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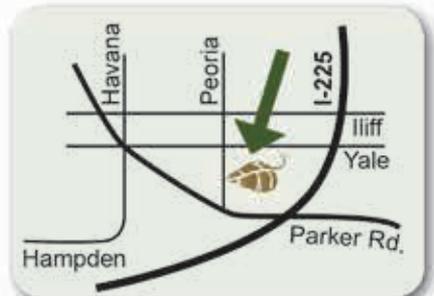
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Staff positions continue to be reviewed, purchasing fast-tracked

At the May 17 HGA Board meeting, CEO Jon Rea announced that the budget season, “is right around the corner.” Jon Rea remarked that the HG management team had been reviewing the capital-component inventory, updating the existing Capital Reserve database originally developed by HG staff and a committee chaired by then Treasurer John Coil, B244. In June, the department managers will begin building the 2023 budget for HG.

Rea added that he had not replaced the chief operating officer (COO), a vacant position at HG, and indicated he is re-evaluating it. Noting that HG managers “had really stepped up their game,” Rea stated he was not certain that the COO job needed to be filled.

President Jill Bacon reported that, “We find ourselves having to move faster than we usually do,” when signing contracts and making purchases, due to surging prices. “We’re still trying to be frugal,” but often are driven to make decisions quickly, she noted.

Maintenance Committee Chair Mike Pula stated, at its next meeting, his committee would consider management’s recommendations for roof replacements in HG before the week ends.

“Contracts Manager Don O’Gorman had told him that prices are set to increase on June 1,” he commented. While it would be nice to get that work under contract before the price increase, he noted that orchestrating the recommended vendor through the Budget & Finance Committee and the HGA Board to fast track the approvals required by these groups by the end of May was a challenge.

Bacon announced that all recordings of meetings will be kept for one week, and they will not be posted on the website. These audio files were filling up the available storage space on the website.

Bacon also noted that the board had changed a long-standing policy regarding “chats” on Zoom where

participants could write their opinions or comments on proceedings during the meeting. For the future, individuals could “raise their hands” on Zoom, and when recognized by the chair, offer their thoughts or ideas. The chat room will no longer be available.

Civic Affairs Committee Chair Peter Cukale reported he had begun working on the next HGA board election, scheduled for November. Bacon added that good candidates for the board again are being sought. She encouraged listeners to consider running for the board later this year.

Joint Long Range Planning Committee Chair David Kennedy announced the committee was down to one member besides HGMD President David Funk and himself. About six new members are needed to complete the committee.

Architectural Control Committee (ACC) Chair David Baxter announced a new email address for ACC applications, saying he hoped allowing the community to communicate via email would save time. He added the new application was close to being ready for use.

Bacon commented that Baxter has formed an ad hoc committee to explore the needs of electric vehicles at HG. The committee will explore how to add charging stations in parking garages and other locations, how many are needed in HG, and other concerns as more residents are buying electric vehicles. She asked those who own electric vehicles to contact Baxter.

He said, “I’m making a list [of residents who have an electrically-run vehicle]. The more information we have, the better we can respond.”

Treasurer Terry Hostetler reported the Budget & Finance (B&F) Committee asked that the schedule for budget development undergo additional refinement. This item was removed from the May meeting agenda. Some of the committee members at the B&F meeting on the day before had complained that the schedule did not clarify when residents can offer input into the budget. In 2022, some who attempted to comment on the budget were told they had missed their opportunity to offer input. There was agreement that the schedule for the 2023 budget should spell out more clearly when residents can raise concerns.

Hostetler also reported that representatives from HG’s insurance broker would make a presentation to the Insurance Subcommittee on June 9. He urged directors to attend this session. Bacon remarked it will be at this meeting that HG will get news about insurance increases for the coming year.

The board discussed the subject of civility. Area Representative Organization (ARO) President Betty Bergeron noted a problem at building meetings, where — she said — individuals had “taken over” and refused to yield the floor. She said she had suggested that ARs



Left: Mother Nature must have decided that metro Denver needed a heavy spring snowstorm, even if it was delivered on May 20. Several HG trees had bent and broken limbs. See page 15. Photo by Bonnie Williams, B232

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Extra! Extra! Information for you –

Architectural Control Committee update

Have you seen more remodeling within Heather Gardens in the past two years? It is not an illusion, but a fact. The Architectural Control Committee (ACC) is seeing a volume increase of new ACC Applications for approving various projects in residents' homes coming through the Management Office.

Last year there were more than 600 ACC project requests. This year so far, the number of project requests are up 6 percent. To help the community, a new ACC Application for Project Approval form is being introduced in June. The new ACC form is intended to be a check-the-box form that is easier to complete. As with any change, it will require a positive effort from resident applicants as this change is implemented.

During the first quarter of the year, the ACC has met with common contractors in the community to share information that will improve the approval and inspection processes. To help the community better understand the ACC requirements, the ACC is scheduling an ACC Forum to describe the process and answer your questions. In addition, the committee will give tips on what to ask contractors when remodeling and share responses to frequently asked questions.

To increase communication, the ACC has a new HG email address that will be used to facilitate discussions between applicants and the committee. Hopefully, this will provide better and faster communication to applicants regarding their application.

The ACC guidelines are on the HG website under the title of "Procedure Memorandum PM A-1." PM A-1 lists the guidelines and processes that owners should take when remodeling and updating their condominium, country place, or townhome.

One important update on the ACC guidelines, which was approved at the end of last year, was a change to the hours of construction noise. Work generating noise can only be performed from 8 am to 5:30 pm, Monday through Saturday. Remodeling/construction is not permitted on Sunday or any Federal Holiday, including Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve.

I have agreed to chair an Ad Hoc Electric Vehicle Planning Committee. Concurrent to work by the committee, the ACC is compiling a list of those residents needing a charging station in the multi-story buildings.

Additionally, for those seriously looking to purchase an electric ve-

hicle, the committee would like you to submit an "ACC Application for Project Approval" form to assess the current and future needs of the community in accommodating these vehicles. I feel that more residents will be purchasing such vehicles in the future.

The goal of the ACC continues to be ensuring that HG is maintained as a prime residential property. Modifications to units or the limited common areas should be consistent with established specifications, in accordance with established building codes and should not affect the integrity of the unit, the common areas in the building, or other residents. HGA is committed to reducing expenses for residents, both now and in the future.

The ACC will update guidelines as needed, using input from residents, contractors, and HG staff. Three of the items the ACC is currently working on include asbestos testing, multi-story garage storage, and enhancing radon mitigation systems.

– David Baxter, B217
Chair, Architectural Control
Committee

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adjourn the meeting until the individuals "get themselves under control."

Community Engagement and Communications Committee (CECC) Chair Linda Hileman reported that someone who had read the original Commitment to Civility, published in *Heather 'n Yon* in February 2022, had approached HG, asking to share the civility policy with his homeowners community.

"The need for such seems to be growing, sadly," she said. "But it speaks well to the work we did on our policy."

Hileman asked Rea about the HG census results. Rea responded that HG had achieved a 82–83 percent response rate, with more census forms trickling in. Board Assistant Evelyn Ybarra added, "My goal is to have results compiled and posted on the website by Monday" (May 23).

Following its regular meeting, the board adjourned into executive session, to discuss a resident violation.

The board approved three projects recommended by the Maintenance Committee, and endorsed by B&F Committee:

...contract with Denver Commercial Property Services, for the asphalt project in CP4 (\$23,459, which is \$21,500 under budget).

...contract with Sunny Side Concrete, for the asphalt/drainage project in Seville (\$36,999, which is \$3,000 under budget).

...hot-water-recirculation project, to be performed by HG's Special Projects Team, for B220 (\$39,000, which is \$3,000 under budget). If B217 is scheduled to have its plumbing for hot water recirculated next year, all six buildings that had been constructed without hot-water-return lines will be complete.

New officers elected for 2022–23, directors sworn in

Four directors attended the May 19 meeting of the HGMD Board of Directors. Maria Mines and Eloise Laubach took the oath of office, entering new terms on the board. They were the only applicants for the three open seats in the May election, which was canceled. This was the first official meeting of the board after state-mandated election for special boards in Colorado.

The fifth director position remains vacant, as not enough candidates filed to run in May, to complete the board. President David Funk reported no progress on filling the vacancy.

The board elected officers for the coming year. Funk was elected president, running unopposed. Bill Archambault was elected secretary/treasurer for the year, also without opposition.

Directors elected to leave the office of vice president unfilled, at this time. Funk remarked the job was largely ceremonial, anyway.

Archambault announced he would not run for re-election, when his term concludes in May 2023. Noting he would have served 17 years, in several capacities, by then, he expressed the wish that someone else step up and serve.

Archambault offered no Treasurer's Report, as he had been out of town, and the hotel's WiFi function was problematic. He could not get video via Zoom and hearing the Budget & Finance Committee proceedings was difficult.

Funk announced that "chats" would no longer be recognized during the board meetings when residents ask questions. Instead, Zoom participants should "raise their hand," and he will recognize their wish to speak.

CEO John Rea announced progress in working towards completing HG's fiber project with Comcast. He noted he expected Comcast to resume working on HG property in July or August, and expected the project would take several months to complete.

Clubhouse/Restaurant Committee Chair Maria Mines announced that the Clubhouse had moved its closing time up to 9 pm. No one, the Clubhouse Manager Montrell Anthony reported, was using the Clubhouse between 9 and 10 pm.

CFO Jerry Counts gave an accounting of the fundraiser conducted for the Foundation on April 16. He told Foundation Chair Eloise Laubach that the benefit concert had netted \$1,320 in total revenue. After the band, Retro, was paid \$450, \$870 would be transferred to the Foundation bank account for its projects.

The board approved a contract with Denver Commercial Coatings to paint the exterior of the Clubhouse, Restaurant and Pro Shop (\$44,275). The painter is HG's preferred vendor, which has painted many building exteriors in HG over several years. The contract is \$8,400 under budget.

As no one tendered any questions during the open-forum session, Funk closed the meeting by wishing everyone a beautiful National Pretzel Day.

To repay federal paycheck protection program (PPP) loan or not

On May 9, HGA held a special board meeting, to discuss whether or not to repay the \$1,058,700 loan (now a grant) that it received through the Paycheck Protection Program that was one element of the Cares Act Funding, passed by the U.S. Congress in March 2020. The issue of repaying the funds arose at the April 18 meeting of the Budget & Finance (B&F) Committee. The HGA Board decided to have a special meeting via Zoom to discuss the pros and cons that drew about 88 participants — a record number for such remote meetings at HG.

The PPP loans were offered to small business in 2020 soon after the United States was locked down due to the quickly expanding infections of COVID-19. Administered by the Small Business Administration (SBA), the program was intended to provide loans quickly to small businesses who might not be able to continue to pay their employees if no one was working. The premise was that if the entity could prove later that the money was used to pay employees at the same level and a limited list of other expenses (utilities, rent or interest on mortgages), the loan would be forgiven by the federal government.

Chief Financial Officer Jerry Counts made a presentation to the board, outlining the steps that were undertaken to first apply for the loan (April 2020), then apply to have the loan converted into a grant (approved in August 2021) that meant nothing needed to be repaid. (See page 27 for details.) Counts noted that he had not been HG's controller at the time of the initial application. (Bret Miller was the controller when the successful application was made.) Counts offered the opinion that applying for the loan seemed a prudent and appropriate move when it was done, due to uncertainty over exactly how the COVID-19 pandemic would impact HG employees and operations.

"There was no mischievous intent," he said.

Because HG's residents were in the demographic that was predicted to be among those most likely to sicken and die from COVID, the community's financial future was at risk. If a large amount of HG's population died, and HOA fees could not be paid — it could create a financial hardship for the community.

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Given all the angst and anxiety we've experienced over the last couple years, a commitment to empathy can appear to be a bridge too far. Many are having trouble showing sympathy for others, given their own emotional or physical challenges — much less feeling able to step into another person's shoes. But here's the beauty of making the effort — we gain a whole new understanding of and tolerance for another person.

A commitment to empathy enables us to get beyond our personal problems and concerns, and broaden our perspectives. In other words, we get to watch the show from a different angle and see something new.

One of the most important aspects of empathy is that it drives collaboration and meaningful conversation — both of which are critical right now to address massive social, political, and economic polarization. None of us, regardless of beliefs, will win if we keep going at each other with figurative, or actual, pitchforks. What may feel like a victory in the moment dissolves into disarray on so many levels — extending from friends and family to the community, country, and world in which we live.

We need community. Most of us truly want community. Achieving it requires the ability to have, and frequently practice, empathy. Right now, with energy levels lagging and the spirit of cooperation sagging, the key to achieving empathy is surprisingly easy if we start by taking small steps. Given that we're residents and employees of Heather Gardens, what better place to start? Here are some easy one-step-at-a-time actions we can take to move toward empathy:

1. Perform random acts of smiling and saying "Hi" to others as often as possible. This may sound insignificant, but it's a great way to get in the habit of positive communication. A simple "Hello," said with a smile on your face,

can lead to deeper engagement and a more worthwhile conversation.

2. Offer a helping hand to someone who is struggling or overloaded in the moment. This can be as simple as holding a door for someone, helping carry groceries, or offering to take out a bag of trash for a resident having difficulty getting around.

3. Volunteer for anything. Volunteering is a great way to interact with people on a positive level. From helping the Green Team, to assisting with events or needs in your buildings, and even outside of HG, positivity almost always leads to conversation and an exchange of ideas. Maybe you will realize that the person shares many of your beliefs, where previously you were skeptical about their political or other views. For example, it's amazing how many issues you and I can agree on when political or other labels are removed from the equation.

4. Find out what these new "friends" need, and the challenges they face. Then, in a spirit of understanding their pain, find a way to help them out — even if it's at a minimal level. It could be picking up a couple items at the store.

What seems simple may be a major challenge to them because of their pain, immobility or other limitations. Over time, a friendship can develop. Ideas can be shared in a true, respectful spirit of exchange where no one is right or wrong — just another human being looking at the same world from a different perspective.

This march toward empathy can spread quickly. But it starts with us being brave enough to simply try on someone else's shoes.

