

Bunko is played 1–3:30 pm on the first and third Thursdays of each month in the Blue Spruce Room. Debbie Brooks, 303-923-3809.

Pickleball

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

To see this lively sport in action, visit the “Pickleball at Heather Gardens” website: plaidflannel.com/Pickleball. The website offers detailed information on our current playing schedule, instructional videos and information on the game's history, rules and equipment.

If you want to learn more about Pickleball, or get on the roster, call Rosalie, 303-751-1226, or Judy, 303-

369-6258, or contact us by email at pickleball@plaidflannel.com.

Tennis Club

Don't miss our monthly social meeting in Rendezvous, 5 pm Wednesday, Feb. 13. We are a warm, friendly, inclusive group. Hope to see you there.

We still are playing tennis outside, 1-3 pm Monday through Friday, weather permitting. Join us. We can also train you on the ball machine.

This spring we will be offering free tennis lessons, if you feel rusty about your game. Any questions? Call Wendy, 303-306-0066.

Ladies Golf Club

Even though we're in the middle of winter, some women are still playing a few rounds of golf every month, between the snowstorms.

If you missed the first one, make sure to put the February “Birthday Celebration” on your calendar. It's always the second Wednesday of the month, and will be at noon Feb. 13, in Rendezvous. You need to make your reservation with Kathy Liss, our Social Chair, 303-618-2599, or kathyliss@comcast.net by Feb. 8. Also, if you have a February birthday, be sure to let Kathy know.

Our first monthly “Birthday Celebration,” on Jan. 9, was a great success. We enjoyed seeing golfing buddies again. Two January birthdays were celebrated: Georgia Ptacek and Sandra Sweeney. All 23 enjoyed it.

Mavis Richardson and Debbie Madril, our Tournament Chairs, are still looking for volunteers to help with the monthly tournaments. Last year, the Tournament Chair/Co-Chair System was introduced. This system was successful, and will continue for the 2019 season. It's a great way to get involved, and get to know all the club members. You are only committed for

one month. If you want to know more, contact Mavis Richardson, mavisr@comcast.net, or Debbie Madril, mad-dava@msn.com. If you're new to HG, and are considering joining our league, you can obtain an application in the HG Pro Shop, on the website www.heathergardensladiesgolfclub.com, or by contacting Gini Klein, gaklein@comcast.net, or Mary Jo Prichard, mjpininsurance@hotmail.com.

The club's board meets on the last Wednesday of each month, 1 pm, in the Board Room. Everyone is welcome. The February meeting will be Wednesday, Feb. 27.

Fun Golf Facts: “A common misconception is that the word GOLF is an acronym for Gentlemen Only, Ladies Forbidden. This is definitely not true. It is now accepted that ‘golf’ is derived from an old word meaning ‘club’.” – JoAnn Fitch and Suzi Stolte

Men's Golf Club

Gentlemen: as I write this note to you, our beloved golf course is sleeping under a thick blanket of snow, and weather reports indicate that more snow is soon to be added. While this will continue to prevent me from enjoying my favorite pastime, I know it will benefit the course greatly this coming spring.

Spring is just around the corner, and that is what I wanted to note here. With our tournament season beginning only two months from now — on April 5 — it is time to get your 2019 membership application filled out and turned in. The application is available at the Golf Pro Shop, and also online at our web site, heathergardensmensgolfclub.com. When filling out your application, please be sure to indicate your plans to attend our Spring Banquet, Thursday, March 28, at the Rendezvous Restaurant. Get them in early, gents!

– Ed Bradley

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Hey Neighbors! It's that time again. Come to our Soup/Salad/Dessert Potluck, 5:30 pm Monday, Feb. 18 in the Aspen/Blue Spruce Rooms. Plan to eat around 6 pm.

Please bring soup, a salad or a dessert. Hot tea will be available. And of course you can BYOB.

We had to move to a Monday, because the rooms have already been scheduled by another group on Wednesdays for the rest of the year. RSVP with your menu selection, so we'll know how many places to set: cindycrockett5@gmail.com or call me – my number is in the directory. – Cindy Crockett

HG Republicans

The HG Republican Club will be meeting on a new date: 1:30 pm Tuesday, Feb. 19, Aspen Room. First, we will have nominations for Club Chairman, Vice Chairman, and Secretary/Treasurer. Only current paid members may vote.

