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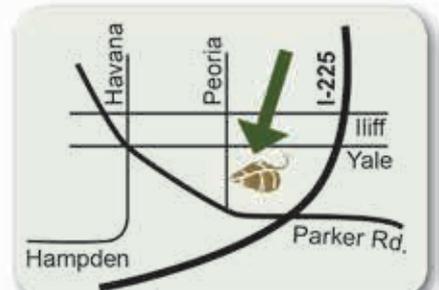


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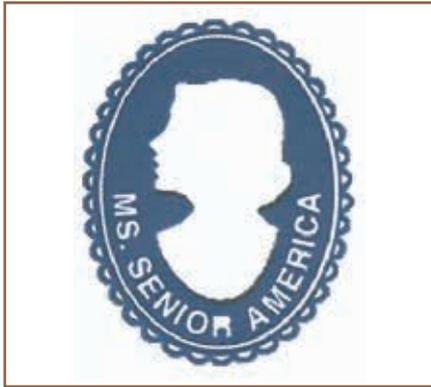


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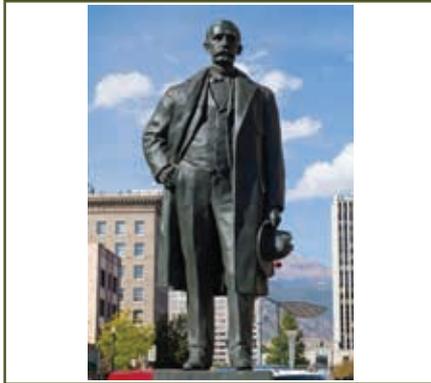
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Opening for director announced, Golf Course sets revenue record

Four directors attended the July 18 meeting of the HGMD Board of Directors. Director Bonnie McMullen resigned from the board earlier in the month.

President Sandra Rosenberg asked for applications to fill the vacant position, by Friday, Aug. 9. The board will interview and select the replacement director at its meeting on Aug. 15.

Treasurer Bill Archambault gave his report, announcing that the Golf Course recorded its largest revenue number for a single month in June. The last time the Golf Course had done that well was 12 years ago (144 months). The course earned \$53,600 in sales. June reversed a year that has been plagued with bad weather.

Archambault complimented Golf Pro Greg Kohr for the success in more rounds of golf played and merchandise sales in the Golf Pro Shop, including new logo merchandise. The course, year-to-date, still is \$24,000 below budget projections for revenue; however, expenses, year-to-date, are \$30,000 under budget.

The board approved revised bylaws for the HGMD, as well as updated procedures memoranda (PMs) for Golf and Foundation. The PM section on the Property Policy Committee (PPC) was excluded from the approvals, because PPC Chair David Funk felt more work was needed on this document.

The updated bylaws and PMs included creating the position of vice president for the HGMD, and stating the secretary would be a board member, although HGMD Board Attorney Jennifer Ivey advised there was no legal requirement for the secretary to be a board member. The board elected Secretary Craig Baldwin to the VP position. The offices of secretary and treasurer were merged,

and Archambault agreed to fulfill the combined secretary/treasurer position.

The board also voted to ratify the treasurer position assigned to Archambault at the May meeting. The board had neglected to vote its approval at the earlier meeting.

The board accepted a revised PM for the Clubhouse/Restaurant Committee. The PM included no attachments, such as fee schedules, which will be evaluated during the budget process. The draft will be placed on the website for resident comment.

Clubhouse/Restaurant Committee Chair Craig Baldwin announced the regular monthly committee meeting would be changed to 1 pm on the third Monday of each month. The next committee meeting will be Aug. 19.

The board approved \$20,490 to purchase 400 chairs for Sandberg Auditorium. Fifty armchairs will be purchased from one vendor, and 350 armless chairs from a second vendor. The expenditure is \$8,300 under budget. Some old chairs will be retained for the restaurant, and other uses. The remainder will be donated to nonprofits.

The board approved applying for an extension for filing its annual audit with Colorado state auditors. The auditors will be unable to have the document ready by the July 30 deadline. Turnover in HG accounting department delayed getting the audit materials to the auditor; then their schedule prevented speeding up their review.

The board approved the proposed schedule for preparing its 2020 budget. The schedule begins nearly a month earlier than in past years, to enable the HGMD to hold its annual public budget hearing on Oct. 17 (see page 27).

The board approved an approach to funding a capital-

reserve program, which will be integrated into the 2020 budget. HGA has used a straight-line capital reserve program for three years, ever since its Capital Reserve Plan was formalized. HGMD used a pay-as-you-go method that caused the funds needed to fluctuate, year to year. Now that HGMD has a Capital Reserve Plan, it was necessary to spread approximately \$20.4 million over 30 years. The board approved a straight-line program for funding HGMD Capital Reserve projects.

The board declined to approve \$5,000 be transferred within the Foundation to the Tree Fund that has \$12,000, and hasn't yet been spent.

Forrest McClure, B231, raised the issue of whether HGMD property "is being fully utilized to produce income." He remarked the space atop the RV lot could be converted to a solar farm, with the panels offering the added value of shading the RV lot. The RV lot, which is con-

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Mosquitos proliferate in HG, ruining the summer lifestyle

Lillette Bagwin, CP3, was photographed by Robin O'Meara, CP3, outside her condo in July to show the clothing she must wear to avoid being "attacked" by mosquitos in the area. This year, with abundant rainfall, the mosquitos in HG are "flooding" the area. As Robin O'Meara told the HGA Board, "It [the mosquitos] makes it difficult to enjoy being outside our homes in HG."

Robin also reported that in under eight hours, a TriCounty Health trap for mosquitos had captured 136. A high count in an evening is 100, according to Janine Runfola, Environment Health Specialist, who set the trap. She did report that neither of the two species captured are capable of transmitting West Nile Virus. They are flood water mosquitos — nuisance species that persistently seek blood meals.



Extra! Extra! Information for you –

New HGA election procedures

The Civic Affairs Committee is revising HG's Election Procedure Memorandum (PM) for two reasons. First, the existing PM didn't describe the current method for electing HGA Board Directors by written ballot. Almost the entire PM describes an in-person vote in Sandberg Auditorium.

Second, last year was the first year that the state law granting owners the right to veto the homeowners association budget applied to HG. (It had been previously "grandfathered.") As everyone is aware, that first budget veto vote did not go as smoothly as it could have, and it was expensive to conduct.

I met with General Manager Calvin White, HGA attorney Mark Payne, and John Coil, Chair of the Budget & Finance Committee, to discuss how to reduce the costs of two elections: a budget veto vote required by statute, and an election of HGA directors.

We decided to combine the two annual elections into one procedure.

Unfortunately, attempting to minimize the costs by combining the two annual elections means that the dates for the budget process and electing directors needed to be adjusted. The Budget & Finance Committee, with Coil, and HGMD Treasurer Bill Archambault, have revised the budget process to allow more time for members (HG owners) to review the budget before the veto vote. The budget process is a partnership activity for HGA and HGMD boards.

The budget preparation process will begin about one month earlier this year (see story below and page 27). The General Manager will provide his budget to the Budget & Finance Committee in September.

There are two factors to ensure the success of this new procedure. First, it is imperative that owners be-

come involved in the budget preparation. The budget workshops will take place over three or four days in September–October. John Coil will announce the agendas in the middle of August. He plans to focus on major budget issues of interest to the entire membership during the first half day. The additional workshops will consider a line-by-line budget review. Owner input and questions at these workshops are critical.

Second, owners must be more vigilant this year about the dates for budget preparation and election of directors. We will publicize these dates in the *Heather 'n Yon*, on the website, and by email blast.

Last year, there was widespread confusion regarding the vote to veto the budget. John Coil wrote a multi-part explanation of the vote to veto the budget process in *Heather 'n*

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2020 Budget issues

It is summer, and HG management has begun work on budgets for Heather Gardens Association (HGA) and Heather Gardens Metropolitan District (HGMD) budgets for next year. We know some of the budget concerns already. This article will discuss these known concerns so that you, the members, can begin to participate in the budget process as it unfolds and not wait until the end.

Property and Liability Insurance

Preliminary information from the HGA/HGMD insurance broker indicates that property and liability insurance rates may increase 12–14 percent, or more, for 2020. If this comes to pass, we can expect to see dues rise for insurance around \$4 per month for an average unit. It will be late August before we get more information on property and liability insurance rates for HG.

It should be noted that property and liability insurance rates are going up everywhere in the US, not just at HG, due to catastrophic events

across the nation: fires, hurricanes, tornadoes, etc. Some homeowner associations (HOAs) are seeing insurance premium increases equal to 100 percent.

What can HG do if our preliminary information becomes true? Last year, we chose to increase deductibles. This allowed HG to keep the 2019 rates to only a 7 percent increase over 2018.

Can we do that again? When does increasing the deductibles become too much? Should HG become self-insured? As a self-insured homeowners, HGA would have to set aside HOA dues to build a self-insurance fund to replace the benefits we are getting with our current insurance plans/providers.

Payroll

Last year, we found that HG employee wages were considerably below the average for comparable positions in the Denver region. In the 2019 budget, the wages were increased to make up for about 75

percent of the shortfall. The plan is to make up for the remainder of the shortfall in the 2020 budget.

The construction industry, in particular, has driven up wages in the past few years. Based on data for the Denver region, we estimate that wages need to increase by as much as 4 to 5 percent to give HG employees wages that are closer to the average for the region. Using a 4.5 percent increase, HGA fees would need to increase by around \$7.60 per month for an average unit. Should we try to reach the regional average for salaries in 2020, or spread it over two years?

Electricity

Xcel Energy has requested approval from the Colorado Public Utilities Commission to increase electricity rates. The business class rates may increase as much as 6.7 percent, which would translate to an increase of about \$1 per month for an average unit. The increase would

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HGA Board approves budget schedule, director election in November

Eight directors attended the July 16 meeting of the HGA Board of Directors. Carol Anne Mayne was absent.

The board approved the schedule for the 2020 budget process, which provides a timeline to ensure that mandated events occur before HGA and HGMD reporting deadlines. The schedule also was designed to facilitate combining the directors' election, and the election offering homeowners the opportunity to veto the annual budget, into one election. (See schedule, page 27.)

The board voted to change the annual date for electing new board members to the Friday before Thanksgiving. For decades, the board election date has been the first Tuesday in October. (See story, page 6)

After much review in the Long Range Planning Committee, Al Lindeman recommended that residents be notified of a possible problem with Federal Pacific electrical (breaker) panels. The board approved sending two letters to homeowners with Director Rex Engel voting no.

The letter to residents of multi-story buildings advises them to hire their own electricians to have their panels evaluated for function and safety. The letter to CPs and THs was different, because HG is responsible for maintaining those exterior panels. (See story, page 10.)

The board approved the Employee Handbook prepared by the Ad Hoc Personnel Policy Committee. Chair Jill Bacon announced the committee would continue to exist, working on phase 2 of personnel policy, which is studying the employee organizational chart, job descriptions and the evaluation process. Preparing the handbook was phase 1.

Employee handbook

Bacon is also chair of the Architectural Control Committee (ACC). The board considered a dispute with B207, regarding benches installed on stone/brick bases. Bacon commented the installation was a safety issue. Following discussion, the board approved two options.

B207 benches

B207 is required to pour a cement base for the benches at building expense, as is required in ACC procedures. If B207 does not choose to incur this expense, they must remove the benches and stones from the common area within 72 hours. Bacon promised to notify the building immediately, to give them full benefit of the 72-hour window.

SEC Chair Engel told the board he wished to hold
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HGMD Treasurer's report

Year to Date through June 2019

	Budget	Actual
Clubhouse Profit (loss)	(\$332,276)	(\$289,875)
Golf Profit (loss)	(\$110,689)	(\$105,647)
Restaurant Profit (loss)	(\$73,169)	(\$78,473)

Clubhouse: Through June, the Clubhouse loss has been about \$42,400 less than budgeted. Income is about \$9,100 less than budgeted. Expenses are about \$51,500 less than budgeted. Through June, slightly more than 50 percent of the expected annual revenue from use of Clubhouse facilities has been earned. At the same time, only 47 percent of the budgeted annual expenditures have been incurred.

Golf: Through June, the Golf Course loss is about \$5,000 less than budgeted. Golf Course revenue for June — \$53,600 — is the most revenue ever earned in any month in the last 12 years. Due to adverse weather earlier in the year, total revenue through June is less than anticipated by approximately \$24,000. Expenditures through June are about \$30,000 less than anticipated.

Restaurant: Through June, the Restaurant loss is about \$5,300 more than budgeted. Sales are about \$26,300 more than budgeted. The cost of sales, that is food and liquor, are about \$8,700 more than budgeted. Wages and benefits are about \$33,000 more than budgeted. This is somewhat offset as general operating costs of the restaurant are about \$10,000 less than budgeted.

Enterprise Fund:

The Clubhouse, Golf Course and Restaurant are all

part of the Enterprise Fund. The Enterprise fund also has several general expenses that are not allocated to the Clubhouse, Golf Course nor the Restaurant. The general costs include such costs, among others, as insurance, audit costs, legal fees, and capital expenditures.

Through June, overall income for the Enterprise Fund was about \$1,260,000, while expenses were about \$1,210,000. Overall revenue has exceeded expenses by about \$50,000.

Restricted Funds

- **Conservation Trust Fund (Lottery).** Through June, HGMD has received about \$6,200 from the Colorado Lottery. No expenses have been incurred so far this year. At the end of June, the lottery bank account had a balance of \$117,282.