{This is the fourth in a series of articles about the importance of committing to civility and caring in all communications; to make Heather Gardens and our relationships with others the best that they can be. This and future articles in the series are based on the Heather Gardens Commitment to Civility and Caring first published in February.}

**– HGA Community Engagement and Communications Committee
Linda Hileman, Chair**

As of May 21, 2022, the CDC reported on COVID-19 vaccinations administered in Colorado.

- 5,758,736: Population of Colorado, 5 years of age and older.
- 4,584,995: Number of persons 5 years of age and older with at least one vaccine, 79.6 percent.
- 4,058,164: Number of persons vaccinated twice, 70.5 percent.

- 866,487: Population that is 65 years of age or older who have had at least one vaccine dose, 95 percent.
- 787,742: Population that is 65 years of age or older who are fully vaccinated (two doses), 93.5 percent.
- 604,555: Population, 65 years of age or older who have had a first vaccine booster dose, 76.7 percent.

Community Characteristics (estimates)

	Colorado	U.S.
Population density (people per square mile):	55.56	94
Household size	2.56	2.52
Percent uninsured:	8.1	9.2
Percent in poverty:	10.9	10.5
65 years and older:	14.63	16.3

(covid.cdc.gov/covid-data-tracker)



HGA Board President Reports

By Jill Bacon

This month I would like to let everyone know about some important meetings that are coming soon. They are the Budget Workshop meetings that will take place for three days this summer. I want everyone to be sure that you know about these meetings. These may be the most important meetings that you attend this year. Why, you ask? Well, these are the meetings that you, as a resident have an opportunity to ask the questions about what items are being put into next year's budget.

Now, let's talk about next year's budget. First, you and I are facing a year in our country in which there is projected to be runaway inflation. Take a look at food and gas prices — you have an idea of what is going on.

The HG Management team is anticipating next year's budget and what it is going to cost to keep the community looking as beautiful as it is.

The first question that comes is, "How much is it going to cost us to do this with the cost of everything going out of sight?"

CEO Jon Rea, CFO Jerry Counts and others in the management team are working diligently to constrain expected expenses in the coming year, holding the line wherever possible.

The process goes like this:

1. The managers look at this year's budget, then make their 2023 budget projections based on what the needs appear to be.
2. Then they meet with Counts and Rea, who look at the projection charts, which all have prepared for their department. The projections are evaluated and revised.
3. Then Counts creates the proposed budget, taking into consideration the items that "must" be done versus anything that "can" wait possibly another year, considering current and projected pricing and inflation. (Nothing is easy in this process.)
4. The proposed budget goes to the "Budget Workshops." That is where you come in.

You may attend these meetings, scheduled by the HG Budget & Finance Committee (B&F). Here you have the opportunity to express your opinions and make comments. Your judgments about what should be done (or not done) in your community are valuable to residents on the committee or either board and HG staff. You can express your feelings about what you consider important (or not important) during the next budget year.

You may think that your comments are not important, but I can assure you that they are.

One year when I was one of the few people sitting at the workshop, one of the B&F members said, "We can cut the chairs for the auditorium, as we don't need those!" I said, "Wait a minute, I go to the movies all the time, and those chairs are so old that most of us have backaches after the movies. The bottom things have come off the legs so they scratch the floor when the chairs are moved."

The committee went back to the drawing board. The chairs were found at a lower price, and were purchased that year. (I was just an interested resident at the time who attended the Budget Workshop).

So, folks, just sayin' — your input does count. It is time for everyone to speak up at the Budget Workshops. Yes, they last for three days, but they are well worth the time. Please get there and spend the time. It does no good to complain and get all excited over what you do not understand and do not like — after the fact. Get the facts first. Let your ideas be heard.

Last year, after the budget workshops were over, several residents were upset that items were carefully chosen or deleted. I think some of these folks had absolutely no knowledge why certain budget items were chosen. They began sharing loudly and most uncivilly their opinions without the background information they could have learned at the Budget Workshop meetings.

I really don't want to see this happen again this year. HG residents live in a great community with intelligent people who need to be aware of what is happening around them. The Budget Workshops are the place to find the information you need to be a well-informed member of the HG community.

I look forward to seeing you at the Budget Workshops!

IN MEMORIAM

Marcy Lohoff (233)
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Notice from the HGA Board regarding 2022 HG Census and \$50 Fines

If the HG Management Office (on the 2nd floor of the Clubhouse) has not received a completed HG Census form from your unit by Tuesday, July 1, 2022, the unit owner **will be fined \$50.00**.

On page 19 of the Heather Gardens Declaration of Condominium, to which all HG owners and residents must adhere, in Section 8.5 Age Limitation and Occupancy Restriction, (i) requires completion of the census by each owner within 30 days, which was April 30, 2022. The next item, (j), also allows the board to establish and enforce penalties including fines for failure to return the information sought in the census. Not returning a Heather Gardens census form would violate these sections of the HG Declarations.

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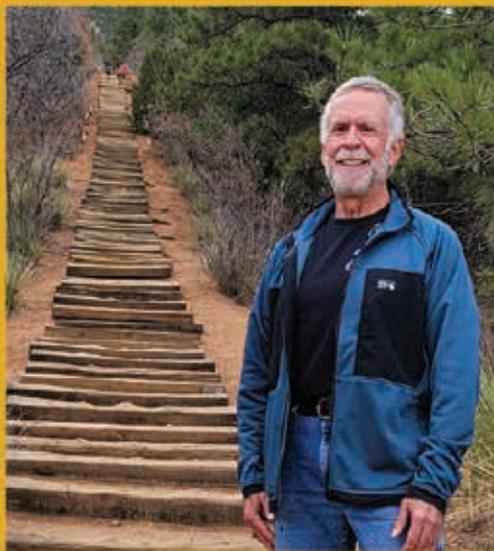
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Publisher's Corner

Peaceful protests tackle consequential issues and some not so important

by Lynn Donaldson, Editor of Heather 'n Yon

In yesterday's *Denver Post* (May 19), an article by Elizabeth Hernandez and Jessica Seaman described the students at North High School leaving school when they should have been in class to protest the school's treatment of a popular Latino teacher. Tim Hernández taught English and "Latinos in Action." After two years at the school, he was notified that his contract to teach at the high school would not be renewed for the next year despite his having applied for an open teaching position. Dozens of students conducted a sit-in, lining the halls within the school to protest (reported by Hernandez on May 12). The teacher was put on administrative leave, which prompted the second protest by 30 students who supported the teacher.

I thought, "How much more consequential the protests by high school students have become." I was recalling what took place at my high school when a protest over the food we were being served for lunch in the school cafeteria led to a boycott of lunch one day in the cafeteria. I don't remember what I ate for lunch that day — probably a sack lunch that I brought from home. I did not have a car, which meant I couldn't drive anywhere for food.

Did the peaceful protest accomplish anything? Not really. I remember that a couple of leaders of the student protest were invited to join a committee to review the food offered for lunch. A teacher who was known for being blunt in his assessments told me that such an action was a classic way to diffuse protest. Invite a few of the prime instigators to be part of the administration. It appears that progress might be made but realistically the protesters were co-opted, becoming part of management.

Were there some stupid things

done during the protest? Yes. I remember someone buying a lunch then taking their tray directly to a trash can to dump it. Did the food served change dramatically? No. Did we feel empowered? Yes.

This was the late 1960s in Cedar Rapids, Iowa. The decade was entering a period of sustained protests, mostly on college campuses about the war in Vietnam. A city of about 100,000 in Iowa was not a focal point for those protests, but there was spillover to high schools.

Perhaps more effective were the protests I joined in college. There were several candlelight vigils on a central quad in my southern university (North Carolina). While protests at Duke University in 1969–1970 were peaceful, that was not true everywhere in the United States. At Kent State University, four students were killed by National Guard members who were activated by the governor of Ohio to maintain order. I will never understand why the Vietnam student protesters and these soldiers treated each other as enemies.

The outrage at many campuses was immediate, even at my fairly conservative university. Students left the classroom and took to the quad for a candlelight vigil for the deceased students. Because it looked like such disruptions would continue in the spring of 1970, several universities closed early, sending the students home. Duke canceled finals that year — you got the grade from your classes that you had when school ended early. I went home to Iowa.

Personally, I never held the soldiers who fought in Vietnam to blame for the political decision by U.S. presidents and the generals who recommended sending the young men to fight in an ill-defined war. I hated the loss of life — never knowing what the

deceased soldiers might have accomplished in their life. Each life is precious, not to be squandered on a battlefield.

I had friends who were drafted and went to Vietnam. I dated a man who returned from there. He shared the difficulties he had faced. I empathized. I wanted those young American men brought home. Let the Vietnamese decide their future — it should not be my country's mission to define their future.

I was in California going to graduate school when President Nixon ordered the withdrawal from Vietnam. I watched as many South Vietnamese were evacuated to the United States as the North Vietnamese reunited the two parts of its country. These new immigrants integrated well into the United States with their offspring becoming successful here. They brought their passion and intelligence — making all of our lives better.

Several years later, I became an Army officer doing research on medical protection against chemical warfare. I was passionate about wanting to protect the soldiers from such horrible weapons. Was that atonement for my protesting years? Not really. I just felt I needed to do something to support my country. I still detest wars that affect the young primarily, taking lives that might have been brilliant for everyone or just productive for their family. It is the cornerstone of what I believe is best about the United States.

So to the students of North High School, I say, "Bravo!" School management needs to take another look at their actions regarding this teacher who lives nearby and cares about students in this school — a majority of whom are Latino. Unfortunately, I don't believe that their peaceful protest will be any more successful than my high school boycott was 50 years ago. It is just the nature of things. Students, when young, can't effectively change things — but if they keep that desire in their hearts, they may be able to create the change they wanted as they move into administrations both public and private.



Management

Capital Reserve Database reviewed for future funding

By Jon Rea
Chief Executive Officer

Developing the 2023 Budget is right around the corner. The Management team is gearing up to begin the process of planning and assembling what next year's budget draft will look like.

During the month of May, I sat down with the HG management team to review all the components within HG's Capital Reserve Database. The goal of this process with the managers was to add any missing items. This provides a clear snapshot of what needs to be budgeted. Then everyone who evaluates next year's budget and other future budgets will understand the funding required in the upcoming years at HG.

What is the Capital Reserve Database? It is the database that Budget & Finance created a few years ago that forecasts Capital Reserve Fund needs based on the price of project, anticipated inflation, and estimated life cycle. The database includes all Capital items throughout the HG property, including things such as roof replacement, parking structure maintenance, equipment and vehicles — to purchase or replace.

After sitting with the managers, CFO Jerry Counts and I will input these recommendations and information into the database. This will prepare us for defining the

Capital Reserve budget that will be required for both HGA and HGMD for next year and many years to come.

In addition to the Capital Reserve Database updates, the staff and I will begin assembling the operational expense budgets by department in June. We will review expenses year-to-date, along with historical expenses. We will review current market/economic trends and projections, costs we have been experiencing currently and consider inflationary trends.

In many departments, the cost of goods has continued to rise, just as you might have seen personally with groceries and gas. It is no different with supplies and materials that HG requires to maintain the operations and property. HG departments have seen inflated costs due to supply chain problems and availability. The current, and what seems to be the ever-changing economic climate, has certainly impacted the work at HG currently. I expect it will continue to do so in the future.

My goal is to have a draft Operational Expense Budget completed by the end of June. Once it is completed, we will move into the Wage/Payroll and Benefits portion of the budget. When both elements of the budget are done, a completed draft budget for 2023 will be ready for review by the Budget & Finance Committee. This is a lengthy process, but it helps if the process starts early. That gives department managers time to research line items, and provide the best information and justification for the budget draft decisions.

As focus moves into the Budget Development time of year, my management team is again committed to assembling a budget draft that is honest, objective, and provides sufficient data to support the recommendations made to the community.



By the evening of May 21, the snow had melted but its damage to HG trees around the community was evident. Roads & Grounds employees responded quickly — working on Saturday to collect the broken limbs and clear walking areas and roadways for residents. Some of the trees still had their spring blooms. What baffled many long-time Colorado residents was the contrast from a day with 90 degree weather on Thursday to a winter storm warning on Friday!



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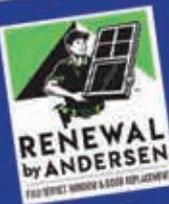
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Comfortably seated in Peggy and Curtis Chong’s (B220) dining room, a mug of herbal tea in my hands and a platter of Girl Scout cookies on the table, we laugh that the cookies were purchased from adult relatives of the girls, not the Scouts themselves.

Curtis and Peggy are quintessential advocates for self-reliance and self-starting. Their achievements fill a long list of published accolades for their work in raising living standards of blind persons. Curtis was blind from birth. Peggy has less than 10 percent normal vision — enough to sometimes get her into trouble, she says. So rapt are we in the conversation that I no more think of them as blind than I think of myself as sighted.

Peggy grew up along the Red River in rural North Dakota and Minnesota. Attending high school in Minneapolis, she was active in the National Federation of the Blind (NFB), Student Division.

Curtis grew up in Honolulu. At age 20 he left Hawaii opting “to do what I want to do.” He attended universities in Hawaii, California, and Minnesota — “never finished any of them.” Consistent though, since he was 15, is his involvement in the NFB. He and Peggy met at Minnesota’s NFB state convention.

How well did they like each other?

“He just comes in and takes over everything,” Peggy protested.

“I was this rude upstart from Hawaii.” Curtis dismissed 16-year-old Peggy as “kind of young.”

They endured each other when

working on joint projects. In time, disapproval cooled and friendship warmed, much to the distress of their families who were:

“United in their dislike,” Peggy and Curtis spoke in unison.

“He was a Chinese Catholic blind guy, how was he going to support me? And I was a White Lutheran blind girl, how was I going to take care of him? So, our families were not happy,” Peggy laughs.

“No, they were not,” agreed Curtis.

“We eloped.”

an unofficial advisor to many of the leading developers and researchers in the field of assistive technology. Curtis persisted and found a job with Investors Diversified Services (Ameriprise).