Our speaker, back by popular demand, is Andy Peth, Arapahoe County Republican Vice Chair. Everyone welcome, refreshments will be served. – Ruth Prendergast, President

B205 and B206

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

Colorado Symphony Guild–Hilltop/Southeast Chapter

The Hilltop/Southeast Chapter of the Colorado Symphony Guild meets over lunch the third Wednesday of each month at Rendezvous. A business meeting starts at 11:30 am, followed by lunch and a program. We invite new members to join us.

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

The Society of Military Widows Chapter 22

We meet the fourth Saturday of the month at Blossoms in Windsor Gardens. We have lunch, which is \$13.50, and includes tax and tip.

For information, call Sally, 303-751-7299. For a reservation, call Monica, 303-341-2482. – Mae Shockley

SRA

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

Low Vision Support Group

On Monday, Feb. 25, we will visit the Colorado Talking Book and Braille Library. Transportation provided. We will leave the Clubhouse Lobby at 12:45 pm, and return about 3:15. For information, call Marsha Bengen, 720-535-5224.

HG Democrats Club

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

Morgan Carroll, Colorado Democratic Party chair, will speak. Rita Simas and Kristin Mallory Westerberg are both candidates for the county party chair on Feb. 2, and they will address us.

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

The Sevillians

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

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

Caregivers Support Group

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

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

If you cannot leave your care

receiver alone, we have an experienced caregiver who will spend the time with your special person in another room in the Clubhouse during our meeting. For more information, call Nancy Fuhr, 303-337-4890.

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.

Frolics Club

The club recently held auditions for the cast of the upcoming Spring Show. New members joined existing members, and much talent was displayed.

The theme for this year's show is, "Get Your Kicks on Route 66," so we will be visiting different towns and roadside attractions, as mentioned in the famous song. We hope we will be able to put together an entertaining display of music familiar to all of you. As usual, we will look forward to seeing you at the shows.

The dates for the Spring Show are as follows: Thursday, April 25, 7 pm; Friday, April 26, 7 pm; Saturday, April 27, 4 pm; and Sunday, April 28, 2 pm. Details for ticket sales will be published at a later date. – M. Mines

HG Grief Support

If you have lost a loved one, our Grief Support Group can help you. We offer eight-week sessions twice a year. Registration is required.

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



Trips and Tours

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

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

- Residents should not plan to drive themselves on an RTD trip. This leaves open seats on the bus for non-drivers who wish to attend the event. It also creates confusion when distributing tickets. The trip leader, who is responsible for all residents on a trip, may mistakenly delay the bus, not realizing that travelers have already left in a car.

Dazzle

Thursday, Feb. 28, 11:30 am
Thursday, March 28, 11:30 am

Deadline: Three weeks prior to event, Downtown
Cost: \$28

Senior Jazz lunch features great live jazz! Includes your choice of three chef-inspired entrees, soda, coffee, tea or glass of red or white wine, draft beer or well drink. Tax and gratuity included.

The Wizard of Oz

Ellie Caulkins Opera House
Saturday, Feb. 2

Sold Out

Anna Karenina, Stage Theatre
Saturday, Feb. 9

Sold Out

The Diary of Anne Frank

Black Box Theatre
Wednesday, Feb. 13

Sold Out

Denver Concert Band – Beasts of Legend and Lore

Lone Tree Arts Center
Sunday, Feb. 24, 2 pm.
Cost: \$18, Deadline: Feb. 3

This is an annual Guest Artist Concert that will feature jazz soloists Art Bouton on saxophone and Dave Hanson on piano, performing Eric Whitacre's *Ghost Train*.

Hammond's Candy Factory – Golden Corral, Downtown

Wednesday, Feb. 20, 11 am.
Cost: \$3, Deadline: Jan. 30

The Mile High city has seen a number of fine chocolate and candy manufacturers come and go. The candy company founded by Carl Hammond, Sr., in 1920, is one that is still in business. Hammond's Candy Factory, on 5735 N. Washington, still makes candy the way Carl made it, with the same tempting recipes and the same careful craftsmanship. Tours are free, and take approximately 30 minutes.

After the tour, we will visit the Golden Corral for an all-you-can-eat lunch, 9751 Grant Street. Senior lunch price is \$8.99 + 2.99 (price subject to change and does not include tax or tip). Please note the restaurant does not accept checks.