- **Foundation Fund** has received donations of \$4,358 through June. The Foundation account has funded \$4,160 for HGMD projects so far this year. At the end of June, the Foundation checking bank account had a balance of \$38,526 and in addition, \$150,000 of Foundations cash has been invested in a CD.

- **The Debt Service Fund** has received \$428,670 in property taxes, \$20,315 Specific Ownership tax, and interest income of \$3,705 through June. At the end of June, the Debt Service bank account had a balance of \$481,790. On June 1, there was an interest payment of \$159,600 made on the outstanding bonds. The next interest and principal payment on outstanding bonds will be due on December 1.

– HGMD Treasurer Bill Archambault

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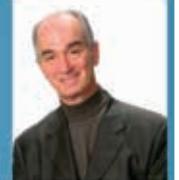
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Federal Pacific Electric Panels

There has been considerable discussion about whether many of the original “breaker boxes” in HG buildings are safe. Here is what you need to know.

Electric breakers, like fuses, are designed to prevent fires by stopping the flow of electric current when a short circuit or overload occurs. The Federal Pacific Electric Company (FPE) was a major manufacturer of metal boxes containing panels of breakers for residences from the 1950s through the mid 1980s. It supplied the breaker boxes used in all of the six-story buildings, town homes and country places in HG.

In 1979, Reliance Electric Co. acquired Federal Pacific Electric. Then in 1980, Reliance told the U.S. Consumer Protection Safety Commission (CPSC) that “many FPE circuit breakers did not fully comply with the calibration tests by Underwriters Laboratories, Inc. (UL). Reliance said that they did not believe the failure to comply with UL calibration tests meant that the breakers were unsafe.

The CPSC investigated the issue for two years. It closed the investigation without making a formal determination. Their original report was issued in March 1983, which was revised in February 2011 — again without making a formal determination on the safety of the breaker boxes.

In 2017, the HGA Board contracted with the Farnsworth Group to study of HG condo buildings and parking structures safety and structural integrity. The Farnsworth Group recommended replacing all FPE breaker boxes. Their explanation was simply that the breakers might not work and were becoming obsolete.

HG maintenance staff have no record of a fire ever resulting from the failure of an FPE breaker. Nevertheless, about one-third of the original FPE breaker boxes

have been replaced by owners. HG Declaration of Condominium clearly states that breaker boxes in the multi-story buildings are the responsibility of the owner. Breaker boxes in town homes and country places are the responsibility of the Heather Gardens Association.

Beginning in April of this year, maintenance staff, as part of their annual courtesy plumbing inspection, began identifying units with FPE breaker boxes. During a July regular meeting, the HGA Board of Directors approved sending a letter to residents of units in six-story buildings (and B250) where FPE panels are found. This letter will be mailed to owners whose units were inspected during the period from April through July. The letter suggests that owners with FPE panels consider hiring a licensed professional electrician to examine their panel and recommend any repair or replacement deemed necessary. Please note, many residents did not allow a courtesy plumbing inspection, so even though their unit may contain an FPE panel box, they will not receive a letter.

The board also ordered a study of FPE panel boxes in town homes and country places to determine whether repairs or replacement is warranted. That study could take up to a year. If it is decided to replace FPE breaker boxes, the resulting expense could exceed \$175,000. Such an expense would result in an average HOA fee increase of \$6 per month if the replacements were all completed in one year.

A manufacturer’s label on the inside of the door to the panel box will tell you whether your panel was manufactured by FPE.

Kay Sawyer, HGA Board President
Kim Deal, Structure Maintenance Committee Chair
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Yon, which apparently wasn’t fully absorbed by some owners.

A new series of articles will be provided for *Heather ’n Yon* this year, starting with the August issue. We are working with Gary Ford on using the test website that he is developing for HG. What is important to remember is that the owners are not voting to approve the budget, but *whether or not to veto* the approved budget.

You have more input than that. Owners can attend the budget workshops, ask questions, and give input into the actual budget preparation. That proposed budget is what is sent to the full board for approval.

Owners also have the right to comment at the Budget & Finance Committee meetings, and to both the HGA and HGMD Boards before a vote is taken. Obviously, the earlier in the process that your comments are made, the more likely it could trigger an actual change.

The budget veto is an extreme, last resort tool that

the legislature provided to owners, permitting owners to stop an unfavorable budget approved by their HOA board. The statute assumes that when a duly elected HOA board, charged with the responsibility and authority to manage the HOA, passes an annual budget, it is valid. The veto vote was passed as a safety valve. Therefore, the standard to veto a budget is quite high, and vetoing an approved budget should be rare.

Please get involved early, and keep an eye out for new dates this year.

The Civic Affairs Committee is also revising the PM regarding the Director election. The goal is to allow residents more access to candidates. We are planning to extend “Meet the Candidates” into a two-day event. I am hoping to allow for more informal one-on-one questioning afterward.

All residents are invited to attend the Civic Affairs Committee meetings on the first Thursday of every month, 10 am.

– Carol Anne Mayne
Chair, Civic Affairs Committee



HGA Board President Reports

By Kay Sawyer

I have often been asked how HOA dues are determined. The calculations are complicated, but here is my effort to explain them. Dues are used to pay bills in six categories:

1. Capital Reserves: 85 percent is based on your unit square footage and 15 percent is based on an equal share of the remaining amount budgeted for all condos. Executive Units pay twice as much on the 15 percent.

2. Recreation Fee: 30 percent is based on square footage of your unit and 70 percent is based on the remaining amount budgeted.

3. Water and Sewer: 100 percent is based on equal shares of the amount budgeted. Everyone pays the same amount.

4. Insurance: 85 percent is based on your unit square footage and 15 percent is based on an equal share of the remaining budgeted amount. Executive Units pay twice as much of the 15 percent.

5. Gas and Electric is the same, 85 percent and 15 percent. Country Places and Townhomes pay no gas and electric as part of their dues, but are billed by the utilities separately for these items.

6. Maintenance: 85 percent is based on your unit square footage and 15 percent is based on an equal share of the amount budgeted. The Maintenance fee includes the budgets for everything else not mentioned above (maintenance, roads and grounds, paint, custodial, management office, etc.)



HGMD Board President Reports

By Sandra Rosenberg

Sadly, I must report that Bonnie McMullen has resigned as a director of the HGMD Board. Bonnie was appointed to the HGMD Board on August 25, 2017, and has chaired the Foundation Committee since joining the Board. In addition to accepting donations on behalf of the Foundation, Bonnie and her committee have sponsored various fundraisers to help support projects such as the Green Team's request for Compostable Waste Bins and signage, and new patio furniture for the Golf Shop patio.

The Foundation has also provided funding for Herb Planters used by Rendezvous for using in recipes or

garnishing food, sweatshirts for the Golf Pro Shop, and a shed to house the Tennis Ball Machine, purchased in 2018. Bonnie has given many hours of her time to this board, but feels her current personal schedule is too busy to fulfill the necessary obligations this board and the community deserve. While I am sorry to lose her on the board, I am happy that she is still an active and involved member of this community.

Bonnie's resignation means there is an opening on the HGMD Board. To qualify as a Director of a Special District, a person must be an "eligible elector," which is defined as a registered voter of Colorado and either:

1. A resident of the district (HGMD), or
2. The owner (or the spouse or civil union partner of the owner) of a taxable real or personal property situated in the HG Metropolitan District.

An application may be obtained from the Board Secretary Evelyn Ybarra, in the Management Office, and returned to her. We will accept applications until Aug. 9. Candidates will be interviewed at the HGMD's regular meeting, Thursday, Aug. 15. The successful candidate will be appointed to the board at that meeting.

If you have questions, I can be reached at sandra.rosenberg@heathergardens.org or 303-755-4350.

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sistently profitable, could be expanded to create more income-producing parking spaces.

The overflow parking lot across from B215/216 might offer property on which to erect self-storage units, which — McClure said — are very profitable and greatly in demand at present. HGMD President Sandra Rosenberg remarked the suggestions could be addressed in the Property Policy Committee (chaired by David Funk).

Janet Arce, B232, Green Team member, announced that the team was going to ask the city of Aurora for a grant to purchase bat houses, to help mitigate the mosquito problem. The project wouldn't be launched until next year.

Deb Smith, CP2, noted the success of selling new logo-festooned apparel and equipment in the Golf Pro

Shop. She asked if a glass case in the Clubhouse might display some of the merchandise, to help direct interested buyers to the Pro Shop.

Linda Hileman, CP1, asked if a beverage cart might be added on the Golf Course, to increase sales if the liquor license to Rendezvous could be expanded.

Baldwin explained that a similar proposal had been voted down in the Golf Committee last year, due to concerns about behavior, not the liquor license. He remarked the proposal could be re-addressed.

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Robert Fedel (222)
Krista Heckman (210)
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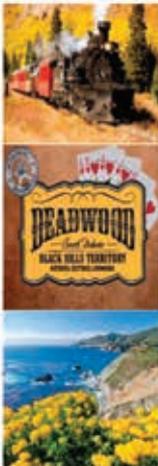
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Publisher's Corner **Apollo 11 astronauts tell their story in post-mission press conference**

by Lynn Donaldson, Editor of Heather 'n Yon

Have you heard enough about the 1969 landing on the moon by Apollo 11 astronauts Neil Armstrong, Buzz Aldrin and Michael Collins? Well, here's one more remembrance.

In 1988, I went to work for Lockheed Company. (This was before they merged with Martin Marietta, forming Lockheed Martin). I was a Senior Scientist on a contract that supported the Life Sciences Division at NASA Headquarters, Washington, D.C. During my time there, the 20-year anniversary of the first exploration of the moon was celebrated.

Among the many publications I was given in that job was a transcript of the first press conference after the three astronauts returned to earth. It was published July 1989, in recognition of the 20th Anniversary of the moon landing. I might not have remembered it, except that I was cleaning out another box in my basement recently in an ongoing effort to pare down my "stuff" and clutter. Many of the scientific publications that I found will be discarded, but this commemorative publication was just too timely.

The press conference was held in Houston, Texas, on Aug. 12, 1969. Apollo 11 had been launched on July 16 from Cape Kennedy. After one and a half orbits of the Earth, the Saturn V rocket sent Apollo to the Moon. The command/service module (Columbia) separated from the Saturn third stage, turned around, and connected nose to nose with the lunar module, Eagle. On July 19, Apollo 11 went behind the Moon. With a rocket burst by Columbia, it went into lunar orbit.

Armstrong and Aldrin separated Eagle from Columbia to descend to the lunar surface on July 20. After performing assigned tasks before a live television camera they set up on the surface, Eagle rejoined Columbia where Collins had remained throughout the mission. The Eagle was jettisoned. Columbia's rocket propelled it out of lunar gravitational grip, and sent it back to Earth.

For about 45 minutes in the press conference, Aldrin and Armstrong de-

scribed the mission. These are excerpts that I selected for you.

Armstrong: "We predicted that we might be ready to leave the LM [lunar module] by 8 o'clock,...we missed our estimate a good deal...due to a number of factors: 1) we had housekeeping to perform (food packages, flight plans, all the items that we had used in the previous descent had to be stowed out of the way prior to depressurizing the lunar module; 2) it took longer to depressurize the LM; 3) it also took longer to get the cooling units in our backpacks operating."

Aldrin: "We had some difficulty, at first, getting the pole of the flag to remain in the surface. In penetrating the surface, we found that most objects would go down about 5, maybe 6 inches, and then meet with gradual resistance....not much of a support force on either side, so we had to lean the flag back slightly..."



Above: Buzz Aldrin commented on this iconic NASA photograph from the Apollo 11 lunar landing, "To me, it was one of the prouder moments of my life, to be able to stand there and quickly salute the flag."

Then the reporters asked questions. Neil Armstrong was asked by a reporter, "when he began to think of what he would say when he put his foot down on the lunar surface and

how long he pondered this statement about a small step for man, gigantic leap for mankind?"

Armstrong replied, "Yes, I did think about it. It was not extemporaneous, neither was it planned. It evolved during the conduct of the flight and I decided what the words would be while we were on the lunar surface just prior to leaving the LM."

Reporter: "...when you first stepped on the Moon, did it strike you as you were stepping...on a piece of the Earth...? {Editor's Note: One theory is that the moon was created when a large stellar body collided with earth.}

Aldrin answered, "Well, there was no question in our minds, where we were. We'd been orbiting around the Moon for some time. At the same time we had experienced one-sixth G before. We've been exposed, to some degree, to the lighting that we saw. However, this was, in my case, an extremely foreign situation with the stark nature of the light and dark condition, and of course we first set foot on the Moon in the dark shadow of the area."

Armstrong added, "It's a stark and strangely different place, but it looked friendly to me and it proved to be friendly."

Reporter: "Some people have criticized the space program as a "Misplaced item on a list of national priorities." I'd like to ask...how do you view space exploration as a relative priority compared with the present needs of the domestic society..."

Armstrong: "Well, of course we all recognize that the world is continually faced with a large number of varying kinds of problems, and that it's our view that all those problems have to be faced simultaneously. It's not possible to neglect any of those areas, and we certainly don't feel that it's our place to neglect space exploration."

Reporter: "...Colonel Aldrin...elaborate a little bit on his comment earlier about having to anticipate where you were going to walk three or four steps in advance as compared to just one or two on Earth."

Aldrin: "Well, I meant it with respect to the inertia that the body has in moving at this rate of five to six miles an hour that we found to be fairly convenient. Due to the reduced force of gravity your foot does not come down so often, so you have to anticipate ahead

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Management

Simple actions improve security for garages

By Calvin White
General Manager

Heather Gardens (HG) has had a series of break-ins and thefts in a few buildings' parking garages and parking structures. In some cases, entry into the parking garages has been with stolen garage door openers. Please Do Not leave valuables in your vehicles. Ensure that garage door openers and other personal items are not left in plain view.