During those early years, he moonlighted playing keyboard in a band named “Moondance.” In one night he could earn more money than Peggy could earn in two weeks.

To which Peggy grumbled, “And get fed in the bargain. That was not fair.”

In time, their families came to love and support the marriage. Daughter Tina was born in 1978. The family remained in Minnesota until Tina graduated from high school. They moved to Maryland when Curtis received an offer as director of technology for the NFB, overseeing in-house technologies.

Peggy found several jobs all concerning training, education, outreach, services or employment for the blind. She joined Curtis at NFB. Together they worked to grow NFB-NEWSLINE electronic services providing access to newspapers, magazines and TV listings. NEWSLINE grew from three newspaper services into 500 publications.

Baltimore was a nice place to be for a while but they didn’t want to stay there. They moved to Iowa near Peggy’s father. Curtis worked for Iowa Department for the Blind and became, to his chagrin, a government bureaucrat. He was director of field operations bringing technology, rehabilitation, and independent living services to the blind.

See Chongs...page 26



Above: Curtis and Peggy Chong, B220, relax on their lanai at Heather Gardens.

Curtis enrolled in Brown Institute and learned eight computer languages to earn a certificate in computer programming. In 1977, he graduated at the top of his class. He was offered a job but, because he didn’t have a full college degree, his pay was lower than his classmates. This was an inauspicious beginning for a man who would become nationally known as

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Looking on the bright side

I like to look on the bright side of things. This philosophy of life is especially challenging to maintain when bad things happen.

For instance, it's kind of difficult to see the bright side when you are suffering from a chronic disease. But back in 2009, my husband Bob just wouldn't let life knock him down. He always dusted himself off and got right back up. He had chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD) but figured out a way to ski and bike the mountains in Colorado using a backpack with an oxygen supply.

Bob found out there was a pill he would have to take for the rest of his life. It unnerved him only a smidgen that the prescription bottle read, "NO REFILLS."

The down side of being in the hospital is that they poke you, prod you, hook you up to all sorts of weird machines, and do nasty things to you that hurt either your body or your modesty.

The up side is that the doctors often give the patient a sedative. When you wake up, you can't really remember what a bad time you had.

When Bob came out from under the sedative, he asked me several times where he was and what had happened. I kept giving him shorter and less technical answers. Instead of telling him for the third time in a row that he woke up in the night with

a fever of 103 and a heart rate of 188, I told him, "You were really hot in bed last night."

You should have seen the big smile that came over Bob's face when I said that.

Bob had a number of tubes coming out of or going into various orifices in his body. But he didn't seem to realize it at first. He threw off the sheet and started to swing his feet off the hospital bed.

I asked, "Honey, what are you doing?"

He said he was headed for the john. His eyes got pretty big and wide when I explained that he had a catheter that would take care of things for him.

When Bob was resting comfortably, I went to go get something to eat at the hospital cafeteria. I got lost on the way back. After endlessly walking the halls of WakeMed Hospital in Raleigh, North Carolina, I finally found an exit that took me outdoors. I figured that way I could go back inside the hospital the way I originally came, retrace my steps, and find my husband again.

A security guard noticed me blankly looking around myself.

"Can I help you?" he asked.

"Yes," I told him. "I actually don't know where I am."

For a minute there, I think he thought I might be an escapee from

the psych floor.

But he was very nice to me. He drove me around to the ER entrance, where I found my way back to the room where I'd left my husband. The only problem was, Bob wasn't there.

Since I look on the bright side of things, I reassured myself they had moved Bob somewhere better. And they had. From the ER to the Critical Care Unit.

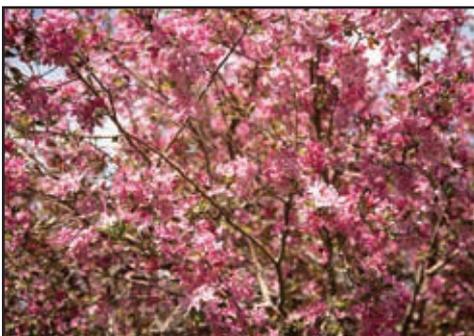
Bob was in a weakened state. But the food staff must have had full confidence in him. The beef in the stroganoff they sent him for his dinner that night required the jaw strength of an alligator to chew.

I've told these stories many times to others, with Bob's blessing. Talk about looking on the bright side? Bob was a master at it. He had the best attitude and knew how to laugh at himself.

When a hospice doctor told Bob that his time left on this earth would be measured in weeks and months — not years — Bob looked at me and said confidently, "I have 11 months and three weeks left!"

Bob passed away in 2009. I was a widow for the 10 years that followed. At the ripe "young" age of 71, I remarried a wonderful man in 2019. Now if that isn't looking on the bright side of things, I don't know what is!

— Gloria Leshar
B212



Whether you are walking around HG or stopping at a conveniently placed bench, HG's flowering trees and spring flowers are a colorful distraction. Photos by Bonnie Williams, B232, and Anne Hummel-Gillis.



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The Month (May)

In his HG Security Report on May 11, Chief Mike Martinez reported:

"On Sunday, May 1, around 9:30 pm, HG Security received numerous calls about the 'street racers' gathering in the parking lot adjacent to PS3 and PS4. Security responded to the top of the structures and provided details to the Aurora Police. During that the time, the street racers fired off around 30–40 gun shots into the air. APD eventually arrived and dispersed the crowd.

"I ask that if any residents see or hear these vehicles gathering in the parking lot, please call the Aurora Police right away. Please do not confront the drivers or vehicles, even if they do come onto HG property, as these groups are known to be armed."

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Rex Engel, B233, told CEO Jon Rea before the HGA Board meeting that he was pleased with the work that HG Maintenance had done in fixing a major leak from the condo above him that filled his bathroom with about one inch of water. The source of the leak was from a cracked plastic nut on the toilet that had been tightened with a wrench. Over time, the cracked nut broke, causing the

bathroom above to be flooded. Engel noted that the workers who investigated and fixed the water leak had missed their benefits seminar with HR Holly Shearer.

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Pickleball continues to be the fastest-growing sport in the U.S. Ronan thanked HG's pickleball players for organizing their games around the restaurant schedule. Pickleball-player patronage has significantly benefited Rendezvous.

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tennis courts immediately. On May 9, as the water was drained out, the Koi fish were captured and relocated temporarily.



Once the water was gone, a new liner for the pond could be installed. Other repairs were made. Then the pond was restored. (Photos by Janis Farrell)

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Restaurant Manager Cormac Ronan told the Clubhouse/Restaurant Committee, on May 9, that he has made little progress creating a rewards program for Rendezvous users. The restaurant continues to struggle with staffing; consequently, most of Ronan's time is spent in the kitchen, cooking. It leaves little time for other projects, he said.

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Area Representative (AR) President Betty Bergeron noted that many buildings are revising their by-laws. Addressing the Community Engagement and Communications Committee, Bergeron reported that she supported changing bylaws to enable renters to vote on issues that affect the building in which they live.

While renters tend to be prohibited from voting on decisions related to property ownership, Bergeron thought renters should have a voice on building matters. She suggested she might raise the issue with ARs.

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Listed below are United States deaths in past conflicts or pandemics, compared to COVID-19 (as of May 21, 2022). There was no vaccine developed for the 1918 pandemic, which reportedly lasted for three years.

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419,400	1945	WW2	wikipedia.org

{Editor's note: These numbers represent the total deaths during the conflict: combat deaths and other causes.}

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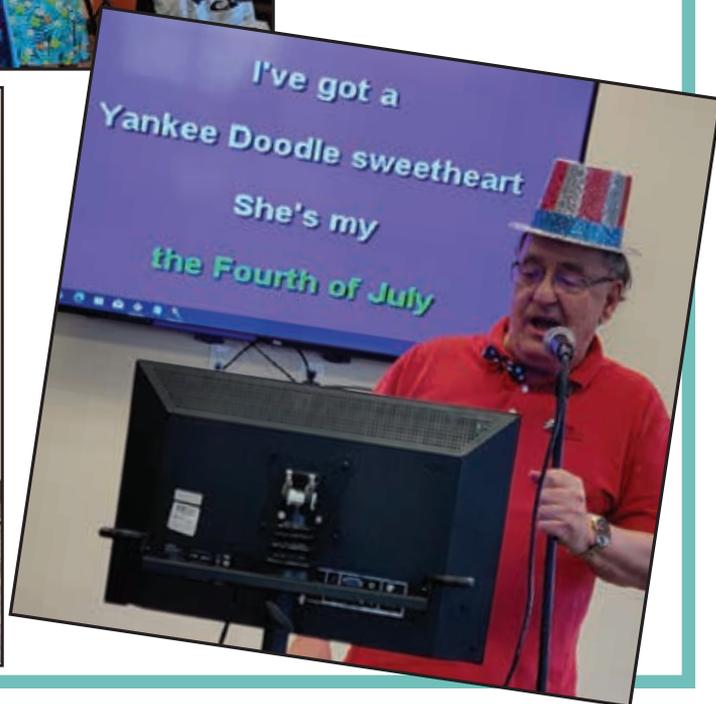
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Farrell

On May 7, the Heather Gardens Karaoke Club hosted "A Night at the Oscars." Competing singers were challenged to look the part and perform songs made famous from Hollywood movies such as South Pacific, Yankee Doodle Dandy, Pocahontas, Breakfast at Tiffany's, Grease and Sound of Music.

Below left: Lisa Matthews, B244, accepted her trophy from Paul Spoutz, B244, for "Best Vocal Performance" for her rendition of Moon River (from Breakfast at Tiffany's).



Photos by Paul Spoutz, B244



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Or as he calls it, "I was a signature machine."

From Iowa, he moved to a similar position in New Mexico. Peggy continued volunteer work. He retired in 2018 and, with Tina's urging, moved to HG to be near her in Aurora. Now, they're busier than ever advocating for the blind.

Curtis worked with Colorado State Senator Jessie Danielson on SB 19-202, a measure that allows

voters with disabilities to mark, print and return ballots privately and independently. Finding that many blind voters did not have printers, he advocated for SB 21-188, allowing voters with print disabilities to return their marked ballots online.

Peggy, a long-time history columnist for *Dialogue Magazine*, has begun a project researching and cataloging achievements of blind persons throughout history. She focuses on the everyday people who triumphed over significant challenges to survive, not just the well-known.

"Their positive belief in themselves, and their determination turned possible defeat into success."

Our conversation turned reflective.

"At the core of everything,

we're trying to live a life that demonstrates that the level of vision that you have is not necessarily related to how able, smart or competent you are," said Curtis.

Since he can't recognize people he passes while walking, he asks that people just say, "Hi" and speak their names. Assume he is managing well without help. Let him ask for help before offering it. Automatically offering help demeans him as less than equal.

"My notion is we are just regular people. We are not amazing. Or rather, we don't want to be thought of as amazing. If you don't think of the fact that we are both blind, our accomplishments are pretty much average — just normal stuff."

— Dala Giffin

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PPP Loan...from page 7

Applying for PPP funds, to protect the community and its residents from unknown financial fallout, was a reasonable thing to do, Counts commented.

Audit Subcommittee Chair Craig Baldwin noted, if HG had not received PPP funds, Rendezvous Restaurant — which operated as a takeout-only service, for a time — would have had to close and furlough its employees. HG paid Hero's Pay — an additional \$3 per hour — to HG salaried and hourly workers who continued working in-person throughout the pandemic. (This included security officers, custodians, golf course personnel, maintenance, restaurant staff and roads and grounds crew.)

Counts added, "We also set up special 'Paid Time Off,' to compensate employees who got COVID. That was an additional expense."

Speaking in favor of repaying the funds were HGMD Treasurer Bill Archambault and Capital Program Subcommittee Chair Ray Nash. They are concerned that when there was sufficient revenue to pay employee salaries during the covered period (six weeks) in 2020, then one key element for the loan no longer applied. The shortfall in revenue that COVID might have triggered never happened, in the end.

Should a company with such liquidity collect PPP funds? Some speakers felt it should not.

In addition, the SBA has six years (one year already has passed) to conduct an audit of the funds dispensed, and determine whether they should be repaid. Some retired accountants in the meeting said they felt it was a real possibility HG might be called upon to repay the funds.

Other accountants disagreed. One offered the opinion that the SBA was unlikely "to bother" with any amounts under \$2 million.

Another offered the opinion that the SBA would be busy enough pursuing PPP recipients who got money fraudulently. HG's applications for both the loan, and its subsequent conversion to a grant, were correct, with investment teams from both KeyBank and the SBA ruling HG had met the necessary criteria, at both stages. When Counts asked his con-

Points emphasized by Chief Financial Officer Jerry Counts on May 9

In his introductory remarks to participants in the May 9 meeting on the PPP Loan, CFO Jerry Counts made these remarks:

- The Association met the Requirements to Apply for the PPP Loan as well as the requirements to have the Loan ultimately forgiven.

- At the time of the original application (April 2020), there was uncertainty about the global pandemic and its impact on the local, national, and global economies. At the end of 2019, HG had \$22,000 in its Operating Fund (equity account). The cash balance in the Operating Fund is mainly due to the Impound Fund, a liability owed to the owners.

Had the HG community seen a large mortality rate with COVID, it's conceivable that HG could have seen a dramatic drop in homeowner association (HOA) fees requiring HG to go deep into the cash balance resulting in a large negative equity balance in the Operating Fund. In fact, at the end of 2020, HG's Operating Fund was a negative \$89,000. Furthermore, the government was enacting mortgage and rent restrictions on banks and landlords; at the time it would not have been unreasonable to think HOA fees could have been added to the restrictions.

As of February 2020, the month prior to the shutdown, HG's Accounts Receivable balance was \$138,000. As of July 2021, the

month HG applied for the loan forgiveness, the Accounts Receivable balance was \$430,000, a 211 percent increase. Although HG did not know this information at the time of the loan application, actual facts demonstrate the impact COVID had on HOA collections.

- The above facts met the "good faith" and "current economic uncertainty" criteria required by the SBA.

- Application for forgiveness: HG had to certify that the dollar amount for which forgiveness was requested was used to pay business costs that were eligible. In HG's case, that was payroll. A separate account was established to track those costs against the loan proceeds.