Arts in the Afternoon – Fiesta

Colorado, Lone Tree Arts Center
Wednesday, March 6, 1:30 pm.
Cost: \$21, Deadline: Feb. 13

The Fiesta Colorado Dancers, directed by Jeanette Trujillo, will perform *Bailes de la Primavera*: folk dances representing the colors and joy of springtime. Dances will be from Chiapas, Veracruz, Sinaloa, and Jalisco. The musical memories are traditional sounds that will fill your day! Olé! Refreshments are provided as a part of your ticket, so please stay

after the performance to talk with performers, reflect on what you saw, and enjoy a social time.

Cinzzetti's, Northglenn

Tuesday, March 12, 11:30 am.
Cost: \$3, Deadline: Feb. 19

From the very first moment you enter Cinzzetti's, you will see that it is an experience unlike any other. Bello! It is a true Italian feast for the senses. Imagine a moment of exotic retreat as you stand by a granite and cobblestone Piazza, a splendidly faithful recreation of a centuries-old Tuscan Villa. The price of your meal doesn't change no matter how much you eat! \$8.59 for senior lunch (price subject to change, does not include beverage, tax or 15 percent gratuity.)

Sound of the Rockies – Sing! Sing! Sing!

Newman Center

Saturday, March 23

Sold Out

Rockies – Spring, Coors Field

Sunday, May 12, 11:15 am
Cost: \$38

Deadline: Monday, May 6

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

Rockies – Summer, Coors Field

Sunday, Sept. 12, 11:15 am.
Cost: \$38

Deadline: Monday, Sept. 6

This is a special HG trip, with chartered bus, on a Senior Day! Rockies will play the St. Louis Cardinals. Seats are along the 1st base line! Cost includes coach fare and game ticket. Bus will pick up residents between B243 and B244 on East Marina Drive.

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

TRIPS POLICY

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

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

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

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

Madama Butterfly

Central City Opera House
Thursday, Aug. 1, 12:15 pm
Cost: \$73
Deadline: July 25

Sung in Italian with Supertitles in English

Last Performed at Central City Opera in 2010. Audiences will rarely experience Puccini's achingly beautiful *Madama Butterfly* in a venue as intimate as Central City Opera's 550-seat jewel box theater. This opera is one of the best-loved operas in the repertoire, and regularly ranks among the top 10 most produced op-

eras nationwide. The plot traces the title character's life from marriage to an American naval lieutenant at 15 years old, determined motherhood, to an ultimately reclaiming herself through her culture's lethal code of honor.

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

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

Casino Trips

Mardi Gras or Golden Gate – Blackhawk

Tuesday, Feb. 19, 8:30 am–3:30 pm
Tuesday, March 19, 8:30 am–3:30 pm
Cost: \$6

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

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smoke detector testing can be submitted online at www.AuroraGov.org/ContactUs (click on "Free Smoke Detector"). The program is only available for residential dwellings in Aurora. If you have any questions or would rather submit a request by phone, call 303-326-8999.

Aurora Symphony Orchestra

Sunday, Feb. 10

Two Performance Times!

11 am and 1 pm

The Hangar at Stanley Marketplace
2501 Dallas St, Aurora, 80010
Though not required, a RSVP helps staff prepare for this free concert. 303-873-6622; 720-262-3850. www.aurorasymphony.org/contact.html

Are you a Bugs Bunny or Tom and Jerry enthusiast? A classical music fan? Bring the entire family to the Aurora Symphony's music for cartoons marathon. Enjoy of a wonderful selection of timeless animated classics!

Throughout time, cartoon shorts have incorporated everything from light opera to German symphonies to set the stage for some of the funniest gags in cartoon history. So, kick back, pass the carrots, and let's enjoy a few comedy classics together including Rabbit of Seville (The Barber of Seville Overture), The Cat Concerto (Hungarian Rhapsody No. 2), Pigs in a Polka (Hungarian Dance No. 5), What's Opera Doc? (Tannhäuser Overture), and many more!

Created as a first-time concert experience, the Aurora Symphony Orchestra family concerts are designed to give to younger audiences a shorter music presentation, along with stories and fun entertainment, including instrument petting-zoo, face painting, balloon animals, exciting special guests and a lot more!

Free Tax Help

It's your money. You earned it. The Earned Income Tax Credit helps you get it back.

