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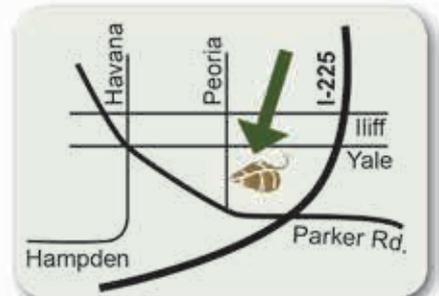
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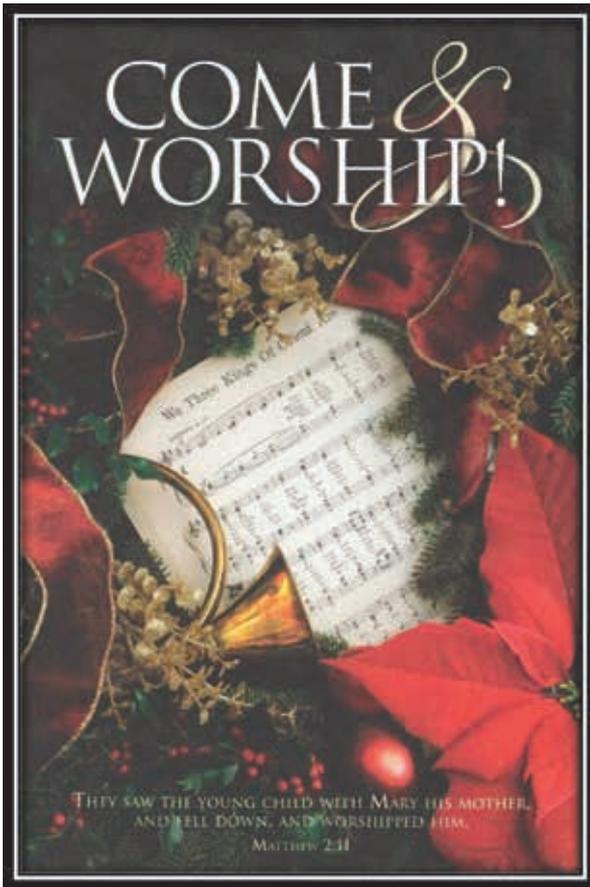
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# HGA Board holds Q&A session regarding CP4 fire

A standing-room-only crowd — upwards of 250 people — attended the Nov. 20 meeting of the HGA Board of Directors, in the Sandberg Auditorium. The first hour of the session was dedicated to updating the audience about the Nov. 16 explosion and fire in CP4.

Four representatives from the Aurora Fire Department (AFD) attended. Spokesperson Sherri-Jo Stowell gave a current status report, as did Kevin Tillerson, of Jim Black Construction, which was called by dispatchers with the city of Aurora to help manage and assess the damage caused by the fire. Their work began that Friday night.

Ward V Councilman Bob Roth also appeared, and provided his email address, urging anyone to contact him at any time with questions or requests for assistance: [Broth@auroragov.org](mailto:Broth@auroragov.org). One audience member acknowledged that Roth came to HG on the night of the fire.

“We are looking into how the locates (painted lines drawn to mark where underground lines are) were done. Depending on the property, locates are not always accurate.” Roth reported he was in contact with Xcel and Comcast, and that the City Manager Jim Twombly was following the actions being taken in the community.

General Manager Calvin White reported that HG had tendered two insurance claims, one regarding property, the other regarding liability. All speakers agreed that it might be months before a final report on what happened, and who was responsible, might be issued.

Questions from the audience centered around why evacuation of CP4 didn't happen immediately, once a gas leak was detected? How good was Comcast's subcontractor, which was digging trenches, and who was supervising the digging on HG property? Was the Management Office informed of every gas leak, which drew a response/visit from Xcel? Why send an email blast when warning residents of gas leak problems? Wouldn't a reverse 9-1-1 be more effective? One speaker suggested an ad hoc committee of experienced residents be formed to help CP4 residents navigate rebuilding their homes, and being made whole again.

HGA President Kay Sawyer said Xcel currently is inspecting the entire HG property for gas leaks and fire hazards. White stated that Xcel Energy dispatch does not necessarily notify the Management Office every time they come onto HG property.

Several residents complained about an unprofessional demeanor from Comcast's subcontractor ICS Construction, saying one worker brought a little boy and his grandmother with him. AFD advised residents to let HGA Board know, if someone possesses valuable information that could assist with the investigation. HG can forward the information to AFD.

White urged those affected by the fire to have their insurance adjusters contact HG, to be put in touch with  
*See HGA Fire...page 10*

*About dinner time on Nov. 16, the northern parts of HG were rocked by an explosion in CP4. Residents had smelled gas in the area, and several had called Xcel to warn them of a possible gas leak. An Xcel truck and an Aurora Fire Department had just arrived onsite when the explosion occurred. Many residents nearby felt the violent vibration or heard the explosive sound.*

*At one point, responding fire stations numbered about six. The gas supply had to be turned off before the fires could be quenched. Many residents in the area were evacuated from their homes to the Clubhouse, where the Red Cross took charge of tending to the victims. HG's SEC Committee, several residents, and HG staff responded to help residents. The Radisson Hotel offered rooms to displaced residents for a reduced rate.*

*Early reports were that there were only two individuals injured and transported to a nearby hospital for treatment: Mike Hogg and a firefighter. By the following morning, it was known that one resident, Carol Ross, was unaccounted for.*

*After a search of the affected units, her body was found. Ross had taught knitting at HG for many years (see page 10).*

*HG Management issued a lengthy statement on Nov. 17, after an emergency meeting of the board (see page 15). The most severe damage was to three duplex buildings (6 units) that included 13960, 13962, 13970, and 13972 East Linvale Place.*



*Above: Aurora firefighters work to stop the fire in CP4 on Nov. 16. Right: One day later, a restoration company works to remove debris and clean the area. Investigators began their work to discover what happened? More photos, see page 25*



# Extra! Extra! Information for you –

## *Do you need an insurance checkup?*

Most of us go to the doctor at least once a year to have our health evaluated. But we probably forget to get other things, like insurance, checked-up on a regular basis. Many aspects of insurance are changing — terms and rates are going up, the cost to replace treasured items are going up, and even Heather Gardens (HG) condominium documents (“the Declarations”) have changed.

### **Property Coverage**

When the HG Declaration was amended in 2015, the extent to which the Association (HGA) is responsible for repairing our units after fire, flood, wind, hail, etc., changed. Most of us know that condominiums are covered with what is called a HO-6 insurance policy. Typically, these policies covered everything from the walls of our units inward. Things like cabinets, plumbing, flooring, furniture, draperies, etc., were covered by our HO-6. Everything else (the walls outward) was covered by the HGA's insurance policy.

The amended “Declaration” made HG's insurance policy responsible for just about everything in your unit, with the exception of anything not attached to the walls of your unit. Think of it in this way: if you were to pick up your unit, turn it upside down and shake it, everything that falls out is your (or your insurance policy's) responsibility. Appliances, furniture, draperies, etc., are your responsibility. Plumbing, electricity, ceilings, walls, flooring (carpet, tile, laminate, etc.), air conditioner units, kitchen cabinets, etc., are usually the responsibility of HG. We are speaking generally here, so keep in mind that with any insurance claim, terms may be subject to interpretation and will involve negotiation between the parties to the claim.

One final note. It is a good idea to take and keep pictures of your unit's rooms, furniture and special possessions such as artwork, sterling silver, fine china, jewelry, antiques, etc., so that you have the documentation to share with the insurance adjuster in the event of a dispute about what they will pay for.

### **Liability and Umbrella Coverage**

You need to know, however, that if you cause a fire, flood, or other event that damages your neighbors' condos, HG's insurance company can seek restitution from you for what they had to pay HG. In turn, HG can require the homeowner to pay the insurance deductible. The insurance term for this is called “subrogation.” Make sure that you have adequate liability and umbrella coverage. Please check your water valves, fire extinguishers, etc. regularly! The deductibles that HG must pay for such damages have gone up this year from \$10,000 to \$25,000!

### **Personal Property Coverage**

As the people in B217 learned only too well after the fire in their building, the cost of storing, repairing, clean-

ing, or replacing your personal possessions is going up. The cost of cleaning their possessions alone cost them thousands of dollars. Moving and storage cost them tens of thousands.

Talk to your insurance agent to make sure that your personal-property coverage is adequate to protect your precious possessions. Agents will typically ask you how much it would cost to replace everything in your condo, and use that value as the coverage level. However, services of a restoration company are often much higher.

### **Loss of Use Coverage**

Again, as B217 residents learned when they had to move, the cost of alternative housing is getting more and more expensive. Your cost to rent a place to live while your home is being restored could cost \$2,000 to \$3,000 a month. Ask your agent if the amount to rent a similar property is limited monthly, and how long is your displacement coverage. Some B217 residents had eight months of coverage, with the average being one year. A single-unit incident will take a much shorter time to repair than if an entire floor that is damaged. B217 residents were displaced from one year to almost two years with 1½ years being the average.

### **Special Assessment Coverage**

Do you know that you can get coverage to pay for some types of special assessments as part of your insurance policy? Believe it or not, it isn't all that expensive — only a few dollars a year! I have found that each policy is a little different, so it is important to talk it through with your agent. Most insurance policies will cover only special assessments that result from an Act of God (wind, fire, hail, etc.) that impacts the entire community.

Most will not cover things like replacing a parking structure (unless it is flattened by an earthquake!) or adding on to the Clubhouse. However, with deductibles in the HG insurance policy going up, a major event like a tornado, fire, or severe hail damage could result in a deductible that is high enough to result in a special assessment to all HG owners.

Finally, if Heather Gardens Association comes back to you to charge you for the deductible for an event that you caused (like a water leak that causes a flood in the units around you), your special assessment coverage may help.

### **The Bottom Line**

Like your Momma used to tell you about seeing the doctor — talk to your insurance agent and get a regular checkup of your coverage! Things are changing. Forewarned is forearmed!

– Susan Lambert, B223  
Chair, Insurance Subcommittee

# Back-to-back budget meetings held Nov. 8

HG's two Boards of Directors held back-to-back meetings on Thursday, Nov. 8, to revise and approve their respective portions of the 2019 budget. The HGMD Board also approved an amendment to its 2018 budget, during its session at 10 am.

HGMD approved changing its budget, as is required by law, when the budget isn't matched. The 2018 budget will be exceeded by \$128,000 due to expenses from the restaurant, and replacing the boiler in the indoor swimming pool and spa.

After approving the changes to the 2018 budget, the meeting moved on to the 2019 budget. Deb Smith, CP2, asked why all HGMD cost centers are budgeted to lose about \$100,000 more, each, in 2019.

President Craig Baldwin explained that increases in wages and benefits are contributing to "about half" the increase. Food costs in the restaurant also are budgeted to increase. Changing the Golf Course from being run by a contractor to an all-employee structure increased expenses.

General Manage Calvin White added that accounting changes now assign costs directly to departments. Some expenses used to be grouped into a non-capital account. The board approved a recreational fee of \$1,207,317. This figure is an increase of 14.18 percent, compared to 2018.

The mill levy was set at approximately 14.3 mills. HGMD's final assessed value won't be available until Dec. 10, Baldwin said. With a \$6.3 million increase in valuation of property, the mill levy for 2019 was expected to decrease from what was assessed in 2018. However, the mill levy approved on Dec. 7, 2017 for 2018 was 12.555 mills. (The mill levy for 2017 was 16.781 mills, approved in December 2016.)

The board adjourned into executive session, to review the Olson claim with Attorney Jennifer Ivey.

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At 1 pm, the HGA Board convened to finalize the 2019 budget, including the HGMD portions. The board approved the budget and the supporting HOA fees, for a total combined budget of \$12,943,146. The average increase, compared to the 2018 budget, was 8.89 percent. Average combined dues will be \$445. The average rec fee represents \$41 of this amount.

On Nov. 12, a summary budget was mailed to every homeowner, with a notice regarding attending an annual meeting held at the Radisson Hotel, 1-3 pm on Thursday, Nov. 29. The annual meeting was the opportunity for residents to veto the overall budget by a vote of members. A vote of 50 percent plus one vote of all eligible homeowners was required to veto — a difficult voter turnout to achieve (based on historical turnout for community referendums).

A revenue surplus from the 2017 budget year decreased the 2019 budget by \$147,141. By using other money, including lottery funds and the \$75,000 awarded to HG by The Parq apartment complex, the HGMD reduced its rec fee to \$41, from the \$45 reported at the Oct. 23 HGA meeting.

The Monthly Homeowner Dues for different HG units, in the breakdowns page summary mailed to homeowners, lacked a column listing what 2018 fees had been, for comparison. The 8.89-percent-increase figure represents an average only. The HOA for a two-bedroom patio home, for example, represented an increase of 12.7 percent. An occupant of a 1,050 sq. ft. Somerset unit reported an increase of 12.32 percent.