- HG certified that no annual salaries or hourly wages of any employee were reduced by more than 25 percent. In fact, many employees were paid an additional \$3 per hour as HERO pay.

- While HG did reduce the number of employees, it could certify that it was unable to operate during the covered period at the same level of business activity.

Counts concluded: ***What is most important for our community to know is that we met the criteria for obtaining the loan and we met the criteria required for the forgiveness of the loan. Both processes were reviewed and approved by a designated PPP loan team at KeyBank, and the SBA.***

tact at KeyBank about returning the grant funds, the contact said that HG would be the first recipient to do so.

Uncertainty persists about whether or not HG will have to pay tax on the money. Even HG's auditors were uncertain how it might play out, commenting, "right now, it's not taxable." However, the auditors did note that the money cannot go into Capital Reserve or to refund members for fees already paid.

Because such a program had never happened before, Counts said, "These are uncharted waters." He offered the opinion that, once HG realized that the financial catastrophe it feared was not going to happen, the community had the option of not

applying to have the loan converted to a grant. If the \$1,058,700 had remained a loan, HG could have repaid it, plus 1 percent interest.

If the funds are not repaid, they would factor into the 2023 budget, reducing the amount that would need to be collected from residents. If repaid, the share per unit would be approximately \$435.

Some felt HG should view the \$1 million as a windfall, and move on.

After about two hours of discussion, the board adjourned without taking action on repaying the loan. At its regular May 17 meeting, the HGA Board of Directors did not take up the matter, indicating that repaying the PPP loan is "off the table."



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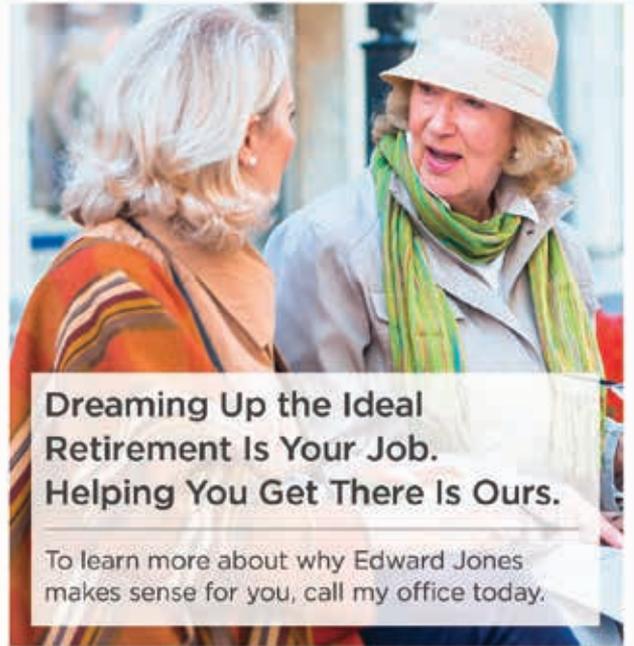
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Ms Senior Colorado America Showcase on April 23.

Former queens like 2022 Queen Jeanne Nott (right) and several contestants continue sharing their talents in comedy, dancing and singing for audiences throughout Colorado.



This group will be returning to HG on Sunday, June 12, 2:30–5:30 pm for its annual fundraiser, Queen's Tea. For details see page 35. Expect to see some of these entertainers again.



Photos by Anne Hummel-Gillis



Letters

Heather 'n Yon

We had a lovely Mother's Day brunch at the Rendezvous Restaurant. The food was plentiful and delicious from the scrambled eggs, French toast, bacon, sausage plus prime rib done to perfection. Then there was this amazing dessert table with blueberry cobbler, strawberry short cake and chocolate pie to die for!

The cost was not the unbelievable \$12.50 of many years ago nor the \$25 of the recent past. It was \$30. We are not complaining because with inflation, supply chain difficulties, and challenges to find, pay and keep good staff — it is no wonder the cost is more.

We want to praise Courtney, Cormac and all the staff for the obvious love and dedication they lavished on this event. The personal service we received was excellent. We even went home with a Mother's Day bouquet!

We also want the Heather Gardens community to know what a treasure we have in the amenity. It deserves all the support we can give.

Diane Dean and family
B232

Heather 'n Yon

The article by Bonnie Williams (from last month's issue of *Heather 'n Yon* newsmagazine) described walking the perimeter of Heather Gardens — it really touched me. I moved into HG about three years ago. I walk the Golf Course every day.

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 four letters per year, but not in consecutive months.

I have the same feelings when I walk. All my stress goes away as I look at the beauty that surrounds me. This spring was amazing. The different trees and bushes in bloom were so beautiful!

I see the fox at hole #1 a lot! I've also seen him in the cul-de-sac near my home. The deer at Cherry Creek State Park, coyotes, and bunnies galore! It's so amazing!

We live in a big city but have the country in our back yard. I feel a lot of gratitude here at HG! It's such a wonderful place to live!

Many of you know me because of my dog Max. I know your dogs too. See you next time on the golf cart path!

Colleen Patton
CP3

Heather 'n Yon

There are proposed amendments to the United States World Health Organization's (WHO) Treaty of 2007. These amendments impact the sovereignty of our healthcare system, which in turn affects us as a community at Heather Gardens (HG).

Here are just a few of the rights WHO will gain from these amendments:

- authority to declare health emergencies in the U.S., at any time, for any reason
- impose, monitor, and enforce lock downs
- make treatment mandates and enforce them

This information was not released until May 12, 2022. It is my understanding that they voted on



Above: On one of her daily walks, Colleen Patton, CP3, photographed the heron from the bridge over the Seville area pond.

these amendments May 22–28, 2022. Once passed, there is a six-month period of time for the U.S. to back out of the amendments.

Regardless of your political views, I think everyone needs to be informed citizens. For more information, there is a website: StopTheWHO.com. This website tells you how you can voice your opinion. There are other websites as well.

Vickie Hoffman
B206

Below: The Smithsonian Bell Ensemble returned to HG for a concert on May 6. It was rather novel to have them visit HG for a concert when it is not a winter holiday.



JUNE CALENDAR

Wed 1	HG Ladies' Golf Scoring (every Wednesday)	Game Room	8 am–1 pm
	Cribbage (every Wednesday)	Clubhouse Lobby	12:30–3 pm
	Rummikub (every Wednesday)	Library	1–3 pm
	HG ACBL Duplicate Bridge (every Wednesday)	Blue Spruce Room	1–4:45 pm
	Pinochle (every Wednesday)	Mountainview Room	1:30–4 pm
	Men's Poker_Reddy or Hill (every Wednesday)	Skyview Room	12:30–5 pm
CP1 Social		CP1 cul-de-sacs	4 pm
Thu 2	Tai Chi (every Thursday)	Tennis Courts	8–10 am
	TOPS (every Thursday)	Blue Spruce Room	9–10 am
	Fun Gals Golf (every Thursday)	Golf Course	8:45 am
	HG Optimist Club	Rendezvous Restaurant	9:30 am
	Time4Tap Dance Group (every Thursday)	Sandberg Auditorium	11 am–noon
	Bunko (1st and 3rd Thursday)	Blue Spruce Room	1–3:30 pm
	HG Writers Club (every Thursday)	Mountainview Room	1–4 pm
	Social Bridge (every Thursday, Joanne Turner)	Skyview Room	1–3:30 pm
	Ping Pong (every Thursday)	Game Room	2–3 pm
	CP4 Social	Rendezvous Restaurant	5–7 pm
	Kiwanis Club of Aurora Business Meeting	Skyview Room	6 pm
9-Ball Men's Billiards (every Thursday)	Billiards Room	7–9 pm	
Fri 3	Men with Purpose (1st and 3rd Friday)	Skyview Room	10–11 am
	Texas Hold 'em Poker_Reddy or Hill (every Friday)	Mountainview Room	12:30–5 pm
	Friday Bridge (every Friday)	Skyview Room	1 pm
	Social Bridge (every Friday, Joanne Turner)	Library	1–3:30 pm
	Muu Muu Hula Group (every Friday)	Arts & Crafts Room	1:30–2:30 pm
Clubhouse Event: Classes and Clubs Showcase			
Sat 4	B216 Picnic	Picnic Pavilion	10 am–2 pm
	Mexican Train Dominoes (every Saturday)	Arts & Crafts Room	noon–4 pm
	Social Bridge	Mountainview Room	1–4 pm
	Ping Pong (every Saturday)	Game Room	2–3 pm
	Karaoke Club	Aspen/Blue Spruce Rooms	3–5 pm
B213 Picnic	Picnic Pavilion	4–7 pm	
Sun 5	Tennis Club Breakfast	Picnic Pavilion	8:30–10:30 am
	B211 Meeting	Aspen Room	5–7:30 pm
Mon 6	VNA Senior Wellness Clinics	Blue Spruce Room	9 am–noon
	Spanish Club (every Monday)	Aspen Room	10 am–noon
	Men's Bridge (every Monday)	Skyview Room	10 am–3 pm
	Texas Hold 'em Poker_Reddy or Hill (1st Monday)	Aspen Room	12:30–5 pm
	Time4Tap Dance Novice Group (every Monday)	Sandberg Auditorium	1–2 pm

Advertised Activities and Seminars

Mon, June 6 Bayer Ear Clinic (every Monday, by appointment), Arts & Crafts Rm, 9 am–noon (see ad, p. 63)

Tue, June 21 Father's Day Tribute, Cherry Creek Retirement Ctr, 2–3:30 pm (see ad, p. 44)

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Mon 6 (cont'd)	HG Book Club (Urias) Social Bridge (every Monday, Joanne Turner) Mah Jongg (every Monday) Pinochle (every Monday)	Mountainview Room Library Blue Spruce Room Mountainview Room	1–3 pm 1–3:30 pm 1–4 pm 6–8 pm
Tue 7	Fun Gals Golf (every Tuesday) HG Book Club (Arce) Hand and Foot (every Tuesday) NoteAbles Mixed Chorus (every Tuesday) Mah Jongg (every Tuesday) Ping Pong (every Tuesday) Billiard Club Co-ed 8-Ball (every Tuesday)	Golf Course Rendezvous Restaurant Mountainview Room Skyview Room Blue Spruce Room Game Room Billiard Room	8 am 11:30 am 12:30–4 pm 1–3 pm 1–4 pm 2–3 pm 7 pm
Wed 8	Clubhouse Trip: Bally's Blackhawk Casino Clubhouse Event: Antique Appraisal Clubhouse Event: Ask a Pharmacist Clubhouse Event: Story of Salt Aviation Club	B243/B244 Parking Lots Lodgepole Lounge Aspen Room Sandberg Auditorium Aspen Room	7:45 am–3 pm 10 am–2 pm 11 am–noon 2 pm 7 pm
Thu 9	Clubhouse Event: Mobile Food Market Clubhouse Event: Antique Appraisal Green Team RV Lot Club Men's Poker (Jess Deal; 2nd and 4th Thursday)	B243–B244 Parking Lots Lodgepole Lounge Blue Spruce Room Aspen Room Game Room	10 am 10 am–2 pm noon–2 pm 5–6 pm 5:30–9:30 pm
Fri 10	Birding and Nature Club HG Indivisible Clubhouse Movie Matinee: The Lost City Clubhouse Movie: The Lost City	Lodgepole Lounge Rendezvous Restaurant Sandberg Auditorium Sandberg Auditorium	10 am–12:30 pm 1 pm 1 pm 6 pm
Sat 11	The Breakfast Club	Rendezvous Restaurant	8:30 am
Mon 13	Bridge (second Monday) Texas Hold 'em Poker_Reddy or Hill (2nd–4th Monday)	Aspen Room Mountainview Room	noon–4 pm 12:30–5 pm
Tue 14	Clubhouse Event: Steady CBD Seminar B201 and B202 Monthly Social	Aspen/Blue Spruce Room Rendezvous Restaurant	9–11 am 4:30 pm
Wed 15	CP1 Social Square Dancing Club Clubhouse Event: Humana	CP1 cul-de-sacs Sandberg Auditorium Aspen Room	4 pm 7–9 pm 1–3 pm
Thu 16	Clubhouse Event: Island Sights and Sounds Bunko HG Optimist Club Tennis Club Kiwanis Club of Aurora – Guest Speaker Spring Frolics Show: "A Step in Time"	Sandberg Auditorium Blue Spruce Room Arts & Crafts Room Rendezvous Restaurant Skyview Room Sandberg Auditorium	1–2:45 pm 1–3:30 pm 3:30–5 pm 5 pm 6 pm 7 pm
Fri 17	Men with Purpose (1st and 3rd Friday) Clubhouse Event: Bingo Spring Frolics Show: "A Step in Time"	Skyview Room Sandberg Auditorium Sandberg Auditorium	10 am 1–3 pm 7 pm
Sat 18	B222 BBQ	Picnic Pavilion	11 am–3 pm

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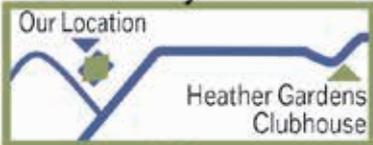
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Sun 19	Spring Frolics Show: "A Step in Time"	Sandberg Auditorium	2 pm
Mon 20	VNA Senior Wellness Clinics (1st and 3rd Monday)	Blue Spruce Room	9 am–noon
	HG Photo Club	Aspen Room	3 pm
	Game Night (McClaury)	Aspen Room	5:30–7:30 pm
Tue 21	Republican Club	Sandberg Auditorium	1–2:30 pm
	Caregiver's Support Group	Aspen Room	2–4 pm
Wed 22	Clubhouse Event: Spruce Health Group	Aspen Room	10 am–1 pm
Thu 23	Clubhouse Event: Watch Batteries replaced	Sunburst Café	9 am–11 am
	Men's Poker (Jess Deal)	Game Room	5:30–9:30 pm
Fri 24	HG Indivisible	Rendezvous Restaurant	1 pm
	Clubhouse Movie Matinee: Blacklight	Sandberg Auditorium	1 pm
	Clubhouse Movie: Blacklight	Sandberg Auditorium	6 pm
Sat 25	Clubhouse Event: Sock Hop	Sandberg Auditorium	7:30–9:30 pm
Sun 26	Sunday Bunko	Skyview Room	1–4 pm
Mon 27	Seville Recreation Association Board	Seville Building	1 pm
	Low Vision Support Group	Aspen Room	1:30–3 pm
	Garden Club Advisory Group	Aspen/Blue Spruce Rooms	6 pm
Tue 28	Democratic Club	Aspen Room	4–5:30 pm
	Tuesday Bridge	Blue Spruce Room	4:45 pm
Wed 29	Resident Orientation	Board Room; Zoom	10 am
Thu 30	Clubhouse Trip: Pikes Peak Cog Railroad	B243/B244 Parking Lots	7:30 am

Heather 'n Yon Deadline - 6/17

Bible Study (Interdenominational) on every Wednesday, 9–10 am, Blue Spruce Room (women); Aspen Room (men).