Remember "If it locks, lock it." As a community, we need to do our best in taking every precaution to ensure our own safety, and to reduce opportunities for criminal activity. In one case, a garage door opener was stolen from an unlocked car

If you see a crime in progress or are a victim of theft, call 9-1-1. Even though HG has some of the lowest crime rates in Aurora, crime does occur. It is vital that the police are made aware of crime so that they can best know how to distribute their resources.

Based on the Heather Gardens Association Declaration, Bylaws, PM SEC-1, and the Security Standing Operating Procedure, Security's primary responsibility is to secure HG's property. Security Officers are not emergency responders. If there is a medical or criminal issue, you should always call 9-1-1.

Security has the responsibility to enforce both HGA and HGMD Covenants and Rules. Security does not respond to domestic disputes or other civil matters. These incidents should always be referred to the Aurora Police Department and/or Arapahoe County District Courts.

There have been some thefts a few months back of lock boxes that were primarily used by realtors for the sale of condos. After much discussion about solutions the HGA board began researching options on how to deal with multi-story building access. One solution was selected. Beginning in August, HG will implement a test system to allow access for real estate showings. This access will utilize the existing telephone entry systems (TES) and an outside answering service. Once tested, the system may be expanded to all multi-story buildings. First, any issues that arise during the testing period will be addressed. The ultimate goal will be to eliminate all lock boxes used for multi-story building access.

More information about this new process will be shared with the community in the upcoming months.

Meet & Greet with General Manager Calvin White: Wednesday, Aug. 7, 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 ACC Project Approval Forms and biweekly payables.
- Attended the Board Walk Around.
- Attended the CP4 walk through.
- Held Ice Cream Social after open forum.

Controller

- Managed staffing and training needs for Accounting Department.
- Continued audit work with Rubin Brown.
- Oversaw installation of new copy machines.
- Researched VOiP telephone system.

Paint

- Completed 43 work orders.
- Installed lights and completed dry wall work in B212.
- Began Chair Rail Project in B231.
- Completing walk around work orders.

Maintenance

- Completed 975 work orders, of which 99 were billable.

- Completed plumbing inspections in B206, CP1, and CP6.
- Oversaw stair rail replacements in multiple parking structures.
- Replaced fire department connections in B213, B214, B221, B222, and B232.
- Made boiler repairs in B209, B210, B211, B212, B220, and B235.
- Cleaned and flushed water heaters in B213 and B235.
- Installed LED lights in Maintenance Building and Golf Bay.
- Replaced isolation valves in B221 and B224.
- Replaced pipes in B209, B215, and B218.
- Repaired wire shorts in B206 and CP6.
- Replaced t-stat for air handling unit in B243.
- Cored out metal railing in B213, B216, B222, B234, and B236
- Inspected all fire extinguishers on property.

Clubhouse

- Held six events, six trips, and multiple classes.
- Began organizing room schedule for 2020.
- Worked with the Green Team Shred Event and the Alzheimer's Lunch.
- Assisted with multiple other events and

classes.

- Organized volunteer appreciation event.

Contracts

- Continued to work with Custodial Department to determine carpet wear.
- Worked on pricing for ventilation work at B223.
- Assisting with Service Order software integration.
- Updating component pricing for HGMD Capital Reserve Database.
- Managing roofing project for B242.
- Obtaining pricing for power washing siding for Country Places and Townhomes.
- Worked with Maintenance on Telephone Entry System directory.
- Determined condition of all exterior stairs on multi-story buildings.

Custodial

- Completed 70 set-ups at the Clubhouse and 20 work orders.
- Completed carpet, trash chute, and dumpster cleaning.
- Attended Board Walk Around.

Roads and Grounds

- Began pruning schedule.

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Focusing on her “Age of Excellence,” resident in Ms. Senior Colorado Pageant

Ushering me into her home, PJ Andersen, B218, is buoyant. She shows me a diamond dot craft she’s making for a friend. She enjoys creating handmade gifts. As decorations, they impart a comfortable homey, upbeat feeling.

Pamela Jeanine (PJ) herself is bright and multi-faceted. She is a top-charted, award-winning Southern Gospel and Country Gospel singer/songwriter, and has experience working as a first responder, hair stylist, carpenter, and high school athlete to her credits.

Most recently, she placed First Runner-Up in the Ms. Colorado Senior America Pageant 2019. She confesses to having a penchant for bling. Her heavily sequined evening gown out-sparkled all the competition.

Today, she is wearing jeans and a Community College of Aurora (CCA) faculty polo shirt. She is relaxed and gracious as she talks. Her warm Texan accent and vitality wrap easily around her guest.

She was born of Navajo ancestry in Littlefield, Texas, land of sand and cotton fields.

“My dad used to pick cotton. He’d come home with bloody fingers.”

She grew up in sparsely populated Wallace County, Kansas, where the family, including her fraternal twin broth-

er and a sister, relocated when she was seven. She liked knowing everyone in the farming town that lies in the hail belt, although it had one disadvantage:

“As a kid, you can’t get by with nothing because before you get home, your parents know what you did.”

Defeated by capricious weather, many farms failed and people moved out. By necessity, PJ learned to conserve resources and practice financial responsibility. After graduating from high school, she found work managing a high school computer laboratory in Texas where her grandmother lived.

A better job in the computer industry brought her to Aurora, Colorado. By chance, she met a firefighter who invited her to go on a ride-along.

“They played all kinds of pranks on me,” she laughs, as she recalls meeting her husband, Kris Andersen, on that ride 20 years ago.

She took Aurora’s Citizen’s Fire Academy class and continued in the field to earn certification as an Emergency Medical Responder. She volunteered as in-class victim for CCA Emergency Medical Technician-Paramedic classes that Kris taught. The next year, CCA offered her a paid position, managing and preparing the equipment in its Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) program.

Her singing career sneaked into her life via a visit to a church friend living in a VA home. She brought a boom box along to accompany her as she sang uplifting melodies to him. The room filled with several other patients. Staff asked if she’d come back to sing. She did so gladly.

“If it makes their day better, that’s what I’m here for.”

Other VA and nursing homes began requesting her to sing. Intending to make a CD for the elderly, she recorded her songs in Nashville. The producer liked her bold sound. He suggested that

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Far left: PJ Andersen photographed at the Ms. Colorado Senior America pageant in May during the ball gown segment. Left: PJ photographed outside her home in B218. Left: A collage of CD covers and the banner that she wore as the 1st runner up in the Ms. Colorado Senior America pageant.

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Me and my car

When do we really start to feel old and useless! Is it when we hit a certain age? Maybe it is something else completely.

My car and I seem to have arrived at that stage, according to my children. I'm not there yet! However, my children already have some things they want me to think about.

My car is old. Not as old as me, but it is aging at 17 years old. Yes, some day it may not be worth repair. Right now, though, it is fine and has no symptoms of expiring. Oh, when it is cold, it groans and squeaks until it loosens its joints. The poor thing is used so seldom, it does not even have 65,000 miles on it. And it still gets fair mileage per gallon — 23 M.P.G. the last I checked. Yes, I have a couple of dents and I must admit I put them there all by myself, but they don't hurt the performance of the car. It doesn't have all the latest gadgets and bells or whistles, but it works fine for me. I suppose it could use a good cleaning and waxing, which will wait until it is nice and warm. So, maybe my car is not going to last much longer, but I think it will last as long as I'll need it.

By the way, I have never been in an accident that I've caused, even

though I have been in several with other drivers. Also, I have only had a couple tickets. One was back in the 1960s. That can't be blamed on age. The other one was for turning on a red light when there was no traffic coming, but a camera caught me. That is another story, but I do have to admit I didn't stop — even though no cars were coming!

My children have hinted that I need to get familiar with Uber or Lyft. They indicate I would have the pleasure of going more places and not have to worry about parking, let alone driving dangers. They say my car will die one of these days anyway. I should be thinking of alternatives. With Uber or Lyft, I wouldn't have to pay car insurance, a car license, fuel, and car repairs. And I would have less stress in driving.

I got on the internet and found the Uber site. I will say I did not check much, but I asked for the price to go from here to my church just past Tower Road and off Hampden Avenue. I got a surprise. It would be \$20 each way. So that means \$40 each Sunday. Four times means \$160 per month, or \$1,920 per year. Now to just go to King Soopers would be about the same. So, add another

\$1,920 per year. That is only for two places. What about going from my unit to the Clubhouse? God only knows what that cost would be, and if they would even do a short trip like that!

Okay, so I may be getting carried away with a sensitive opinion. However, I think I will warn my children that if I give up my car, I will expect them to take me to church, to the grocery store, to the doctors, to shopping, to the Clubhouse, and whatever else comes up. That is, unless they want to pay Uber or Lyft.

I will agree that one of these days I will either have my car die on me, or I will have to give up driving. However, I'm not there yet. I don't plan to give up my freedom now! In fact, by the time I give up my car, or it gives me up — Uber and Lyft may have been replaced by something else. I'll tackle that when the time comes.

Another thing, I know my children love me and worry about me. I am so grateful to have them and for the help they do give me. I just would rather talk about my funeral arrangements than about giving up my car!

— Joanne Brand
B233

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a public meeting for residents regarding the proposed Pitera/reverse 9-1-1 system. He remarked the cost of using four Pitera modules — which is what he proposes — will cost residents about \$1 per month; however, he suggested that savings in labor, paper and other expenses will defray the cost, as one of the modules will replace the need to post paper notices throughout the community. Other savings from using electronic notifications and systems are anticipated.

Laura Charleston, B222, addressed the board, noting that 309 days had passed since she was displaced from her unit by a kitchen fire. She is having to pay for alternate housing, because her condo-insurance coverage ended at the six-month mark.

Charleston said she was grateful for all the efforts made by HG on her behalf; however, remarked that 309 days "out of my condo — I feel that's a bit excessive."

Pitera meeting

Resident displaced by kitchen fire

General Manager Calvin White sympathized, saying he had sent HG's insurance company "a stern letter, reminding them of that fact.

"There's a disagreement over their estimate and our estimate," he explained, saying a third-party insurance adjuster had been retained. White said he had been working with the adjuster, to negotiate with the insurance company, but that third party had no authority to say yes or no. White promised to continue to push for resolution.

The board adjourned into executive session, to discuss an undisclosed topic.

HGA Board to hold Town Hall on Pitera 3–5 pm Thursday, Aug. 29 Sandberg Auditorium

The SEC Committee is sponsoring a public meeting on the possible products by Pitera that might be adopted at HG. The chief item is a Communications product that sends emergency information to all HG residents via a reverse 9-1-1. Chair Rex Engel indicated, at the HGA Board meeting in July, that additional products may be useful to HG. Learn what these products can do.



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The Month (July)

On Tuesday, July 9, representatives from Comcast gave a presentation to the residents of HG, in the Sandberg Auditorium, at the request of the HGA Board of Directors. Comcast has asked permission to resume work on its fiber optic project at HG, which was 80 percent complete when work was suspended due to the explosion and fire in CP4 on Nov. 16, 2018.

The Comcast representatives outlined a new approach to the project, saying they would divide HG into small areas, and not move on to a new area until all work in the first area was 100 percent complete. They cited convenience and better communication as benefits to the different approach to working on HG property.

The Comcast presentation made no mention of the CP4 tragedy, until audience members asked questions about how the actual construction work, and supervision of it, would differ from the pre-November work. The official investigation of the gas explosion and its cause had not been completed. Comcast spokespeople stressed they could not comment on the issue for legal reasons.

Questions regarding the explosion and how Comcast would keep HG residents safer reached a stalemate. Comcast was unable to discuss how they would do a better job with safety in the future, due to not acknowledging any fault in the past for legal constraints. They stated they would observe all industry standards, but said they had done so last autumn.

When asked if all workers would be Comcast employ-

ers, speakers said no. Some subcontractors still would work on the project.

Several emotional testimonials came from CP4 residents. A few CP4 residents still are prohibited from occupying their homes.

Not all audience reaction was hostile. Some felt Comcast should be heard. These residents commented they would like to see the fiber project completed.

Comcast said its request to resume work on the fiber project would go to the HGA Board for a decision. One week later, the board did not discuss the issue at its regular meeting.

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At the July 15 meeting of the Budget & Finance (B&F) Committee, members approved a Request for Qualifications letter (RFQ), to be sent to "a couple of dozen prospects" for the position of investment advisor to HG, said HGA Treasurer John Coil. The advisor would help the Reserve Subcommittee of the B&F make decisions about where and how much to invest HG's cash reserves. HG has approximately \$8 million to invest, said B&F Committee Member Susan Lambert. This money is kept in reserves against the time when it is needed for projects. The goal is to get the best return on investment, while keeping the principal as safe as possible.

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Clubhouse Manager Linda Aluise reported the license fee to show movies at HG went up this year. Ticket sales



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help defray this cost; consequently, it might be necessary to raise the price of attending movies in the Clubhouse.

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Discussion at the July 11 meeting of the Clubhouse/ Restaurant Committee turned to the poor report card for cleanliness the restaurant at Windsor Gardens received, followed by its being closed after failing to correct the infractions. Assistant Manager of Rendezvous, Courtney Haynes, reported, "I'm very proud of our kitchen. [Chef] Kevin and his people are constantly checking — it's very clean. They're constantly checking temperatures" for food safety.

She added, "We're definitely going to be reaching out to people" — groups that met at the WG restaurant, to invite them to hold their regular events at Rendezvous.