## HGMD Treasurer's report

### Highlights of District Operations:

#### Month of October 2018

	<i>Budget</i>	<i>Actual</i>
Clubhouse Profit (loss)	(\$50,312)	(\$41,461)
Golf Profit (loss)	(\$14,155)	(\$27,425)
Restaurant Profit (loss)	(\$10,952)	(\$31,443)

#### Year to Date through October 2018

	<i>Budget</i>	<i>Actual</i>
Clubhouse Profit (loss)	(\$490,303)	(\$421,936)
Golf Profit (loss)	(\$99,996)	(\$118,027)
Restaurant Profit (loss)	(\$56,118)	(\$102,126)

### Enterprise Fund

Through October, Enterprise Fund revenue was \$1,977,800, which is about \$74,000 more than expected. Expenses, including the cost of goods sold, have been \$1,909,115 which is about \$6,500 less than expected. Year-to-date revenue from events, classes, trips and the RV Lot have been more than budgeted. Clubhouse expenses and Capital Outlay expenses have been less than expected.

### Restricted Funds

- **Conservation Trust Fund (Lottery).** Year-to-date lottery income has been \$12,139 and Year-to-date Lottery expenditures have been \$9,498. At Oct. 31, the lottery bank account had a balance of \$106,509.

- **Foundation Fund** has received donations of \$5,538 through October, and \$18,035 has been spent on HGMD projects so far this year. At the end of October, the Foundation checking bank account had a balance of \$36,301. In addition, \$150,000 of Foundation cash has been invested in a CD.

- **The Debt Service Fund** has received \$481,983 in property taxes and \$32,790 of Specific Ownership tax through October. At the end of October, the Debt Service bank account had a balance of \$637,709. On Dec. 1 a principal payment of \$235,000 and an interest payment of \$346,738 will be due on the bond issue.

– **Bill Archambault**  
HGMD Treasurer

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# HGA Board fields questions about budget, annual meeting

After an hour-long session of responding to residents' questions regarding the CP4 fire, and its aftermath, the HGA Board moved on to its regular agenda. Director Rex Engel was absent, and HGA's Attorney Mark Payne was present.

The board approved a letter submitted by Civic Affairs Committee Chair Forrest McClure, addressed to Senator Nancy Todd, Senator Daniel Kagan and Representative Jovan Melton, legislators who represent HG in the state assembly. The letter asked why homeowner associations such as HGA were not offered an opportunity to comment on a law enacted quickly at the end of the last legislative session that required all HOAs hold an annual meeting, for the purpose of giving homeowners the option to veto an annual budget. The letter described the difficulties that HG has faced this year, for the first time, to procure a venue large enough to hold all HG homeowners, among other problems such as how to effectively count all the votes to veto (or not), at such a meeting.

Candy Compton, B220, noted, "The only letter sent to our legislators should be a thank you note. At least our homeowners have the same rights other HOAs have had since 1992, to veto the budget."

Until this year, older HOAs, such as HGA, were grandfathered from having to meet the same criteria as

newer HOAs. McClure insisted his motion did not address the issue of whether to veto HGA's current proposed budget for 2019 or not; rather, whether the last-minute change was fair to large HOAs such as HG.

Former HGA Director Deb Stelle commented, "This [change] has been coming for two years. You don't have to [conduct the vote] at one meeting. People are able to vote via proxy."

The board approved an amendment to the bylaws regarding "adverse parties" being not qualified to serve as a director. The amended bylaws prohibited anyone who is suing HGA (or anyone related to), from being a member of the board, for the duration of the lawsuit.

The board tabled two other agenda items: approving LED lighting for the hallways of 12 six-story buildings (not in the 2018 budget), and seeking board approval/ratification for exceptions that the Architectural Control Committee (ACC) granted to several households. Both were returned to committee for additional study.

Other approvals by the board:

...a contract with Summit Cabs to renovate elevator cabs in B218 and B236 (\$21,200). Director Kathy Buhrman noted that this contractor is different from the one used in 2017.

...a contract with BCE to evaluate the slope of B236 lanais, including how much weight they can bear if an attempt is made to correct the slope with additional coating (\$7,000).

...an ACC proposal that prohibited the use of deep-fat fryers on lanais, common areas and limited common areas.

Following the regular business and election of 2019 officers meeting, at 4 pm, the board was to reconvene at Rendezvous restaurant, at 5 pm, to meet with residents of CP4, regarding the Nov. 16 fire.

## Officers elected for 2019 term

The nine directors who will make up the 2019 HGA Board of Directors voted for officers following the regular Nov. 20 board meeting. Director Rex Engel participated via telephone.

Kay Sawyer was elected to another term as president. Engel was voted vice president, a position he has held since last spring. Treasurer John Coil was elected to another term. Incoming director for 2019, Al Lindeman, was elected secretary of the board.

## Fire...from page 5

HG's insurance adjustor. Tillerson asked residents to steer clear of CP4, to not hinder the investigation, and to keep the circle entrance and lanes clear, so that vehicles aiding in the investigation can access the area easily while performing their due diligence.



*Left: Carol Ross, a popular knitting teacher who spearheaded donations of afghans and other knitted items to a diverse group of charities, was the sole victim of the CP4 fire on Nov. 16. This photo was taken by Dala Giffin to illustrate her in a feature story about Ross and her home that recreated an 1863 Midwestern parlor in her HG home. The story ran in the September 2017 issue of Heather 'n Yon.*

*A couple months later, Ross was highlighted in a brief story about her knitting and crocheting students providing afghans for homeless people moving into apartments, sponsored by the Saint Francis Center.*

*Friends and neighbors spontaneously held a vigil for Ross near the burned-out husk of her condo on Nov. 18.*

## IN MEMORIAM

Joyce Gollhofer (211)  
Henry Menekes (214)  
Lanny Morris (CP2)  
Carol Ross (CP4)  
Linden Turnquist (210)  
Pauline Wilson (210)



## HGA Board President Reports

By Kay Sawyer

The HGA Board's eight standing committees are the backbone of the association of homeowners at HG. Decisions made by these committees reflect the opinions and issues of the entire community. As of Jan. 1, there will be vacancies on every committee. I urge you to apply to become a committee member.

The committees are:

**Architectural Control** monitors "the structural integrity, appearance, and use of the properties."

**Budget and Finance** "oversees the Operating and Capital Reserve Budgets, audit, insurance, financial reports, contracts, revenues, and investment of HGA funds."

**Civic Affairs** "monitors developments in the surrounding community, and government that might affect Heather Gardens. It advocates on behalf of the Association [HGA]."

**Communication** "monitors and improves the community's communications, oversee[s] the proper and effective management of publication enterprises owned by HGA."

**Long Range Planning** evaluates and recommends "a long-range campus plan to maintain property values or replace existing structures [at] the end of their useful life."

**Roads & Grounds** "oversees the maintenance and upkeep of all paved areas, grounds, and vehicular equipment."

**Security/Emergency Preparedness** "provides support for the Security Department. It develops [and implements] an emergency preparedness plan."

**Structure Maintenance** "oversees the budgets as they relate to maintenance and repair requirements and oversees said maintenance and repair requirements."

A further description of each committee's work can be found on the *heathergardens.org* website. Sign in, go to Resource Center, then open the PM (Procedure Memorandum) for each committee. The Management Office on the second floor of the Clubhouse can also copy the descriptions for you.

Applications for committee membership may also be found on the website under Resource Center, Application for Committee Membership, or get one from the Management Office.

When a problem or idea comes before the board, it is forwarded to the appropriate committee for discussion and research. When a solution, approved by the committee is reached, it is sent to the board in the form of a motion for action. Occasionally a problem occurs that does not fit into a standing committee. Then an ad hoc committee is formed to research that problem. When the committee forwards it to the board, the committee is dissolved.

HG operates by way of processes. One process is what was just described: ideas to Committee, discussion and research to recommendation, and to the board for action. If money is needed, the motion is detoured through the Budget and Finance Committee to determine if funds are available. From here it goes to the board with a recommendation from both the originating committee and the Budget and Finance Committee.

As you can see, the committees do the major part of the investigating. Most motions come from the committees. Joining a committee is an excellent way to be heard and make decisions affecting the entire community, HGA. Added benefits from committee participation are making new friends from committee interactions, hearing opinions from the entire community, and enjoying being part of a collaborative process of creative ideas.

All committee meetings are open to attendance by anyone. Meeting times and places are listed on the HG monthly calendar and in *Heather 'n Yon*, page 34, Monthly Meetings for Boards and Committees. This section follows the monthly calendar in the center of the news-magazine.

Please consider committee membership in your area of interest or expertise. You would be most welcome and provide a real contribution to your community.



## HGMD Board President Reports

By Craig Baldwin

A Tribute to Gary and Jeanne Hizer

After many years of service to our community, Gary

and Jeanne Hizer are moving to Florida. Both have been members of the Heather Gardens Metropolitan District (HGMD) Board of Directors. Both have accomplished much serving in that capacity.

While chairing the Foundation Committee, Jeanne became known as "The Tree Lady." She and her committee raised more than \$22,000 (with matching funds) to pay for new trees for the Golf Course. That group also contributed \$10,000 toward the cost of tree removal. Jeanne then headed up the effort to plant a tree at the Rendezvous entrance in memory of long-term committee member Walter Fleischer, who passed away.

See *HGMD President...* page 30

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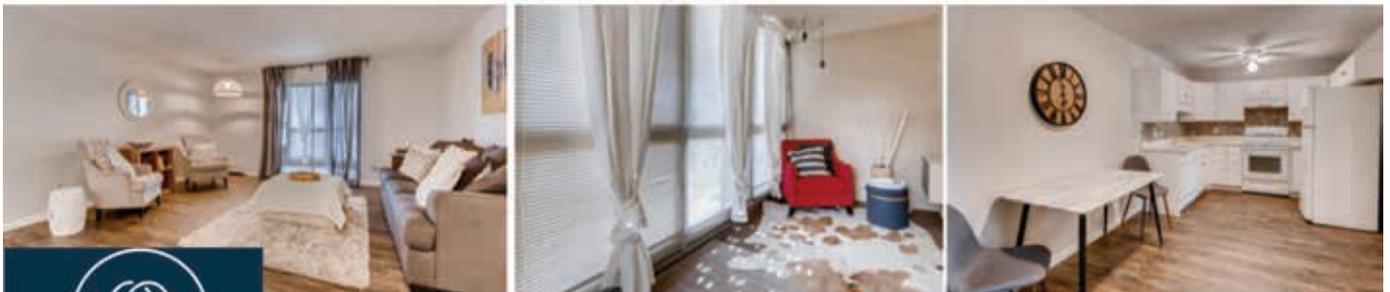
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## Publisher's Corner

# Crisis Management comes to HG

by Lynn Donaldson, Editor of Heather 'n Yon

Many years ago, as a newly minted Captain in the U.S. Army, I went to work at a Medical Research Institute at Aberdeen Proving Ground in Maryland. It was a standing comment there, "You know it is going to be a bad day if you get to work and *60 Minutes* is waiting in the parking lot." Having the investigative TV reporters show up for interviews as part of their research to build a story meant that something you worked at every day had drawn the attention of media. In the case of *60 Minutes*, it probably was not good news.

This research institute had a reason for ruefully making that comment about a "bad day." In the 1970s, *60 Minutes* did a program on the use of active duty soldiers as research subjects during the Vietnam war to test reactions to LSD (and possibly other psychoactive drugs, such as marijuana). The civilian researchers and doctors remember the negative spin put on the work that they had believed in. After all, the mission of that institute was to investigate how to protect U.S. soldiers against all manner of chemical warfare.

I won't try to defend or explain that work further, except to say that research on animals had replaced testing on soldiers by the time I joined the institute to set up a lab. As a result of those earlier experiments, the Army (and most institutions that used human subjects nationwide) had established regulations under which such work could be conducted. It no longer allowed volunteer soldiers, seeking light duty, to be used as subjects. Review boards now have to approve any proposed study that uses human subjects before the researcher can begin to work.

The real purpose of this story is to point out that Heather Gardens has found itself in the media spotlight recently after the gas explosion and fire in CP4. Some of it has been simply reporting the facts of what happened on the evening of Nov. 16.

Some has been quite complimentary of Carol Ross, who died in the incident. But some have become quite critical of actions taken, or not taken, before the incident.

It is not surprising that HG has hired The Bawmann Group, a crisis communications firm, to help management and the volunteer members of the HGA Board find its way through the attention the community is getting.

News stories that appeared after the public meeting on Nov. 20, in which the HGA Board valiantly tried to answer resident questions, were not complimentary. Some of that may have been because reporters were not allowed into the meeting.

*The Denver Post* ran a story by reporter Sam Tabachnik with the headline, "People are pissed": Residents of Aurora's Heather Gardens demand answers after deadly gas explosion."

Kyle Clark on his nightly news show, *Next* (Nov. 20, 6 pm), asked "Why in the world were retirees in Aurora warned by email not to light a match during a 'major gas leak?'" A resident who attended the meeting had recorded it, then shared the recording with Kyle Clark. He used it effectively, but uncomplimentarily to HG.

It is a maxim of public relations firms that crisis management has important elements for the target business or organization. *Forbes.com* related these 13 Golden Rules of crisis management compiled from comments by several professionals in this field.