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Six Stone Jars Catholic Bible Study. For information, call Eric Cline, 720-839-4289, or email clinecellars57@yahoo.com.

HG Women's Bible Study meets the first Thursday, Mountainview Room, 10–11:30 am. On the other Thursdays, join us on Zoom, 9:30 am–11 am. Contact Carolyn Morris, 303-885-7807, or motoringmorris@gmail.com to join.

Catholic Mass St Michael's Catholic Mass is held weekly at 1 pm Saturday, Sandberg Auditorium.

Chapel (Interdenominational Church Service) 11 am Sunday, Sandberg Auditorium. Pastor Bill Cheyne. We will continue the service on ZOOM for those who are unable to attend in person. Email Carolyn Morris for the link, motoringmorris@gmail.com.

• **Sunday Bible Study:** 10 am, Mountainview Room. Leader: Pastor Bill Cheyne.

• **Coffee Time:** 3rd Sunday, prior to Chapel Service

• Monthly Meetings •

Boards and Committees

Listed meetings will be in the Board Room unless Zoom is noted. In some cases, both in-person meetings and Zoom are available.

- Personnel Policy (Zoom) – 10 am Fri, June 3
- SEC (Zoom) – 1 pm Mon, June 6
- CECC (Zoom) – 10 am Tue, June 7
- ~~Foundation (Zoom) – 1 pm Wed, June 8~~ Canceled
- Insurance Subcom (both) – 11 am Thu, June 9
- Civic Affairs (Zoom) – 2 pm Fri, June 10
- Clubhouse/Restaurant (Zoom) – 3 pm Mon, June 13
- Golf (Zoom) – 1 pm Tue, June 14 (TBD)
- Resident Open Forum (Zoom) – 3 pm Wed, June 15
- ACC (Zoom) – 10 am Thu, June 16
- Budget & Finance (Zoom) – 10 am Mon, June 20
- HGA Board (Zoom) – 1 pm Tue, June 21**
- Resident Orientation (Zoom) – 10 am Wed, June 22
- HGMD Board (Zoom) – 1 pm Thu, June 23**
- Maintenance (Zoom) – 10 am Fri, June 28

FYI

VNA Senior Wellness Clinics

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See facing page

New books in HG libraries

I'm submitting this copy to *Heather 'n Yon* regarding several books I have donated to the Clubhouse library or the Golf library. Several are large print books. All were favorites of mine.

• *The Bully Pulpit* by Doris Kearns Goodwin (2013). Goodwin is one of our leading historical writers. This is a voluminous book on the entire life of Teddy Roosevelt, and also, William Howard Taft, and the Golden Age of Journalism.

• *I'd Love to Kiss You*, by Whitney Stine (1990). Biography of Betty Davis. Stine spent lots and lots of hours not really interviewing Ms. Davis, but rather, conversing with her. Good to get such an inside view of her career. It is as much autobiography as biography.

• *Steve Jobs*, by Walter Isaacson (2011). This book demonstrates that the main thing is to have a good idea and stick with it. If you haven't read anything else by this author I suggest you read *Leonardo*, on Leonardo Da Vinci, or *The Codebreakers*, which explores the development of genetic engineering. Isaacson is a tremendous writer and does excellent research for his books.

• *Enchantment*, by Donald Spoto (2006). A very enjoyable read about Audrey Hepburn, a true movie star.

Includes her remarkable upbringing in Holland, through WW2, and her acting career. She had guts.

• *Tough Without a Gun*, by Stefan Kanfer (2011). A biography of Humphrey Bogart. Among other things, you'll learn he was not the model for the Gerber baby food label. There is good discussion of directors.

• *I Loved Her in the Movies*, by Robert J. Wagner (2016). The actor, Robert Wagner, recounts many actresses he met, worked with, and heard about during his decades in Hollywood. Some of his subjects began in the silent era. The book ends with Florence Henderson, Glenn Close and Meryl Streep. Almost everyone in between is covered. There's a lot of discussion of studio methods and politics.

Donated to the Golf Pro Shop Library:

• *The Mysterious Montague*, by Leigh Montville (2008). Even if you can't recall the name, you've probably read about a guy challenging Bing Crosby to a golf match. The guy would only use a baseball bat, a shovel, and a rake. Crosby was a scratch, or very near scratch golfer. Montague won the first hole so convincingly that Crosby threw in the towel and paid off. Montague also had a habit, when he saw Oliver Hardy at

the bar, of picking him up one-handed, and setting him on the bar. This is a very interesting book. If you want another in this vein, read *The Man Who Would Bet on Anything*, which is about Titanic Thompson.

• *A Golf Story*, by Charles Price (1986). The real story on Bobby Jones, the development of Augusta National golf course and club, and the Masters. Price spent years working with Bobby Jones and knew all the details. This is the loveliest book ever in the whole field of golf writing.

• *Fairways and Greens*, by Dan Jenkins (1994). Various tremendous stories by one of the best golf writers ever.

• *American Triumverate*, by James Dodson (2012). It is essentially a triple biography of Byron Nelson, Ben Hogan and Sam Snead. They were tied together because they were all born in 1912. This book is all meat — no filler. You may have a hard time concluding who was better.

• *Joyce Wethered: The Great Lady of Golf*, by Basil Ashton Tinkler (2004). Bobby Jones said she was the "best golfer in the world." She entered 12 national championships, and won 9 of them.

– William MacDonald
B241

to "VNA." The clinic has no change.

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- Monday, June 6, 9 am–noon, Blue Spruce Rm
- Monday, June 20, 9 am–noon, Blue Spruce Rm

Ms. Colorado Senior America Pageant

Annual Queen's Tea to be hosted on June 12, 2:30–5:30 pm, in HG Sandberg Auditorium. You will enjoy tea from a matching cup and saucer that you can take home. Finger sandwiches, canapés, appetizers and desserts will complement the tea. Entertainment provided by Queens, Cameo members and The 3 Divas. There will be silent and live auctions. Learn more about the pageant and how to become a contestant at ColoSrAmerica.com.

Tickets for the Queen's Tea cost \$35 for VIP seating, or \$25 for general seating. For information and to purchase tickets, contact Marcia, marcily888@gmail.com, or 720-345-1416.

The Ms. Colorado Senior America Pageant club members are spirited volunteers who have reached the

"age of elegance." — 60 or more — and thrive in the metro Denver region. They bring encouragement and lively entertainment to venues (nursing homes, assisted living facilities, senior centers). See photos of a recent performance at HG on page 30.

– Rene Green, Ms. Colorado Senior America Pageant administrator

New Area Code for Metro Denver

The new 983 area code will be coming to the Denver area as soon as June, according to Colorado Public Utilities (PUC) Commission.

The 303 and 720 area codes are expected to run out this summer. There will be no changes in those existing phone numbers using these area codes. The 983 area code will be assigned to new phone numbers.

The PUC expects the new area code to last 25 years. Area code 303 was established as Colorado's area code in 1947. The Numbering Plan Area in 1988 created

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Clubs and Organizations

CP1

CP1 has resumed its outdoor happy hours. On the first and third Wednesdays of each month, come outdoors (weather permitting), and find your neighbors on the driveways of Cul-de-sacs 2 and 5, about 4 pm.

Bring your own drinks, and enjoy an hour of visiting and getting to know your neighbors even a little better. Feel free to move between the two groups and spend time with all.

The CP1 Ladies Luncheon will be Friday, June 3, Applebee's Restaurant, 14091 E. Iliff. Details TBA. – Tammi, 303-618-5345; Carolyn, 720-290-9908.

TOPS

TOPS Chapter 0366 in HG recently celebrated 45 years of providing members with information and support when making healthy eating choices. TOPS is an International diet club. We have many success stories to share. Visit us during one of our meetings to see what we are about. Guests are always welcome. Real People. Real Weight Loss.

TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) meets 9–10 am every Thursday, in the Blue Spruce Room. With a sense of teamwork, we encourage each other to eat healthy, lose the unwanted pounds and have fun along the way. Men and women are welcome. For information, contact Bernie Radakovits, 720-397-1388.

Optimist Club

Join us at 9:30 am on the first Thursday of each month, as we re-ignite our breakfast meetings at Rendezvous. Current, prior, and new, potential members are welcome.

We will also host a social meeting, to include games, work projects, music, and more, 3:30–5 pm, on the third Thursday of each month, Arts & Crafts Room. This meeting is open to everyone.

Our mission is to make our community better with many fun and worthwhile projects for this upcoming year. Contact Darlene Park, 303-798-5088 (home), or 303-570-2430 (cell) with questions.

HG Writers Club

Whether you're just beginning to

put pen to paper, or you are a published author, you are welcome to join our fun and informative group. We meet every Thursday, 1–4 pm, either at the Clubhouse or virtually, depending upon the situation. New members are always welcome. For information contact Barbara Crewell, 651-485-3608

CP4

We have our monthly get-together at Rendezvous at 5 pm on the first Thursday of each month. Call Beverly Nelson if you plan to attend.

Kiwanis Club of Aurora

Kiwanis meets on the first Thursday, 6 pm, for a business meeting, and on the third Thursday, 6 pm, with a guest speaker, both in the Skyview Room. If interested in participating, contact the club at jwmkiwanis@gmail.com – James Martin, President

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 information, contact Gene Dawson, 720-535-9672.

Karaoke Club

The club meets on the first Saturday of each month, 3–5 pm, in the Aspen/Blue Spruce Rooms. BYOB and snacks. We have a huge inventory of great songs from which to choose and sing. Sing solo or with a group. For information, call Paul Spoutz, 303-564-1877.

HG Book Club

We meet on the first Monday of each month at 10:30 am, in the Mountainview Room to discuss the chosen book of the month. In June, however, we will meet in the Rendezvous Restaurant on Tuesday, June 7, 11:30 am. Bring suggestions for a new list of books to be voted on.

There also is a 1 pm session of HG Book Club. Call Janet Arce, 720-774-3368, for the 10:30 am group; or Joanne Urias, 251-518-5781, for the 1 pm group.

The NoteAbles Mixed Chorus

All you need to join NoteAbles is a desire, and a willingness to learn new songs. We practice weekly on Tuesdays, 1–3 pm in the Skyview Room. You are welcome to come in and listen.

Our director is a fantastic pianist on her electric keyboard. Basically, we run on donations and monthly dues. If you have more questions, call Tomas Kappel, 720-377-5756, or Valery Van Matre, 303-881-4666. – Valery Van Matre, Secretary

CP2

Happy Hour is the first Tuesday of the middle month of each quarter, which will be Aug. 2 and Nov. 1, in 2022. BYOB and an hors d'oeuvre to share. Future locations and frequency TBD by the residents. – Jake Flint

Aviation Club

In June, the club will meet on the second Wednesday of the month, June 8, 7 pm in the Aspen Room. The program features a famous Naval aviator, Ward Carroll, who flew the back seat in the F-14 Tomcat.



The RIO (Radar Intercept Officer) was part co-pilot, and part weapons systems officer, who assisted the pilot in firing missiles and navigating — a tough job for sure. This farewell to the F-14 will lift your spirits and break your heart. – Rudy Morris

The Green Team

The Green Team meets monthly noon–2 pm on the second Thursday in the Blue Spruce Room. All are welcome. We look forward to seeing you.

If you have questions about recycling, are curious about the PPP program for dogs, or are interested in joining our team, come to our booth at the Clubhouse Showcase on Friday, June 3, in the Sandberg Audi-

torium. For information, call Wendy, 303-306-0066. – Wendy Pfaffhausen

RV Lot Club

Our club is open to all who RV, not just those who rent space in the HG RV lot. At our meetings, we share information and experience about RV-ing. We lobby to improve conditions in the RV storage lot. We also anticipate having social, travel and camping activities.

The club meets the second Thursday of each month, 5–6 pm, in the Aspen Room. For additional information, please contact Forrest McClure, 720-979-4707, or Paul Spoutz, 303-564-1877. Happy trails and safe travels!

Frolics Club

The Frolics Club Show “A Step in Time” had to take a little step backward, and was rescheduled, due to many of the cast and crew being ill. The new dates are: Thursday, June 16, 7 pm; Friday, June 17, 7 pm; and Sunday, June 19, 2 pm. All tickets are \$10 each.

The dinner show and the Saturday show had to be totally canceled. Sandberg Auditorium will be opened 45 minutes before the show for people with handicaps to enter. All other audience members can find a seat 30 minutes before the show.

Refunds and ticket exchanges, or new ticket purchases, are in progress in the Clubhouse Lobby, 9 am–noon, Mondays–Thursdays. Please consult the bulletin board for more information on other possible times for the transactions.

Purchases for the dinner show will be totally refunded the full \$28. Patrons can then re-purchase a “show-only” ticket for \$10, if they choose. Questions about special situations? Call Jerry Brewster, 303-317-4010.

Birding and Nature Club

The club meets at 10 am on the second Friday of each month in the Lodgepole Lounge. Outings will be planned that incorporate, not only bird watching, but also activities for those interested in geocaching, jogging, hiking, and biking. Look for HG Birding and Nature Club on NextDoor groups.

If you are interested in any of these hobbies/activities, please contact Karen Gold, ksb5x5@hotmail.com.

[com](mailto:ksb5x5@hotmail.com) or 712-301-2284. We will add you to the email group, so you can join us on outings.