If you earned \$55,000 or less last year, it's likely you qualify for the tax

credit. Whether you need to catch up on bills, pay down debt or buy something for your children, the tax credit puts money back in your pocket — up to \$6,400. Don't pay to file your taxes if you don't have to. Filing your taxes can be free and easier than you think. Tax Help Colorado will operate the following free tax sites in Aurora:

- Community College of Aurora
710 Alton Way
Jan. 26 to April 20
Saturdays, 9 am to 3 pm
- Wells Fargo Aurora
9000 E. Colfax Ave.
Jan. 26 to April 20
Saturdays, 9 am to noon
- Pickens Technical College
500 Airport Blvd.
Jan. 29 to March 7
(closed Jan. 31)
Tuesdays, 8:30 to 10:30 am,
and Thursdays, 3 to 6 pm
- Aurora Central Library
14949 E. Alameda Parkway
Feb. 6 to March 27
Wednesdays, 4 to 8 pm

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Free Days for February

Denver Art Museum	Saturday, Feb. 2
720-865-5000, 10 am–5 pm www.denverartmuseum.org , 100 W 14th Ave Pkwy	
Denver Zoo	Sunday, Feb. 3
720-337-1400, www.denverzoo.org 2300 Steele St	
Denver Botanic Gardens @ Chatfield	Monday, Feb. 4
720-865-4346, 9 am–5 pm www.botanicgardens.org 8500 Deer Creek Canyon Rd, Littleton	
Denver Firefighters Museum	Saturday, Feb. 9
303-892-1436, 10 am–4 pm www.denverfirefightersmuseum.org 1326 Tremont Pl, Denver	

Denver Museum of Nature and Science

303-322-7009, www.dmns.org Monday, Feb. 11
2001 Colorado Blvd, 4–10 pm
(Fee for IMAX films, Planetarium)

Clyfford Still Museum Sunday, Feb. 17
720-354-4880 10 am–5 pm

www.clyffordstillmuseum.org
1250 Bannock St, Denver

Denver Botanic Gardens Monday, Feb. 18
720-865-3500, 9 am–9 pm

www.botanicgardens.org, 1007 York St, Denver
Aurora History Museum is free Tuesdays–Sundays.

303-739-6660, 9 am–4 pm Tues–Fri
www.auroragov.org, 11 am–4 pm Sat, Sun
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HGMD Foundation

At the meeting on Jan. 9, the Green Team made a presentation to the Foundation for funding for the Dog Stations Composting Poop Project. After discussion, the committee decided to support the purchase of additional bins, labels and cable locks, \$1,790.88. This recommendation was to go to the HGMD Board for approval.

Financial report through November

Balance (Nov. 3) is	\$186,749.26
Donations were	\$448.00
Donations for trees balance	\$11,708.14
Total is	\$186,749.26

(The transfer of \$150,000 to CDs is included in this total.)
Under unfinished business, the committee discussed

a fundraiser to help offset the cost of patio furniture outside the Golf Pro Shop. We are going to start with a Valentine Bake and Flower Sale on Feb. 13, 10 am–2 pm in the Clubhouse Lobby. The Foundation will solicit donations specifically targeting this furniture project.

There may be additional fundraisers in the coming year.

Donations to the General Fund in 4th Quarter 2018

- B214 in memory of Henry Menekes
- B217 in memory of Donald Ashby, Dorothy Ruh and Janet Wagner
- B220 in memory of Elizabeth Schmitz
- B221 in memory of Clifford Blackstun, Dorothy Lewis and Ed Keller
- B231 and Darlene Solmonson in memory of Owen Lee
- Ginny Butler in memory of Jane Nielsen
- Anonymous in memory of Winifred Jennings

Donations to the Tree Fund in 4th Quarter 2018

- B234 for trees in memory of Ken Briscoe
- B218 for trees in memory of Jackie Mager
- HG Bridge Club in memory of Luella Levine

Other donations to the Foundation included sweat-shirt sales, \$30; and Grizzlies Gone Nuts, \$48

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

Bonnie McMullen
Foundation Chair, HGMD Board Director



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HG Clubhouse Events

Please bring your receipt to the event.

Clubhouse Hours: 6 am to 10 pm, Monday–Saturday
6 am to 8 pm Sunday • Phone 303-751-1811

Clubhouse Manager Linda Aluise

Assistant Clubhouse Manager Lewis Boeve

1st Saturday Night Dance

Saturday, Feb. 2, 6:30–9:30 pm, Sandberg Auditorium
Music by Memories

Fee: HG resident, \$6

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

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

Great Rabbis, Great Insights

Thursday, Feb. 7, 9 am, Mountainview Room

Thursday, Feb. 14, 9 am, Mountainview Room

FREE

Rabbi Fleisher will discuss the weekly Parsha in the context of telling the story of a great Rabbi and then share some of his insights on the Parsha.