1. Take Responsibility. Don't try to cover up the PR crisis.

2. Be Proactive, Be Transparent, Be Accountable. Reputation management matters — acknowledge the incident.

3. Get Ahead of the Story.

4. Be Ready for Social Media Backlash. Have a plan and review it frequently.

5. Remember to Be Human. If you did not know — General Manager Calvin White and many HG employees, HGA Board directors and resident volunteers were at the Clubhouse after the gas explosion. They did what they could to help their neighbors who were displaced.

6. First Apologize, Then Take Action.

7. Monitor, Plan and Communicate.

8. Seek First to Understand the Situation. Communicate all relevant details to all stakeholders.

9. Listen to Your Team First. Develop the most reasoned response.

10. Develop Strong Organizational Brand Culture. Every resident can help develop this culture.

11. Turn Off the Fan. Don't fuel the fire by spreading rumors. Look in the mirror. Doing what is right beats spin.

12. Avoid Knee-Jerk Reactions. The first external communications after a crisis should be a well-thought-out response.

13. Be Prepared. No one wants to be at the center of a scandal.

All HG residents have a stake in how the response to this crisis is handled. After all, it is your property values that will be affected by the public reaction. Is this a wonderful place to live with supportive neighbors, or is it a community of cranky seniors? You choose.

I think there are a lot of positive stories to share with reporters.

Katie Eastman, 9News reporter, has run complimentary and uplifting features on successive days. First, she attended a vigil for Carol Ross, interviewing a friend and fellow knitter, Joyce Laman. Then she interviewed Dala Giffin, who had written about Carol in the September 2017 issue of *Heather 'n Yon*.

Eastman interviewed JoAnn Greer and Mike Hogg after the public meeting on Nov. 20. Greer and Hogg were roommates to Ross. Hogg was thrown across the kitchen by the explosion. He was sent to the hospital with a broken scapula, sternum and a few ribs, but is home now. Greer told Eastman that she does not remember how they got out of their condo, but they credit first responders. This couple, who is facing a daunting future rebuilding their home, was quite positive in their public comments.



## Management

### Email Blast to HG residents dated Nov. 17 re: Gas Explosion and Fire Summary

By Calvin White  
General Manager

#### What Happened Last Night

As many of you know, there was a gas leak in the area of CP4 last evening that resulted in an explosion and fire. At this point it appears that the most severe damage was limited to three duplex buildings (6 units). As a response to the explosion, Xcel energy shut off power to much of HG for a period of time last night. As of this writing, all of CP4 and B217 remain without gas, but efforts are being made to restore gas as quickly as possible. Xcel staff are examining each building in CP4, and notifying HG security when service has been restored.

Aurora police and fire responded promptly. After a security perimeter was established and the fire extinguished, an immediate investigation into the cause of the incident was started. Numerous agencies will be involved in various facets of the investigation.

The Clubhouse was immediately opened to displaced residents and as a central location for arriving family members. In accordance with the HGMD agreement with the Red Cross, food and other assistance was provided to the residents of CP4 who wanted help. A retired minister offered a supportive ear to those just wanting to talk, and HG volunteers were also available to provide assistance. The Red Cross continues to be available as a resource to those wanting help. Their weekend number is 800-417-0495; weekday, 303-722-7479.

#### Action Taken to This Point

The HGA Board met in emergency executive session this morning to review the situation and establish plans for future action. Councilman Bob Roth attended part of the meeting and helped ensure continued added police security for CP4. The General Manager is looking into methods of providing needed security for the area on an

extended basis as needed. HG Security staff will assist those residents of CP4 who want it when they initially return to their residences.

It should be noted that while there was a gas leak between CP5 and B223 Wednesday (Nov.14), that leak was unrelated and resolved from the leak in CP4.

While the board wants to deal with this situation as quickly as possible, there will be numerous agencies and companies involved in the ultimate resolution. The board must be careful not to interfere with various investigations.

The Board requests that you help by staying away from the CP4 area until it has been made safe and investigations are completed. If you smell gas, call 911 — don't assume someone else has reported it.

The Public Utilities Commission has requested that all Comcast work on installation of fiber optic cables be suspended until further notice. That request has been honored.

#### Pending Actions

Cleanup and restoration of damaged areas will require substantial work. The HGA Board, working with the General Manager, will develop a comprehensive plan for dealing with cleanup and restoration in the coming days. Development of that comprehensive plan will begin at Tuesday's regular board meeting. Anticipating a larger than usual audience, it is expected that the meeting will be in Sandberg Auditorium. The meeting starts at 1 pm.

#### Conclusion

This is one of the most serious incidents ever to occur in Heather Gardens. To help ensure that accurate information is provided to all residents, members of the board have volunteered for shifts at the Clubhouse to help staff answer telephone calls and talk to residents with questions. Additional information will be made available as it becomes known. Stay tuned.

To the residents of CP4 who are impacted by this situation, please know that the Board will do everything possible address your needs and concerns in the weeks ahead.

Finally, we have just learned that Carol Ross was killed in the explosion. This is a tragic loss and as friends and neighbors, members of the HGA and HGMD Boards want to express our deepest sympathy to her family and friends.

**Meet & Greet with General Manager Calvin White:** Wednesday, Dec. 5, 8–9:30 am, Clubhouse Lobby  
Join Calvin White for a roundtable discussion on a variety of topics. This is your opportunity to hear answers to your burning questions.

## GM's Report

#### General Manager

- Attended board and committee meetings.
- Reviewed payables and Capital Projects.
- Reviewed ACC Project Approval forms.
- Attended B202 meeting.
- Met with staff to discuss yearly objectives.

#### Controller

- Filed the 401k audit.

- Attended and presented at 2019 budget workshops.

- Met with Auditors to discuss the 2018 audit schedule to be conducted in November as well as the audit schedule they will be conducting in 2019.

#### Paint

- Completed 46 work orders.
- Completed chair rail project in B211.
- Started helping maintenance with B208 chair rail installation.
- Began work on second floor common hall

of B222 after fire damage.

- Attended CPR training.

#### Maintenance

- Completed 1,027 work orders. Of those 130 were billable.
- Completed plumbing inspections in B209, B221, B222, and B234.
- Worked with Comcast to locate water and sewer lines throughout the property.
- Removed a tree in front of B244 that was causing water leak in garage.

See GM Report...page 30

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# Bob Mitchell's father, Arthur, wrote his mother on Mother's Day from France

Bob Mitchell, B205, enjoyed the World War 1 letter from a soldier that was published in last month's issue of *Heather 'n Yon*. It reminded him that he had a keepsake letter from his father during that same war, which had been written on Mother's Day in France, and delivered to his mother in Livermore, Kentucky. He shares that letter here.

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Dearest Mother:

Today is Mothers day and as I have told you very little since I have been in France, I will try and give you a brief outline of my travels (but this is not for publication) but for my own dear sweet mother.

First, I had a very nice time in Brooklyn and New York, stayed there about two weeks. We sailed for England the 6th of Oct and we surely were crowded on the ship as we had about 500 more than we were supposed to carry so we slept on mess tables, under them on the deck and in hammocks but at night after eight, no one was allowed on deck and no one was allowed to smoke anywhere and that was a real hardship for me.

We did not have enough life boats so the deck was piled with rafts.

It was an English ship and dirty and about all we had to eat was sheep or goat and cheese from Australia.

We never thought much of submarines (although the officers were always worried) we played cards and the phonograph and I will never forget the phonograph.

On the night of the 16th we struck calm waters just off the coast of Ireland where so many ships had been sunk and it was an ideal night for subs. But I have often told you a soldier never realizes the danger he is in, so we thought little of it.

It was about 11 o'clock and I had crawled in my hammock and the phonograph below me was squeaking away on "the home sickness blues" when without warning — Boom! Boom! Two muffled explosions that rocked the ship from stem to stern.

The same thought struck us all, we had been torpedoed. In about five minutes we were assembled at our places on deck and mother, you never know the feelings I had. I was afraid. Not afraid of death. It has never had any terrors for me, but I cannot explain the feeling, the uncertainty of it all. It was so dark, and you know I can't see after dark so that made it worse.

However the convoy did not slow up (there were 13 ships besides about 30 sub chasers) so we began to feel somewhat relieved one of the ships sent out a distress signal twice but recalled it. What was it? The sub chasers had sighted a submarine and dropped two depth bombs and they were so close to the convoy that they almost knocked holes in two of our ships, but they claimed they got the sub.

I will have to cut this shorter as I am taking too much space with the trip.

Well, we landed at Liverpool the next day (17th) about 3 o'clock and boarded the train for Winchester where we

arrived about 1 o'clock that night and a 4-mile hike to the camp, uphill all the way with full pack.

We left this camp the 20th for Southampton and arrived there in the after and were stuffed on a boat. (I say stuffed because there was not room to lie down.) Arrived at Le Havre, France the next morn. We left Le Harve the 22nd and loaded in box cars for Nantes where we arrived the 24th.

We went across the river from Nates to Pont Fousseau and there we stopped for awhile as our division was centered there. We had never seen any of the div[ision] since we sailed and saw very little of it there as it was sent to the front as replacements.

Our M.P. was left Pont Rousseau Nov. 9 and arrived at Le Mans the same day. There we were marched out to the camp (it was nothing but a muddy field, not a building on it) and there we pitched our pup tents.

The armistice was not signed yet and there were troops leaving for the front at night, everything was done at night. We would have gone a few nights if the Armistice had been a little later.

It was cold and rainy. (I was tenting with Morris Barnett) and as we had to sleep on the ground, I scouted up 10 extra blankets from the troops going out as they gave them away rather than carry them. That was a wild place.

The men knew they were going to the front, some of them had been there before so they care for nothing. If you would stand off and listen at night, you would think it was either a battle or the 4th of July.

There was about 10,000 there, all in pup tents. It was a sight. We left there the 26 Nov. and were attached to the 329 Inf[antry]. They kept one of our M.P. Cos [Military Police Companies] with them but our company had lost all their service records so we could not go home with them.

They went home in Dec. We (one company) went to St. Biez on the 12 and there we were starved and made M.P.s again.

The mess Sergt [sergeant] was killed after we left there. We got thick soup three times a day and one slice of bread. We lived on turnips.

We left there and went to St. Owen not far away (17 Dec) and there we stayed till the 26th. That was where I



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# Christmas in the Rockies

My family had many memorable Christmas seasons at our Elk Mountain Lodge, which was at 9,500 feet altitude. Winter always included at least six feet of snow. Our lodge sat in a valley surrounded by the majestic Rocky Mountains, 10 miles from Aspen.

The first Christmas we lived up there, my husband donned snowshoes, waddled up behind the house on the hill, to our field, and chopped down a nice tree. He dragged it home. Then he made a wooden stand, and sat it in a corner.

The rest of the Christmases, we used our snowmobiles for our Christmas tree search. It became a family tradition. We always picked a sunny day to go search for our tree. It was probably about 20 degrees, and colder up higher on the trail, but it was a glorious day every time we went.

In the beginning years, we took off with a snow trailer hooked behind one snowmobile to carry our three children bundled up and covered with blankets. As they grew through the years, they climbed on the backs of our snowmobiles. Eventually they were able to drive their own machines under our guidance.

The snowmobile route went by the ghost town of Ashcroft, and on up the trail. We always had to pass one huge avalanche area. As we passed, I kept checking the top of the mountain to see if a cornice would break and begin the terrifying roar of snow vaulting down.

Our trail wound higher and higher, through the pristine white surrounding us, or through patches of pines — until at timberline. Goggles helped to ease the sting of wind and snow sprays. We came to the end of our trail at about 12,000 feet altitude, and we had the most glorious views of the peaks surrounding the area. We could look over to Castle Peak, Cathedral Peak, Pyramid Peak, plus more, and then clear down to the Castle Creek valley below. The contrast of the white peaks against the blue Colorado sky could be captured by a photographer.

It was a glorious sight!

We had our picnic while sitting on the snowmobiles, debating which tree we would bring back home. The children played on the packed snow area. Then we all chose the tree. It was chopped down, tied on the back of a snowmobile, and dragged back home.

We decorated the tree with ornaments, draped strands of gold or silver bushy-like ribbons around the

tree, and then drizzled tinsel on each branch. I drew, cut out, and painted on larger white meat-wrapping paper a Santa Claus in a sleigh with reindeer. I tacked it up on the pine wall. We also placed the manger scene out on the counter next to the fireplace.

Blue lights adorned the huge outside evergreen between the lobby and our little store. Lights were anchored on the porch and around the outside eaves. I used a huge metal circle band to wind leftover pine branches around the ring. I attached a big red bow to the wreath and hung it on the door.

My kitchen turned into a comical scene when it was time for the children to decorate cookies. They had fun, but I was left with the cleanup. I made poteca, fruitcake, various kinds of cookies and breads. I always used my mother-in-law's recipe for fruitcake. I learned to make poteca from my dear Italian neighbor. Oh yes, I also made the family recipe for Bourbon Balls. Usually in the evenings, I wrote Christmas letters by hand.

Christmas Eve was special. My family bundled up and drove down the snow-covered mountain road to Aspen for midnight mass at St. Mary's Church. The singing was always beautiful. Mass was too long for the children. Finally, it ended. We walked out, greeting all the townspeople that my husband knew from childhood on. My children fell asleep on the way home and were put to bed when we arrived.