The Breakfast Club (TBC)

TBC is for singles 50 plus. It meets at 8:30 am at the Rendezvous Restaurant, on the second Saturday, for breakfast. Call 303-794-3332 to make your reservation. Cost is \$19. This is just the tip of the iceberg. TBC has grown in the past 20 years. It is not only larger, but has three other chapters along the Front Range. We have ongoing activities, such as bowling, the Birthday Bash, eating at a new restaurant, and Happy Hour.

Each month, there are also different activities planned, such as museums, sports events, plays, concerts, and day trips, to name a few. Come see! – Suzanne Harnes

B201 and B202

B201 and B202 meet at 4:30 pm on the second Tuesday, in Rendezvous. For more information, please call Nancy Grossman, 714-470-5660.

HG Indivisible

The HG Indivisible group will meet on the second and fourth Friday of June for lunch at 1 pm at Rendezvous to discuss issues, books, and ideas. You don't have to be a resident of HG, and you don't have to order lunch.

The group is an informal network of citizens concerned about the increasing role of anonymous big-money groups infusing elections with dark money and disinformation. We are concerned about the interlocking catastrophes of a rigged democracy, global pandemic, unimaginable and growing wealth inequality, racial injustice, and the escalating impacts of the climate crisis.

Join us if you share our concerns or are just curious about how we can preserve our Democracy. We are all-inclusive, and there is never a fee or any other obligation to participate.– Linda Champ, 720-252-7324, lindachamp91@gmail.com

Wine & Cheese Social Club

We meet on the third Saturday of every month, 3–5 pm, Aspen/Blue Spruce Room. Bring a beverage and snack to share. Entertainment is provided. For more information, Debbie Brooks, 303-923-3809.

Photo Club

Calling all photographers of all levels: we meet the third Monday of every month at 3 pm in the Aspen Room. We share photographs, ideas and constructive criticisms. – anne@hummelgillis898.com, 303-751-3030.

Caregivers Support Group

The group meets on the third Tuesday of the month, 2–4 pm, Aspen Room. All caregivers are welcome. For information, call Nancy Fuhr, 303-337-4890.

HG Republican Club

Please remember to vote in the primary on June 28. Look for our ad in *Heather 'n Yon* for HG Republican Club recommendations. Note: Change in date for the General Meeting (June meeting only) — Tuesday, June 21. A speaker will discuss Colorado voting information, 1–2:30 pm, in Sandberg Auditorium.

Zoom is also available. Please email: hgrclub@gmail.com for more information and the link.

RSVP by phone or email to let us know if you can attend. See below.

Join our growing group of excited, hopeful yet very concerned Americans who are working in Colorado to bring about change! We are looking for motivated HG seniors who are determined to be silent no more. Remember, we don't quit! We don't give up! We keep on moving forward towards the goal of restoring common sense here in our state and nation.

You can join for only \$15/year (cash or check). This allows us to have funds to support our candidates and our 2022 goals.

If you want to attend and are not a member, we welcome you to join us! A \$5 donation is appreciated, but not required, which helps cover advertising costs. For more information on payment of dues, membership or to send payment, send email to hgrclub@gmail.com or call 720-500-4047 and leave a message. We will respond as soon as we can. – Janet Yoder

SRA

The Seville Recreational Association meets the fourth Monday of every month in a different Seville building. For time and location, contact your AR or Seville building representative.

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Sports and Recreation

HG Bowling

The battle for the top team came down to a climactic one-game tie-breaker bowl-off. And the winners are:

Team Championship

- 1st Fireflies (Flo Madonna, Sharon Weiss, George Madonna)
- 2nd Les Miserabowls (Mary Jo Prichard, Rick Riggs, Glenn Riggs)

Scratch Series (Men then Women)

- 1st Maury Smith, 670
- 2nd Jim Wessels, 567
- 1st Flo Madonna, 538
- 2nd Sue McBeth, 495

Scratch Game (Men then Women)

- 1st (tie) George Madonna, Glenn Riggs, 234
- 1st Brenda Turner, 196
- 2nd Peggy Lux, 178

Handicap Series (Men then Women)

- 1st Rick Riggs, 737
- 2nd (tie) Wayne Berly, Cliff Creswell, 694
- 1st Sharon Weiss, 696
- 2nd Marlene Galasso, 680

Handicap Game (Men then Women)

- 1st Rich Galasso, 260
- 2nd Dean Lux, 251
- 1st (tie) Carol Strickland, Lee Borland, 253

Most Improved (Men then Women)

- John Patterson, 11.81 pins
- Mary Jo Prichard, 10.77 pins

High Average (Men then Women)

- George Madonna, 182
- Flo Madonna, 153

Team Scratch Series

- 1st Fireflies (Flo Madonna, Sharon Weiss, George Madonna)
- 2nd High Rollers (Peggy Lux, Dean Lux, John Patterson)

Team Handicap Series

- 1st Late Arrivals (Sue McBeth, Bob Fuicelli, Maury Smith, Ann Agee)
- 2nd 3 Amigos (Rich Galasso, Marlene Galasso, Wayne Berly)

Team Scratch Game

- 1st Les Miserabowls (Mary Jo Prichard, Rick Riggs, Glenn Riggs)
- 2nd Two Birds and a Duck (Pat Bilbia, Brenda Turner, Cliff Creswell)

Team Handicap Game

- 1st Bow Wows (Colleen Kreft, Jim Wessels, Dick Apt)
 - 2nd Easy Rollers (Carol Strickland, John Manske, Lee Borland)
- And, finally, congrats to the winners of the **9-Pin/No Tap/Fun Bowl**:
- Game 1 Dean Lux (317) and Lee Borland (246)
 - Game 2 John Patterson (334) and Brenda Turner (258)
 - Game 3 Rich Galasso (281) and Sharon Weiss (290)

We hope to expand our league next season. Hope you will make plans to join us. Our season begins in the autumn, with a kickoff meeting tentatively set for Thursday, Sept. 1. We bowl Thursday mornings at Arapahoe Lanes.

Watch this post, as we get closer, for additional details, or contact Glenn Riggs, gvriggs@yahoo.com, if you would like to be added to our email-contact list for next season.

– Glenn Riggs

Ladies Golf Club

As of May 4, the first day of 2022 league play dawned, but Mother Nature intervened with cold weather, and put the brakes on the start of the season. On May 11, everyone was ready, anxious to get the season underway. With 46 members playing, Gwen Alexander started her season off with a birdie on hole #8.

The first tee times in June–August are 6:36 am. Remember the new scoring system implemented this year. (See last month's issue of *Heather 'n Yon* for details.)

On Monday, June 13, the HG Men and Ladies Golf Clubs will have their annual Mixer Tournament.

All women who are interested in league play are invited to join HGLGC, regardless of skill level. Detailed information and membership applications are available at the HG Pro Shop or the website, www.heathergardensladiesgolfclub.com. Check the bulletin board for club news outside the Pro Shop.

The next HGLGC Board Meeting will be at 1 pm Wednesday, June 29, in the Board Room. All members are welcome.

Golf Trivia: The earliest instructions for playing the game of golf

were written by Thomas Kincaid, a medical student at the University of Edinburgh, on Jan. 20, 1687. He's also the first to come up with the "handicap" system as a way to measure a golfer's ability to play the game. The first surviving rules of the game of golf were written in the year 1744 by a group of golfers who called themselves "The Honourable Company of Edinburgh Golfers."

Tournament Results May 20

Flight A

- 1st JoAnn Fitch, Glenda Pitts
- 3rd Susan Brennan
- 4th Charlane Pluchek

Flight B

- 1st Judy Nelson
- 2nd Dee Moore, Linda Savage
- 4th Flo Madonna, Bonnie McMullen

Flight C

- 1st Lucy Adler
- 2nd Gina Studer
- 3rd Bonnie Soman
- 4th Cecily Kittleson, Sue Robertson

Flight D

- 1st Adele Grasse, Lisa Matthews
 - 3rd Suzi Stolte
 - 4th Susan Craig, Maureen McBride
- Suzi Stolte, Publicity Chair

Afternoon Cribbage

Afternoon Cribbage meets 12:30–3 pm Wednesdays, in the Clubhouse Lobby, near the fireplace. Information: Dean Lux, 303-353-4267.

Rummikub

Rummikub is a rummy-like card game played making runs. This new club meets 1–3 pm Wednesdays, in the Library. We play in groups of 4–6. Stop by, or call Joanne, 719-641-3644. If you can't make Wednesdays — call. We might set up other days and times. — Joanne Turner

HG ACBL Duplicate Bridge

We play at 1 pm every Wednesday, in the Blue Spruce Room. Pre-registration is required, by email, to merrilyv@sonic.net, or call me, 720-282-3199. For partnership information, call Linda Harder, 303-369-2032. — Merrily VanZevern, Director

Pinocle

We play for fun and friendship. We start 1:30–4 pm, every Wednesday in the Mountainview Room. Please join us if you'd like to play, learn, or just sharpen your skills. Call

Diane, 707-799-6449 or 6446. We look forward to seeing you.

Square Dance

Heather Twirlers would like to invite all square dancers to join us every first and third Wednesday, 7-9 pm. The cost is \$7. No session on June 1, as we don't have a caller.

If you are an experienced dancer, a newer dancer or feel a little rusty in your dancing, this group provides an excellent time to experience the joy of dancing and improve your skills while meeting with new and old friends. You will meet other dancers, have a lot of fun, and get some exercise. Any questions, call Beverly Nelson, 303-750-6632.

Tai Chi

The tai chi club practices on the tennis courts Thursday mornings. Although tai chi was originally developed for self-defense, it has evolved into a slow form of exercise used for stress reduction and improved posture, flexibility, and balance.

Tai chi consists of deliberate, flowing movements, which are grouped into forms. It has been described as "meditation in motion."

Because we meet outside, the start time is weather dependent. New? Interested? For more information about the club or to sign up, contact Dean Uyeno, dean.uyeno@live.com, before attending.

Bunko

Bunko meets the first and third Thursdays of each month, 1-3:30 pm. We gather in the Blue Spruce Room at 12:45 pm, and start play at 1 pm. For information: Carli Williams, carliwilliams@hotmail.com, 303-518-7337.

Men's Golf League

Season play began May 13. The following are results for some pre-season play, April-May.

Round 1

Flight E

1st John Guise, Phil Haas,
Bob Bell

2nd Paul Spoutz
3rd Mike Connolly

Flight D

1st Steve Smith, Tim Bessey
2nd Ted Cowan, John McMullen
3rd Cliff Cresswell

Flight C

1st Bob McElfresh, Mark Ruhl
2nd Richard Tomasic,

Hal Robertson
3rd T. Smith, T. Merges, T. Kappel,
G. Kessler

Flight B

1st Mark Blagen
2nd Charles Marlow, Ed Bradley,
Brian Bucenec

3rd Jess Deal

Flight A

1st Chris Hughes
2nd Bill Schmit, Dave Oakland
3rd C. Williams, J. Bender,
B. Bengen, M. Parks,
V. Thompson

Round 2

Flight E

1st Joe Robinson
2nd Bob Streno, Neil Miller
3rd Mike Corcoran
4th Mike Pula

Flight D

1st Joe Rook, Tim Bessey
2nd Cliff Cresswell
3rd John McMullen

Flight C

1st Jim Pardikes
2nd Mark Ruhl, Mark Ethridge
3rd Vinny Rozanskas

Flight B

1st Eric Neel
2nd John Good
3rd Charles Marlow, Frank Leydens,
Brian Bucenec

Flight A

1st Dave Oakland
2nd Eli Henrie
3rd Chris Hughes, Steve Gilbert
4th Bob Bengen

Round 3

Flight E

1st Paul Spoutz
2nd Mike Corcoran
3rd Mike Pula
4th Blair Kittleson, Bob Bell

Flight D

1st Tim Bessey
2nd Dave Walstrom
3rd Al Reasoner
4th Henry Ulibarri

Flight C

1st Jim Pardikes
2nd Mike Benowitz
3rd Hal Robertson, Tom Merges,
Mark Ethridge

Flight B

1st Rob Ledford, Tom Fitzgerald,
Mike Steffens
2nd Wally Armistead
3rd Mike Meagher

Flight A

1st Eli Henrie
2nd Dave Bushman, Jake Flint

3rd Merle Parks

May 6 (Round 4)

Flight E

1st Mike Connolly
2nd Blair Kittleson, Joe Cristofaro
3rd Bob Streno

Flight D

1st John McMullen
2nd Cliff Cresswell
3rd Dave Westfall, Tim Bessey,
Joe Robinson

Flight C

1st Jim Jensen, Jess Deal,
Tom Smith
2nd Nick Streno
3rd Larry Domer

Flight B

1st John Good
2nd Dave Bushman
3rd Jerry Joy, Frank Leydens,
Eric Neel

Flight A

1st Gary Ukele
2nd Dave Oakland
3rd Bob Bengen, John Bender
4th Chris Hughes, Jake Flint,
Tom Parko, Dick Baker

Tournament May 13 (Round 5)

Flight E

1st Bob Bell
2nd Tom Jackson
3rd Mike Connolly, Richard Apt,
Kevin Klink

Flight D

1st Steve Smith
2nd Cal Green
3rd John McMullen
4th Henry Ulibarri, Al Reasoner,
Ted Cowan, Joe Rook.

Flight C

1st Larry Domer
2nd Matt Dunne, Tom Kappel
3rd Robbie Robertson
4th Gary Kessler, Nick Streno

Flight B

1st Mark Blagen
2nd Frank Leydens, John Good,
Jim Stebbins
3rd Mike Meagher, Jim Pardikes.

Flight A

1st Dave Oakland
2nd Steve Gilbert, John Bender,
Bill Schmit
3rd Eli Henrie, Bob Bengen

Muu-Muu Hula Group

Have fun, and get some good, gentle exercise, no matter your skill or experience level. Beginners encouraged! Join us at 1:30-2:30 pm Fridays, Arts & Crafts Room. Wear comfortable clothing — grass skirt

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not needed. Bare feet encouraged. Questions? Call Cindy Crockett, 303-690-7702.