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Because Governor Jared Polis did not sign HG 1212, a law that avoided a sunset end to homeowner association (HOA) rules, originally passed in 2015, there are significant changes to HOA regulation by the state as of July 1. A key element lost is that an HOA manager no longer has to be licensed, pass a background check, get certified, pay a fee, and pass a state exam in order to be licensed.

Another feature of the law that expired was an office within the Department of Regulatory Agencies (DORA) that oversaw community association management (CAM). Homeowners could file complaints to this office. Without CAM, the only option is to take legal action.

Polis did request that DORA gather stakeholder input on the subject in the coming months. Sessions for that purpose have been scheduled for Aug. 14 and 29, Sept. 12, and Oct. 8 at DORA's Denver offices.

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Right: Members of the Green Team presented to residents of B201 what items they might discard that could be recycled. Using examples, they showed what trash items were destined to a landfill dump.



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Craft Beer Tasting

Smiles and dancing feet abounded at the Craft Beer Tasting on June 20, in Sandberg Auditorium, as these photos show. Music by Rocky Mountain Accordion Band. Breckenridge Brewery was one of the participating breweries.



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La Carmencita

on July 21, was fascinating to HG residents, even without subtitles

A condensed version of Bizet's opera, *Carmen*, was done with fewer singers and no scenery, yet the story was conveyed. A stormy romance: gypsy Carmen seduces Don José to follow her away from the army, but it ends in tragedy when she leaves him for a toreador.



Photos by
Anne Hummel-Gillis



Donaldson...from page 14

and control your body movement, and since your foot is not on the surface for a long period of time in each step you're not able to bring to bear large changes in your force application, which would enable you to slow down."

It took 400,000 workers, \$25 billion (4 percent of the federal budget then) and 7 years to accomplish the moon landing. There would be 6 more landings, ending in 1972. (Only Apollo 13 failed to reach the moon's surface. It had to make an emergency reentry to Earth after critical power and oxygen systems failed mid-flight).

Among the items credited to the challenges faced by NASA in the Apollo program that became spin-offs are:

- Digital flight controls: integral to airliners and found in most cars.
- Food safety: microbe-free supplies developed by Pillsbury.
- Space blankets: from spacesuits to emergency kits, this multilayer reflective insulation (using mylar) is now used by firefighters and in camping gear.
- Quake-proofing: shock absorbers and computers now protect buildings

and bridges from earthquakes.

- Rechargeable Hearing Aids: The Columbia command module used lightweight silver-zinc batteries. NASA-funded research was used in 1996 to make a viable product for hearing aid batteries.

- Athletic shoes: from moon boots to a durable, foamless, non-fatiguing mid-sole shoe for athletes.

- Retractable roofs on athletic stadiums using spacesuit fabric

- Solar panels for a renewable energy source

- Programmable pacemaker to control your heart, using wireless telemetry from the Apollo to program

- Cool suit technology now used by hazardous materials workers, armored vehicle crews, firefighters and NASCAR drivers.

- Cordless drills, screwdrivers and other portable and chargeable devices. Your surgeon may use lightweight precision instruments.

- Electrically stimulated quartz crystals for a stable time base in clocks. Improved accuracy.

- Dustbusters from the portable drill used to extract core samples 10 feet below the lunar surface.

This list is not all of the innovations



Above: Buzz Aldrin sets up a Solar Wind Experiment with the lunar module, Eagle, in the background. NASA, Office of Public Affairs

made to commercial products that had their origins in NASA's Apollo program. It does identify how widespread the technology impact was.

Landing on the moon in 1969 was a singular accomplishment that influenced the U.S. imagination and industrial ingenuity for years after. Some elements and products are still relevant 50 years later.

GM Report...from page 15

- Completed spring sweeping and power washing underground garages.
- Continued irrigation testing.
- Planted new shrubs around property.
- Continued spraying to remove weeds.
- Attended Board Walk Around and completing work orders.

Golf

- Increased Golf Pro Shop sales to \$50,000 including \$2,500 in merchandise sales.
- Hosted Men's Gardens Cup against Wind-

sor Gardens.

- Hosted the men's and women's league mixer.
- Oversaw two showcases for men's and women's leagues.
- Taught over 30 lessons and one clinic.
- Pruned trees adjacent to B204 and across Golf Course.
- Renovated sand bunker in front of #2 green.
- Replaced two irrigation valves.
- Continued daily mowing and Golf Course maintenance.

Restaurant

- Held multiple parties and events.
- Planted herb garden.
- Hosted Ice Cream Social after open forum.
- Updating menus with new logo.
- Assisted with beer tasting event in Sandberg Auditorium.

Security

- Total of 377 reports written and 3,742 miles patrolled.
- Attended staff Piler meeting
- Attended Board Walk Around



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not apply to the Country Places and Townhomes, but they also would see increases in the costs that they pay for electricity separately.

HG has installed LED lighting in the multi-story building garages and hallways to try to reduce costs. While there was a cost of installation, preliminary results show that this will decrease our annual costs for electricity. We are monitoring electrical usage to assess the amount of usage and cost reduction.

HGMD Capital

The HGMD Board approved a 30-year Capital Reserve Plan at its July meeting. The newly defined plan revises how the HGMD fits capital expenses into its budget. Previously, the capital portion of HGMD's budget rose and fell based on the projects expected during the budget year. Some years had large increases in

the capital budget. The plan tries to flatten the cost curve from year to year. The Capital Reserve Plan would put aside money each year for future projects, so that owners have a more predictable dues rate for capital projects over time. The estimated increase in the 2020 budget is about \$5.21 per month for an average unit. Future increases should rise at the estimated 3.5 percent capital cost inflation rate.

Summary

These four budget concerns could result in a dues increase of as much as \$17–18 per month for the average unit, an increase of around 4 percent. Remember that all of the insurance, payroll, electricity and capital cost amounts are estimates. Some of the above discussion noted ways that the increases might be reduced.

We will not know actual amounts until later. The Budget & Finance

Committee will review the General Manager's HGA and HGMD budget drafts, including these concerns, during a three-day Budget Workshop in late September–early October. You are welcome to attend and participate. Notices will be posted and sent when the time and place has been determined.

In the meantime, please visit Sketches — <https://test.plaidflannel.com/sketches> — a new, test website, which is currently being developed by Gary Ford, B242, to serve HG. We are going to use this website on a trial basis to increase communications with the community about the budget process. Please login to Sketches, then create a password to access and review current 2020 budget information.

– John Coil, B244
HGA Treasurer
– Bill Archambault, B209
HGMD Treasurer

2020 Budget Development Schedule*

- Monday, Jul 15 Budget & Finance (B&F) Committee Recommends 2020 Budget Development Schedule
- Tuesday, Jul 16 2020 Budget Development Schedule approved by HGA Board
- Thursday, Jul 18 2020 Budget Development Schedule approved by HGMD Board
- Friday, Jul 19 Copy provided to *Heather 'n Yon* and Area Representatives for posting. Sent via email blast.
- Friday, Aug 16 Budget Schedule article provided to *Heather 'n Yon* for Sept. Issue
- Friday, Sep 13 Manager's 2020 Budget draft and summary delivered to Budget & Finance Committee members and to HGA and HGMD Board directors. The budget draft and summary are made available on the website.
- Monday, Sep 30–Oct 2 B&F Committee conducts budget workshop beginning at 9 am. Budget workshop continues, starting at 9 am on extra days, if needed. The HGA Board and HGMD Board directors are invited to attend. B&F recommends 2020 budgets to HGA Board and HGMD Board.
- Tuesday, Oct 15, 9:30 am During a *special* board meeting, the HGMD Board accepts proposed 2020 Budget.
- Thursday, Oct 17, 10 am HGMD Board conducts a *Public Hearing* on proposed 2020 budget. After hearing comments, the board may modify the budget, then adopts 2020 budget.
- Thursday, Oct 17, 1 pm At a *special* board meeting, the HGA Board hears comments, may make changes, approves 2020 Budget, then sets a membership meeting (between 15 and 50 days after notice).
- Wednesday, Oct 23 *HGA Budget summaries will be available on website, and mailed to membership. Full copies of HGA and HGMD budgets available in HG Management Offices.*
- Wednesday, Oct 23 Budget summary available on website and mailed to owners. Ballots are mailed to the membership for mail-in voting.
- Tuesday, Nov 5 Daytime membership meeting to present and discuss the budget. *Time TBA*
- Wednesday, Nov 6 Daytime membership meeting to present and discuss the budget. *Time TBA*
- Thursday, Nov 7 Evening membership meeting to present and discuss the budget. *Time TBA*
- Friday, Nov 22 **Veto vote** ballots are due by close of business (Friday before Thanksgiving). A special committee of volunteers will be assembled to count the ballots. Majority of membership required to veto the board-approved budget.
- Friday, Dec 13 HGMD MUST have 2020 property tax mill levy to Arapahoe County by this date

* Schedule developed by HGA Treasurer John Coil and HGMD Treasurer Bill Archambault, then approved by B&F Committee and both HGA and HGMD Boards, as of July 19.



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she could write lyrics. She prayed on it that day and night. By 6 am, she'd written her first song. Soon her repertoire expanded to five albums, and her venues extended to church services — including HG — near and far.

Two of her 25 songs charted at #1. In 2012, she was honored as *Female Vocalist of the Year* by Country Gospel Music Association.

A friend in HG suggested she participate in the Ms. Colorado Senior America pageant. Not until Kris urged her to do so, did she relent. Eight friends from B218 offered suggestions on the dresses to wear. They role-played mock interviews. They listened to her philosophy of life remarks and commented gently as she practiced each element of the pageant to their satisfaction.

Told that pageant judges didn't particularly like Gospel music, PJ practiced a dance to perform in the talent portion. During rehearsal, it became apparent to everyone that dancing just wasn't her *métier*. Discouraged, she was ready to quit when the pageant advisors suggested she sing instead.

"That's how bad the dance was," she laughs.

The move to sing underscored the import of the pageant: be your authentic self.

She flourished in the atmosphere the pageant cultivated. She kept the sense of competition internal — to be the best she could be. Other contestants felt this pull, too,

as they perfected personal appearance and practiced public speaking. By the night of the Pageant, contestants exuded poise, confidence and camaraderie. In reaching their seventh decade of life, they have overcome adversity, experienced sorrow, made mistakes, abandoned dreams, survived failures — just some of the dues extracted for a woman to enter the "Age of Elegance."

"To me, it was a very uplifting part of my life. It made me feel more beautiful, that day, than I have ever felt in my life."

She was scheduled in July to sing at a HG picnic before heading to Nashville for two weeks to record a CD with The Booth Brothers.

At home in Aurora, she and Kris enjoy the company of her daughter Mary Beth and four grandchildren. Daughter Morgan lives in Colby, Kansas. Son Johnny and her parents, Billy and Mary Hill, live in Sharon Springs, Kansas, a place she

refers to as home.

"Each day I set a personal goal to make sure I am helpful to others by finding every opportunity available to me. It might be listening to them, giving an extra big hug or simply having a moment of laughter. Everything that I do and say each day in my life I want to glorify and honor the Lord Jesus Christ."

— Dala Giffin



Above: PJ Andersen, B218, performs by singing a Gospel tune at the Ms. Colorado Senior America pageant in May.



Left: PJ is dressed for the segment in the pageant when she shares her philosophy of life with the judges.

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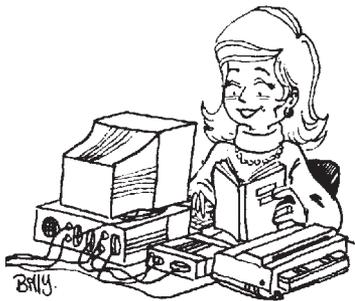
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Letters

Heather 'n Yon

I'm interested in starting a group to play Spades in the HG Clubhouse. Spades is a card game that began in Cincinnati, Ohio, and became popular when soldiers spread it around the world during World War 2. Would it be possible to post a blurb to gauge interest?

I was told that I need to have eight people to be allowed to use a room and get on the Clubhouse schedule.

Although it is usually played as a partner game of four, there are three- and five-handed variations that ensure no one is left out. I have also found that a random draw for seats makes it more fair and a better social game. I am willing to be a tutor to teach the rules and strategy to anyone interested, either in my home or theirs.

It might be possible to play on Wednesdays, 2–5 pm, which is a likely time for reserving a room in the Clubhouse. We can meet in my home, if we don't get enough people — until it grows to that level.

Call or text me, 303-990-1184, or email dimmieco@aol.com, if interested. I live in CP4.

Thanks for your help and guidance.

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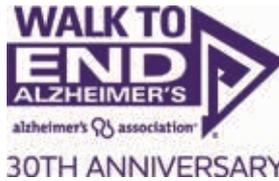
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Alzheimer's Walk Registration

The HG Alzheimer's Team has a great opportunity for you to join us this year when we walk in the Denver Alzheimer's Walk on Sept. 14! We will have a "Registration for the Walk" day: 11:30 am–7 pm Friday Aug. 9, outside the Clubhouse and Rendezvous Restaurant. The most important

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.

first step is getting registered for the walk. We will have registration



forms, and all information needed to participate in the Walk and raise funds. This year, the team will have information about transportation to the walk for those who would like to participate. Also, it will be a great time to donate to the HG Team. No amount is too small — or too BIG!

Several residents participated in Alzheimer's Awareness Lunch at the Rendezvous in June. You learned about the event being fun, joyful and celebratory. The HG Team are excited about expanding our team and giving all of you a chance to register to walk with us. The team welcomes all who are passionate about ending Alzheimer's Disease.