Christmas Day came at least by 6 am. We awoke to squeals from our children. We dragged ourselves out of bed, and I got the coffee perking quickly. Then I put out the cinnamon rolls, which we all nibbled on while we opened presents. The fire roared as the huge stone fireplace walls began to warm up.

When our Christmas day was dwindling from bright sun on sparkling snow, to the deep blue and gold shades of sunset, we collapsed. The children eventually wound down. They fell sound asleep with their new favorite toy or book. My husband and I sat in front of the fireplace and talked about the day before going to bed. In no time our home became as quiet as a sneaky preying cat. No, not as silent as a mouse — they were always active!

Christmas was over for another year. The memories of Christmas in the Rockies lasted, though, from year to year.

— Joanne Brand, B233

## **Mitchell**...from page 17

got your letter asking what I intended to do in the future and I was sitting in the billet, trying to study up a way to get something to eat when I got your letter.

We had no Xmas presents or dinner but left the next day for Laval where the [company] stayed till April 29 when they moved to La Fleche. I have done duty in all the towns around but I won't undertake to tell

you about M.P. work.

I have done well to write this much for I expect it is more than I will tell when I get home. But this is Mother's Day set aside by Gen[eral] Pershing so the best I could do was try to tell you now what I was doing while you were back home trusting in God and your boys over here. All the boys that came over will not have mothers to return to and all the mothers will not have sons returning so let's be thankful little mother that we have all

lived through it. I am writing this letter just to you mother dearest because this mothers day and you can read it to...

After today, any letter I write will be for all of you, no matter how it may be started. I believe Ben will beat me home but I will be there some time this summer.

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# The Month (November)

There was one unusual evacuee on the night of the fire in CP4 (Nov. 16). A cockatiel, owned by Tina McLaughlin, CP4, was evacuated to the Clubhouse by neighbor Bev Nelson, because McLaughlin was not at home when the fire started nearby. Animal whisperer Cheryl Branch took the traumatized bird to her home in CP6 for the night.



...  
At the Area Representative Organization meeting on Oct. 11, officers were elected for 2019–21. Continuing as president was Diane Dean, B232. Judy Boone, B203, was re-elected as secretary of this organization. A new vice president was approved, Bill Howlett, B233, because the previous vice president, Kim Deal, B211, was elected to the HGA Board this fall.

...  
The Nov. 1 meeting of the Civic Affairs Committee was attended by Ward V Councilman Bob Roth, Aurora Manager of Development Assistance Vinessa Irvin, and City Attorney Daniel Brontzman. These representatives

from local government had been invited to offer opinions about what would happen to the properties of HGMD if the HG Metropolitan District were ever to dissolve.

Civic Affairs had raised the concern, because a resolution dating from 2008 has removed any mention of HGA, suggesting that if the HGMD dissolved, its assets might not be turned over to the homeowners association, HGA. In theory, the city could take over the assets, or sell them.

Brontzman stated the city of Aurora would have no desire to pick up the assets of HGMD — that would cost the city money, he said. “I don’t believe Parks & Recreation wants to run your golf course.”

Brontzman remarked that HGMD’s attorney could work on language to put HGA back into the resolution, then forward it to Irvin.

He said, “I wouldn’t jump through hoops for something that might not happen for decades.”

Irvin added, “I’ve never seen an entire [special] district dissolve.”

HGMD President Craig Baldwin said, “I suggest we take this up in 20 years. There is no interest on the HGMD board in pursuing this.”

...  
At the Budget & Finance (B&F) Committee, Jay Bluestein, B223, asked if HG costs associated with Comcast damage were being tracked and recorded separately. On Aug. 20, he said, Comcast workers cut

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# That Was...

a power line that resulted in major outages and some residents being stuck in an elevator, requiring Security to rescue them.

Controller Brian Herrera admitted that expenses for these had not been broken out, and were billed to the general account. B&F Committee Member Susan Lambert said she was sure such incidents would be tracked separately, going forward.

"The time to get a person out of an elevator is pretty minimal," she said. On the other hand, "two days ago, Security spent a lot of time at the CP4 fire."

She said HG would have to develop a process to track these costs.

...

B&F expressed frustration that a new, unbudgeted item was recommended by the Structure Maintenance Committee, then sent to B&F for recommendation: replacing ceiling fixtures with LED lighting in the hallways of 12 six-story buildings (\$55,320).

"This is upsetting to me, because we just approved a budget," noted Lambert. "This needs to stop."

Noting he is a past chair of the Structure Maintenance Committee, Baldwin explained, "Structure Maintenance does not necessarily consider cost. It considers need. B&F considers cost, and the HGA sorts it out."

The proposal said the LED lighting would pay for itself in 2½ years, in electricity savings. Several committee members doubted this prediction, and the committee voted unanimously to not recommend the proposal.

...

While it was not reflected nationally, Colorado experienced its own "blue wave" in the Nov. 6 election. Incumbent Representative Mike Coffman (R), who represented HG (District 6) in the U.S. House of Representatives, lost to his Democratic challenger, Jason Crow.

Jared Polis (D) won the race for governor. For the first time in many years, he will have a cabinet comprised of Democrats: attorney general, secretary of state, and state treasurer. The state senate that previously had a one-seat Republican majority, lost to Democrats who now control both the Senate and State House of Representatives.

In Arapahoe County, besides Nancy Sharpe (R) winning the commissioner race in District 2, only Republicans for treasurer and county coroner, who ran unopposed, won re-election.

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## Gas leaks plague HG since October

These four photos were taken on Oct. 29, illustrating that the Aurora Fire Department and Xcel Gas Emergency Response trucks respond when a gas leak is reported. This one, in CP6, was safely repaired. Country Places were particularly vulnerable. A later warning, on Nov. 14, was issued to residents in CP5 and B223 regarding a gas leak that was repaired.



Photos by Wanda Merritt



## CP4 Gas Explosion and Fire on Friday, Nov. 16

Unfortunately, the gas leaks took a deadly turn. As Xcel and Aurora Police Department arrived to mitigate a gas leak reported in CP4 on Nov. 16, something ignited the gas that resulted in a massive explosion and fire. The gas had to be turned off before the fire could be subdued. One resident, Carol Ross, was killed, and Mike Hogg went to the hospital with injuries. A firefighter sustained minor injuries, and was released later that night from the hospital.



Photos by Jay Bluestein, B223, from his home.

Bottom: HG General Manager Calvin White, Security Chief TJ Jones, and Clubhouse Manager Linda Aluisse conferred with HGA Board Director Rex Engel and several volunteers who responded to the emergency. CP4 residents were evacuated to the Clubhouse while first responders dealt with the fire.



Photos by Anne Hummel-Gillis



# A day later...

*Below: 13960 East Linvale Place*

*Left: 13962 East Linvale Place*



*Below: 13970 East Linvale Place (left) and 13972 East Linvale Place*

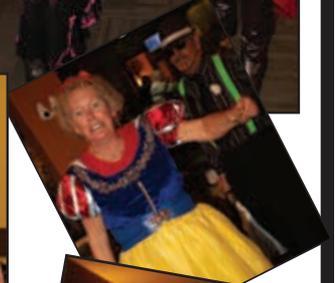


*Above: Some neighboring duplexes had windows blown out by the explosion.*



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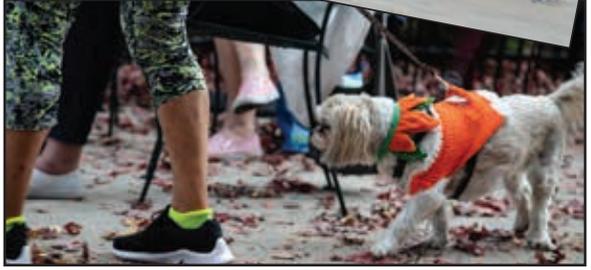
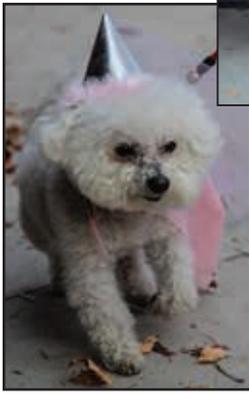
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# Canine Costume Parade: Oct. 27

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## HGMD President...from page 11

If we were to choose a special name for Gary, it would probably be "Golfer Gary." For many years, he has been active in the Men's Golf Club. When the golf program was in peril early in 2017, Gary helped organize a petition drive that asked the HGMD Board of Directors to restore long-standing practices. That prompted a director-recall election organized by a committee in which Gary was an active member. He was rewarded for his efforts by being the first board director to be elected to that position in more than 12 years. He was then elected board secretary. I appointed Gary to be the Golf Committee Chair, where he has served very ably.

Along with dedicated Golf Committee members, Golf Course Superintendent Brian Benke and former Golf Pro Bob Macaluso, a number of things have been accomplished in the last year and a half while under Gary's leadership. None is more visible than the blue road signs along South Heather Gardens Way touting the Golf Course. A new round of twilight golf has been started this year with great success. The position of golf marshal was

restored. Gary served on the interview committee that chose Greg Kohr as the new golf pro.

Gary and Jeanne: you will soon be gone, but never forgotten, because of the service you provided to HG.

Plans to replace Gary as director include the following:

There is no need for self-nominating papers. An application may be obtained from Executive Secretary Alicia Murray, in the Management Office, and returned to her. We will accept applications until 4 pm Thursday, Jan. 3. Interviews of candidates will be at HGMD's regular meeting, Thursday, Jan. 17. The successful candidate will be appointed to board at that meeting.

I can be reached at [craig.baldwin@heathergardens.org](mailto:craig.baldwin@heathergardens.org) and 720-535-1917.

From the Optimist Creed:

*Promise yourself to be too large for worry, too noble for anger, too strong for fear, and too happy to permit the presence of trouble.*

## GM Report...from page 15

- Removed trees and bushes around B221's parking deck to prepare for renovating the slab.
- Completed roof inspections and repairs on B201–B212, B213–B216.
- Started helping Paint Shop with B208's chair rail project.
- Installed sewer cleanouts and sewer pipe at CP1 2824-B.
- Completed B218's recirculation project.
- Finishing B221's elevator cab renovation.
- Installed indoor pool boiler.
- Replaced boiler pressure relief valve in B212.
- Repaired cut electric wire for outside lighting at B208, B210, and B222.
- Replaced leaking drain behind dishwasher in B224/Unit 201.
- Completed tube cleaning on B250's small boiler.
- Replaced leaking boiler, hot water copper fittings and pipes in B211.
- Installed one continuous hinge on the outside door at B234.
- Installed a concrete caisson and light pole between B234 and B235.
- Replaced leaky pipe on 6th floor in B220.
- Replaced copper pipe in bathroom in B231.
- Completed installing garage LED lights.
- Installed new mailbox in CP5.

### Clubhouse

- Held 6 trips and 5 events.

- Held 8 classes and scheduled Fall classes and events.
- Reviewed budget for 2019.
- Started planning Special Events for 2019.
- Assisted teams and clubs with events and fundraisers.
- Attended Aurora Senior Forum and committee meetings.
- Coordinated with Arapahoe County Election Services.
- Opened indoor pool.
- Met with contractor for stage curtain.
- Assisted Visiting Nurses on Flu Shot clinic.
- Completed track lighting for North hallway.
- Oversaw fitness-equipment repairs.

### Contracts

- Managing warranty roof repairs at B216, recoat roof at B241, and roof at B243.
- Completed some warranty items for siding and roofing project.
- Replaced elevator jack in B204.
- Completed replacing carpets.
- Got pricing for City of Aurora crosswalk.

### Custodial

- Completed 80 set-ups at the Clubhouse.
- Cleaned Restaurant thoroughly.
- Waxed laundry room and storage rooms in B209–B212.
- Pressure washed trash chutes in B217–B224 and B231–B234.
- Cleaned carpets in B224 and B231–B235.
- Cleaned tile floor in the Clubhouse and buffed maintenance floor.

### Roads and Grounds

- Applied fall fertilizer; completed aeration.

- Received Toro Workman GTX and broom attachment for snow removal.
- Cleared first snow and began mulching leaves.
- Continued pruning shrubs and edging side-walks.
- Continued herbicide applications in both turf and beds.
- Continued working with contractors and locators for the Comcast project.
- Completed garage-sweeping schedule.

### Golf

- Installed Goosinator decoys.
- Completed new sand in several bunkers.
- Repaired drainage in #3 fairway bunker.
- Began winterizing golf course.
- Continued mulching leaves.
- Received new utility vehicle and sweeper.
- Cleaned and serviced golf car fleet.

### Restaurant

- Created two different graphic approaches for Banquet and Catering Guide.
- Received new business from direct mailer coupons.
- Continued with a "live read" commercial in The Restaurant Show (KEZW radio).

### Security

- Total of 477 reports written and a total of 4,295 miles patrolled.
- Met with Maintenance, Contracts and Comcast to establish installation procedures.
- Installed five new cameras in Clubhouse.
- Researched products for the community-wide "Parking Sticker Program."