Mexican Train Dominoes

We play noon–4 pm every Saturday, Arts & Crafts Room. Games start at noon and at 2 pm. – Bernadette (Bee) Hass, 303-923-3877.

Tennis Club

Are you considering getting back on the court after being away from tennis for awhile? Join us Sunday, June 5, for a free continental breakfast at the Picnic Pavilion, 8:30–10:30 am. You will have an opportunity to practice on the ball machine while our coaches offer pointers. Invite friends from outside HG: all are welcome. If you decide to become a member, the annual fee is just \$10 for residents or \$15 for nonresidents.

The club's social meeting is the third Thursday at 5 pm in Rendezvous. Call Wendy, 303-587-9797, for information. – W. Pfaffhausen

Men's Bridge

This group meets every Monday, 10 am–3 pm, in the Skyview Room. Questions: Maris Kuga, 720-748-0590.

Monday Mixer – Golf

Are you a competitive, recreational, lapsed or new golfer? If you answered yes, did you know HG has a Monday Mixer golf event, playing now through autumn?

This is a welcoming environment for a golfer of any proficiency level — playing a four-person scramble. Teams mix golfers of varying skills. Check at the Pro Shop for additional details. – Greg Kohr

Social Bridge

Open casual bridge is expanding to Mondays and Fridays, 1–3:30 pm, in the Library, while continuing on Thursdays, 1–3:30 pm, in the Skyview Room. No reservations or partner needed, but please call before you come the first time. If there is sufficient interest, we can stratify by skill level. – Joanne Turner, 719-641-3644

Time4Tap Dance Group

If you've ever wanted to learn how to tap dance, or you'd like to renew your tap skills, Time4Tap Group (Beginning) is for you. We meet on Mondays, 1 pm, Sandberg Auditorium. Call or text Julie Whalen, 303-550-5985; email jwhalen97@comcast.net. Or just drop in on a Monday. If you are a seasoned tap dancer, you might want to join Time4Tap Dance Group (Intermediate/Advanced) on Thursdays, 11 am, Sandberg Auditorium. Make Time4Tap!

Monday Mah Jongg

We meet 1–4 pm every Monday, Blue Spruce Room. If that room is not available, ask at the Reception Desk for our location. We play for a maximum of \$3. Bring your coins.

All players are welcome, but you must have the latest Mah Jongg League card. If you are just curious about the game, feel free to drop by to observe. For information: Bobbie Klapp, 720-708-6738.

Men's Poker and Texas Hold 'em

On Mondays, we play Texas Hold 'em (12:30–5 pm) in the Mountainview Room, except on the first Monday of the month, when we play in the Aspen Room. On Wednesdays, we play Men's Poker (12:30–5 pm) in the Skyview Room. On Fridays, we play Texas Hold 'em (12:30–5 pm) in the Mountainview Room.

Our Texas Hold 'em games are open to women. Our men-only poker games are a variety of dealer's choice games. For information please call Paul Reddy, 303-750-0442, or Larry Hill, 720-272-7765.

Evening Pinochle

Evening Pinochle meets 6–8 pm Mondays, Mountainview Room. Ann Gagliardi, 303-332-2163.

Fun Gals Golf

This group @ HG runs through October, weather permitting. It is not a league, so has no dues, no pressure, no handicaps, and no judgments — just golfing for a good time with other casual golfers.

You must call the Pro Shop, and sign up for the days and times you wish to play. Call 303-751-2390; when the message starts — press 1; when they answer, specify you would like to play Fun Gals Golf, and make your reservations. There is no way to sign up online.

Game Days: This year, we are adding games or challenges to make golfing even more enjoyable. Game Days are on the second and fourth Thursdays of each month, June 9 and June 23. Game Day participation is optional. Everyone playing on these days (participating or not) will meet at the Pro Shop by 8:45 am to get organized for that day's game/challenge. Participants pay \$1 to take part in that day's game or challenge, and for a chance to win cash and/or prizes. Rest assured that these games will not require keeping full-round individual scores.

We will go to Rendezvous after playing to distribute winnings and socialize, maybe enjoy a drink or lunch. We might expand this to every Thursday, and a Tuesday here and there, if Game Days are popular.

Fun Gals tee times are at 8, 8:12 and 8:24 am on Tuesdays and 9, 9:12 and 9:24 am on Thursdays, to accommodate meeting at Rendezvous after a round on Game Days. If you have any questions, please contact Linda Hileman, Ishileman1958@gmail.com or text, 303-514-5379.

Ping Pong

Fun and great exercise. Join us in playing doubles, 2 pm Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays in the Game Room. You can also play by contacting the Reception Desk in the Clubhouse. Questions, call Bob Schlageter, 303-751-2205.

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Low Vision Support

The Low Vision Support Group will meet on the fourth Monday of the month, 1:30–3 pm, Aspen Room. Questions, call Marsha Bengen, 720-535-5224.

HG Democratic Club

The HG Democratic Club meets the 4th Tuesday of each month at 4–5:30 pm in the Aspen Room. As Democrats, we believe in the Constitution, the rule of law, good government, and liberty and equality for all.

Our guest speakers for June 28 will be Rep. Iman Jodeh, House District 41, and Sen. Janet Buckner, Senate District 28. They will report on the accomplishments of the 2022 legislative session. Don't forget to vote in the June 28 primary and join us for a lively discussion. Our democracy is at a crisis point. Come learn what you can do about it and for it. This is not a spectator sport! – Marty Karnopp, Chair, mjkarnopp@gmail.com, 303-353-9640.

HG Garden Club

The HG garden plots have come alive with activity in the past month. Gardeners began planting vegetables, herbs, and flowers in their plots. Many plot residents volunteered to help distribute new woodchips on the pathways and tidy the surroundings to be ready for the season.

To prepare for one of the principle challenges to gardeners in advance, the May meeting addressed dealing with Japanese beetles and other insects.

There is something about roses and beans that calls to the Japanese beetles, which have been overwintering in the soil and are ready to see the sun, eating these plants in July and August. Gardeners have tried everything to counter their attack. The most successful process is to personally stand by and hand pick each one off the roses or beans, and then drop it in a bucket of soapy water to drown. Since this is a never-ending two-month war, and they fly to the plants in droves, researchers are still looking for other methods.

Beyond this challenge — high heat and hail will hinder gardening success in the summer months.

The next educational meeting of

the Garden Club will take place at 6 pm Monday, June 27, in the Aspen/Blue Spruce Rooms. All who are interested in the topic of how to protect plants from summer heat and hail are invited to join in the conversation. Bring your experience and suggestions. Membership in the Garden Club is not required to attend these educational meetings.

Gardeners who are interested in joining the Club's email notification list may contact Nancy@nancylin-senbigler.com. – Gwen Alexander

OPOCS Singles Club

Pinocle and bridge groups are meeting again, and we are working on getting social gatherings going. For information, call Jackie Clements, 303-988-3555. – Bernice Lucero

HG Grief Support

Our grief support helps those who have lost a loved one. We have a structured eight-week program, combining an educational and supportive approach in how to cope and live with your loss.

You must register in advance. For information and registration, please call Barbara Creswell, 651-485-3608. Please leave a message if no answer – or call again.

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meet every Tuesday, 12:30–4 pm, Mountainview Room. Call Kevin Keator: 303-699-4641.

Pickleball

We play on the east tennis court near the clubhouse every morning starting at 8 am. We play until around noon on weekends, Tuesdays and Thursdays. We play until 10 am Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays. Come any time and stay as you like.

The HG Pickleball Club welcomes beginners and novices. We hold clinics on Tuesday and Thursday, from 11 am–noon.

Pickleball court #1 is reserved for novice players and those players who like a slower-paced game.

The club website <https://www.hgpickle.org> is open. The home page posts weather delays or cancellations by 7:40 am. Links to a local weather station shows you the temperature and wind gusts. Playing is not fun when gusts exceed

20 mph. For information, contact Ron Hileman, 720-256-7477, ronhileman@gmail.com; or Phil Hughes, 303-503-7633, phdenver@comcast.net.

Tuesday Mah Jongg

We meet 1–4 pm every Tuesday, Blue Spruce Room. All players are welcome. Please 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. Free lessons can be arranged. Call Laurie, 720-210-8033, or Bobbie, 520-743-6849, for information.

Billiard Club

The Billiard Club meets for Coed 8-Ball at 7 pm Tuesdays. Check in before 6:45 pm. Men's 9-Ball is at 7 pm Thursdays. Annual dues of \$12 are payable on Jan. 1. All new players are welcome. Questions? Call Connie Burns, 303-693-0766, or Judy Brehmer, 303-369-6258.

8-Ball Results April 19

1st Lindy Davenport, Dee Moore

2nd Brian Bucenec, Gil Lochhead
3rd John Recob, Mary Frevrt

April 26

1st Doug Miller, Dee Moore
2nd Judy Brehmer, Chuck Toner
3rd Connie Burns, Seam Kelliher

May 3

1st Lindy Davenport,
Judy Brehmer
2nd Roger Goldstein team
3rd Gil Lochhead, Bob Schlageter

May 10

1st Gil Lochhead Team
2nd Bob Schlageter Team
3rd Brian Bucenec, Dee Moore

9-Ball Results April 21

1st Tom Stolzenberger
2nd Brian Bucenec
3rd Kenny Diaz

May 5

1st Kenny Diaz
2nd Brandon Shulman
3rd Steve Hesser

May 12

1st Doug Miller
2nd Roger Goldstein
3rd Tom Stolzenberger

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Alexander Graham Bell kept laboratories in Canada and U.S.

During my sojourn to Nova Scotia, Canada (last written about in the February 2022 issue of *Heather 'n Yon*), I learned that Alexander Graham Bell has surprising ties to that province. There is a National Historic Site (25-acre) property in Baddeck, Cape Breton, Nova Scotia devoted to the inventor. It has the largest repository of artifacts and documents from Bell's years in Baddeck, doing experimental work.

Exhibits include the original hull of a hydrofoil boat, the HD-4 that set a world marine speed record in Baddeck (over 70 mph in 1919); and the Aerial Experiment Association (AEA) Silver Dart, which was the first piloted aircraft that was heavier than air to be flown in the British Empire. More will be detailed later. But first, some background information might help here.

Alexander Graham Bell was born in Edinburgh, Scotland, in 1847. He was named for his grandfather and father. His middle name, Graham, was added when he was 11 years old. Both his father and grandfather were experts on elocution and voice mechanics. Elocution is the skill of clear and expressive speech, especially distinct pronunciation, and articulation. This skill was taught in special schools.

Because Bell's mother, Eliza, was deaf, the family needed to be precise when talking with her.

Bell had a surprising ability to figure out complex problems even though he was only a mediocre student. By the time he was 16, Bell had joined his father in working with deaf people.

On one of his trips to North America, the senior Professor Alexander M. Bell felt it was a healthier environment for his family after two sons had died of tuberculosis. In 1870, the family settled in Brantford, Ontario, Canada. A.G. Bell set up a workshop to continue studying the human voice.

In 1871, A.G. Bell moved to

Boston to teach the Visible Speech System to instructors at the Boston School of Deaf Mutes, and subsequently at other schools in Connecticut and Massachusetts. Eventually he became a professor of Vocal Physiology and Elocution at Boston University (1872).

Alternating his time between Boston and Brantford, Bell started working on a device known as the multiple or harmonic telegraph (a telegraph transmission of several messages set to different frequencies). He found financial backing through local investors Thomas Sanders and Gardiner Hubbard.

Between 1873 and 1874, Bell spent long days and nights trying to perfect the harmonic telegraph. During his experiments, he became interested in another idea, transmitting the human voice over wires.

Bell's diversion frustrated his benefactors. Thomas Watson, a skilled electrician, was hired to refocus Bell on the harmonic telegraph. Watson soon became enamored with Bell's idea of voice transmission. The two created a partnership. Bell was the idea man. Watson had the expertise to bring Bell's ideas to reality.

Through 1874 and 1875, Bell and Watson labored on both the harmonic telegraph and a voice transmitting device. Though at first frustrated by the diversion, Bell's investors soon recognized the value of voice transmission. The concept was protected by a patent filed in 1875, but the device still had to be developed. In 1876, Bell and Watson were finally successful.

Legend has it that Bell knocked over a container of transmitting fluid and shouted, "Mr. Watson, come here — I want to see you." The more likely explanation is that Bell heard a noise over the wire and called to Watson. In either case, Watson heard Bell's voice through the wire.

With this success, Bell began to promote the telephone in a series of public demonstrations. At the 1876

Centennial Exhibition in Philadelphia, Bell demonstrated the telephone to the Emperor of Brazil Dom Pedro, who exclaimed, "My God, it talks!" Other demonstrations followed, including one to Queen Victoria where a phone call from the Isle of Wight was placed to Southampton and London.

When Western Union refused to buy the patent from Bell and his investors for \$100,000, the Bell Telephone Company was created in 1877. By 1886, more than 150,000 people in the U.S. owned telephones.

Bell was an inventor, first and foremost. The telephone was only one of many ideas that he successfully developed. Other inventions that Bell legally patented were:

- The metal detector. Bell initially came up with this device to locate a bullet inside assassinated President James A. Garfield.
- Photophone. This allowed transmission of speech on a beam of light.
- Graphophone. This improved version of the phonograph could record and play back sound.
- Audiometer. This gadget was used to detect hearing problems.

Later in life, Bell became interested in aeronautics, tinkering with the new flying machines. He first experimented with a "multi-kite," a tetrahedral that had many triangular kites joined together in a box formation. He felt this structure could be used to carry people through the air. Lightweight and strong, the kite idea was based on what he had seen with the first flights of the Wright brothers. He felt the kite idea would be stronger structurally and perform better. He built a gigantic kite named the "Cygnet," 40 feet long and 600 pounds. The thing did fly (sort of) for a distance of 168 feet while towed behind a boat. Its flight ended when the kite crashed and was demolished. The idea was short lived.

Becoming more interested in aviation, Bell established the AEA. On

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HG residents have several options for stocking their pantry as shown here. Once a month, a **Mobile Food Pantry** sets up in a HG parking lot. All items are free. (See page 54 for details).