Pilates-Beginners

Wednesday, Feb. 6–March 6, 2:45–3:45 pm (4 weeks, no class Feb. 13)

Fee: \$12

A try it class! Ever wondered what this class is about? Pilates increases strength and flexibility in both the core and the legs. Learn the basics and feel the benefits.

Check out
www.heathergardens.org

9Health Fair is coming!

It may be early, but we are starting to plan for the 9Health Fair on Thursday, April 11, 8 am–noon. We will need lots of volunteer help that day, and even before, for some key planning positions.

A volunteer sign-up will be available at the Reception Desk, or you can register at 9HealthFair.org. No experience needed. If you are interested, please contact Clubhouse Manager Linda Aluise, 303-751-1811, or Linda.Aluise@heathergardens.org.

Gift Certificates/Cards available for Clubhouse and Rendezvous Restaurant

Looking for that perfect gift? Why not purchase your friend or loved one a Gift Certificate for a class, activity or a meal at the Clubhouse and Rendezvous? You can purchase any denomination of \$5 or over. Lots of special events coming up for the holidays and 2019. Give the gift that keeps on giving.

Conditioning For Golfers

Thursday, Feb. 7–28, 10:05–11:05 am

Blue Spruce Room

Instructor: Ingrid Valdez

Fee: \$12

Spring fever? Get fit in time for golf this spring. Cold weather got you down? Let's get fit and ready for golf this spring. This workout is designed to help improve your game by focusing on strength, stability, coordination, and flexibility. Bring your own mat and hand weights (dumbbells). All golfers welcome!

AARP Drivers Safety

Friday, Feb. 8, 1 pm, Arts & Crafts Room

Fee: \$15 AARP Member/\$20 non-member

A certified AARP instructor teaches this course. Class size is limited, so registration is required. Pay the instructor on the day of the class.

Movie Matinee and Night: *First Man*

Friday, Feb. 8, 1 pm and 6:30 pm, Sandberg Auditorium

Fee: \$4 pre-register, \$5 on day of event

Oscar-winning director Damien Chazelle and star Ryan Gosling reunite for Universal Pictures' *First Man*, the riveting story of NASA's mission to land a man on the moon, focusing on Neil Armstrong and the years 1961–1969. A visceral, first-person account, based on the book by James R. Hansen, the movie will explore the sacrifices, and the cost to Armstrong and the nation, when conducting one of the most dangerous missions in history. Rated PG-13

National Kite Day

Friday, Feb. 8, 3-4 pm, Sunburst Café

FREE

Get set to feel the wind in your face, the line in your hand, and the liberating feeling one gets when flying a kite. It's National Kite Flying Day after all. Did you know kites have a lot to do with lift, thrust, drag, and wind pressure? Probably not. It's ok. On Feb. 8, simply come to this event to pick out your cookie and enjoy decorating your own kite cookie. Then eat it with a glass of lemonade. Oh, and pray for wind.

Family Swim Time:

Indoor Pool Children's Swim: Saturday, Sunday, 2–4 pm

Children 16 years and younger may join grandparents to swim. A Pool Attendant is on deck during these scheduled hours to greet, register swimmers and enforce pool rules. No Lifeguard on Duty, swim at own risk. All guests must be accompanied by a resident. Each unit is allowed up to four guests.

Friendly Reminder before getting in the pool: Please, please, please, rinse off with a shower prior to entering the pool. This is so important to the chemical balance of the pool. It also helps with pool cleanliness.

I know several swimmers say, "I took a shower at home." However, did you put lotion on, hair product on, or makeup? These are all things that can affect the pool chemistry. Some products cause others to break out in a rash. We have the cleanest pool in the metro area. Please do your part to keep it that way.

Four Fantastic Kite Facts

1. The longest kite measured a whopping 3,394 feet.
2. The fastest kite was recorded flying at a speed of 120 mph.
3. The longest kite trip once flew for 180 hours straight.
4. The most kites: A Japanese kite-maker reportedly flew 11,284 kites on a single line — the largest number recorded thus far.

Active Minds: WW1, The Great War

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

As we mark the 100 year anniversary of the end of World War 1, join us for a look at the “war to end all wars.” We will start by identifying what kindled the flame that was ignited by the assassination of Archduke Ferdinand on June 28, 1914. Then follow the story as various players get pulled into the conflict, including the United States in April of 1917. At the end, a brief preview about how WW1 led to the next conflict, WW2.