# Letters

## Heather 'n Yon

I started the Joe Bumberger Long Blue Line event 16 years ago. Officer Joseph Walter Bumberger was a 23 year veteran of the Aurora, Police Department. While at the Aurora Police Department he worked in Patrol, Gang Unit, PAR Unit and for the last 12 years in the Traffic Unit.

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A box is located in the Clubhouse Lobby to collect your donation. Thank you in advance for the community support and your donations because without your support this event would not be possible.

I am a cancer survivor from 31 years ago (leukemia), while at the police academy in New York. I understand the struggles faced by these families with cancer. Please like us

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

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**Aurora Police Department**

## Heather 'n Yon

I would like to thank everyone in HG who took the time to vote in the election for officers in the recent HOA board election. I especially



*Officer James Seneca, a cancer survivor, presents a toy and gift card to a cancer patient at Children's Hospital, Aurora.*

thank those who voted for me in that election. I take your faith in me very seriously and will do my best to represent all of you in every issue that we face in the coming two years that I am in office.

I know that we are facing many serious issues in the future. HG is a beautiful and wonderful place to live. I know that with hard work on the board's part we can keep it a growing and up-to-date facility of which we can all be proud. Thank you again for your support of our community.

**Jill Bacon**  
**B244**

## Heather 'n Yon

I want to thank all my friends at HG who voted to re-elect my son, David Walcher, for Sheriff of Arapahoe County. He did not get elected. It has broken my heart. You see, he had many years in law enforcement, a masters degree in criminal justice, etc. The person elected to fill that position has only a few years of minor law enforcement, and a political science degree.

What a shame that voters did not look at qualifications of the candidates before they voted. My son loved his job. To him it was 24/7 willingly. He lived that job night and day. If people in Arapahoe County think they will get that from the new guy — think again.

Dave looks at this as being the risk of having a job that requires voters to elect someone to the position. As his mother, I think God has moved in this election. He has bigger and better plans for David. He knows a lot of people — maybe those bigger and better plans will be forthcoming.

**Virginia Walcher**  
**B222**

## Heather 'n Yon

I wonder if residents know that if they contact Comcast and complain about all the power outages and service interruptions to cable, phone and internet, Comcast will make a one time adjustment to their bill?

**Joan Obeslo**  
**B210**

## Heather 'n Yon

The other night I went to our Clubhouse to work out in our exercise room. I haven't been there in a while and it is starting to show!

As I settled down on a cycling machine, I looked up to see two cable news stations discussing the news for the day. I was completely embarrassed by their "discussions," which were filled with hate speech and disrespect. It's no wonder we're so divided at this time. For this reason, I choose to not watch the negative programming that, unfortunately, is just out there — everywhere.

When I go in to use our beautiful exercise room, however, I expect to not be bombarded by the negative stuff on the TV monitors. If someone wants to listen to it on their headset, fine, but they should be able to blank the monitor so others can't see it, or at least turn off the subtitles. This negativity is disrespectful and disruptive to others who don't want to see it. It is so extremely distracting that it takes away any value derived from a workout.

This room is for everyone and should not be monopolized by cable TV addicts. When I leave there, I should feel good. Unfortunately that's just not the case.

*See Letters...page 35*

# DECEMBER CALENDAR

<b>Sat 1</b>	Mexican Train Dominoes (every Saturday) Ping Pong Doubles/Intermediate (every Saturday) <b>Clubhouse Event - 1st Saturday Night Live Dance</b>	Arts & Crafts Room Game Room Sandberg Auditorium	noon-4:30 pm 2-5 pm 6:30-9:30 pm
<b>Mon 3</b>	Men's Bridge (every Monday) Mah Jongg (every Monday) Ping Pong Singles/Advanced (every Monday) Men's Texas Hold 'em (every Monday) Pinochle - Open (every Monday)	Skyview Room Blue Spruce Room Game Room Blue Spruce Room Mountainview Room	11:30 am-2:30 pm 12:30-4 pm 2-5 pm 5-9 pm 6:30-9:30 pm
<b>Tue 4</b>	Bridge (every Tuesday) Hand and Foot (every Tuesday) Mah Jongg (every Tuesday) Ping Pong Doubles/Intermediate (every Tuesday) B215 Happy Hour <b>Clubhouse Event: Chanukah Candle lighting</b> Co-Ed Billiards Club (every Tuesday) NoteAbles Mixed Chorus (every Tuesday)	Skyview Room Mountainview Room Blue Spruce Room Game Room Rendezvous Restaurant Mountainview Room Billiards Room Sandberg Auditorium	12:30-4 pm 12:30-4 pm 1-4 pm 2-5 pm 5 pm 6:30 pm 6:30 pm 7 pm
<b>Wed 5</b>	<b>Meet &amp; Greet with General Manager Calvin White</b> ACBL Duplicate Bridge (every Wednesday) Pinochle (every Wednesday) Co-ed Poker (every Wednesday) Square Dancing Club	Clubhouse Lobby Aspen/Blue Spruce Room Mountainview Room Blue Spruce Room Sandberg Auditorium	8-9:30 am 1-4:30 pm 1:30-4 pm 5-9:15 pm 7:30-9:30 pm
<b>Thu 6</b>	HG Breakfast Optimist Club TOPS (every Thursday) <b>Clubhouse Event: Great Rabbis, Great Insights</b> <b>Clubhouse Event: Watch Batteries</b> HG Writers Club (every Thursday) Bunko Cribbage (every Thursday) <b>Clubhouse Event: St. Nick's Day</b> Ping Pong Doubles/Intermediate (every Thursday) CP4 Social Kiwanis Club of Aurora (every Thursday) American Legion Post 2012 Men's 9-Ball Billiard Tournament (every Thursday)	Rendezvous Restaurant Blue Spruce Room Mountainview Room Lodgepole Lounge Mountainview Room Blue Spruce Room Arts & Crafts Room Clubhouse Lobby Game Room Rendezvous Restaurant Rendezvous Restaurant Mountainview Room Billiards Room	7:45 am 8:30-9:30 am 9 am 9 am-1 pm 1-4 pm 1-3:30 pm 1-3:30 pm 2 pm 2-5 pm 5 pm 6 pm 7 pm 7-9:30 pm

## Advertised Activities and Seminars

Mon, Dec. 3	Bayer Ear Clinic (Every Monday) Arts & Craft Room, 9 am-Noon (See ad, p. 63)
Thu, Dec. 6	Free Lunch/Window Seminar, Renewal by Andersen, Rendezvous, 11 am-1 pm (See ad, p. 21)
Wed, Dec. 12	Open House, St. Andrew's Village, RSVP 12/7, 2:30-4 pm, (See ad, p. 53)
Thu, Dec. 13	Classic "White Christmas" Program, Cherry Creek Retirement Village, 2-4 pm (See ad, p. 41)
Sun, Dec 23	Chapel Choir, A Classic Christmas, HG Chapel, Sandberg Auditorium, 11 am (See ad, p. 4)

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Fri 7	Men with Purpose Coffee	Skyview Room	10 am
	HG Indivisible Group (every Friday)	Rendezvous Restaurant	12:15 pm
Clubhouse Matinee: Crazy Rich Asians	500 Club (every Friday)	Skyview Room	12:30–4 pm
		Sandberg Auditorium	1 pm
	Men's Poker (every Friday)	Skyview Room	4–9:15 pm
	Clubhouse Movie: Crazy Rich Asians	Sandberg Auditorium	6:30 pm
Sat 8	Women with Dreams	Mountainview Room	2–4 pm
	CP1 Holiday Dinner	Rendezvous Restaurant	5 pm
Mon 10	<b>Clubhouse Event: Guided Autobiography Preview</b>	Blue Spruce Room	10 am
Tue 11	VNA Clinic	Blue Spruce Room	1–5 pm
	Parkinson's Support Group	Aspen Room	1–3:30 pm
	HG Indivisible Group	Aspen Room	3:30 pm
	NoteAbles Mixed Chorus Concert	Sandberg Auditorium	7 pm
Wed 12	<b>Clubhouse Event - Active Minds: Aviation</b>	Sandberg Auditorium	2 pm
Thu 13	<b>Clubhouse Event: Great Rabbis, Great Insights</b>	Mountainview Room	9 am
	<b>Clubhouse Event: East Middle School Music</b>	Sandberg Auditorium	11 am
	Green Team Awards Presentation	Skyview Room	5 pm
	<b>Clubhouse Event: Denver Brass</b>	Sandberg Auditorium	7 pm
Fri 14	<b>Clubhouse Event: Holiday Potluck</b>	Sandberg Auditorium	11 am
	Karaoke Club	Aspen/Blue Spruce Room	6 pm
	<b>Clubhouse Event: Swing Time Concert</b>	Sandberg Auditorium	7 pm
Sat 15	Wine and Cheese Social Club	Aspen/Blue Spruce Rooms	3–5 pm
	50 and Who's Counting	Aspen/Blue Spruce Room	5:30 pm
Mon 17	VNA Clinic	Blue Spruce Room	1–3:30 pm
	Photography Club	Aspen Room	3:15–5 pm
Tue 18	B205 and B206 Happy Hour	Rendezvous Restaurant	5 pm
Wed 19	Colorado Symphony Guild (Hilltop SE Chapter)	Rendezvous Restaurant	11:30 am
	CP3 Dinner	Aspen/Blue Spruce Room	5:30 pm
	Square Dancing Club	Sandberg Auditorium	7:30–9:30 pm
Thu 20	HG Breakfast Optimist Club	Rendezvous Restaurant	7:45 am
	Bunko	Blue Spruce Room	1–3:30 pm
Fri 21	Men with Purpose Coffee	Skyview Room	10 am
	<b>Clubhouse Matinee: Dog Days</b>	Sandberg Auditorium	1 pm
	<b>Clubhouse Movie: Dog Days</b>	Sandberg Auditorium	6:30 pm
Mon 24	<b>Management Offices; Rendezvous closed; Clubhouse closes at 4 pm</b>		
Tue 25	<b>Christmas Day — Management Offices and Clubhouse closed</b>		
Fri 28	Mobile Post Office	Circle Driveway	11:40 am–noon
Mon 31	<b>Clubhouse Event: New Year's Eve Dance</b>	Sandberg Auditorium	8–11 pm
Tue 1	<b>New Year's Day — Management Offices and Clubhouse closed</b>		

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

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

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

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

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

Prayer Meeting - 2nd Thursday, 2 pm.

**Heather 'n Yon Deadline - 12/14**

**• Monthly Meetings •  
Boards and Committees**

- Communications – 10 am Tue, Dec. 4
- Golf – 10 am Tue, Dec. 13
- Long Range Plan – 1 pm Tue, Dec. 11
- HGMD Board (Insurance) – 1 pm Thu, Dec. 13
- Budget & Finance – 10 am Mon, Dec. 17
- HGA Board – 1 pm Tue, Dec. 18**
- SEC – 1 pm Wed, Dec. 19
- ACC – 10 am Thu, Dec. 20

at the November Restaurant/Clubhouse Committee Meeting on Nov. 15, that, in future, the Clubhouse will try to do perform its week-long closure for cleaning in March and September each year.

**Aurora History Museum:  
Festival of Wreaths**

Through Dec. 7, you can find a unique wreath to decorate your home and support exhibits and education programs at the Aurora History Museum and Historic Sites during this annual fundraiser. Wreaths are decorated and donated by businesses, organizations and residents. Museum open 9 am–4 pm Tuesday–Friday; 11 am–4 pm Friday and Saturday. 15051 E. Alameda Pkwy. Bid online anytime at [Aurora-Museum.org](http://Aurora-Museum.org).

**Holiday Tree Lighting**

5–7 pm Tuesday, Dec. 4

Tis the season to be merry and bright. The

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**FYI**

**LGBTQ and Friends Gathering**

Please come and join us for the first HG community LGBTQ and Friends Gathering at 7 pm Friday Jan. 18, in the Blue Spruce and Aspen Rooms in the Clubhouse. RSVP To David Hetzel, 303-570-7529. We are looking forward to hearing from you. Many have already called, expressing interest in this group. Beverages and appetizers will be provided. – David Hetzel, STH

**No Indoor Pool Closure in December**

Because the indoor swimming pool closed in September, to perform boiler replacement, it will not be closed for its semi-annual cleaning in December. That work was accomplished during the autumn closure. Clubhouse Manager Linda Aluisse announced,

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**VNA Senior Wellness Clinics**

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

**Schedule:**

Tuesday, Dec. 11, 1–3:30 pm, Blue Spruce Room, VNA 303-698-6496.

Monday, Dec. 17, 1–3:30 pm, Blue Spruce Room, Blanche McKinney, 303-751-6444

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

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I would recommend that this practice be looked at and some changes made so that everyone can have a positive experience in the workout room.

— **David Bushman**  
**B209**

## Heather 'n Yon

Our generous HG neighbors have come through again! The HG Optimist Club held its 2nd Annual "Pumpkin Seed Guessing Contest" in October (860 seeds, 52 pounds), with the winner getting a gift basket.

Your donations at our table in the Clubhouse Lobby raised \$325, which exceeded last year's total. We then converted the donated money to King Soopers "Thanksgiving" gift cards for children and families at the Sixth Avenue Elementary School in Aurora.