Farmers' Markets at Southlands and other locales offer fresh produce and other products for sale. **Fruit Shak** brings the Farmers' Market to HG twice a week — Thursday and Sunday. Watch for their tent in the Clubhouse parking lot.



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Left and above: Fruit Shak sells produce twice a week in HG Clubhouse parking lot.

Left and above: Southlands Farmers Market on Saturday (8 am–1 pm) has a variety of vendors including a Bakery truck and Aurora Library.

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Clubhouse Showcase

Friday, June 3, 3–4:30 pm, Sandberg Auditorium

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The Clubhouse will host a showcase of classes and clubs to include demonstrations, samples, and tables with club members and information. This is a wonderful way to learn about all activities that are offered at HG.

Instructors/Club leaders: Put on your creative caps. Start thinking of ways to promote your class or club. If you would like to do a demonstration, let the Clubhouse management team know.

Bally's Blackhawk Casino

Wednesday, June 8, 7:45 am–3 pm

Fee: \$14, no cancellations or refunds after June 6

Register at the Clubhouse or call 303-751-1811 ext 5.

This bus is not an ADA accessible bus.

Players will receive 50 points or one hour of tracked table play and receive a \$15 food coupon. \$10 free slot play. (Guests will need to set up a pin number and update account information upon arrival.) Meet at 7:45 am between B243 and B244 on East Marina Drive. Bus will leave casino at 2 pm, arriving back at HG around 3 pm.

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Thursday, June 9, 10 am–noon (or until food runs out), B243 and B244 parking lot (East Marina Drive)

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Active Minds: The Story of Salt

Wednesday, June 8, 2 pm, Sandberg Auditorium

FREE: Reservation required, 303-751-1811, x5

The word "salary" comes from "salt" and indicates the historic value placed on this important commodity. Used as a method of trade and currency, the role of salt in the history of civilization cannot be overstated. Join Active Minds as we tell the story of salt, from its key role in preserving food, to its influence in political conflict, to modern angles including gourmet salt and health concerns surrounding high blood pressure. It's a salty tale indeed!

Movie Matinee and Night: *The Lost City*

Friday, June 10, 1 pm and 6 pm, Sandberg Auditorium

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

The Lost City is a 2022 American action-adventure comedy film directed by the Nee brothers, who co-wrote the screenplay with Oren Uziel and Dana Fox, from a story conceived by Seth Gordon. The film stars Sandra Bullock and Channing Tatum as a novelist and her cover model, respectively, who must escape a billionaire (Daniel Radcliffe) to find the lost ancient city depicted in one of her books; Da'Vine Joy Randolph and Brad Pitt also star.



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FREE: Reservation required, call 303-751-1811 ext. 5

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Friday Bingo!

Friday, June 17, 1–3 pm, Sandberg Auditorium

FREE: Reservation required, 303-751-1811, x5.

Back by popular demand, we will have a Bingo event every third Friday of each month! This is a popular event, register early.

Spruce Health Group

Tuesday, June 22, 10 am-1 pm, Aspen Room

FREE: Reservation required, 303-751-1811, x5

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Thursday, June 23, 9–11 am, Sunburst Café

Cost: \$7 per battery

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Movie Matinee and Night: *Blacklight*

Friday, June 24, 1 pm and 6 pm, Sandberg Auditorium

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Sock Hop

Saturday, June 25, 7:30–9:30 pm, Sandberg Auditorium

Fee: \$10

The popular Sock Hop will return for its 8th season in Sandberg Auditorium. Costumed participants will once again rock to the esteemed sounds of Final Approach. The \$10 admission fee includes a root beer float. Additional beverages may be purchased at the dance. Please reserve by purchasing your ticket at the Clubhouse Reception Desk by June 22.

Pikes Peak Cog Rail Trip

Thursday, June 30, Manitou Springs

Fee: \$92 per person includes bus and cog railway train.

This is a HG chartered trip. Last year tickets sold out fast! Pikes Peak, known as America’s mountain, is the star attraction but the journey along the way is full of show-stopping moments. You will never forget this 3.5 hour round trip journey and your first glimpse of the Summit. Pikes Peak Visitor’s Center offers snacks and water/beverages for sale. Purchased items are allowed on the cog railway. No outside food is allowed on the train.

Please remember to bring a jacket — it gets cold at 14,000 ft. If you wish to sit with a friend or group, please tell the Clubhouse when registering. Bus will pick up between B243 and B244 on E. Marina Drive at 7:30 am.

Register at the Clubhouse or call 303-751-1811 ext 5. Refund/Cancellation Deadline: Wednesday, June 15

AARP Driver’s Safety Course

Thursday, July 7, 1–5 pm, Sandberg Auditorium

Fee: \$20 AARP members, \$25 non-members

Do you need a refresher course? Does your insurance give you a discount for attending this safety course? All attendees must register. Call 303-751-1811, x5.

Pretty Woman – The Musical

Saturday, Aug. 13, 2 pm, Denver Center Performing Arts

Fee: \$89, no refunds or cancellations after June 14

This is a HG chartered trip to the Denver Center for the Performing Arts to see *Pretty Woman*. We will be on the orchestra level in the Buell theater. The charter bus will pick up residents between B243 and B244.

Pretty Woman – The Musical is based on a Hollywood’s romantic movie. Brought to the stage by lead producer Paula Wagner, *Pretty Woman – The Musical* features an original score by Grammy winner Bryan Adams and Jim Vallance (“Summer of ’69”, “Heaven”), and a book by the movie’s legendary director Garry Marshall and screenwriter J. F. Lawton. *Pretty Woman – The Musical* will lift your spirits and light up your heart.

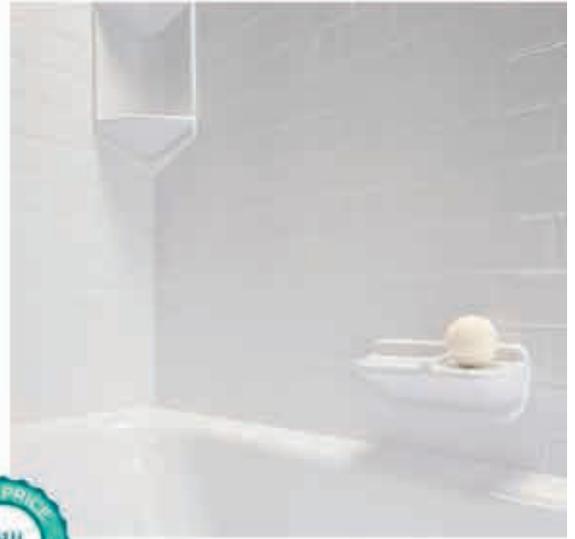
“If you love the movie, you’ll love the musical!” (*Buzz-Feed News*). Are you ready to fall in love all over again?

Clubhouse News:

• Kids swim time in the outdoor pool is 10 am–noon in the outdoor pool. No indoor pool time for kids this summer.

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the list was the construction and test flight of an airplane named the "Silver Dart." It was not the first one built by the AEA group but one to be remembered. Constructed of tubing, bamboo, friction tape, wire and wood, it had a 50 horsepower V8 engine. The fabric wing coverings were coated with a rubberized silvery balloon cloth that gave the aircraft the name. Aloft only five or six times, it crashed in 1909 on a sandy runway at a show on a Canadian military base. Even before the crash, the military was unimpressed, stating they could not see any use for that type of aircraft. The craft was never rebuilt.

Yet another invention was the first hydrofoil watercraft. The idea was not new. The first craft of this design had been successfully tested in England in 1861. Bell read a report on this successful trial in a 1906 issue of *Scientific American*. Thinking there could be a use for the boat by the military, Bell and his manager, Casey Baldwin, set out to design a

similar craft. The hydrofoil operates differently from the traditional boat, by not relying on displacement but on lift provided by the hydrofoil plates or blades acting under water similar to airplane wings, allowing the craft to lift out of the water.

The first trials of the three boats were unsuccessful due to their underpowered engines. For the fourth craft, two 350 horsepower engines were installed, giving the HD4 a speed of 70.86 mph, a world marine speed record that stood for 10 years (until 1929). Both the Canadian and the United States military, who witnessed the trial, were impressed with the performance of the craft but showed no interest in purchasing the machine.

Sadly, in 1921, a year before Bell's death, the beautiful HD4 was pulled up on the bank of his home at Beinn Bhreagh, Gaelic for "beautiful mountain."

If you ever get the chance to visit Cape Breton Island in Nova Scotia, plan on visiting the Bell Museum in the Village of Baddeck. It is a trip you won't soon forget!

Personal Life

Bell began working with Mabel Hubbard, who was deaf and his investor's daughter, in 1873, when she was 15 years old. Despite a 10-year age difference, they fell in love and were married on July 11, 1877. They had four children, Elsie (1878–1964), Marian (1880–1962), and two sons who died in infancy.

Bell died on Aug. 2, 1922, at the age of 75 in Nova Scotia near the town of Baddeck on the shore of Lake Bras d'Or. The cause of his death was complications from diabetes. He was survived by his wife and two daughters.

At the time of his death, Bell was a highly respected millionaire scientist and entrepreneur. He was indeed a gifted technician but had a nasty side to his personality. He presided for many years over the Eugenics Society, which proposed — and, in several cases, achieved — the forced sterilization of "inferior" individuals.

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Overheard @ HG

Getting one's just desserts, dog style

by Morticia Hafka

I have exciting news for my devoted readers, which will especially thrill those who hold a Gold Membership card in the official Miss Morticia Fan Club. The origins of my birth, long shrouded in mystery, might be about to spring forth into the light. My origin story is foggy, and appropriately tragic. I was born in a workhouse, and — as a pup — never had enough to eat.

Oh wait — that was *Oliver Twist*. Still there are parallels in my sad story. I was cruelly abandoned in the Dumb Friends League overnight drop box, one dark and stormy night. [Was the stormy night *David Copperfield's* story? I'm pretty sure he wasn't left in a DFL box.]

As a consequence, nothing about my early life is known. Attempts to trace my roots have been unsuccessful. *Ancestry.com* has been strangely uncooperative.

So imagine my delight when a friend discovered the information online that my lineage can be traced to a common ancestor in 1970s California. One Aaron Silver created the designer-dog breed of Ori Pei. The American Ori Pei (also called the Sharpug, Pug-a-Pei or Pugpei), was bred to be a smaller, hardier Shar Pei, by crossing it with the pug. While Silver didn't get the exact results he sought, he did create a designer breed that is loyal, cuddly, and excellent for condo living.

For most designer dogs, exact origin is a mystery. That the story of the Ori Pug is known presents an unexpected bonus. That my breed can produce an actual provenance puts my station in the canine kingdom above that of the shaggy Labradoodle, the massive Saint Bernewfie (St. Bernard and Newfoundland), and the slithery Chiweenie (chihuahua and dachshund).

Since my breed has been around for 50 years now, I suppose I should throw myself a golden anniversary

bash. I suspect an entirely new wardrobe might be called for.

So the first thing I'm going to do is order all new doggie coats, befitting my new station in life. I think Chinese themes, including brocade and embroidered silk, might fit the bill...because Shar Peis and pugs are dogs of Chinese origin. Shar Peis are working/guard/herding dogs, which date as far back as 2,000 years ago. Pugs were the favored pets of emperors and nobles during the same period.

Although not recognized by the American Kennel Club, a designer breed is usually the offspring of two pedigree breeds, recognized by the American Canine Hybrid Club, when it undergoes six successful generations of breeding, achieving the desired result.

The Ori Pei is 10 to 30 pounds, and stands 12 to 15 inches tall at the withers. It's a "shadow dog," intensely loyal to its owner, and it makes an excellent watch dog. The breed has the cute bug eyes of a pug and the adorable curly tail of the Shar Pei.

Another notable characteristic is that Ori Peis do not have a high prey drive. Sometimes though, they find great enjoyment in chasing smaller pets, such as cats. [Yes, my brother Tytus — the cat — often kvetches about this. Personally, I think he's being overly sensitive.]

Like both of its parent breeds, the Ori Pei is prone to liking food a little bit too much, and becoming overweight. "Monitor its food and treat intake to make sure it stays at a healthy weight," recommends PetKeen.

[Okay, that's a bit insulting. It's especially hurtful, because I often hear my owner tell others that all I think about is food. More care really ought to be taken within the hearing of a sensitive creature such as me.]

The Ori Pei's temperament is playful, alert, laid-back and friendly, but it can be stubborn. [Harrumph! I

think a girl must know her own mind. No apologies here.]

Some other Fun Facts illustrating the wonderfulness of me:

The American Ori Pei has an outstanding personality. [Yes, clearly, this is my breed.]

Its charm and sense of humor is appealing. [Oh, stop, you're making me blush.]

It is not highly active, and enjoys staying indoors. (So would someone please tell my owner to stop dragging me to dog parks, and trying to make me splash about in Cherry Creek?) (*dogbreeds.com*)

Now that we all understand my lineage is so distinguished, I think we can cease to refer to me by the unflattering monikers of mixed breed, or American mutt. One website calls us "Mighty Mutts of Mixed Ancestry" [shudder!].

And all this unpleasantness could have been cleared up years ago, if my owner had taken the time she ought to have, pursuing the important topic of my roots. An acquaintance — upon meeting me — once tried to tell my owner that she thought I looked like a designer breed.

The woman remarked on my great beauty and winning personality, but her comments largely fell on deaf ears. Instead of plunging into intensive research to confirm this — as she should have done — my owner filed the information away. Sometimes, a dog is without honor in its own household.

Now that all the misunderstandings are behind me, I can see this summer promises to be a busy one. I need to submit my biography to *Who's A Good Dog?* [the canine equivalent of *Who's Who*].

I also predict viewers will soon see my story on *Finding Your Roots*, televised on PBS. No doubt, I will be asked to travel to California, and exhibit shock and delight, while visiting places from whence sprang my ancestors, some 350 dog years ago. And I shall raise the dues on Gold Membership cards for the Miss Morticia Fan Club. My followers happily would pay little more, to keep me in the fashion to which I hope to become accustomed. After all, the cachet surrounding being associated with Moi just increased.

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