The Alzheimer's Association uses proceeds to support research, and provide funds to those diagnosed or their caregivers, and families impacted. Participation in the event also helps to change the level of Alzheimer's awareness in our community, and foster new ideas and support for those in HG facing this disease. Together we are stronger!

Send any questions about this event to HGAalzTeam@outlook.com.

Diane Spohr
B222

Heather 'n Yon

Do you have questions or concerns about the future of Heather Gardens? Do you want to see Heather Gardens running smoothly? Have you ever considered running for the Heather Gardens Association Board?

Would you rather see elected members of the board rather than the board nominating a person who may not have the caliber it takes to sit on the board?

Why not consider running for the Board yourself?

Just fill out an application, available from the Management Office, and submit it to Evelyn in the Management Office by Aug. 13.

Janet C. Arce
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Heather 'n Yon

Why are we paying so much for Security? In the 2019 budget there is a total of \$488,678 for Security.

For nearly half-a-million dollars we get very little added security over what the Aurora Police Department (ADP) provides. Both patrol Heather Gardens (HG) to deter crime. However, HG Security cannot arrest anyone. All HG Security personnel carry guns, but if they shoot anyone, HG residents would likely be liable for any injury or death because they are acting as our agents.

The nightly HG Security patrols disturb the peace and quiet of HG as they drive through the property playing loud thumping music.

I know many residents feel they have added personal safety because of HG Security. I disagree. According to General Manager Calvin White, HG Security is here to protect the property of HG, not the residents. I believe Security is a huge expense that is unnecessary and redundant. What Security provides is adequately covered by other HG staff, the APD and 911. We could have someone on site 24/7 to handle lockouts and maintenance emergencies for significantly less cost. I'd much rather pay for after-hours maintenance and use the extra dollars elsewhere.

Our priorities might be mosquito control and mitigation, Capital Projects Financing, higher wages to adequately staff maintenance and roads and grounds crews, etc..

The 2020 HG Budget process is just beginning. We need to speak up in the planning stage, not only at the end when we vote. Get involved early. The Budget Workshop is Sept. 30–Oct. 2. This is your opportunity to have your voice heard by the board. Tell them your priorities. How you'd like your money spent. The first half day will be held in Sandberg Auditorium on Monday, Sept. 30. Come make some noise.

Linda Hileman
CP1

Heather 'n Yon

I am seeing ads in our magazine for lectures regarding the cannabis creams and oils. I think I should offer some advice I got from two of my doctors and one pharmacist. One of the problems that CBD producers

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AUGUST CALENDAR

Thu	1	HG Optimist Club	Rendezvous Restaurant	8:30 am
		TOPS (every Thursday)	Blue Spruce Room	8:30–9:30 am
		Bunko	Blue Spruce Room	1–3:30 pm
		HG Writers Club (every Thursday)	Mountainview Room	1–4 pm
		Cribbage (every Thursday)	Arts & Crafts Room	1–3:30 pm
		Ladies Billiards Club (every Thursday)	Billiards Room	1:30–4 pm
		New Open Bridge Club (every Thursday)	Arts & Crafts Room	1:30–4 pm
		Ping Pong Doubles/Intermediate (every Thursday)	Game Room	2–5 pm
		Kiwanis Club of Aurora (every Thursday)	Rendezvous Restaurant	6 pm
		American Legion Post 2012	Mountainview Room	7 pm
Fri	2	Men's 9-Ball Billiard Tournament (every Thursday)	Billiards Room	7–9:30 pm
		Men with Purpose Coffee	Skyview Room	10 am
		500 Club (every Friday)	Skyview Room	12:30–4 pm
		Clubhouse Event: Summer Tea	Sandberg Auditorium	12:30 pm
Sat	3	HG Indivisible Group (every Friday)	Rendezvous Restaurant	1 pm
		Men's Poker (every Friday)	Skyview Room	4–9:15 pm
		Mexican Train Dominoes (every Saturday)	Arts & Crafts Room	noon–4:30 pm
Sun	4	Ping Pong Doubles/Intermediate (every Saturday)	Game Room	2–5 pm
		Clubhouse Event - 1st Saturday Night Live Dance	Sandberg Auditorium	6:30–9:30 pm
Mon	5	B218 Picnic	Picnic Pavilion	3 pm
Tue	6	Men's Bridge (every Monday)	Skyview Room	11:30 am–2:30 pm
		Mah Jongg (every Monday)	Blue Spruce Room	12:30–4 pm
		Ladies Billiards Club (every Monday)	Billiards Room	1:30–4 pm
		Ping Pong Singles/Advanced (every Monday)	Game Room	2–5 pm
		Men's Texas Hold 'em (every Monday)	Blue Spruce Room	5–9 pm
		Pinochle - Open (every Monday)	Mountainview Room	6:30–9:30 pm
Wed	7	Bridge (every Tuesday)	Skyview Room	12:30–4 pm
		Hand and Foot (every Tuesday)	Mountainview Room	12:30–4 pm
		Mah Jongg (every Tuesday)	Blue Spruce Room	1–4 pm
		Ping Pong Doubles/Intermediate (every Tuesday)	Game Room	2–5 pm
		Co-Ed Billiards Club (every Tuesday)	Billiards Room	6:30 pm
Wed	7	NoteAbles Mixed Chorus (every Tuesday)	Sandberg Auditorium	7 pm
		HG Ladies' Golf Scoring (every Wednesday)	Game Room	9 am–1 pm
		Meet & Greet with General Manager Calvin White	Clubhouse Lobby	8–9:30 am

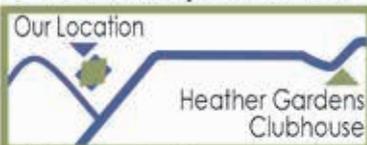
Advertised Activities	Mon, Aug 5	Bayer Ear Clinic (Every Monday)	Arts & Craft Room, 9 am–Noon (See ad, p. 63)
	Sat, Aug 10	Vacation Planning, AAA Travel	Aspen Room, 10 am–4 pm (See ad, p. 36)
	Tue, Aug 13	Free Breakfast/Windows, Renewal by Andersen	Blue Spruce room, 10:30 am (See ad, p. 48)
	Fri, Aug 16	Annual Golf Tournament at Windsor Gardens	7:30 am–12:30 pm, (See ad, p. 16)
	Mon, Aug 19	Genetic Cancer Screen Seminar, My DNA	Mountainview Room, 10 am–2 pm (See ad, p. 9)
	Tue, Aug 20	Lunch and Organize, Cherry Creek Retirement Village	11 am–1 pm (See ad, p. 22)
	Wed, Aug 21	MediGAPS, Kirsch Insurance Group	Skyview Room 10 am (See ad, p. 35)
	Tue, Aug 27	Coffee and Brunch, Carol Guzman, Realtor	10 am–12 pm (See ad, p. 12)

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Thu 8	Clubhouse Event: Watch Batteries Green Team	Lodgepole Lounge Skyview Room	9 am–1 pm noon
Fri 9	Clubhouse Matinee: Dumbo (2019) Clubhouse Event: AARP Driving Course Karaoke Club Clubhouse Movie: Dumbo (2019)	Sandberg Auditorium Arts & Crafts Room Aspen/Blue Spruce Room Sandberg Auditorium	1 pm 1–5 pm 6 pm 6:30 pm
Sat 10	B220 Picnic Women with Dreams 50 and Who's Counting Clubhouse Event: Denver MountainAires	Picnic Pavilion Mountainview Room Picnic Pavilion Sandberg Auditorium	11:30 am 2–4 pm 6 pm 7 pm
Tue 13	VNA Clinic Parkinson's Support Group HG Indivisible Group B203, B204, B205 and B206 Picnic	Blue Spruce Room Aspen Room Aspen Room Picnic Pavilion	1–5 pm 1–3 pm 4–5 pm 5 pm
Wed 14	Clubhouse Event - Moon Landing 1969 Tennis Club Social Meeting Aviation Club	Sandberg Auditorium Rendezvous Restaurant Aspen Room	2 pm 5 pm 7 pm
Thu 15	HG Optimist Club Clubhouse Event: Senior Companion Program Catholic Mass (Holy Day) Bunko CP4 Picnic	Rendezvous Restaurant Skyview Room Sandberg Auditorium Blue Spruce Room Picnic Pavilion	noon 1 pm 1 pm 1–3:30 pm 4 pm
Fri 16	Clubhouse Event: Flea Market Men with Purpose Coffee	Sandberg Auditorium Skyview Room	8 am–3 pm 10 am
Sat 17	Clubhouse Event: Flea Market Wine and Cheese Social Club	Sandberg Auditorium Aspen/Blue Spruce Rooms	8 am–3 pm 3–5 pm
Sun 18	B250 Picnic	Picnic Pavilion	noon
Mon 19	VNA Clinic Photography Club	Blue Spruce Room Aspen Room	1–3:30 pm 3–5 pm
Tue 20	HG Democratic Club B201 and B202 Happy Hour Ward V Town Hall Meeting with Bob Roth	Picnic Pavilion Rendezvous Restaurant Aspen/Blue Spruce Rooms	4 pm 4:30 pm 6:30 pm
Wed 21	Clubhouse Event: Medigap CP3 Dinner Square Dancing Club	Skyview Room Rendezvous Restaurant Sandberg Auditorium	10 am 5:30 pm 7:30–9:30 pm
Thu 22	Clubhouse Event: Bingo	Sandberg Auditorium	3–5 pm
Fri 23	Clubhouse Matinee: POMS	Sandberg Auditorium	1 pm

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Fri 23	Clubhouse Movie: POMS	Sandberg Auditorium	6:30 pm
Sat 24	Optimist Club Bridge Party	Aspen/Blue Spruce Room	noon–4:30 pm
Sat 24	Clubhouse Event: Hippie Party	Picnic Pavilion	5:30 pm
Sun 25	Garden Club Picnic	Picnic Pavilion	5–7:30 pm
Mon 26	Seville Recreational Association	B234	10 am
	Low Vision Support Group	Mountainview Room	1:30 pm
	Clubhouse Event: Give it a Whirl Dance	Arts & Crafts Room	6:30 pm
Tue 27	HG Republican Club	Aspen Room	1:30 pm
	Sevillians Dinner	Rendezvous Restaurant	5 pm
	Caregiver's Support Group	Aspen Room	7 pm
Wed 28	Resident Orientation	Board Room	10 am
Thu 29	HGA Presentation on "Pilera" (reverse 9-1-1)	Sandberg Auditorium	3–5 pm
Fri 30	Clubhouse Event: Cameo Club	Sandberg Auditorium	1 pm
	Pride at Heather Gardens	Aspen/Blue Spruce Room	7 pm
Sat 31	Clubhouse Event: Tina Phillips Trio	Sandberg Auditorium	7 pm

Bible Study (Interdenominational), Wednesday 8–9 am

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

Bible Study (women), second and fourth Thursdays, 10 am, Skyview Room. Join Carolyn Morris in using Bible selections to face everyday problems.

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.

FYI

Ward V Town Hall Meetings

Councilman Bob Roth, who represents HG/Ward V on city council, has monthly town hall meetings. The next one will be 6:30–8:30 pm Tuesday, Aug. 20, at Heather Gardens, Aspen/Blue Spruce Rooms. Topic: High Line Canal Conservancy and Fitzsimons Redevelopment Authority. Check www.auroragov.org. Get

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Heather 'n Yon Deadline - 8/16

• Monthly Meetings • Boards and Committees

- Civic Affairs – 10 am Thu, Aug. 1
- Nominations – 9:30 am Friday, Aug. 2
- Property Policy – 9:30 am Mon, Aug. 5
- Communications – 10 am Tue, Aug. 6
- Golf – 1 pm Tue, Aug. 13
- Foundation – 1:30 pm Wed, Aug. 14
- ACC – 10 am Thu, Aug. 15
- HGMD Board – 1 pm Thu, Aug. 15**
- Resident Open Forum – 3 pm Thu, Aug. 15
(Rendezvous)
- Budget & Finance – 10 am Mon, Aug. 19
- Clubhouse/Restaurant – 1 pm Thu, Aug. 19
- HGA Board – 1 pm Tue, Aug. 20**
- Long Range Plan – 10 am Wed, Aug. 21
- SEC – 1 pm Wed, Aug. 21
- Insurance Subcom – 1 pm Mon, Aug. 26
- Roads and Grounds – 10 am Tue, Aug. 27
- Structure Maintenance – 1 pm Tue, Aug. 27

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, Aug. 13, 1–3:30 pm, Blue Spruce Room, VNA 303-698-6496.

Monday, Aug. 19, 1–3:30 pm, Blue Spruce Room, VNA 303-698-6496.

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

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have is the lack of research done with this product. In particular, what side effects this product has, or what interaction it might have with pharmaceuticals you may be taking.

What better place to do “research” than an active adult community!

You have heard warnings about drug interactions — don’t take this or that medicine together.

Do not be misled about whether the oil or cream has THC in it. Evidently the THC can be, and often is, added back.

Don’t be foolish or a guinea pig.
Mary Mikesell
CP5

*Right: Seville residents were glad to see the sign at the entrance to five of the six Seville buildings identified by street numbers on its sign.
 Photo by Lynn Donaldson*

HG Needs Volunteers to Serve on Its Boards!

Help define the solution to problems, not be a passive bystander.