Because of your caring generosity, 13 families in our community were able to have a nice Thanksgiving dinner at home. From the bottom of our "Optimist" hearts — thank you!

**Paula Moore, B236**  
**Pat Dingfelder, B241**  
**HG Optimist Club**

## Heather 'n Yon

Suddenly the electricity goes off. It's night and "bingo," you can't see anything. No problem, you read this newsmagazine, *Heather 'n Yon*. Based on an article from the HG SEC Committee, you bought several battery operated flashlights and lanterns. No problem! But it is REALLY dark and you can't see well enough to go get your emergency lights!

What to do? Well there is an easy solution. Almost all smart phones have a flashlight App either built in or downloadable. You probably have your smart phone within easy reach!

Now you just turn your smart phone's "flash light" on. Now you can go get your emergency flashlights and lanterns.

How the flashlight App is downloaded and accessed depends on whether your smart phone is an iPhone or Android type. Now here's the easy part — just ask your grandkids to install it then show you how to use it!

**Rudy Morris, B217**  
**HG SEC/EPC**

## Heather 'n Yon

*Help!* The Architectural Control Committee (ACC) *needs you!*

If you have experience in building maintenance, design, home improvement, construction or related fields, please apply to be an Architectural Control Committee member today!

The ACC was formed to preserve the structural integrity, appearance, and use of the HG property for the benefit and enjoyment of all present and future owners and residents. Get a committee application online at [heathergardens.org](http://heathergardens.org) or stop in the Management Office to apply.

**Martha Kouba**  
**Resident Services Coordinator**  
**ACC Coordinator**

## Heather 'n Yon

Your dues are going up — significantly. The highest increase in 10 years. A responsible board would cut unnecessary expenses wherever possible.

At the October HGA meeting I asked about the proposed new logo that your board wants. One big question — why? What would this cost the residents of HG? After all, we're the ones who would be paying for it. And how would it benefit the residents?

This change would involve all address signage, vehicle signage, uniforms, stationery, ad copy, and who knows what else. Apparently we've hired a "logo consultant." I guess we can't do a preliminary cost estimate ourselves — counting, calling a couple companies, emailing information and asking for an estimate. Having a cost estimate would be the first step I would think. Replacing nearly new address signs for a logo? Wasteful.

I've sampled some residents and have yet to find anyone who thinks we should do this, especially since residents will be paying for it. Many don't even know what our logo is. Why is the board pushing to spend our money on something that doesn't matter to us? I've asked this ques-



*Above: Members of the HG Belly Dancing class decided they were uniquely prepared with costumes for Halloween. From left: Marge Bunkers, B210; Mary Ellen Phillips, B216; Camella Landrum, B218; Mary Stephens, B233; and Ingrid Valdez.*

tion of the board, but received no response to date.

Perhaps the board thinks we need to update to attract buyers. Did you move here because of the logo?

Especially given the current economics of Heather Gardens, aren't there better ways to spend our money? This is just plain irresponsible. Even during flush times, the board's responsibility is to act responsibly with our money.

And don't forget — you, the residents, can veto the proposed budget if you agree that money is being wasted.

— **Deb Smith**  
**CP2**

## Heather 'n Yon

2018 Heather Gardens Optimist Club Food Drive

Our annual HG food drive is completed and as always, our residents amaze us with their generosity. We collected over 100 boxes of food and nonperishable items that were shared with the Aurora community.

Distribution of your donations is being done through Mississippi Baptist Church, The Friends of St. Andrew Hospitality Center and High-point Church (which has a ministry at Crawford Elementary School).

Twenty-six members of the HG Optimist Club collected, boxed and delivered your donations.

Thank you to all in the community who helped make this possible: Area Representatives who posted our flyers, residents who "buzzed us

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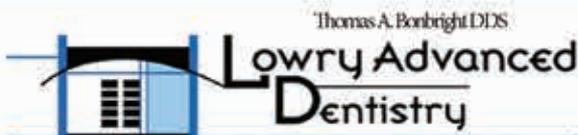
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# HG Maintenance Department

The HG Maintenance Department is responsible for year-round maintenance of 35 multi-story buildings, 316 Townhouses and Country Place patio homes, the Maintenance Shop, and the Clubhouse. The Maintenance staff completes over 14,000 work orders each year and provides 24/7 on call service.

HG is divided into different maintenance areas, each having several zones. Each zone has an average of 300 to 320 living units assigned to an individual serviceman who has the direct responsibility of maintaining his zone. Each of the Maintenance Servicemen are assigned to a Maintenance Crew Chief to provide training, help with technical problems, backup help and working skills.

Here are some tips from the Maintenance Department for the upcoming winter months:

- Make sure you leave your heat on in your unit to at least 60° to keep pipes from freezing.
- If you live in a multi-story building, do not put furniture

in front of your wall air conditioning units. This can cause your heat pipes to freeze in low temperatures if cold air comes through or around the air conditioner. If you have curtains, they should be hemmed above the top of the baseboard heater. This will help heat your unit more efficiently, reducing the possibility of the heat pipes freezing in frigid temperatures.

- If you live in a Country Place or Townhome unit, make sure your hoses are disconnected from the outside hose bibs to prevent freezing in the hose bibs and pipes in the wall behind them. Year after year, we have multiple floods created by frozen pipes behind these valves. Depending on the type of hose bib, these broken pipes will only leak when the hose bib is turned on again in the spring, flooding your basement.

**- Jon Howell  
Maintenance Supervisor**



*Introducing Maintenance staff (from left):  
Top row: Flate Wright (Serviceman), Jose Lopez (Apprentice), Jim Murzyn (Senior Crew Chief), Joe Giacinto (Serviceman), Marcus Drake (Drain Technician).  
Middle row: Ron Pallow (Maintenance Coordinator), Ray Blackwell (Pool Technician), Joe Quinn (Serviceman), Rob Macko (Crew Chief / Special Projects), Jon Howell (Maintenance Supervisor), Randy Cross (Serviceman), Rene Portillo (Garage Door Technician), Carlos Tamayo (Crew Chief),  
Bottom: Simeon King (Crew Chief) and Miguel Anaya (Apprentice).  
Not photographed: Leo Munoz, Richard Vanrixxor, and Lewis Lithicum (Servicemen), David Cox (Billable Jobs), and Jose Tamayo (Utility 1).*

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in" so we could collect your donations, shoppers who picked up a bit extra to share, and even those who simply thought kindly about our work.

I am so proud to say that I am a part of this HG community. I hope you are as well. You are a very special group of people. Until next year — thank you!

**Tom and Linda Merges  
Cochairmen, B242**

### Heather 'n Yon

After a class that was held in September, there are a group of women forming a Ladies Billiard Club. It will practice in the afternoon, 2-4 pm Mondays-Fridays in the Billiards Room. We will have several instructors available to help us learn

the right way to play difficult shots. All new players are welcome. If interested, call me, 303-745-4567.

Three of us in B216 could not make it to the party in HG, but dressed for Halloween to enjoy the evening. Our costumes are "modern Egyptian royalty." Jonna Castle helped outfit us from her closet. She lived in Egypt for three years, and acquired many beautiful gowns called "Jalabaya." The head scarf is "Niquab."

Jonna has written of her experience, "Way Down in Upper Egypt." It is a collection of short stories about



*Above: Three residents in B216 dressed as modern Egyptian royalty for Halloween (from left): Jonna Castle, Larry Hitt and Elaine Binder.*

the humorous practices that she became acquainted with while meeting people and learning their culture.

**Elaine Blinder  
B216**

# Clubs and Organizations

## Joppa Daylight Lodge AF and AM

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

"It's In the Air" is the title of the concert the NoteAbles are preparing for 7 pm Tuesday, Dec. 11, in Sandberg Auditorium. The concert reveals the seasonal celebrations that have become the community fabric that connects families, neighbors and friends together.

With a watchful eye on the weather, radio and TV announcers broadcast community activities, and how to make the most of what nature has to offer. After all, "autumn's gone and here comes the snow," as the trick and treaters of Halloween took center stage.

Thanksgiving drew us nearer, as family and friends gathered to celebrate the "Amazing Grace." "Somewhere In Our Memory" are precious moments and special people in a magical season.

"It's Beginning To Look Like Christmas." We can see, hear, touch, taste and smell it. "It's In The Air!"

In each our own way, we find it is time to "Count Our Blessings." It's Christmas time!

The NoteAbles wish you a "Happy Holiday." There's no admission charge, but a good-will donation would be appreciated. As always, we are grateful for the support of Linda Aluise, the Clubhouse staff and volunteers.

## 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](mailto:jmntg.1229@gmail.com). Like us on Facebook.

We'll be entertained by the Madrigal Choir of Gateway High School at our Dec. 6 meeting.

Don't do breakfast? We're interested in starting a group that meets later in the day; get in touch with us for more details!

## TOPS

Are you ready to stop dieting, and start making real changes? TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) can help you reach your weight-loss goals by providing the tools, information, and support that you need to be successful.

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

## HG Writers Club

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

We currently meet 1–4 pm every Thursday in a Clubhouse room. Please contact Gloria Lesher, 720-435-7713, 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 in the Rendezvous Restaurant at HG. We also are on the web: [Aurora-co.kiwanisone.org](http://Aurora-co.kiwanisone.org). For more information, call Rich Richardson, 303-368-5747.

## American Legion Post 2012

This post meets in HG, 7 pm on the first Thursday of the month. We would love to have you join us. The Legion family would like to welcome you to join an exciting, patriotic group of great people. To accomplish this goal, we would like to hear from you. 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.

## 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.

### **Women with Dreams**

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

### **CP1**

Our Christmas party will be 5 pm Saturday, Dec. 8, in Rendezvous. No happy hour in December.

### **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, then 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. Birthday Lunch Brunch: poker, pinochle, bridge plus social times. Bakers St. Pub, 4–6 pm, fourth Thursday.

Call Joann Cunningham, 303-751-5195, HG resident, for more information and monthly newsletter.

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

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

We have brunch, which costs \$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**

We are an informal group of citizens concerned about preserv-

ing democracy, promoting equality of opportunity, and ensuring that government serves all of the people. We focus on providing information that individual citizens can use to be informed voters and communicate with elected officials.

In the coming months, we intend to examine issues of vital importance to our state and nation. We encourage presentation of multiple views on each issue. To that end, we encourage participation of Republicans, Democrats and Unaffiliated voters. It seems there has never been a time where finding common ground is more important.

Our next meeting will be on 3:30 pm Tuesday, Dec. 11, in the Aspen Room. The meeting will be devoted to identifying issues for discussion during coming months and developing a non-partisan mission statement. We invite anyone concerned about the future of our state and nation to join us.

### **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.

### **The Green Team**

The First Annual Award Presentation will take place at 5 pm Thursday, Dec. 13. Twelve community members will receive commendation for their dedication to a clean environment here at Heather Gardens.

Who is on the list? Someone in your building? A person down the hall? Could it be your neighbor? Come find out and celebrate with them, all are welcome. Beverages and snacks will follow. For information, call 303-306-0066.

### **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.

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

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

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

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

### **50 and Who's Counting**

Please join us for our Holiday Party, 5:30 pm Saturday, Dec. 15, in the Blue Spruce Room. Dinner at 6 pm. Dinner will be a potluck, so bring your favorite holiday dish, and your own beverage.

Following dinner, we will have a White Elephant exchange, so bring a gag gift to trade. It would be helpful if you could let Sandy Brent know what you are bringing for the potluck, 720-281-7906. It will be great fun — please come.

### **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.

### **Low Vision Support Group**

This month, the Low Vision Support Group is gathering at a member's home, 3–6 pm Monday, Dec. 17, to celebrate the holidays. For details and transportation, call Marsha Bergen, 720-535-5224, or Peggy Chong, 303-745-0473.

### **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

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# Sports and Recreation

## Mexican Train Dominoes

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

## Men's Bridge

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

## Mah Jongg

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

You must have the latest Mah Jongg League card. We play for a maximum of \$3 — bring your nickels, dimes and quarters. All HG players are welcome. For information: Estelle, 303-750-0936.

## 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

## Pickleball

The schedule for Pickleball will be emailed to everyone on the Pickleball email list for December. 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](http://plaidflannel.com/Pickleball). The website offers detailed information on our current playing schedule, instructional videos and information on the game's history, rules and equipment.

If you want to learn more about Pickleball, or get on the roster, call

Rosalie, 303-751-1226, or Judy, 303-369-6258, or contact us by email, [pickleball@plaidflannel.com](mailto:pickleball@plaidflannel.com).

## Hand and Foot

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

## Mah Jongg

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

All players welcome, including beginners. You must have the latest Mah Jongg League card. Social game; we do not play for money, only glory.