Watch Batteries

Thursday, Feb. 14, 9 am–1 pm, Lodgepole Lounge
Fee: \$6 per battery.

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

Chili Cook-Off

Friday, Feb. 15, 2-4 pm, Sandberg Auditorium
Fee: \$3, \$4 day of event

Come sample our local HG realtors’ “favorite” chili! Sample a wide variety of savory red, green, vegetarian

and mystery chili. Wash it down with a cold and refreshing beverage! Vote for your favorites in each category. Put your name in the “pot” for a raffle prize (must be present to win). HG Security will tally the votes, break any ties, and announce the winners! Register today at the Clubhouse.

Medicare Enrollment and Election Periods

Wednesday, Feb. 20, 10–11 am, Skyview Room

Movie Matinee and Night: *Bohemian Rhapsody*

Friday, Feb. 22, 1 pm and 6:30 pm, Sandberg Auditorium
Fee: \$4 pre-register, \$5 on day of event

Bohemian Rhapsody is a foot-stomping celebration of Queen, their music and their extraordinary lead singer Freddie Mercury. Freddie defied stereotypes and shattered convention to become one of the most beloved entertainers on the planet. The film traces the meteoric rise of the band through their iconic songs and revolutionary sound. They reach unparalleled success, but in an unexpected turn Freddie, surrounded by darker influences, shuns Queen in pursuit of his solo career. Queen cements a legacy that continues to inspire outsiders, dreamers and music lovers to this day. Rated PG-13

Spring Craft Fair

Saturday March 30, 9 am–3 pm

Applications available on Friday, Feb. 1. Don’t delay. Call or stop by the Clubhouse Reception Desk to get an application. Tables are assigned on a first come, first serve basis. Residents have priority.

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If you have access to a computer and prefer to file on your own, visit MyFreeTaxes.com.

Snow Removal by Aurora

The unpredictability of snow storms requires a snow plan with flexibility, allowing the city to add resources as needed to improve travel during winter weather events.

Priority 1: Major Arterial Streets
These streets are targeted first to ensure routes remain clear to the city’s emergency centers. Hospitals, fire stations, police stations and rescue

squad units are located on red priority routes.

Priority 2: Minor Arterial and Residential Collector Streets — This second priority tackles higher volume streets adjacent to schools, nursing homes and city recreation facilities, and those that give access into neighborhoods.

Priority 3: Secondary and Neighborhood through Streets — Weather permitting, these routes are serviced after Priority 1 and 2 routes are completed. These roads include bus routes and select neighborhood streets.

Priority 4: Rural and Outlying

Streets — Once the other routes have been serviced, and as time and resources allow, roads located in rural/annexed areas of the city are plowed.

If you have a medical condition and need special access during or after a snow storm, call the police non-emergency line, 303.627.3100. They will coordinate with Public Works to make sure your residence is accessible.

Did you know that once all routes have been plowed, the city has cleared roads within two blocks of almost every home in Aurora?



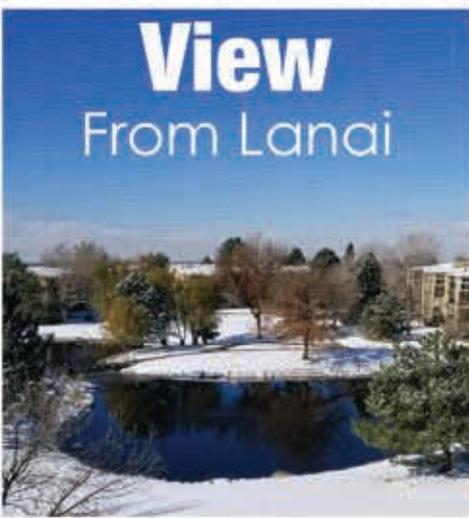
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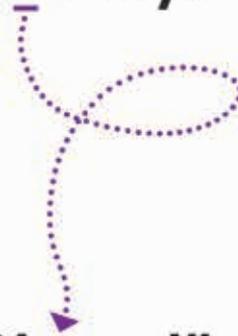
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Musings on a self-imposed isolation

by Mary Hafka

I got a postcard from Kaiser Permanent the other day. It contained a list of helpful suggestions on what to do when you get the flu.