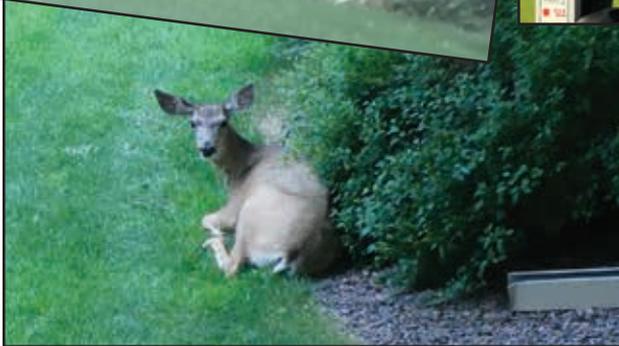
Applications for HGMD Board – due Friday, **Aug. 9**

One director to be appointed on Aug. 15 (serve until May 2020)

Applications for HGA Board – due Tuesday, **Aug. 13**

Three directors to be elected in November (serve 3-year term)

Get your self-nominating form in the Management Office, or online
www.heathergardens.org



Above: One evening, after golf, the geese appeared to be marching in a parade from the putting green, across the #1 tee of the HG Golf Course. Where were they marching to? Photo by Lynn Donaldson

Left: Two residents noticed a deer settling into the shade of trees and bushes in HG. Was the doe seeking refuge from the wild life area? Does she know you are taking a photo?

*Top left photo by Henry Leonhardt, B221.
 Left photo by Marilynn Miciek, B221*

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Winfield Scott Stratton and more “stuff you might not know”

There are lots of great pieces of trivia about places, things and people when you work in the travel industry. I have picked up multiple interesting stories. Many have been told. Many have yet to be read. Here is one about a very generous Colorado citizen.

Winfield Scott Stratton in *Colorado Springs and Cripple Creek*
Stratton was born in Indiana, 1848. Of his eight siblings, he had only one brother. Stratton's dad was a carpenter. As he grew, Winfield wasn't thrilled about the craft, but he showed a great talent for it. He earned an apprenticeship building boats on the Ohio River.

Wanting to head west was his dream. He secreted away \$300 and headed out west to fulfill his dream of finding GOLD!!

Arriving in Colorado Springs, 1872, he found that work was easy to procure. Working as a carpenter and saving a few dollars, Stratton headed to the mountains. First stop was Leadville, where he met H.A.W. Tabor, or Haw, as he was known. Tabor hired him to do some decorative work in his new bank.

With the money he made, Stratton was on the move again. Roaming the hills, miners made fun of him due to his bad luck, little resources and his positive yet still unfulfilled dreams of striking it rich. BUT — on July 3, 1891 — he camped on a hillside in Cripple Creek, a few miles from Colorado Springs. The next morning, he hit the mother lode.

Calling the mine the Independence, Stratton made his fortune in gold over the next several years. In Leadville, he had seen Tabor light a cigar with a dollar bill. One might have thought his new wealth would influence him to spend his money similarly, but it never even came close. To call this man ultra frugal doesn't begin to describe him.

With his newfound wealth, peo-

ple expected him to be the type of person Haw Tabor had turned into. Stratton paid back a man who had grubstaked him who then became Cripple Creek's first millionaire.

HA! Who's laughing now??
Thongs came to his door wanting handouts. Stratton would have none of that. The only luxury he afforded himself was a pair of custom-made boots and a good Stetson hat.

He shunned all sorts of festivities and celebrations. He did agree to attend a gala in his honor, hosted by General William Palmer in Palmer's famous Antlers Hotel. *{Leveled several years ago for a hideous run-of-the-mill hotel.}*

When Stratton was ready to go, he asked his maid how he looked.

“Uh, oh,” she thought. Yet she replied, “You look wonderful Mr. Stratton, but you can't wear boots and a Stetson with a tuxedo.”

He flew into a rage, ripped the tuxedo off, tore it to shreds and refused to go!

Instead of wasting his money the way his friend Tabor had done, he became a very generous man. Hearing Tabor was now penniless *{remember Baby Doe and the Matchless Mine?}* Stratton went to Denver, paid off all Tabor's debts, and bought up all Tabor's useless properties because he remembered Tabor had helped him when he was broke. Stratton set up a trust fund for the Tabors. They lived off that fund for the rest of their lives.

Even though Stratton was not a religious man, he donated money to at least five churches — both in Cripple Creek and Colorado Springs. *{One of my favorite stories about him is that he bought a bicycle with a big basket on the front for every laundry maid in Colorado Springs to make their job a bit easier.}*

As time passed, he sold the Independence to a group of investors who kept it running until it played out in 1951.

After the sale, his health began to fail due to heavy drinking and diabetes. He continued to give money away, especially to Colorado Springs. He funded a trolley railway system running from the north end all the way to Manitou Springs. He also provided housing for the trolley employees, something unheard of at the time.

When Stratton noticed mine owners and investors standing on street corners doing business, he built a building for just such purposes. The Mining Exchange Building still stands in downtown Colorado Springs, but has been converted to a hotel.

Stratton had big plans with lofty goals in mind, using the gold he felt was yet to be discovered. These plans were not fulfilled when he died on Sept. 14, 1902. At the reading of his will, it was disclosed that he had left money for the construction of a facility for the “aged, orphaned and poor.”

Such a bequest did not sit well in the snobby Colorado Springs folk! It was a long and drawn-out fight for the property to become real. Thirteen years after the legal proceedings, the property became a reality. Named for his father, the Myron Stratton Home still stands between the Broadmoor Resort and downtown. The legacy of a very interesting and generous man.

– Denise McCammon
B242

{Editor's Note: Denise writes, “I have to share that my ‘retirement’ has proven to be too much. I am going back on the road starting July, but only for a few tours. After sending a resume to another international tour operator and getting a phone call from them, I am doing three tours through October. As a result, there may be fewer and/or shorter stories for Heather 'n Yon. I'll do my best for the next few months.}

Clubs and Organizations

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 HG TOPS Club meets 8:30-9:30 am every Thursday, Blue Spruce Room. Both men and women are welcome, come in around 8:15, so we can say "hi!" For information, contact Bernie Radakovits, 720-397-1388, or visit www.TOPS.org

HG Breakfast Optimist Club

The 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, and the Type 1 Diabetes Camp.

In response to many requests for a later time, the Optimist Club is revising its meetings. The group will meet at 8:30 am on the first Thursday of the month, and at noon on the third Thursday of the month, in the Banquet Room.

Please join us — we'll treat you to a complementary meal at your first visit. For reservations, contact Jeannine Montgomerie, 309-310-5315, or jmntg.1229@gmail.com. Like us on Facebook. — Jeannine Montgomerie

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

CP4

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

— Carol Drollinger

Kiwanis Club of Aurora

Kids need Kiwanis, and Kiwanis needs you. The Kiwanis Club of Aurora is part of a community based international service organization that focusses on making the lives of the children of Aurora better. Come to one of our meetings or events. See what Kiwanis holds for you. We have meetings on the 1st and 3rd Thursday of the month in the HG Clubhouse. Optional dinner begins at 5:45 in Rendezvous. Club meeting at 6:30 in the Mountainview Room. The fourth Thursday is a service project. For information, you can email us at Kiwanis.auroraco@gmail.com or call President James Martin, 720-297-3282. We also are on the web: Aurora-co.kiwanisone.org. Membership is open to all HG and Aurora residents.

American Legion Post 2012

American Legion Post 2012 meets in HG, at 7 pm on the first Thursday of the month in the Mountainview Room. We would love to have you join us, and help your community grow stronger in support and unity. If you are interested in learning more about The American Legion, please contact Post Commander Steve Stratton, B204, 720-519-3955.

Men with Purpose

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

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

Uke Crew

Are you interested in playing a fun instrument — the ukulele — and having a great time singing? The HG

Uke Crew is an up-and-coming club. Members get together on the first and third Friday afternoon, 4–5 pm, B218, #407. New members are always welcomed.

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

Joppa Daylight Lodge AF & AM

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

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

The NoteAbles Mixed Chorus

It's amazing how busy the residents of HG are. Proof is in the parking lot full of cars at almost any time of the day. There are a number of off-campus venues sponsored and filled with residents who are bused to these events. The best indicator of activity is the numerous classes offered with nearly full participation.

The NoteAbles community chorus is listed in these offerings. We are grateful for the Clubhouse, support from the administrative staff, desk volunteers, and custodial help when preparing for rehearsals or public performances and concerts.

We are a small group that will add new members who love to sing good, familiar and unique new musical arrangements. Singers have varying experiences and musical abilities, but we enjoy bringing our talents together in the concerts we have performed for HG and supportive audiences.

Soon we will begin learning and rehearsing music that will be a part of a Christmas performance, scheduled for a Tuesday, Dec. 10. We rehearse Tuesday nights at 7 pm in the Sandberg Auditorium.

We are considering changing our rehearsals to an earlier, day time. If we accomplish this, watch for our time change in the September issue of *Heather 'n Yon*.

CP1

CP1 Happy Hour meets the first Wednesday of each month, 5 pm in

Rendezvous Restaurant. See you Aug. 7!

The Green Team

Our group meets every second Thursday at noon in the Skyview Room. Join us Aug. 8.

The Green Team has been awarded another grant from the City of Aurora. This makes it a big #4! Hurrah! Soon you will be seeing bright blue recycle bins popping up in every public space throughout the Clubhouse, tennis courts and Game Room. They are not there for decoration. (Although they are a lovely shade of blue.) Their purpose is to remind everyone to use them for items that should be recycled. If you are unsure as to what goes into these blue containers, or what items go into the trash, here's a brief recap.

Recycle

- plastic bottles
- empty cans
- clean paper
- empty glass bottles
- magazines, newspapers

Trash

- plastic bags
- food, liquid
- napkins, paper towels
- foam cups, containers

Something to think about: a plastic bottle takes 450 years to decompose in a landfill. Think twice before you throw. – Wendy Pfaffhausen

Women with Dreams

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

A Circle of Friends

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

Monthly activities include Senior Ric's, 4–6 pm, second Monday. Panera's, 9–11 am on the third Monday of the month: coffee, social time. 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.

Parkinson Support Group

This group meets on the second

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

Heather Gardens Indivisible

The purpose of HG Indivisible is to protect and preserve our democracy by empowering active citizens in taking actions that will impact public policy. We are nonpartisan and inclusive, issue-oriented rather than candidate-oriented. Our monthly educational meeting is on the second Tuesday of each month. We also have weekly lunch meetings at 1 pm in the Rendezvous Restaurant, to discuss issues and share articles, books, thoughts.

Our next meeting will be 4 pm Tuesday, Aug. 13, in the Aspen Room. Our speaker will be Lynn Bartels, a noted local journalist. The topic will be, "How do we determine the truth from media and social media?" Questions? Call or email Marty Karnopp, 303-353-9640, mjkarnopp@gmail.com.

B203, B204, B205 and B206

The four buildings have combined to do a joint happy hour, ensuring they will have enough people to meet in the Banquet Room each month. Happy hour is at 5 pm on the second Tuesday of each month, for drinks and dinner, at Rendezvous.

At the July gathering, 60 people attended. Feedback indicated the happy hour was a success, as residents from the four buildings circulated, and made the acquaintance of neighbors from other buildings.

– Laurel McClaren, 303-337-2685

HG Aviation Club

Oshkosh, the world's largest and best air show, is 50 years old in 2019. Come watch a special commemorative DVD produced by the Experimental Aircraft Assoc. (EAA). It promises to be a special video as many famous aircraft and people



have visited Oshkosh over the years. Aviation Club meeting is the second 7 pm Wednesday, Aug. 14, in the Aspen Room. See you there! – Rudy Morris

Karaoke Club

The club meets 6–8 pm on the second Friday, June 14, 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 Paul Spoutz, 303-564-1877, or Ron Dunn, 303-745-4590.

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.

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.

HG Democratic Club

Change of date and location: The August meeting of the HG Democratic Club will be a potluck picnic with a special guest speaker, on the third Tuesday, August 20, 4–5:30 pm. We will meet in the Picnic Pavilion just north of the tennis courts. Bring enough of your food contribution to share with 10-12 people.

The HG Democratic Club normally meets 4–5:30 pm on the fourth Tuesday of each month in the Aspen Room. You don't have to live in HG. You don't have to be a Democrat. Questions? Call or email Marty Karnopp, chair, at 303-353-9640, mjkarnopp@gmail.com.

B201 and B202

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

CP3

Our monthly business meeting will be held at 5:30 pm Wednesday, Aug. 21, in Aspen Room. The

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Sports and Recreation

50s Bowling League

Bowling is the best — it's time! Hope you all have had a great summer relaxing and practicing your bowling. Don't worry: there's plenty of time to get out the balls, and start tuning up your strikes and spares before we begin.

HG 50 Bowling League will have a league meeting at 9 am Thursday, Aug. 8, at Bowlero (Heather Ridge) Lanes, 2200 S. Peoria. We will begin league bowling at 9:30 am Thursday, Aug. 15, with practice starting at 9:20.

We welcome everyone, new and old, to the league, even if you haven't bowled for the past many years. Contact Larry Schneller, 303-923-3992, to reserve your place in the league.

Thursday Open Bridge Club

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

Bunko

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

Men's Golf Club

For this month's topic of golf history, I've chosen Babe Zaharias. Mildred "Babe" Didrikson Zaharias was the greatest women's all-around athlete of the past century. She won two track and field gold medals and a silver at the 1932 Olympics, then — at the suggestion of a writer — she became a golfer. It was immediately obvious that she was a natural, and enjoyed winning private money matches with the better men players.

Babe married famed pro wrestler George Zaharias, who was born in Pueblo, Colorado. They moved to Denver. Babe won everything in sight, including the first major women's tournament in Colorado — the Western Open at Cherry Hills in 1950. She won 19 tournaments in a row, and was one of the founders of the Ladies Professional Golf Association.