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

## Billiard Club

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

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

## Co-ed 8 Ball October 16

- 1st Dee Moore, Brian Bucenec
- 2nd Don Gunnerson, Joe Ozorkeiwicz
- 3rd Gil Lochhead, Chuck Toner

## October 23

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

## October 30

- 1st Hi Reynolds, Paul Mall
- 2nd Brian Bucenec, Elaine Blinder
- 3rd Joe Ozorkeiwicz, Sean Kelliher

## November 6

- 1st Doug Miller, Virginia Faubel
- 2nd Chuck Finder, Elaine Blinder
- 3rd Dee Moore, Brian Bucenec

## November 13

- 1st Dee Moore, Sean Kelliher

- 2nd Hi Reynolds, Judy Brehmer
- 3rd Brian Bucenec, Rosalie Littrell

## Men's 9-Ball October 18

- 1st Brian Bucenec
- 2nd Lindy Davenport

## October 25

- 1st Lindy Davenport
- 2nd George Hoffman
- 3rd Chuck Finder

## November 1

- 1st George Hoffman
- 2nd Hi Reynolds
- 3rd Brian Bucenec

## November 13

- 1st George Hoffman
  - 2nd Brian Bucenec
- Judy Brehmer

## Ladies Golf Club

With our 2018 HGLGC season ending, President Beulah Gould and the new board will soon start making plans for the 2019 season (yea – can't wait). Thanks again to outgoing President Mary Ann Morris, the entire HG Ladies Golf Board, and everyone who helped make this such an awesome year of golf!

Beginning in January, the club would like to have a monthly "Birthday Celebration" with the entire club invited. The second Wednesday of each month at noon, the club plans to meet for lunch at the Rendezvous Restaurant and acknowledge, cheer, and honor anyone who is having a birthday that month. It'll be a great way to keep in touch and socialize, especially through those cold winter months. Stay tuned — more details will be in the January Issue of *Heather 'n Yon*.

On a side note, I will be turning the typewriter (for those who remember what that is — LOL) over to JoAnn Fitch and Suzi Stolte to carry on with the *Heather 'n Yon* monthly golf article. It has been a great honor writing this article for the last three years. I hope you have enjoyed the updates and stories.

Please make sure to let JoAnn and Suzi know about any great club outings, golf stories or just overall camaraderie — it is these types of stories that give each article a personal touch.

Enjoy your time off from golf and

I want to wish each and every one of you and your families a holiday season full of laughter, happiness and love.

FYI, as you may have heard, the PGA is changing certain rules for 2019. Check out our website for an update. We look forward to seeing each of you next season

HGLCG encourages all women interested in golfing, no matter their skill level, to join our handicapped golf league. It is a great league comprised of awesome women who enjoy weekly camaraderie, entertaining stories, great friendships and — of course — golf.

New members can obtain an application in the HG Pro Shop; or by contacting Debbie Madril, 303-755-9990; or Mavis Richardson, 303-368-5747. Also, check out our website: [heathergardensladiesgolfclub.com](http://heathergardensladiesgolfclub.com) for additional details and information.

— Charlane Pluckeck and JoAnn Fitch

### HG ACBL Duplicate Bridge

This club plays 1 pm Wednesdays in the Blue Spruce Room. Help setting up is appreciated, so come early.

For more information, call Merrily VanZevern, 720-282-3199, or John Osterberg, 720-535-1038. For partnership information, call Linda Harder, 303-369-2032.

### 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.

### 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.

### Square Dancing

Fun, exercise, and friendship. Come square dance on the first and third Wednesdays of each month, 7:30-9:30 pm, Sandberg Auditorium. Bob Riggs is the caller.

All square dancers are welcome. Call Dolores Bendekgey with questions, 720-747-4666. Cost: \$5 per person.

### Bunko

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

### 500 Club

We want you! Do you like to play cards with a fun, easy-going group of people? Then you must join us for 500.

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.

### Tennis Club

The club will not be holding its monthly meeting/social in December; rather, there will be a Holiday Dinner Party on Sunday, Dec. 16. This fully catered event is the social highlight of the year. We appreciate The Neale's opening their home to us.

Members must be current with their dues to attend. Of course, new members are welcome. RSVP to 303-306-0066 no later than Monday, Dec. 10. Our next scheduled meeting is Jan. 9, 2019.

### New Open Bridge Club

The group will meet every Thursday, beginning Jan. 3, 1:30-4 pm. in the Arts and Crafts Room. Come join us. Call Freddie Schroeder, 303-437-4255.



## Golfers meet new Golf Pro at reception on Nov. 7



*Right: HG golfers met new Golf Pro Greg Kohr at a "Meet and Greet." Tony Maestas, B213, and Lil Pickrel, B213, shared a laugh with Kohr after noshing on food and drinks.*





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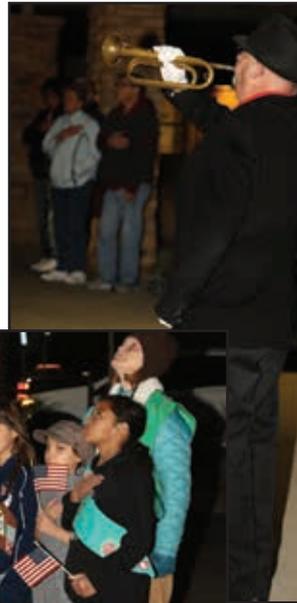
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# Pride, honor, respect, sadness and gratitude define Veterans Day observance

HG residents met at 5:30 pm for three days while Taps was played at the flagpole outside the Clubhouse. We met to honor the fallen heroes of the First World War, as well as those lost in the many conflicts occurring long after the armistice on Nov. 11, 1911.

The Friday night observance included eight Brownie Scouts and their leader, who were there to earn their "Patriot Badge." Good for them!

Sunday night was a snowy, cold, and windy evening that reminded everyone about conditions that might have been experienced by the "doughboys" in the front lines in Europe. As taps was played, the wind fluttered the flag into the snow.



Each of the three nights included a husband and wife team, both of whom had served in the military and are now members of an American Legion Post. She read the history of taps just before her husband played the melody on his circa 1917 bugle.

Taps:  
 "Day is done, gone the sun,  
 From the lake, from the hills,  
 from the sky;  
 All is well, safely rest. God is nigh."

And a personal note: to all HG veterans and those actively serving: Thank you for your service!

– Denise McCammon  
 B242



*On Friday, Nov. 9, this Brownie Scout troop joined HG residents and an American Legion Post to observe Taps, a bugle call that traditionally signals the end of the day at military posts, during flag ceremonies and at military funerals. This event was held in honor of Veterans Day on Nov. 11.*



## HGMD Foundation

On Nov. 14, the HGMD Foundation entertained a request by the Green Team to get additional funding for the Dog Stations Poop Project. After discussion, the committee decided to help with additional stations, logos, and locks, but they would need to provide us with proof of funding before any Foundation grants were awarded.

The financial status for October:

Balance at end of October	\$174,072.92
Donations were	\$406.00
Trees were	\$11,708.14
Total is	\$186,301.20

The transfer of \$150,000 to CDs is included in this total.

Under old business, the committee discussed a fund raiser to help offset the cost of golf patio furniture. Further discussion is needed, tabling the project until the committee's January meeting.

October Donations to the Foundation:

- B217 in memory of Janet Wagner, Dorothy Lewis and Ed Keller
- Ginny Butler in memory of Jane Nielsen
- B214 in memory of Henry Mennekes

The next meeting is 1:30 pm Wednesday, Jan. 9, in the board room. We will not meet in December.

**Bonnie McMullen**  
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invite new members to join us.

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

## CP3

RSVP soon for our Christmas Party, Wednesday, Dec. 19, in the Aspen/Blue Spruce Rooms. We will welcome people around 5:30 pm. The dinner buffet will start at 6 pm. The catered meal will feature carved glazed ham and roasted turkey. A spritzer will be provided. You can BYOB if you wish.

If you want to participate in the white elephant gift exchange, bring a gift valued at \$10 or less. Gag gifts were the highlight of the evening last year. Look for an RSVP form with cost details in your mailbox, and return it to Dean Lux.

## SRA

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

## 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

## Caregivers Support Group

The HG Caregivers Support Group will not meet in December.

## Frolics Club

We welcome all new members who attended the Oct. 17 Open House. Thank you for joining the Frolics Club!

Auditions for next year's show will be held 2–5 pm Sunday, Jan. 6, Sandberg Auditorium. Please bring a recorded CD or an instrument of your choice for the audition.

In addition to performers, we welcome other talents. A lot goes on behind the stage, and everyone has something to offer. If you have a talent that could be used in the production, please contact Barbara Schneller, 303-923-3992. – M. Mines

## HG Aviation Club

The club will not hold a meeting in December due to all the holiday conflicts. We will start up again in January on the second Wednesday of the month, Jan. 9, at 7 pm in the Aspen Room. – Rudy Morris

## HG Republicans

Merry Christmas, everyone. This club will not meet in December. Our next scheduled meeting will be 1:30 pm Thursday, Jan. 10. Details in the January issue of *Heather 'n Yon*.

– Ruth Prendergast, 303-632-7873

## HG Democrats Club

The club will not meet this month because our regular meeting day, the fourth Tuesday of the month, is Christmas Day! Have a wonderful Christmas and any other holiday you celebrate! Join us again in January!

–Martha (Marty) Karnopp, Chair, 303-353-9640, [mjkarnopp@gmail.com](mailto:mjkarnopp@gmail.com).

## The Sevillians

The Sevillians will not meet in December. Our next dinner social will be 5 pm Tuesday, Jan. 22, 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

## 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.

## 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.

## Woodshop

The Woodshop is planning an open house in January. Watch for new woodworking classes and events in the coming New Year.



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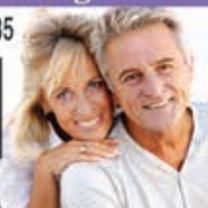
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# Trips and Tours

**Please Note:** Courtesy calls from the Clubhouse are made 2–3 days prior to trip to give check in times and other pertinent trip information.

- Non-residents may only attend as the guest of a resident.
- Please note refund policy prior to registering.
- *Please tell Reception Desk if you need wheelchair accessible seating.*

## Dazzle

Thursday, Dec. 27, 10:30 am  
Deadline: Thursday, Dec. 6  
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.

## Holiday Lights Tour

Tuesday, Dec. 4  
Tuesday, Dec. 11  
Thursday, Dec. 20

Sold Out

## ELF – The Musical

Wednesday, Dec. 12,  
Arvada Center

Sold Out

## Home for the Holidays

Wednesday, Dec. 19  
Lone Tree Arts Center

Sold Out

## Colorado Mammoth Lacrosse

Sunday, Jan. 20, 11:15 am  
Pepsi Center  
Cost: \$35

Join HG residents to participate in the opening ceremony of a Colorado Mammoth Lacrosse game at the Pepsi Center. You will become the “tunnel” for the players as they run onto the field to play against the Calgary Roughnecks. Since making their debut in 2003, the Mammoth have been at the center of a lacrosse boom in Colorado. Lacrosse is a high energy, fast-playing game. This is a chartered-bus event. Sign up early. Bus will pick up residents between B243 and B244 at 11:15 am. Return at 4:30 pm.

## Breckenridge Ice Sculpture

Thursday, Jan. 24, 9 am–3 pm.  
Cost: \$22

Deadline: January 17

Snow artists from around the world will compete in Breckenridge at the International Snow Sculpture

Championships. Sculptures start as 12-foot-tall, 20+ ton blocks of snow. Teams from all over the world will compete using only hand tools; artists achieve finished pieces across five days (65 hours) of sculpting. Viewing sculptures will be walker accessible and there are restaurants within walking distance at your own expense. This is a chartered Heather Gardens bus trip, not an RTD Senior Ride trip. Pickup location will be between at the Atrium parking lots #241 & 242 (13961 E Marina Drive).

## Casino Trips

### Mardi Gras or Golden Gate – Blackhawk

Tuesday, Dec. 18, 8:30 am–3:30 pm  
Tuesday, Jan. 15, 8:30 am–3:30 pm  
Cost: \$6

Get a \$10 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). Bus will pick up travelers in the Atrium parking lots between B243 and B244.

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.

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

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

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# Holidays on the Cheap!

With Black Friday and Cyber Monday in the rear-view mirror, here's the next great savings opportunity: National Free Shipping Day, on Friday, Dec. 14. "One-thousand big and niche online retailers," many of whom don't typically offer free shipping, will ship online purchases for free that day, and guarantee delivery by Christmas, said the website.

Money-savings tips such as these are the stock-in-trade of Laura Daily, who offered the program "Holidays on the Cheap" at the Clubhouse Nov. 15. Founder of the website, Mile High On The Cheap (MHOTC), Daily said her purpose was "to share tips and tricks for stretching your holiday dollar further." The free online newsletter — whose mottoes include, "Cross over to the cheap side" and "Live large for less" — updates readers daily on free and cost-savings opportunities.

## **Some of Daily's tips for doing the holiday on the cheap:**

Want to take the grandkids to a performance of *The Nutcracker*? Most tiny tots are not ballet aficionados. If your budget won't stretch to cover the Denver Center/Colorado Ballet's ticket prices, remember that many ballet schools offer performances of *The Nutcracker* at friendly rates. The audience still enjoys the beautiful music, the costumes and the spectacle. *The Nutcracker* of Parker/Colorado School of Ballet, and another production at the Newman/International Youth Ballet are two less-expensive alternatives.