I snarled disdainfully, after reading the postcard — not because I doubted the advice it gave. I sneered because I had just gotten over a bout of the flu three days before. Talk about too little, too late.

Kaiser Permanent said, in summary: do three things. Get lots of rest — overexertion causes the illness to last longer. Take in plenty of liquids — hydration helps ease the symptoms. And stay home — don't cheerfully distribute your germs among others.

With martyred pride, I noted I had done what they recommended. I also got the flu shot from Kaiser last autumn, for all the good that it did me.

Sleeping is always a challenge when fighting nasal congestion and non-stop coughing. I tried playing soothing music at night, coupled with the white noise of a wave machine. The sound of music wafting over the crash of waves, in my cold-medicine-induced delirium, sort of made me feel as though I was going down on the Titanic.

Getting lots of rest led to giving myself an extra week's grace period for taking down my Christmas decorations. A girl needed to save her strength, not expend it on wrestling the life-sized glitter-and-wire angel into the basement, nor untangling a bunch of recalcitrant Christmas lights that have been plotting, for weeks, to twist and turn, and put up a fight against being packed away for the season.

Despite my new, resting lifestyle, I didn't get out of dog-walking duties. I bundled up my flu-ridden head and headed out into the January snowstorms, four times a day. The needs of the much-indulged Miss Morticia must be obeyed. [Rotten dog.]

Put Mortie into a fleecy snowsuit,

complete with a hood, sporting bunny-rabbit ears, and furry boots. Put myself into a [larger] fleecy snowsuit, complete with a hood, sporting bunny-rabbit ears and fur-lined boots with cleats fitted to the bottom, for traction on ice. You would be hard-pressed to find a pair less deserving of the designation, "snow bunny," than Mortie and me.

The entire dressing ritual took about five minutes per bunny. The dog, on a leash, then accompanied me outside, took one look at the blowing snow, and tried to run back into the house.

What followed was an unattractive display of me, dragging the dog down the street by the leash, alternately threatening, cajoling, and pleading with her to please do her business, so we both could escape back into the house. We performed this routine four times a day. I don't think the enterprise aided in my speedy recovery any. [Rotten weather]

The spectacle of me pleading, and the dog resisting, is a common one during our winter walks amid snow and sleet. It just felt a lot worse, when I had the flu. [Rotten dog]

I didn't have to ponder much to guess where I contracted this illness. Its source was a post-New Year's party at a friend's house, where no fewer than seven children were present. Children can be a veritable incubator for germs.

The party hostess reported to me, later, she herself had been terribly, and severely, sick. She even identified which grandchild played Typhoid Mary to our suffering.

The next time I go to a gathering where there's a flock of children, I'm taking a can of Lysol with me. All kids will be thoroughly sprayed down before they can approach.

Staying locked up in one's house for a week or so casts an entirely different perspective on life. Self-

imposed isolation causes a person to re-examine not only her life, but the vast array of TV programs she has DVR'ed.

I binge-watched 84 episodes (seven seasons) of "A French Village" [Un Village Français], a PBS mini-series that examined life in a French municipality that was occupied by German soldiers, for five years, after France surrendered in World War 2. I emerged as a self-proclaimed expert in the Vichy Government after viewing the series, and understood, for the first time, how France could have opposed Germany in WW2, then changed sides and became Germany's ally.

The Vichy government was a puppet entity installed by the Germans to run France after that country surrendered. The French people understood that cooperation was, somehow, just desserts for their having shamefully lost the war.

The Fascist Vichy government enabled the Germans to commit fewer troops to keeping the peace in France, freeing those soldiers to fight the war on other fronts. Later, as Germany began to lose the war against the remaining Allies, the French people began to change their view, and concluded the Vichy government was a betrayal of their faith, magnified by the brutal conditions living among German soldiers imposed. [Rotten Germans]

As the retreating Germans hanged and shot French Resistance members, French Resistance members retaliated by hanging and shooting many French citizens who had worked for the Vichy government. This helped explain for me why, for decades after, French people seemed to be in a perpetual bad mood. [Rotten French]

"A French Village" came to an end, and so did my illness. Now I'm well enough to go back to work at the Golf Shop; however, the course is buried under roughly 64 tons of snow.

Luckily, I still have a full season of PBS' "Poldark," saved up on the DVR. A new season of "Victoria" is just starting, and another of "Games of Thrones" is on the horizon. Winter is coming, and it looks to be a long one.

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