Results from the July 5 Stableford

A Flight Jake Flint, Brian Bucenec, Pete Profera, Randy White, and Chris Hughes each scored in the money.

B Flight Jim Pardikes, Tom Fitzgerald, Tony Maestas, Dave Bushman, Vern Thompson

C Flight Jim Stebbins, Rob Ledford, Wally Armistead, Henry Ulibarri, Henry Hein

D Flight Sam Lozano, Ralph Romero, Jim Jensen, Paul Zipps, Dave Walstrom, Rich Richardson, David Croak

E Flight Mike Corcoran, Bob Bamford, Larry Maitland, George Madonna, Bob Bell

In the Match Play Championship, the four players to make it to the semifinals were Phil Corliss, Dave Oakland, Chris Hughes, and Jim Sellers. As of this writing, Hughes defeated Sellers 1 & 0 to move on to the finals. The winner of the other match had not been determined, since it had been delayed.

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. We are happy to teach you. See you Friday! Linda Serio, 303-368-8123.

Mexican Train Dominoes

We play noon–4 pm every Saturday, Arts & Crafts Room. Games start at noon and at 2 pm. — Donna Hudziak, 303-833-3115.

Men's Bridge

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

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.

Mah Jongg

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

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

Ping Pong

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

Pinochle

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

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

Pickleball

The schedule for Pickleball will be emailed to everyone on the Pickleball email list for August. The times to play Pickleball outdoors on the HG Tennis Courts are Tuesday, Thursday and Sunday, 9–11 am. We also will play indoors when there is available time.

In addition, we offer Pickleball lessons for HG residents who wish to learn this fun sport, or to brush up on the game, if you haven't played in awhile.

Since we have Pickleball players at all skill levels of play, we will be trying something new this summer. Players will be able to choose playing "gentle" Pickleball, with players of a similar skill level on one court. Those more advanced can play with

the "competitive" Pickleball players. Of course, everyone is welcomed to play on any of the courts where they feel comfortable.

To see this lively sport in action, visit the "Pickleball at Heather Gardens" website: plaidflannel.com/Pickleball. 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 by email, 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 of each year. All new players are welcome. Questions? Call Sean Kelliher, 720-427-6174, or Connie Burns, 303-695-0766.

Co-ed 8 June 18

1st Brian Bucenec, Linda Hileman
2nd Elaine Blinder, Gil Lochhead
3rd Bob Schlageter,
Lindy Davenport

June 25

1st Lindy Davenport,
Shannon Boyd
2nd Carlos Toner, Sean Kelliher
3rd Judy Brehmer, David Wong

July 2

1st Lindy Davenport,
Shannon Boyd
2nd Roger Goldstein, Dee Moore

July 9

1st Bimp Larry, Sean Kelliher
2nd Lindy Davenport,
Doug Gunnarson
3rd Hi Reynolds, Judy Brehmer

Men's 9-Ball June 13

1st George Hoffman

2nd Lindy Davenport

June 20

1st George Hoffman
2nd Gail Gibson

July 11

1st Paul Mall
2nd George Hoffman
– Judy Brehmer

Ladies Billiards

The club is learning the game, and practice 1–4 pm Monday and Thursday afternoons in the Billiards Room. Join in the fun of a challenging game. Call Elaine, 303-745-4567, for additional information.

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

Square Dancing

Fun, exercise, and friendship. Come square dance on the first and third Wednesdays of each month, 7:30–9:30 pm, Sandberg Auditorium. Bob Riggs is the caller. All square dancers are welcome. Call Beverly Nelson, 303-750-6632 with questions. Cost: \$5 per person.

Ladies Golf Club

July was a busy month for the HG Ladies Golf Club. On the course, over 70 percent of members played each week – about 75 of the group's 107 members.

Off the course, the club's bake sale helped raise more than \$400 to support the Optimist Club's junior golf program. Planning for the league's inter-league events (see schedule below) continued. The Rendezvous' new after-golf lunch specials gave players a chance to relax and socialize after a morning on the course.

The annual **Men's and Women's League Mixer** was on **June 17**, with 40 players. The results were:

Flight A

1st Mary Frevert, Vern Thompson
2nd Pat Reichert, George Madonna
3rd Debbie Madril, George Brown

Flight B

1st Sandra Sweeney,
Pete Profera
2nd Barb McShane, Glenn Riggs
3rd Glenda Pitts, Jon Erion

Flight C

1st Bev Nelson, Bruce Richards
2nd Shar Garrett, Larry Hill
3rd Bonnie McMullen,
John McMullen

Flight D

1st Chris Rothwell,
Charlane Pluchek
2nd JoAnn Fitch, Mary Ann Morris
3rd Florence Madonna,
Linda Hileman

League Awards June 19

Flight A

1st Lorna Ingram
2nd Debbie Madril
3rd JoAnn Fitch

Flight B

1st Linda Hileman
2nd Bonnie McMullen
3rd Tina McLaughlin

Flight C

1st Judy Brehmer
2nd Mavis Richardson
3rd Cecily Kittleson

Flight D

1st Lil Pickrel
2nd Bonnie Soman
3rd Georgia Ptacek

Awards June 26

Flight A

1st Susan Brennan
2nd Beulah Gould
3rd Lorna Ingram

Flight B

1st Judy Kauzlarich
2nd Rosalie Einspahr
3rd Sally Murphy

Flight C

1st Jeanine Kilde
2nd Marilyn Cornell
3rd Barb Gierscher

Flight D

1st Sandra Sweeney
2nd Karin Bentley
3rd Mary Frevert

Awards July 3

Flight A

1st JoAnn Fitch
2nd Glenda Pitts
3rd Dee Moore

Flight B

1st Rosalie Einspahr
2nd Barb McShane
3rd Bard Toslosky

Flight C

1st Mavis Richardson
2nd Hope Goetz
3rd Barb Gierscher

Flight D

1st Candia Lang
2nd Susan Craig
3rd Rosalie Littrell

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HGMD Foundation

A \$50,000 bond that matured in June was reinvested for one year. Another bond that will mature within six months was identified. How to reinvest it will be discussed later.

Charlane Plucheck, B218, replaced Mavis Richardson, CP3, who retired from the committee.

The meeting was adjourned to work on a poster project, which documents all Foundation projects.

Donations to the General Fund in June 2019

- Kathy Snyder in memory of Bob Fedel.



Above: The new King Soopers grocery store in the Point at Nine Mile (previously called Regatta Plaza) is looking more finished every day. One rumor has circulated that the new store will open Wednesday, Aug. 21. Leasing of three retail spaces on East Dartmouth Avenue and South Peoria Street is already listed on the internet. Co-located with Key Bank, these spaces are west across a parking lot from the new King Soopers.

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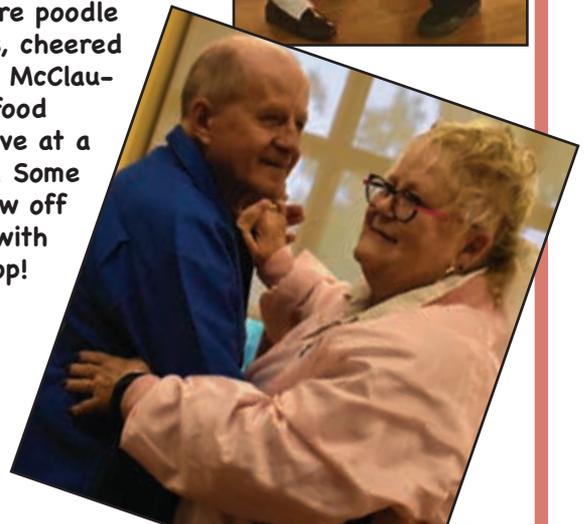
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Straight from the 1950s to HG on June 22, participants in the **Sock Hop** danced to music from the decade, wore poodle skirts and Pink Lady jackets, cheered HG's Elvis impersonator (Shel McClaurry, CP3) and enjoyed food

you might have at a 1950s diner! Some tried to show off their skill with a hula hoop!



Photos by Janis Farrell

Clubs...from page 39

social/dinner will follow at 6 pm in Rendezvous. – Robin O'Meara

Frolics Club

The HG Frolics Club Board elections will be held at our annual meeting, 6:30 pm on Thursday, August 22, in the Aspen/Blue Spruce Room. The slate of candidates is:

President Barbara Schneller
Vice President Maria Mines
Treasurer Joyce Layman
Recording Secretary Jerry Brewster

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Business Manager Robert Roybal
Assistant Business Manager Pat Spratt

Be ready to pay your 2019–20 club dues (\$10, check or cash). Hope to see you all there! – M. Mines

Garden Club

The club will hold its annual picnic at 5 pm Sunday, Aug. 25, at the Pavilion. The Garden Club will provide fried and baked chicken.

Attendees should bring a side dish, salad or dessert of their choice.

RSVP to Bob Gullion, Garden Club President, rgullion65@gmail.com, or by calling 303-434-4357.

Low Vision Support Group

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

HG Republicans

The club would like to invite each resident and non-resident to our meetings on the fourth Tuesday of every month, at 1:30 pm, in the Aspen Room. The next meeting will be Aug. 27.

The purpose of the club is to promote open discussion of the truth concerning matters that directly affect our lives. Interesting guests speak at each meeting. Our speaker in August is Polly Page, a consultant for the oil and gas industry.

Join your neighbors, and help

unite our country, so we can be stronger, safer, and more prosperous. We have refreshments. – Virginia Walcher

PRIDE at Heather Gardens

The August gathering will be 6:30 pm Friday, Aug. 30, the Aspen/Blue Spruce Rooms. Everyone is welcome. (We are gathering a week later, due to travel out of town).

Some appetizers and drinks will be provided. Any questions, please call or text me 303-570-7529. – David Hetzel. pride.heathergardens@gmail.com

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.

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Awards July 10

Flight A

1st Dee Moore
2nd Flo Madonna
3rd Tina McLaughlin

Flight B

1st Barb Tucker
2nd Barb McShane
3rd Sally Murphy

Flight C

1st Linda Gonzales
2nd Barb Gierscher
3rd Linda Savage

Flight D

1st Mary Frevert
2nd Susan Craig
3rd Rosalie Littrell

The next birthday celebration is Aug. 14. Be sure to RSVP to Kathy Liss, 303-618-2599, or kathyliss@comcast.net to make a reservation.

Be sure to put these dates on your calendar:

- Aug. 9, Windsor Gardens @ Windsor Gardens
- Aug. 12, Windsor Gardens @ Heather Gardens

• Aug. 26, Club Championship – Day 1

• Aug. 28, Club Championship – Day 2

• Aug. 28, Picnic, Membership Meeting, and election of officers

The HGLGC Board wants to thank Golf Course Pro Greg Kohr and his entire staff for their support of the league's weekly tournaments. His team is always warm, welcoming and helpful, as players check in and prepare for the day's event.

Kudos also go to the hard-working grounds crew that maintains the course, which is always in great condition for league play. The board also wants to acknowledge and thank the many league members who volunteer each week to score and do the myriad other tasks that are needed to ensure a successful day of play.

HGLGC encourages all women, regardless of skill level, to join our handicapped golf league. We have a wonderful group of ladies who enjoy camaraderie, great friendships and golf. Prospective members can obtain an application in the HG Pro Shop, online, or by contacting Gini

Klein, 303-638-7441, or Mary Jo Prichard, 303-929-1241.

Our website, www.heathergardensladiesgolfclub.com, has information about events, handicaps, tee times, weekly tournament results and much more. Due to the league's annual membership meeting on Aug. 28, there will be no board meeting in August.

Golf Trivia: Aug. 22–25 will mark the end of the 2019 PGA Season with the TOUR Championship at East Lake Golf Club in Atlanta. The winner of the event receives a sterling silver commemorative putter called the Calamity Jane. The putter is an exact replica of Bobby Jones' original putter. – JoAnn Fitch and Suzi Stolte

Tennis Club

Tennis season is in full swing. Many people can train players on the ball machine.

We meet in Rendezvous Restaurant for social time at 5 pm on the second Wednesday of the month. For questions, call Wendy, 303-306-0066. – Wendy Pfaffhausen

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Visit the Denver Botanic Gardens to see the time-honored traditions of European horticulture merge with a dynamic diversity of plants and designs that represent the best in horticultural achievement. Please be prepared for lots of walking!

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Rockies — Summer, Coors Field
Thursday, Sept. 12, 11:15 am
Cost: \$38

Deadline: Thursday, Sept. 5

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

Bright Star

Wednesday, Sept. 18 **Sold Out**

Hammond's Candy

Tuesday, Sept. 24, 11:30 am
Deadline: Sept. 3.

Cost: Bus fare and lunch at Golden Corral

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Carl Hammond made it, with the same tempting recipes and the same careful craftsmanship. Tours are free. Takes about 30 minutes. After the tour, we will visit the Golden Corral for an all-you-can-eat lunch. Golden Corral is located at 9751 Grant Street. Senior lunch price is \$8.99 + \$2.99 *price subject to change and does not include tax or tip. Please note the restaurant does not accept checks.

Casino Trips

Mardi Gras or Golden Gate – Blackhawk

Tuesday, Aug. 20, 8:30 am–3:30 pm
Tuesday, Sept. 17, 8:30 am–3:30 pm
Cost: \$6

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

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

TRIPS POLICY

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

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

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

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

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Roth's weekly newsletter, *broth@auroragov.org*, or, 720-202-2695. Roth's annual Candidate Forum has been rescheduled for Tuesday, Oct. 8. Mark your calendar.