Ice skate for free at the Downtown Denver Rink at Skyline Park, 16th and Arapahoe, through Feb. 3. Bring your own skates, or rent some, at a small cost — \$6 for kids 12 and under, \$8 for others. DJs play music on Fridays.

Avoid stores that make your family pay to see Santa Claus and/or have the child's photo taken with Santa. (You can take your own photos.) Bass Pro Shops/Cabelas have a great Christmas experience for kids, that includes a huge, free Santa's Winter Wonderland display to explore while waiting for their appointment with Santa. The stores provide

a free 4 x 6 photo with Santa. (You can buy more.)

Waiting can save money: toys are always cheapest just before Christmas. Shop afternoons, before store employees have restocked order after the morning crowds. Some great items are scattered throughout the store, not actually on the shelves.

A lot of "door buster" items also are available online. They might be offered earlier, too.

In stores, the most expensive items are always displayed at eye level. Look up and down, to find less expensive versions of the same commodity.

If you can stuff a small, but heavy, item into a flat-rate post office box, you can save a ton on shipping, especially at weights of four pounds, or more. Flat-rate packages work for up to 70 pounds.

Dollar stores have come a long way over the years. You can't beat the prices on giftwrap and party supplies. The quality is fine. Avoid buying toys and electronics, though, at dollar stores.

Get crafty at Christmas tree nurseries. Some lots will give greenery away, at no cost, if they've had to cut branches off trees they are selling.

When buying a Christmas tree, it pays to wait. Tree lots will bargain as Christmas approaches, because unsold live trees doesn't benefit them.

Buy now, trade later. If the store has a good exchange policy, and you find a great bargain, buy the item, even if it's the wrong size or color. Stores restock, and other customers return items: you might be able to exchange the item later and get what you actually want, at a great price.

Consider philanthropic shopping. Visiting the gift shops at the zoo, art and science museums, and the botanic gardens. The shops have low overhead. (They already own the building.) Volunteers are often employed as cashiers. It can be less crowded. You can go into gift shops without paying an admission charge, and the money goes to a good cause.

This is a great time of year to shop craft shows. (There are lists of them on the MHOTC website, Daily said.) Some offer more interesting

items and better prices than shopping in stores.

Many gift cards come with built-in discounts, and gift cards aren't just for giving to others. Costco sells gift cards at a discount of 15-20 percent, if you are a member. Buy a gift card at a discount, then use it for yourself. Sam's offers discounts, too.

Noodles & Co. offers a \$5 bonus card with the purchase of \$25 in gift cards. If you wish to buy \$100 in gift cards, have them ring them up as four purchases of \$25, so you receive four \$5 bonus cards.

Daily advocates using Groupon, which she said had gobbled up smaller, similar websites and is the last large online-discount website standing. Groupon (a contraction of "Group" and "Coupons") is a reputable service that generally stands behind the bargains it offers. Groupon offers everything from dining — \$50 worth of food for \$25 — to travel discounts.

She recommends Goldstar, too, for entertainment bargains. Goldstar features discounts on concerts, sporting events, and other types of live entertainment, although their bargains often don't include premium seating.

For more bargains and clever workarounds, sign up for the MHOTC website: [www.milehighonthecheap.com](http://www.milehighonthecheap.com). If the daily newsletter you're sent doesn't interest you, simply delete it. You'll get a new set of offers the following day.

Daily and her website have a loyal following at HG. Others in attendance offered more cheap thrills designed to keep holiday spending within your budget.

Parker Adventist Hospital has a life-sized nativity scene, which anyone can visit at no cost. A grand player piano provides gorgeous holiday music.

Some online sites connected to stores will deliver to a location of your choice. Have the purchase delivered to a store near your adult children. Then have them pick it up, wrap it, and stick on a label, saying "from Grandma." No shipping costs.

— Mary Hafka

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**Monday, Dec. 10: Winter class brochures available.**

**Monday, Dec. 17: Registration for Winter classes  
(January – March)**

**Classes start Wednesday, Jan. 2**

## 1st Saturday Night Dance

Saturday, Dec. 1, 6:30–9:30 pm, Sandberg Auditorium  
Music by Tom and Shirley Yook

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. Dress your holiday best for the dance. Anne Hummel-Gillis will be available to take your holiday photo.

## Chanukah Candle lighting

Tuesday, Dec. 4, 6 pm, Mountainview Room

Join Rabbi Fleisher for the annual candle lighting for the Chanukah season.

## Great Rabbis, Great Insights

Thursday, Dec. 6 and Dec. 13, 9 am, Mountainview Rm  
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.

## Watch Batteries

Thursday, Dec. 6, 9 am–1 pm, Lodgepole Lounge

Fee: \$6 per battery.

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

## St. Nick's Day

Thursday, Dec. 6, 2–3:30 pm, Clubhouse Lobby  
FREE

Enjoy pumpkin pie and apple cider with your neighbors. Sponsored by Comcast

## Movie Matinee and Night: *Crazy Rich Asians*

Friday, Dec. 7, 1 pm and 6:30 pm,

Sandberg Auditorium

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

This contemporary romantic comedy, based on a global bestseller, follows native New Yorker Rachel Chu to Singapore to meet her boyfriend's family. Chu is happy to accompany her longtime boyfriend, Nick, to his best friend's wedding. She's also surprised to learn that Nick's family is extremely wealthy. He's considered one of the country's most eligible bachelors. Thrust into the spotlight, Rachel must now contend with jealous socialites, quirky relatives and something far, far worse — Nick's disapproving mother. Rated PG-13.

## Guided Autobiography Preview

Monday, Dec. 10, 10 am, Blue Spruce Room

Class starts Thursday, Jan. 3, 10 am–noon

Come preview the Birren Methodology (DVD) on Monday, Dec. 10, 10 am.

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## Active Minds: Aviation

Wednesday, Dec. 12, 2 pm, Sandberg Auditorium

FREE: Registration requested, call 303-751-1811

Join Active Minds for a review of aviation in the United States. We will begin the story with the Wright Brothers and end with a look at the airline industry today, including the possibility of supersonic flights again in the not-too-distant future. In between, we'll visit Charles Lindbergh, Amelia Earhart, aviation in the military, and the increased use of drone aircraft.

## East Middle School Holiday Performance

Thursday Dec. 13, 11 am, Sandberg Auditorium

FREE: Registration requested, call 303-751-1811

East Middle School in Aurora will delight us with their band, orchestra and choir.

## Gift Certificates: Cards available for Clubhouse and Rendezvous

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.

## Family Swim Time:

Indoor Pool Children's Swim: Saturday, Sunday, 2–4 pm  
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### **Brass for the Soul: Denver Brass Ensemble**

Thursday, Dec. 13, 7-8:30 pm, Sandberg Auditorium

Cost: \$5 in advance; \$7 on the day of event

This is our annual visit from the nationally known Denver Brass. They will play many old favorites, new tunes and some humor for an enjoyable evening.

### **Holiday Potluck**

Friday, Dec. 14, 11 am–1 pm, Sandberg Auditorium

FREE: Registration requested, call 303-751-1811

(We need to know how many to table settings.)

Everyone welcome to this year's Holiday Potluck.

We'll provide the turkey, you provide the trimmings. Bring a potluck dish to share, according to your last name:

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### **SwingTime Band**

Friday, Dec. 14, 7 pm, Sandberg Auditorium

Fee: \$5, \$7. Day of event.

Swingtime is a Denver-based group of five vocalists and a three-piece band that specializes in the music of the thirties and forties, lots of Glenn Miller, Duke Ellington, some Cole Porter, Andrews Sisters and the Mills Brothers.

### **Movie Matinee and Night: Dog Days**

Friday, Dec. 21, 1 pm and 6:30 pm, Sandberg Auditorium

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

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### **New Year's Eve Dance**

Monday, Dec. 31, 8-11 pm, Sandberg Auditorium

Fee: HG resident, \$18

Non-resident and on the day of event, \$20

Fee includes live band, appetizers, New Year's champagne toast and party favors! Bring in the New Year at the Clubhouse with an elegant dance to the live music of The Mile High Big Band. Celebrate the "ball drop" on New York City time.

Dinner served in Rendezvous prior to dance. Call 720-282-3443 for more information.

### **New Year's Traditions from Around the World**

Thursday, Jan. 3, 3 pm, Sandberg Auditorium

FREE: Registration requested, call 303-751-1811

New Year's signifies a new beginning. Every culture around the world celebrates the coming of the New Year. In many countries, there is a shared belief that specific actions taken on New Year's Eve or New Year's Day, can influence the fate of the year ahead. Some cultures have more unusual ways of ushering in the New Year. Join Kathleen Arnold and bring in the New Year with a fun program on New Year's traditions from around the world.

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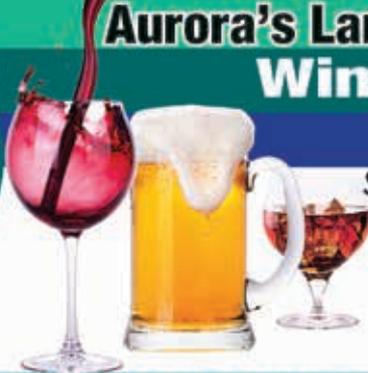
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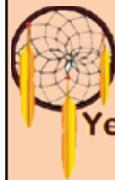
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## My Ruby Keeler moment

by Mary Hafka

A friend recently gave me two Barbra Streisand CDs. On one, Streisand sings the gospel number, “Deep River,” a slow, stately hymn about crossing the River Jordan and going home to heaven. That song still holds memories for me.

Last May, I celebrated my 20th anniversary, living in HG. I had yet to reach my 50th birthday when I first moved here, which — by anyone’s standards — made me one of the younger residents.

One of my first “joinings” was the HG mixed chorus that existed then. I’d sung in choirs during high school and college, and in churches. I was one of those churchgoers whose commitment to the cause was fungible, but I always enjoyed the music.

Joining the choir was supposed to be the end of it, but people who move to HG quickly learn that nothing here is ever “the end of it.” Once a newcomer arose on the radar, clubs and organizations that were always seeking new members came to get you.

And so, because the choir was drafted that year to serve as its musical chorus, I found myself performing in the Frolics Club annual spring musical review. This, too, could have been the end of the story, as I happily plied my craft, singing harmony in the background.

I quickly became a standout in the Frolic show, and not because of my stellar talent. My relatively young age meant I could drive at night, and perform other jobs requiring stamina and energy.

The Frolics Club show, that year, featured a terrific singer — a baritone known widely in the neighborhood. Another venue of his was cruise ships throughout international waters. He always won the talent shows, I was told. The baritone sang

three or four solos in the Frolic Show, and probably would have sung a dozen more, if they’d have let him.

Two nights before opening night, the baritone went down. Word spread throughout the cast that he’d had a heart episode, and was in the hospital. He’d had two big numbers to sing, during a tent-revival-themed number in the second act, and everyone wondered how our intrepid director would handle this.

On cue my phone rang. It was the director.

“She’s going to ask me to sing, ‘Deep River,’” I thought. Every singer, no matter how marginal her talents, wants to have a big, show-stopping ballad. I was ecstatic for about 20 seconds.

I thought I was about to have my Ruby Keeler moment. Keeler was the old-time actress who starred in the movie, “42nd Street.” She played a girl from the chorus, who stepped onto the stage, and saved the show, after the leading lady broke her leg.

A star was born.

The director solemnly informed me our baritone was in the hospital.

“So I wondered,” she said, “if you could learn the lyrics to, and sing, ‘Shadrack, Meshack and Abednego.’” This song, I should explain, was the other song sung by the baritone in the tent-revival number. It was comprised of a complicated set of lyrics that only an elephant could be expected to remember.

(The director had assigned the task of singing “Deep River” to a male tenor. A tenor? I ask you for an opinion. The director gave the song, which is — ya’ know — about something “deep,” to a tenor?)

A little deflated, I agreed to perform the upbeat, novelty song. The director made the correct decision. A common complaint of my fellow,

older performers was how much trouble they had learning lyrics at that stage of their lives.

Memorizing presented no problems. On opening night, I performed the rousing number without messing up the convoluted words. I did the same the following night.

And that could have been the end of the episode, when the show’s run ended after five days — but it wasn’t. The baritone, who possibly had an ego to match his sizeable talents, heard that the tenor and I were performing his numbers. He arose from his hospital bed, and returned to reclaim his rightful place on stage, on night three.

And so, unceremoniously, I returned to the chorus. (This didn’t happen to Ruby Keeler. Perhaps I should have broken the baritone’s leg.) And that — finally — was the end of that. Not a word was ever exchanged between the baritone and me about the fact I had sung his song for two nights. We simply acted as though it had never happened.

I performed in several more Frolics shows, but came to a surprising realization. I’ve always loved to sing, but I really don’t much like performing.

It’s more work than it looks — all those rehearsals. And don’t get me started on the wardrobe malfunctions.

Lots of human error can occur, especially in an amateur production. Once, on stage, I discovered the hard way that the music technician has transposed my song into the wrong key, which left me striving to hit notes, in front of a live audience, that I didn’t have much hope of hitting.

I’m happy enough, these days, to confine myself into singing along with the CD player, and the car radio. One of these days, I must invite the director in, to hear me belting out “Deep River,” in unison with Barbra Streisand.

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