Clyfford Still Museum Summer Lawn Series

Come for the world-class collection of abstract expressionist paintings, stay for the live music (or vice versa). The museum will again host its free concert series outside its Golden Triangle building on select Friday nights through September, with free museum admission, 5–8 pm. This year's lineup, presented with Swallow-Hill Music, features

Aug. 16 3hattrio

Sept. 6 Dressy Bessy

Concerts start at 5:30 pm on the lawn. Gourmet sausages from Biker Jim's and vegetarian fare, beer, and wine from Leven Deli for sale. 1250 Bannock St. *clifforstillmuseum.org*

Aurora Central Library

2-4 pm Sunday, Aug. 4

Candidate Forum with candidates for Aurora Mayor and City Council

Global Fest

Celebrate the cultures and communities that call Aurora home at Global Fest, 11 am–6 pm Saturday, Aug. 17, at the Aurora Municipal Center Great Lawn, 15151 East Alameda Pkwy. This unique global event is sure to entertain all ages with mu-

sical and dance performances, a fashion show, a parade of nations, a global market tent, a kids area, food and vendors.

Stay up-to-date with insider information about the event; text GLOBALFEST19 to 888777 to receive event updates. Use #AuroraGlobalFest when you post your event photos to social media. For more information, including event schedule, visit *AuroraGlobalFest.org*.

Support Aurora Cold Weather Outreach Team

This team provides life-saving supplies to prevent hypothermia and offers safe transport of people experiencing homelessness to shelter or emergency services on nights with

See FYI...page 59

American Legion sponsored a **Car Show** on July 20. Some unique models were carefully restored by their owners. Wait! There was a Deuce 'n half truck in the group! (2.5-ton Army truck)



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Clubhouse Manager Linda Aluise

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Summer Tea and Hat Fashions

Friday August 2, 12:30 pm, Sandberg Auditorium

Fee: \$15, must register, no walk-ins accepted.

A 76-year-old Denver woman is breaking the mold when it comes to being a social media influencer. Judith Boyd is a fashion blogger and influencer with more than 48,000 followers. Now, she is sharing her journey through grief and clothes with others. Come enjoy her presentation. Wear your most fashionable hat. Tea includes finger sandwiches, assorted teas, scones, petit fours and more.

1st Saturday Night Dance

Saturday, Aug. 3, 6:30–9:30 pm, Sandberg Auditorium

Music by Mile High Big Band

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.

Watch Batteries

Thursday, Aug. 8, 9 am–1 pm, Lodgepole Lounge

Fee: \$6 per battery.

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

Movie Matinee and Night: *Dumbo* (2019)

Friday, Aug. 9, 1 pm and 6:30 pm, Sandberg Auditorium

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

From Disney and visionary director Tim Burton, the all-new grand live-action adventure *Dumbo* expands on the beloved classic story where differences are celebrated, family is cherished and dreams take flight. Circus owner Max Medici (Danny DeVito) enlists former star Holt Farrier (Colin Farrell) and his children Milly (Nico Parker) and Joe (Finley Hobbins) to care for a newborn

Gift Certificates/Cards available for Clubhouse, Rendezvous Restaurant and Golf Pro Shop

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. Give the gift that keeps on giving.

elephant whose oversized ears make him a laughing-stock in an already struggling circus. But when they discover that Dumbo can fly, the circus makes an incredible comeback, attracting persuasive entrepreneur V.A. Vandevere (Michael Keaton), who recruits the peculiar pachyderm for his newest, larger-than-life entertainment venture — Dreamland. Rated PG

AARP Drivers Safety

Friday, Aug. 9, 1 pm, Arts & Crafts Room

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

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

Saturday Night Concerts: The Denver MountainAires

Saturday, Aug. 10, 7 pm, Sandberg Auditorium

Fee: \$5 pre-register, \$6 on day of event

Salute to Disney. The Denver MountainAires, now merging with the Colorado Chord Company, present a tribute to the great songs from the Mickey Mouse Club. From *Song of the South* through *Snow White*, *Mary Poppins*, *The Little Mermaid*, *The Jungle Book*, *Beauty and the Beast*, *The Lion King* and more. The concert will have Elton John's song from *The Lion King* that won the Academy Award and Grammy Award, "Can You Feel The Love Tonight."

We'll also present a patriotic tribute to honor veterans. A large number of our members were honored to participate in the 75th anniversary of D-Day by singing in Normandy.

Active Minds: Space Exploration — from the Moon Landing to Today and Beyond

Wednesday, Aug. 14, 2 pm, Sandberg Auditorium

FREE: Registration requested, call 303-751-1811

Fifty years ago (July 1969), the United States landed the first manned space mission on the moon. This program will reflect on President Kennedy's challenge, the space race, the Apollo Mission and the role NASA has played since the lunar landing. We will bring the topic up-to-date by discussing the current political context for NASA and the rise of private space companies such as SpaceX, Blue Origin, Virgin Galactic and others.

Senior Companion Program

Thursday, Aug. 15, 1 pm, Skyview Room

FREE: Registration requested, call 303-751-1811

The Senior Companion Program (SCP) is a national federally funded program that has been around for 50 years. SCP is a program that is about neighbor helping neighbor. The goal is to build relationships and connect individuals and family to non medical support outside of the home. Volunteers are not home health care aides, social workers or drivers. However, the activities provided by volunteers is broad. For example, it could be reading aloud, cooking together, shopping, helping put a puzzle together or to accompany you to and from a doctor's appointment. The great thing about the program is that individuals remain in their homes and communities.

Program presented by Spark the Change, formerly Metro Volunteers.

Flea Market

Friday, Aug. 16 8 am–3 pm, multiple Clubhouse rooms
Saturday, Aug. 17 8 am–3 pm

One man's junk is another man's treasure. Come see all there is — big and small.

Medigap

Wednesday, Aug. 21, 10 am, Skyview Room

Bingo with Garden Plaza

Thursday Aug. 22, 3 pm, Sandberg Auditorium
FREE: Registration requested, call 303-751-1811.

Helen, from Garden Plaza, is back and ready to call your lucky number. She has the prizes and the refreshments.

Movie Matinee and Night: POMS

Friday, Aug. 23, 1 pm and 6:30 pm, Sandberg Auditorium
Fee: \$4 pre-register, \$5 on day of event

POMS is an uplifting comedy about Martha (Diane Keaton) when she moves into a retirement community and starts a cheerleading squad with her fellow residents, Sheryl (Jacki Weaver), Olive (Pam Grier) and Alice (Rhea Perlman), proving that it's never too late to follow your dreams. Rated PG-13

Hippie Party

Saturday, Aug. 24, 5:30 pm, Picnic Pavilion
Fee: \$5 at the door.

Registration requested by Aug. 22, 303 751-1811

Like a true Nature's Child, we were born to be wild! So be wild for a night. Come to HG's annual Hippie Party! Bring a dish to share. Soda provided or BYOB (no glass). Outta sight hamburgers and hot dogs provided. Final Approach will play groovy tunes for listening, singing and dancing. Wear a "hippie" outfit. Go with the flow. Far out, man!

Fruit Shak

Heather Gardens hosts this farmer's market sales at the Clubhouse parking lot on Thursday, 9 am–6 pm and Sunday, 9 am–4 pm.

Give It a Whirl

Monday, Aug. 26, 6:30–8 pm, Arts & Crafts Room
FREE: Registration requested, call 303-751-1811

Fun, fitness and exercise! Make new friends! Join us for a fun evening and learn the very basics of Modern American Square dancing. No dance experience necessary. Carl will guide you through the steps for an enjoyable experience.

Cameo Club

Friday, Aug. 30, 1 pm, Sandberg Auditorium
Fee: \$3 pre-register, \$4 on day of event

The Ms. Colorado Senior America Pageant organization has a performing group, called the Colorado Cameo Club. Anyone who competes fully in a Ms. Colorado Senior America Pageant automatically is inducted into the Colorado Cameo Club. In this group, participants perform in entertaining showcases, bringing recognition and honor to all "Ladies of Elegance" who are 60 years of age and older.

Tina Phillips Trio

Saturday, Aug. 31, 7 pm, Sandberg Auditorium
Fee: \$5 pre-register, \$6 on day of event

Tina Phillips is a respected Jazz artist and songwriter, based in the Denver region. Influenced most by Betty Carter, Sarah Vaughn, Charlie Parker and her dear friends Sheila Jordan and Art Lande, her style is versatile — including bebop, blues, and Latin Jazz. Her charismatic on-stage performance is the finishing touch.

Fall Craft Fair

Friday, Oct. 18, 9 am–3 pm, multiple Clubhouse rooms
Saturday, Oct. 19, 9 am–3 pm

Applications available Aug. 1 by email or at the Clubhouse Reception Desk.

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Outdoor Pool: Monday–Friday, 10 am–12:30 pm

Saturday, Sunday, 10 am–2 pm; Holidays 10 am–2 pm

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Country Place 1 let Rendezvous Restaurant do the cookout on July 17, while they socialized on the patio next to the pool.



Photos by Janis Farrell





Building 209 enjoyed their burgers on June 26 in the Picnic Pavilion



Building 211 enjoyed craft beers and catered picnic on June 15. One granddaughter joined the fun!



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An Ice Cream Social was held after GM Calvin White's Open Forum. It was make your own ice cream sundae! Lots of smiles too!

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Overheard @ HG

Of madrigals and mosquitos

by Mary Hafka

I like to take advantage of warm-weather months by taking breakfast on my open lanai, in the mornings before it gets too hot. Last winter, I bought a large, solar-powered umbrella during the end-of-season sales, to provide shade.

I had some rollicking adventures trying to store it through the winter, so it would be new and unfaded for this summer. The umbrella is large, heavy and cumbersome to carry. I spend many winter days trying to keep the umbrella covered with plastic on the back porch. The plastic blew off frequently during our winter windstorms.

Also, I regularly brushed off the piles from generous snowstorms we had last season. The care and maintenance of the umbrella became a regular chore, and this was before I even got a chance to use it.

Finally spring dawned. I wrestled the unwieldy umbrella into its stand. I ran it up, like a banner on my personal flagship. I went into the house for 10 minutes, to get a cup of coffee, and returned to the lanai, to discover that wind had pulled the umbrella out of its stand and impaled it on the back fence.

This maiden voyage taught me a few lessons, including one that requires I wedge a foot of the stand under the firewood box, to help anchor it in heavy winds. The crash against the fence resulted in a bent spoke, meaning that two of the 36 twinkly lights, which line the underside of the umbrella, no longer work. The rest of the lights do, however. So I chalked the adventure up to a learning experience, and — on the whole — have enjoyed my patio umbrella very much.

The twinkling lights underneath the umbrella would create the perfect setting for an evening of lounging on

the lanai, margarita in hand, under the stars. This year, unfortunately, that hasn't happened. Forsooth, this hath been "The Year of the Mosquito." Only a masochist would try to sit on my lanai in the evening. Many things I may be, but I certainly am not that.

I took heart a few weeks ago, when I observed that I had acquired a personal dragonfly sentry. He took up his post on my lanai screen door, and stayed there so long, I presumed he was dead.

He wasn't, however, and came and went between his screen-door post for a while. Dragonflies can eat their weight in mosquitos every 30 minutes, I have read. So I hoped that he had seen the need, and was riding (or flying) to my rescue, like the Lone Ranger.

Alas, it was not to be. I was in the midst of building the dragonfly his own little lanai, with a tiny patio umbrella, but I wasn't quick enough. I believe the volume of mosquitos proved daunting to even this intrepid insect. He disappeared after only a couple of days, leaving my employ to seek better work conditions — less overtime, for a start.

So now I sit on my lanai in the mornings, armed with a full can of deet-free insect repellent at my side. I have unearthed my lute — a stringed instrument rather like a mandolin — and have composed a 17th century madrigal, a musical tribute to the suffering and curses of "The Year of the Mosquito." As I am a former English literature major, and a past member of the University of Colorado Madrigal Singers, I believe I am qualified to do this. Sing along, if the sentiment grabs you.

"Oh I fight the tiny dragon and I scorn its mighty sting

With a hey nonney-nonney, and a swat, swat, swat.

With all these mighty, ruby welts, I can barely do a thing

With a hey nonney-nonney, and a swat, swat, swat.

I sing of my woe, and I scratch my toe
With a hey nonney-nonney, and a swat, swat, swat.

If I don't buy another can of Bactine, the itching shalt lay me low.

With a hey nonney-nonney, and a swat, swat, swat.

Derry-down, derry-down, can't they do some mitigation in this town?

"Oh, I court the pretty dragonfly, and I beckon to the bat,

With a hey nonney-nonney, and a swat, swat, swat.

If they'd only come to live near me, I'd make sure their lives were phat,

With a hey nonney-nonney, and a swat, swat, swat.

I'd build them tiny houses, and I'd make their little bed,

With a hey nonney-nonney, and a swat, swat, swat.

If they'd only eat these #\$\$?# bugs that circle round my head,

With a hey nonney-nonney, and a swat, swat, swat.

Derry-down, derry-down, must I relocate to another town?

"The mosquito plague will pass some day, of this I am quite sure

With a hey nonney-nonney, and a swat, swat, swat.

I'm a good environmentalist — my motives are quite pure

With a hey nonney-nonney, and a swat, swat, swat.

I don't want to use insecticide, I don't wish to foul the earth

With a hey nonney-nonney, and a swat, swat, swat.

But if these bugs don't go away, I'm going to dust off my father's 22-caliber handgun that's in the attic and start blasting them.

With a hey nonney-nonney, and a bang, bang, bang.

Derry-down-down-down all the day."

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